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PREPARED BY THE

TOWN OFFICERS

AT THE TOWN OFFICE



# Town Officers

For the Municipal Year of 1908-1909.

Moderator for One Year :  
WILLIAM M. COMEY

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor and Board of Health :  
ANDREW R. JONES                      C. ALBERT MURPHY  
S. GARDNER HIGGINS

Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Sealer of  
Weights and Measures :  
WILLIAM M. HILL

School Committee :

JOHN E. FALES	Term Expires	1909
EDWARD W. MANN	" "	1910
CHARLES O. GREENE	" "	1911

Commissioners of Highways :

ELMER E. WARE	Term expires	1909
FRANK E. DAY	" "	1910
JAMES T. BUCKLEY	" "	1911

Trustees of Public Library :

JOHN R. F. LOVE	Term expires	1909
HARVEY E. FARRINGTON	" "	1910
JOHN E. FALES	" "	1911



## Auditors :

JAMES F. MOONEY      WILLIAM E. CAMPBELL  
JESSE MANN, JR.

## Assessors of Taxes :

ALFRED P. HALL	Term expires 1909
CHARLES W. WILSON	" " 1910
NATHAN H. FALES	" " 1911

## Collector of Taxes :

JOHN E. FALES

## Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark :

CHARLES O. GREENE      CORNELIUS J. MURPHY  
WILLIAM E. MANN      ALBERTUS J. WHITING

## Constables :

FREDERIC LIDBURY      EUGENE P. SCAMMON

## Tree Warden :

ANDREW R. JONES

## Fence Viewers :

PRESTON W. DAY      NATHAN H. FALES

## Field Drivers :

HENRY D. POND      CHARLES O. GREENE

## Trustees of Josiah Ware Fund :

## THE TOWN TREASURER

CORNELIUS J. MURPHY	Term expires 1909
EDWARD W. MANN	" " 1910



## Appointments by the Selectmen

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Fire Engineers :

S. C. WATSON

D. H. MURPHY

C. O. GREENE

Fire Warden :

C. A. MURPHY

Inspector of Animals :

ANDREW R. JONES

Special Police :

A. H. MANN

THOMAS M. BUCKLEY

CHARLES W. ADAMS

Auctioneer :

WILLIAM M. COMEY

Weighers :

ELISHA W. ROCKWOOD

JOHN F. TORREY



Appointments by the President

1877-1881

1881-1885

1885-1889

1889-1893

1893-1897

1897-1901

1901-1905

1905-1909

1909-1913

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1989-1993

1993-1997

1997-2001

2001-2005

2005-2009

2009-2013

2013-2017

2017-2021



## List of Jurors

The Selectmen herewith present a list of such inhabitants of the town not absolutely exempt, as they think well qualified to serve as jurors.

George S. Carpenter, Machinist  
Elisha W. Rockwood, Miller  
William E. Campbell, Machine Tender  
Charles W. Adams, Boss Carder  
Percy DeW. Hodges, Carpenter  
Andrew R. Jones, Farmer  
Henry F. Jones, Farmer  
William E. Mann, Farmer  
Cornelius A. Murphy, Foreman  
Jesse Mann, Jr., Farmer  
Ralph W. Mason, Carbonizer  
Timothy J. Sullivan, Crossing Tender  
John W. Murphy, Teamster  
Elmer E. Ware, Farmer  
William M. Comey, Retired  
Charles W. Wilson, Farmer

ANDREW R. JONES,  
C. ALBERT MURPHY,  
S. GARDNER HIGGINS,  
Selectmen of Norfolk.



## Annual Meeting

March 2, 1908

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Pursuant to a warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Norfolk, qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the Town Hall on Monday the 2d day of March, 1908. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk at 6.30 A. M., and after the reading of the warrant was taken in charge by William M. Comey, Moderator for the year, S. G. Carpenter, Walter L. Sykes, John W. Murphy, Ernest A. Glass, Percy DeW. Hodges, Charles Adams, Eugene P. Scammon.

All the preliminaries required by law having been arranged, action was taken upon the several articles in the warrant as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot the following town officers, viz.: One Moderator for one year, three Selectmen, who shall act as Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health for one year; one Town Clerk, One Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, each for one year; three Assessors of Taxes for one, two and three years respectively; one School Committee, one Trustee of the Public Library, one Commissioner of Highways, one Trustee of the Josiah Ware Fund, each for three years; two Constables, four Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark, one Sealer of Weights and Measures, three Fence Viewers, three Field Drivers, three Auditors and one Tree Warden, each for one year, to be voted for upon one ballot; also upon the same ballot to vote upon the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The Polls were open at 6.40 A. M., and kept open until 1.32. The total number of votes cast was 88. The



votes were counted in open town meeting and the following named persons were declared elected to the several offices:

## MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR

William M. Comey

## SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR AND BOARD OF HEALTH

Andrew R. Jones

C. Albert Murphy

S. Gardner Higgins

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

William M. Hill

## ASSESSORS

Nathan H. Fales, 3 years

Charles W. Wilson, 2 years

Alfred P. Hall, 1 year

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Charles O. Greene

## COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS FOR THREE YEARS

James T. Buckley

## TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

John E. Fales

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

William M. Hill

## AUDITORS

James F. Mooney

William E. Campbell

Jesse Mann, Jr.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES

John E. Fales

## SURVEYOR OF LUMBER AND MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Charles O. Greene

William E. Mann

Cornelius J. Murphy

Albertus J. Whiting

## CONSTABLES

Frederic Lidbury

Eugene P. Scammon



## TREE WARDEN

Andrew R. Jones

## FENCE VIEWERS

Preston W. Day

Nathan H. Fales

## FIELD DRIVERS

H. D. Pond

Charles O. Green

The vote for license was, YES 38; No 41.

ARTICLE 2. To hear a report of the town officers and act thereon.

The reports of the several town officers were accepted.

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for schools.

Appropriation for schools \$4208.33.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairs of roads and bridges and determine how the same shall be expended.

Appropriation for roads and bridges \$1600.00.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of the poor.

Appropriation for poor \$500.00.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for books and other expenses of the Public Library.

Appropriation for Public Library \$125.00.

ARTICLE 7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial day.

Appropriation for Memorial Day \$50.00.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for electric lighting of streets.

Voted to lay Article 8 on the table and take up Article 24, under which it was voted that the Selectmen make a contract for street lighting with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company after taking legal counsel.

Article 8 taken up.

Appropriation for street lighting \$1290.00.



ARTICLE 9. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for security bonds for Town Officers.

Appropriation Bonds for Officers \$54.00.

ARTICLE 10. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for interest.

Appropriation for interest \$400.00.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the removal of snow from the sidewalks and streets of the town.

Appropriation for removal of snow \$200.00.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for general expense.

Appropriation for general expense \$2000.00.

ARTICLE 13. To see what action the Town will take in relation to uncollected taxes now in the hands of the Collector, and also to see what action the Town will take as to the collection of taxes the present year.

Voted that the Collector of Taxes be instructed to collect all taxes prior to 1907 by due process of law and that the uncollected taxes now in the hands of the collector must be collected on or before the first of January, 1909, and the collector must proceed according to law and collect said taxes on or before that date.

Voted that the taxes of the present year must be collected on the same conditions as last year with one amendment, as follows: That the Collector shall not receive anything until he has collected enough to pay up what the Treasurer has borrowed in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all the means and processes of collecting taxes committed to him to collect that a Town Treasurer may use when acting as collector of taxes.

Voted to authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all means and processes of collecting taxes committed to him to collect that a Town Treasurer may use when acting as collector of taxes.

ARTICLE 15. To see what action the town will take



with reference to the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

The Collector shall be allowed 1 1-2 per cent. of all taxes collected or abated in payment for his services, and shall also be reimbursed for postage on all bills which he finds it necessary to send a second time.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to pay the current expenses of the town in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

Voted to authorize the Treasurer, and he is hereby so authorized to borrow money temporarily, under the direction of the Selectmen, to pay the current expenses of the Town in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 17. To hear the report of the Road Commissioners on the condition of the guide-boards.

The Road Commissioners reported the guide-boards to be in good condition, mostly. Voted to accept the report.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will require all Constables to enforce the laws relating to hunting and fishing in this town on Sunday.

Voted to instruct all Constables to enforce the laws relating to hunting and fishing in this town on Sunday and for each conviction the officer shall receive ten dollars over and above his legal fees.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$10.00 to employ a School Physician, in accordance with Statutes, Chap. 502, Acts of 1906.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10.00 to employ a School Physician.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to place six lights on Park and Lawrence Streets, in that part of the Town known as the "Bush;" also to see if the Town will vote to appropriate money for the same.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to place six lights on Park and Lawrence Streets, if they think best.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$75.00, to make additional



improvements in the road at the summit of the hill at the residence of Mr. Fowler.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 to make additional improvements in the road at the summit of the hill at the residence of Mr. Fowler.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to place an additional light on Hanover Street, between Main Street and the residence of A. D. Towne, and appropriate money for the same.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to place an additional light on Hanover Street, between Main Street and the residence of A. D. Towne, if they think best.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will approve an additional electric light on the road from City Mills depot to the residence of J. F. Torrey, and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to place an additional light on the road from City Mills Depot to the residence of J. F. Torrey, if they think best.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to make a contract with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for street lighting.

See Article 8.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for repairs on the Town House, the Town to be reimbursed from the interest of the Josiah Ware Fund as it falls due.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for repairs on the Town House, the Town to be reimbursed from the interest of the Josiah Ware Fund as it falls due.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will choose any committee, or hear or act on the report of any committee or town officer, or to instruct any committee or Town officer.

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to expend \$25.00 for improvements in the lower hall, the same to be taken from the appropriation for general expense, if in their judgment the appropriation is sufficient.



Attest: WILLIAM M. HILL,  
Town Clerk.

## Additional Officers Appointed

Andrew R. Jones



FIRE WARDEN

C. A. Murphy

AUCTIONEER

W. M. Comey

TRUSTEE OF JOSIAH WARE FUND

C. J. Murphy

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Myra C. Hill

Attest: WILLIAM M. HILL,  
Town Clerk.

### **Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures**

The Sealer of Weights and Measures respectfully submits the following report:

The outfit of the Sealer has been added to in a small way this past year, a new pair of balances for testing weights being the principal addition. A few new stamps, both rubber and steel, being found necessary, have been purchased.

The Commissioner of Weights and Measures recommends that a salary be paid all Sealers, and in order that the Town may vote on that recommendation an article has been inserted in the warrant to that effect.

The Scales of the various business interests of the Town have been tested, corrected and sealed. Also scales of outside dealers driving into our Town.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. HILL,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

### **Report of the Inspector of Animals**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I submit to you my report for the year as Inspector:  
One complete inspection of all neat cattle and the condi-



tions of the premises where said cattle were kept, and a written report sent to the Cattle Bureau. During the year six cows have been quarantined, five of which were killed and one released. At the time of inspection there were 344 cows, 62 young cattle, 2 oxen, 17 bulls, 246 swine and 7 sheep.

Respectfully submitted,  
ANDREW R. JONES,  
Inspector of Animals.



## Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen herewith present their annual report of the several appropriations of money made at the last annual meeting of the town, and the payments made by their orders on the same:

### SCHOOLS

#### TEACHERS

J. C. Peterson, for teaching nineteen weeks at \$18.50,	\$ 351 50
G. W. Wriston, twenty weeks at \$15.00,	300 00
Gertrude A. Curtis, thirty-six weeks at \$13.00,	468 00
Hattie B. Reed, seventeen weeks at \$10.50,	178 50
Hattie B. Reed, nineteen weeks at \$11.00,	209 00
Carrie E. Wayland, six weeks at \$13.00,	78 00
Florence A. Baker, seventeen weeks at \$10.50,	178 50
Florence A. Baker, nineteen weeks at \$11.00,	209 00
Anna S. Ekman, twenty-nine weeks at \$10.00,	290 00
Mabel K. Murch, ten weeks at \$10.00,	100 00
Maude H. Phelps, nineteen weeks at \$10.00,	190 00
Mary E. Mann, one week at \$13.00,	13 00
Frances L. Swett, four quarters at \$25.00,	100 00
	<hr/> \$2665 50



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

M. J. West, five months at \$50,	\$250 00	
M. J. West, five months at \$40,	200 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 450 00

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. W. Mann, one year,	\$50 00	
Charles O. Greene, one year,	24 00	
John E. Fales, one year,	40 00	
Charles O. Greene, taking school census,	9 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 123 00

## JANITOR

Addison P. Morse, ten months at \$25,	\$250 00	
Charles O. Greene, fourteen months at \$6,	84 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 334 00

## TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS

William M. Hill,	\$415 00	
William A. Day,	324 25	
Charles O. Greene,	338 75	
	<u>          </u>	\$1078 00
Fuel,		241 34
Mileage,		214 43
Books and School Supplies,		279 83
Out of Town Tuition,		321 00
School Repairs and Furnishings,		202 35
Incidentals,		18 75
Playground,		12 50

## TRUANT OFFICER

William M. Hill,	4 00
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## SUPPORT OF POOR

## WILLIAM PENNY

City of Malden, aid rendered,	\$90 38
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## HERMAN SEIFEIT

Town of Reading, aid rendered,	114 85
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## E. J. HARRIS

Town of Medway, funeral expenses,	18 00
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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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## MRS. CHAS. MASON

Town of Franklin, aid rendered, 69 58

## NETTIE JORDAN

Town of Stoughton, aid rendered, 13 50

Mrs. J. J. Willis, 24 00

W. G. Ingram, 85 75

Joseph Thomas, 4 00

Thomas Bregeroe, 24 10

\$ 444 16

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

James T. Buckley and help, \$593 82

Frank E. Day and help, 518 08

Elmer E. Ware and help, \$ 387 95

George F. Campbell, repairs on scraper, 9 20

Geo. McQuesten Co., lumber, 47 18

\$1556 23

## FOWLER'S HILL

(Special Appropriation)

James T. Buckley and help, \$69 00 69 00

## REMOVING SNOW

Frank E. Day and help, \$12 49

James T. Buckley and help, 36 50

Elmer E. Ware and help, 23 56

\$ 72 55

## MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day Committee, 50 00

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Walter L. Sykes, librarian, \$39 00

Edison Elec. Ill. Co., electric service, 10 90

DeWolfe & Fiske Co., Boston, books, 49 98

Carter, Rice & Co., Boston, paper, 5 55

W. H. Moore, New York, Magazines, 13 85



Library Bureau, Boston, cards,	\$1 75	
John E. Fales, printing, etc.,	4 00	
		\$ 125 03

**STREET LIGHTING**

Edison Elec. Ill. Co., Boston,	1,172 11
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**SECURITY BONDS**

Frank A. Morrill, Norwood,	54 00
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**INTEREST**

Norfolk Cemetery Association,	\$ 20 00	
C. J. Murphy,	192 21	
Jose, Parker & Co., Boston,	175 28	
		\$ 387 49

**TOWN HOUSE**

(Special Appropriation)

C. J. Murphy, with help and horses,	193 37	
H. B. Rockwood, with help,	9 45	
Geo. Laundry, Franklin, with help,	115 60	
W. K. Gilmore & Sons, Cement,	34 20	
		\$ 352 62

**GENERAL EXPENSE****FIRE DEPARTMENT**

W. K. Gilmore & Sons, fuel,	\$7 30	
C. J. Murphy, fuel,	6 50	
Edison Elec. Ill. Co., Boston, electric service,	12 76	
H. K. Barnes, Boston, supplies,	110 45	
S. C. Watson, freight charges,	1 25	
Norfolk Woolen Co., Franklin, carboy of vitriol,	3 08	
George F. Campbell, treasurer,	100 00	
E. W. Mann, supplies,	36	
		\$ 241 70



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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## FIRE ENGINEERS

S. C. Watson, one year,	\$15 00	
D. H. Murphy, one year,	15 00	
		\$ 30 00
Forest Fires,		182 62
Buildings,		50 50

## TOWN HALL

Edison Elec. Ill. Co.. Boston, electric service,	\$22 88	
Addison P. Morse, services as janitor,	110 29	
Geo. W. Reynolds, Boston, stove,	10 00	
Baldwin & Robbins Co., Boston, supplies,	2 95	
Eugene E. Coddington, repairs on clock,	15 90	
E. LaCroix, supplies,	3 40	
Geo. F. Campbell, repairs,	1 00	
E. W. Mann, supplies,	1 96	
C. J. Murphy, fuel,	6 00	
N. H. Rockwood, labor,	17 03	
		\$ 191 41

## TOWN OFFICERS

### SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR

ANDREW R. JONES,		
Services for one year,	\$100 00	
Registrar of voters,	5 00	
		\$ 105 00
C. ALBERT MURPHY,		
Services for one year,	\$ 150 00	
Registrar of voters,	5 00	
		\$ 155 00
S. GARDNER HIGGINS,		
Services for one year,	\$100 00	
Registrar of voters,	5 00	
		\$ 105 00

### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

WILLIAM M. HILL,	
Services from Jan. '08 to '09,	\$200 00



Attending Town Clerk's meeting,	2 00	
Clerk of Registration,	10 00	
Justice of Peace,	3 50	
Returning births, marriages and deaths,	9 10	
		\$ 224 60

## ASSESSORS

Charles W. Wilson,	\$91 25	
Nathan H. Fales,	96 47	
Alfred P. Hall,	91 25	
		\$ 278 97

## AUDITORS

James F. Mooney,	\$15 00	
Jesse Mann, Jr.,	15 00	
W. E. Campbell,	15 00	
		\$ 45 00

## ELECTION OFFICERS

William M. Comey, moderator state election,	\$5 00	
Eugene P. Scammon, state election,	3 00	
Percy DeW. Hodges, state election,	3 00	
Chas. W. Wilson, state election,	3 00	
Ernest A. Glass, state election,	3 00	
Walter L. Sykes, state election,	3 00	
Geo. S. Carpenter, state election,	3 00	
		\$ 23 00

William M. Comey, moderator Town election,	\$5 00	
John Murphy, town election,	3 00	
Geo. S. Carpenter, town election,	3 00	
Percy DeW. Hodges, town election,	3 00	
Ernest A. Glass, town election,	3 00	
Walter L. Sykes, town election,	3 00	
Chas. W. Adams, town election,	3 00	
		\$ 23 00

## CONSTABLES

Eugene P. Scammon, March 2, 1908	3 00
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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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## CONSTABLES---Continued

Eugene P. Scammon, posting warrant for Annual Town Meeting,	3 50	
Eugene P. Scammon, night of July 3rd,	3 00	
Chas. W. Adams, night of July 3d,	3 00	
Fred Lidbury, night of July 3d,	3 00	
Eugene P. Scammon, serving notice on owners of unlicensed dogs,	9 00	
Eugene P. Scammon, posting warrants for November election,	3 00	
Albert H. Mann, night or July 3d,	3 00	
Thomas Buckley, night of July 3d,	3 00	
		\$ 33 50

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Andrew R. Jones,	75 00
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## FIRE WARDENS

C. Albert Murphy,	15 00	
Andrew R. Jones,	15 00	
		\$ 30 00
State Aid,		216 00
Miscellaneous Bills,		967 76
Criminal Cases,		7 03
Public Health,		27 60
Printing and Stationery,		199 88
Insurance,		85 50
Supplies for Sealer of Weights and Measures,		39 75

Total payments, \$13565 71

Total Selectmen's orders, 13565 71

(See Treasurer's report.)



## Treasurer's Report

1908	WILLIAM M. HILL, TREASURER	DR.
Feb. 1, Cash in Treasury,		\$ 680 30
Borrowed for current expenses,		7000 00
Received, Rent of Town Hall,		40 00
“ City of Boston, tuition,		40 50
“ Inspector of Animals,		37 50
“ Old Colony Trust Co., interest on money on deposit,		30 96
“ Interest, Jose Parker Co.,		10 22
“ Corporation tax,		103 98
“ National Bank tax,		254 98
“ State aid,		216 00
“ Part salary Supt. of Schools,		416 66
“ High School tuition,		544 25
“ Norfolk County, balance of dog licenses,		187 39
“ Income Mass. School Fund,		1258 41
“ State Industrial School,		9 00
“ N. H. Fales, use of Scraper,		7 87
“ Butcher's License,		1 00
“ City of Malden, aid to Wm. Penney and wife,		76 23
Collector, from Taxes of 1902,		12 69
Collector, from Abatement of 1902,		53 62
Collector, from Taxes of 1903,		24 76
Collector, from Interest,		1 99
Collector, from Abatements of 1903,		41 61
Collector, from Taxes 1904,		41 60
Collector, from Interest,		4 56
Collector, from Abatements,		116 19
Collector, from Taxes 1905,		110 87



## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Collector, from Interest,	11 50
Collector, from Abatements,	38 67
Collector, from Taxes 1906,	335 45
Collector, from Interest,	32 10
Collector, from Abatements,	28 89
Collector, from Taxes 1907,	1480 50
Collector, from Interest,	51 57
Collector, from Abatements,	40 07
Collector, from Taxes 1908	11284 11
Collector, from Interest,	24 38
Collector, from Abatements,	92 35
Collector, from Discount,	14 76
Total Receipts,	\$24757 49
1909 WILLIAM M. HILL, TREASURER CR.	
Jan. 31, Paid Selectmen's Orders,	\$13565 71
Abatements of Taxes,	411 40
Discount of Taxes,	14 76
Notes, floating debt,	8500 00
State Tax,	1155 00
Highway Tax	72 70
County Tax,	519 30
Penalties,	13 00
Total Payments,	\$24251 87
Cash in Treasury,	505 62
Total,	\$24757 49

WILLIAM M. HILL,  
Treasurer Town of Norfolk.

January 31, 1909.

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of Wm. M. Hill, Treasurer of the Town of Norfolk, and find them correctly kept and that there is now in the treasury five hundred and five dollars and sixty-two cents (\$505.62).

JAMES F. MOONEY,  
W. E. CAMPBELL,  
JESSE MANN, JR.,  
Auditors Town of Norfolk,



### Financial Condition of Town Jan. 31, 1909

Due from Collector of Taxes, taxes,	\$2,269 96	
Due from Collector of Taxes, interest,	118 39	
Due Commonwealth, tuition,	142 50	
Due Commonwealth, inspection of animals,	37 50	
Due Commonwealth, State Aid,	216 00	
Due City of Malden,	90 38	
Due Trustees Josiah Ware Fund,	352 62	
Cash in Treasury,	505 62	
		\$3,732 97
Town owes notes, floating debt,	\$2500 00	
		2500 00
Balance in favor of Town,		\$1232 97
WILLIAM M. HILL,		
Treasurer		

### Estimates for 1909

Schools,	\$4300 00
General Expenses,	2000 00
Roads and Bridges,	1600 00
Street Lighting,	1290 00
Poor,	500 00
Interest,	400 00
Removing Snow,	200 00
Public Library,	175 00
Fire Department,	100 00
Bonds,	78 00
Memorial Services,	50 00
Gypsy Moth,	350 00



### Appropriations, Resources and Expenditures for the Year Ending Jan. 31, 1909.

	Appropriations and Resources	Payments	Unexpended	Deficit
<b>Schools:</b> Appropriation	\$4208 33			
School Physician	10 00			
Balance from 1908	4 74			
City of Boston Tuition	40 50			
High School Tuition	544 25			
Superintendent	416 66			
Mass. School Fund	1258 41			
State Industrial Schools	9 00			
Balance from Dog Licenses	187 39			
Total Resources for Schools	6679 28			
Payments		5944 70		
Unexpended			734 58	
	1600 00			
<b>Roads &amp; Bridges:</b> Appropriations	7 87			
Received for use of Scraper				
Total Resources for Roads & Bridges	1607 87			
Payments		1556 23		
Unexpended			51 64	
<b>Poor:</b> Appropriation	500 00			
City of Malden	76 23			
Total Resources for Poor	576 23			
Payments		444 16	132 07	
Unexpended				
<b>Snow:</b> Appropriation	200 00			
Payments		72 55	127 45	
Unexpended				
<b>Street Lighting:</b> Appropriation	1290 00			
Payments		1172 11		
Unexpended			117 89	
<b>Public Library:</b> Appropriation	125 00			
Payments		125 03		
Exceeded			0 03	
<b>Memorial Day:</b> Appropriation	50 00			
Payments		50 00		
<b>Bonds for Offices:</b> Appropriation	54 00			
Payments		54 00		
<b>Interest:</b> Appropriation	400 00			
Payments		387 49		
Unexpended			12 51	



## Appropriations, Resources and Expenditures

*Continued.*

	Appropriations and Resources	Payments	Unexpended	Deficit
<b>General Expense: Appropriation</b>	2000 00			
Rent of Halls	40 00			
Inspection of Animals	37 50			
Interest Jose Parker Co.	10 22			
Interest on Money on Deposit,	30 96			
Old Colony Trust Co.	1 00			
Butcher's License				
Corporation Tax	103 98			
Nat. Bank Tax	254 98			
State Aid	216 00			
 Total Resources for General Expense	 2694 64			
Payments		3121 82		
Paid State Aid		216 00		
 Total Payments for General Expense		 3337 82		
Exceeded				643 18
 <b>Fowler Hill: Appropriation</b>	 75 00			
Payments		69 00		
Unexpended			6 00	
 <b>Town House Foundation: Ap- propriation</b>	 300 00	 352 62		
Payments				
Exceeded				52 62
 <b>State Tax:</b>	 1155 00			
Payments		1155 00		
Penalties		13 00		
 <b>Highway Tax:</b>	 72 70			
Payments		72 70		
 <b>County Tax:</b>	 519 30			
Payments		519 30		
 <b>Abatements</b>	 411 40			
Payments		411 40		
 <b>Discount</b>	 14 76			
Payments		14 76		
	16225 18	15751 87	1182 14	695 83



## Assessor's Report

The Assessors of the Town of Norfolk herewith submit a report of the polls, property, taxes, etc., as assessed May 1, 1908.

Number of polls assessed,	310	
Residents assessed on property, individuals,	193	
<sup>d</sup> All others,	12	
		205
Non-residents assessed on property, individuals,	262	
<sup>d</sup> All others,	23	
		285
Persons assessed poll tax only,		169
Total persons assessed,		659

Value of assessed personal estate,	\$239,676 00
Value of assessed real estate, buildings,	382,330 00
Value of assessed real estate, land,	184,825 00
Total assessed valuation,	\$806,831 00

Number of dwelling houses assessed,	224
Number of acres of land assessed,	8729
Number of houses assessed,	166
Number of cows assessed,	316
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed,	62
Number of swine assessed,	42
Number of fowl assessed,	7664

<sup>d</sup> Firms, corporations, etc.



TAXES	
State tax,	\$1155 00
State highway tax,	72 70
County tax,	519 30
Town grant,	10812 33
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Amount to raise by taxation,	\$12559 33
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Rate of Taxation, \$15.00 per \$1000,	
Tax on Personal Estate,	\$3595 14
Tax on Real Estate,	8507 33
Tax on Polls,	620 00
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	\$12722 47
Overlay,	181 58

In pursuance of instructions from the Commissioners of Taxes, the Assessors have gone over the books of the Tax Collector with him and have abated all uncollectable poll taxes, and taxes assessed in error from the year 1902 to date.

NATHAN H. FALES,  
CHAS. W. WILSON,  
ALFRED P. HALL.

Assessors.



## Tax Collector's Report.

1902.	Balance due Feb. 1, 1908,	\$66 31	
	Paid Treasurer, taxes,		\$12 69
	Paid Abatements,		53 62
1903.	Balance due Feb. 1, 1908,	66 37	
	Interest Collected,	1 99	
	Paid Treasurer, taxes,		24 76
	Paid Treasurer, interest,		1 99
	Abatements,		41 61
1904.	Balance due Feb. 1, 1908,	157 79	
	Interest collected,	4 56	
	Paid Treasurer, taxes,		41 60
	Paid Treasurer, interest,		4 56
	Abatements,		116 19
1905.	Balance due Feb. 1, 1908,	399 52	
	Interest collected,	11 50	
	Paid Treasurer, taxes,		110 87
	Paid Treasurer, interest,		11 50
	Abatements,		38 67
	Due Jan. 31, 1909,		249 98
1906.	Balance due Feb. 1, 1908,	454 02	
	Interest collected,	32 10	
	Paid Treasurer taxes,		335 45
	Paid Treasurer, interest,		32 10
	Abatements,		28 89
	Due Jan. 31, 1909,		89 68
1907.	Balance due Feb. 1, 1908,	2035 39	
	Interest collected,	51 57	
	Paid Treasurer, taxes,		1480 50
	Paid Treasurer, interest,		51 57
	Abatements,		40 07
	Due Jan 31, 1909,		514 82



1908. Poll and Property Tax, assessed,	12740 91	
Omitted Assessment,	65 79	
Interest collected,	24 38	
Paid Treasurer, taxes,		11284 11
Discount,		14 76
Interest,		24 38
Abatements,		92 35
Due Feb. 1, 1909,		1415 48
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	\$16,112 20	\$16,112 20
Total Tax Collected,	13716 14	
Total Interest,	126 04	
Total Tax Due,	2269 96	
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	\$16112 20	

The population of our town changes rapidly and often the person who was taxed in May has left the town, state and often the country before the first of November. The Collector believes that a special warrant should be issued by the Assessors to the Collector for the immediate collection of all taxes, which in their opinion the credit of the person taxed is doubtful or that he is about to leave the Commonwealth. In the service of such warrant the collector shall proceed to collect, without demand or notice by distress of his property or by imprisonment.

Poll Taxes are due the town when tax bills are issued and should be promptly paid at that time. While the Collector is required to send to each tax payer a notice of the amount of his tax, a failure to receive such notice or an omission to send such notice does not affect either the validity of a tax or the proceedings for collection of the same.

A prompt payment of all taxes now due the town will make a saving in costs to those who now owe taxes to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. FALES,

Collector.



## Trustees' Report Josiah Ware Fund

Amount of Principal in Savings Bank, \$2000 00		
No interest drawn during current year,		
Cash on hand, balance from 1908,	6 94	
Paid Henry Rockwood for repairs,	4 32	4 32
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Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1909,	\$2 62	2 62
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Total,		\$6 94

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD W. MANN,  
CORNELIUS J. MURPHY,  
WILLIAM M. HILL,  
Trustees



## Report of Road Commissioners

Scraping and gathering stones,	\$344 39	
Gravel,	30 45	
Culverts and gutters,	96 65	
Sharpening tools,	3 25	
Guide boards,	8 00	
Bushes,	24 25	
Fencing,	32 16	
Bridges,	105 07	
North Street,	104 33	
Main Street.	103 12	
Railroad Street,	35 50	
Avery Street,	171 00	
Seekonk Street,	33 20	
Campbell Street,	11 85	
Honey Pot,	36 50	
Pond Street,	9 12	
Hill Street,	8 68	
Everett Street,	4 88	
Fruit Street,	64 50	
Valley Street,	6 45	
No. Main Street,	127 17	
River End Street,	57 75	
Union Street,	44 50	
Medway Street,	7 62	
Park Street,	67 50	
McNally Street,	9 14	
Repairs on Scraper,	9 20	
		\$1556 23
Snow account,	72 55	

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. BUCKLEY,

ELMER E. WARE,

FRANK E. DAY,

Road Commissioners.



## Report of Fire Engineers

The Engineers of the Fire Department herewith submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 1st.

There has been twelve fires in town during the past year, four of forest and eight in buildings, of these, three of the fires in residences were extinguished by the auxiliary of the department with practically no loss.

The valuation of the other buildings with contents was \$9350 and the loss on the same was placed at \$6050, with insurance of \$2450.

The fire company has responded to eight alarms in the past year, four forest fires and four buildings.

Five extinguishers have been added to our supply the past year and three of them placed with responsible residents and the other two were placed on the truck.

At the present time extinguishers may be found at the following residences : A. R. Jones, Thomas Jones, Frank Day, M. Devany, C. Wilson, G. W. Prouty, E. Sumner, H. Ledbury, N. H. Fales, H. D. Pond, Harry Sharpe, E. Pelletier, W. M. Comey, E. W. Rockwood, Albert Callahan, Albert Mann, W. W. Gove, C. O. Greene, G. Hamlin, G. F. Campbell, J. Borg and N. H. Rockwood.

These extinguishers are always ready for use and are accessible to any resident of this town and should be returned immediately after using.

D. H. MURPHY, Chief Engineer,  
S. C. WATSON, 1st Asst. Engineer,  
C. O. GREENE, 2nd Asst. Engineer.



## Tree Warden's Report

William M. Comey and C. A. Murphy were appointed assistant tree wardens, Mr. Comey looking after the trees at City Mills, Mr. Murphy assisting spraying and trimming trees and attended to some of the trees for caterpillars. There was burlap put round some of the trees for the caterpillars to hide beneath, the bands being examined every day or two and the caterpillars destroyed. Some of the trees had sticky Tanglefoot put around their trunks and many of them have been sprayed with arsenate of lead, which I think should be done again this spring. Under the present laws of the State, the law requires thorough trimming of trees to prevent the spread of the Gypsy and Brown Tail moths, which has occasioned more trimming this year than formerly. I think the State recommends that the town appropriate three hundred and twenty-two dollars and seventy-five cents to care for the moths and any amount in excess of this to be paid by the State.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW R. JONES,

Tree Warden.



## Report of Norfolk Public Library

The library will be open for the delivery of books on Wednesday, from 3.15 to 4.15 P. M.; also on Friday, from 6.00 to 8.00 P. M.

Number of times the library was opened,	84
Number of persons who have taken out books,	153
Number of books circulated,	2,380
Number of magazines taken out for home use,	401
Number of books added to the library,	53

### MAGAZINES FOR 1909

Century	World's Work
Cosmopolitan	Delineator
The American	Country Life in America

### NEW CATALOGUE

It has now been sixteen years since the library has had a complete catalogue. At present there is a card catalogue which gives the author, title, and subjects of the books; but this does not accommodate the many who are unable to come to the library. The trustees will ask for an appropriation for the making and printing of a new catalogue.

## Supplement of Norfolk Public Library

### BIOGRAPHY

TITLE	AUTHOR	NO.
Brooks, Phillips,	Allen, A. V.	8.15

### FICTION

Ancient Law,	Glasgow, E.	2.67
At the Foot of the Rainbow,	Porter, G.S.	3.69
Black Bag,	Vance, L. J.	3.68
Chaperon,	Williamson, C. N. & A. M.	3.64



Clementina's Highwayman,	Stephan, R.N. and Westerly, G. H.	2.69
Courage of Blackburn Blair,	Kinthead, E. T.	2.64
Epsom Mystery,	Hill, H.	2.66
Father and Son,		24.35
Gray Lady and the Birds,	Wright, M. O.	10.29
Helena's Path,	Hope, A.	2.63
Hemlock Ave. Mystery,	Doubleday, R.	44.15
Husbands of Edith,	McCutcheon, G.R.	2.65
Jack Hardy,	Strang, H.	2.68
King Spurge,	Day, H.	1.70
Lonely House,		3.61
Mr. Crewe's Career,	Churchill, W.	1.67
Midnight Guest,	White, F. M.	3.67
Mormon Menace		6.59M
Primadonna,	Crawford, F. M.	1.68
Rose Macleod,	Brown, A.	1.65
Sheaves,	Benson, E. F.	1.66
Seeing England with Uncle John,	Warner, A.	3.63
Silver Blade,	Walk, C. E.	3.62
Somehow Good,	DeMorgan, W.	1.69
Spinster Farm,	Winslow, H. M.	3.65

## HISTORY

## JAPANESE--RUSSIAN WAR

Human Bullets,	Sakarai, T.	8.14
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## LITERATURE

## ESSAYS

Dreamthrop,	Smith, A.	19.20
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## POETRY

The following three books were presented to the  
Library by the author:

Aztec God,	Raymond, G. L.	8.16
Ballads,	Raymond, G. L.	8.17
Life in Song,	Raymond, G. L.	8.18

## SCIENCE

## ELECTRICITY

Harper's Electricity Book for Boys,	Adams, J. H.	9.36
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## TRAVEL

Through the Gates of the Netherlands,	Waller, M.	22.31
Red Reign,	Durland, K.	8.13

## USEFUL ARTS

## MEDICINE

Century of Health,		10.28H
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## RAILWAYS

Boys' Book of Locomotives,	Howden, J. R.	27.4
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## GAMES AND SPORTS

Harper's Outdoor Book for Boys,	Adams, J. H.	27.1
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## JUVENILE

Adventures of Merrywink,	Whyte, C. J.	34.1
Betty Wales, Freshman,	Warde, M.	30.75
Betty Wales, Sophomore,	Warde, M.	30.77
Betty Wales, Junior,	Warde, M.	30.76
Betty Wales, Senior,	Warde, M.	30.78
Camp-fire of Mad Anthony,	Tomlinson, E. T.	32.52
Doctor's Little Girl,	Taggat, M. A.	32.51
Five Little Peppers in the Little Brown House,	Sidney, M.	32.50
Following the Ball,	Dudley, A. T.	30.74
Four Afloat,	Barbour, R. H.	29.53
In the Line,	Dudley, A. T.	30.72
Making the Nine,	Dudley, A. T.	30.73
Randy's Prince,	Brooks, A.	30.70

Children's Magazine for 1909, St. Nicholas.

WALTER L. SYKES,

Librarian.



## VITAL STATISTICS.

### Births Registered in Norfolk During 1908.

DATE OF BIRTH		NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
Feb.	23	Dorothy Lillian Lidbury	Arthur F. and Flora H.
Apr.	22	George Christian Elmes	Leonard G. and Anna K.
May	22	Albert Raymond Palladeno	Paul and Rosie P.
July	9	Gaetano Vozzella	Raffaele and Gretana A.
Sept.	5	Frank Carpinito	James and ———Vozzella
Sept.	15	William Salmon Gallagher	William M. and Eva S.
Oct.	9	John A. Catalano	Fortunato & Pasqualina G.
Oct.	22	Catherine Frances Osgood	Ralph J. and Elizabeth K.
Oct.	23	John Luigi Vozzella	Francesco A. and Maria G.
Nov.	13	Theodore Rockwood Crawford	Ronald C. and Elsie E.
Dec.	20	Gugliemo Di Tore	Sabino and Gioranina C.

### Extracts from Revised Laws, Chapter 29.

SECTION 3. Physicians and midwives shall on and before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the preceding months.

SECTION 6. Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

Blanks may be obtained on application to the Town Clerk.



### Marriages Registered in Norfolk During 1908.

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	MARRIED BY
Jan. 1	Ralph J. Osgood Elizabeth R. Kilpatrick	Norfolk Norfolk	Rev. M. R. Foshay
Apr. 22	Ernest W. Martin Elizabeth M. McNally	Norfolk Norfolk	Rev. D. P. Scannell
Aug. 31	Chester E. Rockwood Maude E. Janes	Norfolk Mansfield	Rev. J. M. Wyman
Sept. 9	Alfred A. Jordan Cegred W. Anderson	Franklin Norfolk	Rev. Guy W. Miner
Oct. 20	Fred C. Thayer Ellen T. Coakley	Norfolk Norfolk	Rev. D. P. Scannell
Nov. 11	Charles G. Stewart Katherine M. Ray	Boston Norfolk	Rev. W. J. Lowstuter

### Deaths Registered in Norfolk During 1908.

DATE	NAME OF PERSON	Years	Months	Days	CAUSE OF DEATH
Mar. 20	Erastus Dupee	90	11	16	Softening of the Brain
Apr. 20	—	—	—	—	Stillborn
May 3	Louisa Endress	76	1	—	Nephritis
May 19	Ermelinto Vozzella	—	4	25	Whooping Cough
July 1	Sabatino Gianpietro	27	—	—	Accidental Drowning
Oct. 23	Joseph F. Gove	72	7	13	Apoplexy
Oct. 25	John L. Keogh	66	4	—	Angina Pectoris
Nov. 16	Francis P. Kenney	74	8	—	Old Age
Dec. 11	Francis Campe	—	3	—	Pneumonia
Dec. 20	Gugliemo Di Tore	—	—	2	Inanition
Dec. 21	George W. Miller	67	—	—	Mitral Regurgitation
Dec. 23	Emily H. Greene	63	3	17	Paralysis



## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, March 1st, A. D., 1909.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }  
NORFOLK SS. }

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Norfolk, in said  
County,* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norfolk, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, on Monday, the first day of March, A. D., 1909, at 6.30 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz :

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot the following town officers, viz.: One Moderator for one year; three Selectmen, who shall act as Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health for one year; one Town Clerk; one Town Treasurer; one Collector of Taxes; each for one year; one Assessor of Taxes, one School Committee, one Trustee of the Public Library, one Commissioner of Highways, one Trustee of the Josiah Ware Fund, each for three years; four Constables, four Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark, one Sealer of Weights and Measures, three Fence Viewers, three Field Drivers, three Auditors and one Tree Warden, each for one year, to be voted for upon one ballot; also upon the same ballot to vote upon the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" And upon a separate ballot to vote upon the question, "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eight, entitled 'An act to provide for the protection of forest ro sprout lands from fire' be accepted by this Town?" "

ARTICLE 2. To hear a report of the Town Officers and act thereon.



ARTICLE 3. To grant and appropriate money for all necessary Town expenses, as follows, viz.:

1. Schools.
2. Roads and Bridges.
3. Support of Poor.
4. Public Library.
5. Memorial Day.
6. Electric Lighting of Streets.
7. Bonds for Town Officers.
8. Interest.
9. Removal of Snow.
10. General Expense.

ARTICLE 4. To see what action the town will take in relation to uncollected taxes now in the hands of the Collector, and also to see what action the Town will take as to the collection of taxes the present year.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all the means and processes of collecting taxes committed to him to collect that a Town Treasurer may use when acting as Collector of Taxes.

ARTICLE 6. To see what action the Town will take with reference to the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to borrow during the municipal year beginning February 1st, 1909 in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

ARTICLE 8. To hear the report of the Road Commissioners on the condition of the guide-boards.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will require all Constables to enforce the laws relating to hunting and fishing in this Town on Sunday.



ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to pay a salary to the Sealer of Weights and Measures in accordance with the advice of the Commissioners of Weights and Measures, and, if so, to determine the amount of the same.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10.00 to employ a School Physician, in accordance with Statutes, Chap. 502, Acts of 1906.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will make needed repairs in the foundation of the Tramp House, so called, and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to continue the work of exterminating the Gypsy Moth.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$100.00 for the purchase of a piano for the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to place one additional light on Campbell Street, and appropriate money for the same.

ARTICLE 16. To see what action the Town will take in regard to abandoning the street leading from Maple Street to the residence of Mr. Walter Statton.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will choose any committee, or hear or act on the report of any committee or town officer, or to instruct any committee or town officer.

The polls shall be opened at 6.40 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 1.30 o'clock. P. M.

Hereof fail not, but make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the town this sixteenth day of February, A. D., one thousand nine hundred and nine.

ANDREW R. JONES,  
C. ALBERT MURPHY,  
S. GARDNER HIGGINS,

Selectmen of the Town of Norfolk.



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
AND THE  
**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF NORFOLK**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 30,

1909



**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

EDWARD W. MANN, Chairman,	Term Expires 1910
JOHN E. FALES, Secretary,	Term Expires 1909
CHARLES O. GREENE,	Term Expires 1911

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

M. J. WEST

**TRUANT OFFICERS**

WILLIAM M. HILL	CHARLES O. GREENE
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**CENTER SCHOOL**

Grades	Teachers	Salary
IX-XI	George W. Wriston, A. B., Wesleyan University,	\$600
VI-VIII	Mrs. Gertrude A. Curtis, Franklin High School,	468
III-V	Hattie B. Reed, Farmington Normal School,	400
I-II	Florence A. Baker, Bridgewater Normal School,	400

**CITY MILLS SCHOOL**

III-VII	Maude H. Phelps, Gorham Normal School,	360
I-II	Anna S. Ekman, Woburn Training School,	360

**SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING**

Frances L. Swett, Boston Normal Art School,	100
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**RESIGNATIONS**

J. C. Peterson,	Carrie E. Wayland
Mabel K. Murch	



## School Committee's Report

Your committee herewith desire to submit their annual report, including the Superintendent's, whose report deals in detail with the different departments.

Quite a few changes have been made necessary with our teaching force the past year by resignations. We believe that we now have a strong corps of teachers, who are trying and succeeding in keeping our schools in first class condition, both in regard to discipline and study work.

We wish to thank you parents and guardians for your cordial support to the teachers in helping them to maintain the good discipline and attendance of the pupils.

Transportation of the scholars has continued as usual, but with an increasing number of new pupils coming to the schools. It would seem that at no very distant day larger barges and two horses to the barge, will be required, where one has been sufficient in the past.

Our janitors are faithfully performing their part of the school work. The school at City Mills the past year was divided into two rooms, with a teacher for each room, much to the advantage of the pupils. Some new furniture was needed to complete the change.

There are still too many grades in one room, as there are not pupils enough to warrant any change.

The building at City Mills should have the stove in the newly prepared room, placed under the floor, and made into a furnace in the same manner as the one in the other room.

The Center building should be painted one coat upon the outside, and perhaps the usual renovation of one or two rooms with paint and paper.

In April 1908 your committee voted to unite in a superintendency school district, containing the towns of West-



wood, Millis, Medfield and Norfolk for a term of three years commencing Sept. 1, 1908. Mr. M. J. West who has so faithfully served the old district was elected the Superintendent for one year (This office requiring an annual election) with an increase of his salary one hundred dollars per year, but with Medfield's addition to the district the additional expense to each town will be light.

To maintain our schools at the present high standard with the generous help from the State, we shall need an appropriation of about forty-three hundred dollars.



## Superintendent's Report

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF NORFOLK:—

In accordance with custom and your request, I submit hereby my seventh annual report as superintendent of the public schools of Norfolk.

The increasing number of pupils in our schools has come so gradually that those who are not working in the midst can hardly be expected to realize the accumulative force of change which must, ere long, protrude itself upon the citizens.

The fourth room in the Center building provided space for expansion for a time and gave us a chance to relieve the primary room of one of the former three grades, but this year the primary room has been seriously overcrowded with only two grades.

At City Mills it has become necessary to place furniture in the spare room and have two teachers in that building. This arrangement will take care of the matter for a time, but there has been an addition of forty-nine to the school census since September 1902, twenty-six of them were added by the last census, September 1908. Another such increase will serve to affect the condition seriously, because our high school room, as well as the primary room, is of very limited capacity.

I mention these matters because it is well to be forewarned.

If no additional room is provided, it may be necessary before long to send all high school pupils out of town for their high school education. Even now the room occupied by the public library is much needed to relieve the congested condition of the very limited amount of corridors and places for clothing. While the library is conveniently lo-



cated to be of use to the schools, it is noticeable that it is outgrowing its quarters, and also that the room is needed for the schools.

After serving us two years as principal of the high school, Mr. J. C. Peterson declined a re-election and left teaching to assume the study of law in Boston University. This left us again with the problem of selecting a high school teacher of requisite ability and willing to accept our small salary, without prospect of much advance. The fact that our school is small and covers a course of only two years also works against securing a man who desires to advance rapidly in the profession.

In spite of these obstacles we have, in the past, succeeded in procuring men who have added strength and dignity to the schools. Mr. George W. Wriston came to us without previous experience, but is adapting himself readily to the work which gives promise of a successful year. The resignation of Miss Carrie E. Wayland gave the opportunity to place two teachers in the City Mills school. Miss Anna S. Ekman has grades one and two and Miss Maude H. Phelps has grades three to seven inclusive.

Both of these teachers are trained for the work and have had previous experience, and the schools are progressing favorably.

In general, Norfolk has been particularly fortunate in the selection of teachers and the present ones are doing their work faithfully. We ought to consider their services by paying salaries that would hold the best with us.

Miss Frances L. Swett is with us again this year as teacher of drawing and I refer you to her report for a detailed account.

The exhibition of school work last spring which was viewed by many of the citizens showed good results from all grades, and a most decided improvement in the drawings.

Since we had no class to be graduated from the high school the gathering of the people at the close of the school year, seemed likely to be omitted, but it was thought wise



not to allow the year to pass without some public recognition of our schools, therefore, at the time of the exhibition of work Principal Wilbur J. Rockwood of Everett High school was invited to address the schools and citizens on the subject of industrial education.

This subject is becoming of so much importance that its consideration is urged by those high in government positions, as well as by business men and thoughtful educators. It thus becomes our duty to keep informed upon the subject and to introduce, as soon as practicable, such work along industrial lines as our small system will admit. Of course our system is so small that we cannot hope to carry forward very many lines or work, on account of the expense per pupil which it would involve, but we can correlate much work, both of head and hand, that is admitted to be of a practical kind. Our drawing, as it is conducted, is a step in the right direction. In the lower grades we have paper folding and cutting and some weaving. In our arithmetic work there is much measuring and estimating of actual objects. The book study of physiology, hygiene and botany can be supplemented by practical illustrations which serve to articulate these subjects with the home life of the pupils and becomes of the utmost value in producing good citizens. I could go on with other subjects that we are treating in a similar way, but these few will suffice to show that we are not confining our school work to the study of books alone.

The very gratifying increase in the percentage of attendance over preceding years signifies no serious amount of sickness during the year, and also tells of successful work of the teachers in gaining interest on the part of pupils and parents.

Of course the element of weather is a factor that effects the attendance of children who live at a considerable distance, but I feel sure that weather is too often taken as an excuse rather than as a true reason. We have, however, comparatively few absences for which trivial reasons are given. Slovenly habits in relation to punctuality and regu-



larity are serious defects in the character of any individual, therefore, no teacher should be tolerated who embodies in herself such habits or allows them in her pupils. In training along such lines, parents can be of great assistance to teachers and both should work in harmony toward the end sought.

The graduates of our high school continue to do good work while completing the full course in other schools. Marion S. Higgins and Henry G. Holbrook were graduated in June, from the Walpole high school, and Alice G. McNally from Franklin high school. Benjamin S. Mann, David E. Mann and Howard F. Mann are in the senior class of Boston English High school. Mildred Anderson and Lillian Callahan and Walter Rockwood are in the senior class of Walpole high school and Grover C. Loud is also a Norfolk pupil in Walpole high school.

While the law requires that any of our pupils who wish to attend high school in an adjoining town must first obtain the consent of the school committee, in order to have their tuition paid by the State, it is the duty of our committee to guard against any abuse which would debar a worthy pupil from deriving the benefits of such privilege. On the other hand, pupils who are not fitted to do the work creditably, or those who fail to improve their advantages should not be granted this benefit. In connection I wish to quote the following from the report of agent J. W. McDonald to the State Board of Education. "The State should be, and it is, generous with the girls and boys of the right spirit, who have a worthy purpose, and who make a good use of the opportunities furnished them; but it should waste no money on those who seem to regard the permission to attend the high school of a neighboring town as an opportunity for an enjoyable daily excursion, the pleasure of which they do not intend to mar by doing any study that they can avoid."

The people of the town are also taxed to pay the transportation of these pupils which adds to the force of the argument.



It follows that aside from the fact that a good standard cannot be maintained if we grant diplomas to those of a low grade of scholarship, the reasons given should convince fair minded people that pupils must maintain a high class of work in our own schools and continue to keep up their record while attending a high school in a neighboring town at the expense of the State and town.

The benefits of medical inspection of school children is rapidly becoming recognized, and we are bound to believe that children do not and cannot develop the best growth intellectually and morally unless they have sound bodies. The practical working of hygiene is the best way to teach it, and I strongly urge more systematic medical inspection, which, I am convinced, will increase the efficiency of our schools and promote the health of the public.

The school committee is not now restricted by being dependent upon the amount appropriated by the town for this special purpose, and a more liberal use of money for this purpose would certainly be profitable. The law is simple to provide for the exclusion of pupils whose physical conditions are dangerous to the comfort and health of others. Such cases should be brought to the attention of the school physician at once, and his advice and authority should be respected. Like other movements to advance the public good, the law requiring medical inspection is opposed the strongest by those who would receive the greatest amount of immediate benefit, if it were properly enforced.

Referring to high authority in this matter, I find that this work should include, "Medical inspection of school children at regular intervals, the oversight of the sanitation of the school buildings, and the prevention, as far as may be, of the spread of infectious and contagious diseases."

From the same authority, I take the following—

"Valuable to science though the finding of a more thorough and elaborate medical examination may be, it is the broad, simple necessities of a healthy life which must be kept in view.



It cannot be doubted that a large proportion of the common diseases and physical unfitness in this country can be substantially diminished by effective public health administration, combined with the teaching of hygiene, and a realization by teachers, parents and children of its vital importance. The spread of communicable diseases must be checked; children's heads and bodies must be kept clean; the commoner and more obvious physical defects, at least, must be relieved, remedied or prevented; schoolrooms must be maintained in cleanly condition, and they must be properly lighted, well ventilated, and not overcrowded; the training of the mental faculties must not be divorced from physical culture and personal hygiene. It is these primary requirements which must first receive attention."

The spirit of harmony which prevails among the teachers, together with the prevailing cordial relations of pupils and teachers, combined with a general industrious tendency gives promise of a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. WEST,

Superintendent of Schools.

TO MR. M. J. WEST, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

The exhibition of last spring showed the condition of the work in drawing for the past year. The drawings shown were much better than those exhibited the previous year. Notable progress has been made in directness and accuracy in drawing, and in handling the pencil and brush, the tools used in drawing.

For the benefits of both subjects, drawing, the language of construction and the constructive work should be grouped together and put under the same supervision. The small amount of work that is now being done in making objects does not relate from grade to grade, and is poor in design.

All hand work that is useful must be suited to its purpose, be good in design and have technical excellence.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES L. SWETT,

Supervisor of Drawing.



## Synopsis of Attendance from September 1907 to June 1908.

SCHOOLS	GRADES	TEACHERS	Total Membership	Enrolment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance	Visits by School Committee	Visits by Superintendent	Visits by others on regular days	Visits by others on special days	Calls on Parents by Teachers
Center " " " " " "	VIII-X	J. C. Peterson	27	25	22 14	20 80	93 95	4	45	11		21
	V-VII	Mrs. Gertrude A. Curtis	28	23	24 34	23 70	97 37	3	45	7		14
	II-IV	Hattie B. Reed	35	29	29 20	28 11	96 26	2	45	22		20
	I-II	Florence A. Baker	29	25	26 20	24 20	92 37	2	45	22		28
City Mills	I-III	{ Carrie E. Wayland Mabel K. Murch Anna S. Ekman }	54	45	42 97	40 24	93 65	17	39	18	20	32
		Totals	173	147	144.85	137.05	94.62	28	219	80	20	115
Synopsis of Attendance from September 1908 to Jan. 29, 1909.												
Center " " " " " " City Mills " "	IX-XI	Geo. W. Wriston	21	21	18 86	18 11	96 02	2	21	5	0	0
	VI-VIII	Mrs. Gertrude A. Curtis	27	25	24 86	24 26	97 58	2	20	3	0	7
	III-V	Hattie B. Reed	42	39	37 20	34 80	93 55	2	20	3	0	16
	I-II	Florence A. Baker	42	39	36 14	32 27	89 29	2	20	8	0	17
	III-VII	Maude H. Phelps	27	27	24 71	22 68	91 78	6	11	14	20	9
	I-II	Anna S. Ekman	27	27	25 35	22 62	89 23	10	11	10	20	7
		Totals	186	178	167 12154	74	92 59	24	103	43	40	56



## ROLL OF HONOR

### HIGH SCHOOL

Not absent for one year

Hazel Ormes

Not absent for two terms

Leslie O'Leary

Marshall Emerson

Irene Simmons

Not absent for one term

Ruth Earle

Thomas Earley

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Not absent for one year

Lida Adams

Raymond Holbrook

Marion Ormes

Willis Smalley

Not absent for two terms

Douglas Jones

Lillian McIlroy

Harry Sawyer

Ada Smalley

Lottie Smalley

Warren Thayer

Edith Tingley

Not absent for one term

Albert Buckley

Lena Burgess

Emma Dingman

Elmer Fish

Irene Harris

Lillian Siebeneicher

Chester Torrey

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Not absent for one year

Helen M. Dwyer

William Kunde

Angeline Tingley

Not absent for two terms

Sidney Carpenter

George Hassler

Wallace Hassler

Solven Potenza

Lillian Smith

Bertha Tingley

Not absent for one term

Ellenor Boel

Isabell Boel

Helen Carpenter

Catherine Ducey

Henry Ducey

Warren Earle

Estella Glenn

Evelyn Thayer

Joseph Zeland



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Not absent for two terms

Elizabeth Kunde

Not absent for one term

Everett Fales

Michael Potenza

Raymond Simmons

Ruth Watson

Ruth Jones

Carl Peterson

Gladys Turner

Henry Willis

CITY MILLS SCHOOL

Not absent for one year

Conrad Frederickson

Not absent for two terms

Eva Boudette

Carl Frederickson

Clifford Papineau

Joseph Boudette

Allan Holmes

Leon Simpson

James Supple

Not absent for one term

Ruth Anderson

Frank Buckley

Hazel Buckley

Edward Pierce

Annie Reubyck

Stephen Reubyck

Freddie Simpson

Mamie Bennett

Isabel Buckley

Vivian Papineau

Ludwig Larson

Julia Reubyck

Eben Simpson

Joe Vozello

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Number of children in town Sept. 1; 1908, between five and fifteen years of age, boys 90; girls 86, total 176.

Number of children in town Sept. 1, 1908, between seven and fourteen years of age, boys 55; girls 62, total 117.

Total membership for the year ending in June 1908, 173.

Percentage of attendance for the school year 1907-08, 94.62

Average age of the pupils who completed the grammar grades in June 1908, 15 years.



Average age of children who entered the primary school in September 1908, 5 years 9 months.

Total membership this year to Jan 29, 1909, 186.

Percentage of attendance to Jan. 29, 1909, 92.59.

Number attending over 15 years of age, 14.

#### PRESENT MEMBERSHIP BY GRADES

##### CENTER SCHOOL

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	
22	14	11	16	9	6	8	12	6	7	4	—Total, 115.

##### CITY MILLS SCHOOL

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	
13	12	6	4	6	6	1	—Total, 48
							163

#### EYE AND EAR TEST

Number of pupils tested	172
Number of pupils found defective in eyesight	20
Number of pupils found defective in hearing	5
Number of parents and guardians notified	22

### The School Receipts and Expenses for the Fiscal Year Ending Jan. 31, 1909.

#### RECEIPTS

Town appropriation,	\$4,208 33
State School Fund,	1,258 41
County Dog Tax,	187 39
Superintendent's Salary,	416 66
City of Boston, tuition,	40 50
State Industrial School, tuition,	9 00
State, High School tuition,	544 25
School Physician, appropriation,	10 00
Unexpended balance,	4 74
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	\$6,679 28



## EXPENDITURES

Teachers' salaries,	2,665 50
Fuel,	241 34
Janitors,	334 00
Transportation of Scholars,	1,078 00
Mileage,	46 25
R. R. tickets for High school scholars,	168 18
Books and supplies,	279 83
High school tuition,	321 00
Committees' services,	123 00
Superintendent's salary,	450 00
Truant officers,	4 00
General repairs,	202 35
Incidentals,	18 75
Rent of land,	12 50
Unexpended balance,	734 58
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	\$6,679 28

In accordance with the statutes, we have paid teachers' salaries from the money received from the State school fund to its entire amount, viz :—\$1,258.41.

The Committee estimate that the following amounts will be needed for the full support of the schools for the ensuing year, viz :

For Teachers' salaries,	\$2,960 00
Janitors,	350 00
Transportation,	1,525 00
Mileage,	50 00
Fuel,	295 00
Committees' services,	120 00
Superintendent's salary,	87 50
Books and school supplies,	280 00
Repairs of school buildings,	300 00
Land rent for playground,	25 00
R. R. fares for High school pupils,	165 00
School physician,	10 00
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	\$6,167 50
Estimated Town appropriation,	4,300 00

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD W. MANN,  
CHARLES O. GREENE,  
JOHN E. FALES,

School Committee.







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