

REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and Overseers
of Poor,

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER,
ASSESSORS AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
LIBRARY TRUSTEES

OF THE

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For the Year Ending March 20, 1900.

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Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:—

HAMPDEN, ss. To Edward P. Lyons,

Constable of the Town of Hampden,

GREETING:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Hampden, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at Academy Hall on Monday, the second day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

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

ART. 2. To choose Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, one Assessor for three years, one Assessor for one year, one Road Commissioner for three years, one School Committee for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, a Tree Warden (see Chap. 330, Acts of 1899), one Collector of Taxes, three Constables, three Fence Viewers, one Auditor, all on one ballot; also to choose all other necessary town officers. The polls will be opened at eleven o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at three o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, which shall be yes or no, in answer to the question, Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town for the ensuing year?

Auditor's Report.

In compliance with the statutes of the Commonwealth I have examined all books and accounts of the officers of the town of Hampden for the year 1899-1900, and find them correctly kept with proper vouchers.

The total amount of receipts for the year was \$8,577.48, and the expenditures amounted to \$6,946.98, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$1,630.50.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. FLYNN,
Auditor.

ART. 4. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, School Committee, Assessors, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Auditor, and any committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting and act thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Prospect Hill Cemetery.

ART. 6. To determine the method of collecting taxes and direct in regard to the payment of the same.

ART. 7. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector for the current year.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote a compensation to its Treasurer the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund now in the hands of the Treasurer.

ART. 11. To see if the town will appoint an agent or agents to institute and prosecute or defend suits and actions at law to which the town may be a party.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen or other persons to prosecute violations of the liquor laws, and raise money and make an appropriation therefor.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to revoke the acceptance of the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 1871, or of Sections 74, 75, 76, 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes or any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto and vote to abolish the Board of Road Commissioners.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to make special repairs to the highway on the hill near the house of Charles H. Burleigh, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for Soldiers' Relief.

ART. 16. To see what method the town will adopt to procure a seal of the town according to Chapter 256, Acts of 1899.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be sanctioned by the Selectmen, to pay the orders of the Selectmen in anticipation of the taxes of the current year.

ART. 18. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year, and to carry into effect any vote or votes passed under the preceding articles, and to appropriate the same; also to vote how such money shall be raised.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at each of the three places designated by the town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of March, 1900.

MORTIMER PEASE,
NELSON M. CAREW,
WILLIAM J. SESSIONS,

Selectmen of Hampden.

REPORT OF THE

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

SCHOOLS.

Appropriated by the town,	\$1,300.00
Dog fund,	122.12
State school fund,	498.38
State children,	18.00
	<u>\$1,938.50</u>

We have paid bills approved by the School Committee,	\$1,868.28
Expended less than available funds,	70.22
	<u>\$1,938.50</u>

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

We have paid approved bills of the School Committee,	\$134.95
Appropriation,	\$150.00
Expended less than appropriation,	15.05
	<u>\$150.00</u>

PERMANENT REPAIRS.

We have paid approved bills of the School Committee,	\$329.34
Appropriation,	\$150.00
Expended above appropriation,	179.34
	<u>\$329.34</u>

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

We have paid approved bills of the School Committee,	\$173.39
Appropriation,	\$100.00
Received from State,	169.61
	<u>\$269.61</u>
Expended less than available funds,	96.22
	<u>\$269.61</u>

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

We have paid approved bills of the Trustees,	\$106.72
Appropriation,	\$125.00
Delinquent fees,	.22
	<u>\$125.22</u>
Expended less than available funds,	18.50
	<u>\$125.22</u>

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax,	\$225.00
Paid County tax,	434.35
	<u>\$659.35</u>

STREET LIGHTS.

Globe Gas Light Co.,	\$22.50
Mathias Casey, supplies,	33.66
Sumner Smith, supplies,	35.22
J. A. Ames,	.60
E. P. Lyons,	1.19
Robert Chaffee, care of lamps,	2.04
Walter Beebe, care of lamps,	71.00
	<u>\$166.21</u>

Appropriation,	\$150.00
Expended above appropriation,	16.21
	\$166.21

STATE AID.

We have paid as follows:—

Angenette Coash,	\$48.00
Harriet Chaffee,	6.00
Andrew Chapman,	5.00
Hannah Duffy,	48.00
Erastus Edmonds,	63.00
Francis Edmonds,	36.00
John L. Grout,	60.00
Henrietta Laird,	48.00
Frank Moore,	16.00
Harlin Phelps,	40.00
Eli Smith,	60.00
	\$430.00

Balance due for fiscal year ending

March 20, 1900,	70.00
Total due from State,	\$500.00

Of this amount there will be due

December, 1900,	\$419.00
December, 1901, the further sum,	81.00
Received from State,	\$500.00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid Town of Westfield, assisting	
Daniel J. Simons,	\$34.42
Assisted Andrew Chapman,	39.60
	\$74.02

Received from Town of East Long-	
meadow for Andrew Chapman,	\$34.60
Balance due,	5.00
No appropriation.	

PAUPERS.

FULL SUPPORT.

Treasurer Northampton Hospital	
for Insane:—	
Jerusha Isham,	\$169.40
Sophronia Scripture,	169.40
Harriet Goodwill,	169.40
John W. Pilling,	169.40
Arthur Phelps,	169.40
Total for full support,	\$847.00

PARTIAL SUPPORT.

Lucy Bowers:—	
L. A. Burleigh, house rent,	\$24.00
W. J. Sessions, wood,	10.53
E. H. Temple, wood,	4.00
Lucian Winslow, sawing wood,	9.55
W. S. Hunt, meat,	26.26
L. E. Laird,	2.95
Sumner Smith, supplies,	17.79
	\$95.08
Mrs. Edward O'Brien:—	
Mrs. P. Twolig, house rent,	\$26.00
Temple & Carew, wood,	12.00
Mathias Casey, supplies,	15.37
Daniel O'Brien, sawing wood,	2.00
P. Twolig, sawing wood,	4.00
W. S. Hunt, meat,	11.39
	\$71.76

Philip Andrews :—
 Clark Goodwill,
 Rev. Mr. Dalrymple,
 Mrs. Delehanty,
 W. S. Hunt,
 C. D. Washburn,
 H. Warner, M.D.,
 Sumner Smith, .

\$12.00
 2.00
 8.80
 4.13
 7.00
 23.00
 1.40

\$58.33

Sarah Pilling :—
 Ellen M. Call, house rent,
 Temple & Carew, wood,

\$38.00
 16.50

\$54.50

Andrew Children :—
 Mrs. Delehanty,
 H. W. Bullock,

\$1.00
 6.00

\$7.00

Wilson Child :—
 Clark Goodwill,
 C. D. Washburn,

\$6.50
 3.00

\$9.50

Plincey Andrews :—
 Temple & Carew, house rent,
 Wilbur Griswold :—
 Aid,

\$10.00
 \$2.00

Total for partial support of our own
 poor,

\$707.17

AID TO PERSONS HAVING NO SETTLE-
 MENT IN HAMPDEN.

Tramps,
 Total amount expended,

\$35.85
 1,190.30

Appropriation, \$700.00
 Received from State for Insane, 423.64
 Received from W. Griswold, 2.00
 Expended above available funds, \$1,125.64
 64.66
 \$1,190.30

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Expended under direction of E. H. Temple, Road
 Commissioner :—

E. H. Temple, team and men, \$117.39
 N. M. Carew, team, 45.50
 W. S. Pease, 21.70
 Robert Pease, 15.30
 Patrick Hickey, 8.30
 William Pease, 6.00
 M. Mills, 1.50
 A. Sisson, 4.50
 Plank, 10.05
 Scraper, 5.00
 George Shaw, .75

\$235.99

E. W. Howlett, Road Commissioner :—

E. W. Howlett, self and team, \$128.60
 E. P. Lyons, self and team, 65.00
 E. K. Bradway, 3.00
 Patrick Hickey, 18.45
 E. Newcomb, 12.50
 W. Griswold, 1.50
 Patrick Lyons, 6.00
 Milton Goodwill, 48.60
 Arthur Edson, 6.00
 C. C. Chaffee, 1.20
 Bert Pease, 3.00
 D. L. McCray, 10.00

John Cooney, \$1.95
 Alvin Bennett, 1.50
 Temple & Carew, lumber, 15.90
 Harriet Sessions, gravel, 9.04

\$332.42

William Leach, Road Commissioner:—

William Leach, self and team, \$104.14
 E. P. Lyons, self and team, 62.00
 W. W. Leach, self and team, 82.50
 John W. Casey, 15.50
 Daniel O'Brien, 19.50
 Charles J. Cornwall, 2.22
 Clifford Cornwall, 2.50
 Frank Stebbins, 1.50
 John Twoling, 2.75
 Patrick Twohig, 3.00
 Michael Daly, 1.15
 M. Pease, 1.65
 Frank Moore, 6.00
 Byron Stebbins, 1.50
 John Kaiser and team, 4.75
 George Chapin, 1.35
 John Bartlett, 2.75
 Willis Chapin, .50
 S. P. Chapin, bridge plank, 1.29
 William Leach, lumber, 3.85
 Use of scraper, 10.00
 Gravel, 4.25

\$334.68
 \$2.10
 \$905.19

Henry Chapin (old bill), \$800.00
 Total amount expended, 105.19
 Appropriation,
 Expended above appropriation,
 \$905.19

CONTINGENCIES AND TOWN OFFICERS.

William Metcalf, town reports, \$50.00
 Edwin Oakley, labor on cemetery, .50
 Mathias Casey, election officer, 2.00
 H. M. Davis, election officer, 2.00
 C. F. Kenworthy, auditor, 10.00
 Little, Brown & Co., town officer, 4.00
 Charles Kenworthy, express, .75
 Mathias Casey, telegrams and telephones, .50
 Mortimer Pease, trunk for Selectmen, 2.00
 William Metcalf, stationery for town officers, 5.25
 Mortimer Pease, cash paid for Andrew children, 5.00
 Charles Kenworthy, express for Assessors, .50
 Clark Goodwill, burial permits, 2.25
 Mathias Casey, telephone, .45
 Cyrus W. Atwood, tax bills, 1.50
 Cyrus W. Atwood, dog license blanks, 6.50
 Mortimer Pease, street lights, 1.25
 Patrick Hickey, mowing cemeteries, 20.00
 N. M. Carew, perambulating Wilbraham and Monson town lines, 3.00
 Mortimer Pease, perambulating Wilbraham and Monson town lines, 3.00
 Loring & Axtell, printing valuation, 42.50
 Mortimer Pease, expenses to Northampton, 2.50
 John Q. Adams, placing voting furniture, 1.25
 H. M. Davis, teller, 2.00
 D. L. McCray, teller, 2.00
 Mathias Casey, teller, 2.00
 Henry Shaw, settlement laws, 2.00
 Henry Johnson, mortgage book, 3.75

Springfield Printing Co., order book,

C. F. Kenworthy, express,
J. M. Fowler, abatement of taxes,
C. N. Whitaker, collecting taxes,
George Driscoll, notifying owners
of unlicensed dogs,
William Leach, labor on cemeteries,

William M. Pease:—

Services as Registrar,
Recording births, marriages, and
deaths,
Returning Representative vote,
Preparing talley sheets,

Three index books for Registrars,
Postage and stationery,

Express,
Council fee,
Rent of safe,

John Gordon, 1 burial permit,

Sumner Smith, safe for Assessors,
paint, brush, burial lot deed,

P. E. Wall:—

Copying valuation,
Copying street lists,
Copying list for Registrars,
Postage, stationery, express,
Field book, index, and Collector's
book,

M. H. Warren:—

Cattle inspector,
School census,

\$8.50
.70
2.23
50.00

3.00
5.75

\$5.00

8.30
3.00
.75

.40
2.00

4.60
1.00
5.00

.25
30.30

5.92

\$10.00
4.00
2.00
2.00
3.30

21.30

\$20.00
5.00

25.00

E. P. Lyons, services for Fall and
Spring elections, copying and
posting warrants,

C. I. Burleigh, copying valuation
for printer,

Nelson E. Pease, Truant Officer,
Mortimer Pease, express, postage,
and stationery,

D. L. McCray, discount on taxes,

TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

William M. Pease,

\$25.00

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Mortimer Pease,

\$80.00

Nelson M. Carew,

30.00

William J. Sessions,

30.00

\$140.00

ASSESSORS.

P. E. Wall,

\$40.00

C. N. Walker,

15.00

C. I. Burleigh,

\$55.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

M. H. Warren,

\$30.00

D. L. McCray,

20.00

N. E. Pease,

20.00

\$70.00

Total contingencies and town off-
cers,

\$803.80

Appropriation,
Expended above appropriation,

\$700.00
103.80

\$803.80

RESOURCES.

Due from State, State aid,	\$500.00
Due from State one-half compensa- tion of inspectors of animals,	10.00
Due from D. L. McCray, Tax Col- lector,	953.10
Cash in treasury,	1,630.50
Not resources,	\$3,093.60
The Selectmen recommend the following appropria- tions:—	
Schools,	\$1,300.00
Schoolbooks and supplies,	150.00
Permanent repairs, schoolhouses,	100.00
Public library,	125.00
Street lights,	150.00
Soldiers' relief,	100.00
School superintendent,	100.00
Highways,	1,000.00
Paupers,	700.00
Contingencies,	800.00

MORTIMER PEASE,

N. M. CAREW,

WILLIAM J. SESSIONS,

Selectmen of Hampton.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received of John Q. Adams, Treas- urer, April 8, 1899,	\$1,704.91
Cash received of John Q. Adams, cemetery lot of John Leach,	2.50
Town of Monson, for schooling of Mabel Angel,	6.00
State Treasurer, on account State lunatic hospitals,	423.64
State Treasurer, tuition State pupils,	18.00
State Treasurer, on account of inspection of animals,	5.00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	247.90
State Treasurer, national bank tax,	4.96
State Treasurer, military aid,	25.00
State Treasurer, State aid,	399.00
State Treasurer, on account of burial of indigent soldiers and sailors,	70.00
State Treasurer, State school fund,	494.38
County Treasurer, dog fund,	122.12
Charles B. Bennett, on account of school superintendent,	169.61
W. M. Pease, butcher's license,	1.00
Town of East Longmeadow,	34.60
C. N. Whitaker, Collector, 1897,	176.15
C. N. Whitaker, Collector, interest on 1897 taxes,	16.35
First National Bank, interest on deposits,	22.97
Town Librarian, library fines,	.22
Wilbur Griswold,	2.00
D. L. McCray, Collector, 1898,	609.13
D. L. McCray, Collector, 1899,	4,001.79
D. L. McCray, Collector, interest on 1898 taxes,	17.98
D. L. McCray, Collector, interest on 1899 taxes,	2.27
	\$8,577.48

EXPENDITURES.

Clarence Bradway, serving criminal process,	\$2.10
H. W. Bullock, serving criminal process,	46.43
Assessors' abatements on 1897 tax,	18.00
Assessors' abatements on 1898 tax,	38.88
Selectmen's orders,	6,841.57
Balance cash in treasury,	1,630.50
	\$8,577.48

The amount of the Josiah Bumstead Fund is \$2000.00, deposited in Springfield Institution for Savings, book No. 143,425.

W. M. PEASE,

Treasurer.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births recorded,	11
Males,	5
Females,	6
American parentage,	9
Foreign parentage,	1
Mixed parentage,	1
Marriages recorded,	4
American,	3
Foreign,	0
Mixed,	1
Deaths recorded,	11
Males,	5
Females,	6
American,	9
Foreign,	2
Documents recorded,	7
Dogs licensed,	73
Males,	71
Females,	2

W. M. PEASE,

Clerk.

Assessors' Report 1899.

TOWN VALUATION.

Value of assessed personal estate, \$49,179.00
 Value of assessed real estate, 334,000.00

Total value of assessed estate, \$383,179.00

Tax for State purposes, \$225.00
 Tax for County purposes, 434.35
 Tax for Town purposes, including overlays, 4,283.16

Total tax for State, County, and Town purposes,

\$4,942.51

Rate of tax per \$1,000.00, \$11.75.

Number of residents assessed on property, 188
 Number of non-residents assessed on property, 83
 Number of corporations assessed on property, 1
 Number of persons assessed on property, 272
 Number of persons assessed for poll tax only, 102
 Total number of persons assessed, 374
 Number of male polls assessed, 220
 Number of horses assessed, 223
 Number of cows assessed, 438
 Number of sheep assessed, 26
 Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed, 214
 Number of swine assessed, 38
 Number of fowls assessed, 2,400
 Number of dwelling houses assessed, 204
 Number of acres of land assessed, 11,869

APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools, \$1,300.00
 Books and supplies, 150.00
 Permanent repairs, 150.00
 Library, 125.00
 Street lights, 150.00
 Highways and bridges, 800.00
 School superintendent, 100.00
 Contingencies, 700.00
 Paupers, 700.00
 \$4,175.00

TAXES ABATED FOR 1897.

Thomas Driscoll, \$2.00
 John Daly, 2.00
 George P. Davis, 2.00
 William Fagan, 2.00
 James Howe, 2.00
 George A. Mills, 2.00
 Henry Maloney, 2.00
 Robert H. O'Brien, 2.00
 Michael Connell, 2.00

TAXES ABATED FOR 1898.

Dan Burke, \$2.00
 Anthony, 2.00
 Andrew Chapman, 2.00
 Mrs. Josephine Chapman, .88
 Thomas Dalton, 2.00
 Charles Gallagher, 2.00
 James Howe, 2.00
 James Heno, 2.00
 Charles D. Keegan, 2.00
 Otis Lamson, 2.00
 John Lennon, 2.00
 John McGregor, 2.00

Arthur Mills,
 Peter McEwen,
 Alpheus Peck,
 William Rooney,
 Herbert Thresher,
 Valentine,
 Joseph,
 Robert H. O'Brien,

\$2.00
 2.00
 2.00
 2.00
 2.00
 2.00
 2.00
 2.00

TAXES ABATED FOR 1899.

John H. Fowler,

\$2.23

P. E. WALL,
 C. M. WALKER,
 C. I. BURLEIGH,

Assessors of Hampden.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES OF 1898.

Due Treasurer, March 20, 1899, on assessments committed in 1898, \$621.98
 Paid Treasurer on the same, 609.13
 Due from tax payers, 12.35
 Have collected and paid to the Treasurer, interest amounting to, 17.98

TAXES OF 1899.

Committed for collection, \$4,942.51
 Have paid to the Treasurer, 4,001.79
 Due from tax payers, 940.72
 Have collected and paid to the Treasurer, interest amounting to, 2.27

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. MCCRAY,

Tax Collector for 1898-1899.

REPORT OF THE Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

Number of cattle inspected in town,	831
Number of cattle quarantined, as suspected diseased with tuberculosis,	2
Released from quarantine,	1
Condemned and ordered killed by cattle com- missioners,	1
Number of barns inspected,	91
Of several hundred calves slaughtered subject to inspection, one condemned and buried.	

M. H. WARREN,
Inspector.

List of Jurors.

List of Jurors for the ensuing year for the town of
Hampden, as prepared by the Selectmen, to be sub-
mitted to the town for acceptance:—

C. I. Burleigh,	C. N. Whitaker,
D. R. McCray,	John W. Twohig,
John W. Casey,	John Gordon,
W. S. Hunt,	Fred Kenworthy,
M. L. Day,	L. E. Laird,
	Albert W. Cheesbro.

Josiah Bumstead Fund.

This is a contribution of two thousand dollars given
to the town by Josiah Bumstead. Said sum to be held
by the town as a memorial of his regard for the town,
as being his place of birth, the home and burial place
of his ancestors and himself. The income of the fund
to be used: first perpetual care of his lot, the balance
for the care and beautifying of the cemetery known
as the Old Cemetery.

Library Trustees' Report.

The Public Library endears itself to the inhabitants of the town more and more, and now that it is established on a permanent basis we should all interest ourselves in it in some way,—by having the books read by our families and ourselves, and also recommend them to others that they may benefit thereby. The librarian reports as follows:—

Total circulation,	5,325
No. of persons who have drawn books,	302
Volumes in library,	1,279
Purchased,	60
Donations,	169

Donors of books: Miss E. P. Sobier and friends of library work, in Boston, donated forty new books which added materially to our list.

The City Library, of Springfield, donated a large number of useful books.

The "History of Longmeadow" was obtained by the librarian through exchange of "History of Wilbraham," donated by Miss W. A. Cady for the purpose.

Mrs. J. H. Button, Philadelphia; Secretary of Commonwealth, Boston; Mrs. Lyman Smith.

Donors of magazines: Century, Miss Eunice M. Beebe, Westfield; McClure's, Miss Ellen M. Beebe, Westfield; Our Dumb Animals, Mathias Casey; Harper's, Mrs. Wm. R. Sessions, Springfield; Youth's Companion, Mrs. Warner Chapin; Frank Leslie, Mrs. J. L. Weeks; Woman's Journal, Woman Suffrage Association, Boston.

All the donations are highly appreciated. We thank the donors one and all for their kindness in remembering and helping us.

We, perhaps, have not been as exacting in collecting delinquent fees as before, for we have found that those living at a distance have dreaded to have a fine imposed on them when the weather, traveling, sickness, or something might happen to prevent their returning the book just on the time set; while those who live near have an advantage, as they can easily return the books. If this fining acts as a bar to the more distant, who certainly need all the benefits of the library as much as those living near, it may be best to be more liberal, as common sense would dictate, especially when the individuals meet all other requirements in caring for and returning books in good order.

Aside from our schools, we have learned to look upon the Public Library as one of the greatest and best factors in the education of our people.

Summary:—

Appropriation for Library,	\$125.00
Delinquent fees,	.22
	\$125.22

Paid for books,	\$50.02
Incidentals,	1.70
Room rent to J. Q. Adams,	25.00
Librarian, Mrs. J. Q. Adams,	30.00

Total expense of Library,	\$106.72
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Expended less than appropriation,	18.50
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We recommend for Library,	\$125.00
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JOHN N. ISHAM,
ESTELLA M. DAY,
MRS. C. C. CHAFFEE,
Library Trustees.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN.

1899-1900.

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Hampden.

GENTLEMEN:—The work of the current year has been along lines of development and fulfilment of previous plans rather than a deviation from them, and though progressive it has not radically differed from that of preceding years.

Aside from the statistics the annual reports of a small town can vary but little and at this time it seems unnecessary to do more than to note the few changes that have taken place, make brief mention of existing conditions, and call your attention to our most imperative needs.

The establishment of a uniform school year throughout the state merits your attention.

Heretofore our fiscal and school years nominally coincided. In reality they varied considerably. The fiscal year ended in March; the work of the school year practically closed with examinations and promotions in June. As far as possible necessary changes were deferred till the long vacation and teachers and pupils started afresh at the beginning of the fall term.

The same discrepancy existed in other towns and cities. Some of the fiscal years opened in the spring, some in the fall, and still others in the winter and often the school years failed to correspond. An arbitrary change of the former was impracticable, but the latter is now uniform, beginning in September and closing in June, throughout the Commonwealth.

In the spring a register, to be used during that term only, was furnished each school but in the fall a new one much more complete and definite was supplied and hereafter reports will be less complicated and less subject to error.

A stricter enforcement of the laws relating to absence

and truancy has resulted in better attendance, a matter of congratulation to all having the best interests of the children at heart. Except in cases of illness or unusual urgency, attendance upon school should be constant and regular and this rule should apply to those who are over fourteen as well as to those under that age. Pupils who are frequently absent never manifest much interest in their work and are often disaffected and unhappy.

The town has been fortunate in retaining most of its former corps of teachers. Only one change has been made this year. Miss Leola Bradway resigned at the close of the fall term and was succeeded by Miss Clarinda Kibbe, the present teacher of the school on the Scantic.

Elementary algebra has been introduced in the ninth grade and the following topics have been considered: notation, the four fundamental operations, reduction of fractions, factoring, the nature of the equation, and practical problems.

A knowledge of these subjects not only aids in the solution of difficult arithmetical questions but those who continue their studies will find the gaps between their elementary and secondary work narrowed by their familiarity with algebraic processes.

English history has been given a place among the branches taught in the ninth grade. The formal study of American history, which is read in several of the lower classes, is now begun in the seventh and finished in the eighth year of the child's school life.

The valuation of Hampden is less than half a million and high school tuition paid by the town would therefore be reimbursed by the state but, as has been stated in previous reports, there is no law obliging either town or state to pay tuition to academies not located in the town. There is some ground for belief that this matter will ere long receive the attention of legislators and in the meantime it seems a great pity that so many leave school at the close of the ninth year, or as soon as they reach the limit of the compulsory age.

It is certainly a great misfortune when parents are

obliged to take their children from school before they have completed a full grammar course. Without this elementary training they must enter upon life's duties at a disadvantage which they cannot overcome and it is difficult to imagine them occupying positions of importance or enrolment when they are grown.

Even now, scholarship is at a premium in nearly every trade, business, or profession. The state recognizes the requirement of the times and strives to place a high school education within the reach of every child in the Commonwealth.

Statistics prove that the percentage of those who avail themselves of these privileges is increasing faster than the population. Between 1883 and 1898 the population of Massachusetts increased forty-one per cent., while the public high school enrollment gained a trifle less than 100 per cent., advancing from 19,423 to 38,133.

View it as one may, to stop to argue or to quarrel with the trend of affairs is to be left behind. Far-sighted men of unbounded charity are urging parents to give their children as liberal an education as they are capable of receiving, even at great sacrifice or personal loss and the most mercenary are beginning to realize the fact that it *pays*, not only in the pleasure it gives and the position it secures, but pecuniarily.

A person may spend a short time in preparation for his life work and secure a position where his salary soon exceeds that of the man who has spent years in study, but the earning power of the *scholar* increases with every year of experience while the one with meager equipment receives his maximum in a short time and is soon pushed aside to make room for a younger person. In one case, long preparation, scholarship, and experience make the physician's, lawyer's, or skilled artisan's opinions more valuable,—and his fees larger,—in the other, the chances and the wages decrease as physical force weakens.

Hampden is the only town within this district of supervision which does not employ a special teacher of drawing and for another year I urge the engagement

NAMES OF PUPILS WHO WERE NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

The figure at the right indicates the number of terms.

No. 1, ADVANCED.

Edson, Mabel,.....	1
Gattsche, Marcus,.....	1
Gattsche, Kate,.....	2
Gattsche, Anna,.....	2
Lee, Florence,.....	1
McCray, William,.....	15
Multroney, Elmer,.....	1

No. 1, PRIMARY.

Appleby, Albert,.....	1
Appleby, Erwin,.....	1
Burleigh, Charles,.....	1
Crocker, Russell,.....	1
Gattsche, Charles,.....	2
McCray, Lena,.....	3
Norton, Mary,.....	1
Ryan, Lizzie,.....	2
Warren, Ida,.....	1

No. 2, ADVANCED.

Dusette, Frank,.....	1
Dusette, Peter,.....	2
Kenworthy, Marion,.....	2

No. 2, PRIMARY.

Kenworthy, Ruth,.....	1
SCANTIC SCHOOL	
Carew, Edna L.,.....	1
Carew, Kenia M.,.....	2

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN.

1899-1900.

School Report.

Town appropriation for schools including cost of transportation of scholars,	\$1,300.00
State school fund,	494.38
Dog fund,	122.12
Education of State children,	18.00
Received from town of Monson for tuition,	6.00
Amount available for teachers' salaries, incidentals and transportation of scholars,	\$1,940.50
Appropriation for books and supplies,	150.00
Appropriation for permanent repairs,	150.00
Appropriation for School Superintendent,	100.00
Received from State for Superintendent's salary,	169.61
	\$2,510.11
 TEACHERS' WAGES.	
SCHOOL No. 1.	
Advanced: Miss E. M. Mack, three terms,	\$324.00
Primary: Miss E. C. Beebe, three terms,	324.00
 SCHOOL No. 2.	
Advanced: Miss Maud Goodwill, three terms,	286.00
Primary: Miss Grace M. Pease, three terms,	286.00
 SCHOOL No. 3.	
Miss Lola M. Bradway, two terms,	166.75
Miss Crinnie Kibbe, thirteen weeks,	94.25
Total wages of teachers,	\$1,481.00

INCIDENTALS.

School Number 1,	\$84.80
School Number 2,	97.21
School Number 3,	32.27
Total for Incidentals,	\$214.28

PERMANENT REPAIRS.

School Number 1,	\$170.75
School Number 2,	36.14
School Number 3,	109.80
School Number 4,	12.65
	\$329.34

CONVEYANCE OF SCHOLARS.

	Spring.	Fall	Winter.
Harry Goodwill,	\$34.50	\$34.50	\$65.
Lucian Winslow,	—	—	39.
School supplies and Miss Phebe A. Beebe as agent,			\$173.00
			\$134.95

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCE.

Miss Mary L. Poland, salary and postage,	\$173.39
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Town of Hampden in account with Phebe A. Beebe, agent for school books and supplies for the year ending March 20, 1900.

B inventory, March 20, 1899,	\$147.68
Books and supplies of H. Rude, Ginn & Co.,	68.24
Henry R. Johnson,	7.32
Rand, McNally & Co.,	2.50
Books returned by teachers,	8.55
	27.54
	\$261.83

To books and supplies furnished schools:—

No. 1. Primary,	\$21.29
No. 1. Advanced,	33.69
No. 2. Primary,	15.48
No. 2. Advanced,	29.60
No. 3,	17.09
Cash for supplies sold,	2.36
Inventory of stock on hand,	142.32
	\$261.83

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSES FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$1,300.00
Town appropriation, dog fund,	122.12
Town appropriation, books and supplies,	150.00
Town appropriation for Supt.,	100.00
Town appropriation, permanent repairs,	150.00
State school fund,	494.28
Education, State children,	18.00
Received from State account of employment of Superintendent,	169.61
Received from town of Monson for tuition,	6.00

Available from all sources, \$2,510.11

Expended:—

Teachers' wages,	\$1,481.00
Incidentals,	214.28
Permanent repairs,	329.34
School supplies,	134.95
Conveyance of scholars,	173.00
School Superintendent,	173.39
	2,505.96

Balance unexpended, \$4.15

The Superintendent and nearly all the teachers are the same as last year and the same general methods have been employed.

We do not claim perfection: many things might be improved; but taking all things into consideration we feel confident that the schools were never in a better condition than now.

Maps and charts have been supplied, and everything necessary to the better improvement of the pupils has been furnished.

We have made extensive repairs in school No. 3, laying a floor, sheathing the walls, and furnishing new seats; altogether making the schoolroom pleasant and attractive. In No. 2 school the rooms have been painted and repaired. No. 1 schoolhouse has been partly shingled, the ceiling whitewashed, and walls painted. The floor in the primary department has been relayed and the fence around the grounds has been made over. At No. 4, new glass has been put in the windows and shutters put on for protection. This building needs to be thoroughly repaired. From present indications, the time is not far distant when it will be needed for school purposes. We think it would be economy for the town to give each of the schoolhouses at least one coat of paint.

In the judgment of your committee the following appropriations will be required for the coming year:—

For regular expenses including transportation of pupils and permanent repairs,	\$1,500.00
For school supplies,	150.00
For School Superintendent,	100.00
For Music Teacher,	100.00
For data regarding membership and attendance see Superintendent's report.	

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. WARREN,

N. E. PEASE,

D. L. McCRAY,

School Committee of Hampden.

Report of Truant Officer.

I have investigated eleven cases and given six warnings.

NEILSON E. PEASE,

Truant Officer.