Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

Oil pumps,
WORKING EQUIPMENT
One steel ham die. One set of small testing scales. One set of small weights, 1-16 oz. to 4 lbs. One set of hanger weights: One 5-lb., one 10-lb., one 20-lb., one 25-lb. All other weights, ten 50-lb. One set of dry measures. One set of steel numerals. One yard measure. Two counter scales condemned. Fees received,
H. W. CHAPMAN,
Hampden, Mass., Jan. 20, 1917.

Tax Collector's Report

Taxes of 1914	
Balance uncollected December 31, 1915, Paid Treasurer,	\$583.18 583.18
Taxes of 1915	
Balance uncollected December 31, 1915, Added assessments,	\$2,252.70 4.00
Paid Treasurer,	\$2,256.70 1,535.20
Interest collected,	\$721.50
Taxes of 1916	E 5
Committed for collection,	\$8,806.17 8.00
Paid Treasurer,	\$8,814.17 5,524.72
Interest collected,	\$3,289.45
Respectfully submitted,	
C. N. WHITAKI	ΞR,
	Collector.

Report of Cattle Inspector

Stables inspected,	82
Cows in milk,	310
Cows dry,	93
Young cattle,	134
Bulls,	14
Oxen,	12
Swine,	75
Goats,	3

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. FLYNN,

Cattle Inspector.

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

The Cemetery Commissioners have completed their annual report showing an unexpended balance of \$358.82. Appropriation \$408.57. Expended:—

J. W. Mulroney, work,	\$18.00
John Gordon, work,	

> J. W. MULRONEY, C. H. BURLEIGH, JOHN GORDON,

> > Cemetery Commissioners.

Librarian's Report

Total circulation of books,	,754
Total circulation of magazines,	900
Book borrowers,	
Books purchased,	74
Books donated,	
Volumes in library,	,022
Volumes discarded,	

Magazines purchased, 7; donated, 6; Pamphlets received, 56.

Donors of books: Mrs. F. E. Jones, 1; Elliot Moore, 30; Mrs. Moore, 10; Miss Elva West, Springfield, 2; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, 1; Free Public Library Commission, 42; Charles H. Barrows, Springfield, 1; a box of discarded books from city library, Springfield.

Donors of magazines, current numbers: Woman's Journal, Our Dumb Animals, Century, St. Nicholas, County League Adviser, Christian Science Sentinel.

We have been much pleased with our gifts this year. Mr. Moore kindly donated a set of Encyclopedia Britannica covering thirty volumes; his mother gave a number of scientific works; from the Commission came the usual number, scattered through the year. A number of books for nature study were received during the Spring months.

The library has been visited by Mr. John Adams Lowe, field agent for the Commission, and by Miss E. Louise Jones, general secretary, Boston. A dictionary stand has been placed in the library through their influence. The librarian was favored in attending a conference of library

workers at Simmons College, Boston, July 25–27, inclusive, the Commission paying all charges. Other favors are promised.

A more extended use of the library is urged.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN Q. ADAMS,

Librarian, Free Public Library.

Hampden, Mass., Dec. 30, 1916.

Library Trustees' Report

Appropriation,	\$125.00 20.00	
Total funds available,	\$	145.00
Expended:—		
Rent,	\$40.00	
Librarian,	50.00	
Incidentals,	1.50	
Books,	43.41	
Magazines,	11.10	
Total expenditures,		146.01
Expended above appropriation,	=	\$1.01

The bequest of \$500 made by the will of Mr. Morton L. Day has been paid to the Library Trustees and deposited in bank, the income of which is expended for copies of current number of the *Christian Herald*. The Town receives the gift with grateful appreciation and it will be a lasting memorial. The donations of all others are thankfully received.

Owing to the advance in price of books and magazines we recommend for library to meet the advanced demand, \$150.00.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. SHUTE, KENIA M. CAREW, GRACE M. PEASE,

Library Trustees.

Hampden, Mass., Dec. 30, 1916.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1915-16

Recommendations of the Superintendent for 1917

TO THE PARENTS

- More attention to the matter of regularity of attendance with especial emphasis upon the avoidance of tardinesses and absences.
- Greater care in the matter of vaccinations and more promptness in the furnishing of the physician's certificate of exemption required by the State law when the child's physical condition prohibits vaccination.

TO THE TOWN

- 1. The collecting, tabulating, and filing in the Town office, for ready reference, of all available school records of previous years; the filing, also, of copies of the current records of school membership; and the prompt and final filing, immediately after the final verification at the close of the school year, of the registers showing the attendance for the year.
- A stronger enforcement of the laws of school attendance.

THE YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1. The Adoption of an Eighth-Grade System.
- 2. A Definite Course of Study.
- 3. The Change to a Modern, Simple, and Efficient Record System.

LEANORA E. TAFT,

Superintendent of Schools.

Present Corps of Teachers

Teachers	Training	Date of Election
	Center Grammar School	
Alice N. May	Brookfield H. S.	1913
	Center Primary School	
Grace M. Pease	Hampden	1913
	West Side Grammar School	
Jennette Varnum	Peacham Acad. T. Tr.	1913
W1 1.54	Burlington S. S.	
	West Side Primary School	
M. Rose Speight	Westfield	1915
	Scantic School	
Florence Williams	Hyannis	Jan., 1916
	Newell School	
Inez Burleigh	Smith College	1914

Pupils Graduated, June, 1916

*Florence J. Bartlett, Edna M. Brown, Anna H. Burleigh, Anna M. Carmody, Robert Loomis, Florence E. Lunden,

Gertrude M. Lyons, Anna E. Nordin, Frances P. Malachowski, Dorothy Smead, Mildred L. Thresher, Carolina C. Witkop.

Entered High School, September, by examination, Michael Carmody.

Record of Attendance, September, 1915, to June, 1916

Schools	Average Member- ship	Average Attend- ance	Percentage Attend- ance	Tardi- nesses	Dis- missals
Center Grammar	22	21	94.8	60	30
Center Primary	31	28	93.1	55	24
West Side Grammar	29	26	92.0	179	51
West Side Primary	29	27	93.8	56	4
Scantic	13	12	96.2	32	19
Newell	9	8	96.5	1	16
=	133	122	94.4	383	154
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Report of the Supervisor of Music

Miss Leanora E. Taft, Superintendent of Schools:—

Having found the work of music supervision in the Hampden schools to be well organized, I have continued the established method with slight modifications.

The instruction is largely individual. Sight reading, or sight singing, is made the basis of the study. The knowledge of the keys, key signatures, phrases, and rhythm are the technicalities belonging to the sight work.

The prospect of a fruitful year in music is bright, due to the generous support of the teachers, and to the efforts of the pupils during the past brief term.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA HEBERT,

Supervisor of Music.

Report of the Supervisor of Drawing

Miss Leanora E. Taft, Superintendent of Schools:-

The outline this year is divided into Representation, Design, Objective, Printing, Construction, and Illustration Work.

It is not so many years since the art training of our public schools was of a character that had no definite application in view. Children were taught to draw circles, squares, diagonals, and to reproduce their impressions of still-life objects merely to train their eyes and fingers for whatever future application their ability to draw might fit But there was no attempt to guide their artistic efforts toward channels that would definitely develop in the individual instincts that would be applicable to certain different trades or occupations. It was merely a case of the study of art for art's sake. Ability to draw is important as a means to an end; it should not be considered as an end in itself. The outline this year forms an admirable basis for later definite art training along professional lines; but it is in the general application of art knowledge that the theory of present-day art training finds its greatest value. It is important that those who can learn to draw should be taught how to draw, but of the thousands who study, the large majority, perhaps, will never be able to register any particular advance in the art fields. In the years to come these school children who do not become artists will be able to make use of their art training in the purchase of furnishings, or clothing, and in business enterprises, reflecting an elevation of taste and a broadening of art appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
HERMINE T. COWLES,
Supervisor of Manual Arts.

REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1916

Report of the School Committee

School Committee

W. E. KENDALL,	Term expires	1917.
M. S. BEEBE,	Term expires	1918.
A. B. NEWELL,	Term expires	1919.
Organization		

Organization

M. S. BEEBE, Chairman. W. E. KENDALL, Secretary.

Truant Officers

MATTHIAS CASEY.

J. W. MULRONEY.

School Physician

H. F. CURTIS, M.D.

The following sums were appropriated by the Town for school purposes:—

Schools,	,600.00
Dog fund,	109.18
Books and supplies,	275.00
Permanent repairs,	200.00
Music,	125.00
Drawing,	100.00
Superintendent,	85.00
School Physician,	20.00

10tal from the 10wh,	Total from	the Town,	\$2,514.18
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Received from the State:-	
From State school fund,	\$1,504.38
For superintendence,	
High School tuition,	

48	
Transportation of High School pupils, . \$279.30 Transportation of High School pupils, . 412.80	
Total from the State,	\$4,003.55
Available for school purposes,	\$6,517.73
EXPENDITURES—TEACHERS' SALA	RIES
Center School	
Grammar	ØF20 67
Miss Alice N. May,	. \$532.07
Primary Miss Grace M. Pease,	418.67
West Side School	
Grammar Miss Jennette Varnum,	. 510.30
Primary	
Miss Rosarita Speight,	. 351.55
Scantic School	
Miss Florence Williams,	. 365.00
Newell School	
Miss Inez Burleigh,	. 374.00
Total salaries of teachers,	. \$2,552.19

INCIDENTALS

Center School

Center School		
J. W. Mulroney, coal,	\$145.24	
J. W. Mulroney, work,	1.00	
W. S. Beebe, janitor, work, materials,	113.75	
L. O. Howlett, 2 cords wood,	8.00	
L. O. Howlett, 2 days work with team,.	8.50	
Marcus Butler, sawing 2 cords wood,	2.00	
E. J. Pare, furnace grate,	4.00	
E. P. Lyons, galvanized iron eaves		
trough,	2.65	
E. P. Lyons, ladder,	2.10	
A. A. Jones, express,	.25	
M. S. Beebe, expenses, per bills,	3.80	
M. S. Beebe, janitor 1 week,	2.00	
M. S. Beebe, 1½ days' work,	3.00	
Albert Bradway, 1 day's work,	2.00	
E. J. Thresher, 2 cords wood,	9.00	
Elam Chaffee, sawing 2 cords wood,	2.00	
R. W. Davies, dry cells,	2.40	n 8
Mrs. H. W. Chapman, mending flag,	.25	
Homer Foot & Co., door set and keys,	3.52	
A. G. Corey, sundries,	9.61	
Total	11	\$325.07
Total,		φ323.07
West Side School		
Forbes & Wallace, flag,	\$6.30	
J. W. Mulroney, coal,	81.56	
J. W. Mulroney, work,	1.50	
W. S. Beebe, carpenter work, materials, .	5.79	
W. S. Beebe, placing electric bell,	3.00	
D. O'Brien, janitor, work,	31.00	
W. E. Kendall, expenses, work,	8.08	

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W. E. Kendall, cash to janitor, C. H. Dowd, janitor, Mrs. Eli Deyo, cleaning schoolrooms, H. W. Carter Paper Co., Dustbane, W. M. Pease, sundries, Simpson Clark, parts for stoves, J. C. Valentine, janitor, A. G. Corey, sundries, N. M. Carew, 3½ cords sawed wood, N. M. Carew, 40 ft. boards,	\$4.00 26.50 5.00 1.75 .77 4.75 33.70 .94 19.50 1.00	\$235.14
Scantic School		
Earl A. Ricord, janitor,	\$22.95	
J. W. Mulroney, work,	1.50	
J. W. Mulroney, team,	1.00	
M. S. Beebe, work,	2.50	
W. M. Pease, sundries,	1.15	
R. H. Pease, work,	3.00	
R. H. Pease, saddle boards,	1.25	
Mrs. Aleck Bandoski, cleaning school-		
room,	5.00	=
A. G. Corey, sundries,	5.75	
N. M. Carew, $3\frac{1}{2}$ cords sawed wood,	21.00	and and a
-		\$65.10
Newell School		
Clifford J. Patric, janitor,	\$22.50	
A. B. Newell, work and expenses,	3.49	
M. L. Mills, 6 cords wood, sawed and		
piled,	36.00	
M. L. Mills, work,	1.50	
George A. Patric, mowing,	2.00	

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Mrs. E. G. Newcomb, cleaning school-room,	\$3.50 1.00	
c. i. buriegii, repairing teacher sideski,	1.00	\$69.99
Total cost of incidentals,		\$695.30
CONVEYANCE OF PUR	PILS	
L. E. Laird, carrying pupils to West Side S	chool,	\$179.99
PERMANENT REPAIL	RS	
Center School		
The Oliver & Howland Co., sink brackets,. W. S. Beebe, placing eaves trough,	\$1.00 1.70	
		\$2.70
West Side School		
R. W. Davies, electric bell and sundries, . Forbes & Wallace:—	\$11.52	
Dictionary stand,		
	48.55	
Homer Foot & Co., 2 front door sets	5.50	
Scantic School		\$65.57
Forbes & Wallace, window shades,		\$5.58
Newell School		
W. S. Beebe, laying shingles,	\$11.38	
W. S. Beebe, placing 7 window sashes,	3.60	
William Gardner, painting,	12.50	
N. M. Carew, shingles and ridge boards,.	28.50	
W. M. Pease, paint, etc.,	12.80	

52	
T. M. Walker Co., 7 windows,	\$85.05
Total cost of permanent repairs,	\$158.90 200.00
Unexpended,	\$41.10
MUSIC	
Miss Phoebe Hooper,	\$133.34
Appropriation,	125.00
Deficit,	\$8.34
DRAWING	
Miss Hermine T. Cowles,	\$82.50 100.00
Unexpended,	\$17.50
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCE	
Miss Leanora E. Taft, salary and expenses,	
Total,	\$272.72

Received from State for superintendence,	\$204.57
Net cost,	\$68.15
Appropriation,	85.00
Unexpended,	\$16.85
SCHOOL PHYSICIAN	
Dr. H. F. Curtis,	\$20.00
Vaccination,	6.25
Disinfection, Newell School,	5.00
Examination of pupil,	2.50
Call on pupil,	2.50
	\$36.25
Appropriation,	20.00
Deficit,	\$16.25
SCHOOL SUPPLIES	
E. E. Babb & Co., books and supplies,	\$311.71
Milton Bradley Co., supplies,	4.81
A. A. Jones, expressage,	4.45
Forbes & Wallace, flags,	1.80
Johnson's Bookstore, books and supplies,	2.00
City of Springfield, books,	1.60
Shaw-Walker Co., school forms,	6.66
F. J. Kenworthy, expressage,	8.40
F. J. Kenworthy, pitch pipe,	.45
Laura E. Shute, care school supplies,	20.00
Mrs. F. J. Kenworthy, care school supplies,	12.00
Mrs. F. J. Kenworthy, postage,	1.10
Total,	\$374.98
Appropriation,	275.00
Deficit,	\$99.98

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HIGH SCHOOL TUITION	
City of Springfield, \$702.50 This has been reimbursed by the State. Now due the City of Springfield, \$2,030.00	
TRANSPORTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS	
E. P. Lyons,	
F. J. Kenworthy, 174.90	
A. F. Ballard, agent,	
M. Witkop, 83.70	
A. A. Jones,	
Total,	
Of this amount, \$569.10 was paid between March 4 and July 5, 1916, and one half of it has been reimbursed by the State. We hope the town will be reimbursed, in full, for money paid for transportation during the current school year.	
RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION	
E. S. Cogswell and C. L. Lent in favor of-	
Miss Alice N. May,	
Miss Grace M. Pease,	
Miss Rosarita Speight,	
\$111.99	
TRUANT OFFICER	
Matthias Casey,	

Town of Hampden in account with Mrs. F. J. Kenworthy for care of schoolbooks and supplies for the year ending December 31, 1916:—

By inventory,	\$61.18
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	316.71
Milton Bradley Co.,	4.81
Johnson's Bookstore,	2.00
Shaw, Walker & Co.,	6.66
	\$391.36
City of Springfield,	1.60
	\$392.96
To supplies furnished schools:—	
Center Grammar,	\$60.65
Center Primary,	35.01
West Side Grammar,	74.81
West Side Primary,	53.55
Scantic,	44.18
Newell,	23.96
	\$292.16
Supplies sold,	3.18
; -	\$295.34
Inventory of supplies on hand,	97.62
	\$392.96

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Appropriated and Available

From the Town,	\$2,514.18	
From the State,		
Available,	cernos a	\$6,517.73
Expenditures		
Teachers' salaries,	\$2,552.19	
Incidentals,	695.30	
Conveyance of pupils,	179.99	
Permanent repairs,	158.90	
Music,	133.34	ži.
Drawing,	82.50	
Superintendence,	272.72	
School supplies,	374.98	
School Physician,	36.25	
High school tuition,	702.50	
Transportation High School pupils,	978.90	
Retirement Association,	111.99	-
Truant Officer,	4.50	
-		
Total expense		6,284.06
Unexpended,	្ ស្រាស្សសាធា	\$233.67

The pupils of the Hampden schools are showing commendable ambition to avail themselves of the excellent opportunity now offered to acquire a high school education. This has resulted in a surprising increase in the number of our high school pupils. Two years ago the Town had only 9 high school pupils. Now it has 29, and it seems likely that next fall it may have as many as 40. The State reimburses the Town for all of the tuition, and for

at least half of the expense of transportation, but the Town is obliged to advance the money.

No appropriation has thus far been made by the Town for high school expenses, and during the past year the Town has been unable to pay tuition bills promptly, from lack of funds.

If the Town raises by taxation and expends for the support of its schools, an amount equal to \$5 per thousand on its valuation, it is entitled to receive reimbursement from the State for the full amount of the expense of transporting high school pupils. For this reason, as well as for other good reasons, it would seem to be a wise policy to make liberal appropriations for the schools.

More blackboards are needed in the Center School. New stoves are needed in the West Side School, and in the Scantic School.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations for school purposes the ensuing year:—

For schools, the dog fund and	\$1,800.00
Books and supplies,	275.00
Permanent repairs,	200.00
Music,	
Drawing,	100.00
Superintendent,	. 100.00
School Physician,	25.00

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. BEEBE, W. E. KENDALL, A. B. NEWELL.

School Committee.