



TOWN OF
WESTFORD

ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending December 31

1914



Also Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

To be held February 8, 1915



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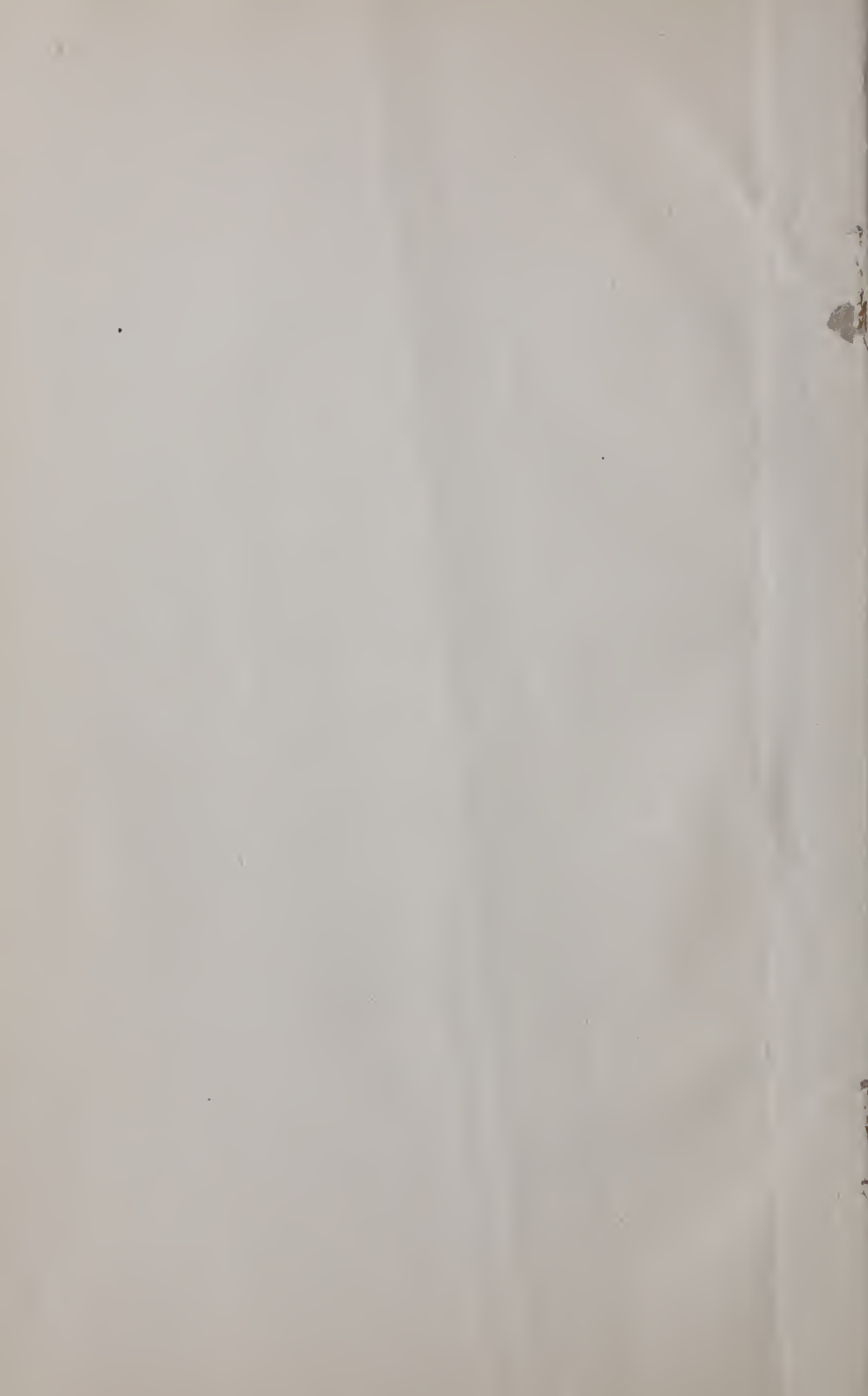
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1915



OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1914.

Town Clerk.

EDWARD FISHER Term expires February, 1915

Selectmen.

ANDREW JOHNSON Term expires February, 1915
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, Secretary " " " 1916
OSCAR R. SPALDING, Chairman " " " 1917

Assessors.

J. AUSTIN HEALY Term expires February, 1915
CHARLES D. COLBURN, Secretary " " " 1916
J. WILLARD FLETCHER, Chairman " " " 1917

Overseers of the Poor.

ARTHUR H. BURNHAM, Secretary . Term expires February, 1915
CHARLES L. HILDRETH, Chairman " " " 1916
ALBERT R. CHOATE " " " 1917

Treasurer.

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT.

Collector of Taxes.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

Auditor.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR.

Constables.

FRANK L. HALEY.

CHARLES T. BROOKS.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

WILLARD H. BEEBE,	WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
CHARLES A. BLODGETT,	JOSEPH E. KNIGHT,
CHARLES T. BROOKS,	MICHAEL L. MCGLINCHAY,
DAVID DESMOND,	OSCAR R. SPALDING,
HORACE E. GOULD,	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
P. HENRY HARRINGTON,	ALMON S. VOSE,
JOHN A. HEALY,	WALTER A. WHIDDEN.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ALBERT A. HILDRETH.

Inspector of Animals.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Inspector of Meat.

EMORY J. WHITNEY.

Police Officers.

EDMUND BAKER,	CHARLES H. PICKERING,
HARVEY W. BARNES,	HARRY SAXON,
JOHN E. CLEMENT,	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
JOHN FEENEY,	ELDON TURNER,
STEPHEN GARDELL,	LEONARD W. WHEELER,
JONATHAN T. LANNAN,	WILLEY E. WRIGHT.

Forest Warden.

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Deputies Appointed by the Warden.

HARVEY W. BARNES,	FRED L. MCCOY,
CHARLES A. BLODGETT,	EBENEZER PRESCOTT,
FRED R. BLODGETT,	ROBERT PRESCOTT,
GOLDSMITH CONANT,	JAMES O'BRIEN,
DAVID DESMOND,	JOHN O'BRIEN,
HORACE E. GOULD,	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
JAMES HERRINGTON,	WILLIAM L. WALL,
	WILLIAM E. WRIGHT.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

EDWARD M. ABBOTT, ,	ALBERT R. CHOATE.
ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,	FRANK L. FURBUSH,
JOHN EDWARDS,	EDWARD T. HANLEY.

Weighers of Coal.

CHARLES H. BICKNELL,	ALFRED W. HARTFORD,
FREDERICK DEFOE,	JOHN A. HEALY,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,	J. AUSTIN HEALY,
ETTA W. FLETCHER,	ELLA P. PYNE,
EDWARD T. HANLEY,	WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,
	FRANK WILLEY.

Superintendent of Streets.

ALEXANDER McDONALD.

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Agent of Board of Health.

ALBERT A. HILDRETH.

Registrars of Voters.

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR	.....	Term expires April 30, 1915
J. EVERETT WOODS	.....	“ “ “ “ 1916
*J. HERBERT FLETCHER	.....	“ “ “ “ 1917

EDWARD FISHER, Clerk ex officio.

*Resigned, Florence G. Sullivan appointed to fill vacancy.

Precinct Officers.

PRECINCT 1.—Warden, Walter J. Merritt; Deputy Warden, Leonard W. Wheeler; Clerk, John M. Fletcher; Deputy Clerk, Albert W. Heywood; Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson, William O. McDonald; Deputy Inspectors, Albert A. Hildreth, Alfred W. Tuttle.

PRECINCT 2.—Warden, Albert R. Wall; Deputy Warden, Timothy D. Riney; Clerk, Willard H. Beebe; Deputy Clerk, Alfred T. W. Prinn; Inspectors, Hammet D. Wright, Joseph Wall; Deputy Inspectors, Charles A. Blodgett, M. Edward Riney.

PRECINCT 3.—Warden, Michael L. McGlinchey; Deputy Warden, Peter J. McGlinchey; Clerk, William R. Taylor; Deputy Clerk, Charles S. Edwards; Inspectors, William Flynn, Houghton G. Osgood; Deputy Inspectors, Walter L. Whidden, James H. O'Brien.

PRECINCT 4.—Warden, Alvin S. Bennett; Deputy Warden, David Lord; Clerk, John Edwards; Deputy Clerk, Edward T. Hanley; Inspectors, Arthur H. Comey, George L. Sanborn; Deputy Inspectors, Edmund J. Hunt, John W. Spinner.

Superintendent of Town Farm.

HARVEY W. BARNES.

Janitor of Town House.

*JOHN FEENEY.

Janitor of Library Building.

CHARLES H. PICKERING.

Appraisers of Property at Town Farm.

FRED R. BLODGETT,

LEONARD W. WHEELER,

DAVID DESMOND.

*Resigned, Edwin A. Robey appointed to fill vacancy.

BIRTHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1914.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
April 22	Beaver, Mary	Arthur and Martha (Rowe)
April 20	Benoit, Joseph W.	James and Glovena (Ricard)
Aug. 26	Byron, Joseph O.	Oliver and Alexandria (Ricard)
Aug. 12	Cantin, Blanche Z.	Amide and Mary (Byron)
April 3	Capuano, Rosa	Nicolo and Leonarda (Di Carlo)
July 8	Carbone, Nicola	Pasquale and Marie (Bocci)
Dec. 17	Carpentier, Ruth A.	Joseph and Emma (Forrest)
May 24	Cote, Joseph H.	Henry and Rose (Provost)
Aug. 27	Cutter, Robert J.	Walter L. and Edith L. (Gray)
March 15	Daley, Vincent	John and Margaret (May)
April 18	Defoe, Evelyn C.	Fred and Elizabeth (Provost)
Oct. 3	Defor, Evelyn R.	Edward D. and Annie (McCarthy)
May 3	Depalma, Anna	Pasquale and Luigella (Stante)
Jan. 21	Deruceo, Mary M.	Donato and Donata (Deluca)
Sept. 11	Desrosiers, Mary A.	Peter and Mary Ann (Roi)
Jan. 2	Dudevoir, Vincent W.	Charles E. and Mary A. (Walsh)
Jan. 19	Dumont, Marie A. F.	Annis and Marie (Boucher)
Oct. 24	Dupras, Lillian M.	Fred and Lucy (Bell)
Aug. 24	Flannagan, Orlena A.	Charles H. and Della A. (Drake)
April 21	Forson, Anna	Antony and Annie (Prackneck)
July 12	Green, Edward A.	William E. and Rose E. (Murray)
Dec. 10	Healy, Alice C.	Thomas J. and Annie E. (Gower)
Jan. 8	Healy, Dorothy A.	John R. and Rose B. (Shugrue)
March 26	Healy, Mary E.	James B. and Catherine E. (Denahy)
April 15	Herrington, Lester L.	James W. and Amy A. M. (Perkins)
Jan. 4	Howard, George T.	George and Martha J. (Taylor)
Nov. 6	Kostechka, Stephen	Nicoli and Melena (Halcour)
July 18	Lawton, Gladys M.	Luther and Ruth (Mullen)
June 16	LeCroix, Marie J. F.	Albert and Josephine (St. Pierre)
Nov. 4	Lekovich, Peter	John and Odella (Minka)
Aug. 23	Little, Effie V.	Albert E. and Nellie V. (Orr)
July 31	McCarthy, Frank G.	Thomas M. and Valleria (Gagnon)
Sept. 1	McGlinchey, Regina E.	Michael and Hulda R. (Carlson)
May 29	McKniff, William	John and Anna (Hammet)
June 21	Naylor, Joseph W.	Fred and Helena A. (Kilmister)
May 20	Oliva, Guisepppe	Joseph and Rachel (Oliva)
June 23	Orange, William H.	William H. and Lucinda (Dupont)
Nov. 12	Palmer, Mark A.	Mark A. and Wilhelmine (Alforth)
July 24	Parevoliotis, Manuel	Thomas and Mary B. (Socorelis)
Dec. 12	Parker, Arlene E.	Clyde and Lena (Hodgman)
May 4	Pickup, Russell W.	Albert R. and Frances (Anderson)
June 1	Poznack, Sophia	George and Stepha (Senitz)
Sept. 11	Poznik, Frink	George and Katie (Sadeh)
May 11	Progin	Frank A. and Annie M. (Graves)
June 3	Ricard, Marie A.	Donat and Josephine (Brule)
Sept. 24	Reeves, George E.	Albert and Helen (Gagnon)
June 28	Roscoff, Peter	Zacha and Sophia (Bilda)
Sept. 2	Scelalaka, Eugenia	Mike and Marcella (Strehor)
Oct. 26	Sonoski, Aileen	Joseph and Annie (Tarkus)
March 28	Vaianno, Vincenzo	Leopold and Eloise (Videon)
July 15	Weaver, Margaret C.	George H. and Jessie C. (Wilson)
Dec. 15	Wells, Richard O.	Orion V. and Alice (Morrill)
April 5	Whitney, Ralph S.	Edmund and Grace L. (Smith)
Oct. 29	Wilson, Raymond S.	T. Arthur E. and Augusta E. (Blaisdell)
Aug. 21	Yalko, Ndaja	Wasil and Maraka (Veschiuka)

Number recorded: Males, 31; females, 30; total, 61.

MARRIAGES.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1914.

DATE	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
Oct. 24	Abrahamson, Manfred	25	Westford	Sweden
	Swanson, Carolina	24	"	"
Sept. 9	Bartlett, William J.	25	"	Manchester, N. H.
	Haynes, Alice J.	18	"	Lawrence
Oct. 3	Beskaló, Wasily	24	"	Russia
	Pozniak, Feodora	19	"	"
April 22	Blaisdell, Harry L.	23	"	Westford
	Johnson, Beatrice L.	23	Dedham	Cambridge
Oct. 19	Cantara, Joseph F.	20	Westford	Canada
	Milot, Eva	22	"	"
Aug. 4	Collins, Frank	28	"	Lawrence
	Prescott, Alice L.	27	"	Westford
Oct. 3	Daranchok, Wasily	28	"	Russia
	Seehovich, Evdoea	22	"	"
Aug. 26	Dupras, Victor	43	"	Canada
	Gagnon, Ann	35	"	Nashua, N. H.
June 30	Fawson, George C.	29	Waltham	Waltham
	Blaisdell, Bertha V.	25	"	Westford
Feb. 20	Healy, Thomas J.	22	Westford	Chicago, Ill.
	Gower, Lizzie A.	20	"	Westford
April 18	Hersey, Elmer P.	29	Dorchester	Jamaica Plain
	Mattson, Engla R. M.	25	Westford	Stockholm, Sweden
Aug. 1	Jassmin, Joseph J.	24	"	Canada
	Whitehouse, Marion	18	"	Charlestown
Oct. 17	Jatkowski, Peter	32	Hardwick	Russia
	Sivicka, Emilia	25	Westford	"
Feb. 14	Kasinec, Stanislaw	26	Maynard	Poland
	Masdevicz, Allsa	25	Westford	"
July 22	Kelly, William J.	23	"	Oldham, Eng.
	Smith, Sarah A.	27	"	Keighley, Eng.
Feb. 10	Kelly, James	28	"	England
	Smith, Margaret	24	"	"
Dec. 31	Kimball, James L.	52	Winthrop	Westford
	Warren, Elizabeth	54	Westford	Lowell
Nov. 7	Kisliy, Yeia	25	"	Russia
	Salaliko, Aleksandra	20	"	"
Oct. 26	Langley, Fred E.	18	"	Sanford, Me.
	Comeau, Marion	25	"	Canada
June 9	Layton, Urban H.	32	Lisbon Falls, Me.	Nova Scotia
	Furbush, Ruth M.	20	Westford	Westford
Feb. 25	Little, Albert E.	27	Ayer	Ayer
	Ore, Nellie	18	Westford	Westford
May 10	Lumbert, John	21	"	Russia
	Alesen, Maggie	22	"	"
June 3	Mollóy, James	24	"	Keighley, Eng.
	Proctor, Elizabeth	25	"	"
Aug. 10	Perivoliotis, Thomas	32	Lowell	Sparta, Greece
	Sokorelli, Maria	23	Westford	Lagadia, Greece
March 16	Pickup, Albert R.	18	"	Billerica
	Anderson, Frances	21	"	Quincy
June 13	Pozniak, John E.	35	"	Russia
	Bajda, Mary A.	25	"	"
Sept. 15	Rafferty, Michael F.	30	"	England
	Hanson, Annie E.	22	Cambridge	Cambridge
Aug. 20	Reed, Willie	46	Westford	Westford
	Mason, Florence K.	30	"	Groton
Nov. 1	Sadac, Steve	24	"	Russia
	Walkowie, Sopia	18	"	"
Oct. 25	Saley, Antony	27	"	"
	Halko, Wostana	17	"	"
March 7	Saxon, Harry	24	Billerica	Oldham, Eng.
	Holland, Florence V.	24	Westford	Chicago, Ill.

MARRIAGES—(Continued).

Date.	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
Oct. 24	Stempeziniki, John	29	Westford	Russia
	Urban, Amilja	25	"	"
Sept. 13	Striga, George	23	"	"
	Lesewich, Agata	22	"	"
July 25	Szylwian, Konstanly	22	"	Poland
	Sadochivajka, Michalina ..	20	"	"
Aug. 5	Taft, Benjamin	61	Ayer	Northbridge
	Flagg, Cora M.	26	Westford	Westford
May 9	Talanyetz, Peter	28	"	Russia
	Salaliko, Alexander	18	"	"
Sept. 13	Talanyetz, Makar	27	"	"
	Lappa, Stefania	22	"	"
Dec. 26	Tousignant, Joseph	21	"	Canada
	Biron, Marie H. R.	21	"	"
Nov. 25	Woods, William L.	41	"	Nova Scotia
	Ferguson, Edna L.	29	"	Granby, Can.

Number of marriages recorded, 39.

DEATHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1914.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Years	Months	Days
Oct. 13	Barrett, Diemeio, son of Frank and Belle (Calosauti)	1	0	28
Feb. 1	Blodgett, George W., son of Jacob and Almira (Wright)	87	2	6
Dec. 24	Carpentier, Ruth A., daughter of Joseph and Emma M. (Forrest)	0	0	7
Jan. 16	Colyer, James, son of James	89	10	11
Oct. 28	Conlon, Mary, daughter of John and Mary (Crane)	80		
May 31	Cote, Arnold, son of Henry and Rose (Provost)			7
Feb. 18	Couture, Thomas, son of Charles and Emma (Densario)	33	5	16
April 7	Drew, Ann B., daughter of Frank C. and Jane B. (Greig)	24	9	14
July 21	Fevler, Henderson, son of Gilmore and Mary J. (Mink)	54	4	20
May 16	Fisher, Amanda T., widow of Alvan	80	1	8
Jan. 8	Flanders, Sarah L., widow	79	11	8
March 25	Fletcher, Caroline E., widow of Lorenzo N.	76	2	
Sept. 30	Haley, Frederick A., son of Andrew and Lillian (Pierce)	9	6	13
Sept. 13	Halko, Nellie, daughter of Vasil and Anna (Harry)			14
July 2	Hamlin, Abbie T., widow of Samuel A.	78	5	23
April 6	Hanning, Roy R., son of Elisha and Bertha (Good)	18	2	
Nov. 2	Haggood, Frank W., son of William and Maria (Hoves)	66	7	
March 21	Healy, Clifford R., son of John and Rose B. (Shugrue)	1	1	10
Jan. 9	Henry, Charles, son of James	83	2	8
Feb. 20	Heywood, George W., son of Levi and Martha (Keyes)	84	4	10
Feb. 8	Heywood, Henrietta M., wife of Albert W.	23	11	30
Jan. 8	Horton, Anna A., widow	70	10	1
June 17	Katsaros, Pota, wife of Peter	22	5	21
July 26	Kowalszuk, Francis, son of John and Antoinette	21		
June 19	Locklin, Frances M., wife of Charles W.	57	9	12
Jan. 29	Luce, Miranda G., daughter of Leonard and Rebecca E. (Guild)	72	11	18
April 1	May, Patrick, son of John and Cecelia (Lenard)	59	9	27
Dec. 31	Nichols, Lanis	76		
Feb. 15	Parker, Fredrick J., son of Elisa and Sarah (Bishop)	75	6	21
Feb. 5	Provost, Joseph, son of Ralph and Rosila (Aquit)	86	8	25
March 5	Reed, Lucretia J., widow of Merrick	85	8	14
Jan. 19	Regnier, Kendrick C., son of Joseph and Fannie (Smith)			1 6
Aug. 9	Rodrigues, Auguste, son of Jose and Anna (de Silva)	6	3	25
July 18	Roslieo, Peter, son of Zochovrey and Sofa (Bilibo)			21
Nov. 1	Seavey, Addie P., wife of Homer	45		18
April 11	Stuart, James	57	7	4
April 11	Symmes, William E., son of Edward and Rebecca P. (Fletcher)	72	7	4
July 19	Toper, Samuel L., son of Roland and Betsy (Hart)	80	1	2
July 15	Walker, Joshua M., son of Benjamin F. and Mary (Bean)	77	8	20
Feb. 27	Weitz, Marie F. H., widow of Christian	73	10	15
Feb. 1	Whitney, Eliza V., widow of Sidney D.	66	4	22
Nov. 10	Whitney, Etha M., daughter of Julian and Sarah (Gray)	19		1
Oct. 20	Yarnold, Percy A., son of Richard M. and Lucy A. (Higgins)	31	6	24

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	26	21	47
Number of deaths in town	24	15	39
Residents of Westford	25	19	44

Note.

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record or by three or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 16.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Report on Dogs.

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR 1914.

172 Males at \$2.00	\$344.00
18 Females at \$5.00	90.00

Total	\$434.00
Clerk's fees, 190 licenses at 20 cents	38.00

Balance paid into County Treasury	\$396.00

Number of dogs licensed since last return, December 1, 1914:
Males 3.

Number returned by assessors: Males, 166, females, 14.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES
SINCE LAST REPORT.

Abbot Abiel J.	Blodgett C. A. & F. R..
Abbot Edward M. (2)	Blodgett Arthur T.
Abbot & Fletcher (f.)	Book J. M.
Amesbury Edwin E.	Bridgford Ralph
Anctil John H.	Burnham Arthur H.
Baker Edmund	Butterworth William L.
Banister Francis	Cameron Marjory
Barretto John (2)	Carkin Warren E.
Bechard Henry	Carmichael James H
Beebe Willard H.	Carpenter Joseph
Bellend Joseph	• Clement Edward
Bicknell Ai	Clement William
Bicknell Roy	Comstock Frank R.
Blaisdell Alvin J.	Comey Arthur H.
Blackstone Mary	Connell John H.
Blanchard Walter (f.)	Davis, Alfred

Decatur Mrs. C. R. P.	Hartford Ida F.
Decatur Nathaniel	Harty William H. P.
Defoe Fred M. (f.)	Healy James B.
Delorey Frank	Healy J. Austin (f.)
Downs Mathew F.	Healy Peter J.
Drake Henry J.	Healy Richard H.
Drew Frank C.	Heman Robert J.
Drew Sarah J.	Heroux Albert
Drolet Alfred (f.)	Hildreth Chas. L.
Dureault Amie	Hunt Edmund J.
Edwards Chas. S.	Hunt William
Elliason Gustaf	Ingalls Harry M. (f.)
Elliott Matthew	Irish Geo. F. (f.)
Emerson Ernest C. (2 f.)	Isles Hilda
Flagg Elbert H. (f.)	Jarvis Everett P. (2)
Fletcher Harry N. (7)	Jasmin Paul
Fletcher Henry A. (4)	Jenkins Mark W.
Fletcher J. Herbert	Johnson Lillian E.
Fletcher J. Willard	Judd Don
Flynn Ellen	Kabele Daisy (f.)
Flynn John	Keefe John H.
Furbush Helen M.	Kendall Herbert
Gates Bessie (2)	Kimball George A.
Gilson Levi S.	Knight Joseph E.
Gordon William (f.)	Lawton Luther
Gould Horace E.	L'Hussier Isaac
Graves William M.	Lombard Hattie I. (f.)
Green Rose E.	May Thomas E.
Gregory Frank	McDonald Alexander
Greig David L.	McDonald Wm. O.
Griffin Charles M. (2)	McDougall Alexander
Gupee Charles	McGlinchey Michael L.
Haley Frank L.	McIntosh John (2)
Haley John A.	McMaster John
Hall John H.	Meads Dwight H.
Hanson Hilma	Merrick John (f.)
Hartford Hazel	Merritt Walter J.

Merritt Flora M.	Shugrue Chas. F.
Morrison W. W.	Simpson John T.
Mountain Ernest G.	Sicoralis Helen
Murphy Henry J.	Steele Edgar F.
Nelson O. A.	Splain Elizabeth
Nixon H. L. (m. & f.)	Standburg Carl
O'Brien George	Sullivan James P.
O'Brien James (2)	Sullivan Michael
O'Brien James (2)	Sundburg John
O'Brien James H.	Swanson Noah
Orange W. H. (f.)	Sweetser Judson F.
Osgood H. G. (f.)	Sweetser Warren P.
Parrott Ida	Symmes Geo. E.
Payne James H.	Thompson William E.
Perkins William	Wall Raymond
Peterson David	Warren Elizabeth S. (f.)
Peterson Axel	Wayne William H.
Phillips Norman A.	Weitz Louise C.
Polley Amos B.	Wetmore Florence C. (2)
Prescott Richard D.	Wheeler William H.
Prescott Eben	Whitney Charles H.
Reed Harriet R.	Whitney Hamilton E.
Reeves Albert	Whitney Nathaniel
Ryan Angeline M.	Wilson T. Arthur E. (2)
Sandberg August Y.	Wood J. Everett
Sargent Chas. G.	Worcester Israel S.
Sargent Dorothy R.	Wright Frank C.
Sargent James M. (2)	Wright Sidney B.
Sargent Joseph E.	Wright William E. (f.)
Sargent William F.	Yarnold Percy A.
Seifer William F. (2)	York Mabel
Sherman David	

Annual Town Meeting, March 16, 1914.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, March 16, 1914, the following business was transacted:—

1. Herbert E. Fletcher chosen Moderator.

2. William O. McDonald and Alonzo H. Sutherland appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk and received from him the official ballots and gave their receipt therefor, and Walter J. Merritt and Albert R. Wall appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk, and took charge of the ballot box and check list respectively. The ballot box was opened and found to be empty; the register was placed at zero.

The polls were declared open at eight o'clock A. M., and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2, the acceptance of Chapters 807 and 822 of the Acts of the year 1913, and the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" Upon the order of the Moderator and Town Clerk the ballots were removed from the ballot box before the close of the polls and W. H. H. Burbeck and Walter A. Whidden were appointed by the Moderator to assist in canvassing the ballots. They were sworn by the Town Clerk.

It was voted to close the polls at 1.15 P. M.

The polls were closed at 1.15 P. M. The register stood at 175. The number of names checked upon the Ballot Clerk's list and ballot box list was: Males, 173; females, 2; total, 175.

The number of ballots cast was: Males, 173; females, 2; total, 175.

3. Voted to accept the report of the Finance Committee as printed.

4. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed.
5. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.
6. Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.
7. Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.
8. Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Public Library and that the sum of \$1,000 be raised and appropriated to meet the expense thereof in addition to the unexpended balance and receipts from dog licenses.
9. Voted to accept the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds and raise and appropriate \$150 as therein requested.
10. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Auditor.
11. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. of the amount collected.
12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for the repair of roads and bridges.
13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$300 for continuing the work on North Street as ordered by the County Commissioners.
14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,500 for Town debts and charges.
15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,100 for the support of the poor.
16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,450 for support of the Public Schools.
17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,800 for High School purposes.
18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$600 for school textbooks and supplies.

19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$850 for the salary of the Superintendent of Schools.

20. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for repairs and maintenance of and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses.

21. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,050 for the destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths and elm tree beetles.

22. Voted to raise and appropriate \$550 to meet the expenses of the Fire Department.

23. Voted to lay Article 23 on the table.

24. Voted to raise and appropriate \$300 and appropriate \$300 additional; \$200 to be expended in each of the three villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Westford Centre, for the construction and grading of sidewalks.

25. Voted that the School Committee be authorized to enter into a new contract with the Trustees of Westford Academy for the maintenance of Westford Academy as a High School, the same to be in substitution for the existing contract.

26. Voted that the Selectmen and Assessors be authorized to employ assistance to aid them in the performance of the clerical work of their respective boards. The compensation of the person or persons rendering such assistance to be fixed by the Selectmen.

27. Voted to raise and appropriate \$250 to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen in purchasing chairs to equip the Town Hall.

28. Voted to lay Article 28 on the table.

29. Voted that the Fire Engineers and two others to be appointed by the Moderator investigate and report at the next Town Meeting, upon the matter of installing a fire alarm system. The Moderator appointed Sherman H. Fletcher and Herbert V. Hildreth.

30. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 for medical inspection in the Public Schools.

31. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning February 1, 1914, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

32. Voted to lay Article 32 on the table.

33. The following named were chosen members of the Finance Committee: George T. Day, Julian A. Cameron, Elbert H. Flagg, Wesley O. Hawkes and Herbert V. Hildreth.

34. The following named were chosen by hand vote:

Field Drivers.

Frank Davis,
Harold W. Hildreth,
James M. Sargent.

Fence Viewers.

Charles A. Blodgett,
Edwin H. Gould,
Almon S. Vose.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

Willard H. Beebe,
Charles A. Blodgett,
Charles T. Brooks,
David Desmond,
Joseph E. Knight,
Michael L. McGlinchey,
Oscar R. Spalding,

Horace E. Gould,
P. Henry Harrington,
John A. Healy,
William W. Johnson,
Alonzo H. Sutherland,
Almon S. Vose,
Walter A. Whidden.

35. Voted to raise and appropriate \$150 to commemorate Memorial Day.

36. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 to distribute books from the Public Library in the villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Parkerville.

37. Voted to raise and appropriate \$500 to be expended by the Selectmen in reconstructing and resurfacing Cross Street and that portion of Broadway between Cross Street and the office of C. G. Sargent Sons Corporation.

38. Voted to dismiss Article 38. This Article was relative to the installing of an electric light at the railroad crossing at the Town Farm Road.

39. Voted to dismiss Article 39. This Article was relative to appropriating \$100 for the purpose of installing electric lights in the Town Farm building.

40. Voted that the date of the Annual Town Meeting be hereafter changed to the second Monday of February.

41. Voted to take Article 32 from the table.

Voted that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight and all other taxes be payable on or before the first day of November next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date, the Collector shall charge interest on such overdue taxes at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and collect the same according to law. All supplementary and additional taxes assessed shall bear interest thirty days from the date a bill is sent to the debtor.

The Collector is authorized to return, at the expense of the Town, a receipted tax bill when paid.

The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Tax Collector within five days after the first day of November, and said Collector shall immediately pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received before said audit, and furthermore the Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Collector between the first and fifth days of February next and the Collector shall immediately pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received before said audit, and the Assessors are instructed to complete the assessment of the taxes on or before July first next, and issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes, with a list of persons assessed with their places of abode, within five days after the first day of July.

42. Voted that an additional hydrant be installed at the junction of Central Street and a new street in Forge Village.

43. Voted that hereafter only one Constable be elected annually.

44. Voted to take Article 23 from the table. Voted to dismiss Article 23.

This Article was to see if the Town would petition the Director of the Bureau of Statistics for an audit of its accounts.

45. Voted to take Article 28 from the table.

Voted: That the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered to sell at public auction on or before May first next, the building commonly known as the Stony Brook School-house, located upon the westerly side of the Stony Brook Road, together with all the land appurtenant thereto, now owned by the Town and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town, a deed thereof to the highest responsible bidder.

46. The votes having been counted, the following were found and declared to be elected to their respective offices:

Selectman—Oscar R. Spalding.

Assessor—J. Willard Fletcher.

Overseer of the Poor—Albert R. Choate.

Treasurer—Harwood L. Wright.

Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Auditor—William R. Taylor.

Constables—Charles T. Brooks, Frank L. Healy.

School Committee—Arthur E. Day, John Spinner.

Trustee of J. V. Fletcher Library—John P. Wright.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—George T. Day.

Tree Warden—Harry L. Nesmith.

License: Yes, forty-three (43); No, one hundred fifteen (115).

“Shall Chapter 807 of the Acts of the year 1913, being an Act to provide for compensating laborers, workmen and mechanics for injuries sustained in public employment, and to exempt from legal liability counties and municipal corporations which pay such compensation, be accepted by the inhabitants of this Town?”

Yes, seventy-four (74); No, thirty-seven (37); Blanks, sixty-two (62).

“Shall this Town accept the provisions of Section 42 of Chapter 514 of the Acts of the year 1909 as affected by Chapter 494 of the Acts of the year 1911, which provides that eight hours shall constitute a day’s work for city and town employees?”

Yes, sixty-seven (67); No, sixty-three (63); Blanks, forty-three (43).

47. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

48. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

State Election, November 3, 1914.

Party designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic; P. P., Progressive Party; P., Prohibition; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of votes cast.....	157	109	45	56	367

GOVERNOR.

Alfred H. Evans of Hadley (P.).....	0	3	1	0	4
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester (R.)..	90	43	27	32	192
Arthur E. Reimer of Boston (S. L.)..	0	0	0	0	0
Samuel C. Roberts of Springfield (S.)	4	1	4	0	9
Joseph Walker of Brookline (P. P.)..	27	7	0	3	37
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg (D.)...	31	51	12	18	112
Blanks	5	4	1	3	13

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Edward P. Barry of Boston (D.).....	32	35	11	18	96
Grafton D. Cushing of Boston (R.)...	97	47	25	32	201
Arthur Howard of Salem (P.).....	1	3	1	0	5
James P. Magennis of Boston (P. P.)..	19	7	0	3	29
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown (S.)	4	1	4	0	9
Patrick Mulligan of Boston (S. L.)...	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	4	15	4	3	26

SECRETARY.

Percy B. Hall of No. Attleboro (S.)..	3	8	4	0	15
Frank J. Donahue of Boston (D.)....	28	37	10	14	89
James W. Holden of New Bedford (S. L.)	1	0	0	0	1
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield (R.)	91	47	28	31	197
William G. Merrill of Malden (P.)...	2	3	1	0	6
Russell A. Wood of Cambridge (P. P.)	24	10	0	4	38
Blanks	8	4	2	7	21

TREASURER.

Charles L. Burrill of Boston (R.).....	95	47	26	31	199
Joseph M. Coldwell of Milford (S.)...	3	1	4	0	8
Frederick Fosdick of Fitchburg (P. P.)	25	9	0	5	39
Thomas A. Frissell of Hinsdale (P.)..	0	3	1	0	4
Karl Linstrand of Lynn (S. L.).....	1	0	0	0	1
Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston (D.)	28	41	11	15	95
Blanks	5	8	3	5	21

AUDITOR.

Alonzo B. Cook of Boston (R.).....	91	50	27	33	201
Daniel R. Donovan of Springfield (S.)	4	1	4	0	9
John Drysdale of No. Adams (P.)....	0	4	0	0	4
Frederick P. Glazier of Hudson (P. P.)	26	5	0	3	34
Fred E. Oelcher of Peabody (S. L.)...	0	0	0	0	0
Frank H. Pope of Leominster (D.)...	30	38	11	15	94
Blanks	6	11	3	5	25

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn (R.).....	92	49	27	34	202
Thomas J. Boynton of Everett (D.)...	32	38	10	13	93
John Hildreth of Holyoke (P. P.)....	24	7	0	3	34
Howard B. Rand of Haverhill (P.)...	0	3	0	0	3
John Weaver Sherman of Boston (S.)..	3	0	5	0	8
William Taylor of Worcester (S. L.)..	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	6	12	3	6	27

CONGRESSMAN FIFTH DISTRICT.

J. Joseph O'Connor of Lowell (D.)...	28	33	10	11	82
William N. Osgood of Lowell (P. P.)..	20	9	1	2	32
John Jacob Rogers of Lowell (R.)....	107	65	29	39	240
Blanks	2	2	5	4	13

COUNCILLOR SIXTH DISTRICT.

John J. Hogan of Lowell (D.).....	33	48	10	18	109
Harrie C. Hunter of Marlboro (P. P.)..	22	13	2	3	40
Henry C. Mulligan of Natick (R.)....	88	42	25	29	184
Blanks	14	6	8	6	34

SENATOR SEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Henry P. Dunn of Lynn (D.).....	26	44	10	14	94
Charles A. Kimball of Littleton (R.)..	103	54	30	32	219
Allen Brooks Parker of Acton (P. P.)..	21	6	1	2	30
Blanks	7	5	4	8	24

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Edgar H. Hall of Acton (R.).....	94	52	24	32	202
Charles F. Johnson of Littleton (D.)..	34	38	11	15	98
John L. Kennison of Ayer (P. P.)....	21	11	2	6	40
Blanks	8	8	8	3	27

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Geo. A. Goodwin of Cambridge (P. P.)	23	11	1	3	38
Levi S. Gould of Melrose (R.).....	101	48	25	30	204
Charles F. McCarthy of Marlboro (D.)	25	40	11	17	93
Blanks	8	10	8	6	32

Shall an act, passed by the General Court in the year 1914, entitled, "An act relative to vacations of laborers employed by cities and towns," be accepted?

Yes	30	29	17	18	94
No	89	45	20	22	176
Blanks	38	35	8	16	97

Shall an act, passed by the General Court in the year 1914, to make Saturday a half holiday without loss of pay for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth and otherwise to regulate their employment, be accepted?

Yes	38	36	17	24	115
No	85	41	20	17	163
Blanks	34	32	8	15	89

Shall the act, passed by the General Court in the year 1914, providing for the abolition of party enrollment at primary elections, be accepted?

Yes	65	36	14	29	144
No	50	27	13	9	99
Blanks	42	46	18	18	124

RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
FROM ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

	Acton	Ayer	Car- lisle	Chelms- ford	Little- ton	West- ford	Total
Edgar H. Hall of Acton.....	277	142	60	368	77	202	1,126
Charles F. Johnson of Littleton	62	156	18	168	112	98	614
John L. Kennison of Ayer....	48	140	6	108	33	40	375
Blanks	10	23	3	55	5	27	123
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Total	397	461	87	699	227	367	2,238

Tree Warden's Report.

The Tree Warden submits the following report:

During the past year my work has consisted of thinning and trimming trees along the roadside, also cutting brush on corners and curves of roads, and also removing several large elms and maples that had died.

I would call the attention of the public to the new law that went into effect the first of January in regard to leaving slash or brush within forty feet of road or adjoining land.

H. L. NESMITH,

Tree Warden.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

WESTFORD, MASS., December 30, 1914.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford, I submit the following report for year 1914:

Number of platform scales over 5,000 lbs.....	9
Number of platform scales under 5,000 lbs.....	52
Number of computing scales.....	3
Number of spring balances.....	48
All other scales.....	58
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Total	170
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Number of weights sealed.....	298

LIQUID AND DRY MEASURES.

Number of dry measures.....	8
Number of liquid measures.....	42
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Total	50
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Number of yard sticks.....	8
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Kerosene oil pumps.....	8
Molasses pumps	6

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,
Sealer.

Assessors' Report for Year 1914.

Value of buildings, April 1, 1914.....	\$ 894,642 00
Value of land, April 1, 1914.....	643,503 00
Value of personal estate, April 1, 1914.....	718,448 00
Total	\$2,256,595 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED.

Public library	\$ 1,000 00
Public burial grounds.....	150 00
Repairs of roads and bridges.....	4,000 00
Relocation of North Street.....	300 00
Town debts and charges.....	6,500 00
Support of poor.....	1,100 00
Public schools	10,450 00
High school	2,800 00
School text-books and supplies.....	600 00
Salary of superintendent of schools....	850 00
Repairs and expenses of schoolhouses.	1,000 00
Moth department	1,050 00
Fire department	550 00
Construction of sidewalks.....	300 00
Seats for town house.....	250 00
Medical inspection of public schools...	100 00
Memorial day	100 00
Distribution of library books.....	100 00
Reconstructing and resurfacing Broad- way	500 00

Amount carried forward	\$31,700 00
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Amount brought forward		\$31,700 00
State tax	5,075 00	
County tax	2,783 14	
State highway	214 23	
Electric lights	3,290 00	
Hydrants	1,880 00	
Notes and interest.....	3,500 00	
		<hr/> \$48,442 37

Moth tax	\$566 85
Overlayings	82 08
Excise tax, Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry.	253 95
Additional tax	291 92
	<hr/> \$1,194 80

Number of Polls assessed.....	744
Horses	342
Cows	672
Meat cattle.....	198
Sheep	2
Swine	58
Fowls	5,251
Dwelling houses.....	587
Acres of land.....	18,000
Tax on \$100.....	\$1 60

TAXES ABATED AS ORDERED BY THE ASSESSORS.

1912.

Robert Odell	\$ 2 00
Arthur Phelps	2 00
Michael Rafferty	2 00
Frank A. Mallory.....	2 00
	<hr/> \$ 8 00

1913.

Leon Anderson	\$	2 00
Frank Barretto		2 00
Daniel Beleda		2 00
Arthur Benoit		2 00
Mathias Bestarch		2 00
Mathew Bowen		2 00
Michail Byskiala		2 00
Richard Burke		2 00
August Carlson		2 00
Ferdinand Cote		2 00
Charles Crawford		2 00
John Dalgia		2 00
Wadislaw Duputot		2 00
Jean Deslaurier		2 00
Henry Dupont		2 00
Thomas Flannery		2 00
John Gibbs		2 00
Geo. Hall		2 00
Fred Hubbard		2 00
Christopher Kaya		2 00
Joseph Kistley		2 00
Terenty Kristopher		2 00
Tesfion Kristopher		2 00
Edward Leonard		2 00
Napoleon Miliot		2 00
Virgil C. Mitchel.....		2 00
John S. Molander.....		2 00
Frank Muokiavois		2 00
Jacob Pracknack		2 00
Ornenski Puskita		2 00
Michael Rackaski		2 00
Alfred A. Record.....		2 00
Archie Seymour		2 00

Amount carried foward \$66 00

Amount brought forward	\$66 00
Joseph Sharp	2 00
Mike SiSidoin.....	2 00
Martin Sienkiewies	2 00
Arthur Sommers	2 00
Otto Swanson	2 00
James Vincent	2 00
Edward Welch	2 00
Michael White	2 00
Jacob Olson	2 00
Mrs. Fletcher Peckens.....	24 00
	<hr/> \$108 00

BROOKSIDE PARK LOTS, 1913.

Fred R. Ames.....	\$ 80
William W. French.....	80
Kate S. Schwartz.....	80
Robert J. Hook.....	3 68
Mrs. John Hoyt.....	80
John Doherty	16
Albert Jones	80
James Graham	80
Emma E. Varnum.....	80
Harriet Cavanaugh	40
A. Sharon	40
James Hunewell	32
Frank J. Levey.....	40
	<hr/> \$ 10 96

1914.

Chas L. Hildreth.....	\$ 1 00
Frank Collins	3 20
Geo. Boyd	2 00
Philip Lord	2 00
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Amount carried forward	\$8 20

Amount brought forward	\$8 20
Sarah Daley	80
Delia Boynton	1 60
Thomas Healy	2 00
S. H. Fletcher	30
Chas. Connell	2 00
Esther Reynolds	16
Lorenzo Sweetser, heirs.....	80
Wm. Reed, heirs	48
James Butler	2 00
Joseph Canter	2 00
James Knowls	2 00
Carl Frederson	2 00
Samuel Cote	2 00
Gustaff Eliason	2 00
Leroy Hartford	2 00
Alvin L. Cummings.....	2 00
A. R. Choate.....	1 60
Wallace Dole	40
Agnes Dunn	1 60
Mrs. G. W. Heywood.....	17 60
Mr. E. C. Emerson.....	101 60
	————— \$155 14

J. W. FLETCHER,

CHAS. D. COLBURN,

J. AUSTIN HEALY,

Assessors of Westford.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES REMAINING UNPAID JANUARY 21, 1915.

TAXES OF 1914.

Andrew Anderson	\$ 22 32
Joseph Allard, heirs.....	18 40
Atwood Banks	2 00
Henry Bechard	2 00
Toussand Beland	2 00
Alfred Beland	2 00
Alfred Beland, Jr.....	2 00
Omer Bellemore	2 00
John Bohon	2 00
Perpers Boudreau	2 00
Fred Brake	2 00
John Carpenter	2 00
Edwin F. Carkin.....	2 00
Michael Carr	8 80
John Carney	2 00
H. Carlson	2 00
Alfred Culbert	2 00
John Curtis	2 00
William Curran	24 40
Daniel Daley	2 00
Mrs. C. R. P. Decatur.....	40 16
Gerald R. Decatur	2 00
N. J. Decatur	16 40
Oliver Desjardins	45 68
Mose Desjardins	2 00
Wm. R. Farnham.....	21 20
Hugh A. Ferguson.....	24 00
Amount carried forward	
	\$257 36

Amount brought forward	\$257 36
Ferguson	2 00
Harry N. Fletcher	181 14
Michael Garrity	2 00
Wm. E. Green	34 40
Loren A. Griffin.....	43 80
Eugene Guichard	2 00
Bernard R. Hart	2 00
Andrew Healey	2 00
Michael Icosbochos	2 00
Paul Jasmin	25 92
Mark W. Jenkins	28 48
Eimal Johnson	2 00
Robert Johnson	2 00
W. W. Johnson	50 00
Peter Johnson	2 00
James Kelly	2 00
George Kisley	2 00
Henry Lambert	2 00
M. Alice Cox, Trustee of Lawton children.....	14 40
Archie Larkey	2 00
James Loorom	2 00
Harry Lothrop	2 00
Joseph Marshall, heirs.....	36 40
Thomas Michell	2 00
Michael McGlinchey	42 00
Ernest G. Mountain.....	11 76
George E. Mountain	30 80
Alexander Nekailoski	2 00
John O'Neil	2 00
Bernard Obaro	2 00
B. C. Paul	2 00
Arthur B. Parrott	49 20
Mrs. Fletcher Peckens	24 00
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$869 66

Amount brought forward	\$869 66
Ella J. Perkins	8 00
Joseph Pelky	2 00
John Poynack	2 00
Archie Plante	2 00
Thomas Rafferty	10 32
Lucretia Reed Estate	8 00
Denis Saharis	2 00
William Seifer	27 39
David Sherman	16 00
Rose Shugrue	66 36
Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.....	23 60
Benjamin Smith	2 00
Herbert Smith	2 00
Edgar F. Steele	17 60
George Sployd	2 00
Alfred Stacy	2 00
Martin Sekroge	2 00
Stanley Sullivan	2 00
Daniel H. Sheehan.....	38 80
James Valenges	41 04
Thomas Wademan	2 00
Thomas Welch	2 00
Mrs. Sarah Whitney	46 40
Edmond B. Whitney	11 60
Julian Wilkerson	2 00
E. Williams	2 00
Walter W. Wyman.....	16 40
Augusta Butterfield, heirs.....	10 40
Harriet R. Evans.....	46 40
Miner H. A. Evans.....	38 15
Brookside Worsted Mill	1,353 20
Geo. C. Moore.....	253 40
Geo. A. Morris.....	2 40
Willisted & Marinel.....	9 60
Amount carried forward.....	\$2,942 72

NON-RESIDENTS.

Amount brought forward.....	\$2 942 27
Mrs. Harriet Stoddard.....	30 40
Frank Brady	17 60
Thomas N. Doyle.....	6 40
Mary E. Courtney	32 00
Bertram N. Hutchins.....	2 40
Moise Fontaine	6 40
Nellie O'Brien	7 60
E. P. Parsons	80
Fred Willett	5 60
Chas. Potter	14 40
Harry C. Greene.....	4 80
Charlotte A. Shaw.....	28 00
Geo. A. Parker, heirs.....	1 60
Sylvanus Hinkley	45 20
Fred P. Murphy	8 00

BROOKSIDE PARK LOTS UNCOLLECTIBLE.

Fred R. Ames.....	\$ 80
Wm. W. French.....	80
Murill D'Arcy	80
Kate Schwartz.....	80
Robert J. Hook	3 68
Mrs. John Hoyt.....	80
C. M. Boutwell.....	48
H. E. Dexter.....	16
Albert Jones	80
James Graham	80
Harriet Kavanagh	40
A. Sharon	40
James A. Hunnewell	32
Wallace Dole	40

Amount carried forward

\$3,165 36

Amount brought forward	\$3,165 36
John H. Roach.....	40
Emma E. Varnum.....	80
Collected since audit	156 68
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	\$ 3,323 24

L. W. WHEELER, Tax Collector.

Selectmen's Report.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

H. L. Wright, salary.....	\$	175 00
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TOWN CLERK.

Edward Fisher, salary.....	\$	25 00
Making out report and postage.....		5 90
Recording 73 births at 50 cents each.....		36 50
“ 43 marriages at 20 cents each.....		8 60
“ 32 deaths at 20 cents each.....		6 40
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	\$	82 40

SELECTMEN.

Oscar R. Spalding, salary.....	\$	125 00
Sherman H. Fletcher, salary.....		90 00
Andrew Johnson, salary.....		75 00
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	\$	290 00

CLERICAL AID FOR SELECTMEN.

Harold W. Hildreth, salary.....	\$	90 00
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AUDITOR.

William R. Taylor, salary.....	\$	35 00
Making returns to Bureau of Statistics.....		10 00
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	\$	45 00

ASSESSORS.

J. Willard Fletcher, 31 days taking invoice and making taxes	\$	77 50
Charles D. Colburn, 36 days taking invoice and making taxes		90 00
J. Austin Healy, 32 days taking invoice and making taxes		80 00
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	\$	247 50

TAX COLLECTOR.

Leonard W. Wheeler, collecting \$44,624 at 1 per cent.	\$	446 24
American Surety Co., bond.....		50 00
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	\$	496 24

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

John A. Sullivan, services as constable.....	\$	14 85
Frank Haley, services as constable.....		39 75
Charles Brooks, services as police.....		22 08
Charles H. Pickering, services as police.....		12 00
Peter Clement, services as police.....		4 20
A. H. Sutherland, services as police.....		4 80
Edwin Robey, services as police.....		3 20
Eldon A. Turner, services as police.....		4 20
Samuel H. Balch, services as police.....		3 00
Stephen Gardell, services as police.....		15 98
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	\$	124 06

EXPENSES AT FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER.

Charles T. Brooks, services.....	\$	2 74
John A. Sullivan, services.....		25 39
Frank Haley, services.....		8 44
A. H. Sutherland, services.....		4 34

\$ 40 91

Received from fines, \$29.94.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

John A. Healy, services.....	\$	18 75
John A. Sullivan, services.....		5 50

\$ 24 25

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Edward Fisher, services as clerk.....	\$	10 00
Edward Fisher, attending nine meetings.....		18 00
J. Everett Woods, attending nine meetings.....		18 00
Samuel L. Taylor, attending six meetings.....		12 00
J. Herbert Fletcher, attending seven meetings....		14 00

\$ 72 00

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

George T. Day, inspector, 1914.....	\$	90 00
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Received from State, \$45.00.

INSPECTOR OF MEAT.

Emory J. Whitney.....	\$	135 00
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TOWN COUNSEL.

Edward Fisher, services and expenses in various matters	\$	80 90
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PRECINCT OFFICERS.

Precinct One.

Walter J. Merritt, Warden.....	\$	9 00
J. M. Fletcher, Clerk.....		6 50
A. H. Sutherland, Inspector.....		2 50
O. William McDonald, Inspector.....		5 00
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	\$	23 00

Precinct Two.

Albert R. Wall, Clerk.....	\$	4 00
W. H. Beebe, Clerk.....		4 00
Frank Haley, Clerk.....		2 00
Albert R. Wall, Warden.....		3 00
Joe Wall, Inspector.....		2 50
Hammett D. Wright, Inspector.....		2 50
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	\$	18 00

Precinct Three.

William R. Taylor, Clerk.....	\$	4 00
H. E. Osgood, Inspector.....		2 50
Walter Whidden, Inspector.....		2 50
James H. O'Brien, Inspector.....		2 50
Charles Edwards, carrying ballot box.....		3 00
Charles Edwards, Clerk.....		4 00
M. L. McGlinchey, Warden		3 00
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	\$	21 50

Precinct Four.

John Edwards, Clerk.....	\$	4 00
George L. Sanborn, Inspector.....		2 50
Alvin S. Bennett, Warden.....		3 00
Albert H. Corney, Inspector.....		2 50
John A. Sullivan, conveying ballot box.....		4 00
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	\$	16 00

TOWN COMMON AND MONUMENT.

Ai Bicknell, labor on common.....	\$	25 00
Edwin Robey, labor on common.....		2 42
Oscar R. Spalding, labor on common.....		2 50
Timothy Sullivan, care of monument.....		15 00
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	\$	44 92

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

By orders (see Overseers' Report).....	\$	1,096 87
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Albert A. Hildreth, salary and extra time.....	\$	94 35
A. W. Brownell, stickers.....		1 50
W. & L. E. Curley, supplies.....		7 89
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	\$	103 74
Amount received from fees.....		38 56
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Net cost to Town.....	\$	65 18

MOTH DEPARTMENT.

This department has been in charge of Harry L. Nesmith, who has received \$2.50 per day, and has been paid \$1.00 per day for the use of his team and automobile. The men have been paid \$2.00 per day.

The work has been carried on from Jan. 14, 1914 to Dec. 5, 1914, with the exception of three weeks in August and four weeks in November.

The items of expense are as follows:—

Harry L. Nesmith, Supt.....	\$	538	44
Harry L. Nesmith, team.....		213	75
Labor		1,057	25
Chas. Bicknell, team for sprayer.....		115	00
Telephone			84
Freight and express.....			5 20
Gasoline		20	05
Repairs			25
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	\$	1,950	78
Amount received for private work..	\$	566	85
Amount to come from State.....		784	00
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	\$	1,350	85
Net cost to Town.....	\$	599	93
Appropriation, \$1,050.00.			

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT.

Harry L. Nesmith, Tree Warden.....	\$	45 25
Harry L. Nesmith, team.....		17 75
Labor		70 50
Mass. Forestry Association, labels.....		1 00
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	\$	134 50

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

By orders (see School Report).....	\$	15,567 96
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LOWELL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Amount paid for tuitions.....	\$	450 00
Amount due from State.....		225 00
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Net cost to Town.....	\$	225 00

PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

By orders (see Commissioners Report).....	\$	151 17
Appropriation, \$150.00.		

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Expenses.

Andrew Johnson, services as Chairman.....	\$	30 00
Albert A. Hildreth, Agent.....		36 66
Dr. W. H. Sherman, medical services.....		34 20
Dr. O. V. Wells, medical services.....		1 50
Lowell Corp. Hospital, care of A. Holko.....		54 0
J. H. Sparks, ambulance.....		15 00
John Payne, cleaning fish out of pond at Granite- ville		4 00
International Chemical Co., chemicals.....		13 20
C. B. Coburn Co., chemicals.....		2 50
Mike Marduk, reimbursement while quarantined..		29 33
John Ellison, reimbursement while quarantined..		40 20
	\$	<u>260 59</u>

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

By orders (See Library Report).....	\$	1,300 03
Appropriation, \$1,000.00.		
Dog licenses for 1913, \$349.14.		

DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.

William E. Symmes.....	\$	25 00
W. H. H. Burbeck.....		75 00
	\$	<u>100 00</u>

Appropriation, \$100.00

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Courier-Citizen Co., town reports, bill heads, warrants, etc	\$	402 28
Hobbs & Warren, book blanks.....		12 25
Huntley S. Turner, printing.....		16 50
P. B. Murphy, book blanks.....		7 50
A. W. Brownell, printing for Assessors.....		6 40
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	\$	444 93

INSURANCE.

Sherman H. Fletcher, agent.....	\$	347 71
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MEMORIAL DAY.

By order Veteran Association.....	\$	150 00
Appropriation, \$150.00.		

TOWN HALL.

John Feeney, janitor.....	\$	50 06
Edwin Robey, janitor.....		138 64
Fuel		110 91
Telephone		21 30
Westford Water Co.....		32 00
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., gasoline.....		86 52
Repairs by Edwards & Monahan Co., as ordered by State Inspector		325 70
George H. Holt, repairs on pump.....		8 94
W. E. Carkin, repairs on gas tank.....		3 75
Charles H. Pickering, repairs on pump.....		2 00
A. H. Sutherland, repairs on curtain.....		4 70
Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....		21 31
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	\$	805 83

INCOME FROM TOWN HALL.

Rent of building.....	\$	171 00
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CHAIRS FOR TOWN HALL.

Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Co.....	\$	240 00
Freight		3 77
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	\$	243 77

Appropriation, \$250.00.

STATE AID.

To Soldiers and Sailors and families of same, as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From January 1, 1914 to January 1, 1915.....	\$	545 00
Amount received from State.....		545 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From February 1, 1914 to January 1, 1915.....	\$	95 00
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MILITARY AID.

From February 1, 1914 to January 1, 1915.....	\$	198 00
Amount due from State.....		99 00
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Net cost to Town.....	\$	99 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

By orders (See Fire Department Report).....	\$	411 74
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FIRE HOUSE AT GRANITEVILLE.

P. Henry Harrington, labor and stock.....	\$	1,515	67
J. A. Peck & Co., wiring.....		15	00
Westford Water Co., piping.....		5	60
John A. Healy, stock and labor.....		10	25
C. G. Sargent Sons Corp., land.....		143	32
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	\$	1,689	84
Appropriation, \$1,700.00.			

FOREST FIRES.

H. L. Nesmith, Forest Warden.....	\$	51	70
H. L. Nesmith, team.....		21	50
H. L. Nesmith, cash paid men.....		360	65
Henry K. Barnes Co., repairs.....		1	50
Badger Fire Extinguisher Co., repairs.....		14	37
Town of Chelmsford, labor.....		14	63
Lull & Hartford.....			75
Standard Extinguisher Co., repairs.....		1	50
Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....		12	20
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	\$	478	80
Amount received from			
B. & M. R. R.....	\$	59	70
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.....		5	10
Town of Littleton.....		9	75
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	\$	74	55

HOUSE FIRES.

Sweetser fire, labor.....	\$	11	25
Parrott fire, labor.....		17	05
Other fires, labor.....		11	45
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	\$	39	75

HYDRANTS.

Westford Water Co.:	
47 hydrants, 12 months.....	\$ 1,880 00
1 hydrant, 5 months.....	16 67
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	\$ 1,896 67
Appropriation, \$1,896.67.	

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Lowell Electric Light Corp.....	\$ 2,467 08
Amount due Lowell Electric Light Corp.....	274 12
Appropriation, \$3,290.00.	

GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

Expenses.

Joseph E. Knight.....	\$ 3 00
Joe Wall	24 12
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	\$ 27 12

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Dr. W. H. Sherman, birth returns.....	\$ 12 25
Dr. F. E. Varney, birth returns.....	1 25
Dr. A. G. Scoboria, birth returns.....	50
Wright & Fletcher, postage for Town Reports, etc.	48 74
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co., superb dates.....	2 75
Express, freight and teaming.....	12 55
John Feeney, dinner for Town officers.....	6 50
Joseph Carpentier, blacksmith.....	3 45
Joe Wall, stock and labor.....	18 12
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Amount carried forward	\$106 11

Amount brought forward	\$106 11
John M. Farrell, commission on sale of schoolhouse	10 00
Westford Water Co., repairs.....	1 99
Butterfield Printing Co., graduation programs....	6 50
Warren E. Carkin, stock and labor.....	9 25
Charles F. Gettemy, certification of Town notes...	10 00
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., repairs.....	4 77
Edwin Robey, storing away band stand.....	1 00
J. Herbert Fletcher, postage.....	17 22
David Moran, error on tax.....	2 00
Elmer Shattuck, tin letter files.....	6 00
Abbot Worsted Co., use of hall for elections.....	4 00
Brookside Worsted Mill, use of hall for election..	2 50
John A. Healy, use of hall for registration.....	2 00
Morris-Ireland Co., safe for tax collector.....	25 00
Charles L. Hildreth, photographs.....	6 00
J. Everett Woods, certifying nomination papers and recounting votes.....	6 00
C. W. Hildreth, cleaning gutters and common....	5 00
Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....	63 71
O. R. Spalding, labor and stock.....	9 47
George O'Brien, blacksmith.....	1 95
A. H. Sutherland, work on band stand.....	1 00
E. C. Emerson, labor.....	2 00
W. E. Wright, clerk for appraisers.....	3 00
W. E. Wright, moving truck.....	3 00
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	\$ 309 47

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

Alex. McDonald was appointed Superintendent of Roads, at a salary of \$3.00 per day. Teams have been hired at \$5.00 per day. Laborers have been paid \$1.75 per day for April and May, and \$2.00 per day for the rest of the year. Gravel has been purchased at a rate of 5 cents per load.

The following are items of expense:—

Alex. McDonald, Supt.....	\$ 448 50
Alex. McDonald, teams.....	1,002 09
John S. Greig, teams.....	96 25
John A. Healy, teams.....	85 00
Mrs. Margaret McDonald, teams.....	20 00
Oscar R. Spalding, teams.....	236 78
Blodgett Brothers, teams.....	53 75
Charles Bicknell, teams.....	65 00
J. V. Fletcher Farm, teams.....	15 00
David Sherman, teams.....	75 00
Frank Murphy, teams.....	5 00
Labor	1,283 61
Standard Oil Co., oiling streets.....	665 00
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	\$ 4,051 98

GRAVEL.

Willard Beebe	\$ 10 50
Walter Whidden	7 80
George Jackson	5 60
Thos. Rafferty	1 20
Alvin Blaisdell	5 50
John Knowles	6 15
John A. Healy.....	13 20
Samuel L. Taylor.....	20 55
W. C. Edwards.....	90
Charles Bicknell.....	4 30
Mrs. M. E. McDonald.....	29 70
Horace Gould	1 50
Oscar R. Spalding.....	10
Blodgett Bros	9 85
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	\$ 116 85

Expended on roads, \$4,168.83.

Appropriation, \$4,000.00.

NORTH STREET, GRANITEVILLE.

Alex. McDonald, Supt.....	\$	36 00
Alex. McDonald, teams.....		65 00
Oscar R. Spalding, teams.....		45 00
John A. Healy, teams.....		15 00
Labor		120 00
Walter Wyman, gravel.....		15 10
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	\$	296 10

Appropriation, \$300.00.

BROADWAY, GRANITEVILLE.

Alex. McDonald, Supt.....	\$	48 00
Alex. McDonald, teams.....		100 00
Oscar R. Spalding, teams.....		45 00
John A. Healy, teams.....		20 00
David Sherman, teams.....		45 00
Labor		160 50
H. W. Tarbell, rolling		42 25
Harvey W. Barnes, gravel.....		11 45
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	\$	472 20

Appropriation, \$500.00.

BREAKING ROADS.

David Greig and others.....	\$	52 23
Edwin Robey and others.....		46 95
Bernard J. Flynn.....		3 20
James H. O'Brien and others.....		19 61
Charles H. Bicknell.....		2 00
Wm. C. Edwards and others.....		21 37
Frank C. Miller.....		2 50
Charles H. Whitney and others.....		13 10
E. H. Flagg.....		1 70
C. A. & F. R. Blodgett and others.....		19 96
G. Conant and others.....		139 63
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Amount carried forward \$ 160 95

Amount brought forward	\$	160 95
George Burke		7 88
Harvey W. Barnes.....		5 10
John Simpson		3 02
Charles D. Colburn.....		6 25
E. E. Emerson.....		4 37
Frank Blaisdell		8 63
A. H. Burnham and others.....		19 38
Charles Potter		4 00
John A. Healy and others.....		48 10
W. W. Johnson & Son.....		8 00
M. F. Downs and others.....		34 00
C. F. Shugrue and others.....		30 40
Geo. A. Prescott.....		9 01
Mrs. M. E. McDonald and others.....		6 92
	\$	<u>517 31</u>

SIDEWALKS.

E. H. Longley, cement walks at Graniteville and Forge Village	\$	400 00
Alex. McDonald, graveling sidewalk at Forge Village and Center.....		12 75
	\$	<u>412 75</u>
Amount collected from abutters.....		217 98
	\$	<u>194 77</u>
Net cost to Town.....	\$	194 77
Appropriation, \$600.00.		

UNDERTAKER.

David L. Greig & Son, attending 34 funerals.....	.\$	68 00
David L. Greig & Son, making 18 permits.....		4 50
	\$	<u>72 50</u>

Total number of orders, 714.

Total amount of orders, \$39,322.87.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
ANDREW JOHNSON.

List of Jurors Prepared by the Selectmen of Westford.

NAME.	OCCUPATION.
Fred H. Bicknell,	Farmer.
Charles D. Colburn,	Farmer.
Frank Collins,	Draughtsman.
Goldsmith Conant,	Farmer.
Franklin Edwards,	Carpenter.
John Edwards,	Machinist.
Hugh A. Ferguson,	Carpenter.
John M. Fletcher,	Retired.
Henry A. Fletcher,	Retired Contractor.
Edwin H. Gould,	Farmer.
Frank Gregory,	Weaver.
Frank Haley,	Teamster.
George H. Hartford,	Farmer.
Frank C. Hildreth,	Farmer.
Andrew Johnson,	Section Foreman.
William O. McDonald,	Farmer.
Walter J. Merritt,	Farmer.
Amos B. Polley,	Farmer.
M. Edward Riney,	Carpenter.
George L. Sanborn,	Station Agent.
William F. Sargent,	Machinist.
John T. Simpson,	Farmer.
James Spinner,	Gardener.
Mervin F. Steele,	Laborer.
Warren P. Sweetser,	Farmer.
Leonard W. Wheeler,	Farmer.
Emory J. Whitney,	Retired.
William E. Wright,	Teamster.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,

ANDREW JOHNSON,

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,

Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Mass., January 1, 1915.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1914.

The general work of the health department has been carried on much as usual during the past year. The co-operation of the people in enforcing the health laws is very much desired. There are many folks who do not realize their duty relative to carrying out the instructions given them by the Board of Health. One of the things that is most essential to the Board is co-operation.

One of the difficulties we have, is dealing with people who do not understand our language and it seems harder for them to understand what the law demands of them. We have been obliged to quarantine several wage-earners, paying them two-thirds of their regular wages, making the expense of this department much larger than heretofore.

Contagious and infectious diseases for the year:—

Diphtheria	2
Measles	10
Scarlet Fever	10
Tuberculosis	1
Spinal Meningitis	3

ANDREW JOHNSON,
OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
Board of Health.

Westford Water Company.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

1914.

Jan.	1	Balance	\$ 84,078 96
April	29	Supplies	\$ 21 42
May	11	Valves	19 55
May	11	Pipe	176 43
May	19	Supplies	18 92
June	4	Hydrants	88 10
July	1	Supplies	29 29
July	13	Labor	2 82
July	18	Labor	193 94
Aug.	22	Labor	10 44
Aug.	25	Supplies	3 25
Aug.	31	Supplies	9 54
Sept.	2	Labor	5 72
Nov.	30	Teaming	3 13
			\$ 582 55

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Received from service connections, etc.	\$ 301 51
Cost of construction from January 1, 1914	
to January 1, 1915.....	\$ 281 04
Total cost of construction to Jan. 1, 1915.	\$ 84,360 00

A STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 1914 TO JANUARY 1, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

Water Rates, etc.

48 hydrants	\$ 1,896 67	
Town Hall	32 00	
Library	28 00	
Schools	150 00	
Town Farm	50 00	
Subscribers	5,900 51	
Service connections	63 83	
		<hr/> \$ 8,121 01

EXPENSES.

Interest account	\$ 1,867 67	
Taxes	183 28	
Expense account	368 10	
Fuel	54 99	
Wages	1,300 00	
Supplies	92 00	
Electric Power	980 15	
		<hr/> \$ 4,846 19

Net profit for the year ending Dec. 31, 1914 \$ 3,274 82

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,
Treasurer.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

WESTFORD, MASS., January 6, 1915.

Then personally appeared Charles O. Prescott and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Supply System to January 1, 1915, and of the receipts and expenditures of the Westford Water Company from January 1, 1914 to January 1, 1915, before me

CHARLES F. KELLOGG,
Justice of the Peace.

Library Report.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1914.

The affairs of the Library have been carried on during the past year about as usual.

On the outside of the building, the windows have been puttied and the woodwork painted, and on the inside the floors have been treated with a coating of varnish and wax, so that they now present a much better appearance.

The large moose head, which has been placed in the upper hallway, was loaned to the Library through the kindness of Mr. Charles P. Dodge of Lowell, and is a very acceptable addition to the Library collection.

The Trustees ask for the following appropriations, viz.:

1. The unexpended balances as shown by the financial statement.
2. The sum of one thousand dollars (\$1.000) to meet current expenses.
3. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1915.

JULIAN A. CAMERON,
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,
JOHN P. WRIGHT, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1914	\$	69	
Appropriation		1,000	00
			<u>\$1,000 69</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Mary P. Bunce, Librarian	\$	366	67
Charles H. Pickering, Janitor		160	38
Wright & Fletcher coal.....		133	63
Gasolene		31	86
Water Rates		28	00
Cleaning		28	15
Telephone		15	82
Express		9	55
Supplies		41	01
Library Art Club		6	00
Alice M. Howard, Substitute		33	00
Typewriting			96
J. Wall, painting, etc.		86	12
Miscellaneous		17	25
			<u>958 40</u>
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$	42	29

BOOK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1914	\$ 69 80	
Dog Licenses, 1913	349 14	
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EXPENDITURES.

Old Corner Book Store, books	\$ 112 29	
Magazines	91 20	
Chivers Book Binding Co.	10 51	
H. W. Wilson, books	1 60	
American Library Co.	13 50	
H. R. Hunting Co., books.....	11 13	
American Library Association	3 10	
Dodd, Mead & Co., encyclopaedia	65 80	
George L. Shuman, books	29 50	
G. H. B. Turner, Wardsman, two years	3 00	
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1915.....		\$ 77 31

Report of the Librarian

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY:

The report of the Library for the year beginning February 1, 1914, and ending December 31, 1914, is herewith presented. There have been no important changes in the work of the Library during the past year.

The Children's Department continues to be the busiest section, with about one-third of the entire circulation of books. The little ones who live near enough, and the older ones who come from a distance, are frequent visitors in the children's room, and an attempt is made to add enough new books and magazines to keep the supply attractive.

The arrangement of sending books to the schools in Graniteville, Forge Village and Parkerville has been continued, and still proves very satisfactory, through the co-operation of the Superintendent, Mr. Hill, and the various teachers. It seems to fully justify the slight additional expense in transportation to the villages.

Among the valuable books added during the year are the "New International Encyclopaedia," and "Our Wonder World," a fine set of books for young people. Both were purchased from the income of the John M. Osgood fund.

The supply of current fiction has been increased by the frequent gifts of Mr. Julian A. Cameron, amounting to nearly seventy volumes. These have been much appreciated.

As in past years, various collections of large photographs have been on exhibition in the hall. These sets cover a wide range of interesting and practical subjects, and include also reproductions of many beautiful works of art. The hall has been used, as usual, by the Woman's Club.

Interest in our collection of curios and relics has been shown by occasional gifts from the townspeople and other friends of the Library.

The increase in the circulation of periodicals has continued. All except current numbers may be borrowed; this has enlarged their usefulness to such an extent that it has seemed wise to add several new ones to those we have had in the past. The list of subscriptions for the coming year is as follows:

WEEKLIES

Harper's Weekly	Saturday Evening Post
Independent	Scientific American
Leslie's Weekly	Westford Wardsman
Littell's Living Age	Youth's Companion

MONTHLIES

A. L. A. Book List	Normal Instructor
American Annals	North American Review
Altantic Monthly	Outing
Book Review Digest	Popular Electricity
Boys' Life	Popular Mechanics
Century	Popular Science Monthly
Countryside	Public Libraries
Country Life in America	Publisher's Weekly
Delineator	Reader's Guide
Garden Magazine	Review of Reviews
Harper's Monthly	St. Nicholas
House Beautiful	Scribner's
House and Garden	Something to Do
Little Folks	Travel
McClure's	Woman's Home Companion
Munsey	World's Work

GIFTS FOR THE READING ROOM.

Christian Register	From Woman's Alliance
Christian Science Journal	" First Church of Christ, Scientist, Lowell
Christian Science Monitor	" Mrs. John C. Abbot
Christian Science Sentinel	" First Church of Christ, Scientist, Lowell
Congressional Record, Daily	" Sherman H. Fletcher
Good Housekeeping	" Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler
International Conciliation	" American Association
Journal of Zoophily	" Publishers
Ladies' Home Journal	" Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler
National Geographic	" Mrs. E. G. Smead, Los Angeles
Our Dumb Animals	" Publishers
Outlook	" Charles O. Prescott
Records of the Past	" Mrs. Emma Abbot Atwood
Scientific American Supplement	" Julian A. Cameron
Union Signal	" W. C. T. U. of Westford

PICTURE EXHIBITS

What Grandmother Wore; Nutting Pictures; Kate Greenaway; Studies of Animals; Balkan War; Venice VI; Unger I; Day near Rome; Venice V; Miscellaneous Photographs; New York; Unger III; Venice VII.

NAMES OF DONORS, 1914.

Abbot, Abiel J., two volumes.
 Cameron, Julian A., sixty-eight volumes.
 Christian, Theodore, Philadelphia, one volume.
 Cutter, Walter L., a magazine.
 Day, Mrs. George T., two pamphlets, one volume of a magazine.

- Faxon, G., Publisher, one volume.
 Firth, Frank J., Family of, one volume.
 Fisher, Miss Ruth, one volume.
 Flanders, Miss Anstrice G., one curio.
 Fletcher, Mrs. Herbert E., one curio.
 Fletcher, J. M., three newspapers.
 Hamlin, Miss Kate S., pictures.
 Hill, Frank H., one pamphlet.
 Hinds, Noble, Publishers, one volume.
 Kimball, James L., Boston, one curio.
 Lawrence, Miss Grace, books, curios.
 Lynds, Wm. H., Lowell, one pamphlet.
 Natural History Society, Worcester, one volume.
 New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Society, nine volumes.
 Owen, F. A., Publisher, one volume.
 Pickering, Chas. H., one curio.
 Radcliffe College, one volume.
 Railway News Bureau, Chicago, one volume.
 Richardson, Mrs. George F., Lowell, one volume.
 Stevens, Miss Emma J., Mountainview, California, original
 drawings and pamphlets of Miss Nettie M. Stevens.
 Southworth, H. W., author, one volume.

CIRCULATION, FEBRUARY 1st, TO DECEMBER 31st.

Total circulation of bound volumes.....	11,157
Volumes loaned at the Library	8,161
Volumes sent to Graniteville	1,207
Volumes sent to Forge Village	1,196
Volumes sent to Parkerville	593
Circulation in Children's Department	3,939
Volumes loaned through the schools	765
Periodicals loaned	1,076

ACCESSIONS.

Volumes added by purchase	150
Volumes added by gift.....	92
Volumes received from the State	6
Volumes received from the U. S.	7
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Total number of volumes added	255
Number of volumes in the library	15,768

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED, 1914.

Agassiz, Alexander. Letters and recollections ...	B—A263
Anderson, Frederick I. Farmer of tomorrow	630—A1
Antin, Mary. They who knock at our gates	325—A
Autobiography of a happy woman	396—A2
Begbie, Harold. Ordinary man and the extra- ordinary thing	248—B1
Benson, Arthur C. Where no fear was	824—B11
Benton, C. F. Woman's club work and programs..	396—B4
Bernhardi, General Friedrich von. Germany and the next war	943—B
Blythe, Samuel G. Old game	178—B
Bowsfield, Colvin C. Making the farm pay	630—B7
Brooks, John Graham. American syndicalism ...	331.8—B
Bruce, H. Addington, ed. Education of Karl Witte	371—B4
Cable, George W. Amateur garden	716—C
Cabot, Richard C. What men live by	170—C
Child, Georgie B. Efficient kitchen	643—C1
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Respectfully submitted,

MARY P. BUNCE,

Librarian.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

Milk	\$2,564 31	
Cows	260 50	
Wood	187 60	
Hay	163 35	
Calves	85 00	
Potatoes	82 45	
Eggs	69 87	
Rent	60 00	
Teaming	44 85	
Grain	28 80	
Keeping prisoners	15 00	
Vinegar	11 60	
Gravel	11 45	
Use of bull.....	8 50	
Chickens	8 27	
Produce	8 05	
Sundries	2 31	
Sacks	2 38	
Use of telephone.....	2 15	
	\$3,616 44	
Cash on hand February 1, 1914.....		28
Cash received from Town Treasurer.....		690 00
		\$4,306 72.

TOWN FARM PAYMENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Barnes, salary as Superintendent and Matron.....	\$ 550 00
Grain	991 61
Labor	501 43
Cows and bull.....	297 00
Provisions	233 80
Coal	170 97
Molasses for stock feeding.....	140 92
Abbot Worsted Co., wool waste.....	119 23
Filling silos	105 20
Groceries	90 05
Building shed	81 95
Fertilizer	73 00
Chopping wood	70 04
Labor and paint for barn.....	69 27
Butter	65 61
Westford Water Co.....	60 00
Cutting ensilage	43 75
House furnishings	39 46
Repairs	36 25
Telephone	36 21
Blacksmith work	35 80
Shingles for house.....	35 00
Milk	32 12
Dr. Blaney	31 00
Mrs. Read, use of land for two years.....	30 00
Clothing, etc., for inmates.....	29 36
Hardware	29 24
Sawing wood	29 10
Ice for two years.....	28 35
Harnesses and repairs.....	25 30
Soap and powder.....	23 00

Amount carried forward \$4104 02

Amount brought forward		\$4104 02
Freight	21 66	
Use of horse.....	16 50	
Stock food	13 75	
Sundries	13 85	
Seed potatoes	12 15	
Veterinary surgeon	12 00	
Weeder and seed corn.....	11 25	
Car fares	10 15	
Seed sower	7 20	
Fish	6 20	
Pyrox	5 45	
Berries	5 00	
Stationery	4 05	
Teaming milk to Littleton.....	3 60	
Grass seed	3 25	
Lowell Courier-Citizen	3 00	
Weighing hay	2 98	
Making cider	2 22	
Medicines	2 14	
Flowers	1 73	
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		\$4,262 15
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1914.....		44 57
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		\$4,306 72

SUMMARY.

Cash on hand February 1, 1914.....	\$ 28	
Cash received from Town Treasurer.....	690 00	
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		\$ 690 28
Cash on hand December 31, 1914.....		44 57
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Net expense at Town Farm.....		\$ 645 71
Number of pauper inmates at Town Farm, Dec. 31, 1914...		5
Number of tramps lodged and fed Feb. 1, 1914 to Dec. 31, 1914		10

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board.....	\$	173 72
City of Lowell, aid rendered.....		3 00
City of Boston, aid rendered.....		7 14
City of Chelsea, aid rendered.....		108 28
Hanley & Co., groceries.....		26 53
Albert Monteny, board.....		30 00
Cyril A. Blaney, M. D.....		2 00
Albert R. Choate, salary as Overseer of the Poor		10 00
Arthur H. Burnham, salary as Overseer of the Poor		10 00
Charles L. Hildreth, salary as Chairman Overseers of the Poor.....		20 00
Extra time and expense.....		16 20
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	\$	406 87

REIMBURSEMENTS.

Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts...	\$	15 00
City of Lowell.....		44 00
City of Boston.....		21 32
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	\$	80 32

SUMMARY.

Payments on account of Outdoor Poor...	\$	406 87
Reimbursements		80 32
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Net expense of Outdoor Poor.....	\$	326 55

STATEMENT.

Drafts on Town Treasurer.....	\$1,096 87	
Town Farm Receipts.....	3,616 44	
Cash in hands Superintendent of Town Farm, February 1, 1914.....	28	
	<hr/>	\$4,713 59
Payments on account of Outdoor Poor... \$	406 87	
Town Farm Payments.....	4,262 15	
Cash in hands Superintendent of Town Farm, December 31, 1914.....	44 57	
	<hr/>	\$4,713 59
Drafts on Town Treasurer.....	\$1,096 87	
Reimbursements	80 32	
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Net drafts on Town Treasurer.....		\$1,016 55
Net expense at Town Farm..... \$	645 71	
Net expense of Outdoor Poor.....	326 55	
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Net expense of Poor.....		\$ 972 26
Appropriation		\$ 1,100 00

During the past year the barn at the Town Farm was painted at an expense of \$69.27, and a shed for the storage of farming tools was erected at a cost of \$81.95.

The net expense at the Farm was \$645.71, and there were five inmates on December 31, 1914.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH, Chairman,
ARTHUR H. BURNHAM,
ALBERT R. CHOATE,

Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE,
JANUARY 4, 1915.

Groceries	\$ 25 00	
Jars of fruit.....	100 00	
Vegetables	30 00	
Vinegar and vinegar stock.....	24 10	
Balance of personal property at house...	729 90	
	<hr/>	\$ 909 00
14 cows and 1 bull.....	\$ 1,200 00	
3 horses	600 00	
5 tons meadow hay.....	40 00	
15 tons English hay.....	300 00	
6 tons oat fodder.....	90 00	
75 tons Ensilage.....	450 00	
Grain and molasses.....	147 00	
1 two-horse dump cart.....	47 50	
1 two-horse wood wagon.....	40 00	
1 two-horse sled.....	50 00	
2 hay and farm wagons.....	75 00	
2 Democrat wagons.....	25 00	
1 mowing machine.....	20 00	
1 hay tedder.....	10 00	
1 house rake.....	8 00	
1 sulky plow.....	20 00	
Wood	160 00	
Balance of personal property at farm and outbuildings	649 05	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,011 55
Total		\$ 4,920 55

FRED R. BLODGETT,
LEONARD W. WHEELER,
DAVID DESMOND,

Appraisers.

Report of Engineers of the Fire Department.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Westford:
Westford, Mass.,

Gentlemen:—

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December, 1914.

At the first meeting the Board of Engineers organized as follows:—Edward M. Abbot, Chief; John Edwards, Clerk.

The following fires, other than chimney fires, where there was no damage, have occurred:—

February 22, 1914. Fire started near chimney in ell of house owned by George W. Nesmith. Damage, \$25.00. Insured.

February 25, 1914. Fire nearly destroyed old Abbot Homestead, owned by John C. Abbot and occupied by Senator Edward Fisher. Damage, \$6,000.00. Partly insured.

May 15, 1914. Fire started in chimney of house owned by David Desmond. Damage, \$30.00. Insured.

May 27, 1914. Fire destroyed house owned by Warren Sweetser. Damage, \$4,500.00. Partly insured.

August 24, 1914. Fire destroyed the house owned by A. B. Parrot. Fire was set by lightning. Damage, \$4,200.00. No insurance.

September 15, 1914. Fire from overheated engine partially destroyed auto truck loaded with furniture on Boston Road. Damage, \$650.00. Not insured.

November 5, 1914. Fire damaged the roof and portion of house owned by Mrs. Rachael Reed on Main Street, Graniteville. Damage, \$100.00. Insured.

December 9, 1914. Fire was put out in chimney of house owned by J. M. Fletcher. No damage to property, but Albert W. Heywood had a bad fall from the roof, breaking three ribs and cutting his face. He was unable to attend to his regular work until January 4, 1915, thereby losing 25 days. Albert W. Heywood was a member of the Massachusetts Firemen's Relief Association, and as such will receive an allowance because of his injury.

The engineers believe that a suitable alarm system should be installed as suggested in last year's report.* The committee working with the fire engineers have been unable to find an alarm system entirely satisfactory at a price the Town could afford to pay.

A new electric siren has just been brought to their attention which may prove satisfactory.

The engineers, therefore, suggest that the same committee be reappointed to further investigate a suitable alarm system and report at the next Town meeting.

The engineers recommend that the Town accept the hydrant installed over Pine Ridge Road to Bridge Street, Graniteville, at the regular rate per year, and also the hydrant on Orchard St., Forge Village.

Because of the heavy expense, due to fires, the engineers were unable to purchase the amount of fire hose necessary to keep our equipment up to date. Three hundred feet only was purchased, against the four hundred and fifty feet recommended in last year's report. This was paid for out of last year's appropriation during January, 1915. As the life of the fire hose is only about nine years, under the best conditions, the fire engineers believe that a yearly sum should be appropriated to purchase fire hose to replace that worn out.

Recent fires have proved that the Town is very short of suitable ladders in all of the villages. There should be at least two long, straight ladders and one extension in each village.

The Fire Engineers recommend that the sum of \$415 be appropriated to purchase six hundred feet of new hose, two extension and four straight ladders.

The Fire Engineers recommend that the sum of \$500 in addition to the above be appropriated for fire department purposes.

EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chief,
 JOHN EDWARDS, Secretary,
 ALBERT R. CHOATE,
 FRANK L. FURBUSH,
 EDWARD T. HANLEY,
 ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
 Fire Engineers of Westford.

EXPENSES OF THE WESTFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1914.

EDWARD M. ABBOT HOSE CO. NO. 1.

1914.

March	7	C. B. Coburn, rope.....	\$	20
June	11	Mrs F. M. Tuttle, rent of fire house.....		60 00
Nov.	3	H. K. Barnes, hydrant gate.		7 50
Nov.	25	C. B. Coburn, rope.....		5 40
		Salaries, extra time of fire- men's tryouts and fires...		104 73
				\$ 177 83

ALBERT R. CHOATE HOSE CO. NO. 2.

1914.

April		C. B. Coburn, paint.....	\$	69
May	14	Tucke & Parker, electric lamp		90
Nov.	5	Donovan Harness Co., strop.		50
		J. A. Healy, 2½ tons of coal.		20 00
		J. A. Healy, 1½ cords wood		9 00
		Allowance for electric lights, 7 months at \$1.00.....		7 00
		Salaries, extra time of fire- men at fires and tryouts		99 59
				\$ 137 68

JOHN EDWARDS HOSE CO. NO. 3.

Hanley & Co., kerosene.....			\$	77
Salaries, tryouts and extra time of firemen				55 47
				\$ 56 24

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1914.

March	27	H. K. Barnes, hose strop spane, etc	\$	7	50
July	29	C. M. Warner, 3 roof ladders		14	40
July		H. K. Barnes, supplies.....		11	64
Dec.	1	John Carpenter, 6 ladder hooks, wage shaded.....		5	50
Dec.	22	E. M. Abbot, express bills..			85
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			\$	39	99
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			\$	411	64

Outstanding bills, hose, etc., about \$140.00.

Appropriation, \$550.00.

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN.

The Forest Warden submits the following report:—

By order of the Selectmen, every extinguisher in the Town has been recharged. I found most of them in good condition, and left a supply of soda and acid wherever it was needed.

There were 250 fire permits issued for setting fires in the past year.

A list of persons with whom hand fire extinguishers have been placed, and a list of the fires are submitted herewith.

I would recommend that an appropriation of \$100 be made this year.

H. L. NESMITH,

Forest Warden.

LIST OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN WESTFORD, 1914.

1	David Greig	35	Willard Fletcher
2	B. Drew	36	Will Greene
3	Eben Prescott	37	George Symmes
4	Samuel Taylor	38	George Kimball
5	John Flynn	39	Judson Sweetser
6	J. G. Ellison	40	W. Butterworth
7	Charles Edwards	41	Everett Jarvis
8	Nabnasset School	42	C. M. Griffin
9	Walter Whidden	43	James Sullivan
10	Herbert E. Fletcher	44	W. Seifer
11	Herbert E. Fletcher	45	John O'Brien
12	Herbert E. Fletcher	46	A. Blaisdell
13	Herbert E. Fletcher	47	A. Burnham
14	Herbert E. Fletcher	48	L. S. Gates
15	J. Lundberg	49	Angus McDonald
16	N. Whitney	50	D. Desmond
17	Andrew Johnson	51	O. Foster
18	Andrew Johnson	52	A. A. Hildreth
19	J. O'Brien; Providence Rd.	53	Albert Flagg
20	W. Williams	54	Calvin Howard
21	Brookside Firehouse	55	Jim Wilson
22	Brookside Firehouse	56	Alec McDougal
23	Graniteville Firehouse	57	Otis Day
24	Graniteville Firehouse	58	W. W. Johnson
25	Charles Couture	59	Parkerville Firehouse
26	H. D. Wright	60	Parkerville Firehouse
27	Gilman F. Wright	61	Mabel Drew
28	Horace Gould	62	O. R. Spalding
29	H. O. Keyes	63	O. R. Spalding
30	L. Ward	64	G. Conant
31	J. M. Booke	65	Perley Wright
32	C. Shugrue	66	Guy Decatur
33	J. A. Healy, Dunstable Rd.	67	A. Jordan
34	Willard Fletcher	68	A. Dureault

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| 69 | C. B. Wetmore | 88 | John Connell |
| 70 | L. Sullivan | 89 | Graniteville Hose Co. |
| 71 | Fred Blodgett | 90 | Graniteville Hose Co. |
| 72 | Frank Murphy | 91 | C. Johnson, Whidden's
Cor. |
| 73 | Frank Wright | 92 | L. Sutherland |
| 74 | Charles Wright | 93 | Westford Hose Co. |
| 75 | William Wright | 94 | Westford Hose Co. |
| 76 | William Hunt | 95 | Westford Hose Co. |
| 77 | Fred McCoy | 96 | Westford Hose Co. |
| 78 | George Hartford | 97 | Westford Hose Co. |
| 79 | J. W. Pyne | 98 | Westford Hose Co. |
| 80 | Westford Pumping Station | 99 | Westford Hose Co. |
| 81 | Richard Prescott | 100 | Forge Village Hose Co. |
| 82 | Frank Miller | 101 | Forge Village Hose Co. |
| 83 | Jim O'Brien, Stony
Brook Rd. | 102 | Forge Village Hose Co. |
| 84 | Frank Hildreth | 103 | Forge Village Hose Co. |
| 85 | W. Pollock | 104 | Parkerville School |
| 86 | A. Vose | 105 | George Irish |
| 87 | C. Parker | | |

FIRES IN TOWN OF WESTFORD.

DATE	OWNER	CAUSE	Acres	Damage	Ex- pense	Ex- pense
April 21	Smith Heirs	B. & M. R. R.	1	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00	
22	Mrs. Hinkley	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.		1.00	.60	
28	M. Downes	Unknown		5.00		\$ 3.50
May 4	Gregg & Amesbury	Unknown		5.00		5.25
4	Hutchings & Reed	B. & M. R. R.	55	300.00	44.15	
3	W. L. Butterworth	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.		5.00	.50	
23	W. L. Barrows	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.		5.00	2.00	
23	W. L. Butterworth	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	5	25.00	2.00	
24	Geo. C. Moore	Unknown		5.00		7.50
27	Moore & Edwards	Unknown	5	5.00		48.65
28	Geo. C. Moore	Unknown	2	10.00		28.33
28	Hutchings Heirs	B. & M. R. R.	5	20.00	4.55	
28	D. Counter	B. & M. R. R.	1	5.00	4.20	
29	Geo. C. Moore	Unknown	2	5.00		6.00
30	Smith Heirs	House Fire	2	10.00		19.58
June 6	Heywood & Fletcher	B. & M. R. R.	2	5.00	2.80	
12	O. Spalding	Unknown		1.00		27.75
14	J. M. Hall	Unknown	10	50.00		59.58
26	H. E. Fletcher	Unknown	5	25.00		30.25
Sept. 7	Geo. C. Moore	Unknown	1	5.00		3.25
8	W. G. Hardy	Unknown	2	5.00		3.51
14	Abbot Estate	Unknown	30	100.00		40.64
24	Wm. C. Edwards	Unknown	5	20.00		13.45
25	R. G. Abbot	Unknown	1	5.00		2.40
27	R. G. Abbot	Unknown	5	20.00		11.50
29	R. G. Abbot	Unknown				3.10
Oct. 6	Town of Littleton	Unknown	5	15.00	9.75	
12	P. Scarm	Unknown	1			3.25
14	O. Davis	Unknown	2			1.00
15	A. Polley	B. & M. R. R.	3	2.00	5.80	
23	W. Blanchard	Unknown	5	25.00		3.50
24	W. Blanchard	Unknown	5	20.00		10.55
Nov. 5	L. S. Duren	B. & M. R. R.	3	10.00	9.35	
7	W. Sweetsir	Unknown				3.00
11	B. C. Wetmore	B. & M. R. R.	20	20.00	11.35	
13	J. E. Woods	Unknown	3	15.00		8.14
	Exam. fire extinguishers Due from Town of Chelmsford					3.50
						3.25
					\$98.10	\$350.38

Report of the Committee in Charge of the Whitney Playground.

Your committee respectfully submit the following report:

In the spring it became apparent that considerable work would have to be done to put the tennis court in proper condition. Such work was undertaken, and after a somewhat extended delay, the court was again made usable and remained in good condition the rest of the season. It was also found necessary to do considerable work on the diamond of the ball field. Several loads of gravel and earth were placed thereon and the same properly rolled, with the result that the diamond has been in splendid condition.

In the early spring the shrubbery on the grounds was carefully trimmed, and with the care that has since been taken, the grounds have been in a very attractive condition during the year. The trees and shrubbery are now reaching their mature growth, and with careful attention, the grounds should assume an especially attractive appearance in the future.

It has been apparent for the last year or two that the funds so liberally donated by Mrs. Whitney, were producing insufficient income to meet the expense. This, of course, was a great disappointment to your committee, but fortunately the condition has been remedied. In the fall, Mrs. Whitney asked the committee if the funds were proving to be sufficient, and they were compelled to answer in the negative. She then asked for a submission to her of a list of the unpaid bills and a statement of the probable amount necessary annually in the future to maintain the grounds. Such list was submitted, and soon thereafter the committee were in receipt of a communication from her containing a check for \$527, \$277 being to meet unpaid bills, and \$250 for the ensuing year, with an offer on her part to remit \$250 annually hereafter.

Your committee acknowledged Mrs. Whitney's generous gift and expressed their deep appreciation therefor. Your committee is now assured of ample funds to maintain the grounds in the best of condition.

The bond of the Nipe Bay Company matured during the year, and your committee, after consulting with authorities on investment, purchased a \$1,000 City of Canton, Ohio, Public Improvement 5% bond, due in 1924, at par, plus the interest.

Your committee, after giving the matter consideration, are unanimously of opinion that the funds and securities should be placed in the hands of the Town Treasurer, he to pay the bills in the regular course of the town business. This would seem to place the funds in the hands of the proper town official. If this course is adopted, the expenses during the season will still be incurred by your committee and the bills so incurred will be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, as are the other town bills, and then be paid by the Town Treasurer. An article to this end has been inserted in the Town Warrant. Otherwise than this, the investment of the funds remains unchanged, and the following is a statement of the funds and of the receipts and expenditures. By reason of the fiscal year of the town ending December 31st, for the past year only six months' interest on two of the investments have matured, the same being due July 1st and January 1st.

INVESTMENT OF TRUST FUNDS.

2 \$1,000 bonds, American Tel. & Tel. Co., 4's due 1929 at cost	\$1,810 00
2 \$1,000 bonds, Spencer Gas Company 5's, due 1929 at cost.....	2,000 00
1 \$1,000 bond, City of Canton, Ohio, Public Improve- ment 5's, due 1924 at cost	1,000 00
Deposit in Lowell Institution for Savings	190 00
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	\$5,000 00

RECEIPTS.

		Balance on hand	\$ 78
July	1	Interest on 2 bonds, Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. . .	40 00
June	1	Interest on 1 bond, Nipe Bay	30 00
July	1	Interest on 2 bonds, Spencer Gas Co.	50 00
		Interest on Deposit Lowell Institution for Savings	8 16
Nov.	11	By check of M. Elizabeth Whitney	527 00

EXPENDITURES.

			\$655 94
		Paid Edmund Baker at various times and in various amounts, for labor	\$134 80
Aug.	3	Paid Dickerman & McQuade, net and tape	6 00
Oct.	13	Paid Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Interest on bond of City of Canton, Ohio	5 14
Nov.	16	Paid Estate of Mary A. Wright, potash (bill of 1911)	5 00
		Paid Charles H. Bicknell, teaming	10 00
		Paid Albert D. Taylor, trimming shrubbery	8 00
		Paid Wright & Fletcher, bill for fertilizer, etc.	24 75
		Paid Charles H. Pickering, labor	3 00
		Paid Westford Water Company	10 00
Nov.	21	Paid George E. Gould, bill for 1913 and 1914, work on Playground	51 55
Dec.	29	Paid Henry J. Healy, fertilizer	15 50
Dec.	31	Paid P. Henry Harrington, fertilizer	12 00
		Paid Alexander McDonald, teaming	11 00
		Paid Oscar R. Spalding for labor, and cash paid for labor, 1913 and 1914	102 30
		Money transferred to the principal on deposit in the Lowell Institution for Savings	7 00
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			\$406 04
		Balance on hand	\$249 90

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
HERBERT V. HILDRETH,
EDWARD FISHER.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 24, 1914	\$ 6,638 80
Cash borrowed, anticipation taxes.....	14,000 00
Cash borrowed, Fire House loan	1,700 00
John Feeney, Janitor Town Hall	61 00
Edwin A. Robey, Janitor Town Hall	110 00
State Treasurer, gypsy and brown tail moth suppression	115 00
State Treasurer, burial paupers	15 00
State Treasurer, tuition children	77 50
State Treasurer, compensation inspector animals	45 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax, public service	953 09
State Treasurer, corporation tax, business	8,812 69
State Treasurer, National Bank tax	299 54
State Treasurer, Military Aid	108 00
State Treasurer, State Aid	564 00
State Treasurer, burial indigent soldiers.....	37 00
State Treasurer, on acct. Supt. Schools	531 25
Highway Commission, gypsy and brown tail moth work	69 00
L. W. Wheeler, Collector Tax, real estate tax 1911 and 1912, collected after abatement with interest	1 64
L. W. Wheeler, Collector Tax, poll tax collected after abatement with interest	2 05
L. W. Wheeler, Collector Tax 1912	13 12
L. W. Wheeler, Collector Tax 1912 interest	6 92
L. W. Wheeler, Collector Tax 1913	1,067 00
L. W. Wheeler, Collector Tax 1913 interest	50 87
Amount carried forward	\$35,278 47

Amount brought forward	\$35,278 47
L. W. Wheeler, Collector Tax 1914 before November 1	30,739 06
L. W. Wheeler, Collector Tax 1914 after November 1	4,496 63
L. W. Wheeler, Collector Tax 1914 interest	31 02
L. W. Wheeler, Collector Excise Tax	253 95
Clerk First District Court, Ayer	29 94
B. & M. R. R., on acct. fires	59 70
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., on acct. fires	5 10
Charles O. Prescott, balance Library acct.	70 49
Mrs. C. H. Fletcher, Est., one-half expense grading sidewalk	9 00
City Boston, on acct. Overseers Poor	21 32
F. H. Hill, book	1 68
Alec Fisher, slaughterhouse license	1 00
Adams Express Co., permit to transport liquor	1 00
Mrs. A. P. Warren, one-half expense grading sidewalk	22 50
Am. Express Co., permit to transport liquor	1 00
J. Leclaire, license to sell ice cream Sunday	1 00
C. Richards, license to sell ice cream Sunday	1 00
Joe Wall, auctioneer's license	2 00
Vanasse & Cameau, on acct. abandoned truck	5 00
Mrs. A. T. Blodgett, privilege on Common	1 00
Mrs. Isles, one-half expense grading sidewalk	10 50
Mrs. Bessie Gates, license to sell ice cream Sunday	1 00
Albert Reeves, pool room license	10 00
W. R. Taylor, Stony Brook Schoolhouse	601 50
W. C. Roudenbush, lost and damaged school books	70
Mary G. Hickey, collected on acct. supplies	19
Miss York, license to sell ice cream Sunday	1 00
Talbot Dyewood & Chem. Co., carboys less freight	1 75
G. E. Mountain, pool room license	15 00
Town Littleton, on acct. fires	9 75
City Lowell, on acct. Overseers Poor	44 00
A. A. Hildreth, Sealer Weights and Measures	38 56

\$71,765 81

PAYMENTS.

By cash, notes	\$16,000 00
Interest	730 25
Repairs State Highway	214 23
State Tax.....	5,075 00
County Tax.....	2,783 14
Orders and incidental expenses	39,322 87
Cash on hand January 1, 1915	7,640 32
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	\$71,765 81

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT,
Treasurer of Westford.

Auditor's Report.

I have made the usual examination of the Cash Books and Ledgers of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 1914, and have found the footings correct, and proper vouchers on file for the payments.

I wish to thank the Officers for their willing and pleasant co-operation with me in making the audit.

Herewith is the report of my examination, and a statement of the financial condition of the Town on December 31, 1914.

TAXES.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for Year 1912.

To balance to collect as per audit of February 14, 1914	22 14	
Past due interest collected	6 92	
	29 06	
Less abatements as per Assessors' notices since last audit	9 02	
		\$20 04
By taxes collected since last audit	13 12	
Past due interest collected	6 92	
		\$20 04

Leaving no balance to collect.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for Year 1913.

To balance to collect as per audit of February 14, 1914	\$1,185 16	
Additions as per Assessors' notices since last audit	4 40	
Past due interest collected	50 87	
	<hr/>	\$1,240 43
Less abatements as per Assessors' notices since last audit	122 56	
	<hr/>	\$1,117 87
By taxes collected since last audit	\$1,067 00	
Past due interest collected	50 87	
	<hr/>	\$1,117 87
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Leaving no balance to collect.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for Year 1914.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessors' Warrant, as follows:	
732 polls at \$2.00	\$ 1,464 00
Personal Estate	11,495 13
Real Estate	24,610 32
Moth Bills	566 85
Special Assessments	217 98
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	\$38,354 28
Less for corrections by Assessors after first audit	13 60
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Amount carried forward	\$38,340 68

Amount brought forward	\$38,340 68	
Additions for year since issue of Warrant, as per Assessors' notices found on file with Collector	320 96	
Past due interest collected	31 02	
	<hr/>	\$38,692 66
Less abatements for year, as per Assessors' notices found on file with the Treasurer	197 10	
	<hr/>	\$38,495 56
By taxes collected to November 2, 1914 ...	\$30,739 06	
By taxes collected from November 2, 1914 to January 9, 1915	4,496 63	
Past due interest collected	31 02	
	<hr/>	\$35,266 71
Balance to collect		\$3,228 85
To excise tax to collect as per Assessors' Warrant		\$253 95
By collections		253 95
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Leaving no balance to collect.		

TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk issued during the year licenses for:		
172 male dogs at \$2.00	\$344 00	
18 female dogs at \$5.00	90 00	
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Less Clerk's fee for 190 at 20c.		38 00
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Balance paid to County Treasurer and receipted for by him.....		\$396 00

SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen drew 714 orders on the Treasurer during the year, amounting to \$39,322.87. Receipted bills were found on file for nearly all the payments, and in the few cases where these were not in evidence I found endorsed checks on file, as vouchers for the payments.

TOWN FARM.

H. W. Barnes, Superintendent.

To balance cash on hand January 31, 1914	\$	28	
Total receipts for the year to December 31, 1914		4,306	44
		-----	\$4,306 72
By payments for the year to December 31, 1914	\$	4,262	15
Balance cash on hand December 31, 1914		44	57
		-----	\$4,306 72

TREASURER.

To balance cash on hand February 1, 1914	\$	6,638	80
Receipts from all sources during the year		65,127	01
		-----	\$71,765 81
By total payments for the year ending December 31, 1914	\$	64,125	49
Balance cash on hand December 31, 1914		7,640	32
		-----	\$71,765 81

Statement of Condition.

ASSETS.

1914 taxes remaining uncollected.....	\$3,228	85
Accrued interest on same	32	28
Due from State Aid	545	00
Due from Military Aid	99	00
Balance cash on hand with Supt. of Town Farm	44	57
Balance cash on hand with Treasurer	7,640	32
	\$11,590	02

LIABILITIES.

Due State Treasurer on Schoolhouse loan (Wm. E. Frost School)	\$8,000	00
Two months' interest on same at $4\frac{1}{4}\%$...	56	66
Due State Treasurer on Schoolhouse loan (Cameron School)	2,000	00
Four months' interest on same at 4%	26	66
Due V. C. B. Wetmore on Firehouse loan ..	1,700	00
	\$11,783	32
Deficit December 31, 1914	\$	193 30
The deficit February 1, 1914 was	\$	3,429 33

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,

Auditor.

WESTFORD, MASS.,
JANUARY, 20, 1914.

Report of Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

The Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds present the following report for 1914.

The several Cemeteries have had the usual care. After several years of faithful service, W. H. H. Burbeck, owing to ill health, resigned the care of Westlawn and Hillside Cemeteries, Charles D. Colburn taking charge of Westlawn, and E. J. Whitney of Hillside.

Five lots in Fairview have been placed under the perpetual care of the Town, and the fund for the care of three lots in Fairview has been increased, making the whole amount of the Perpetual Care Fund at the present time, \$7,195.25.

It became necessary, this fall, to have a survey made at Fairview, and additional lots laid out and marked on the plan, as all unoccupied lots on former plan had been taken.

The Commissioners fully appreciate the kindness of the Tadmuck Club, in presenting two wire baskets to receive waste material at Fairview. They have been of much assistance in keeping the grounds in a neat condition.

The Commissioners would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$200 be raised and appropriated for the care and improvement of the cemeteries the coming year.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS IN
FAIRVIEW.

RESIDENTS.

Atwood, Miss L. B.	\$	2 00
Baker, Mrs. John		1 00
Bennett, Miss Priscilla		1 00
Bicknell, Ai		1 00
Bicknell, Charles H.		1 00
Blodgett, W. G.		1 00
Boynton, Mrs. D. L.		1 00
Brooks, Charles		2 00
Buckingham, Mrs. Lizzie		4 00
Bunce, Miss Mary P.		2 00
Burbeck, John		1 00
Burbeck, Wm. H. H.		2 00
Burnett, Wm.		1 00
Burnham, Arthur H.		1 00
Butterworth, Mrs. J. T.		1 00
Butterworth, Wm. L.		1 00
Calvert, Mrs. Frank		1 00
Carkin, W. E.		1 00
Carkin, A. W.		1 00
Catchpole, Henry		1 00
Caunter, Frank		2 00
Day, Arthur E.		1 00
Defoe, Mrs. Lizzie		1 00
De Roehn, Mrs. Andrew		1 00
Doucette, Mrs. Martha		2 50
Drew, F. C.		1 00
Feeney, John		1 00
Fisher, Edward		1 00
Fletcher, H. N.		1 00
Fletcher, John M.		3 00
Fletcher, J. W.		1 00
Amount carried forward		\$42 50

Amount brought forward	\$42 50
Fletcher, Lorenzo, Estate of	8 00
Fletcher, L. H.	1 00
Frost, Mrs. W. E.	1 00
Gardell, August.	1 00
Gilson, L. S.	2 00
Gower, George	1 00
Greig, John	1 00
Haley, Frank	1 00
Hanning, Elisha	7 00
Harrington, James W.	1 00
Harris, Mrs. C. A.	1 00
Hawkes, W. O.	1 00
Healey, Mrs. Ruby	1 00
Heywood, Albert W.	8 00
Hildreth, Frank C.	1 00
Humiston, Elliot F.	2 00
Hunt, Edmund J.	2 00
Isles, Mrs. Joseph	1 00
Jenne, A.	2 00
Johnson, Andrew	1 00
Johnson, W. W.	1 00
Kabele, Henry M.	1 00
Keyes, Mrs. Lucy A.	1 00
Kimball, James L.	1 00
Mattson, John.	2 50
Martin, John	1 00
McClenna, Mrs. Lillian	1 00
McCoy, Fred L.	1 00
McDougal, Alec	8 00
McDougal, Mrs. A.	1 00
Millis, Willard	8 00
Mills, Mrs. Hugh	1 00
Morin, Mrs. J. A.	1 00
Morton, F.	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$115 00

Amount brought forward	\$115 00
Mountain, George E.	1 00
Nesmith, Harry L.	1 00
Orange, W. H.	1 00
Orr, Robert	1 00
Parker, Mrs. Clyde	1 00
Perkins, Joseph	1 00
Phillips, Norman A.	1 00
Prescott, Ebenezer	2 00
Prescott, Mrs. Frances A.	1 00
Prinn, Alfred	1 00
Pyne, Mrs. J. W.	2 50
Richardson, Mrs. Alma M.	2 00
Richardson, Joseph	1 00
Shattuck, Mrs. D. H.	1 00
Shea, Frank	1 00
Sherman, Mrs. David	1 00
Stewart, Mrs. James	2 00
Sutherland, A. H.	8 00
Sutherland, Wm.	8 00
Sweetser, Judson.	1 00
Symmes, Mrs. Thomas E.	3 00
Taylor, S. L.	2 00
Turner, Miss Lizzie	1 00
Walkden, James A.	1 00
Walker, George A.	8 00
Weaver, George	8 00
Welch, Mrs. Wm.	2 00
White, Wm.	1 00
Willis, Sam'l	1 00
Wilson, James D.	5 00
Wilson, Mrs. Margaret	8 00
Woods, Wm. L.	2 00
Wright, F. C.	1 00
York, J. Ellsworth.	2 00
Amount carried forward	\$199 50

NON-RESIDENTS.

Amount brought forward	\$199 50
Abbot, Mrs. E. S., Boston	5 00
Adams, Mrs. C. L., So. Chelmsford	1 00
Allen, Mrs. Ida, Lowell	1 00
Boden, Mrs. Albert, Nashua, N. H.	1 00
Brow, Mrs. L. J., Dunstable	1 00
Bucklen, Mrs. Hattie, Boston	1 00
Buxton, Mrs. J. C., Lowell	1 00
Carpenter, Eugene, Newton	1 00
Carrick, Mrs. Alice, Worcester	1 00
Caunter, Miss Marion W., W. Fitchburg ..	1 00
Chamberlain, Mrs. E. H., Cheraw, S. C. ..	1 00
Cockroft, Herbert, Ware	1 00
Coggeshall, Dexter E., Danvers	1 00
Coolidge, Miss Annie M., Lowell	1 00
Craven, Mrs. Emily L., Lowell	1 00
Cummings, Geo. W., Lowell	1 00
Davie, Wm. L., No. Chelmsford	1 00
Davis, Miss Alice L., Somerville	1 00
Decatur, Burt, Springfield	1 00
Dugdale, R. J., Anaheim, Cal.	1 00
Dupee, C. F., Lowell	3.00
Felch, Mrs. A. M., Greenfield, N. H.	1 00
Felch, Samuel, Chelmsford	2 00
Fletcher, F. L., Somerville	1 00
Griffin, Frank A., Lowell	8 00
Guild, Mrs. Carrie and E. M. Mills, Lowell ..	8 00
Hagarty, Mrs. F. M., Waltham	1 00
Hamlin, Geo. P., Boston	1 00
Harris, Geo. E., Rockland	1 00
Harrup, Mrs. James, E. Providence, R. I. ..	1 00
Hewett, Miss C. E., Medfield	1 00
Heywood, Mrs. Edwin E., Arlington Heights ..	3 50
Hildreth, Mrs. Ellen A., Pelham, N. H.	5 00
Amount carried forward	\$260 00

Amount brought forward	\$260 00
Hildreth, F. A., Malden	2 00
Hildreth, Miss Helen C., Harvard	1 00
Hindle, Frank, Chelmsford	2 50
Holt, Mrs. E. H., Lowell	1 00
Horne, Geo. F., Somerville	1 00
Hunt, Geo. W., Tyngsboro	1 00
Hutchinson, H. A., Chelmsford	3 00
Johnson, Miss Almira L., Melrose Highlands	1 00
Kierstead, Sanford, Waltham	1 00
King, Mrs. A. M., Gatun-Canal Zone, Panama	1 00
Laws, Mrs. J. H., W. Somerville	1 00
Longbottom, Walter, Arlington Heights	1 00
Longley, Albert W., Bishop Inyo Co., Cal.	1 00
Martin, Mrs. Josephine, Ayer	1 00
Moss, James W., Boston	1 00
E. R. Parker and Sister, Chelmsford	8 00
Parker, O. A., Waltham	2 00
Petherick, W. H., Leominster	1 00
Read, Henry B., Barre	1 00
Reed, Geo. G., Lowell	1 00
Richardson, M. T., New York City, N. Y.	1 00
Ripley, Mrs. F. K., No. Chelmsford	1 00
Saville, Wm., Boston	1 00
Schworer, Mrs. Louis, Bradford	1 00
Scrutton, Mrs. E. H., Lowell	1 00
Searles, Mrs. C. J., Lowell	1 00
Smith, Allen G., Littleton	1 00
Spalding, J. F., Melrose	1 00
Stancomb, Richard, Leominster	1 00
Stiles, F. O., Littleton	1 00
Stiles, Mrs. H. S., Mayville, N. Y.	1 00
Sweatt, Miss Jessie M., Boston	1 00
Taylor, A. D., Boston	2 00
Waller, Mrs. Nettie J., Chelmsford	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$307 50

Amount brought forward	\$307 50
Wheeler, Miss Delia, Westminster	1 00
Wheeler, Isaac G., Allston	1 00
Willis, Wm. T., Lowell	1 00
Wood, Henry O., No. Chelmsford	1 00
Woodbury, Mrs. Emma A., Dracut	1 00
Wright, Mrs. Emma E., Lowell	1 00

\$313 50

WESTLAWN.

Cutter, Miss M. E., for Cutter lot	\$ 1 00
Day, Geo. T., for Day lot	2 00
Leighton, Mrs. Helen W., for A. R. Leighton lot	1 00
Prescott, Miss Ida L., for Sam'l L. Prescott lot	1 00
Wright, F. C., for Joseph E. Wright lot	1 00

6 00

Amount received for care of lots \$319 50

EXPENSES.

FAIRVIEW.

Paid Walter Blanchard for labor	\$222 35
Andrew Healy for labor	16 15
Edward Perkins for labor	72 79
Perley E. Wright for loam	21 00
D. L. Greig for loam	34 00
D. L. Greig and others for labor	65 00
Wright & Fletcher for fertilizer	51 50
Wright & Fletcher as per bill	6 90
C. B. Coburn for oil and gilding	2 17
Abbot Worsted Co., repairing lawn mowers	3 00

Amount carried forward \$494 86

WESTLAWN.

Amount brought forward		\$494 86
Paid Charles D. Colburn for care of cemetery	\$ 12 00	
Charles D. Colburn for painting and gilding markers	2 00	
Charles D. Colburn, care of lots as per bill	26 00	
Wright & Fletcher for fertilizer	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 46 00

HILLSIDE.

Paid E. J. Whitney for care of cemetery ...	\$ 10 00	
E. J. Whitney for care of lots as per bill	8 00	
E. J. Whitney for loam	1 50	
E. J. Whitney for grass seed, etc.	75	
Wright & Fletcher for fertilizer	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 24 25

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Courier-Citizen Co., printing 2 receipt books.....	\$ 4 07	
Courier-Citizen Co., printing 300 notice cards	2 00	
Courier-Citizen Co. for 300 stamped and addressed envelopes	7 75	
Express charges	50	
	<hr/>	\$ 14 32
Amount expended		<hr/> \$579 43

Amount received from the Town.....	\$152 17	
“ “ for care of lots	319 50	
“ “ from Perpetual Care Fund	104 00	
Balance in hands of Commissioners, 1913 ..	3 88	
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Amount received		\$579 55
Amount expended		579 43
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Balance in hands of Commissioners		\$ 12

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

NAME.	CEMETERY.	FUND.
Ephraim Abbot	Fairview	\$ 100 00
J. W. P. Abbot	"	100 00
Cyrus Babbitt	"	50 00
Albert Bailey	"	50 00
Sally B. Burrill	"	100 00
Mary E. Brigham	"	100 00
Mary E. Brigham (Kittredge lot)	"	100 00
Susan A. Butterfield	"	100 00
Buxton & Parker	"	50 00
Francis Caldwell	"	50 00
John Carmichael	"	100 00
John B. Carmichael	"	100 00
Elisha Case	"	50 00
William Chandler	Hillside	100 00
Jonathan Collins	Fairview	50 00
P. G. Collins	"	50 00
George Davis	"	50 00
Joshua C. Decatur	"	50 00
Charles S. Dodge	"	100 00
Cephas Drew	"	50 00
George Drew	"	50 00
Thomas Drew	"	50 00
Edmund F. Dupee	"	50 00
Rachel Dupee	"	50 00
Wm. Z. Dupee	"	50 00
Daniel Falls	"	50 00
Alvan Fisher lot	"	150 00
Abijah Fletcher	"	50 00
Andrew Fletcher	"	100 00
Charles H. Fletcher	"	50 00
Julia A. Fletcher	"	50 00
Amount carried forward		\$2200 00

Amount brought forward		\$2200 00
Lorenzo Fletcher, F. A. Snow		
Ex.	“	100 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	“	50 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	Westlawn	50 00
L. A. Folland	Fairview	50 00
Charles H. Follansbee	Hillside	100 00
George Q. Gilson	Fairview	50 00
Susan E. Green	“	100 00
John Greig	“	100 00
Adams Griffin	“	50 00
Joseph B. Griffin	“	100 00
Timothy L. Griffin lot, by Viola Griffin Whitehead ..	“	50 00
Theodore H. Hamblett	“	50 00
C. & C. A. Hamlin	“	100 00
George R. Harrison	“	50 00
Ephraim A. Harwood	“	100 00
M. Hennessey	“	50 00
Henry Herrick	Westlawn	100 00
George W. Heywood lot	Fairview	50 00
Levi Heywood tomb	“	50 00
Samuel Horne	“	50 00
Melbourne F. Hutchins	Westlawn	100 00
Samuel M. Hutchins	Fairview	100 00
Hutchins & Blood	Westlawn	50 00
Louisa Joint	Fairview	50 00
Grace Lawrence	Westlawn	50 00
Silas Lawrence & Mrs. Drake	“	100 00
Francis Leighton	“	50 00
Isiah Leighton	Fairview	100 00
Mazuzan and Whitney	“	200 00
Edwin D. Metcalf	“	50 00
Josiah A. Osgood (John Osgood lot)	“	50 00
Amount carried forward		\$4500 00

Amount brought forward		\$4500 00
John M. Osgood	"	95 25
James M. Parker	"	50 00
Fletcher Peckens	"	50 00
Sarah Precious	"	50 00
Prescott and Babbitt	"	100 00
Abram Prescott tomb	Westlawn	50 00
Charles H. Prescott	"	100 00
Joseph F. Prescott	"	50 00
Frances A. Prescott	Fairview	50 00
Nathan P. Prescott	"	50 00
Mary A. Putnam	Hillside	100 00
Polly Quigg	Fairview	50 00
Abijah C. Reed	"	50 00
Anan Reed	Westlawn	50 00
Sarah S. Reed	"	100 00
Annie Richardson	Fairview	50 00
Olive A. Richardson	"	50 00
Samuel Richardson	"	50 00
George E. Burns, Ex. Estate		
Sarah Richardson	"	100 00
Sarah Richardson	"	50 00
Sarah E. Richardson	"	50 00
Nancy Sargent	"	50 00
C. Frederick Seifer	"	50 00
Clara A. Smith	"	50 00
Levi Snow	"	100 00
Salmon L. Snow	"	100 00
Ephraim A. Stevens	"	50 00
Sarah E. P. Wells	Westlawn	100 00
Jacob Wendell	Hillside	100 00
Mary J. Wheeler	Fairview	50 00
Hiram Whitney	"	100 00
Clara M. Wiley	"	100 00
Luther Wilkins	"	75 00
Amount carried forward		\$6770 25

Amount brought forward		\$6770 25
M. E. Willard (Hosley lot) ..	Westlawn	100 00
John Wilson.....	Fairview	50 00
Capt. Ezekiel Wright	Westlawn	50 00
G. J. and A. S. Wright	Fairview	100 00
N. H. Wright	“	100 00
Varnum B. Wright	“	25 00
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		\$7,195 25

GEORGE T. DAY, Chairman and Secretary,
 DAVID L. GREIG,
 JOHN A. HEALY,
 Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

Finance Committee Report.

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Westford:—

The Finance Committee elected at the Annual Town Meeting held March 16, 1914, have held several meetings at which the various officials conducting the affairs of the several departments of the Town Government, have appeared and made requests for the appropriation of money by the Town sufficient to carry on in a satisfactory manner the work expected of them.

Each request has been carefully considered; also consideration has been given to the several special articles in the Warrant, the carrying out of which would require money.

As in the past, it is the aim of your Committee to recommend such appropriations as in their judgment will be sufficient to meet all reasonable requirements and still keep the rate of taxation as low as possible.

The Committee recommend that the following sums be raised and appropriated, action on which shall be taken by the voters at the Annual Meeting:

Art. 8	Public Library	\$1,000 00
“ 9	Public Burial Grounds	175 00
“ 12	Roads and Bridges	4,000 00
“ 14	Town debts and charges	6,500 00
“ 15	Support of Poor	1,300 00
“ 16	Public Schools.	10,450 00
“ 17	High School.	3,100 00
“ 18	School Text-books and Supplies . .	750 00
“ 19	Salary of Supt. of Schools.	573 75
“ 20	Repairs and maintenance of School- houses	1,000 00
“ 21	Moth Department	1,050 00
“ 22	Fire Department	450 00
	Amount carried forward	\$30,348 75

Amount brought forward		\$30,348 75
Art. 23 New Hose and Apparatus for Fire Department	400 00	
“ 24 Sidewalks	300 00	
“ 33 Medical Inspection in Schools ...	100 00	
“ 38 Memorial Day	150 00	
“ 39 Distribution of Library Books ...	100 00	
Electric Lights	3,290 00	
Hydrants	1,960 00	
Notes and Interest	3,450 00	
State and County Tax	8,100 00	
	—————	\$48,198 75
Less Income from State Treasurer	\$10,939 32	
Poll Taxes	1,350 00	
	—————	\$12,289 32
Amount to be raised		\$35,909 43

With reference to Article 13 relating to the relocation and repair of the Acton road, the Committee recommends that the Town borrow the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), this being the amount required, same to be paid in four yearly instalments of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each, beginning in 1916.

Article 32. Your Committee has given special consideration to this Article, and, in explanation of the same, would refer you to the following extract from the Acts of 1907, Chapter 175, Section 12, which is as follows:

Section 12. The Town of Westford shall have the right, at any time during the continuance of the charter hereby granted, to take by purchase or by exercise of the right of eminent domain, the franchise, property and all the rights and privileges of said corporation, on payment to said corporation of the actual cost of its franchise, works and property of any kind held under the provisions of this act. If the Town shall so take said property it shall, as part payment

thereof, assume any indebtedness of said corporation incurred in the construction or improvement of the property, by lawful issue of bonds secured by mortgage. The Town, on taking as herein provided the property of said corporation, shall assume all of its outstanding obligations, including the bonds authorized by this act, and the amount thus assumed shall be deducted from the total amount to be paid by said Town to said corporation. Said corporation shall furnish to the Town of Westford, under oath, an itemized statement of the actual cost of the water supply system authorized under this act, together with a copy of all contracts made in providing and constructing said water supply system, and any extension thereof, and shall furnish to said Town annually in the month of January an itemized statement, 'under oath, of its receipts and expenditures, which statement shall be submitted by the selectmen to the citizens of the Town at the Annual Town Meeting. This authority to take said franchise and property is granted on condition that the same is assented to by said Town by a two-thirds vote of the voters present and voting thereon at a meeting legally called for that purpose, and the taking, if by exercise of the right of eminent domain, shall be by filing in the registry of deeds for the northern district of the county of Middlesex a declaration of such taking, which shall include a certified copy of the article in the warrant under which the Town acted, and of the vote of the Town thereon showing that it was passed by a two-thirds vote, as herein required. In case the Town and the corporation shall be unable to agree upon the actual cost of said property, the supreme judicial court shall, upon application of either party and notice to the other, appoint three commissioners who shall determine the actual cost of said property, and whose award, when accepted by the court shall be final. Interest at the rate of six per cent. shall be included in said award from the date of the taking or purchase.

Should the Town vote to take advantage of this right, it would mean the expenditure of about eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00). Your Committee does not think it advisable at this time for the Town to encumber itself with a debt of this amount.

If the Town should vote to raise the sum of thirty-five thousand nine hundred and nine dollars and forty-three cents (\$35,909.43) as recommended, the rate of taxation should be

about sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per thousand, this rate being somewhat dependent on an increased State Tax, which, in all probability, would be offset by an increase in the Town's valuation.

The foregoing report we submit to you for your careful consideration.

GEORGE T. DAY,
JULIAN A. CAMERON,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ELBERT H. FLAGG,
HERBERT V. HILDRETH,
Finance Committee.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County.

GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the eighth day of February, being the second Monday in said month, at 7.45 o'clock a. m. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock a. m., and may be closed at one o'clock p. m.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years; Overseer of Poor (to fill vacancy); Town Treasurer; Collector of Taxes, one Constable, one Auditor and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"
- 3rd. To hear the report of the Finance Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.

- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees, and raise and appropriate money to meet the expenses of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To see if the Town will vote to borrow or raise and appropriate, or borrow in part and raise and appropriate in part, money to alter and repair the Acton and Lowell Road, so-called, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and act in relation to the same.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 17th. To raise and appropriate money for High School purposes.

- 18th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text-Books and Supplies.
- 19th. To raise and appropriate money for the salary of the Superintendent of Schools.
- 20th. To raise and appropriate money for repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths and elm tree beetles, and act in relation to the same.
- 22nd. To raise and appropriate money to meet the expense of the Fire Department, and act in relation to the same.
- 23rd. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to purchase new hose and fire apparatus for the fire department, and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the construction and grading of sidewalks in the several villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To see if the Town will ratify and approve the action of the Board of Fire Engineers in establishing the hydrant installed on Bridge Street in Graniteville, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. To hear the report of the committee chosen at the last annual meeting to investigate and report regarding the installation of a fire alarm system, and act in relation to the same.
- 27th. To see what action the Town will take relative to placing under the control of the Town Treasurer the funds and securities now in the possession of the committee in charge of the Whitney Playground, make provision for the payment of the annual expenses, and provide for the future investments of such funds, and act in relation to the same.

- 28th. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to transfer in any year the unexpended balance of an appropriation of this department to any other appropriation made for this department, and act in relation to the same.
- 29th. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 43 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws, authorizing the Selectmen to grade and construct sidewalks and assess not exceeding one-half of the expense thereof upon abutters.
- 30th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to adopting a policy of having a check, a sufficient voucher, for the payment of the indebtedness of the Town, and act in relation to the same.
- 31st. To see what action the Town will take towards providing a proper heating apparatus for the Town Hall, and act in relation to the same.
- 32nd. To see if the Town will vote to take by purchase or by exercise of the right of eminent domain, the franchise property and all the rights and privileges of the Westford Water Company as authorized under the provisions of Chapter 175 of the Acts of the year 1907, and act in relation to the same.
- 33rd. To raise and appropriate money for medical inspection in the Public Schools, and act in relation to the same.
- 34th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.
- 35th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.

- 36th. To choose a Finance Committee.
- 37th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 38th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 39th. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village, and Parkerville, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these three villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 40th. To see if the Town will accept the hydrant installed on Orchard Street, so called, in Forge Village.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
ANDREW JOHNSON,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,

Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE

School Year ending January 1, 1915



LOWELL, MASS.,
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS
1915

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

THE ACADEMY.

1915.

Winter term closes March 19th	15 weeks
Spring term begins March 29th, closes June 25th	13 “

SUMMER VACATION.

1915-1916.

Fall term begins Sept. 7th, closes Nov. 24th	12 weeks
Winter term begins Nov. 29th, closes March 17th . . .	15 “
<i>Christmas Vacation of one week from Dec. 17th to Dec. 27th.</i>	
Spring term begins March 27th, closes June 23rd	13 “
Total	<hr/> 40 weeks

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

1915.

Winter term closes March 12th	13 weeks
Spring term begins March 29th, closes June 11th	11 “

SUMMER VACATION.

1915-1916.

Fall term begins Sept. 7th, closes Nov. 24th	12 weeks
Winter term begins Nov. 29th, closes March 10th . . .	13 “
<i>Christmas Vacation of two weeks from Dec. 17th to Jan. 3rd.</i>	
Spring term begins March 27th, closes June 9th	11 “
Total	<hr/> 36 weeks

SPECIAL EXERCISE DAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

1915.

- Feb. 12. Lincoln exercises, one hour.
- Feb. 19. Washington exercises, one hour.
- April 16. Patriots' Day exercises, one hour.
- April 23. Arbor Day exercises, one hour.
- May 28. Memorial Day exercises, one hour.
- Oct. 11. Columbus Day exercises, one hour.
- Nov. 24. Thanksgiving Day exercises, one hour.

1916.

- Feb. 11. Lincoln exercises, one hour.
- Feb. 21. Washington exercises, one hour.
- April 18. Patriots' Day exercises, one hour.
- May 29. Memorial Day exercises, one hour.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

The words "legal holiday" shall include the 22d day of February, the 19th day of April, the 30th day of May, the 4th day of July, the first Monday of September, the 12th day of October, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, or the day following, when any of the four days first mentioned, the 12th day of October or Christmas Day occurs on Sunday.

Arbor Day occurs on the last Saturday in April, and is not a legal holiday.

Flag Day occurs on June 14th, and is not a legal holiday. It should be observed by any school then in session.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—1914-1915.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman	Term Expires 1915.
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON	Term Expires 1915.
JOHN P. WRIGHT	Term Expires 1916.
FRANK L. FURBUSH	Term Expires 1916.
JOHN SPINNER	Term Expires 1917.
ARTHUR E. DAY, Secretary	Term Expires 1917.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FRANK H. HILL, Littleton, Mass.

COMMITTEE ON TEXT-BOOKS.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,

JOHN P. WRIGHT.

SUPPLY AGENT.

WALTER C. WRIGHT.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

JOHN A. HEALY,

JOHN A. SULLIVAN.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

CYRIL A. BLANEY, M. D.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WESTFORD:

We herewith submit the following report for 1914:

To meet the requirements of the State Inspector of Buildings, we were obliged to make several changes in the arrangement of the entrance doors at the William E. Frost School during the past summer, and at the same time the walls and ceilings of the halls, which had become soiled and stained, were given a coating of paint. The outside of the Cameron School building at Forge Village was newly painted which has greatly improved its appearance. If during the coming summer the outside of the Frost School can be painted, all the school buildings will then be in good condition.

Owing to the small number of pupils at the Nabnasset School it seemed best to the committee to close this school for the present and transport the pupils, some to Graniteville and some to the Centre.

A flag pole has been erected on the Whitney Playground, midway between the Academy and the Frost School, and by displaying the flag here, one flag answers for both buildings and thus the difficulty which was experienced in raising and lowering the flag on the buildings has been removed.

We would call your attention to the new contract between the Trustees of Westford Academy and the Town which went into effect last August. A copy of the contract is given below.

The Superintendent's report and other reports which follow give an account of the condition of the schools and deal with many matters of importance which merit your careful consideration.

A COPY OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TRUSTEES OF WESTFORD
ACADEMY AND THE TOWN OF WESTFORD.

That whereas the said Town of Westford does not own any building suitable for High School purposes, as required by law, he party of the first part by its School Committee, as authorized

by vote of the Town passed March 18, 1914, and the party of the second part known as the Trustees of Westford Academy, acting jointly, do hereby enter into this agreement:—

1st. That the party of the second part hereby agrees to lease the Academy building for use as a High School to the Town of Westford, Mass., and the party of the first part agrees to lease said building at an annual rental of three hundred dollars (\$300), said sum to be paid by said party of the first part in equal quarterly installments.

2nd. That the party of the second part hereby agrees to keep the building in repair, provide janitor service, and fuel for heating purposes, and the party of the first part agrees to pay all other expenses connected with said school and said building, including repair of all school furniture, payment of teachers, and the furnishing of all text-books, supplies, and other articles for school purposes, and to pay all taxes, if any, and water rates.

3rd. That during the continuance of this agreement, the High School of the Town of Westford shall continue to use the name of Westford Academy, and all graduates shall be entitled to receive a diploma signed by the President of the Trustees of Westford Academy.

4th. And it is further agreed, that neither the said Trustees of Westford Academy, nor persons signing this agreement for the said Town of Westford, nor their executors or administrators, shall under any circumstances be liable in their individual capacity either jointly or separately in said agreement.

In testimony whereof the said parties have to this and to one other indenture of the same tenor and date interchangeably set their hands and seals this second day of August in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen.

The inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., by their School Committee.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman.
ARTHUR E. DAY, Secretary.

Trustees of Westford Academy,

GEORGE T. DAY, President,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, Secretary.

Financial Statement.

As Approved by the Selectmen.

Balance from last account.....	\$	548 10
Appropriation, Common Schools		10,450 00
Appropriation, High School		2,800 00
From State on acct. of Supt. of Schools.		212 50
		\$14,010 60

EXPENDITURE.

Trustees of Westford Academy	\$1,050 00
Teachers	7,108 00
Janitor Service	844 00
Cleaning	151 85
Fuel.....	1,013 38
Transportation	2,045 50
Music	270 00
Drawing	202 50
	\$12,685 23

EXPENSE OF SUPERVISION.

Salary paid by Town	\$730 41
Rebate from State	318 75
	\$411 66

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Dr. C. A. Blaney, salary for 1913	\$100.00
Dr. C. A. Blaney, salary for 1914	100 00
	\$200 00

TEXT-BOOKS.

E. E. Babb & Co.	\$542 23	
Ginn & Co.	9 28	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	18 82	
Oliver Ditson Co.	4 32	
Huntley S. Turner	23 50	
J. L. Hammett Co.	60	
Hobbs & Warren	4 00	
J. B. Hunter Co.	9 05	
	<hr/>	\$611 80

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Brownell Mason Co., labor	\$ 41 44	
Wm. Sutherland, stock and labor	21 31	
Union Sheet Metal Co., labor	27 59	
Edmund Baker, labor	33 00	
Boston Flag Pole Co., flag pole	55 00	
Express and freight	36 59	
H. C. Doughty, labor	33 50	
Boston School Supply Co., desks	55 20	
L. E. Bicknell, labor	5 00	
C. H. Bicknell, labor	8 50	
Charles O. Prescott, making out State Report	6 00	
Seth Banister, taking school census	20 00	
Wm. Roudenbush, expenses	1 29	
M. B. Raynes, accompanist at graduation	2 68	
A. N. Palmer Co., pupils' certificates	1 40	
F. H. Hill, telephone, stationery, etc.	14 35	
Edwards & Monahan Co., stock and labor	272 95	
Alex. McDonald, labor	12 60	
J. E. Knight, stock and labor	11 65	
W. E. Carkin, stock and labor	8 00	
	<hr/>	Amount carried forward \$668 05

Amount brought forward		\$668 05
Westford Water Co.	155 67	
C. E. Woodhull, care of piano	6 00	
C. A. Hanley, making out education certificates	10 00	
A. W. Tuttle, teaming books	11 00	
Blodgett & Co., supplies	12 94	
Ruth Smith, ribbon	2 40	
Underwood Typewriter Co.	2 49	
Walter E. Wright, supply agent and teaming, 1913	67 20	
Walter E. Wright, supply agent, 1914 ...	60 00	
Postage	5 51	
J. A. Healy, setting flag pole	28 54	
John Spinner, labor	12 00	
Charles H. Pickering, labor	55	
H. Sutherland, stock and labor	7 65	
E. H. Dane, painting Cameron School .	143 65	
George C. Prince, supplies	6 00	
Thompson Hardware Co., supplies	20 00	
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	26 82	
T. A. E. Wilson, advertising.....	1 00	
M. G. Wright, attendance cards	8 00	
A. W. Tuttle, shoveling snow	1 95	
Employment certificates	13 10	
		<hr/> \$1,270 52

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

Following is my fifth report, it being the twenty-third in the series of such annual reports.

The school year ending in June, 1914, was in many ways a very satisfactory one. Something was attempted and something done toward the establishment of a standard of possible accomplishment in the ordinary subjects taught in the grades. I refer to the course of study worked out in the schools and prepared for distribution late in the year. It was made to be definite, in the sense that terms and materials familiar to teachers and commonly provided in school rooms were not avoided, nor were limits as measured by pages omitted. But it was not made to be final, for it would be possible, by better teaching and better pupil-co-operation, to widen the limits assigned, or by poorer teaching and less pupil-co-operation, to narrow those limits. Yet I shall be better pleased to continue the limits as assigned and, with better teaching and better pupil-co-operation, do more thoroughly and more completely the work that we attempt to do. In the place of *more* reading, *more* writing, *more* arithmetic, etc., I urge my teachers to get *better* reading, *better* writing, *better* arithmetic. "*More*," as a slogan in education, should be dropped, and "*Better*" substituted. Then only will the slow and average pupil come into his own.

At the close of the spring term the schools met with a distinct loss through the resignations of four teachers—Miss Ruth M. Smith and Miss Mary G. Hickey from the Academy, and Miss Katherine B. Denlinger and Miss Ruth M. Furbush from the Sargent School. These teachers were alike in that they possessed qualities desirable and necessary in successful teachers. These qualities were admirably adjusted and developed to fit each, in a remarkable degree, to her own peculiar work. Each was

possessed of a personality, in other words, admirably suited to her own class room. For the benefit of other teachers, who may possess these qualities in a lesser degree or in less fitting adjustment. I will say that any one teacher possessing the aggressiveness of Miss Smith, the fine devotion to duty and the executive ability of Miss Hickey, the enthusiasm of Miss Furbush, and the persistency of Miss Denlinger, would find the path to the goal of the teacher's ambition almost an unobstructed one. If these words may be read, not so much as in praise of the teachers of whom they are spoken, but as an inspiration and a creed for others still with us, they will serve my purpose well. Of many of our teachers, I might say equally praiseworthy things but I await anxiously the development in all of those qualities, and in all departments of their work, including drawing and music which many grade teachers are apt to teach mechanically and in a perfunctory manner, as something required but in which they have no special interest.

Solely in order that I may assist in the constructive work of making better teachers of the many exceedingly good teachers we have in Westford, I am introducing for their thoughtful consideration a copy of a sheet recently issued from the office of an agent of the State Board of Education. After due opportunity for absorbing the meaning of these suggestive qualifications as applied to themselves, I shall take up with each teacher, under the several headings, her own work, manner, interest, etc., as it appears to me. It goes without saying that this work will be done sympathetically but with firm impartiality. I shall ask my supervisors to do the same, and it may well be that weaknesses in us as in the teachers surveyed, will be discovered and overcome.

I shall follow this outline, for the present at least, in giving my estimate of the teacher to any inquiring superintendents or agencies, and shall keep on file a copy for the inspection of the teacher herself.

TEACHING ABILITY.

Logical. Illogical.
 Systematic. Unsystematic.
 Concentrated. Diffuse.
 Original. Imitative.
 Holds active attention of children.
 Power of correlation:
 Excellent. Good. Fair. Poor.

GOVERNING ABILITY.

Firm. Variable. Weak.
 Secures respect of pupils.
 Secures co-operation of pupils.
 Commands obedience.
 Successful. Unsuccessful.

PHYSIQUE.

Tall. Medium. Short.
 Robust. Vigorous. Weak.

TEMPERAMENT.

Calm. Impulsive.
 Self-controlled. Nervous.
 Energetic. Slothful.
 Tactful. Lacks tact.
 Purposeful. Lacks definite purpose.

VOICE.

Soft. Well-modulated. Agreeable.
 Strong. Harsh. Disagreeable.

SCHOOL ROOM MANNER.

Orderly. Pleasant. Kindly. Easy.
 Forceful. Dictatorial. Antago-
 nistic. Self-control,—Excellent.
 Good. Fair. Poor.

SCHOOL ROOM APPEARANCE.

Neat. Untidy. Slack.
 Tasteful in dress. Lacks taste in
 dress.
 Excellent. Good. Fair. Poor.

PROFESSIONAL INTEREST.

Strong. Progressive.
 Slight. Deficient.

CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS.

With superintendents: Receptive.
 Profits by suggestions. Apathetic.
 Opposes.
 With parents: Secures co-operation.
 Does not secure co-operation.
 Antagonizes.
 With fellow-teachers: Agreeable.
 Popular. Helpful. Neglectful.
 Unpopular. Antagonizes.

HABITUAL USE OF ENGLISH.

Correct. Precise. Well chosen.
 Incorrect. Careless. Slovenly.
 E nunciation: Good. Fair. Poor

REMARKS:

THE ACADEMY.

I wish to call your attention to a portion of Section 2 of Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1914: "Any high school maintained by a Town required to belong to a superintendency union shall be maintained in accordance with standards of organization, equipment and instruction approved from time to time by the board of education." And in this connection I will quote from a letter received from Mr. Clarence D. Kingsley, agent of the board, and dated October 23, 1914: "We have just decided to approve the Westford Academy this year for the purpose of reimbursement of tuition. In the organization of the school for last year, I find that the teachers were giving instruction in a larger number of subjects than seems desirable. After receiving the returns for this year, I shall take the matter up with you and make suggestions in the organization of the school for the year 1915-16 with the hope that the school can be put on a basis which seems to us somewhat more efficient, so that the school may continue, if possible, to receive this approval."

The sole obstacle to the approval of the Board of Education may prove to be, strangely enough, that department of the school of which I so strongly approve, and of which the principal of the school approves in his report printed elsewhere, and of which the parents and pupils appear to approve if we consider the relative number of pupils taking that course as compared with the regular Academic Course. I refer to the English-Business Course, so called. Taking, as a measure of state approval, the program demanded in the Littleton High School—a state aided high school, and, therefore, of necessity aiming for state approval—it seems impossible, under the present organization, for Westford Academy to receive this approval. I think it well for the committee and the people to know definitely just where we are in this matter. In the case of Westford there is no money penalty if we fail of approval. Lack of approval means that we cannot send pupils to state normal schools on certificate, and that we cannot receive tuition on account of pupils from small towns not maintaining high schools. The first named penalty would

not at present weigh heavily upon us, as by one of the rules of the New England College Entrance Certificate Board we were permitted "specimen student" privileges for two of the graduates of 1914, which, in turn, entitled another member of the class to enter a normal school without examination. Further conditions must be met to entitle us to a renewal certificate privilege, and if these conditions should conform to those of the state board we should then be obliged to modify our program in order to secure the privilege of entering normal on certificate. We should then be obliged to give up the Business-English Course or put another teacher in the Academy; or forfeit the approval of the state board of education with the consequences as above stated.

We have advised and encouraged our pupils to enter higher institutions of learning, believing that it makes not only for their larger influence in the world, but for a rich reaction upon the Town in the natural pride in the achievements of its children, and in the inspiration to other school children. In the firm belief that we do well in so encouraging our pupils, it is but natural that we should seek to secure to them the permanent privilege of an unobstructed passage into higher institutions based on the merit of the Academy itself as an approved state institution. Our pupils in small schools do not get the little niceties of preparation that teachers of a single department of a large high school can give to their students, and, therefore, often fail to achieve high rank in written examinations of the quality, or severity, now offered in college and normal school examinations—a quality not designed, perhaps, to weed out students from little towns, but having that effect, nevertheless. If, as I believe, the popular Business-English Course can be retained, and the approval of the state board of education can be secured, by the additional cost of another teacher in the school, it is a small price to pay for an advantage and a prestige of so much value.

I ask your careful attention to the report of Principal Roudenbush, whose work in the school has been steadily progressive, and whose aspirations for the school can only be made possible by the hearty and prompt co-operation of all concerned in its administration. And this means, on the part of the town, hearty

and prompt financial co-operation. The Academy is now in a position, with its excellent corps of teachers, to reap the rewards of faithful service and enthusiastic student-co-operation. It is a poor farmer who will neglect to harvest his grain for want of a reaper, or who will store a fine crop of potatoes in an attic to freeze. I unite my plea with Mr. Roudenbush's for immediate and ample means to replenish our laboratory and school with material and books suitable to this institution.

THE PURCHASE OF VICTROLAS.

Since the opening of the fall term of school a Victrola has been placed in the Cameron School, one in the William E. Frost School and one in the Sargent School. A good friend of the Cameron School, Mr. Julian A. Cameron, supplemented the efforts of the pupils by a gift of \$25. Another good friend, Mr. F. G. Sargent, gave \$25 toward the purchase of that installed in the Sargent School. The pupils of the William E. Frost School sold cake chocolate and gave an entertainment in the Town hall to illustrate the use of the Victrola in folk-dancing, etc., and in that way partially raised the necessary funds to purchase the machine. As all these schools are equipped with playgrounds we look forward to the warm days of spring and fall for systematic healthful exercises out-of-doors to the accompaniment of appropriate and stirring music. In many ways, indoors, at all seasons we expect to find the Victrolas contributing to the educational advantage of these schools. We shall not seek to amuse, but to inspire and uplift our pupils—to add grace and beauty to the physical child, and give to the mental and spiritual possessions higher standards for emulation. If judiciously used, as we hope and expect, we have added a feature to the school work that will be rich in good results. We mutually pledge our best efforts to the building up of a loyal and enthusiastic citizenship in the schools, and to the creation of a helpful attitude throughout every grade of the schools.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS.

For the benefit of attendance officers permit me to quote from Section 13, Chapter 779 of the Acts of 1913.

“Attendance officers shall inquire into all cases arising under the provisions of sections one, two, three, four and six of chapter 44, and sections three, four, five and eight of this chapter, or of sections sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-three or sixty-six of chapter 514 of the acts of the year 1909, and may make complaints and serve legal processes issued under the provisions of this chapter. They shall have oversight of children placed on probation under the provisions of section seven; of children suffering want, to whom the provisions of chapter 356 of the acts of the year 1914 apply; of minors licensed by the school committee under the provisions of chapter 419 of the acts of the year 1910 and subsequent amendments thereof; and of children admitted to or attending shows or entertainments contrary to the provisions of chapter 532 of the acts of the year 1910. An attendance officer may apprehend and take to school, without a warrant, any truant or absentee found wandering about in the streets or public places.”

Attendance officers should familiarize themselves with the provisions of the chapters and sections referred to. Teachers should aid the attendance officers in their duties by promptly notifying them of unexplained absences; but the burden of getting such absentees back into the school appears clearly to be upon the attendance officers. By Section 13 of this chapter all laws now or hereafter in force relative to truant officers shall apply to attendance officers. Other sections of this chapter are respectfully called to the attention of attendance officers.

THE CARD SYSTEM OF CENSUS TAKING.

By the new method of census taking each child's name appears on an individual card which is cumulative in its nature and designed to trace the child's school record throughout his course in the schools. As a child is required to attend school 130 days after his 13th birthday before he can leave school for

employment or otherwise (until he reaches the age of 16), my teachers, acting under my instruction, have taken these cards and, in the case of children becoming 13 during the school year, have drawn a diagonal line through the space showing the school attendance for that year, above which line they have entered the number of days attended before 13 and beneath the line the number of days since becoming 13 years of age. By following this plan it will not be necessary to go back to the registers to get necessary information concerning attendance since the 13th birthday. This will enable us to collect the registers and store them in safety with other records. For this purpose a safe should be procured—I understand it is so required by law—to be kept in the office or in some central, accessible place. The request of Mr. Roudenbush for a safe in which to keep valuable records of the Academy might be met by the purchase of a safe large enough to contain all school records. It is important, in my opinion, that this be done immediately.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

At the opening of the fall term I was obliged to draw the blue pencil through more than one hundred dollars' worth of teachers' orders for books and supplies that we consider almost an absolute necessity if we are to carry out our plans for placing up-to-date books and apparatus at the disposal of our pupils. In my report of last year, I showed the various devices we were obliged to resort to in order to get along. I urge the citizens to place at our call sufficient funds for this purpose. We cannot be said to be extravagant, I think, and I am sure the citizens may trust us to turn back into the treasury any funds not absolutely demanded by the necessities of the schools. I urge them to give liberally for a few years to this department of the work, with the assurance that the money will be judiciously expended and that the results will justify the increase.

CONCLUSION.

The loyalty of the committee of Westford to the best interests of the schools merits my appreciation. Speaking for the teachers and myself, I wish to say that our highest ambition is to give them such schools as shall prove us worthy of their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,

Superintendent of Schools.

WESTFORD, January 4, 1915.

REPORT OF WESTFORD ACADEMY.

January 1, 1915.


MR. F. H. HILL,
Superintendent of Schools.

DEAR MR. HILL:

I submit the following report of Westford Academy for the past year.

The present total enrollment is fifty-seven, twenty-two boys and thirty-five girls. There is a Freshman Class of twenty-six, of whom five are repeating the work taken a year ago. Of these twenty-six, nine are in the Academic Course, and seventeen in the English-Business Course. As four of the five who are repeating the freshman work were previously in the English-Business Course, it will be seen that there is a larger proportion of new pupils taking the Academic Course this year than last. This is as it should be if the Academy is to carry on the two courses of study.

A change has been made in the report card system. Formerly, scholarship reports were made out every two months. Now they are given at the end of each term.

Mid-term notices, however, are sent to the parents of pupils who are delinquent in their work. The co-operation of parents in securing home study would be very helpful in certain cases. Not many pupils can succeed with their lessons without spending time on them at home. 

The principal has been making a special effort to secure for the school, the college and normal school certificate privilege. He has partially succeeded in doing this. Two of the last graduating class entered college, and one entered normal school on his recommendation. It will be necessary to meet some further conditions to have the privilege renewed. Application for renewal will be made in due time, and the principal hopes to obtain it.

The school needs a safe for keeping its scholarship records and other papers which could not be replaced if lost by fire. The principal has quite frequent calls to furnish scholarship data to former attendants at the Academy. The records need to be where they are quickly available, and the Academy building is the logical place for them to be kept.

Another need of the school must be supplied if it does its best work, viz.: additional apparatus for the laboratory. Valuable time is lost by teacher and classes trying to do experiments in physics and chemistry with inadequate tools. Any delays in meeting our requisitions mean loss in progress and interest among pupils.

An experiment was tried at the June graduation of having the boys take part by declamation rather than recite an original essay.

The success of this experiment more than fulfilled our expectations, and would seem to warrant a repetition. All the graduation parts were well given and cordially received, a matter of satisfaction to everyone who had put time and effort into making the exercise a success.

It is of interest to state that eight of the twelve graduates in the class of 1914 made from nine to fifteen points more than necessary for graduation. In the case of this class sixty-four points were sufficient to secure the diplomas. The class had a splendid scholarship record and set a standard for accomplishment which is very much to their credit. It was partly due to what the class of 1914 accomplished that we now make the minimum for graduation sixty-eight points instead of sixty-four. This change begins with the class of 1917.

Several pupils have signified a desire to join the "National Reading Circle," which is fostered by the United States Bureau of Education and the object of which is to influence and guide boys and girls in their home reading. To those who complete the prescribed course of reading, a certificate is given signed by the United States Commissioner of Education.

The Academy Entertainment Course is still continued. This year we have had an illustrated lecture by Nat M. Brigham

on "Our National Parks, and will soon have a second entertainment, given by Miss Elvira Rhind whose speciality is Folk-Dances and Readings.

Much interest in gymnastics is manifest among the girls in school. This is due to Miss Moreland who has organized classes in basket ball, floor gymnastics, and folk-dancing. This work meets a long-felt need in the Academy and must commend itself to the community. Some parents may object to basket ball, but they can hardly fail to see the benefit which will result from systematic physical culture under a competent leader like Miss Moreland.

I take pleasure in commending the work of the new assistant teachers, Miss Marion C. Moreland and Miss E. Marguerite Young. Their interest and enthusiasm is producing excellent results with their classes, and the present school year bids fair to be a most satisfactory one.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. ROUDENBUSH,

Principal Westford Academy.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

MR. FRANK H. HILL, Superintendent of Schools,
Westford, Mass.

DEAR SIR:

I herewith present my report for the music department of the schools of Westford.

The work has progressed satisfactorily in most of the schools. In sight reading I have noticed marked improvement. The method of presenting time, introduced two years ago, seems to have removed mountains for the children. If these Time Principles are taught and thoroughly drilled in the lower grades, little trouble is experienced in the upper grades. This was proved to me a few weeks ago. In one of the upper grade rooms I gave for a lesson a song in which the time was rather difficult for older heads than seventh and eighth grade children. After hearing the lesson, I remarked upon the ease with which it was rendered, and inquired if the time had given much trouble. The teacher replied, "No, we have very little trouble with time; they seem to get it all right." This teacher may thank the teachers in the grades below, who so faithfully instilled these Time Principles into the children that when they reached the seventh and eighth grades, the progress of the work was not delayed. The music period may then be used for what it is intended in the upper grades, a better and a fuller interpretation of the song material.

It is to be regretted that some of the teachers do not realize the necessity of daily voice drills in keeping the tone where it belongs. The rooms in which this is faithfully carried on are very easily recognized. I often wish some of the teachers might accompany me on my weekly rounds and see for themselves.

Victrolas have been installed in all the schools. This was made possible by the efforts of the teachers and children and the

generosity of Mr. Sargent and Mr. Cameron in the Graniteville and Forge Village schools. A Christmas operetta given by the pupils of the Cameron School netted a good sum and gave a fine selection of records to the school whose machine had already been paid for by the gift before mentioned, and the proceeds of a previous entertainment.

The Sargent School children sold chocolate to help out on their machine, that, together with their gift and a sum of money realized a few years ago from an operetta, cleared their debt.

The Frost School gave a very successful entertainment with two short Sketches and an exhibition of Folk-Dances. Chocolate also has been sold by the pupils, but, having no donation from outside in this part of the Town, it is necessary to raise more money to pay for the machine and records. It is my intention to give a little operetta for this purpose at a later date, the others having been much enjoyed by both pupils and friends.

The Victrolas we expect will be of great educational value, and certainly are enjoyed by the children and teachers.

I wish to thank the teachers for their faithful work in my department, also the Superintendent, parents and friends for their co-operation in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. RAYNES,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

SUPERINTENDENT F. H. HILL:

DEAR SIR:—I herewith submit the report of the Supervisor of Drawing for the Town of Westford, Mass.

The subject of drawing in the public schools should have a sound and practical educational value when taught properly. Drawing should stimulate pupils to higher ideals, so that they will have a desire for all that is beautiful and good in design and color. The pupils should be able to choose good costumes, home furnishings, such as draperies, carpets, rugs, wall paper, and well-designed furniture and dishes for their table.

The child must be taught to be resourceful and after understanding the principles of the work, be able to go ahead, alone, and involve these principles in other objects. The course in drawing this year is along these lines and at the present time the work has been successful in all schools, especially at the Forge Village grammar and primary school.

The primary grades draw simple forms to gain control of the hand and arm. Lines in various positions are drawn and then applied to different objects.

The Munsell color work is studied and applied to their best work. Free-hand paper cutting of objects about the home, school, and street is then tried. The work is of this nature throughout the year, only the principles are applied to more difficult problems, such as borders, rosettes, tiles, object drawing, lettering, measuring, memory work and nature work.

The intermediate and grammar grade work is similar, but the work becomes more difficult as the child's ability and knowledge advances.

Many principles of design, color, representation, construction, and method of working out problems are involved.

Nature work involving flowers, fruit and vegetables were drawn very well; object drawing is one of the hardest subjects

for a child to manage, for he does not put on the paper what he really sees. The paper construction in all the grades has been successfully done. The designing for panels, wall papers, tiles and borders has been done carefully by all grades using good color harmonies. A few working drawings of solids and boxes have been studied for their use, value and construction.

Page designing, spacing and free-hand printing will be done in the spring, and a study will be made of good advertising.

The perspective drawing in the grammar grades is more difficult than in the intermediate grades, for it involves street scenes, still life, objects about the schoolroom and at home, drawn at different levels. In the work the child learns to judge distances and proportions.

I feel there has been a decided gain in the work of nearly every room, but we still hope and look for better work, and it will come.

The mechanical drawing class at the Academy is doing very good work this year, showing a decided gain over last year's work.

The work covered this year will be geometrical problems, working drawings of solids, orthographic projection, sections of solids, printing, machine drawing and advertising. The work in the class has been neat and accurate, although slow in progress.

In closing, I wish to thank all those who have helped in the advancement of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION C. TAYLOR.

January 2, 1915.

REPORT OF MEDICAL INSPECTOR.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my annual report as medical inspector of the Westford schools.

In making the usual general examinations of the children, I find a great improvement in the general hygienic conditions. There is a better spirit shown by the parents in their willingness to try to correct any condition or conditions pertaining to the general health of the child, which has a tendency for the betterment of the whole school.

I have made various calls to schools either on my own volition or by call of local committeeman or teacher to inspect school where infections or contagious diseases had occurred in their midst. Some of the pupils were excluded from school under these conditions, until free from such contagion or infection.

Another duty of the school physician is to examine applicants of the school age who desire to enter employment in mills, factories, etc., to determine if they are able and fit to undertake such employment. This necessitated many examinations in different parts of the Town.

I trust the parents will still co-operate with the school physician in his many duties for the general health and advantage of all the children.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. C. A. BLANEY,

School Physician.

January 1, 1915.

ROLL OF HONOR, 1913-1914.

 THE ACADEMY.

FOR ONE TERM.

Maurice Flagg,
 Jennie Kimball,
 Arthur O'Brien,
 Marjorie Seavey,

Bertha Woodbury,
 Arthur Healey,
 Alfred Sutherland,
 Ernest Wright.

WILLIAM E. FROST SCHOOL.

FOR THREE TERMS.

Grades 7 and 8—William Hall, Austin Fletcher, Walter Fletcher.

FOR TWO TERMS.

Grades 7 and 8—Rachel Kimball, Ruth Sargent, Freda Johnson.

Grades 5 and 6—Marjorie Bell, Mildred Fletcher, Marion Fletcher,
 Frederick Robinson.

Grades 1 and 4—Leon Wilson, Frances Wilson, Levi Nixon.

FOR ONE TERM.

Grades 7 and 8—Lillian Robey, George Strandberg, Helena
 Culbert, Ruth Sargent, Margaret O'Brien, Bertram Suther-
 land, Catherine Clement, Jeanette Clement, Geo. Sullivan.

Grades 5 and 6—Hazel Pond, Joseph Richardson, John Wilson.

Grades 3 and 4—Raymond Shea, Marjorie Pollock, Paul Cutter,
 Gladys Richardson, Walter Nawrocki.

Grades 1 and 2—Gerald Desmond, Grace Winters, Norman
 Cutter, Alice Courtney, Walter Perkins, Lily Sundberg,
 Orion Mitchell, Virginia Green, Kenneth Green.

SARGENT SCHOOL.

FOR THREE TERMS.

Grades 4 and 5—Stanley Smith.

Grades 2 and 3.—Blanche Carpentier, Victor Doucette.

Grade 1—William Robinson.

FOR TWO TERMS.

Grades 6, 7 and 8—Clifford Carpentier, Florence Carpentier, Daisy Lake, Alice Harrington, Leo Healy, Laura McCarthy.

Grades 4 and 5—Samuel Fletcher, Albert Guichard, Irene Carpentier, Henry Harrington.

Grades 2 and 3—Anna Doucette, Ethel Ingalls, Felice Olira, Anna Lebedzinka, Charles Robinson, Elizabeth Prinn.

Grade 1—Clyde Doucette, Henry Payne.

FOR ONE TERM.

Grades 6, 7 and 8—Leo Cote, Edward Dailey, Edmund Provost, Alice Gower, Ruby McCarthy, Raymond Wall.

Grades 4 and 5—Gladys Ingalls, Gertrude Provost, Earle Robinson, Laurence Ingalls, Richard Healy, John Pais, Richard Pais.

Grades 2 and 3—Fred Carpentier, Ada Eaton, Bertha Reeves, Edith Wentworth, Evelyn Brooks, Walter Stewart, Laura Guichard, Mae Wood, Pauline Smith, Genevieve Healy, Beatris LeDuc, Richard Wall.

Grade 1—Regina Healy, Anthony Lebedzinski.

PARKERVILLE.

FOR ONE TERM.

Frank Jarvis,
Alcide Gladu,
Valmar Gladu,

Sylva Gladu,
Rachel Kimball,
Ethel Griffin.

CAMERON SCHOOL.

FOR THREE TERMS.

Grades 6, 7 and 8—William Cavanagh.

Grades 4 and 5—Lillian Hunt.

Grades 2 and 3—Robert Cantin, Walter Morton, Thomas Reed.

Grade 1—Ruth Bennett, William Drolet.

FOR TWO TERMS.

Grades 6, 7 and 8—Mildred Parrott, Caroline Precious, Daisy Precious, Edmond Canton, James Mulligan.

Grades 4 and 5—Alice Walsh.

Grades 2 and 3—Yvonne Bellemore, Raymond Cantara, Augustus Elliott, Edward Hunt, Wilfred Milot, Marygen Socha, James Sullivan.

Grade 1—Arthur Daly, Lillian Hosmer, Fada Milot, Anna Ricard, Annie Hunt.

FOR ONE TERM.

Grades 6, 7 and 8—Robert Spinner, Lillian Baker, Blanche Comey, Ethel Collins, Gladys Baker, Margaret Dare, Mildred Precious, John Kelley, Rudolph Canton, Winnie Thompson, Thomas McKniff.

Grades 4 and 5—Venie Canton, Annie Dare, Emma Brule, Alice Hosmer, Katherine O'Neill.

Grades 2 and 3—Gertrude Baker, Omer Bellemore, Rudolph Byron, Rameo Cantara, Simeon Cantara, James Dubey, Alfred Drolet, George Healey, Daniel Kavanagh, Dorothy Mountain, Gaston Provost, James Venn.

Grade 1—Alice Mountain, Maurice Walsh, Pierre Cantara, Bernadette Canton, Clara Dare, Eselin Richard, Laura Morton, Theodora Ricard, Arthur Cantin, Emile Cantin.

NABNASSET.

FOR THREE TERMS.

Caroline Bell.

FOR TWO TERMS.

Harry Johnson,

Oscar Westberg,

Norman White.

FOR ONE TERM.

Reginald Baum,
Leo McGlinchey,

Lester Pierce,
Adeline Pierce,

Arthur Pierce.

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1913-1914.

SCHOOL	GRADES	No. Different Pupils Enrolled.		Total Membership.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. Attendance.	Number between 5 and 15.		Number between 7 and 14.		Number Over 15.		Number Under 5.	
		Boys	Girls					Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Academy Wm. E. Frost	IX-X-XI-XII	32	30	60	54.02	50.04	92.13	13	11	9	5	19	19	0	0
	VII-VIII	26	17	43	39.40	36.30	92.30	24	15	20	11	3	1	0	0
	V-VI	18	16	34	28.44	26.29	92.00	18	15	18	15	0	1	0	0
Cameron	III-IV	24	8	32	31.90	29.07	90.60	24	8	24	8	0	0	0	0
	I-II	23	14	37	33.10	30.20	91.20	23	14	14	8	0	0	0	0
	VI-VII-VIII	12	17	29	27.60	25.98	94.14	11	15	11	17	1	0	0	0
	IV-V	9	16	25	18.61	17.58	94.43	9	16	8	15	0	0	0	0
	II-III	31	12	43	37.85	36.82	95.08	31	12	27	10	0	0	0	0
Sargent	I	19	11	30	23.98	22.30	93.00	18	11	2	2	1	0	0	0
	VI-VII-VIII	15	16	35	27.94	28.54	93.88	15	15	15	13	0	1	0	0
	IV-V	17	15	33	31.29	29.03	92.40	17	15	17	15	1	0	0	0
	II-III	11	23	41	32.80	30.30	90.30	11	23	11	23	0	0	0	0
Parkerville	I	15	15	33	25.06	22.20	89.20	15	14	6	2	0	0	1	1
	I-II-III-IV-V-VI-VII-VIII	14	16	19	17.50	15.50	89.00	16	10	14	5	0	0	0	1
Nabnasset	I-II-III-IV	9	7	16	11.00	11.25	94.10	9	7	7	6	0	0	0	0
	Total	275	233	510	441.43	411.50	93.01	254	201	203	155	25	22	1	2

TEACHERS IN SERVICE JANUARY 4, 1915.

SCHOOL	GRADE	NAME OF TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	HOME ADDRESS
Academy	IX—XII	<i>William C. Roudenbush</i>	Williams College	Westford, Mass.
		Marion C. Moreland	Radcliffe, Boston Normal	East Boston
		E. Marguerite Young	Smith, '13, Simmons, '14	Peabody, Mass.
Wm. E. Frost	VII—VIII	<i>Clara Smith</i>	Westford Academy	Westford, Mass.
		Edith Foster, Asst.	Dorchester High	Westford, Mass.
		Martha L. Grant	Gloucester Training	Gloucester, Mass.
		Mattie A. Crocker	Bridgewater Normal	Brockton, Mass.
		Edith A. Wright	Hyannis Summer Normal	Westford, Mass.
Cameron	VI—VII—VIII	<i>Letitia V. Ward</i>	Hyannis Normal	Forge Village, Mass.
		Mary A. Garvey	Lowell Normal	No. Chelmsford, Mass.
		Abbie M. Blaisdell	Lowell Normal	Wamesit, Mass.
		Eva C. Pyne	Lowell Normal	Westford, Mass.
Sargent	VI—VII—VIII	<i>Izzie Parker</i>	Westford Academy	Westford, Mass.
		Lillian G. Wright	Lowell Normal	Westford, Mass.
		Esther L. Smith	Roxbury High	Westford, Mass.
		Mary A. Dunn	Lowell Normal	Brockton, Mass.
Parkerville	I—II—III—VI	Myrtle W. Fletcher	Fitchburg Normal	No. Chelmsford, Mass.
Music Supervisor		Mary B. Raynes	School of Music	Littleton, Mass.
Drawing Supervisor		Marion C. Taylor	Normal Art	Chelmsford, Mass.
				Acton, Mass.

Italicized names indicate principals.

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TEST.

SCHOOL EXAMINED.	Number Enrolled	Defective Eyesight	Defective Hearing	Parents Notified
Academy	55	4	0	4
William E. Frost.....	139	12	1	12
Cameron.....	126	25	1	25
Sargent	140	10	2	12
Parkerville	16	0	0	0
Totals	476	51	4	53

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPTEMBER, 1914.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Number of children between 5 and 7 years of age ...	25	42	67
Number of children between 7 and 14 years of age ..	125	91	216
Number of children between 14 and 16 years of age .	25	21	46
Number of minors between 14 and 16 years of age who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language	0	0	0
Number of illiterate children sixteen years of age or over, and under twenty-one years of age	21	47	68
Totals	196	201	397

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES
AND HOME PERMITS.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Employment Certificates.....	23	35	58
Educational Certificates (literate)	16	28	44
Educational Certificates (illiterate)	17	28	45
Home Permits	2	0	2
Totals	58	91	149

SCHOOL SAVINGS.

	Number Depositors	Amount Collected
William E. Frost.....	45	\$54 40
Sargent	0	0
Cameron.....	0	0
	—	—
Totals	45	\$54 40

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT.

	Cases Investigated
William E. Frost.....	6
Sargent	9
Cameron.....	14
	—
Total	29

NUMBER GRADUATED FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
JUNE, 1914.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Sargent	1	1	2
Cameron.....	2	3	5
William E. Frost.....	8	9	17
Parkerville	1	1	2
	—	—	—
Total	12	14	26

ENTERED ACADEMY, SEPTEMBER, 1914.

	Boys	Girls	Total
*Sargent	1	0	1
Cameron.....	1	2	3
William E. Frost.....	7	9	16
Parkerville	1	0	1
	—	—	—
Totals	10	11	21

*One girl to Lowell Notre Dame Academy.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF WESTFORD ACADEMY

AT THE TOWN HALL,

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1914, AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

PROGRAMME

PART ONE

March with Overture,

ORCHESTRA

Chorus, "'Tis Morn,"

Geibel

SCHOOL

Prayer

REV. DAVID WALLACE

Salutatory with Essay,

"History of Pitmanic Shorthand"

BERTHA MAE WOODBURY

Solo, "Palm Branches,"

Faure

MR. A. E. PRESCOTT

Class Alphabet,

EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN READ

Class Prophecy,

ELIZABETH KIMBALL

Chorus, "I Once Had a Sweet Little Doll, Dears,"

Nevin

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Declamation, "Catiline's Defiance,"

MAURICE STILLMAN FLAGG

Declamation, "How 'Lish Henderson Played Ox"

CLAUDE EDGAR GLADU

PART TWO

Selection,

ORCHESTRA

Chorus, "Roses, Roses Everywhere"

Trotter

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Declamation, "The Victor of Marengo"

ARTHUR EDWARD BLODGETT

Presentation of Class Gift,

MARJORIE MITCHELL SEAVEY

Acceptance of Class Gift,

ERNEST TIBBETTS WRIGHT

Class of 1915

Solo, "Invictus"

Huhn

MR. A. E. PRESCOTT

Essay with Valedictory, "The Dream of an Immigrant Child,"

PAULINE STONE WALLACE

Presentation of Diplomas,

HON. HERBERT E. FLETCHER

Chorus, "The Two Grenadiers"

Schumann

SCHOOL

Class Motto—"Ad Astra per Ardua"

Class Colors—Green and White

Class Flower—White Rose

ACADEMIC COURSE.

ELIZABETH KIMBALL
EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN READ
MARJORIE MITCHELL SEAVEY
PAULINE STONE WALLACE

ENGLISH-BUSINESS COURSE.

ELVA MAUDE BICKNELL
ARTHUR EDWARD BLODGETT
JOHN LAWRENCE CONNELL
WILLIAM FREDERICK DAVIS
MAURICE STILLMAN FLAGG
CLAUDE EDGAR GLADU
MADELINE ELIZABETH HOLLAND
BERTHA MAE WOODBURY

ROLL OF HONOR.

(Pupils with general average of 90% or more since enrollment.)

PAULINE S. WALLACE, Four Years
BERTHA M. WOODBURY, Four Years
MARJORIE M. SEAVEY, Four Years
ELIZABETH KIMBALL, Four Years
HELEN M. MCCOY, Three Years
BEATRICE HOSMER, One Year

GRADUATES OF 1914

- ELIZABETH KIMBALL, At Fitchburg Normal School
EDWARD C. READ, At Barre, Mass.
MARJORIE M. SEAVEY, At Boston University
PAULINE S. WALLACE, At Boston University
ELVA M. BICKNELL, At Lowell City Hospital
ARTHUR EDWARD BLODGETT, At Y. M. C. A. School, Boston
JOHN L. CONNELL, Working at home
WILLIAM F. DAVIS, At Amsterdam, N. Y.
MAURICE S. FLAGG, Special work at Mass. Agricultural College
CLAUDE E. GLADU, At home, studying to be an engineer
MADELINE E. HOLLAND, At Deaconess' Hospital, Boston
BERTHA MAE WOODBURY, Stenographer in broker's office, Lowell

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Town of Westford

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
1915

ALSO WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 14, 1916



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OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

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LOWELL, MASS.
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS
1916

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1915.

Town Clerk.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH Term expires February, 1918

Selectmen.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, Secretary	Term expires	February,	1916
OSCAR R. SPALDING, Chairman . .	"	"	1917
FRANK L. FURBUSH	"	"	1918

Assessors.

CHARLES D. COLBURN, Secretary . .	Term expires	February,	1916
J. WILLARD FLETCHER, Chairman .	"	"	1917
J. AUSTIN HEALY	"	"	1918

Overseers of the Poor.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH, Chairman .	Term expires	February,	1916
ALBERT R. CHOATE	"	"	1917
FRED R. BLODGETT, Secretary	"	"	1918

Treasurer.

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT

Collector of Taxes.

LEONARD W. WHEELER

Auditor.

EDWARD T. HANLEY

Constable.

STEPHEN GARDEL

School Committee.

FRANK L. FURBUSH.....	Term expires February, 1916
JOHN P. WRIGHT.....	“ “ “ 1916
JOHN SPINNER.....	“ “ “ 1917
ARTHUR E. DAY, Secretary.....	“ “ “ 1917
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON.....	“ “ “ 1918
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman	“ “ “ 1918

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT.....	Term expires February, 1916
JOHN P. WRIGHT, Secretary.....	“ “ “ 1917
JULIAN A. CAMERON, Chairman....	“ “ “ 1918

Librarian.

MARY P. BUNCE

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

DAVID L. GREIG.....	Term expires February, 1916
GEORGE T. DAY, Chairman and Sec.	“ “ “ 1917
WESLEY O. HAWKES.....	“ “ “ 1918

Tree Warden

HARRY L. NESMITH

Finance Committee.

JULIAN A. CAMERON
 GEORGE T. DAY, Chairman
 ELBERT H. FLAGG
 WESLEY O. HAWKES
 HERBERT V. HILDRETH, Secretary

Field Drivers.

JOHN A. SULLIVAN
 WILLIAM R. TAYLOR
 ALMON S. VOSE

Fence Viewers.

Charles A. Blodgett
 EDWIN H. GOULD
 ALMON S. VOSE

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

WILLARD H. BEEBE	JOHN A. HEALY
CHARLES A. BLODGETT	WILLIAM W. JOHNSON
*CHARLES T. BROOKS	JOSEPH E. KNIGHT
DAVID DESMOND	*MICHAEL L. MCGLINCHAY
HORACE E. GOULD	OSCAR R. SPALDING
ISAAC L. HALL	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND
P. HENRY HARRINGTON	WALTER A. WHIDDEN

* Failed to qualify

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ALBERT A. HILDRETH

Inspector of Animals.

SEBASTIAN B. WATSON

Inspector of Meat.

EMORY J. WHITNEY

Police Officers.

EDMUND BAKER	EDWIN A. ROBEBY
HARVEY W. BARNES	HARRY SAXON
JOHN W. O'BRIEN	JOHN SPINNER
CHARLES H. PICKERING	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND
GEORGE REESE	LEONARD W. WHEELER
CHARLES V. E. ROBEBY	WILEY M. WRIGHT

Forest Warden.

HARRY L. NESMITH

Deputies Appointed by the Warden.

EDWARD M. ABBOT	HORACE E. GOULD
HARVEY W. BARNES	JAMES HERRINGTON
CHARLES A. BLODGETT	JAMES O'BRIEN
FRED R. BLODGETT	JOHN O'BRIEN
GOLDSMITH CONANT	EBENEZER PRESCOTT
DAVID DESMOND	ROBERT PRESCOTT
CHARLES EDWARDS	WILLIAM L. WALL
	WILLIAM E. WRIGHT

Superintendent for the Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.

HARRY L. NESMITH

Engineers of the Fire Department.

EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chief JOHN EDWARDS
 ALBERT R. CHOATE FRANK L. FURBUSH
 ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND, Assistant Chief

Weighers of Coal.

CHARLES H. BICKNELL J. AUSTIN HEALY
 FRED DEFOE JOHN A. HEALY
 ETTA W. FLETCHER ELLA P. PYNE
 J. WILLARD FLETCHER EVA F. PYNE
 EDWARD T. HANLEY WILLIAM R. TAYLOR
 ALFRED W. HARTFORD FRANK WILLEY

Superintendent of Streets.

ALEXANDER McDONALD

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers.

GEORGE T. DAY

Agents of Board of Health.

WARREN H. SHERMAN, M. D. ALBERT A. HILDRETH

Registrars of Voters.

J. EVERETT WOODS..... Term expires March 31, 1916
 FLORENCE G. SULLIVAN..... " " " " 1917
 ALFRED W. TUTTLE..... " " " " 1918
 CHARLES L. HILDRETH, Clerk ex officio

BIRTHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1915.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Aug. 19	Anderson, Harold C.	Oscar H. and Susan D. (Cushman)
April 9	Barretto, Dionisio	Frank and Beneoletta (Colasanti)
Jan. 19	Bell, Ethel M.	Robert J. and Jessie A. (Walkden)
Aug. 28	Bennett, Hilda L.	Joseph and Mary (Vickers)
April 20	Benoit, Marie E.	Arthur and Philemon (Dupont)
Sept. 16	Beskalo, Peter	Wasil and Theodora (Poznack)
Jan. 14	Beskalo, Ulka	Gregory and Stephania (Poznack)
April 29	Biskoff, Theodosia	John and Stephania (Harasko)
Sept. 1	Blaney, Cyril C.	Cyril A. and Florence E. (Pond)
Aug. 16	Caivallchuk, Annie	Sief and Dommica (Butchkoft)
Aug. 4	Cantarau, Joseph O. H.	Joseph and Eva (Milot)
Nov. 15	Canton, Cecile	Amide and Marie (Byron)
Oct. 30	Carlson, Engnar W.	Edward and Amanda (Helgren)
Feb. 3	Charlton, Lawrence J.	Arthur and Mary (Gardner)
May 25	Cheraski, Nadja	Wasil and Annie (Salie)
Feb. 23	Connell, Alice J.	P. Joseph and Dolfine Anna (Socha)
Nov. 3	Cote, Joseph A. H.	Henry and Rose (Provost)
Dec. 5	Cote, Joseph W.	Joseph H. and Cecelia (La Croix)
July 23	Daly, Victor	John and Margaret (May)
Aug. 25	Dane, Bernice G.	Ernest and Florence (Durgin)
Aug. 25	Dane, Doris A.	Ernest and Florence (Durgin)
Sept. 3	DeLoenzo, Mary M.	Edward and Grace (Ledwith)
June 25	Demisenich, Peter	Joseph and Waroara (Bildil)
Aug. 29	Dirocco, Armando	Donato and Donata (Diahua)
Dec. 25	Di Rubbo, Joseph	Augustine and Antonia (Chippo)
Jan. 3	Di Rubbo, Peter	Frank and Olympia (Di Nuccio)
Jan. 6	Dube, John E.	John and Malvina (Christian)
Oct. 2	Dumont, Marie I.	Annis and Marie (Boucher)
Nov. 23	Eccles, David S.	Fred and Ruth (Kilmister)
Jan. 14	Ezerski, Antonina	Mike and Alice (Salley)
Oct. 8	Fisher, Helen	Edward and Helen I. (Gardner)
Aug. 18	Flatley, James	David and Annie (Molloy)
April 22	Gould, Bernice G.	Edwin H. and A. Luella (Wright)
Aug. 30	Gower, George D.	George E. and Elizabeth (McCarthy)
May 23	Greig, Donald F.	John S. and Charlotte H. (Prescott)
April 11	Guolla, Antonina L.	Pietro and Flora (Coletti)
March 22	Hall, Donald H.	John H. and Eva (Hughes)
Oct. 26	Healy, William R.	John R. and Rosa Belle (Shugrue)
March 4	Hildreth, Richard L.	Harold and Edith (Lawrence)
Nov. 7	Horchinska, Anthony	Luka and Mary (Briscoff)
May 2	Johnson, Eva A.	Robert A. and Anna S. (Renstrom)
July 19	Kelley, James C.	James P. and Margaret (Smith)
Nov. 2	Kelley, William J.	William and Sarah (Smith)
June 5	Kidder, Albert E.	Charles and Harriet (Reed)
Aug. 7	Kisley, Annie	Joseph and Alexandra (Sceclalaka)
May 19	LeClerc, Emma M. C.	Napoleon and Blanche (Poisson)
Oct. 11	LeDuc, Gilbert H.	Henry E. and Mary A. (La Croix)
July 28	Lekovich, Alice	James and Amelia (Leiberjevski)
April 24	Lockwood, Herbert N.	Louis C. and Freda (Gumbs)
Jan. 22	Lombert, Sophia	John and Margaret (Alexin)
Nov. 21	Matuck, Edward	Michael and Josie (Wolson)
Oct. 8	Millis, Evelyn M.	Willard and Ruth W. (Miller)
April 7	Milot, Adora	Joseph and Oneida (Ricard)
July 8	Milot, Marie Y.	Ephraim and Alpena (Deslauries)
Feb. 8	Momminy, Joseph D. R.	Alfred and Georgianna (Frappier)
Nov. 28	Morin, Mary L.	Joseph and Josephine (Ouellette)
July 21	Naylor, Helena	Fred and Helena A. (Kilmister)
Sept. 24	Nesmith, Norman K.	Harry L. and Harriet M. (McLeod)
Jan. 28	O'Neil, Thomas V.	John and Catherine M. (Donnelly)
Aug. 31	Orr, Genevieve M.	Robert and Jennie (McMurry)
June 23	Perkins, Clifford H.	Thomas and Elsie (Smith)
Dec. 6	Peterson, Halvar P.	David G. and Johanna (Carson)
Sept. 4	Reed, Isabelle	William and Florence (Mason)
April 14	Regnier, Frances M.	Joseph and Fannie (Smith)
Jan. 25	Remis, Evelyn C.	Stanley and Frances (Prackneck)
Feb. 3	Richard, Albert R.	Conrad and Anna (Pigeon)
Aug. 23	Roscoff, Annie	Zacha and Sophia (Belida)
April 28	Seylon, Vladaslava	Adam and Sophie (Voynaska)
March 11	Smith, Mary I.	John and Alice (Remis)
May 25	Smith, Pearl	Paul and Louise (Strandberg)
April 12	Sullivan, Alice S.	Stanley and Maggie (Sadowska)
Aug. 13	Swanson, Olive E.	Gustaf and Lena G. (Clement)
Oct. 6	Tolanaz, Wasly	Makar and Mary (Sapon)
Oct. 14	Tousignant, Marie I.	Joseph and Rose (Byron)
May 31	Worobey, —	Philip and Sophia (Biscoff)
Feb. 27	Wright, William W.	Charles D. and Helen F. (Johnson)

Number recorded: Males, 41; females, 39; total, 83.

MARRIAGES.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1915.

DATE.	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
Feb. 2	Artenski, Lukar	21	Westford	Russia
	Britchenko, Marcela	24	"	"
June 2	Brule, Adelard J.	21	"	St. Zenan, Canada
	Cote, Argantina.	19	"	Three Rivers, Canada
Sept. 25	Bubesko, Alexander	22	"	Russia
	Bilida, Anastasia	20	"	"
Sept. 2	Campbell, Edgar E.	48	Townsend	Townsend
	Hodson, Grace M. (Pelch)	30	"	Westford
Sept. 12	Charlton, Henry F.	28	Westford	"
	Prinn, Catherine C.	18	"	"
June 5	Christianson, Hans C.	28	"	Norway
	Johnson, Effie W.	22	"	Rockport
Nov. 24	Connell, Eugene R.	29	"	Groton
	Hartley, Emily	21	"	England
Jan. 30	Cote, Hormidas	24	"	Canada
	Lacrois, Celia	18	"	"
May 24	Coulter, Samuel Leggett	40	"	Ireland
	Blackstone, Mary Agnes (Harris)	46	"	Lowell
Feb. 2	Durasuk, Peter	22	"	Russia
	Bilida, Katherine	27	"	"
Sept. 7	Edwards, Charles S.	32	"	Westford
	Yarnold, Mabelle A.	30	"	Shefford, Quebec
June 30	Edwards, William	33	"	Westford
	Quist, Margaret D.	34	West Chelmsford	Lowell
June 8	Feehey, John, Jr.	24	Westford	Westford
	Carter, Adrith E.	20	"	Chelmsford
Nov. 13	Glodese, Stefan	22	"	Austria
	Cheieb, Tekla	21	Millers Place, L. I.	"
Oct. 16	Grybouski, Julian	36	Westford	Russia
	Michnevich, Marianne	38	"	"
June 22	Hildreth, Clarence Edwin	27	"	Westford
	Doolittle, Lillian Gladys	24	Rutherford, N. J.	Rutherford, N. J.
Aug. 15	Holbrook, Lawrence W.	21	Westford	Boston
	Kabele, Daisy M.	15	"	Westford
Nov. 24	Kavanagh, John W.	24	"	England
	Cavanagh, Helen A.	28	"	"
May 1	Kisly, John	40	"	Russia
	Kowalchuck, Feodora	33	"	"
Sept. 4	Kriwech, Pavell	21	"	"
	Hotencvich, Sofi	22	"	"
June 1	Le Duc, Henry E.	30	"	Canada
	La Croix, Mary A.	20	"	"
April 5	Lewis, Harry D.	35	Littleton, N. H.	So. Acton
	Moreland, Minnie Symington	24	Concord, N. H.	Aberdeen, Scotland
Dec. 27	Marcouillier, Severe	38	Westford	Canada
	Milot, Rachelle	30	"	"
March 27	Marinel, George Wesley	19	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
	Mattson, Lillie Laura	20	Westford	Westford
Sept. 11	McComb, Albert J.	21	No. Chelmsford	No. Chelmsford
	Scribner, Marion E.	27	"	"
June 9	Perkins, Joseph	26	Westford	Frederickton, N. B.
	Whitney, Minnie A.	21	"	Westford
April 3	Perkins, Thomas Hazen	23	"	St. John, N. B.
	Smith, Elsie Louise	19	"	Halifax, N. S.
Dec. 18	Shackleton, John W.	36	"	England
	Holt, Norah	30	"	"
Jan. 30	Sinkewior, Dean	27	"	Russia
	Pucitonski, Bvornietowa	32	"	"
March 25	Smith, Paul Fisher	21	"	Chelmsford
	Strandberg, Anna Louise	18	"	Boston
Oct. 12	Spinner, Edward G.	23	"	Westford
	Healy, Mary C.	22	"	Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 13	Stempczinski, Josef	33	"	Russia
	Marc, Marianna	30	"	Austria
July 17	Terezsko, Jakob	20	"	Russia
	Bilida, Euksenia	20	"	"
April 23	Tousignant, Leude	42	"	Province Quebec
	Couture, Ellen	36	"	Cape Ann
Jan. 27	Vose, Almon S.	52	"	Westford
	Symmes, Martha Eliza	25	"	"
Nov. 24	Whitney, Nathaniel R.	31	"	"
	Wilson, Bertha L.	24	"	Lowell

DEATHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1915.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Years	Months	Days
Jan. 30	Anderson, Donald E., son of Andrew and Julia	1	3	21
April 1	Boudreau, Mary, wife of Lewis	44		
June 17	Burbeck, John, son of Samuel N. and Eliza (Irving)	82	3	24
Dec. 26	Burrington, W. Arthur, son of Albert W. and Florence (Swan)	40	5	28
Sept. 15	Bussey, Sarah J., widow of George W.	60		
Sept. 11	Carmichael, Janet, widow of John	79	4	20
March 28	Coley, Thomas, son of William and Mary (Randell)	66		2
Aug. 25	Dane, Burnice G., daughter of Ernest and Florence (Durgin)			1
Sept. 18	Dane, Doris A., daughter of Ernest and Florence (Durgin)			25
Feb. 8	Davis, Frank W., son of John and Fannie (Derby)	47	2	25
Feb. 26	Freer, Thomas	70		
Jan. 1	Hall, John, son of Ellis	82		14
Nov. 13	Hamlin, Lizzie G., widow of Charles A.	56	11	23
Sept. 7	Hanley, Daniel, son of John and Hannora (Harrington)	71	11	30
Jan. 31	Harmon, Matilda, widow of Thomas	47		
Feb. 15	Henry, Robert, son of Charles	47	7	
Nov. 9	Hildreth, Ann A., daughter of Julian and Ellen (Bickford)	24	9	22
Aug. 7	Howard, Mary J., wife of Calvin	67		2
May 26	Humiston, Samuel G.	77	1	26
Feb. 14	Jasmin, Paul, son of Xavier and Dorothe (Fleurie)	65	2	5
Aug. 7	Jenkins, Maria J., wife of Mark W.	56	9	25
Feb. 13	Kimball, Elizabeth W., wife of James	58		11
March 14	McCarthy, George, son of Thomas and Maria (Jesson)	34	5	9
Dec. 17	McCarthy, Maria, wife of Thomas	62	8	26
May 29	Michaud, Cyrille, son of Ovide and Philomene (Levesque)	40	9	
Sept. 7	Moran, Bridget A., daughter of John and Mary	28		
Nov. 16	Morin, Lia, daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Oullette)			1
April 2	Prinn, Mary A., daughter of Alfred T. W. and Mary E. (Ledwith)	5	3	25
April 14	Regnier, ———, daughter of Joseph C. and Fannie (Smith)			1
March 29	Shugrue, Evelyn C., daughter of Charles F. and Laura C. (Miner)		8	1
May 26	Smith, George	53		
May 23	Smith, Hazel D., daughter of Mathew and Elizabeth (Fisher)	17	5	13
Jan. 24	Sosiniske, Walerigan, son of Joe and Annie (Taknze)		3	
July 25	Spinner, Flora, wife of James	78	5	11
Jan. 1	Stempezinski, Mary, wife of Josef	50		
Oct. 11	Tolanaz, ———, son of Makar and Stapanida (Lapa)			5
June 3	Warabie, ———, son of Philip and Anna Babics			3
March 15	York, Clara M., daughter of John A. and Agnes (Plummer)	41		14

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	22	23	45
Number of deaths in town	21	16	37
Residents of Westford	19	21	40

Note.

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record or by three or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 16.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Report on Dogs.

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR 1915.

162 Males at \$2.00.....	\$324 00
23 Females at \$5.00.....	115 00

Total.....	\$439 00
Clerk's fees, 185 licenses at 20 cents.....	37 00

Balance paid into County Treasury.....	\$402 00
Number of dogs returned by Assessors: males, 160; females 18.	

The attention of owners and keepers of dogs is called to the following sections of Chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1914, Chapter 198, Section 4.

SECTION 128. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before the thirty-first day of March, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of April following, in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and its registered number.

SECTION 129. The owner or keeper of a dog may, at any time, have it licensed until the first day of April following; and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after the first day of April, which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog not duly licensed which becomes three months old after the thirty-first day of March in any year shall, when it is three months old, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as provided in the preceding section.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES
SINCE LAST REPORT.

Abbot Alice M.	Drew Sarah J.
Abbot Edward M.	Drolet Alfred (f.)
Amesbury Edwin E.	Dubey Frank
Anctil John H.	Dureault Aime
Anderson Andrew G. (f)	Eastman A. B. M.
Anderson William E.	Edwards Charles S.
Baker Edmund	Eliason Lars J.
Banister Francis W.	Elliott Matthew (3)
Barretto Frank	Emerson Ernest C. (m. & f.)
Barretto John (2)	Farrow Charles F.
Bechard Henry	Flagg Elbert H. (f.)
Beebe Willard H.	Fletcher Arthur W.
Beland Joseph	Fletcher Harry N. (3)
Bicknell Ai	Fletcher Henry A. (3)
Bicknell Leroy	Fletcher J. H.
Blaisdell Alvin J.	Fletcher J. M. & J. H. (f.)
Blodgett C. A. & F. R. (f.)	Fletcher J. Willard
Blodgett Della B.	Flynn Ellen
Burke George H.	Furbush F. R.
Burland E. L.	Gadourey Hildege (f.)
Burnham Arthur H.	Gates Bessie
Butterworth William L.	Gilson Levi
Cadman G. Henry	Gould Horace E.
Cameron Marjorie	Graves William
Canton Arthur	Green Rose E.
Carkin Warren E.	Gregory Frank
Carpentier Joseph	Greig David L.
Connell J. H.	Griffin Charles M. (2)
Davis Alfred O.	Gupee Charles
Decatur C. R. P.	Hall John H.
Decatur Nathaniel J.	Hamlin Edward
Defoe Fred M.	Hanson Hilma
Drake Henry J.	Hartford George H.
Drew Frank C.	Hartford Hazel

Harty William H. P.	Miller Frank E.
Healy Frank L.	Mountain Ernest G.
Healy James B.	Murphy Henry J.
Healy Peter	Nelson Oscar A.
Hemans Robert J.	Nixon Herman L. (f.)
Hildreth Charles L.	O'Brien George
Holbrook Lawrence	O'Brien James (2)
Hughes Alfred	O'Brien James (2)
Hunt Edmund J.	O'Brien James H.
Ingalls Harry M. (f.)	Orange W. H. (f.)
Irish George F. (f.)	Parrott Ida
Jarvis Everett P.	Perkins William
Jasmin Arthur	Petterson Axel
Jenkins Mark W.	Phillips Norman A.
Johnson Lillian E.	Polley Amos B.
Johnson Wallace	Potter Charles H. (f.)
Jordan Alfred E.	Prescott Richard D.
Judd Don	Pyne Eva F.
Kabele Daisy (f.)	Reed H. B.
Keefe John H.	Reeves Albert
Kendall H. M.	Ryan Angeline M.
Kimball George A.	Sandberg August G.
Knight Joseph E.	Sargent Charles G.
Lakin Alston H.	Sargent James M. (2)
Lawton Luther	Sargent Joseph E.
Lombard Hattie I. (f.)	Sargent William F. (3)
May Thomas E.	Seifer William F. (2)
McDonald Alexander	Sherman David
McDonald William O.	Sherman Warren H.
McDougal Alexander	Shugrue Rose
McGlinchey Michael	Simpson John T.
McIntosh John (2)	Socorelis Helen
McMaster John	Splain Elizabeth
Meads D. H.	Steele Edgar F.
Merrick John (f.)	Sullivan James D.
Merritt Flora M.	Sullivan Margaret J.
Merritt Walter J.	Swanson Noah

Sweetser Judson	Wheeler William H.
Sweetser Warren P. (f.)	Whitney Charles H.
Symmes George E.	Whitney Nathaniel
Taylor Elizabeth C. (f.)	Williams William P.
Tousignant William (f.)	Wilson T. Arthur E.
Walker Sarah M. (f.)	Wright Edith (f.)
Wall Raymond	Wright Frank C.
Wall William L. (f.)	Wright Sidney B.
Wayne W. H.	Wright William E. (f.)
Wetmore V.C. Bruce (4 m.& 1 f.)	York Mabel

Annual Town Meeting, February 8, 1915

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, February 8, 1915, the following business was transacted:—

1. Herbert E. Fletcher chosen Moderator and sworn by the Town Clerk.

2. William O. McDonald and Alonzo H. Sutherland appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk, and received from him the official ballots, and gave their receipts therefor. Walter J. Merritt and John M. Fletcher appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk, and took charge of the ballot box and check list, respectively. The ballot box was opened and found to be empty; the register was placed at zero.

The polls were declared open at eight o'clock, A. M., and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2, and the following question:—"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" Upon the order of the Moderator and Town Clerk, the ballots were removed from the ballot box before the close of the polls, and James M. Sargent and George H. Burke were appointed by the Moderator to assist in canvassing the ballots. They were sworn by the Town Clerk.

It was voted to close the polls at 1.10 P. M. It was further voted to close the polls at 1.15 P. M.

The polls were closed at 1.15 p. m. The register stood at 236. The number of names checked upon the Ballot Clerk's list was: Males, 234; Females, 2; Total, 236.

The number of names checked upon the Ballot Box list was: Males, 234; Females, 2; Total, 236.

The number of ballots cast was: Males, 234; Females, 2; Total, 236.

3. Voted to accept the report of the Finance Committee as printed.

4. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed.

Voted to adopt the following resolution:

"Whereas the Board of Selectmen of this Town have filed with the Highway Commission of this Commonwealth a petition, asking to have the Groton Road, so called, taken over as a State highway.

Resolved: That we, the voters of said Westford, in Annual Meeting assembled, hereby express our approval of the action of said Board of Selectmen, and further instruct said Board to continue in its efforts to have said road taken over as a State highway."

5. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.

6. Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

7. Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

8. Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed.

Voted that the unexpended balance on hand, together with the receipts from dog licenses, be appropriated, and that an additional sum of \$1,000 be raised and appropriated for the support of the Public Library.

9. Voted to amend the report of the Commissioners on Public Burial Grounds by substituting the sum of \$175 for the sum of \$200 therein requested.

Voted to accept the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as amended, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$175, as therein requested.

10. Voted to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

11. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. of the amount collected.

12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for the repair of roads and bridges.

13. Voted (unanimous) that, in order to meet the indebtedness to be incurred in making the alterations and repairs in the Acton and Lowell Road, so called, as ordered by the County Commissioners, the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to borrow the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) at a rate of interest not to exceed five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and to give therefor four promissory notes of the Town in the principal sum of Five Hundred Dollars ((\$500) each, payable in one, two, three and four years from the date thereof, each note to be countersigned by the Board of Selectmen.

14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,500 for Town debts and charges.

15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,400 for the support of the poor.

16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,450 for the support of the Public Schools.

17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,100 for High School purposes.

18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$750 for school text books and supplies.

19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$573.75 for the salary of the Superintendent of the schools.

20. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses.

21. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,050 for the destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths and elm tree beetles.

22. Voted to raise and appropriate \$450 to meet the expenses of the Fire Department.

23. Voted to raise and appropriate \$400 for the purchase of new hose and fire apparatus for the Fire Department.

24. Voted to raise and appropriate \$300, and appropriate \$300 additional; \$200 to be expended in each of the three villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Westford Centre, for the construction and grading of sidewalks.

25. Voted that the Town accept the hydrant on Bridge Street, established by the Board of Fire Engineers.

26. Voted to accept the report of the committee chosen at the last annual meeting to investigate and report in regard to a fire alarm system.

Voted that the time of the committee be extended for the making of a further report.

27. Voted that the securities and money comprising the Hiram Whitney Playground Fund, now in the possession of the committee in charge of the Whitney Playground, be hereafter placed in the custody and control and under the authority of the Town Treasurer, the annual expenditures to be made and approved in accordance with the other indebtedness of the Town, the care of the grounds and expenses to be incurred in connection therewith to remain under the authority and direction of said committee. Said committee to have the right and power, until further action on the part of the Town, to make, from time to time, as occasion requires, a change in such investment.

Voted that a vote of thanks be extended to M. Elizabeth Whitney for her generosity in making a further contribution towards the support of the Whitney Playground.

28. Voted that the School Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized and empowered to transfer in any year the unexpended balance of any appropriation of its department to any other appropriation made for such department.

29. Voted to accept Sect. 43 of Chap. 49 of the Revised Laws.

30. Voted that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to adopt a system whereby a check shall hereafter be a sufficient voucher for the payment of any indebtedness of the Town.

31. Voted that the matter of providing a proper heating apparatus for the Town Hall be left in the hands of the Selectmen, to report at the next Town Meeting.

32. Voted to dismiss Article 32.

The vote stood 70, Yea, and 32, Nay.

33. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 for medical inspection in the public schools.

34. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1915, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

35. Voted that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight, and all other taxes be payable on or before the *first* day of *November* next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date, the Collector shall charge interest on such overdue taxes at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the fifteenth

day of October preceding, and collect the same according to law. All supplementary and additional taxes assessed shall bear interest thirty days from the date a bill is sent to the debtor.

The Collector is authorized to return, at the expense of the Town, a receipted tax bill when paid.

The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Tax Collector within five days after the first day of November, and said Collector shall immediately pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received before said audit, and furthermore the Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Collector between the first and fifth days of January next and the Collector shall immediately pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received before said audit, and the Assessors are instructed to complete the assessment of the taxes on or before July first next, and issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes, with a list of persons assessed with their places of abode, within five days after the first day of July.

36. The following named were chosen members of the Finance Committee:

George T. Day	Elbert H. Flagg,
Julian A. Cameron,	Wesley O. Hawkes,
Herbert V. Hildreth.	

The following named were chosen by hand vote:

Field Drivers.

Almon S. Vose,	William R. Taylor,
John A. Sullivan.	

Fence Viewers.

Charles A. Blodgett,	Edwin H. Gould,
Almon S. Vose.	

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

Willard H. Beebe,
 Charles T. Brooks,
 Oscar R. Spalding,
 P. Henry Harrington,
 Isaac Hall,
 John A. Healy,
 William W. Johnson,

Alonzo H. Sutherland,
 Walter A. Whidden,
 David Desmond,
 Michael L. McGlinchey,
 Joseph E. Knight,
 Horace E. Gould,
 Charles A. Blodgett.

38. Voted to raise and appropriate \$150 to commemorate Memorial Day.

39. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 to distribute books from the Public Library in the villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Parkerville.

40. Voted to accept the hydrant installed at or near Orchard Street, in Forge Village.

41. Voted to reconsider the vote passed under Article 35.

Voted to amend said vote by striking out in the first paragraph the words "first day of November," and inserting in place thereof the words "the fifteenth day of October," and also by striking out the words "that date" and inserting in place thereof the words "November 1st next," so that said vote shall read as follows:

Voted that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight and all other taxes be payable on or before the fifteenth day of October next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after November 1st next, the Collector shall charge interest on such overdue taxes at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the fifteenth day of October preceding, and collect the same according to law. All supplementary and additional taxes assessed shall bear interest thirty days from the date a bill is sent to the debtor.

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42. The votes having been counted, the following were found and declared to be elected to their respective offices:

Town Clerk—Charles L. Hildreth.

Selectman—Frank L. Furbush.

Assessor—J. Austin Healy.

Overseer of the Poor, 3 years:—Fred. R. Blodgett.

Overseer of the Poor, 1 year to fill vacancy:—Charles L. Hildreth.

Treasurer—Harwood L. Wright.

Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Auditor—Edward T. Hanley.

Constable—Stephen Gardel.

School Committee—Charles O. Prescott, T. Arthur E. Wilson.

Trustee of J. V. Fletcher Library—Julian A. Cameron.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—Wesley O. Hawkes.

Tree Warden—Harry L. Nesmith.

License: Yes, seventy-one (71); No, one hundred forty-five (145).

Blanks, eighteen (18).

43. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

44. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, July 15, 1915.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Thursday, July 15, 1915, the following business was transacted:—

1st. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen moderator, and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

2nd. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen. Voted that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be appropriated from the appropriation for Town debts and charges for providing heating apparatus for the Town Hall.

3rd. Voted that a committee of five consisting of the Board of Selectmen, Herbert V. Hildreth and Edward Fisher investigate the question of lighting the Town Hall with electricity and report at the next annual meeting.

4th. Voted that the matter of establishing a Public Dump be left in the hands of the Selectmen to investigate and report at the next annual meeting.

5th. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

6th. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

State Election, November 2, 1915

Party designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic; P. P., Progressive Party; P., Prohibition; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor; R. R. N. P., Republican Reform Nom. Paper; D. C. N. P., Democratic Citizens Nom. Paper; R. C. N. P., Republican Citizens Nom. Paper; P. P. C. N. P., Progressive Party Citizens Nom. Paper.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of votes cast	167	119	49	67	402

GOVERNOR.

Nelson B. Clark of Beverley (P. P.) . .	6	1	0	3	10
Walter S. Hutchins of Greenfield (S.) . .	3	4	8	0	15
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester (R.) .	116	50	23	37	226
Peter O'Rourke of Medford (S. L.)	0	1	0	0	1
William Shaw of Andover (P.)	4	4	3	3	14
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg (D)	35	56	13	24	128
Blanks	3	3	2	0	8

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Edward P. Barry of Boston (D.)	32	45	10	23	110
Calvin Coolidge of Northampton (R.) .	120	54	26	39	239
Alfred H. Evans of Hadley (P.)	4	4	2	1	11
James Hayes of Plymouth (S. L.)	0	2	1	0	3
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston (P. P. C. N. P.)	3	1	0	3	7
Samuel P. Levenberg of Boston (S.) . . .	3	3	7	0	13
Blanks	5	10	3	1	19

SECRETARY.

Edwin A. Grosvenor of Amherst (D.) . . .	30	46	8	20	104
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield (R.) . . .	124	52	28	42	246
Thomas J. Maher of Medford (S. L.) . . .	0	5	1	0	6
Marion E. Sproule of Lowell (S.)	3	3	7	0	13
William O. Wylie of Beverly (P.)	3	5	3	0	11
Blanks.	7	8	2	5	22

TREASURER.

Henry L. Bowles of Springfield (D.)	31	40	8	19	98
Charles L. Burrell of Boston (R.)	124	57	28	42	251
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester (S.)	2	5	8	0	15
William E. Marks of Worcester (P.)	2	4	2	0	8
Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem (S. L.) . .	2	2	0	0	4
Blanks.	6	11	3	6	26

AUDITOR.

Alonzo B. Cook of Boston (R.)	122	56	26	41	245
James W. Holden of New Bedford (S.L.) . .	2	2	2	0	6
Henry C. Iram of Warwick (S.)	2	5	7	0	14
Jacob C. Morse of Brookline (D.)	29	38	8	15	90
William G. Rogers of Wilbraham (P.)	3	7	2	1	13
Blanks.	9	11	4	10	34

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Henry C. Atwill of Lynn (R.)	126	51	25	38	240
Frank Auchter of Boston (P.)	4	8	3	1	16
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford (D.) . .	26	41	8	19	94
John McCarthy of Abington (S.)	3	5	8	1	17
William Taylor of Worcester (S. L.)	0	1	1	0	2
Blanks.	8	13	4	8	33

COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT.

Joseph H. McNally of Watertown (D.) . . .	33	47	10	20	110
Henry C. Mulligan of Natick (R.)	118	55	28	38	239
Blanks.	16	17	11	9	53

SENATOR, SEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Frederick W. Burke of Lynn (D.)	26	47	11	27	111
Charles A. Kimball of Littleton (R.)	131	61	29	37	258
Blanks	10	11	9	3	33

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Edgar H. Hall (R.)	137	69	31	43	280
Blanks	30	50	18	24	122

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Alfred L. Cutting of Weston (R.)	120	50	28	37	235
John Lathrop Dyer of Cambridge (R. R. N. P.)	2	2	0	1	5
George A. Goodwin of Cambridge (P. P.)	6	5	0	2	13
Michael M. O'Connor of Cambridge (D.)	19	35	8	18	80
William H. Walsh of Framingham (D. C. N. P.)	14	9	1	1	25
Blanks	6	18	12	8	44

COUNTY TREASURER, MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

DeWitt Clinton Clapp of Cambridge (R. C. N. P.)	5	3	0	2	10
Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville (R.)	122	54	28	38	242
David A. Keefe of Cambridge (P. P. D.)	22	39	6	17	84
Blanks	18	23	15	10	66

SHERIFF, MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

John J. Donovan of Lowell (D.)	26	41	11	18	96
John R. Fairbairn of Cambridge (R.)	126	57	26	38	247
Blanks	15	21	12	11	59

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, empowering the general court to authorize the taking of land to relieve

congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens be approved and ratified?

Yes.....	63	62	18	35	178
No.....	51	17	18	8	94
Blanks.....	53	40	13	24	130

Shall the following proposed amendment to the constitution, enabling women to vote, be approved and ratified?

Article three of the articles of amendment to the constitution of the commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out in the first line thereof the word "male."

Yes.....	67	51	18	29	165
No.....	77	56	23	28	184
Blanks.....	23	12	8	10	53

Shall the following proposed amendment to the constitution, relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemptions, be approved and ratified?

Full power and authority are hereby given and granted to the general court to impose and levy a tax on income in the manner hereinafter provided. Such tax may be at different rates upon income derived from different classes of property, but shall be levied at a uniform rate throughout the commonwealth upon incomes derived from the same class of property. The general court may tax income not derived from property at a lower rate than income derived from property, and may grant reasonable exemptions and abatements. Any class of property the income from which is taxed under the provisions of this article may be exempted from the imposition and levying of proportional and reasonable assessments, rates and taxes as at present authorized by the constitution. This article shall not be construed to limit the power of the general court to impose and levy reasonable duties and exercises.

Yes.....	91	63	21	39	214
No.....	33	14	15	7	69
Blanks.....	43	42	13	21	119

RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
FROM ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

	Acton	Ayer	Car- lisle	Chelms- ford	Little- ton	West- ford	Total
Edgar H. Hall of Acton.....	361	275	62	534	163	280	1675
Wm. F. Fitzgerald.....		2					2
Frank Sullivan.....		1					1
Dennie E. Murphy.....		1					1
Michael J. Carey.....		1					1
Peter B. Murphy.....		1					1
Charles A. Dudley.....		1					1
Charles E. Wood.....		1					1
John Denehy.....					1		1
Blanks.....	74	227	33	265	59	122	780
Total.....	437	508	95	799	223	402	2464

Tree Warden's Report.

The Tree Warden submits the following report:

During the past year my work has consisted of cutting brush along the road side and corners.

Having removed a great many dead trees I find there are many more that should be removed.

The new slash law should be known by everyone in regard to putting brush on the roadside, as there is a fine for so doing.

H. L. NESMITH,
Tree Warden.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Westford, Mass., January 17, 1916.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford,
I submit the following report for year 1915.

Number of platform scales over 5,000 lbs.	9
Number of platform scales under 5,000 lbs.	50
Number of computing scales	4
Number of spring balances.	47
All other scales	52
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Total	162
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Number of weights sealed	280
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LIQUID AND DRY MEASURES.

Number of dry measures	4
Number of liquid measures	36
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Total	40
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Number of yard sticks	9
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Kerosene oil pumps	8
Molasses pumps	5
Gasolene pumps	4

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,
Sealer.

Assessors' Report for Year 1915.

Value of buildings, April 1, 1915	\$ 934,872 00
Value of land, April 1, 1915	683,733 00
Value of personal estate, April 1, 1915	807,474 00
Total	\$2,426,079 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED.

Public library	\$1,000 00
Public burial grounds	175 00
Roads and bridges	4,000 00
Town debts and charges	6,500 00
Support of poor	1,400 00
High School purposes	3,100 00
Support of public schools	10,450 00
School text books and supplies	750 00
Salary of Supt. of Schools	573 75
Expenses in connection with schoolhouses	1,000 00
Destruction of moths	1,050 00
Expenses of fire department	450 00
Construction of sidewalks	300 00
Medical inspection of schools	100 00
Memorial Day:	150 00
Distribution of books from library	100 00
	\$31,498 75
Electric lights	3,290 00
Hydrants	1,960 00
Notes and interest	3,450 00
County tax	2,940 17
State highway tax	413 78
State tax	5,655 00
Total	\$49,207 70

Moth tax	\$440 20
Overlayings	596 80
Excise tax, Lowell & Fitchburg R. R. . .	252 14
Additional tax	215 75
Number Polls assessed	826
Horses	344
Cows	655
Meat Cattle	237
Sheep	10
Swine	71
Fowls	5,794
Dwelling houses	590
Acres of land	18,000
Tax on \$100.....	\$1 50

TAXES ABATED AS ORDERED BY THE ASSESSORS.

1914.

Atwood Banks.....	\$ 2 00
Henry Bechard	2 00
Toussand Belland	2 00
Alfred Belland	2 00
Alfred Belland, Jr.	2 00
Omar Bellmore	2 00
John Bohon	2 00
Perfers Boudreau	2 00
Fred Brake	2 00
John Carpenter	2 00
John Carney	2 00
H. Carlson	2 00
Moses Desjardins	2 00
Peter Ferguson	2 00
George S. Floyd	2 00

Amount carried forward..... \$30 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$30 00
Michael Garrity	2 00
Burnard R. Hart	2 00
Andrew Healy	2 00
Michael Icosbockos	2 00
Eimal Johnson	2 00
James Kelley	2 00
George Kistly	2 00
Archie Larky	2 00
James Loorona	2 00
Harry Lothrop	2 00
Thomas Michell	2 00
Thomas Mogeman	2 00
Alexander Nekarnoski	2 00
James O'Neil	2 00
Burnard O'Hara	2 00
Mrs. Fletcher Peckens	24 00
Joseph Pelky	2 00
John Poznack	2 00
Archie Plante	2 00
Denis Soboris	2 00
Benjamin Smith	2 00
George Sployd.....	2 00
Martin Sekroge	2 00
Stanley Sullivan	2 00
Thomas Welch	2 00
E. Williams	2 00
	<hr/> \$104 00
Brookside Park Lots.	
Fred R. Ames	\$ 80
William W. French.....	80
Merrill Daicy	80
Kate Schwartz	80
Robert J. Hook	3 68
C. M. Boutwell	48
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Amount carried forward.....	\$7 36

Amount brought forward.....	\$7 36
H. E. Dexter	16
Albert Jones	80
James Graham	80
Harriet Kavanough	40
A. Sharon	40
James A. Hunnewell	32
Wallace Dole	40
John H. Roach	40
Emma E. Varnum	80
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	\$11 84

1915.

Daniel Sullivan	\$2 00
Vernon Fletcher	2 00
Charles Radulski	2 00
Michael Croget	2 00
Timothy Riney	2 00
John Hutchins.....	2 00
Timothy Driscoll	16 05
Albert N. Decatur	24 00
Lorenzo Sweetser	75
Daniel Beleda	2 00
Mercier Boudeau	2 00
Anthony Pivirotto	2 00
Clarence McLenna	2 00
Peter Terno	2 00
Miss Ella Miller	7 50
Samuel R. Willis	2 00
Mrs. Henry Holt	7 50
Harry Ericson	2 00
Margaret M. Dandley	1 80
Ernest C. Emerson	22 50
Norman Philips.....	75
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Amount carried forward.....	\$106 85

Amount brought forward.....	\$106 85
D. A. Connell	3 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Hildreth	12 00
John Hutchins.....	3 25
Harry Blaisdell	2 00
Thomas O. Sullivan	15 00
George West	2 00
Catherine O'Connor	3 00
Allan Smith	7 50
Charlotte A. Jessop	5 63
Michael Sailor	2 00
Raymond Pickup	2 00
George Pousnoff	2 00
John Bristko	2 00
Wasil Trunko	2 00
Tony Poznack	2 00
Joseph Cote	2 00
John E. V. Mattson	2 00
Josephine Fiske	15 00
Wasil Ceresko	2 00
John Butko	2 00
Thomas Healy.....	2 00
	<hr/> \$197 23

J. W. FLETCHER,
 CHARLES D. COLBURN,
 J. AUSTIN HEALY,

Assessors of Westford.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES REMAINING UNPAID JANUARY, 1916.

TAXES OF 1915.

Manfrid Abrahamson.....	\$ 2 00
John Anderson.....	2 00
Anthony Anderson.....	2 00
Edward Anderson.....	2 00
Andrew Anderson.....	23 75
Michael Belon.....	2 00
Loammi Bicknell.....	12 75
Nels Blonagoen.....	2 00
Walter Butler.....	2 00
Kindle Capano.....	2 00
Michael Carr.....	8 25
Horace Caron.....	2 00
Joseph Coing.....	2 00
Joseph Connell.....	2 00
William Curren.....	24 50
Michael Deneshgh.....	2 00
Denis Deneshgh.....	2 00
Nathaniel Decatur.....	17 00
Mrs. C. R. P. Decatur.....	38 03
Joseph A. Desmarais.....	2 00
Lanias Daseous.....	2 00
Matthew F. Downs.....	82 87
Amount carried forward.....	
	\$237 15

Amount brought forward	\$237 15
John Dolan.....	2 00
Ralph Esty	2 00
W. R. Farnham.....	19 78
Harry N. Fletcher.....	169 80
Victor George.....	2 00
Margaret Haley.....	15 00
Robert Hafey.....	2 00
Carl Healmar.....	2 00
Mrs. Paul Jasmin.....	21 07
Mark W. Jenkins.....	6 13
Frank C. Johnson.....	2 00
Wallace W. Johnson.....	45 20
James L. Kimball.....	105 00
Michael Kuncewicz.....	2 00
A. H. Lakin.....	2 00
John Larrey.....	2 00
Peter Lehough.....	2 00
Robert Marshall.....	2 00
George J. Martin.....	2 00
Michael McGlinchey.....	39 50
William Micka.....	2 00
Walter Mooney.....	2 00
Walter Mullen.....	2 00
Robert Neilson.....	2 00
Joseph Orange.....	2 00
Wilmont Pierson.....	2 00
Edmund Pendleburg.....	2 00
Ella J. Perkins.....	7 50
Mrs. Fletcher Peckens.....	22 50
Arthur B. Parrott.....	24 50
Thomas Rafferty	9 80
Thomas Rafferty, Jr.....	2 00
John E. Rafferty.....	2 00
Lucretia Reed heirs.....	7 50
Amount carried forward.....	\$772 43

Amount brought forward.....	\$772 43
Joseph Regnier.....	2 00
William Redell.....	2 00
Joseph Rosliko.....	2 00
Peter Santosky.....	2 00
Thomas Scollen.....	2 00
Daniel H. Sheahan.....	38 75
Rose Shugrue.....	63 68
John Sinclair.....	2 00
John Smith.....	2 00
Fred Smith.....	2 00
John L. Smith.....	2 00
Elizabeth Smith.....	6 75
Richard Stencheon.....	2 00
Lawrence Strasburg.....	2 00
George Stringlus.....	2 00
Warren P. Sweetsir.....	41 25
John Titus.....	2 00
James Thompson.....	2 00
James Vallenges.....	38 60
Adam Wageleyluk.....	2 00
Mrs. Sarah Whitney.....	43 20
William Willett.....	2 00
Sidney B. Wright.....	56 67
Walter Wyman.....	17 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Brookside Worsted Mills Co.....	\$1274 25
Julia Blanchard.....	5 25
Mrs. Susan A. Butterfield heirs.....	9 75
Margaret E. Blake.....	90
M. Alice Cox, Trustee of Lawton children.....	13 50
Flora I. Day.....	10 50
Thos. N. Doyle.....	6 00

Amount carried forward..... \$2,430 48

Amount brought forward.....		\$2,430.48
Miner H. A. Evans.....		21 50
Harriet R. Evans.....		43 50
Abbie M. Evans.....		10 50
Moise Fontaine and others.....		6 00
Warren A. Hanson.....		14 85
Ethel C. Hinkley.....		43 88
Geo. C. Moore.....		241 50
Geo. W. Parker.....		1 50
P. J. Riley heirs.....		3 60
Willisted & Marinel.....		9 00
Mrs. A. S. Wright devisees.....		6 75
Fred R. Ames	} Brookside Park Lots Uncollectible }	90
Mrs. C. M. Boutwell		67
Harriet Cavanagh		45
Jessie D. Crook		45
H. E. Dexter		23
Wallace Dole		45
William W. French		1 35
James Graham.		90
Walter H. Harris		1 35
Annie Higgins		2 25
Robert J. Hook		3 60
James A. Hunnewell		45
Albert Jones		3 00
John H. Roach		45
Kate Schwartz		1 50
Amie Sharon		67
Emma E. Varnum	1 05	
Paid since audit		224 86
		<hr/> \$ 3,077 84

LEONARD W. WHEELER, Tax Collector.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Treasurer.

Harwood L. Wright, salary	\$175 00
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Town Clerk.

Edward Fisher, for 1914.

Recording 61 births at 50 cents each	\$30 50	
Recording 38 marriages at 20 cents each . .	7 60	
Recording 47 deaths at 20 cents each	9 40	
	\$ 47 50	

Charles L. Hildreth, salary	\$25 00	
Recording 8 birth affidavits at 50 cents each	4 00	
Making out report and postage	6 74	
Making return of vote for Representative at Ayer	2 50	
Supplies	1 67	
	\$ 39 91	

\$ 87 41

Selectmen.

Oscar R. Spalding, salary	\$ 125 00
Sherman H. Fletcher, salary	90 00
Frank L. Furbush, salary	75 00

\$290 00

Auditor.

William R. Taylor, salary for 1914	\$ 35 00
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Assessors.

For taking invoice and making taxes.

J. W. Fletcher, 35 days	\$ 87 50
Chas. D. Colburn, 55 days	137 50
J. Austin Healy, 58½ days	146 25
J. A. Healy, 14 days' use of auto at \$4.00 per day	56 00
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	\$427 25

Tax Collector.

L. W. Wheeler, collecting \$36,373.00 at 1 per cent.	\$ 363 73
American Surety Co., bond	50 00
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	\$ 413 73

Constables and Police.

Stephen Gardel, services as constable	\$ 90 85
Frank Haley, services as police	9 65
Chas. H. Pickering, services as police	2 85
A. H. Sutherland, services as police	6 35
W. G. Lee, services as police	3 30
F. L. Mahoney, services as police	3 00
S. H. Balch, services as police	3 00
John Spinner, services as police	3 70
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	\$ 122 65

Expenses at First District Court, Ayer.

Chas. T. Brooks, services	\$	2 74
Thos. F. Mullen, services		7 14
Frank Haley, services		32 98
Stephen Gardel, services		68 88
P. J. Beatty, services		2 00
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	\$	113 74

Received from fines, \$47.76.

Registrars of Voters.

Charles L. Hildreth, clerk	\$	7 00
Charles L. Hildreth, attending seven meetings		14 00
S. L. Taylor, attending five meetings		10 00
F. G. Sullivan, attending eight meetings		16 00
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	\$	47 00

Meat Inspector.

Emory J. Whitney	\$	144 00
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Town Counsel.

Edward Fisher, services	\$	86 50
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Precinct Officers.

Precinct One.

Walter J. Merritt, warden	\$	9 00
A. H. Sutherland, inspector		2 50
William McDonald, inspector		5 00
T. A. E. Wilson, inspector, 3 years		15 00
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	\$	31 50

Precinct Two.

Albert R. Wall, warden	\$ 3 00
Albert R. Wall, clerk	4 00
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	\$ 7 00

Precinct Three.

Alvin S. Bennett, warden	\$ 3 00
John Spinner, carrying ballot box	3 00
A. H. Comey, inspector	2 50
G. L. Sanborn, inspector	2 50
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	\$ 11 00

Precinct Four.

H. J. O'Brien, warden	\$ 3 00
John Edwards, clerk	4 00
J. H. O'Brien, inspector	2 50
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	\$ 9 50

Town Common and Monument.

Ai Bicknell, care of common	\$ 25 00
Timothy Sullivan, care of monument	15 00
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	\$ 40 00

Overseers of Poor.

By orders (see Overseers' Report)	\$ 1,649 03
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Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Albert A. Hildreth, salary and extra time	\$ 88 00
Supplies	15 18
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	\$103 18
Amount received from fees	32 58
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Net cost to Town	\$ 70 60

Moth Department.

The department has been in charge of Harry L. Nesmith, who has received \$2.50 per day, and has been paid \$1.00 per day for the use of his team and automobile. The men have been paid \$2.00 per day.

The items of expense are as follows:

Harry L. Nesmith, Superintendent	\$ 688 61
Harry L. Nesmith, team	271 50
Labor	1,255 50
Chas. Bicknell, team for sprayer	98 75
Express	1 93
Gasolene	10 88
Printing	2 00
Supplies	4 55
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	\$2,418 22

Amount received for private work	\$ 415 54
Amount to come from State	1,189 18
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	1,604 72
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Net cost to Town	\$813 50

Appropriation, \$1,050.00.

Tree Warden.

Harry L. Nesmith	\$	3 00
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School Committee.

By orders (see School Report)	\$17,624 00
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Lowell Industrial School.

Amount paid for tuitions	\$	187 50
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Amount due from State, \$93.75.

PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

By orders (see Commissioners' Report)	\$	175 31
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Appropriation, \$175.00.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Frank L. Furbush, services as Chairman	\$	30 00
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Albert A. Hildreth, agent	28 50
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O. V. Well, M. D., services	55 50
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W. H. Sherman, M. D., services	25 00
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State Board of Health, supplies	2 65
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International Chemical Co., supplies	7 82
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C. B. Coburn, supplies	1 50
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Albert Pickup, reimbursement while quarantined	33 57
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J. V. Hill, reimbursement while quarantined	28 50
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F. Leduc, reimbursement while quarantined	8 00
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I. L. Hall, reimbursement while quarantined	24 00
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M. Doucatte, reimbursement while quarantined	52 50
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J. Stewart, reimbursement while quarantined	16 00
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\$	313 54
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J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

By orders (see Library Report)	\$ 1,727 04
Appropriation, \$1,000.	
Dog licenses for 1914, \$364.32.	
Interest on Funds, \$413.38.	

DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.

William Symmes	\$ 25 00
W. H. H. Burbeck	12 50
H. W. Hildreth	62 50
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	\$ 100 00
Appropriation, \$100.00.	

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Carter Ink Co., supplies	\$ 1 25
Dumas & Co., supplies	14 95
P. B. Murphy	3 65
Courier-Citizen Co., town reports, warrants, etc.	417 88
Hobbs & Warren, book blanks	40 29
A. W. Brownell, printing for assessors	8 85
Huntley S. Turner, printing	17 50
Parkhurst Press, printing	6 05
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	\$ 510 42

MEMORIAL DAY.

By order Veteran Association	\$ 150 00
Appropriation, \$150.00.	

TOWN HALL.

Edwin Robey, janitor	\$ 173 60
Chas. H. Pickering, janitor	34 66
Fuel	111 78
Telephone	20 76
Westford Water Co.	32 00
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., gasoline	79 96
Brownell Mason Co., repairs	169 10
Abbot Worsted Co., supplies	75
Albert A. Hildreth, labor	2 25
A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor	4 90
Oscar R. Spalding, lumber	17 21
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	40 96
H. S. Stiles, stock and labor	38 20

\$ 726 13

Income from Town Hall.

Rent of building	\$ 139 00
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Furnace for Town Hall.

Union Sheet Metal Co., furnace	\$ 160.00
Union Sheet Metal Co., extras	14 25

\$ 174 25

Appropriation, \$200.00.

INSURANCE.

Sherman H. Fletcher, Agent, Liability Insurance for Road and Moth Men	\$ 136 13
Town Hall, \$2,500.00	163 80
Town Farm, \$5,656.00	120 33

\$ 420 26

STATE AID.

To Soldiers and Sailors and families of same, as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From January 1, 1915 to January 1, 1916 \$ 460 00
Amount due from State, \$460.00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From January 1, 1915 to January 1, 1916 \$ 132 00

MILITARY AID.

From January 1, 1915, to January 1, 1916 \$ 216 00
Amount due from State, \$108.00.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

By orders (see Report) \$1,016 12

FOREST FIRES.

H. L. Nesmith, Forest Warden	\$ 42 75
H. L. Nesmith, cash paid men	622 41
Express and freight	97
Town of Chelmsford, labor	3 25
Town of Acton, labor	20 50
Supplies	42 41
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	\$ 732 29

Amount received from Boston & Maine ..	\$	382	40
Town of Tyngsboro		22	10
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	\$	404	50

HOUSE FIRES.

Gates fire	\$	15	75
Fifield Place fire		6	77
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	\$	22	52

HYDRANTS.

Westford Water Co.			
48 hydrants, 6 months	\$	960	00
2 hydrants, 5 months		33	34
50 hydrants, 6 months		1,000.	00
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	\$	1,993	34
Appropriation, \$1,960.00.			

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Lowell Electric Light Corp.	\$	3,289	44
Appropriation, \$3,290.00.			

GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

Expense.

Waterman & Leavitt, auto signs	\$	44	00
A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor putting up auto signs		34	85
Chas. H. Pickering, labor putting up auto signs		5	10
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	\$	83	95

GENERAL EXPENSES.

A. G. Scoboria, M. D., birth returns	\$ 25
W. H. Sherman, M. D., birth returns	9 25
Express and freight	18 96
L. W. Wheeler, appraiser at Town Farm	2 00
J. H. Fletcher, Postmaster, postage	56 86
Chas. Shugrue, damages on highway	40 00
David L. Greig & Son, burial of Alice Jordan	10 00
Mrs. Arthur Blodgett, dinner for Town Officers	7 00
F. R. Blodgett, Appraiser at Town Farm	3 00
Chas. F. Gettemy, certification of notes	12 00
Emery Record Preserving Co.	72 00
Abbot Worsted Co., hall for election, etc.	8 00
J. E. Knight, labor	2 50
Good Roads Machine Co., road scraper	218 36
E. A. Hamlin, stock and labor	2 22
Lull & Hartford, keys	1 50
Peter Clements, labor	1 75
Albert Pickup, guarding wire at Brookside	1 00
G. H. McGregor, guarding wire at Brookside	1 00
Pratt & Forest Co., lumber for flag pole	19 20
Chas. H. Pickering, labor	1 80
H. E. Fletcher & Co., work on flag pole	30 39
A. H. Sutherland, labor on road fence	50 45
A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor on flag pole	30 90
John Feeney, repairs	3 90
J. A. Healy, carrying fish	2 00
O. R. Spalding, lumber for road fences	90 82
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	88 44
Pratt & Forest Co., lumber for road fences	60 63
A. W. Hartford, advertising	6 50
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	\$ 852 66

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

Alex. McDonald was appointed Superintendent of Roads, at a salary of \$3.00 per day. Teams have been hired at \$5.00 per day. Laborers have been paid \$2.00 per day.

The following are items of expense:

Alex. McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 545 05
Teams	2,168 34
Labor	1,485 44
Gravel	139 55
Standard Oil Co., oiling streets	541 85
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	\$4,880 23

Appropriation, \$4,000.00.

EXPENSE OF ACTON ROAD, AS ORDERED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

To value of work done under contract of James E. Watkins of Amesbury	\$5,008 48
To advertising in connection with contract	32 69
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	\$5,041 17
To value of work done by Town in extension of work under the Watkins contract	551 63
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	\$5,592 80
Less payment by the Commonwealth	1,041 17
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	\$4,551 63
Less payment by the County of Middlesex	1,000 00
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	\$3,551 63
Less amount due from the County	\$864 27
Less amount due from Commonwealth ...	823 10
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	\$1,687 37
Net cost to Town	\$1,864 26
Appropriation, \$2,000.	

BREAKING ROADS.

J. A. Healy	\$	15 63
Alex. McDonald		48 87
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	\$	64 50

SIDEWALKS.

J. A. Healy, cement walks at Graniteville, Forge Village and Center	\$	409 00
Amount collected from abutters		185 53
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Net cost to Town	\$	223 47
Appropriation, \$300.		

WHITNEY PLAYGROUND.

By orders (see Report)	\$	378 14
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UNDERTAKER.

David L. Greig & Son—		
Attending 25 funerals	\$	50 00
Returning 17 permits		4 25
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	\$	54 25

Total number of orders, 801.

Total amount of orders, \$48,174.66.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK L. FURBUSH.

Selectmen of Westford.

List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen of Westford.

Name.	Occupation	Address.
Edwin E. Amesbury	Farmer	Westford
Samuel H. Balch	Retired	Westford
Fred H. Bicknell	Farmer	Westford
Frank Collins	Draughtsman	Forge Village
Goldsmith Conant	Farmer	Westford
Fred M. Defoe	Station Agent	Graniteville
John Edwards	Machinist	Forge Village
Harry M. Fletcher	Granite Dealer	Graniteville
Frank Gregory	Weaver	Littleton Common
George H. Hartford	Farmer	Westford
Frank C. Hildreth	Farmer	Westford
Francis Lowther	Overseer	Forge Village
Fred L. McCoy	Farmer	Westford
William O. McDonald	Farmer	Westford
John McMaster	Farmer	Westford
Walter J. Merritt	Farmer	Westford
Amos B. Polley	Farmer	Westford
Charles O. Prescott	Retired	Westford
George L. Sanborn	Station Agent	Forge Village
James M. Sargent	Granite Dealer	Graniteville
William F. Sargent	Machinist	Graniteville
John T. Simpson	Farmer	Westford
William T. Sullivan	Farmer	Westford
Swan G. Swanson	Stone Cutter	Westford
Warren P. Sweetser	Farmer	Westford
Emory J. Whitney	Retired	Westford
Carl G. Wright	Farmer	Westford
William E. Wright	Teamster	Westford

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Mass., January 19, 1916.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1915.

We are pleased to state that the town has been quite fortunate this year regarding contagious diseases, and still more fortunate that no deaths have resulted from same.

This is greatly owing to the promptness and manner in which the physicians have handled these cases. But we think there is much chance for improvement in other directions.

We believe it is the duty of every citizen to co-operate with the Board of Health in doing all they possibly can to help exterminate contagious diseases and prevent their spread, and it will be of much assistance along this line if every person will endeavor at all times to keep his home surroundings in a sanitary condition.

We also wish to ask the school teachers in the various villages to take every precaution and if any symptoms of a contagious disease come to their notice, to immediately send the pupil home and notify the parents at once.

We trust that all parents will heartily co-operate with their physicians and the Board in helping to keep down contagion.

Number of contagious and infectious diseases for the year are as follows:

	Number	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	11	
Diphtheria	4	
Measles	2	
Chicken Pox	6	
Typhoid Fever	2	
Whooping Cough	2	

FRANK L. FURBUSH,
OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
Board of Health.

Westford Water Company.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

1915			
Jan.	1	Balance	\$84,360 00
"	2	Teaming	\$ 3 00
"	7	Supplies	6 24
"	7	Labor	18 77
Mar.	17	Electric Lights	53 22
Dec.	1	Labor	32 10
			113 33
Total Cost of Construction to January 1,			
	1916	.....	\$84,473 33

A STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 1915, TO JANUARY 1, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Water Rates, etc.

50 hydrants	\$1,993 34
Town Hall	32 00
Library	28 00
Schools	207 02
Town Farm	50 00
Subscribers	6,072 92
Service Connections	92 76
	\$8,476.04

Total receipts brought forward	\$8,476.04
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EXPENSES.

Interest Account	\$1,677 78	
Taxes	175 37	
Expense Account	350 66	
Fuel	33 90	
Wages	1,350 00	
Supplies	330 90	
Electric Power	839 70	
Insurance	150 00	
	<hr/>	4,908 31
Net profit for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915.		<hr/> \$3,567 73

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,
Treasurer.

MIDDLESEX, ss.

WESTFORD, MASS., January 12, 1916.

Then personally appeared Charles O. Prescott and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Supply System to January 1, 1916, and of the receipts and expenditures of the Westford Water Company from January 1, 1915 to January 1, 1916, before me.

JOHN M. FLETCHER,
Notary Public.

Library Report.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1915.

The only important change during the year has been the installation of electric lights throughout the building. This has added greatly to the comfort and convenience of the rooms. The stack room which heretofore has always been without any light between the stacks is now abundantly supplied with two lights between each row. The other rooms are well lighted and the lights in the hall on the second floor have been used several times during the dark afternoons, adding very much to the attractiveness of this part of the building. All the lights are controlled by a switchboard conveniently located near the Librarian's desk.

A revolving bookcase has been purchased and placed in front of the Librarian's desk. In it are placed the new fiction and books on certain popular subjects, where the public can find them readily.

The Trustees ask for the following appropriations, viz:

1. The unexpended balances as shown by the financial statement.
2. The sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to meet current expenses.
3. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1916.

JULIAN A. CAMERON,
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,
JOHN P. WRIGHT, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 42 29	
Appropriation.....	1,000 00	
From Dog Licenses, 1914.....	233 48	
		\$1,275 77

EXPENDITURES.

Mary P. Bunce, Librarian.....	\$ 400 00	
Charles H. Pickering, Janitor.....	175 00	
Tucke & Parker, electric wiring.....	207 07	
Telephone.....	21 79	
Wright & Fletcher, coal.....	149 49	
G. B. Wright, trees.....	6 50	
E. A. Hamlin, labor.....	14 85	
Library Art Club.....	6 00	
Supplies.....	42 00	
Westford Water Co., water rates, etc. . .	28 95	
Cleaning.....	11 20	
Cleaning Clock.....	2 75	
Express.....	9 09	
Lowell Electric Light Co. lamps.....	16 20	
L. A. Derby & Co., lamp.....	5 50	
Adams & Co., book-case & steps.....	31 00	
Abbot Worsted Co., typewriter, etc.....	29 81	
Gasolene.....	14 45	
Electric light.....	29 57	
Wm. Sutherland, stock and labor.....	27 07	
Brownell Mason Co., repairs.....	25 55	
Typewriting and printing.....	9 93	
M. E. Day, substituting.....	12 00	
		\$1,275 77

AMOUNT OF FUNDS.

Legacy of Stephen S. Stone.....	\$1,000 00	
Legacy of Augustus K. Fletcher.....	1,000 00	
Legacy of Mary A. Henarie, Laws Fund	1,000 00	
Legacy of John M. Osgood.....	1,000 00	
Legacy of Jennie Reed Wilkins.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,150 00

BOOK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 77 31	
From Dog Licenses, 1914.....	130 84	
Stone Fund, income.....	101 20	
Fletcher Fund, income.....	104 46	
Laws Fund, income.....	104 06	
Osgood Fund, income.....	104 06	
	<hr/>	\$ 621 93

EXPENDITURES.

Old Corner Bookstore, books.....	\$ 243 42	
F. J. Barnard, binding.....	59 18	
David Farquhar, binding.....	55 02	
Magazines.....	4 50	
Andover Press, book.....	3 25	
Nelson Doubleday, magazines.....	12 80	
Theological Library, catalogue.....	1 00	
H. W. Wilson Co., magazines.....	69 65	
Thomas Nelson & Son, supplies.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	453 82

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1916.. . . .	<hr/>	\$ 168 11
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Report of the Librarian.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

The report of the Library for the year ending January 1, 1916 is herewith presented. No important changes in the work of the Library have been made during the year.

Our additions of recent books have been increased and made more attractive by the continued gifts of Mr. Julian A. Cameron. This year nearly ninety volumes have been presented by him, and they have been appreciated by the people of the town.

The circulation has been larger than for several years past, nearly reaching 14,000 volumes. Of these over a third have been borrowed in the children's department. In addition to the printed list of new books for young people, a considerable sum was expended in replacing worn out copies of old favorites.

The number of books sent to Graniteville, Forge Village and Parkerville has been larger than in previous years. Baskets of books have been carried to the schools, also, and the teachers in these three villages have worked cordially and faithfully to make the arrangement successful. We have been fortunate in the absence of interruptions due to contagious diseases.

The pictures from the Library Art Club have been exhibited in the hall, as in past years, and many of them have been very interesting and beautiful. The most popular set was the one illustrating colonial architecture. The Woman's Club continues to enjoy the use of the pleasant little hall for its meetings. Our museum is growing gradually by occasional gifts from friends of the Library. A pleasant instance of the loyalty of a former resident is that of Mrs. E. G. Smead of Los Angeles, who has furnished us the National Geographic, a very desirable magazine, for the last four years.

The Library of the State Agricultural College has loaned us a set of 28 books on the various phases of agriculture and domestic science. These are of special interest just now, in connection with the Agricultural Extension School. If any of these books prove particularly popular, copies will be purchased to supplement our present collection on these subjects.

The reading room is made much more attractive by the fine lighting system, which is appreciated by all, and an increasing interest is shown in the periodicals furnished. All magazines, except current numbers, may be borrowed, and the circulation for home use is larger than ever before. The list of subscriptions for the coming year is as follows:

WEEKLIES.

Harper's Weekly	Saturday Evening Post
Independent	Scientific American
Leslie's Weekly	Westford Wardsman
Littell's Living Age	Youth's Companion

MONTHLIES.

A. L. A. Booklist	Munsey
American	Normal Instructor
Atlantic Monthly	North American Review
Book Review Digest	Outing
Boys' Life	Pictorial Review
Century	Popular Mechanics
Country Side	Popular Science Monthly
Country Life in America	Public Libraries
Delineator	Reader's Guide
Garden Magazine	Review of Reviews
Good Housekeeping	Saint Nicholas
Harper's Monthly	Scientific Monthly
House Beautiful	Scribner's
House and Garden	Something to Do
John Martin's Book	Travel
Little Folks	Woman's Home Companion
McClure's	World's Work

PERIODICALS GIVEN.

Christian Register	From Woman's Alliance
Christian Science Monitor	" Mrs. John C. Abbot
Congressional Record	" Sherman H. Fletcher
Good Housekeeping	" Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler
International Conciliation	" American Association
Journal of Zoophily	" Publishers
National Geographic	" Mrs. E. G. Smead, Los Angeles
Our Dumb Animals	" Publishers
Outlook	" Charles O. Prescott
Scientific American Supplement	" Julian A. Cameron
Union Signal	" W. C. T. U. of Westford
Woman's Home Companion	" Mrs. C. E. Denham

PICTURE EXHIBITS.

Pisa; Buckingham Palace, two sets; Colonial Architecture; Wales; European Artists; Group of Dates; Verona; Fisheries; Bridges; Belgium; Renaissance Doorways; Japanese Textiles; Old English Masters; Joan of Arc.

NAMES OF DONORS, 1915.

Cameron, Julian A., eighty-eight volumes.
 Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, five volumes.
 Chandler, Miss Jennie M., curios.
 Day, Mrs. George T., one pamphlet.
 Decatur, C. W., Roseville, Cal., one pamphlet.
 Eddy, Mrs. Mary Baker, Estate of, ten volumes.
 Fletcher, Miss Emily F., one curio.
 Hildreth, Arthur G., one volume.
 Hildreth, Miss Ella F., one volume.
 Hodgman, Miss Harriet, Dunstable, curios.
 Lawrence, Miss Grace, one hundred and thirty-two pamphlets.
 Mass. Woman Suffrage Ass'n, one volume.

Moorehead, Warren K., Andover, curios.
 New Eng. Hist. and Genealogical Society, five volumes.
 New York, General Education Board, one volume.
 New York, Stock Exchange, one volume.
 Norton, Lieut. O. W., Chicago, one volume.
 O'Brien, James H., one curio.
 Provost, Henry, one curio.
 Railway News Bureau, one volume.
 Sargent, Porter E., Boston, one volume.
 Shea, H. J. and W. R., one curio.
 Stevens, Mrs. Charles W., Nashua, N. H., one curio.
 Stevens, Miss Mary G., Lowell, one pamphlet.
 Whitney, Mrs. M. Elizabeth, curios.
 Whitridge, F. W., one volume.

Annual reports have been exchanged with a large number of public libraries.

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation of bound volumes	13,894
Volumes loaned at the Library	9,869
Volumes sent to Graniteville	1,663
Volumes sent to Forge Village	1,657
Volumes sent to Parkerville	705
Circulation in Children's Department	5,417
Volumes loaned through the schools	1,160
Periodicals loaned	1,342

ACCESSIONS.

Volumes added by purchase	244
Volumes added by gift	117
Volumes received from the State	49
Volumes received from the U. S.	9
Volumes added by periodicals bound	28
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Total number of volumes added	447
Number of volumes in the Library	15,892

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED, 1915.

Anderson, Mrs. Isabel W. Spell of Japan	915.2—A1
Bacon, Mrs. Albion (Fellows). Beauty for ashes . . .	331—B3
Bailey, Liberty H. Principles of fruit growing	634—B3
Baring, Maurice. Mainsprings of Russia	914.7—B1
Barron, Clarence W. The audacious war	940.9—B
Bartlett, John. Familiar quotations. Rev. by N. H. Dole	Ref.
Bell, Edward I. Political shame of Mexico	972—B1
Bernhardi, Gen. Frederick von. Cavalry	357—B
Bjorkmann, Frances M., ed. Woman suffrage; history, arguments, results	324.3—B
Bonstelle, Jessie and de Forest, M. Little Women letters from the house of Alcott	B—A355.3
Browne, Belmore. Conquest of Mount McKinley	917.98—B1
Bullard, Arthur (Albert Edwards). Barbary coast .	916.1—B
Comrade Yetta	B935.2
Cabot, Ella L. Course in citizenship	377.2—C
Christian, Theodore. Other sheep I have	244—C1
Cleveland Public Library. Reading list for special days	Ref.
Colby, Frank M. Outlines of general history	909—C2
Collier, Price. Germany and the Germans from an American point of view	914.3—C1
Confessions of a clergyman	244—C2
Cramb, John A. Germany and England	940.9—C
Cumnock, Robert M. Choice readings	808.5—C3
Davis, Richard H. With the Allies	940.9—D
Dewey, John and Evelyn. Schools of tomorrow . . .	371—D2
Du Puy, William A. Uncle Sam's modern miracles	351.8—D
Edwardes, Marian, comp. Dictionary of non- classical mythology	291—E
Fisher, Dorothea C. Mothers and children	173—F1
Fraser, Mrs. Hugh. Seven years on the Pacific slope	917.9—F
Frost, Robert. North of Boston	811—F10

Graham, Stephen. With poor immigrants to America	325—G
Gray, Alexander. Principles and practice of electrical engineering	621.3—G
Griffin, Sara S. Quaint bits of Lowell history	974.4—G4
Hamilton, Sir Ian S. Staff officer's scrap-book	952—H
Hart, Albert B. War in Europe, its causes and results	940.9—H
Hegermann-Lindencrone, Fru Lillie. Sunny side of diplomatic life	B—H463.1
Hunt, T. F., and Burkett, C. W. Soils and crops ...	631—H
I accuse! (J' accuse!) by a German	940.9—I
Ibsen, Henrik. Peer Gynt, a dramatic poem	839—I
Ingalese, Richard. History and power of mind	131—I
Jansky, Cyril M. Elementary magnetism and elec- tricity	537—J
Jevons, Frank B. Philosophy: what is it?	140—J
Jordan, David Starr	
America's conquest of Europe	818—J
Call of the nation	818—J1
College and the man	818—J2
Heredity of Richard Roe	818—J3
Higher sacrifice	818—J4
Human harvest	818—J5
Life's enthusiasms	818—J6
Philosophy of hope	818—J7
Religion of a sensible American	818—J8
Story of a good woman, Jane Lathrop Stanford .	818—J9
Strength of being clean	818—J10
Ulrich von Hutten	818—J11
Unseen empire	818—J12
Kinne, Helen and Cooley, Anna M. Foods and household management	640—K
Larisch von Moennich, Marie L. E. My past, by Countess Marie Larisch	B—L323
Lewis, Harry R. Productive poultry husbandry ...	636—L2
Lewis, William D. Democracy's high school	373—L

March, Francis A. Thesaurus dictionary of the English language	Ref.
Maxim, Hudson. Defenceless America	355—M
Moorehead, Warren K. American Indian in the United States. 1850—1914	970.1—M1
Munroe, James P. New demands in education	370—M5
Neil, Marion H. Canning, preserving and pickling	641—N1
Noble, H. G. S. New York stock exchange in the crisis of 1914	332.6—N
Norton, Oliver W. Attack and defence of Little Round Top, Gettysburg	973.7—N2
Pagé, Victor W. Modern gasoline automobile	629.1—P
Perry, J. H. and Emerson, B. K. Geology of Worcester	551—P
Powell, E. Alexander. Fighting in Flanders	940.9—P
Quinn, Mary J. Planning and furnishing the home Radcliffe College	740—Q 378—R
Ravindranatha Thakura. The postoffice, by Rabin-dranath Tagore	891—R
Richardson, George Francis. Memorial presented to the Supreme Judicial Court, April 15, 1913	B—R523
Sampson, Ralph A. The sun	523—S3
Sargent, Porter E., pub. Handbook of the best private schools	373—S
Saunders, C. F. and Chase, J. S. California padres and their missions	979.4—S
Schauffler, Robert H. Joyful heart	814—S4
Sears, Clara E. Bronson Alcott's fruit lands	B—A354.1
Sears, Fred C. Productive orcharding	634—S
Service, Robert W. Spell of the Yukon, and other verses	811—S12
Shackleton, Robert. Unvisited places of old Europe	914—S6
Southworth, H. W. Divine love vindicated	230—S1
Steiner, Edward A. From alien to citizen	B—S822.1
Switzer, Maurice. Letters of a self-made failure	174—S

Thayer, William R. Life and letters of John Hay. 2 v.	B—H412
Thomas, Albert E. Her husband's wife	812—T1
Thompson, Slason. Railway library. 1913, 1914.	656—T1
Topham, Anne. Memories of the Kaiser's court...	943—T1
Webster, Hutton. Readings in ancient history....	930—W1
Wheeler, Marianna. Young mother's handbook...	649—W
Whiting, Lilian. Boston days.....	974.4—W7
Whitridge, Frederick W. One American's opinion of the war	940.9—W3
Who's who. 1915	Ref.
Why we are at war: Great Britain's case; by members of the Oxford faculty of modern history	940.9—W2
Wiley, Harvey W. 1001 tests of foods, beverages and toilet accessories	614.3—W
Wister, Owen. Pentecost of calamity.....	940.9—W1

FICTION.

Anderson, Ada W. Rim of the desert.....	A545.2
Arnim, Mary A. B. gräfin von. Pastor's wife....	A749.4
Bailey, Temple. Contrary Mary.....	B156.2
Barry, John A. South Sea ship mates	B280.2
Bassett, Sara W. Taming of Zenas Henry.....	B319.2
Benson, Edward F. Weaker vessel.....	B4745.7
Blythe, Samuel G. The fakers.....	B661.2
Bosher, Kate Langley. How it happened.....	B743.4
Brady, Cyrus T. Eagle of the Empire	B812.8
Brown, Caroline. Dionis of the veil	B878.3
Castaigne, André. Fata Morgana	C346.2
Castle, Agnes and Egerton. Haunted heart.....	C353.7
Churchill, Winston. Far country.....	C563.11
Conrad, Joseph. Victory.....	C7538.3
Cooke, Marjorie B. Bambi.....	C7726.2
Cullum, Ridgwell. Way of the strong.....	C967.2
Davis, Charles B. Lodger overhead and others	D2612.2

Dawson, Coningsby W. The raft	D2713.2
Day, Holman F. Landloper	D274.7
Deland, Margaret. Hands of Esau	D337.13
Dickson, Harris. Old Reliable	D554.2
Dix, Beulah M. Maid Melicent.....	D620.4
Doubleday, Roman. Red house on Rowan Street ..	D727.4
Dowd, Emma C. Doodles, the sunshine boy.....	D745.4
Doyle, Arthur Conan. Valley of fear	D754.21
Elliott, Francis P. Pals first.....	E462—2
Erskine, Payne Girl of the Blue Ridge.....	E733.5
Farnol, Jeffery. Honourable Mr. Tawnish.....	F2365.5
Ferber, Edna. Personality plus	F346.2
Fisher, Dorothea Canfield. Hillsboro people.....	F534.2
Frankau, Mrs. Julia (Frank Danby). Let the roof fall in	F829.3
French, Alice (Octave Thanet). Stories that end well	F874.6
Gale, Zona. Neighborhood stories.....	G153.5
Galsworthy, John. Freelands.....	G1785.2
Gordon, C. W. (Ralph Connor). Glengarry school days	G662.9
Patrol of the Sun Dance Trail.....	G662.8
Grant, Robert. High priestess.....	G762.9
Gray, Phoebe. Little Sir Galahad.....	G782.2
Greenslet, Mrs. Ella S. Nightingale	G8155.2
Grey, Zane. Lone star ranger.....	G845.3
Rainbow trail	G845.4
Hale, Louise C. Married Miss Worth.....	H163.2
Hall, Violette. Chanticleer.....	H180.2
Harrison, Henry S. Angela's business.....	H320.5
Hawkins, Anthony H. Young man's year.....	H393.15
Hayes, Hiram W. Paul Anthony, Christian	H418.2
Hornung, E. W. Camera fiend.....	H816.5
Crime Doctor	H816.6
Howells, William D. Son of Royal Langbraith.....	H859.21
Hueston, Ethel. Prudence of the parsonage	H887.2

Jepson, Edgar. Happy Pollyooly	J545.4
Knibbs, Henry H. Overland Red	K693.4
Sundown Slim	K693.4
Leblanc, Maurice. Teeth of the tiger	L445.2
Leroux, Gaston. Phantom of the opera	L618.3
Lincoln, Joseph C. Kent Knowles, quahaug	L738.14
Thankful's inheritance	L738.15
Lincoln, Natalie S. C. O. D.	L739.2
Lippmann, Julie M. Martha and Cupid	L766.4
Lloyd, Nelson M. David Malcolm	L793.3
Locke, William J. Jaffery	L815.7
Lucas, Edward V. Landmarks	L933.3
McCutcheon, George B. Black is white	M133.7
Magnay, William. Master spirit	M196.2
Maniates, Belle K. Amarilly of Clothes Line alley .	M278.2
Marriott, Crittenden. Ward of Tecumseh	M359.2
Mārsh, Richard. Woman in the car	M366.2
Marshall, Archibald. Greatest of these	M3665.5
Old order changeth	M3665.6
Merwin, Samuel. Honey bee	M576.4
Morris, Gouverneur. Seven darlings	M876.2
Nicholson, Meredith. The poet	N627.5
Norris, Kathleen. Saturday's child	N856.5
Story of Julia Page	N856.6
O'Higgott, Harvey J. Adventures of Detective Barney	O375.2
Olmstead, Florence. Cloistered romance	O515.2
Oppenheim, E. Phillips. Vanished messenger	O624.8
Orcutt, Wm. Dana. The moth	O643.2
Parker, Gilbert. Money master	P239.14
Phillips, David G. Price she paid	P559.4
Poole, Ernest. The harbor	P822.2
Porter, Eleanor H. Pollyanna grows up	P845.3
Porter, Mrs. Gene Stratton. Michael O'Halloran..	P848.6
Porter, Sidney (O'Henry). Options	P8475.3
Post, Melville D. Nameless thing	P857.2

Reeve, Arthur B. Guy Garrick	R331.2
Rice, Mrs. Alice Hegan. The Honorable Percival	H462.6
Richmond, Grace S. Twenty-fourth of June	R532.5
Rinehart, Mary R. K	R580.3
Shaw, Stanley. Siren of the snows	S536.2
Smith, Francis H. Felix O'Day	S648.17
Tarkington, Booth. Turmoil	T186.8
Tompkins, Juliet W. Open house	T662.4
Townsend, Edward W. Climbing Courvatels	T748.3
Train, Arthur and Wood, R. W. Man who rocked the carth	T768.11
Turnbull, Margaret. Looking after Sandy	T9435.2
Vance, Louis J. Cynthia of the minute	V222.3
Lone wolf	V222.2
Van Dyke, Henry J. Lost boy	V248.5
Van Vorst, Marie. Big Tremaine	V284.2
Mary Moreland	V284.3
Wallace, Dillon. Gaunt gray wolf	W188.2
Waller, Mary E. Flamsted Quarries	W198.6
Ward, Mrs. Elizabeth S. (Phelps). Though life us do part	W258.21
Ward, Mrs. Mary Augusta. Delia Blanchflower	W259.17
Eltham House	W259.18
Washburn, Stanley. Two in the wilderness	W3155.2
Wason, Robert A. Happy Hawkins in the Panhandle	W320.3
Webster, Jean. Dear enemy	W382.6
Wemyss, Mary C. E. Grannie	W466.3
Westcott, Frank N. Hepsey Burke	W524.3
Weyman, Stanley J. Chippinge Borough	W549.17
Wiggin, Kate D. Penelope's postscripts	W655.17
Willsie, Honoré M. Still Jim	W741.2
Wilson, Harry L. Ruggles of Red Gap	W749.5
Spenders	W749.4

BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Altsheler, Joseph A. Scouts of Stonewall	j1016f
Sword of Antietam	j1016g
Baldwin, James, ed. Fairy stories and fables	j823—B23
Barbour, Ralph H. Four afoot	j851k
Bigham, Madge A. Merry animal tales	j823—B24
Camp, Walter. Captain Danny	j2010
Coe, Ida and Christie, Alice J. Story hour readers. Book two and three. 2 v.	j372.4—C1
Crowell, Joshua F. Cheer chirpers	j823—C7
Crozier, Gladys B. Indoor games for children	j793—C1
Outdoor games for children	j796—C3
Daulton, Agnes M. From Sioux to Susan	j2006
Eastman, Charles A. Indian scout talks	j796—E
Fox, Florence C. Indian primer	j372.4—F
Gilbert, Ariadne. More than conquerors	j920—G4
Goldsmith, Oliver (?). History of little Goody Two Shoes	j2005
Gordy, Wilbur F. Stories of early American history	j973.2—G1
Green, Emma M. Laird of Glentyre	j914.1—G
Grose, Howard B., ed. Our wonder world. 10 vols.	j031—G
Harris, Joel Chandler. Uncle Remus and his friends	j823—H18
Lear, Edward. Nonsense books	j827—L1
McGraw, John J. How to play baseball	j797—M1
Maclean, J. Kennedy. Heroes of the farthest north and the farthest south	j919.8—M
Major, Charles. Little King	j899a
Mathewson, Christopher. Pitcher Pollock	j2009
Miller, Olive Thorn. Kristy's queer Christmas	j2007
Molesworth, Mrs. Mary Louisa. Cuckoo clock	j483a
O'Shea, M. V., ed. Six nursery classics	j398.2—O1
Perkins, Lucy F. Eskimo twins	j1076c
Perry, Stella G. S. Kind adventure	j2008
Pier, Arthur S. Grannis of the Fifth	j950d

Quirk, Leslie W. Freshmen friends	j1063b
Remick, Grace M. Jane Stuart's chum	j1081a
Segur, Comtesse de. Sophie	j2011
Shafer, Donald C. Harper's beginning electricity . .	j537—S1
Skinner, Ada M. Dramatic stories for reading and acting	j372.4—S8
Tomlinson, Everett T. Scouting with Daniel Boone	j647d
Withington, Paul, ed. Book of athletics	j796—W1

Respectfully submitted,

MARY P. BUNCE,

Librarian.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

Milk	\$2,988 98
Cows	432 50
Wood	211 05
Hay	339 60
Calves	81 50
Potatoes	34 25
Eggs	62 98
Rent	60 00
Teaming	77 35
Grain sacks	9 34
Keeping prisoners	7 75
Vinegar	6 00
Gravel	14 40
Use of bull	3 00
Chickens	4 14
Produce	22 55
Use of telephone	41
Services as Fire Warden	6 55
Board	10 25
Fertilizer	3 34
Barrels	13 00
Horse Rake	3 00
Sundries	3 66
	\$4,395 60
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1914	44 57
Cash received from Town Treasurer	568 75
	\$5,008 92

TOWN FARM PAYMENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Barnes, salary as Superintendent and Matron	\$ 568 75
Grain	1,282 44
Labor	557 85
Team work, drawing corn	24 70
Henry Keyes, use of horse	13 50
Harvesting corn	43 87
Cutting ensilage	67 06
Chopping wood	27 00
Sawing lumber	13 98
Grinding corn	15 85
Stock	811 36
Groceries	368 78
Provisions	202 48
Molasses for stock feeding	150 53
Freight on coal	101 66
Fertilizer	79 19
Butter	61 71
Westford Water Co.	55 00
Express harness	35 00
Stock food	44 00
Lumber	28 57
House furnishings	29 60
Clothing, etc., for inmates	45 26
Soap and powder	23 15
Funeral expenses	25 00
Hardware	63 28
Telephone	29 80
Seed potatoes	16 25
Freight	18 21
Wool waste	24 38
Pyrox	13 50
Amount carried forward	\$4,841 71

Amount brought forward.....	\$4,841 71	
Carfare.....	11 70	
Donovan Harness Co., repairs.....	13 85	
Blacksmith work.....	11 75	
Sundries.....	13 21	
Medicine.....	6 25	
Papering and painting.....	6 70	
Whitewashing.....	5 95	
Stationery.....	3 60	
Repairs.....	8 13	
Catering and cake.....	3 50	
Veterinary.....	6 00	
Courier-Citizen.....	3 00	
Seeds.....	3 19	
Weighing hay.....	2 40	
Revenue stamps.....	1 70	
	<hr/>	\$4,942 64
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1915.....		66 28
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		\$5,008 92

SUMMARY.

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1914.....	\$ 44 57	
Cash received from Town Treasurer.....	568 75	
	<hr/>	\$613 32
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1915.....		66 28
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Net expense at Town Farm.....		\$547 04
Number of pauper inmates at Town Farm, Dec. 31, 1915.....		8
Number of tramps lodged and fed Dec. 31, 1914 to Dec. 31, 1915.....		15

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board	\$ 154 29
City of Boston, aid rendered	16 00
City of Chelsea, aid rendered	374 12
City of Lowell, aid rendered	5 25
City of Lawrence, aid rendered	39 00
City of Marlborough, aid rendered	147 34
City of Worcester, aid rendered	48 57
Albert St. Cyr, board	135 00
James O'Laughlin, board	4 00
David L. Greig	25 00
Wright & Fletcher, groceries	1 01
Henry J. Healy, groceries	7 44
Hobbs & Warren, supplies	1 95
Courier-Citizen, printing	2 00
Under Provisions of Chapter 763, Acts 1913	60 00
Albert R. Choate, salary as Overseer of the Poor	10 00
Fred R. Blodgett, salary as Overseer of the Poor	10 00
Charles L. Hildreth, salary as Chairman Overseers of the Poor	20 00
Extra time and expense	19 31
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	\$1,080 28

REIMBURSEMENTS.

Received from City of Boston	\$ 31 80
Town of Groton	25 00
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	\$ 56 80

SUMMARY.

Payments on account of Outdoor Poor	\$1,080 28
Reimbursements	56 80
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Net expense of Outdoor Poor	\$1,023 48

STATEMENT.

Drafts on Town Treasurer	\$1,649 03	
Town Farm Receipts	4,395 60	
Cash in hands Superintendent of Town Farm, Dec. 31, 1914	44 57	
	<u> </u>	\$6,089 20
Payments on account of Outdoor Poor	\$1,080 28	
Town Farm Payments	4,942 64	
Cash in hands Superintendent of Town Farm, Dec. 31, 1915	66 28	
	<u> </u>	\$6,089 20
Drafts on Town Treasurer	\$1,649 03	
Reimbursements	56 80	
	<u> </u>	
Net drafts on Town Treasurer		\$1,592 23
Net expense at Town Farm	\$ 547 04	
Net expense of Outdoor Poor	1,023 48	
	<u> </u>	
Net expense of Poor		\$1,570 52
Appropriation	\$1,400 00	

An unexpected amount of outdoor relief made it necessary for us to exceed our appropriation, the Board of Selectmen granting us the right to do so on the ground of emergency.

Anticipating a large amount of outdoor relief during the present year, and, in view of the fact that the ell of the Town Farm House requires reshingling, and a new bathroom for the inmates seems necessary, we are asking for a larger appropriation than has been usual during the past few years.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH, Chairman,
 FRED R. BLODGETT, Secretary,
 ALBERT R. CHOATE,
 Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM,
JANUARY 1, 1916.

Groceries.....	\$ 20 00
Canned fruit and jelly.....	83 40
Vegetables.....	50 00
Vinegar.....	10 00
Fire hose, nozzle, and brackets.....	75 00
Balance of personal property in house...	726 25
	\$ 964 65
17 cows.....	\$1,360 00
2 calves.....	12 00
3 tons stock hay.....	25 00
20 tons English hay.....	400 00
75 tons ensilage.....	450 00
Grain and molasses.....	151 00
Poultry.....	75 00
3 horses.....	550 00
1 two horse dump cart.....	47 50
1 two horse wood wagon.....	40 00
1 two horse sled.....	50 00
2 hay and farm wagons.....	75 00
2 Democrat wagons.....	25 00
1 mowing machine.....	20 00
1 hay tedder.....	10 00
1 horse rake.....	17 00
1 sulky plow.....	20 00
Wood.....	145 00
Lumber.....	90 75
	3,663 25
Amounts carried forward.....	\$ 4,627 90

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 4,627 90	
Manure spreader.....	70 00	
Wheel harrow.....	18 00	
Smoothing harrow.....	10 00	
Balance of personal property at barn and out buildings.....	446 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 544 50
Total.....		<hr/> \$ 5,072 40

LEONARD W. WHEELER,

SAMUEL H. BALCH,

FRED L. McCOY,

Appraisers.

Report of Engineers of the Fire Department.

The Board of Engineers submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915.

At the first meeting, the Board of Engineers organized as follows:—Edward M. Abbot, Chief; John Edwards, Clerk; Alonzo J. Sutherland, Asst. Chief.

During the year the firemen have been called out for twenty building fires, there being five where damage occurred. The following is the list of these:

- Jan. 6, 1915. House on Central Street, Forge Village, owned by Edward T. and Catherine Hanley, and occupied by Mrs. Denham. Value of building, \$4,000. Insurance, \$3,700. Damage to building, \$38. Fire started from chimney.
- March 11. Bridge Street, Graniteville. Blacksmith shop owned by Harry Fletcher, and occupied by Joseph Carpentier. Total loss, \$800 for building, \$400 for supplies. Insurance, \$700. Fire started on roof, from forge.
- April 23. Lowell Road, Westford. House owned by Mathew Smith, occupied by Joseph Baxter. Total loss value, \$900. Insurance, \$850. Fire probably started from spark from chimney.
- July 24. Barn and ell of house, Littleton Road, owned by Raymond I. Gates, occupied by Roy Mason. Barn and ell destroyed. Value of barn, \$900. Insurance, \$200. Total loss, Value of house, \$800. Insurance, \$500. Loss \$150. Total loss, \$1,050. Cause of fire probably incendiary.
- Aug. 4. Chamberlain Corner. House owned and occupied by Mark W. Jenkins. Ell gutted. Value of building and contents, \$2,500. Damage, \$198.16.

As a result of trying to put out the fire, Mrs. Jenkins was severely burned, and died a few days later. The fire started from an oil stove.

During the year, 600 feet of hose, 4 extension ladders, and two 30-foot straight ladders were purchased. Water has been put in the Graniteville and Forge Village fire houses, and electric lights in the latter.

The engineers recommend that a hydrant be installed on Maple Street, Graniteville, and same be put on a 6-inch pipe line.

During the last three years, the registrars of voters and precinct officers have used the fire house in Graniteville instead of Healy's Hall, as formerly. This means that a part of the equipment must be moved out doors, leaving it exposed to rain and weather, and has proved unsatisfactory. The fire engineers, therefore, recommend that a suitable place be rented for this work, as formerly.

The fire engineers report the following hose on hand at the various fire houses:

Hose No. 1, Westford. 750 feet 1-inch hose, 350 feet 2-inch hose.

Hose No. 2, Graniteville. 750 feet 1-inch hose, 350 feet 2-inch hose, 100 feet 3-inch hose.

Hose No. 3, Forge Village, 750 feet 1-inch hose, 350 feet 2-inch hose.

As 1,200 feet of hose is necessary to run two lines of hose at the average fire, and the engineers feel that there should be enough hose in each village for three lines, they recommend that the Town appropriate \$475 for 600 feet of new hose.

The engineers recommend that \$450 be appropriated for salaries, rent and general running expenses of the department.

The fire engineers have met a number of times with the other committee appointed to investigate a fire alarm system. They recommend that we try out an electric siren, and, if it proves satisfactory, that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated to purchase a siren and install same in each village.

During the past year, we have been very lucky in having few fires, and the expenses have been kept down, in consequence.

The members of the E. M. Abbot Hose Co. No. 1 have requested the fire Engineers to supply them with better quarters and a better house. The fire engineers, therefore, recommend that a committee be appointed to work with the fire engineers, and report on the cost and location of a suitable fire house.

EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chief.

ALONZO G. SUTHERLAND, Asst. Chief.

JOHN EDWARDS, Secretary.

FRANK FURBUSH.

ALBERT R. CHOATE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31,
1915.

Appropriation for general expenses, salaries, etc.	\$450 00	
Appropriation for hose and supplies	400 00	
Carried over from 1914 account, bill out- standing for 200 feet hose	135 00	
	<hr/>	\$985 00

HOSE SUPPLIES—GENERAL EXPENSE.

Jan. 8	Joseph Carpentier, rings and hooks for ladders	\$ 2 25
	Thompson Hardware, chain for ladders	3 00
	Boston Belting Co., 300 feet hose @45c.	135 00
May 24	Thompson Hardware Co., stensil irons	6 00
	H. K. Barnes, hydrant gate	8 50
	Donovan Harness Co., duster and hooks	2 25
July 1	Thos. H. Murphy Co., sink	4 00
Aug. 2	Courier-Citizen, letter paper	2 86
Aug. 12	Henry K. Barnes, two axe handles, washers	1 34
Oct. 25	J. H. Brown, wiring F. V. fire house	26 00
Nov. 11	Thos. H. Murphy Co., sink legs	6 50
	Thos. H. Murphy Co., installing sink, water piping, etc.	36 19
	Abbot Worsted Co., labor and supplies, installing sink in Forge Village fire house	4 92
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	Amount carried forward	\$ 238 81

	Amount brought forward.....	\$	238 81
Dec.	Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co., 600 ft. 2½ single jacket hose @ 53c.		311 64
	Abbot Worsted Co., glass, labor, paint.....		2 02
	Abbot Worsted Co., iron bolts, labor		3 06
	Henry Harrington, labor and supplies, Hose No. 2		7 42
	Henry Harrington, labor and supplies, Hose No. 3		27 36
	Mrs. Tuttle, rent fire house, June 1, 1914 to April 1, 1915.....		50 00
	Mrs. Tuttle, rent fire house, April 1, 1915 to Jan. 1, 1916		45 00
Jan.	1 J. A. Healy, rent of hall up to March		2 00
	Telephone extension, 1914-1915 .		3 00
June	4 Healy Furniture Co., ladders.....		69 15
Sept.	4 Westford Water Co., stock and labor, F. V.		15 42
July	Express		56
			<hr/> \$775 44
	E. M. Abbot Hose Co. No. 1.		
March	15 W. Miller, fire, Sept. 15, 1915— two hours.....		50
April	1 Time at fires, members of Hose 1 ..		11 53
	Time at fires, members of Hose 1 .		5 00
Dec.	8 Time at fires and salaries for year, Hose 1		57 48
Dec.	14 Time at fires, Decatur's fire.....		4 60
	Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....		90
Aug.	12 Time at fire		88
			<hr/> \$80 89
			<hr/> \$856 33

Amount brought forward..... \$ 856 33

Albert R. Choate Hose Co. No. 2.

Jan. 15	J. A. Healy, Capt., time of men Robinson's fire	\$ 5 20
March 27	J. A. Healy, Capt., time of men, Mrs. Reed's fire	1 25
	J. A. Healy, Capt., time of men, Carpentier fire, Hose 11	10 50
April 23	Wm. Healy, time at Fifield fire ...	38
Sept. 24	July tryouts	5 25
	August tryouts	4 59
	September tryouts.....	2 42
	James Healy, watching, July 4th.	3 00
Nov. 10	A. R. Choate Co., time at Charl- ton fire.....	60
20	A. R. Choate Co., time at Hall fire	60
Dec. 3	A. R. Choate Co., time at Rollins fire	55
	A. R. Choate Co., salaries for year	39 00
	J. A. Healy, lighting bill, repair work	16 27
	J. A. Healy, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood.....	3 00
Aug. 11	Edw. Defoe, time at fire	30
May 28	Time at Counter bridge fire	35
July	May and June tryouts	7 27
		<hr/> \$ 100 53
	Amount carried forward.....	<hr/> \$ 956 86

Amount brought forward \$ 956 86

John Edwards Hose Co. No. 3.

Aug. 3 Joseph Bennett, supplies for Hose 3	\$ 1 55	
J. B. Splain Co., supplies for Hose 3	1 40	
May, June, July tryouts, and watching on July 4th	12 01	
Salaries for 1915	36 00	
Tryouts, time of men	7 37	
Store bills, supplies	93	
	<hr/>	\$ 59 26
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		\$1,016 12
Appropriation		985 00
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Amount overran		\$31 12

Through error of another department, the bill of Mrs. Tuttle for rent of fire house, \$45, was approved and paid, instead of being kept back to April 1st, and then the full amount of yearly rent, namely, \$60, paid. The Fire Department, in that case, would have ended the year with a balance of \$13.88.

Report of the Forest Warden.

The Forest Warden submits the following report:

By order of the Fire Commissioners every extinguisher in the Town has been recharged.

I found most of them in good condition and left a supply of soda and acid wherever it was needed.

There were about two hundred fire permits issued in the last year.

A list of persons with whom hand-fire extinguishers have been placed, and a list of the fires are submitted herewith.

I would recommend that an appropriation of \$100 be made the coming year to buy new extinguishers, as there are several outside the fire district that haven't any.

H. L. NESMITH,

Fire Warden.

LIST OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS' IN WESTFORD,

1915.

No. 1	David Gregg	No. 33	J. A. Healy, Dunstable Rd.
2	Geo. A. Drew	34	Westford Depot
3	Eben Prescott	35	" "
4	Samuel Taylor	36	W. Green
5	John Flynn	37	George Symmes
6	J. Ellison	38	Geo. Kimball
7	Charles Edwards	39	Judson Sweeter
8	" "	40	W. L. Butterworth
9	Walter Whidden	41	Everett Jarvis
10	H. E. Fletcher	42	C. M. Griffin
11	" " "	43	James Sullivan
12	" " "	44	W. Seifer
13	" " "	45	John O'Brien
14	" " "	46	Alvin Blaisdell
15	J. Lundberg.	47	A. Burnham
16	Nat Whitney	48	L. S. Gates
17	Graniteville Fire Dept.	49	D. Desmond
18	" " "	50	A. McDonald
19	James O'Brien, Providence Rd.	51	O. Foster
20	W. Williams.	52	A. A. Hildreth
21	Brookside Firehouse	53	Albert Flagg
22	" "	54	Calvin Howard
23	West Graniteville	55	Jim Wilson
24	F. Banister	56	Alec McDougal
25	C. Coutre	57	Otis Day
26	H. Wright	58	W. W. Johnson
27	Gilman Wright	59	Parkerville Firehouse
28	H. E. Gould	60	" "
29	H. O. Keyes	61	Mabel Drew
30	J. M. Book	62	O. R. Spalding
31	" " "	63	Graniteville Firehouse
32	C. Shugrue	64	Goldsmith Conant

No. 65	W. Amesbury	No. 88	J. Connell
66	Guy Decatur	89	Graniteville Hose Co.
67	A. E. Jordan	90	“ “ “
68	A. Dureault	91	C. Johnson Whidden Cor.
69	C. B. Wetmore	92	Westford Fire Co.
70	F. Sullivan	93	“ “ “
71	F. R. and C. A. Blodgett	94	“ “ “
72	O. R. Spalding	95	“ “ “
73	F. Wright	96	“ “ “
74	C. Wright	97	“ “ “
75	W. Anderson	98	“ “ “
76	W. Hunt	110	“ “ “
77	Fred McCoy	111	“ “ “
78	Geo. Hartford	112	“ “ “
79	J. W. Pyne	100	Forge Village Hose Co.
80	Westford Water Co.	101	“ “ “ “
81	R. Prescott	102	“ “ “ “
82	F. Miller	103	“ “ “ “
83	James H. O'Brien	104	Frost School
84	Frank Hildreth	105	Geo. Irish
85	W. Pollock	107	W. Balzer
86	Almon Vose	108	A. Polley
87	Charles Parker	109	P. Gladu

Fires in Town of Westford.

DATE	OWNER	CAUSE	Acres	Damage	Ex- pense	Ex- pense
March	3 Amos Polly	B. & M. R. R.		\$ 1.00	\$.25	
	3 Almon, Vose & Harris	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	35	250.00	14.75	
	4 A. J. Abbot	Brush Fire	5			\$ 2.50
	4 Ella Hildreth	Burning Brush	2			.75
	4 William Edwards	B. & M. R. R.	5		1.50	
	10 S. Hinkley	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	2		.75	
	11 Healy & Fletcher	Blacksmith	2			7.00
	13 Wm. Edwards	Unknown	2	10.00		1.00
	19 Elliot	Unknown	20			21.10
	19 W. Carver	Unknown	5	10.00		9.00
	22 A. Polly	Unknown	1	2.00		5.39
	27 Town Farm	B. & M. R. R.	1	5.00	2.60	
	31 Amos Polly	Unknown	2	10.00		7.90
	31 Wm. Edwards	Unknown	10	25.00		28.55
April	1 H. E. Fletcher	Unknown	1	5.00		3.37
	2 O. R. Spalding	Unknown	5	25.00		7.85
	9 Gage & Atwood	Unknown	20	100.00		9.30
	16 C. A. & F. R. Blodgett	B. & M. R. R.	2	10.00	5.87	
	13 John Wayne	B. & M. R. R.	$\frac{1}{2}$		.74	
	18 J. A. Healy	B. & M. R. R.	2	5.00	12.40	
	19 W. Fletcher	B. & M. R. R.	5	5.00	1.50	
	19 D. Sheehan & Polly	Unknown	1	5.00		3.80
	20 C. Edwards	Unknown	1	5.00		1.55
	21 C. A. & F. R. Blodgett	B. & M. R. R.	2	10.00	1.35	
	21 Geo. Day	Unknown	1	5.00		3.50
	21 Almon Vose	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	10	50.00	5.25	
	22 Keyes & Spalding	Unknown	10		19.60	
	20 Counter & Symmes	B. & M. R. R.	10	90.00	20.40	
	20 Almon Vose	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	50	300.00	42.93	
	22 Gage Wilson Burbeck	B. & M. R. R.	250	5,000.00	235.54	
	23 L. S. Duren	B. & M. R. R.	8	40.00	38.85	
	25 A. Polly	Unknown	1	5.00		4.25
	25 Wm. Edwards	Unknown	2	10.00		5.75
May	10 O. R. Spalding	B. & M. R. R.	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.00	5.20	
	9 A. Bertello	Unknown	1	5.00		1.25
	12 Gage & McDonald	B. & M. R. R.	30	200.00	52.20	
	15 H. E. Fletcher	Unknown	8	40.00		18.65
	21 C. B. Wetmore	B. & M. R. R.	1	5.00	2.75	
	21 Forge Land Co.	Unknown	4	20.00		17.65
	28 G. Day & Hartford	B. & M. R. R.	15	60.00	20.50	
June	3 C. B. Wetmore	B. & M. R. R.	$\frac{1}{2}$	2.00	.75	
	4 Sherburn	Unknown	2	2.00		11.15
	10 Wm. Edwards	Unknown	5	25.00		4.20
	13 W. Blaisdell	Unknown	5	25.00		7.70
August	12 C. Robbins	Auto on Fire	$\frac{1}{2}$			3.25
	12 Griffin					3.00
Oct.	23 C. A. & F. R. Blodgett	B. & M. R. R.	2	5.00	2.26	
	24 Keyes Heirs	Unknown	$\frac{1}{4}$	1.00		1.00
	25 T. Rafferty	B. & M. R. R.	1	5.00	1.60	
Nov.	15 J. A. Healy	Unknown	$\frac{1}{2}$			2.50
	20 G. Conant	Unknown				2.00
	Freight and Express					1.05
	Putting up acid and soda					5.50
					\$489.54	\$200.34

Report of the Committee in charge of the Whitney Playground.

Your committee hereby respectfully submits the following report:

With the abundant rains of the past season, and the trees and shrubbery reaching their maturity, the grounds have, as was predicted in our last report, been in an unusually attractive condition.

Some changes in the shrubbery are contemplated in the spring, among which will be the addition of rambler rose bushes on the north end of the tennis court. The usual amount of replacing of playground apparatus has been called for, and, in addition, the iron frames about the grounds have been repainted.

Mrs. Whitney, in accordance with her promise, made remittance in the fall in the sum of \$250 to meet the expenses of the ensuing year. This sum has been deposited in the Lowell Institution for Savings, in order that it might be at interest until needed.

In accordance with the recommendation of your committee, the Town voted, at the last annual meeting, to place the securities and funds, heretofore in the hands of the committee, in charge of the Town Treasurer, but it seemed advisable that the detailed report of these assets and of the annual receipts and expenditures should continue to be made by your committee in their report. There has been no change in the matter of investments, and the report of last year is referred to for a statement thereof.

The following is a list of receipts and expenditures:

Receipts.

		Balance on hand	\$249.90
Jan.	1	Interest on 2 bonds, Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	40 00
		Interest on 2 bonds, Spencer Gas Co..	50 00
March	1	Interest on bond, City of Canton	25 00
July	1	Interest on 2 bonds, Am.Tel. & Tel. Co.	40 00
		Interest on 2 bonds, Spencer Gas Co..	50 00
Sept.	1	Interest on bond, City of Canton	25 00
		Interest on deposit, Lowell Institution for Savings.	7 57
Dec.	9	By check from M. Elizabeth Whitney ..	250 00
			—————\$737 47

Expenditures.

		To paid Edmund Baker at various times and amounts for labor	\$194 80
June	10	To paid Westford Water Company . . .	5 00
		To paid Dickerman & McQuade	4 05
		To paid Narragansett Machine Co., placing playground apparatus	18 56
		To paid Wright & Fletcher, supplies ..	7 42
Aug.	26	Upton & Gilman, repair on lawn mower	3 13
Oct.	14	To paid Westford Water Company . . .	5 00
		To paid Hugo T. Paige, labor	1 40
Dec.	9	To paid Charles H. Pickering, labor ..	3 75
		To paid Wright & Fletcher, fertilizer, etc.	10 05
	30	To paid Alec Fisher, use of horse.	18 90
		To paid O. R. Spalding, teaming, etc..	68 58
		To paid Alec McDonald, team	5 00
		To paid P. Henry Harrington, manure	22 50
		To paid Henry J. Healy, manure	10 00
			————— 378 14
		Balance on hand	\$359 33

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
HERBERT V. HILDRETH,
EDWARD FISHER.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report.

Cash on hand January 1, 1915	\$ 7,640 32
Cash borrowed, anticipation taxes	17,000 00
Cash borrowed, Acton & Lowell Road ...	2,000 00
Accrued interest on same	3 11
C. H. Pickering, Janitor Town Hall	16 00
E. A. Robey, Janitor Town Hall	123 00
Commonwealth of Mass., income Mass. School Fund	\$ 1,103 82
Commonwealth of Mass., Gypsy & Brown Tail moth suppression	1,205 68
Commonwealth of Mass., on acct. Indus- trial School	252 19
Commonwealth of Mass., Highway Com- mission	132 55
Commonwealth of Mass., compensation In- spection animals	45 00
Commonwealth of Mass., on acct. Supt. Schools	531 25
Commonwealth of Mass., Corporation tax Public service	870 15
Commonwealth of Massachusetts., Corpo- ration tax-business	9,603 87
Commonwealth of Mass., National Bank tax	300 98
Commonwealth of Mass., Military Aid	108 00
Commonwealth of Mass., State Aid	498 00
Commonwealth of Mass., St. R. R. tax	37 42
L. W. Wheeler, coll tax paid after abatement with interest	1 73
L. W. Wheeler, coll tax 1914	3,107 01
Amount carried forward.....	\$44,580 08

Amount brought forward	\$44,580 08
L. W. Wheeler, coll tax 1914, interest	93 81
L. W. Wheeler, coll tax 1915 before Nov. 1	32,092 00
L. W. Wheeler, coll tax 1915 after Nov. 1	3,532 59
L. W. Wheeler, coll tax 1915 interest	28 58
L. W. Wheeler, coll tax 1915 excise tax . . .	252 14
Clerk First District Court Ayer	47 76
B. & M. R. R. Co., on acct. fires	382 40
Town Chelmsford, over payment forest fire	3 25
County Treasurer, 92% dog license money	364 32
Clara Smith, broken glass	1 80
Lowell Electric Light Corp., 1/2 expense Shugrue accident	20 00
J. A. LeClerc license to sell ice cream Sun- day	1 00
Joe Wall, auctioneer's license	2 00
J. H. Colburn, license to sell ice cream Sunday	1 00
Alec Fisher, slaughter house license	1 00
H. L. Nixon, slaughter house license	1 00
J. H. Fletcher, license to sell ice cream Sun- day	1 00
A. R. Choate Hose Co., over payment	2 60
Bessie Gates, license to sell ice cream Sun- day	1 00
A. Reeves, license to sell ice cream Sunday	1 00
A. Reeves, pool room license	10 00
Town Groton, tuition children	14 00
C. Richard, license to sell ice cream Sunday	1 00
W. L. Woods, auctioneer's license	2 00
Town Groton, expense burial F. W. Davis	25 00
Boys Scouts, privilege on Common	1 00
B. Lapinski, license to sell ice cream Sun- day	1 00
J. Healy, repair fire extinguisher	4 50
Amount carried forward	\$81,468 83

Amount brought forward.....	\$81,468	83
Graniteville Granite Quarry Co., license to sell explosives	1	32
H. V. Hildreth, license to sell explosives ..	1	32
H. N. Fletcher, license to sell explosives ..	1	32
H. E. Fletcher Co., license to sell explosives	1	32
L. P. Palmer & Son, license to sell explosives	1	32
Chas Couture, license to sell explosives....	1	32
County Treasurer, on acct. Acton & Lowell Road	1,000	00
Town Tyngsboro, tuition at Academy.....	100	00
Miss E. M. Young, use telephone		26
Income Library Funds, 1913, 1914, 1915. .	413	78
A. A. Hildreth, Sealer weights & measures	32	58
Alex McDonald, drain pipe	9	75
G. E. Mountain, pool room license	15	00
Town Tyngsboro, on acct. fires	22	10
Town Tewksbury, aid & burial Alice Jordan	58	00
City Boston, account Overseers Poor	31	80
Whitney Playground Committee	249	90
Whitney Playground, income funds	230	00
Whitney Playground, interest on bank deposits		7 57
Mrs. H. Whitney, for Whitney Playground Payments.	250	00
By cash, Notes	\$ 19,700	00
Interest		873 45
County Tax		2,940 17
State Tax		5,655 00
Repairs State Highway		413 78
Orders and incidental expense ..		48,174 66
Deposit Lowell Inst. Savings, Whitney Playground		257 57
Cash on hand January 1, 1916		5,882 86

\$ 83,897 49 \$83,897 49

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Officers for the year ending February 1st, 1916, and wish to report that the cash books and ledgers are correctly footed, and proper vouchers are on file for the payments.

I wish to thank the Officers for their co-operation with me in making this audit.

As a result of my examinations, I submit the following report, with a statement of the financial condition of the Town on February 1st, 1916.

Taxes.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector for year 1914.

To balance to collect as per audit, January 19, 1915	\$3,228	85
Additions as per Assessors' notices since last audit		6 40
Past due interest collected		93 81
		\$3,329 06
Less abatements as per Treasurer's receipts on file with collector		128 24
		\$3,200 82
By taxes collected since last audit	3,107	01
Past due interest collected		93 81
		\$3,200 82

Leaving no balance to collect.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for year 1915.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessor's

Warrant, as follows:

812 Polls at \$2.00	\$ 1,624 00
Tax on Personal Property	\$12,112 11
Tax on Real Estate	24,279 07
Moth & Lead Tax	440 20
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	\$38,455 38

Additions since issue of Warrant, as per Assessor's and Selectmen's notices	429 28
Past due interest collected on taxes paid after Nov. 1, 1915	28 58
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	\$38,913 24

Less Abatements for the year, as per Asses- sor's notices	182 23
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	\$38,731 01

By collections to Nov. 2, 1915	32,092 00
By collections from Nov. 2, 1915 to Jan. 5, 1916	3,532 59
Past due interest collected	28 58
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	35,653 17

Balance to collect	\$3,077 84
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To excise tax to collect, as per Assessor's Warrant,	252 14
By collections	252 14
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Leaving no balance to collect

Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk issued during the year
licenses for:

159 male dogs at \$2.00	318 00	
23 female dogs at \$5.00	115 00	
		433 00
3 licenses at \$2.00 for 1914, since last audit	6 00	\$439 00
Less Clerk's fee for 185 at 20c		37 00
Balance paid to County Treasurer and re- ceived for by him		\$402 00

Selectmen.

The Selectmen drew 801 orders on the Treasurer during the year, amounting to \$48,174.66. Receipted bills were found on file for nearly all the payments, and in the few cases where these were not in evidence, I found checks on file, as vouchers for the payments.

Town Farm.

Mr. H. W. Barnes, Superintendent.

To balance cash on hand December 31, 1914	\$44 57	
Total receipts from all sources during the year	4,964 35	
		\$5,008 92
By expenditures for the year		4,942 64
Balance on hand December 31, 1915		\$ 66 28

Treasurer.

To balance cash on hand January 1, 1915	\$ 7,640 32	
Receipts from all sources during the year . . .	\$76,257 17	
		————— \$83,897 49
By total payments for the year ending		
December 31, 1915	\$78,014 63	
Balance cash on hand December 31, 1915	5,882 86	
		————— \$83,897 49

Statement of Condition

Assets.

1915 taxes remaining uncollected.	\$3,077	84
Accrued interest on same	38	45
Due from State Aid	460	00
Due from Military Aid	108	00
Due from Vocational School Fund	93	75
Due from Commonwealth on account Acton & Lowell Road.	823	10
Due from County on account Acton & Lowell Road	864	27
Balance cash on hand with Supt. of Town Farm	66	28
Balance cash on hand with Treasurer	5,882	86
	\$11,414	55

Liabilities.

Due State Treasurer on School Loan (William E. Frost School)	\$7,000	00
Two month's interest on same at $4\frac{1}{4}\%$. . .	49	58
Due State Treasurer on School Loan (Cameron School)	1,000	00
Two month's interest on same at 4 % . . .	13	33
Due V. C. B. Wetmore on Firehouse Loan . .	1,000	00
Due State Treasurer account Acton & Lowell Road Loan	2,000	00
$1\frac{1}{2}$ months' interest on same at 4%	10	00
	\$11,072	91
Balance.	\$	341 64
The deficit December 31, 1914 was	\$	193 30

EDWARD T. HANLEY, Auditor.

Report of Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

The following report for 1915 is presented by the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

The usual care has been given the several Cemeteries—Fairview under the charge of D. L. Greig and son, Charles D. Colburn taking charge of Westlawn, and Wm. H. Pollock, Hillside.

Three additional lots have been placed under the perpetual care of the Town—two in Fairview, and one in Hillside Cemetery, making the whole amount of the Perpetual Care Fund, \$7,445.25.

The Commissioners would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$200 be raised and appropriated for the care and improvement of the cemeteries the coming year.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS IN
FAIRVIEW.

Residents.

Anderson, Andrew	\$ 8 00
Atwood, Miss L. B.	3 50
Baker, Mrs. John	1 00
Bennett, Miss Priscilla	1 00
Bicknell Ai	1 00
Blodgett, W. G.	1 00
Boynton, Mrs. D. L.	1 00
Brooks, Charles.	1 00
Bunce, Miss Mary P.	2 00
Burbeck, John	1 00
Burbeck, William H. H.	2 00
Burnett, William	1 00
Burnham, Arthur H.	1 00
Butterworth, Mrs. J. T.	1 00
Butterworth, William L.	1 00
Calvert, Mrs. Frank.	1 00
Carkin, W. E.	1 00
Carkin, A. W.	1 00
Catchpole, Henry	2 50
Caunter, Frank	2 00
Day, Arthur E.	1 00
Defoe, Mrs. Lizzie	1 00
Deroehn, Mrs. Andrew	1 00
Doucette, Mrs. Martha	1 00
Drew, F. C.	1 00
Fisher, Edward	1 00
Fletcher, H. N.	1 00
Fletcher, John M.	3 00
Fletcher, S. H.	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$ 45 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 45 00
Frost, Mrs. W. E.	1 00
Gilson, L. S.	2 00
Haley, Frank	1 00
Harris, Mrs. C. A.	1 00
Hawkes, W. O.	5 50
Healey, Mrs. Ruby	1 00
Heywood, Albert W.	1 00
Howard, Calvin L.	8 00
Humiston, Elliot F.	2 00
Hunt, Edmund J.	2 00
Isles, Mrs. Joseph D.	1 00
Johnson, Andrew	1 00
Johnson, W. W.	1 00
Kabele, Henry M.	1 00
Keyes, Mrs. Lucy A.	1 00
Mattson, John.	1 00
McClenna, Mrs. Lillian	2 50
McCoy, Fred L.	1 00
McDougal, Mrs. A.	1 00
Miller, Frank E.	2 00
Millis, Willard	1 00
Mills, Mrs. Hugh	1 00
Morin, Mrs. J. A.	1 00
Mountain, George E.	1 00
Nelson, Mrs. Fannie	1 50
Nesmith, Harry L.	1 00
Orange, W. H.	1 00
Orr, Robert	1 00
Parker, Mrs. Clyde	1 00
Perkins, Joseph	1 00
Perkins, Joseph for Ida Lumbert lot	8 00
Phillips, Mrs. Norman	1 00
Pickering, Charles	5 00
Prescott, Ebenezer	2 00
Amount carried forward	\$108 50

Amount brought forward	\$ 108 50
Prescott, Mrs. Frances A.	1 00
Prinn, Alfred	1 00
Pyne, Mrs. J. W.	1 00
Richardson, Mrs. Alma M.	2 00
Richardsdon, Joseph	1 00
Shattuck, Mrs. D. H.	1 00
Shea, Mrs. Frank	1 00
Sherman, Mrs. David	1 00
Stewart, Mrs. James	1 00
Sutherland, A. H.	1 00
Sutherland, William	1 00
Symmes, Mrs. Thomas E.	4 50
Taylor, S. L.	2 00
Turner, Miss Lizzie	1 00
Tuttle, Mrs. Nelson	1 00
Walkden, James A.	1 00
Walker, George A.	1 00
Weaver, George	1 00
Welch, Mrs. William	2 00
White, William	1 00
Whitney, Mrs. George H.	2 00
Willis, Samuel	1 00
Wilson, Miss Margaret	1 00
Woods, William L.	2 00
Wright, F. C.	1 00
Wright, W. M.	2 00
York, J. Ellsworth	1 00
York, J. A.	1 00

Non-Residents.

Abbot, Mrs. E. S., Boston	5 00
Adams, Mrs. C. L. So. Chelmsford	1 00
Boden, Mrs. E. S., Nashua, N. H.	1 00
Brow, Mrs. L. J., Dunstable	1 00

Amount carried forward \$ 154 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$	154 00
Bucklin, Mrs. Hattie, Wilmot Flab, N. H.....		1 00
Carpenter, Eugene, Newton		1 00
Carrick, Mrs. Alice, Worcester.....		1 00
Caunter, Miss Marion W., W. Fitchburg.....		1 00
Chamberlain, Mrs. E. H. Cheraw, S. C.		1 00
Cockroft, Herbert, Ware		1 00
Coggeshall, Dexter E., Danvers		1 00
Coolidge, Miss Annie M., Lowell.....		1 00
Craven, Mrs. Emily L., Lowell		1 00
Davie, Wm. L., No Chelmsford		1 00
Davis, Miss Al'ce L., Somerville		1 00
Drew, Ernest, Boston		4 00
Dugdale, R. J., Anaheim, Calif.....		1 00
Dupee, C. F., Lowell		1 00
Felch, Mrs. A. M., Phila., Pa.		1 00
Felch, Samuel, Chelmsford		1 00
Fletcher, F. L., Somerville		1 00
Fraser, James, Groton		8 00
Garbett, James, N. Y. City		3 00
Guild, Mrs. Carrie & E. M. Mills, Lowell		1 00
Hamlin, George P., Boston		1 00
Harris, George E., Weymouth		1 00
Harrup, Mrs. James E., Providence, R. I.....		1 00
Hewett, Miss C. E., Medfield		1 00
Heywood, Mrs. Edwin E., Arlington Heights		1 00
Hildreth, Mrs. Ellen A., Pelham, N. H.		1 00
Hildreth, F. A., Malden		2 00
Hildreth, Miss Helen C. Harvard		1 00
Hindle, Frank, Chelmsford		1 00
Holt, Mrs. E. H., Lowell.....		1 00
Horne, George F., Somerville		1 00
Howard, Charles D., Concord, N. H.		8 00
Hunt, George W., Tyngsboro		1 00
Hutchinson, H. A., Chelmsford		1 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$	208 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 208 00
Johnson, Miss Almira L., Melrose Highlands	1 00
Kierstead, Sanford, Waltham	1 00
King, Mrs. A. M., Washington, D. C.	1 00
Laws, Mrs. J. H., West Somerville	1 00
Longbottom, Walter, Arlington Heights	1 00
Longley, Albert W., Bishop, Inyo Co., Calif.	1 00
Martin, Mrs. Josephine, Ayer	1 00
Moore, Clifford A., Lynn	6 00
Moss, James W., Boston	1 00
Parker, O. A. Chelmsford	2 00
Parker, W. G., Lowell	5 00
Petherick, W. H., Leominster	1 00
Rapson, James, Lowell	1 00
Read, Miss Carrie E. Barre	1 00
Reed, George G., Lowell	1 00
Richardson, M. T., N. Y. City	1 00
Ripley, Mrs. F. K., No. Chelmsford	1 00
Saville, Wm., Boston	1 00
Schworer, Mrs. Louis, Bradford	1 00
Scrutton, Mrs. E. H., Lowell	1 00
Searles, Mrs. C. J., Lowell	1 00
Smith, Allen G., Littleton	1 00
Spalding, J. F. Melrose	1 00
Stiles, F. O., Littleton	1 00
Sweatt, Miss Jessie M., Boston	1 00
Taylor, A. D., Cleveland, Ohio.	2 00
Waller, Mrs. Nettie J., Chelmsford	1 00
Wheeler, Miss Delia, Westminister	1 00
Wheeler, Isaac G., Allston	1 00
White, Harry, Dorchester	1 00
Willis, Wm. T., Lowell	1 00
Wood, Henry, No. Chelmsford	1 00
Woodbury, Mrs. Emma A., Dracut	1 00
Wright, Mrs. Emma E., Lowell	1 00
Wyman, Wm., Worcester	1 00

Amount brought forward..... \$ 254 00

Westlawn.

Cutter, Miss M. E. , for Cutter lot.....	1 00	
Day, George T., for Day lot.....	2 00	
Prescott, Miss Ida L., for Sam'l L. Prescott lot	1 00	
		\$ 4 00

Amount received for care of lots \$ 258 00

EXPENSES.

Fairview.

Paid William Clements for labor	\$ 274 75	
Alfred Swanson for labor	29 00	
Justin Jenkins for labor	5 25	
D. L. Greig for loam	32 00	
For moss killer and labor cleaning grave stones	27 17	
D. L. Greig and others for labor	45 50	
For sundries	2 90	
Wright & Fletcher for fertilizer	56 25	
		\$ 472 82

Westlawn.

Charles D. Colburn for care of cemetery	\$ 12 00	
Charles D. Colburn for painting and gilding markers	2 00	
Charles D. Colburn for care of lots as per bill	30 00	
Wright & Fletcher for fertilizer	6 75	
		\$ 50 75

Amount brought forward \$ 523 57

Hillside.

Wm. H. Pollock for care of cemetery	\$	10 00	
Wm. H. Pollock for care of lots as per bill		9 00	
For labor, etc.		4 75	
Theodore Pollock for painting and gilding markers		1 50	
For lawn mowers, etc.		3 30	
Wright & Fletcher for fertilizer		4 50	
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	\$	33 05	

General Expenses.

For supplies		9 51	
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Amount expended	\$	566 13	
Amount received from the Town	\$	175 31	
Amount received for care of lots		258 00	
Amount received from Perpetual Care Fund		133 00	
Balance in hands of Commissioners, 1914		12	
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Amount received	\$	566 43	
Amount expended	\$	566 13	
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Balance in hands of Commissioners	\$	30	

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

Name.	Cemetery.	Fund.
Ephraim Abbot	Fairview	\$ 100 00
J. W. P. Abbot	"	100 00
Cyrus Babbitt	"	50 00
Albert Bailey	"	50 00
Sally B. Burrill	"	100 00
Mary E. Brigham	"	100 00
Mary E. Brigham (Kittredge lot)	"	100 00
Susan A. Butterfield	"	100 00
Buxton & Parker	"	50 00
Francis Caldwell	"	50 00
John Carmichael	"	100 00
John B. Carmichael	"	100 00
Elisha Case	"	50 00
William Chandler	Hillside	100 00
Jonathan Collins	Fairview	50 00
P. G. Collins	"	50 00
Hiram Dane	"	50 00
George Davis	"	50 00
Joshua C. Decatur	"	50 00
Charles S. Dodge	"	100 00
Cephas Drew	"	50 00
George Drew	"	50 00
Thomas Drew	"	50 00
Edmund L. Dupee	"	50 00
Rachel Dupee	"	50 00
Wm. Z. Dupee	"	50 00
Daniel Falls	"	50 00
Alvan Fisher lot	"	150 00
Abijah Fletcher lot	"	50 00
Andrew Fletcher	"	100 00
Charles H. Fletcher	"	50 00
Amount carried forward		\$ 2,200 00

Amount brought forward.....		\$ 2,200 00
Herbert E. Fletcher	"	100 00
Julia A. Fletcher	"	50 00
Lorenzo Fletcher—F. A. Snow, Ex.	"	100 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	"	50 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	Westlawn	50 00
L. A. Folland.....	Fairview	50 00
Charles H. Follansbee	Hillside	100 00
George Q. Gilson	Fairview	50 00
Susan E. Green	Fairview	100 00
John Greig	Fairview	100 00
Adams Griffin	"	50 00
Joseph B. Griffin.....	"	100 00
Timothy L. Griffin lot, by Viola Griffin Whitehead	"	50 00
Theodore H. Hamblett	"	50 00
C. & C. A. Hamlin	"	100 00
George R. Harrison	"	50 00
Ephraim A. Harwood	"	100 00
M. Hennessey	"	50 00
Henry Herrick.....	Westlawn	100 00
George W. Heywood lot	Fairview	50 00
Levi Heywood tomb	"	50 00
Samuel Horne	"	50 00
Melbourne F. Hutchins	Westlawn	100 00
Samuel M. Hutchins	Fairview	100 00
Hutchins & Blood.....	Westlawn	50 00
Louisa Joint.....	Fairview	50 00
Grace Lawrence	Westlawn	50 00
Silas Lawrence and Mrs. Drake	"	100 00
Francis Leighton.....	"	50 00
Isaiah Leighton	Fairview	100 00
Mazuzan & Whitney	"	200 00
Edwin D. Metcalf	"	50 00
Amount carried forward		\$ 4,600 00

Amount brought forward.....		\$ 4,600 00
Josiah A. Osgood (John Osgood lot)	"	50 00
John M. Osgood	"	95 25
James M. Parker	"	50 00
Fletcher Peckens.....	"	50 00
Sarah Precious	"	50 00
Prescott & Babbitt	"	100 00
Abram Prescott tomb	Westlawn	50 00
Charles H. Prescott	"	100 00
Joseph F. Prescott	"	50 00
Frances A. Prescott	Fairview	50 00
Nathan P. Prescott	"	50 00
Mary A. Putnam	Hillside	100 00
Polly Quigg	Fairview	50 00
Abijah C. Reed	"	50 00
Anan Reed	Westlawn	50 00
Sarah S. Reed	"	100 00
Annie Richardson	Fairview	50 00
Olive A. Richardson	"	50 00
Samuel Richardson.....	"	50 00
George E. Burns, Ex. Estate of Sarah Richardson	"	100 00
Sarah Richardson	"	50 00
Sarah E. Richardson	"	50 00
Nancy Sargent	"	50 00
C. Frederick Seifer	"	50 00
Clara A. Smith	"	50 00
Levi Snow	"	100 00
Salmon L. Snow	"	100 00
Ephraim A. Stevens	"	50 00
Sarah E. P. Wells	Westlawn	100 00
Jacob Wendell	Hillside	100 00
Mary J. Wheeler.....	Fairview	50 00
Hiram Whitney.....	"	100 00
Amount carried forward.....		\$ 6,745 25

Amount brought forward.....	\$	6,745	25
Clara M. Wiley	"		100 00
Luther Wilkins	"		75 00
M. E. Willard (Hosley lot)	Westlawn		100 00
John Wilson.....	Fairview		50 00
W. W. Woodward (Oliver Woodward lot)	"		100 00
Capt. Ezekiel Wright	Westlawn		50 00
G. J. & A. S. Wright	Fairview		100 00
N. H. Wright	"		100 00
Varnum B. Wright	"		25 00
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			\$7,445 25

GEORGE T. DAY, Chairman and Secretary,
 DAVID L. GREIG,
 WESLEY O. HAWKES,
 Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Westford, Mass., January 26, 1916.

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Westford:

The Finance Committee elected at the Annual Town Meeting held February 8, 1915, have held several meetings and carefully considered the various articles of the Warrant for the Annual meeting to be held February 14, 1916.

The officials conducting the several departments of the town government have appeared before the Committee and made statements as to the amount of money their several Boards would require to carry on their work for the coming year in a satisfactory manner.

The Committee has considered each separate request of the officials and has also given careful consideration to the articles of the warrant, wherein an appropriation of money was asked for.

As in the past, it is the aim of your Committee to recommend such appropriations as in their judgment will be sufficient to meet all reasonable requirements and still keep the rate of taxation at as moderate a figure as possible.

The Committee recommends the following sums to be raised and appropriated, action on which will be taken at the Annual Meeting.

Art. 8 Public Library	\$ 1,000 00
“ 9 Public Burial Grounds	200 00
“ 12 Roads and Bridges	5,000 00
“ 13 Town Debts and Charges	7,000 00
“ 14 Support of Poor	2,000 00
“ 15 Public Schools	10,450 00
“ 16 High School	3,100 00
“ 17 School Text-Books and Supplies	750 00
“ 18 Salary of Supt. of Schools	573 75
“ 19 Repairs and maintenance of school- houses	1,000 00
“ 20 Moth Department	970 00
“ 21 Fire Department	450 00
“ 22 New Hose and Apparatus for Fire Department	450 00
“ 26 Electric Lights for Town Hall	400 00
“ 30 Fish and Game Warden	50 00
“ 33 Sidewalks	300 00
“ 34 Medical Inspection in Schools	100 00
“ 39 Memorial Day	150 00
“ 40 Distribution of Library Books	100 00
Electric Lights	3,290 00
Hydrants	2,000 00
Notes and Interest	3,873 00
State and County Tax	8,595 00
State Highway Repairs	414 00
	<hr/> \$52,215 75
Less Income from State Treasurer	\$11,496 94
Poll Taxes	1,350 00
	<hr/> \$12,846 94
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	\$39,368 81

With reference to Article 24, relating to the installation of a fire alarm system, the Committee recommends that no favorable action be taken at this time.

The valuation of the Town for the year 1915 was \$2,426,079.00. Estimating an average yearly increase for 1916, the tax rate will be about \$16.00 per thousand, provided you raise the sum of \$39,368.81 as recommended. Should the State and County tax be made considerably more than the sum estimated, from necessity the rate of the Town tax would be increased proportionately.

The foregoing report we submit to you for your careful consideration.

GEORGE T. DAY,

JULIAN A. CAMERON

WESLEY O. HAWKES,

ELBERT H. FLAGG,

HERBERT V. HILDRETH.

Finance Committee.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, S. S.

To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County.

Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the fourteenth day of February, being the second Monday in said month at 7.45 o'clock a. m. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock a. m., and may be closed at one o'clock p. m.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To bring in their votes for one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years; Town Treasurer; Collector of Taxes, one Constable, one Auditor, and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"
- 3rd. To hear the report of the Finance Committee, and act in relation to the same.

- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees, and raise and appropriate money to meet the expenses of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for High School purposes.

- 17th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text-Books and Supplies.
- 18th. To raise and appropriate money for the salary of the Superintendent of Schools.
- 19th. To raise and appropriate money for repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses.
- 20th. To raise and appropriate money for destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths and elm tree beetles.
- 21st. To raise and appropriate money to meet the expense of the Fire Department.
- 22nd. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to purchase new hose and fire apparatus for the fire department, and act in relation to the same.
- 23rd. To see if the Town will vote to instal an additional hydrant on Maple Street and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. To hear the report of the Committee chosen to investigate and report regarding the installation of a fire alarm system, see if the Town will vote to instal a system, raise and appropriate money therefor and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To see what action the Town will take toward securing a site and establishing quarters for the fire department at Westford Centre, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. To hear the report of the Committee appointed at the Special Town Meeting held July 15, 1915, to investigate and report concerning the lighting of the Town Hall with

electricity, to see if the Town will vote to so light the Town Hall, raise and appropriate not exceeding \$400 therefor and act in relation to the same.

- 27th. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to establishing a public dump, to see what action the town will take toward establishing the same and act in relation thereto.
- 28th. To see what action the Town will take to continue the lighting of the streets with electricity, and act in relation to the same.
- 29th. To see if the Town will vote to instal additional electric lights on Union and Main Streets, and act in relation to the same.
- 30th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$50 as compensation for a Fish and Game Warden in the event one is appointed for the Town.
- 31st. To see if the Town will vote to sell and convey the Minot's Corner Schoolhouse, so called, situated on the southerly side of the Chelmsford Road, together with all the land owned by the Town and appurtenant thereto, estimated to contain about one-half an acre, and act in relation to the same.
- 32nd. To see if the Town will vote to sell and convey the Nabnassett Schoolhouse, so called, situated on the easterly side of the Oak Hill Road, and act in relation to the same.
- 33rd. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the construction and grading of sidewalks in the several villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 34th. To raise and appropriate money for medical inspection in the Public Schools.

- 35th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.
- 36th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 37th. To choose a Finance Committee.
- 38th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 39th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 40th. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village, and Parkerville, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these three villages, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this Twenty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE



OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE

School Year ending December 31, 1915

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

THE ACADEMY. 1916.

Mar. 17. Winter term closes..... 15 weeks

VACATION—1 WEEK.

Mar. 27. Spring term opens.

June 23. Spring term closes..... 13 weeks

SUMMER VACATION.
1916—1917

Sept. 5. Fall term opens.

Nov. 29. Fall term closes..... 13 weeks

VACATION—THANKSGIVING AND DAY FOLLOWING.

Dec. 4. Winter term opens.

CHRISTMAS VACATION—1 WEEK.

DEC. 25 TO JAN. 1, 1917.

1917.

Mar. 16. Winter term closes..... 14 weeks

VACATION—1 WEEK.

Mar. 26. Spring term opens.

June 22. Spring term closes..... 13 weeks

Total..... 40 weeks

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

1916.

Mar. 10.	Winter term closes	13 weeks
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VACATION—2 WEEKS.

Mar. 27.	Spring term opens.	
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June 9.	Spring term closes	11 weeks
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SUMMER VACATION.

1916—1917

Sept. 5.	Fall term opens.	
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Nov. 24.	Fall term closes	12 weeks
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VACATION—1 WEEK.

Dec. 4.	Winter term opens.	
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VACATION (DEC. 15—JAN. 1) 2 WEEKS.

1917.

Mar. 16.	Winter term closes	13 weeks
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VACATION—1 WEEK.

Mar. 26.	Spring term opens.	
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June 8.	Spring term closes	11 weeks
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Total		<u>36 weeks</u>
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SPECIAL EXERCISE DAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

1916.

- Feb. 11. Lincoln exercises, one hour.
 Feb. 21. Washington exercises, one hour.
 April 18. Patriots' Day exercises, one hour.
 May 29. Memorial Day exercises, one hour.
 Oct. 11. Columbus Day exercises, one hour.
 Thanksgiving Day exercises, one hour.

1917.

- Feb. 12. Lincoln exercises, one hour.
 Feb. 21. Washington exercises, one hour.
 April 18. Patriots' Day exercises, one hour.
 May 29. Memorial Day exercises, one hour.

 LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

The words "legal holiday" shall include the twenty-second day of February, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of September, the twelfth day of October, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, or the day following when any of the four days first mentioned, the twelfth day of October or Christmas Day occurs on Sunday.

Arbor Day occurs on the last Saturday in April, and is not a legal holiday.

Flag Day occurs on June 14, and is not a legal holiday. It should be observed by any school then in session.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JOHN P. WRIGHT	Term expires 1916.
FRANK L. FURBUSH	Term expires 1916.
JOHN SPINNER	Term expires 1917.
ARTHUR E. DAY, Secretary	Term expires 1917.
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman	Term expires 1918.
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON	Term expires 1918.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FRANK H. HILL, Littleton, Mass.
Telephone 36-3 Littleton.

COMMITTEE ON TEXT BOOKS.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,

JOHN P. WRIGHT.

SUPPLY AGENT.

FRANK H. HILL.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

JOHN A. HEALY,

JOHN A. SULLIVAN.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

CYRIL A. BLANEY, M. D.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WESTFORD:

We herewith submit the following report for 1915:

All the school buildings seem to be in good condition; the exterior of the William E. Frost School having been repaired and painted during the past summer.

It seems to the Committee that the time has come when some form of manual training should be introduced into our school course, and we call special attention to that part of the Superintendent's Report which deals with this subject.

During the past three or four years, at the William E. Frost School, sewing has been taught to the girls and basketry and brass work to the boys very successfully under the direction of the Woman's Club, and recently in the same school, through the generosity of a friend of the school, a class in cooking has been started with very gratifying results. The enthusiasm shown by the sixteen girls taking this latter course indicates with what favor such subjects are received by the pupils. It is the hope of the Committee that carpentry and cooking can be introduced into the course of study at the Academy during the coming year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AS APPROVED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Balance from last account.....	\$ 1,325 37
Appropriation, Common Schools.....	10,450 00
Appropriation, High School.....	3,100 00
Appropriation, Superintendent.....	573 75
Appropriation, Text Books.....	750 00
Appropriation, School Physician.....	100 00
Appropriation, Repairs and Miscellaneous.....	1,000 00
Received from Mass. School Fund.....	1,103 82
Received from State on acct. Supt of Schools.....	531 25
Received Tuition from Town of Tyngs- boro.....	100 00
Received Tuition from Town of Groton..	14 00
Received for glass broken.....	1 35
	\$19,049 54

EXPENDITURES.

Trustees of Westford Academy.....	\$ 825 00
Teachers.....	8,938 00
Transportation.....	2,726 60
Fuel.....	812 16
Janitors and cleaning.....	1,032 25
Drawing.....	225 00
Music.....	300 00
Superintendent of Schools.....	892 50
School Physician.....	100 00
Text Books and Supplies.....	750 99
Repairs and Miscellaneous.....	1,002 49
Attendance Officers.....	20 00
	\$17,624 99
Balance on hand.....	\$1,424 55

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT:

Joe Wall, stock and labor	\$ 200 90
Hanley & Co., supplies	11 62
Catherine A. Hanley, Issuing Educational Certificates.	11 20
Abbot Worsted Co., repairs	3 96
J. L. Chalifoux, supplies	5 00
E. L. Burland, repairs.	2 00
The Brownell Mason Co., repairs	43 22
Ribbon for diplomas	2 28
M. B. Raynes, accompanist at graduation. .	2 50
Wm. Sutherland, stock and labor	1 65
Blodgett & Co., supplies	10 80
James Stanley, repairing clocks	4 30
H. C. Doughty, supplies	19 00
Rumford Supply Co., supplies	4 53
J. Healy, labor	3 25
A. W. Tuttle, carrying supplies	5 30
Thos. H. Murphy & Co., stock and labor .	14 10
F. R. Furbush, stock and labor	6 00
Oliver Typewriter Co., repairs	6 00
E. L. Hill, clerk for Superintendent	55 22
J. E. Knight, stock and labor.	28 38
Express and freight	3 96
J. Carpentier, stock and labor	2 75
Walter C. Wright.	35 78
E. W. Wood, care of piano	6 00
Supplies for Superintendent	15 04
Butterfield Printing Co.	13 50
I. H. Knight, stock and labor	10 50
Clara A. Smith, supplies.	5 00
P. H. Harrington, stock and labor	73 10
John Spinner, stock and labor	14 25
Union Sheet Metal Co., repairs.	19 95

Wm. Sargent, stock and labor	\$ 9 00
Wm. C. Rondenbush, supplies	5 00
Chas. O. Prescott, making report to State	6 00
Royal Typewriter Co., supplies	10 00
H. S. Stiles, repairs	7 50
J. A. Healy, labor	25 63
J. A. Healy, sidewalk at Cameron School	37 94
Alex McDonald, gravel	3 50
A. W. Hartford, advertising	2 00
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	17 52
Edmund Baker, repairs	30 34
Westford Water Co., water rates	207 02
	—————\$1,002 49

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:—

Following is my sixth report, the twenty-fourth in the series of such annual reports.

Several changes in the teaching force since the last report must be recorded. Miss Marion C. Moreland of the Academy resigned to go to the Girls' Latin School of Boston, and Miss Mabel I. Osborne, formerly a teacher in the Shirley High School, was secured to fill the vacancy. Miss Letitia V. Ward, of the Cameron School, asked for a leave of absence to date from the beginning of the spring term, 1915, on account of ill-health. In view of Miss Ward's excellent and faithful and long service in this school, the leave was granted. Miss Edith M. Forster, assistant in the William E. Frost School, was placed in Miss Ward's position, and has continued to serve as principal of the Cameron School to date. Miss Forster's place in the William E. Frost School was not filled during the spring term, but at the opening of the fall term, 1915, Miss Bertha McCoy, a Westford girl, a Normal School graduate, and a teacher of experience, fortunately was available for this position, and was secured. Miss Mary A. Dunn, of the Sargent School, was granted a year's leave of absence, to begin with the opening of the fall term, 1915, and Miss Leonita Jantzen of Lowell, a graduate of the Lowell Normal School, received the appointment to Miss Dunn's position during her leave of absence. Miss Myrtle Fletcher, having resigned at Parkerville to accept a position in Hudson, Miss Ethel M. Beal, an experienced teacher, was appointed to this school. Miss Bernice E. Staples succeeded Miss Marion Taylor as Supervisor of Drawing. Of the five vacancies recorded, two were caused by resignation, two by leave of absence, and one by the transfer of

a teacher to another position within the Town. Thus, four teachers only in a force of nineteen are new teachers, not a large percentage for a country town within easy distance from larger and wealthier communities paying higher salaries and offering other inducements in the way of fewer grades, longer school year and systematic increases of salary for continued service and successful work.

The report of the principal of Westford Academy is so comprehensive that I need add only my approval of the work done in the several departments of that institution.

With many holidays coming in term time, with several conventions and an occasional visiting day, the school year is all too short. I recommend that the week containing Thanksgiving Day be a vacation week, thus saving two days to the schools. Another day might be saved by beginning the school year of the elementary schools the Monday following Labor Day, and extending the closing of the schools one week later into June.

The subject of manual training has been taken up and discussed at several committee meetings within the year. While it would be desirable to have this subject introduced in the seventh and eighth grades throughout the Town, the cost of three or four well-equipped rooms, and the expense of teaching in so widely separated schools seem to justify the rejection of any such plan at present. The only point where pupils from all sections meet is the Academy. One question to consider is whether or not the introduction of manual training into the Academy will attract pupils from Forge and Graniteville who would otherwise leave at the age of fourteen to go into the mills. The next question is whether or not pupils who will go to the Academy, anyway, will care for or profit by such a course. As I see the situation, pupils who have not had manual training in the grades will not be attracted to go on into the Academy by such a course in that school. The mills will continue to absorb them, as heretofore. In answer to the other question, I will say: as the majority of the boys who will attend the Academy as a natural continuation of their grade work will go from the Academy to the farm, it is especially desirable that they should receive some training in

woodwork that will give them greater efficiency with their hands and keener judgment for the many problems of building and repairing that will more and more demand the attention of the successful farmer of the future. The farmer who can do for himself the many odd jobs that he has heretofore paid another for doing, will, to that extent require so much less profit from his farm products to make both ends meet. To my mind there is no doubt of the value of such work in its bearing upon the occupation of the farmer as an attractive and profitable business. Should such a course be introduced, it should be compulsory for the entering class of boys who intend to follow agriculture as a profession, and, at the beginning, at least, should be offered only as an elective to the remaining upper classes. I believe that an appropriation of two hundred dollars would be sufficient to carry this project into effect the first year, providing a suitable room can be secured in which to carry on the work, and recommend that such an amount be asked for at the next annual town meeting.

It will be necessary to continue the present appropriation for text books and supplies, as recommended in my last report. The increase is due, in large part, to the demands of the commercial course in the Academy, as many pupils are electing that course, and the books and supplies are different from those used in the academic department, in which department books are needed only to complete sets already in use.

In Forge Village and Graniteville, a system of part time work for pupils who are anxious to get to work in the mills might be effected by co-operation of the school and the mills, to the advantage of both. The pupil would get in eighteen weeks during each additional school year, whereas, otherwise, he would drop out of school completely; and the employer would get a worker with a constantly developing mind, and, therefore, one with increasing, instead of diminishing, broad intelligence, and more efficient application. I earnestly recommend that something of this nature be attempted in the near future. This would remove one of the objections to the introduction of manual training in the William E. Frost School, as it would, in a way,

provide vocational training in the mill sections as a substitute for the manual training in the center of the Town.

The School Savings Bank System, introduced a few years ago as a means of carrying out the plan of teaching thrift, while not a failure, has fallen short of our expectations by reason of the difficulty in making the collections in the several schools and putting them to the credit of the pupils in the bank. Since the subject of Thrift is authorized by the State, and since it is quite as important in its effect upon the future welfare of the pupil as other subjects in the school program, I feel that it is not asking too much to have the expense connected with this subject borne by the school appropriations. I, therefore, recommend an appropriation of fifteen dollars to make this plan successful.

An increasing foreign population requires a more effective and constant interpretation of the laws of truancy than heretofore demanded. I recommend an additional truant officer, with enough leisure time to attend promptly and vigorously to all reported cases of truancy. I recommend further, that, when explanation of the law and a return to school of the offender shall not result in permanent attendance without reasonable excuse, that the offending parent be taken to court for a clearer understanding of the law of truancy, and that the truant officer, in receiving his appointment, shall be assured of our moral support in such an emergency.

I ask the committee and the townspeople to consider the erection of a building in the rear of the school grounds at Westford Center wherein the following subjects may be taught: manual training, sewing and cooking. I offer, as a suggestion, the plan whereby one public spirited citizen shall be invited to construct and equip a room suitable for manual training within such a building, another, a suitable room for cooking, and a third, a room for sewing. This would relieve the Town of much of the expense attending the introduction of such courses under the management of the school committee, and would be a monument to the credit of such public-spiritedness. It would be gratifying if this recommendation should come under the eye of some citizens

who are amply able to do this, and who would be willing to offer such assistance on condition that the Town would erect such a building.

I am interested in a Home Work System of Awards devised to bring about a closer co-operation between the home and school. The system would add somewhat to the expense of administration, and impose an added burden upon the teachers. The result, however, must show a contribution of benefit to our present efforts in the teaching of Thrift, Efficiency, Art, Hygiene, Music; and a more positive vocational guidance, inasmuch as qualities and aptitude, so little recognized under our present system of education, must come out into the open under this treatment. The plan is to give credits for home work of various kinds. I will cite a few of the different kinds to make the meaning of the plan clear.

WORK.	CREDITS.
Building fire in the morning	1
Milking cow	1
Currying a horse	2
Mending a chair	4
Making biscuits	2
Getting an entire meal	6
Wiping the dishes	3
Bathing	6
Washing, ironing and starching own clothes worn at school	20
For each \$1.00 deposit in Savings Bank	10
Clean hands, face and nails at school	3
Retiring before 9 o'clock	1
Sleeping with window open	1

There are certain rules to be observed, chief of which are such rules as help in carrying out some important and desirable school regulations: Pupils who are absent without proper excuse from parents will lose 10 credits, for instance. Or, a certain number of credits will add a certain percent. to his rank.

The expense comes from the printed awards issued, samples of which I will submit to you as soon as received from publishers.

Without, in any sense, finding fault, I would like to express the opinion that school-barge drivers should very promptly heed the signal of automobiles coming up behind, and leave a large margin for such automobiles to pass. Also, that they should do a little more than their share toward dividing the road with an approaching automobile. The human instinct is to keep and take what belongs to one. But in the case of barges carrying school children, the human instinct would not be justified in taking any chances of a mistake on the part of the other driver. They are charged with the protection of the children, not with the assertion of their legal rights-of-the-road. I am writing this in all my reports as the expression of a principle, not as a complaint against any driver in any town.

The usual special reports and tables of statistics are submitted for your consideration with the request that they be printed as a part of the school report of this Town, as formerly. The only recent law that I wish to call your attention to is as follows, and relates to Public Evening Schools:

EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION OF 1914, CHAPTER 590.

An act relative to the maintenance of Public Evening Schools:

Any town may, and every city and town in which there are issued, during the year from September first to August thirty-first, certificates authorizing the employment of twenty or more persons who do not possess the educational qualifications enumerated in section one of chapter forty-four of the Revised Laws, as amended, shall maintain, during the following school year, an evening school or schools for the instruction of persons over fourteen years of age, in orthography, reading, writing, the English language and grammar, geography, arithmetic, industrial drawing, both free hand and mechanical, the history of the United States, physiology and hygiene, and good behavior. Such other subjects may be taught in such schools as the school committee considers expedient. (Approved May 29, 1914.)

I will add the following comment on this law as printed in Bulletin No. 8 for 1914, of the State Board of Education.

The purpose of this statute is to require that opportunity for evening school instruction shall be offered in towns and cities where there are a large number of illiterate persons over sixteen years of age employed during the year.

According to the opinion of the Attorney-General, the year mentioned above "from September first to August thirty-first" refers to the year beginning Sept. 1, 1913, and continuing to Aug. 31, 1914.

In concluding this report, I wish to thank the committee for their continued and helpful support during the entire year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Westford, December 27, 1915.

REPORT OF WESTFORD ACADEMY.

January 1, 1916.

MR. F. H. HILL,
Superintendent of Schools.

DEAR MR. HILL:

The annual report of Westford Academy is as follows:—

The enrollment, at present writing, is twenty-three boys and twenty-five girls. Since September, 1915, three boys, all from the Freshman class, have left school, one of the three owing to a serious illness. Two girls have left, and two others entered during the winter term just closed. It is of interest to report that two girls of the graduating class of 1915 have returned for special work; also, that a member of the Sophomore class is satisfactorily assisting Miss Young in conducting the class in Penmanship.

The Academy graduated one of its largest classes at the June Commencement, twelve girls and two boys. Three girls of this number had completed, in three years, the credits necessary for graduation. Nearly all of those who had attended the Academy four years, made a good percentage of credits above the number required for diploma.

We now have the equipment for outdoor basket-ball, provided for by subscriptions from the Academy pupils, plus a small sum received from the Town. The boys helped in the work, so that no outside labor was hired.

Some interest in football was manifest in the late fall, and a game was played here with Littleton High School. But the boys were all new to the sport, and a one-sided score was the result. However, there are still echoes from Littleton of a certain fifty-yard run.

The Tadmuck Club held an Educational Conference in the Unitarian Church, October 19, 1915, under the direction of the State Chairman of the Education Department of Women's Clubs. On this occasion, three girls of the Academy, Miss Elva Judd, Miss Beatrice Hosmer, and Miss Carolyn Precious, read very acceptable papers on the general topic, "The Value of Vocational Education in the Home." This opportunity offered to the girls to prepare something original and give it before a public audience, we highly appreciate, and thank the President of the Tadmuck Club for the suggestion.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Irvin Lewis Potter of Boston to give a Shakespearian reading at the Academy some time in February. Mr. Potter has the highest testimonials from prominent schools where he has read. Whereas the reading is planned especially for the benefit of the school, the public at large will be free to attend.

For the first time during our principalship, we have lost by death one of our former pupils, Edward Read, of the class of 1914. His sudden and untimely end came as a shock to those who had known him, to his principal and his schoolmates. He was a promising boy and a useful career seemed ahead of him when he met death by accidental drowning.

Through the generosity of the Academy Trustees, we announce the following prizes which will be awarded to the winners at the coming Commencement.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

A prize of \$5.00, or its equivalent, shall be awarded to the boy and the girl who, in the opinion of three impartial judges, shall best render in public contest a declamation occupying at least seven minutes' time. The number of contestants shall be

limited to ten (five boys and five girls) to be selected by the faculty in such manner as they choose. This contest shall take place sometime during the Spring term.

ESSAY.

A prize of \$5.00, or its equivalent, shall be awarded to that member of the Senior or Junior class who shall, in the judgment of the faculty, write the best essay of at least one thousand words on some given subject. This essay shall be finished about the middle of April.

STENOGRAPHY.

A prize of \$2.50, or its equivalent, shall be awarded to that student who shall most accurately transcribe from his shorthand notes, two out of three passages to be dictated by the teacher of stenography.

TYPEWRITING.

A prize of \$2.50, or its equivalent, shall be awarded to that pupil who shall exhibit the greatest speed and accuracy in a ten minute typewriting test given by the teacher of typewriting.

READING.

A prize of \$2.50, or its equivalent, shall be awarded to the member of the Freshman class who, in the opinion of three impartial judges, shall excel in reading a passage of English prose on sight.

ORAL THEME.

A prize of \$2.50 or its equivalent shall be awarded to that member of the Freshman class, who, in the opinion of three impartial judges, shall excel in giving an oral theme based upon

any subject chosen by judges from an assigned book which shall have been read by the pupils before the contest. The Reading and Oral Contests to be given some time during the Spring term.

It is of course hoped that these prizes will be an incentive to effort along the lines they suggest. If they do not prove so, they fail of their purpose.

Miss Marion C. Moreland resigned from our teaching force, to take a position in the Girls' Latin School, Boston; her department is now in charge of Miss Mabel I. Osborne, a graduate of Brown University, class of 1914. Miss Marguerite Young still continues as head of the Commercial department, and the work of the school progresses harmoniously in its various phases.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. ROUDENBUSH,

Principal of Westford Academy.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

MR. FRANK H. HILL,
Superintendent of Schools,
Westford, Mass.

DEAR SIR:

My report for the music department of the schools of Westford I present as follows:

No change has been made in the method of presenting this subject in the grades, but pushing hard along the same lines is having the desired effect. The children are showing a decided gain in tone quality, which is the most essential. I am glad to be able to note this in the Frost School especially. In my weekly lessons I have never omitted the voice drills, very uninteresting to the teachers, and by some considered unnecessary, but carrying untold good to the children nevertheless.

The Victrolas have all been paid for now and a good selection of records may be found in every grade school. We have records suitable for the kindergarten game, the folk-dance, illustrations showing the use of different instruments of the orchestra and band, records by famous artists both instrumental and vocal, and exact imitations of all the songs of our native birds. This last should be of great help in teaching the children to recognize the different bird calls in the Spring.

I hope some time a Victrola will be added to the Academy, it would be such an assistance to be able to illustrate every period and development in the history of music. Much more money should be spent on music in the Academy before it can be raised to the standard I hope to see it reach and a Victrola would do much toward this.

A little entertainment once a year gives us money with which to add to our collection of records. A simple operetta by the Frost School, a musical entertainment with the school Victrola and some outside talent at the Sargent School and an exhibition of Folk-Dances, songs and choruses by the children of the Cameron School furnished the entertainments for last year.

I wish to thank the teachers and superintendent for their help in carrying on the work of my department, also the parents and friends for the kindly interest they have shown in attending our entertainments.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. RAYNES,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
Westford, Mass.

The reasons for teaching drawing in the public schools have been so well stated in previous reports that I will review them only briefly.

Drawing, the only universal language used by men of all ages and all nationalities, is taught because it trains the eye and hand to work together, and enables the child to express his thoughts with pictures better than he can with words in many cases. Drawing is the basis of working drawings and decoration, and, as such, has a recognized place in all the trades.

I have been in Westford so short a time that I will not attempt a report of work. We are getting acquainted, and I wish to thank the teachers and pupils for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE E. STAPLES,

Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF MEDICAL INSPECTOR.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my annual report as medical inspector of the Westford schools.

In making my usual general examination of the children, I still find improvement in the general health of the children.

In my various calls to the different schools, I have sometimes found conditions which necessitated exclusion of certain pupils from the schools, until all danger from contagion or infection is passed.

The parents still co-operate with the school physician in his many duties for the general health and advantage of all the children.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. C. A. BLANEY,

School Physician,

January 1, 1916.

ROLL OF HONOR, 1914-1915.

*Not absent or tardy for one year.

Academy	L. Parrott M. Parrott M. Prescott
Frost—Grades VII-VIII	John Wilson
Cameron—Grade I	Leona Milot Corine Deslauriers
Cameron—Grades II-III	Courana Cantara Simeon Cantara William Drolet George Healy Edward Hosmer
Cameron—Grades IV-V	Gertrude Baker Edward Hunt
Cameron—Grades VI-VII-VIII	Gladys M. Baker Lillian Hunt Mildred Precious
Sargent—Grades II-III	Ethel Ingalls
Sargent—Grades IV-V	Lawrence A. Ingalls Stanley Smith

*Under the new system of keeping the School Register, no term record of attendance is kept.

TEACHERS IN SERVICE JANUARY, 1916.

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	WHERE EDUCATED	HOME ADDRESS
Academy		<i>Wm. C. Roudenbush</i> E. Marguerite Young	Williams College Smith, '13 Simmons, '14	Westford, Mass. Peabody, Mass. Danville, N. H. Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Gloucester, Mass. Brockton, Mass. Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. No. Chelmsford, Mass.
Wm. E. Frost	VII—VIII VII—VIII V—VI III—IV I—II VI—VII—VIII IV—V II—III I	Mabel I. Osborn <i>Clara Smith</i> Bertha McCoy, Asst. Martha L. Grant Mattie A. Crocker Edith A. Wright Edith M. Forster Mary A. Garvey Abbie M. Blaisdell Eva C. Pyne <i>Issie Parker</i> Lillian G. Wright Esther L. Smith Mary A. Dunn	Brown University Westford Academy Hyannis, Normal Gloucester Training Bridgewater Normal Hyannis Normal (Sum.) Hyannis Normal Lowell Normal Lowell Normal Lowell Normal Westford Academy Lowell Normal Roxbury High Lowell Normal	Boston, Mass. Chelmsford, Mass. Ayer, Mass.
Cameron	I—II—III—IV— V—VI—VIII	Ethel M. Beal Mary B. Raynes Bernice E. Staples	Gorham Normal School of Music Lowell Normal, '04 Mass. Normal Art, '10	
Sargent	VI—VII—VIII IV—V II—III I			
Parkerville	I—II—III—IV— V—VI—VIII			
Music Supervisor				
Drawing Supervisor				

Names of Principals in italics.

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TEST.

SCHOOL EXAMINED.	Number Enrolled	Defective Eyesight	Defective Hearing	Parents Notified
Academy.....	47	3	1	0
William E. Frost.....	112	6	3	8
Cameron.....	125	12	0	12
Sargent.....	139	6	1	7
Parkerville.....	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	423	27	5	27

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPTEMBER, 1915.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Number of children between 5 and 7 yrs. of age...	46	51	97
Number of children between 7 and 14 yrs. of age..	153	139	292
Number of children between 14 and 16 yrs. of age.	42	28	70
Number of minors between 14 and 16 yrs. of age who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language....	0	0	0
Number of illiterate children 16 yrs. of age or over, and under 21 yrs. of age.....	13	28	41
Totals.....	254	246	500

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES
AND HOME PERMITS.

ISSUED BETWEEN SEPT. 11, 1914, AND AUG. 31, 1915.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Employment Certificates.....	20	10	30
Educational Certificates (literate).....	16	14	30
Educational Certificates (illiterate).....	5	3	8
Home Permits.....	1	0	1
Totals.....	42	27	69

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT.

	Cases Investigated
William E. Frost.....	4
Sargent.....	9
Cameron.....	8
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Total.....	21

NUMBER GRADUATED FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
JUNE, 1915.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Sargent.....	2	3	5
Cameron.....	0	2	2
William E. Frost.....	6	1	7
Parkerville.....	0	0	0
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total.....	8	6	14

ENTERED ACADEMY, SEPTEMBER, 1915.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Sargent.....	2	2	4
Cameron.....	0	1	1
William E. Frost.....	5	1	6
Parkerville.....	0	0	0
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Totals.....	7	4	11

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF WESTFORD ACADEMY.

AT THE TOWN HALL.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1915, AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

PROGRAMME.

PART ONE

March with Overture,

ORCHESTRA

Class History,

DEHLIA GENEVIEVE CONNELL

Class Grinds,

HELEN MARIE FURBUSH

Chorus, "Springtime,"

Rubenstein

SCHOOL

Class Will,

MAUDE EVELYN ROBINSON

Class Prophecy,

GERTRUDE ELMIRA COMEY

PART TWO

Selection,

ORCHESTRA

Prayer,

REV. JULIAN R. PENNINGTON

Salutatory, with Essay, "Lo, the Poor Indian,"

PERSIS WRIGHT

CLASS HYMN

As we stand here assembled,
 On this our parting day,
 We ask that God's kind blessing
 May guide us on our way.

And if in different pathways
 Our lives be not the same,
 May memories sweet, and friendship
 Be linked with every name.

So in these last sweet moments,
 While we are gathered here,
 We raise our thanks to Heaven
 For all our friends so dear.

May God give hope and courage
 To every loyal one
 To keep this motto sacred,
 Tho' finished, yet begun.

Mary Madeline McDonald

Class Motto—"Finished Yet Beginning."

Class Colors—Electric Blue and Gold.

Class Flower—Killarney Rose.

GRADUATES

ACADEMIC COURSE

HENRY JOSEPH HEALY	MAUDE EVELYN ROBINSON
HELEN MAY MCCOY	ERNEST TIBBETTS WRIGHT
MABEL MARIA PRESCOTT	PERSIS WRIGHT

ENGLISH-BUSINESS COURSE

GERTRUDE ELMIRA COMEY	MARY MADELINE McDONALD
DEHLIA GENEVIEVE CONNELL	*MARION LOUISA MARSHALL
HELEN MARIE FURBUSH	*LOTTIE IRENE PARROTT
JENNIE FLORENCE KIMBALL	*EDITH ELLEN SPINNER

SPECIAL POST-GRADUATE COURSE, ONE YEAR
ELLEN MARION CONNELL, CLASS OF 1913

*Completed courses in three years.

 ROLL OF HONOR

PUPILS WITH GENERAL AVERAGE OF 90-100%

HELEN MAY MCCOY, Four Years
BEATRICE HOSMER, Two Years
CAROLYN PRECIOUS, One Year
ELLEN MARION CONNELL, One Year (Post-Graduate)

PUPILS WITH GENERAL AVERAGE OF 85-90%

PERSIS WRIGHT, Four Years
GERTRUDE ELMIRA COMEY, Four Years
JENNIE FLORENCE KIMBALL, Four Years
MABEL MARIA PRESCOTT, Four Years
JOSEPHINE SOCHA, Two Years
DOROTHY JORDAN, One Year
MILDRED PARROTT, One Year

FUTURE PLANS OF GRADUATES

- HENRY JOSEPH HEALY, With General Electric Co., West Lynn, Mass.
- HELEN MAY MCCOY, At home first year; thereafter at Boston School of Physical Culture.
- MABEL MARIA PRESCOTT, At home first year. Undecided thereafter.
- MAUDE EVELYN ROBINSON, Enters Fitchburg Normal School.
- ERNEST TIBBETTS WRIGHT, With General Electric Co., West Lynn, Mass.
- PERSIS WRIGHT, At home first year. Undecided thereafter.
- GERTRUDE ELMIRA COMEY, Enters Lowell Commercial College.
- DELIA GENEVIEVE CONNELL, At home first year; thereafter at Boston Board of Trade School.
- HELEN MARIE FURBUSH, Enters Lowell Commercial College.
- JENNIE FLORENCE KIMBALL, Enters Bryant and Stratton Commercial College.
- MARY MADELINE McDONALD, Enters Roger Hall School to study Domestic Science.
- MARION LOUISA MARSHALL, At home first year; thereafter at Boston School of Physical Culture.
- LOTTIE IRENE PARROTT, Enters Lowell Commercial College.
- EDITH ELLEN SPINNER, Enters Lowell Commercial College.

GRADUATES OF 1915

HENRY JOSEPH HEALY, At home
HELEN MAY MCCOY, Post-graduate course
MABEL MARIA PRESCOTT, At home
MAUDE EVELYN ROBINSON, Fitchburg Normal
ERNEST TIBBETTS WRIGHT, At home
PERSIS WRIGHT, At home
GERTRUDE ELMIRA COMEY, Business College in Boston
DEHLIA GENEVIEVE CONNELL, At home
HELEN MARIE FURBUSH, Office work in Lowell
JENNIE FLORENCE KIMBALL, Post-graduate course
MARY MADELINE McDONALD, Lowell Trade School
MARION LOUISA MARSHALL, At home
LOTTIE IRENE PARROTT, Lowell Commercial
EDITH ELLEN SPINNER, Lowell Commercial
ELLEN MARION CONNELL, At Home

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1914-1915

SCHOOL	GRADES	No. of pupils not including those enrolled elsewhere		Total Membership	Aggregate Attendance	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. Attendance	Number between 5 and 7		Number between 7 and 14		Number between 14 and 16		Number under 5		Number over 16			
		Boys	Girls						Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls		
Academy Frost	I-II	30	32	56	8,595	55.97	43.61	94.09	0	0	7	7	14	10	0	0	9	15		
	III-IV	15	16	37		30.70	27.10	88.20	11	13	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	V-VI	23	10	36		33.10	31.10	93.95	0	0	23	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	VII-VIII	31	20	55		44.78	41.67	93.00	0	0	31	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	I	18	10	28		28.00	26.20	93.9	0	0	15	3	6	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
			11	15		26	23.69	23.00	97.00	7	11	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron	II-III	20	15	35	32.02	31.33	97.44	3	2	17	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	IV-V	25	13	38	35.00	33.95	96.73	0	0	24	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	VI-VII-VIII	12	17	29	22.87	23.07	96.00	0	0	10	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	I	11	19	32	25.97	23.06	88.85	12	15	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sargent	II-III	16	30	46	32.00	29.00	90.60	5	13	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	IV-V	17	14	31	25.73	22.83	88.03	0	0	17	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	VI-VII-VIII	23	16	40	32.20	31.80	92.94	0	0	22	11	1	5	0	0	0	0	0		
	I-II-III-IV-V-VII	9	7	18	15.60	14.90	95.30	1	3	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Parkerville		261	234	507	70,383	439.63	402.62	93.28	39	57	194	143	24	19	0	0	10	16		

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Annual Report

OF THE

Town of Westford

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1916

ALSO WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 14, 1917

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916

ALSO
Warrant for Annual Town Meeting
TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 12, 1917



LOWELL, MASS.
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS
1917

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1916.

Town Clerk.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH Term expires February, 1918

Selectmen.

OSCAR R. SPALDING, Chairman	Term expires February,	1917
FRANK L. FURBUSH	“ “ “	1918
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, Secretary	“ “ “	1919

Assessors.

J. WILLARD FLETCHER, Chairman	Term expires February,	1917
J. AUSTIN HEALY	“ “ “	1918
CHARLES D. COLBURN, Secretary	“ “ “	1919

Overseers of the Poor.

ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman	Term expires February,	1917
FRED R. BLODGETT, Secretary	“ “ “	1918
SAMUEL H. BALCH	“ “ “	1919

Treasurer.

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT.

Collector of Taxes.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

Auditor.

EDWARD T. HANLEY.

Constable.

WILLIAM L. WALL.

School Committee.

JOHN SPINNER	Term expires	February,	1917
ARTHUR E. DAY, Secretary	“	“	“ 1917
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON	“	“	“ 1918
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman .	“	“	“ 1918
FRANK L. FURBUSH	“	“	“ 1919
JOHN P. WRIGHT	“	“	“ 1919

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.

JOHN P. WRIGHT, Secretary	Term expires	February,	1917
JULIAN A. CAMERON, Chairman ..	“	“	“ 1918
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT	“	“	“ 1919

Librarian.

MARY P. BUNCE.

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

GEORGE T. DAY, Chairman and Secretary	Term expires	February,	1917
WESLEY O. HAWKES	“	“	“ 1918
DAVID L. GREIG	“	“	“ 1919

Tree Warden.

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Inspector of Meat.

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

Police Officers.EDMUND BAKER,
HARVEY W. BARNES,
JOHN W. O'BRIEN,
CHARLES H. PICKERING,JOHN SPINNER,
ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
LEONARD W. WHEELER,
WILEY M. WRIGHT.**Forest Warden.**

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Deputies Appointed by the Warden.EDWARD M. ABBOT,
HARVEY W. BARNES,
CHARLES A. BLODGETT,
FRED R. BLODGETT,
GOLDSMITH CONANT,
DAVID DESMOND,
CHARLES EDWARDSHORACE E. GOULD,
JAMES HERRINGTON,
JAMES O'BRIEN
JOHN O'BRIEN,
EBENEZER PRESCOTT,
ROBERT PRESCOTT,
WILLIAM L. WALL,
WILLIAM E. WRIGHT.**Superintendent for the Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.**

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Engineers of the Fire Department.EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chief,
JOHN EDWARDS, Secretary,ALBERT R. CHOATE,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND, Assistant Chief.

Weighers of Coal.

CHARLES H. BICKNELL,	FRED S. HEALY,
FRED DEFOE,	J. AUSTIN HEALY,
ETTA W. FLETCHER,	JOHN A. HEALY,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,	ELLA P. PYNE,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,	*EVA F. PYNE,
*EDWARD T. HANLEY,	WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,
ARTHUR L. HEALY,	FRANK WILLEY,
HARWOOD L. WRIGHT.	

Public Weighers.

MARY P. BUNCE,	SARAH W. LOKER,
*FRANK L. HALEY,	CHARLES H. PICKERING,
EMORY J. WHITNEY.	

Superintendent of Streets.

ALEXANDER McDONALD.

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Agents of Board of Health.

SAMUEL H. BALCH,	ALBERT A. HILDRETH,
WARREN H. SHERMAN, M. D.	

Registrars of Voters.

ROBERT J. MCCARTHY	.....	Term expires	March 31,	1917
ALFRED W. TUTTLE	.....	"	"	1918
ALFRED W. HARTFORD	.....	"	"	1919
CHARLES L. HILDRETH, Clerk Ex-officio.				

Town Counsel

EDWARD FISHER

*Failed to qualify.

BIRTHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1916.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Nov. 8	Beaver, Thomas Arthur	Arthur and Mary (Roe)
June 23	Benoit, Marie Jeannette	James G. and Glorvine (Ricord)
May 28	Beskalo, Stephen	Gregory and Stapha (Poznack)
July 31	Bilida, Nadja	John and Barasca (Ezershi)
Aug. 26	Bosworth, Elizabeth	Ernest O. and Hilda E. (Isles)
Aug. 29	Briscoff, Mary	Stefan and Adelpiha (Kolaposki)
Feb. 10	Byron, Joseph Leo	Oliver and Alexina Ricard
Aug. 5	Cantara, Marie Irene	Joseph and Eva (Milot)
March 15	Carbone, Bartolomeo	Pasquale and Mary (Boccio)
Nov. 17	Charlton, Joseph Francis	Arthur L. and Mary W. (Gardner)
Jan. 15	Christianson, Thomas William	Hans and Effie W. (Johnson)
Oct. 18	Darentuk, Sofie	Wasalli and Adola (Sohovets)
Feb. 10	Deslauriers, Marie Laurette	Eugene and Leda (Batheume)
Sept. 17	Dietrech, Marguerite Louise	Charles E. and Justine M. (Madru)
July 24	Doucette, Morris Nelson	John and Rachel (Perkins)
Feb. 6	Dube, Catherine Alvareta	Peter and Clara E. (Lavigne)
Feb. 16	Dudevoir, Rita Elizabeth	Charles E. and Mary (Walsh)
July 30	Dureault, Louis Eugene Alphonse	Amie and Esther Dronille
Feb. 4	Ezerski, Gregory	Staphy and Katie (Kisley)
Aug. 26	Farrow, William Chester	C. Fred and Clara (Lake)
Jan. 16	Fite, Theresa	Alonzo and Mabel (Landis)
Jan. 16	Fite, Vivian	Alonzo and Mabel (Landis)
Sept. 22	Flanagan, Alice Edith	Charles and Della (Drake)
March 11	Gadourey, Gladys	Hildegde and Malvina (St. George)
Sept. 23	Green, Vivian Beryl	William E. and Rose M. (Murry)
Feb. 7	Greski, Nellie	Stephen and Dominica (Bilida)
Oct. 25	Guolla, Adolpha Crestina	Pietro and Flora (Coletti)
May 4	Healy, Mary Frances	Thomas J. and Annie (Gower)
April 6	Healy, Robert Bernard	James B. and Catherine (Denahy)
Sept. 14	Herrington, Ruby Elizabeth	James W. and Amy A. M. (Perkins)
April 5	Holbrook, Olive Catherine	Lawrence W. and Daisy M. (Kabele)
Feb. 8	Kazinec, Wiktoria	Stanistav and Alexandria (Absbeta)
Dec. 11	Kelley, Mary Frances	William and Sarah (Smith)
Dec. 17	Kisly, Zoria	John and Fedora (Kisley)
June 25	Kosteczko, Audrei	Siemion and Sofie (Spas)
Sept. 7	Lamie, Mary Elizabeth Delena	Arthur and Delena (Dupont)
Feb. 8	Lech, Wital	Josef and Josephine (Bussium)
April 8	LeDuc, Gilbert Francis	Ferdinand J. and Eugenie (Fourchette)
April 8	LeDuc, Robert Edward	Ferdinand J. and Eugenie (Fourchette)
July 15	Lockwood, Melvin Claude	Lewis C. and Freda A. (Gumbs)
Aug. 22	Lombert, Alphonse	John and Maggie (Heashi)
Aug. 22	McGlinchey, Catherine Louise	Michael J. and Hulda R. (Carlson)
Feb. 25	Merrick, Edward	Frank and Rose A. (Elliott)
April 9	Milot, Maria Lea	Joseph and Loleana (Ricard)
Oct. 6	Morena, Michele	Alexander and Sarah (Di Palma)
Feb. 27	Nelson, Thyra Elizabeth	Nels and Esther M. (Lundberg)
Feb. 14	Oliva, Charles	Joseph and Rachel (Oliva)
March 12	Palmer, Richard Kenneth	Mark A. and Wilhelmina (Alfarth)
March 20	Pendlebury, Roland Francis	Edmund F. and Mary (Henderson)
Oct. 15	Perkins, Alice Eileen	John B. and Lillian A. (Burchell)
April 6	Poznack, Peter	George and Katie (Salie)
Dec. 19	Richards, Dora Irene Loretta	Rudolph and Edith (Cote)
Dec. 5	Saley, Nellie	Anton and Naska (Halka)
Oct. 13	Sinkewicz, Bronislava	John and Branislava (Pueslowska)
May 23	Smith, Carl	Paul F. and Anna L. (Strandberg)
June 9	Stepsinshi, Yanina	John and Amelia (Urdan)
Sept. 1	Thompson, Raymond Ellsworth	William E. and Edith (Hall)
Oct. 3	Tousignant, Joseph David Leo	Alfred and Mary (Brule)
Aug. 28	Tousignant, Marie Cecile Odile	Joseph and Rose (Byron)
April 9	Vajano, Natalina	Leopold and Luisa (Vitello)
Feb. 1	Voše, Walter Almon	Almon and Martha Eliza (Symmes)
June 11	Weaver, Kathleen June	George H. and Jessie C. (Wilson)
March 14	Whigham, Wallace Iliffe	James M. and Ada (Cottrell)
May 2	Whitney, Chester Matthew	Edmond B. and Grace L. (Smith)
Aug. 31	Whitney, John Wesley	Hamilton and Lena (McCormick)
Oct. 24	Whitney, Nathaniel Howard	Nathaniel R. and Bertha (Wilson)
Oct. 20	Wolkovich, George	John and Adela (Minka)
Oct. 12	Worobey, Stephaneda	Philip and Anastasia (Barbish)
April 29	Zauchi, Lidia	Domenico and Angela (Mongna)
Oct. 29	Zibal, Frank	William and Ellen (Kazik)

Number recorded males, 37; females, 40; total, 77.

MARRIAGES.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1916.

DATE.	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
May 6	Bilida, Elia	23	Westford	Russia
	Kostachka, Olga	24	"	"
June 3	Bilida, Seman	21	"	"
	Minko, Pawlina	20	"	"
May 6	Bilida, Wasil	32	"	"
	Sidaroirch, Hvedora	25	"	"
July 1	Boguszewicz, Ludwik	20	"	"
	Aleszczyk, Jadwiga	21	"	"
Dec. 16	Boucher, Eugene	27	"	Canada
	Milot, Alberta	27	"	"
May 10	Bosworth, Ernest Oren	31	Lowell	Lebanon, N. H.
	Isles, Hilda Elizabeth	19	Westford	Newton, Mass.
June 10	Bricko, Jakup	26	"	Russia
	Pozniak, Avadakia	20	"	"
Nov. 1	Brown, Clarence W.	27	Littleton	Acton
	Connell, Katharine M.	22	Westford	Westford
Dec. 10	Buckingham, Edward C.	20	"	"
	Moss, Hazel E.	21	Ayer	Nashua, N. H.
June 3	Carlson, Kuno	30	Westford	Sweden
	Johnson, Monika A.	23	Lowell	"
Sept. 9	Cianggi, Antonio	26	"	Italy
	Dirubbo, Maria	22	Westford	"
March 13	Day, Albert L.	22	"	Westford
	White, Florence R.	19	"	New Brunswick
April 29	DeLorenzo, Bartolo	25	Bridgeport, Conn.	Italy
	Pivrotto, Lena	20	Westford	"
June 27	Donaldson, Albert M.	30	Lowell	Swanton, Vt.
	Clement, Lena M.	21	Westford	Westford
Sept. 4	Donato, Micheal D.	26	Malden	Italy
	Barretto, Ersilia	18	Westford	Boston
June 19	Gagnon, Alfred J.	23	"	Chicopee
	Provost, Robea A.	19	"	Canada
Nov. 27	Gagnon, Dennis	21	"	Granville
	Brule, Maria L.	24	"	St. Zenon, Canada
June 10	Hanson, Carl H.	25	"	Sweden
	Johnson, Esther F.	21	"	Mt. Desert, Me.
Feb. 17	Hill, John J.	27	"	Finland
	Tirri, Helen	26	"	"
Aug. 16	Ineson, Percy N.	27	Chelmsford	Lowell
	Reed, Ida M.	20	Westford	Westford
June 18	Jukowsky, Andrew S.	25	"	Russia
	Darko, Katerina D.	22	"	"
April 26	Kimball, James L.	53	Westford	Westford
	Foote, Nellie E.	49	Boston	Wilton, Me.
Feb. 5	Kostecka, Simon	22	Westford	Russia
	Spas, Sofia	19	"	"
Nov. 30	Leclair, Joseph A.	27	No. Chelmsford	Standfold, Canada
	Cantara, Rose	20	Westford	Canada
Nov. 30	Letendre, Joseph N.	18	Lowell	"
	Poitras, Rose A.	17	Westford	Lowell
June 17	Lydiard, Carl H.	21	"	Somerville
	Davis, Dorothea	20	Fitzwilliam, N. H.	Concord, N. H.
May 3	Mann, John J.	26	Westford	England
	Conroy, Margaret M.	25	"	"
May 13	Marshalkervich, Nikolas	30	"	Russia
	Bobko, Fedora	26	"	"
Sept. 4	Mauti, Louis	23	Lowell	Italy
	Barretto, Filomena	19	Westford	Boston
May 15	May, Thomas E.	29	"	England
	Kelly, Elizabeth	19	"	"

MARRIAGES—Continued.

DATE	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
Dec. 2	Miller, Frank Everett	23	Westford	Westford
	Smith, Edna M.	24	Ayer	Ayer
May 20	Minka, Emilian	23	Westford	Russia
	Worobey, Evdokia	22	"	"
Nov. 11	Mondazzi, Michele	27	Lowell	Italy
	DeRocca, Angelina	20	Westford	"
Sept. 20	Olsson, John S.	21	West Chelmsford	Chelmsford
	Whitney, Stella M.	19	Westford	Westford
Nov. 11	Pivirotto, Ezzelino	36	"	Italy
	Contessa, Stella	26	Fitchburg	"
May 13	Pozniak, Tony	22	Westford	Russia
	Kulakowska, Nellie	19	"	"
May 27	Pupchik, Wasil	24	"	"
	Bilida, Parasska	22	"	"
Jan. 17	Richards, Rudolphe	25	"	Danielson, Conn.
	Langlois, Leonide (Cote)	21	"	Treviers, Canada
May 29	Russell, Robert D.	28	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
	Bicknell, Elva M.	20	Westford	Westford
July 31	Sanborn, George H.	20	"	"
	Boyd, Sarah M.	19	Lowell	Malone, N. Y.
April 30	Savage, James J.	38	Chelmsford	Westford
	Flynn, Mary E.	35	Westford	Lowell
June 3	Searles, Herbert M.	40	Lawrence	Milford, N. H.
	Fletcher, Gladys J.	27	Westford	Westford
June 10	Sedlesky, Grigory	22	"	Russia
	Horachko, Palanie	19	"	"
Aug. 19	Slabysz, Branislaw	25	"	"
	Maskevicz, Annie	20	"	"
Oct. 9	Smith, Avery B.	23	Ayer	Ayer
	Chappell, Clara E.	24	Westford	Amherst, Nova Scotia
Nov. 4	Sysko, Grygory	26	Maynard	Russia
	Talanic, Nadzia	22	Westford	"
Aug. 5	Szererneta, Paul	32	"	"
	Harbin, Mary (Mardas)	29	"	"
Jan. 30	Tarasewicz, Antony	18	"	"
	Kosteska, Aksena	18	"	"
Jan. 1	Whitney, Harry A.	21	"	Westford
	McMaster, Sadie A.	19	"	"
June 10	Wolosewicz, Frank	24	"	Russia
	Kosteczko, Kaciera	23	"	"
Oct. 7	Zacharchuk, Ewstaf	23	"	"
	Halko, Tustyna	19	"	"

Number of marriages recorded, 51.

DEATHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1916.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Years	Months	Days
Dec. 13	Abbot, John F etcher, son of John C. and Anna (Fletcher)	18	0	14
July 12	Benjamin, George	63	0	0
Jan. 17	Bicknell, Loammi C., son of Ira and Martha (Dadmun)	76	8	28
Feb. 23	Blanchard, Katie, wife of Lowell	49	7	1
Aug. 11	Burland, EllenMaud, wife of Arthur E.	50	3	3
June 24	Cantara, Hervy, son of Joseph and Eva (Milot)	0	10	20
Jan. 26	Canton, Cecile, daughter of Amide and Mary (Byron)	0	2	11
July 19	Catchpole Henry, son of Edward	61	4	17
Feb. 19	Cavanaugh, Joseph, son of William J. and Ellen (Haniatly)	5	3	14
Oct. 29	Clough, Adeline S. widow of Moza	84	7	0
March 27	Curran, William, son of William and Elizabeth	57	0	0
March 10	Davidson, James, son of James and Margaret (Lawson)	79	5	14
Oct. 29	Felch, Ann Maria, widow of John P.	72	9	0
April 21	Gagnon, Philomene M., widow of Fred	51	11	6
Jan. 16	Galusha, Richard P., son of Albert L. and Isabella (Cochran)	1	11	5
Aug. 11	Hayden Sarah A., daughter of Daniel and Calista (Baxter)	61	7	23
Feb. 5	Harty, William H. P., son of William and Mary (Ryan)	60	10	5
April 30	Healey, Mary E., daughter of Luke and Winifred (Larkin)	45	0	0
Jan. 13	Heywood, Mary E., widow of George W.	69	9	7
Jan. 21	Hildreth, Alma R., wife of Albert A.	39	3	26
April 8	Johnson, Lillian E., wife of Clas.	40	5	23
Sept. 20	Kavanagh, James B., son of John F. and Ellen (Staples)	12	0	1
Feb. 7	LeDuc, Gilbert Henry, son of Henry E. and Mary A. (Lacroix)	0	3	27
Sept. 4	LeDuc, Hyacinth, son of Edmond and Betsy (Hamlin)	66	4	25
Aug. 20	May, Daniel,	55	0	0
Oct. 14	Moran, David, son of David and Anne (Gleason)	80	0	29
Sept. 30	Paduano, Annie,	19	2	11
March 19	Peckins, Elizabeth P., widow of Fletcher.	90	1	3
Nov. 2	Perkins, Alice Eileen, daughter of John and Annie (Burchell)	0	0	18
Nov. 25	Poitras, Alfred, son of Charles and Delenia (Sicard)	25	0	0
April 18	Poznack, Pete, son of George and Kate (Salej.)	0	0	14
June 1	Prachniak, Maryana K., widow of Jacob	49	10	25
March 18	Provost, Clare E., daughter of Henry and Mary (Larkin)	7	8	25
Aug. 5	Provost, Mary P., widow of Joseph	78	11	20
Feb. 28	Raymond, Joseph, son of Vincent and Emma	35	1	3
July 19	Richardson, Joseph T., son of Sherman and Lucy (Blood)	62	3	19
Nov. 23	Ripley, Josephine E., daughter of Stearns L. and Marion (Sherburne)	62	0	0
Sept. 24	Sherman, Daniel W., son of David and Asenath (Saunders)	90	11	24
Jan. 25	Sherman, Sarah A., wife of Daniel W.	78	10	12
Dec. 11	Sullivan, Catherine A., daughter of Timothy and Margaret	24	0	21
Aug. 2	Tobie, Lucy, daughter of Richard and Betsy (Arnold)	83	8	17
March 21	Tuttle, Elizabeth M., widow of Nelson C.	62	0	9
Feb. 27	Wheat, Franklin H., son of Solomon and Deborah (Ryan)	75	11	4
April 30	Whigham, Wallace I., son of James and Ada (Cottrell)	0	1	16
Nov. 27	Wright, Susan E., widow of Kendall	79	1	6

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	24	28	52
Number of deaths in town	23	25	48
Residents of Westford	24	28	52

Note.

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record or by three or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 16.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Report on Dogs.

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR 1916.

191 Males at \$2.00.....	\$382 00
17 Females at \$5.00	85 00

Total	\$467 00
Clerk's fees, 208 licenses at 20 cents	41 60

Balance paid into County Treasury	\$425.40

Number of dogs returned by Assessors: males, 159; females, 11. Total, 170.

Number of dogs licensed: males, 191; females, 17. Total, 208.

The attention of owners and keepers of dogs is called to the following sections of Chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1914, Chapter 198, Section 4.

SECTION 128. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before the thirty-first day of March, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of April following, in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and its registered number.

SECTION 129. The owner or keeper of a dog may, at any time, have it licensed until the first day of April following; and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after the first day of April, which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog not duly licensed which becomes three months old after the thirty-first day of March in any year shall, when it is three months old, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as provided in the preceding section.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES
SINCE LAST REPORT.

Abbot Edward M. (2)	Desmond Gerald F.
Abbot John F.	Donnelly William J.
Amesbury Edwin E.	Drake Henry J.
Anctil John H.	Drew Frank C.
Anderson Andrew G.	Drew Sarah J.
Anderson William E.	Drolet Alfred (f.)
Baker Edmund	Dubey Frank
Banister Francis W.	Dureault Aime
Barretto John	Eastman A. B. M.
Bechard Henry	Edwards Charles S.
Beebe Willard H.	Eliason Lars J.
Bicknell Leroy	Elliott Matthew
Blaisdell Alvin J.	Elliott James W.
Blodgett C. A. and F. R. (f.)	Emerson Ernest C. (m. & f.)
Blodgett Della B.	Farnham William R.
Bosworth Mrs. Hilda	Farrow Iona B.
Boyle Elizabeth M.	Feeney John, Jr.
Buckshorn Fisher	Flagg Elbert H. (f.)
Burke George	Fletcher Austin D.
Burnham Arthur H.	Fletcher Harry N. (4)
Cadman G. Henry	Fletcher Henry A. (3)
Cameron Marjorie	Fletcher J. Herbert
Canton Arthur	Fletcher J. M. & J. H. (f)
Carkin Warren E.	Fletcher Walter W.
Carpentier Joseph	Flynn Ellen
Collins Frank	Foster Edith M.
Connell Harold F.	Furbush F. Russell
Coulter Samuel L.	Gates Bessie
Couture Charles E.	Gilson Levi S.
Couture Joseph L.	Gosselin Peter
Decatur Mrs. C. R. P.	Gould Horace E.
Decatur Nathaniel J.	Goupil Charles
Dechnieau John	Graves William (m. & f.)
Defoe Fred M.	Green John R.

Green Rose	McDougal Alexander
Gregory Frank	McGlinchey Michael L.
Greig David L.	McIntosh John
Griffin Charles M. (2)	McMaster John
Haley Frank L.	Meads D. H.
Hall John H.	Meloit Joseph
Hamlin Edward	Merrick John (f.)
Hanson Hilma	Merritt Flora M.
Hartford George H.	Merritt Walter J.
Hartford Hazel	Miller Frank E.
Healy James B.	Mountain Ernest G.
Healy John A.	Mountain Albert (f.)
Hemans Robert J.	Morens Alexander
Hildreth Charles L.	Murphy Henry J.
Hughes Alfred	Nelson Oscar A.
Hunt Edmund J.	O'Brien James (2 m. & 1 f.)
Hunt William	O'Brien James H.
Ingalls Harry M. (2 f.)	O'Brien James (3)
Irish George F. (m. & f.)	O'Brien John W.
Jarvis Everett P.	Page Joseph
Jasmin Arthur	Payne James H.
Jenkins Mark W.	Peno William
Johnson Clas	Perkins William
Johnson W. W.	Perkins Edward A.
Johnson Peter	Pethnelli Andrew
Jordon Alfred E.	Petterson Axel
Judd Don	Phillips Norman A.
Keefe John H.	Poitras Charles
Kendall H. M.	Polley Amos B.
Kimball George A.	Prescott Richard D.
Knight Joseph E.	Prinn Alfred
Lakin Alston H.	Pyne Eva
L'Hussier Isaac J.	Reed Mrs. H. R.
Lydiard Carl	Ryan Angeline M.
May Thomas E.	Ryan Walter G.
McDonald William O.	Sandberg August G.

Sargent James M. (2)	Symmes George E.
Sargent William F. (3)	Thompson Joseph
Seifer William (2)	Tousignant Joseph
Sherman David W. (2)	Tuttle Alfred (f.)
Sherman Warren H.	Valenges James
Shugrue Rose	Wall William L. (f.)
Shupe Perry	Wall Raymond
Simpson John T.	Walker Mrs. Sarah M.
Smith George	Wetmore V. C. Bruce (4 m. & 1 f.)
Socorelis Helen	Wheeler William H.
Spinner Elizabeth	Whitney Charles H.
Splain Elizabeth	Whitney Nathaniel
Steele Edgar F. (2)	Williams P. William
Stiles Harry S.	Wilson T. Arthur E.
Sullivan Margaret J.	Woods Everett
Sullivan James D.	Wright Frank C.
Sullivan John A.	Wright Perley E.
Sutherland Alonzo H. (f.)	Wright William E. (f.)
Swanson Carl	Wright Ruby W.
Swanson Noah	Wyman Walter W.
Sweetser Judson F.	

Annual Town Meeting, February 14, 1916

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, February 14, 1916, the following business was transacted:—

1. Herbert E. Fletcher chosen Moderator and sworn by the Town Clerk.

2. Alonzo H. Sutherland and William O. McDonald appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk, and received from him the official ballots, and gave their receipts therefor. T. Arthur E. Wilson and John M. Fletcher appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk, and took charge of the ballot box and check list, respectively. The ballot box was opened and found to be empty; the register was placed at zero.

The polls were declared open at 8 o'clock, A. M., and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2, and the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?" Upon the order of the Moderator and Town Clerk, the ballots were removed from the ballot box before the close of the polls, and Walter A. Whidden and George H. Burke were appointed by the Moderator to assist in canvassing the ballots. They were sworn by the Town Clerk.

It was voted to close the polls at 1.15 P. M.

The polls were closed at 1.15 P. M. The register stood at 258. The number of names checked upon the Ballot Clerk's list was: Males, 258; females, 0; total, 258.

The number of names checked upon the Ballot Box list was: Males, 258; females, 0; total, 258.

The number of ballots cast was: Males, 258; females, 0; total, 258.

3. Voted to accept the report of the Finance Committee as printed.

4. Voted that the report of the Selectmen be accepted as printed, with the addition of another item, as follows: "To services of Harold W. Hildreth as Clerk of the Board, \$90."

5. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.

6. Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

7. Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

8. Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed.

Voted that the unexpended balance on hand, together with the receipts from dog licenses, be appropriated, and that an additional sum of \$1,000 be raised and appropriated for the support of the Public Library.

9. Voted to accept the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200, as therein requested.

10. Voted to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

11. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. of the amount collected.

12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the repair of roads and bridges.

13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,000 for Town debts and charges.

14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the support of the poor.

15. Voted to appropriate the unexpended balance of last year, and to raise and appropriate, in addition thereto, the sum of \$10,450 for the support of the Public Schools.

16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,100 for High School purposes.

17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$750 for school textbooks and supplies.

18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$573.75 for the salary of the Superintendent of the Schools.

19. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses.

20. Voted to raise and appropriate \$970 for the destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths and elm tree beetles.

21. Voted to raise and appropriate \$450 to meet the expenses of the Fire Department.

22. Voted to raise and appropriate \$450 for the purchase of new hose and fire apparatus for the Fire Department.

23. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

24. Voted to dismiss the article.

25. Voted that a committee be chosen to investigate and report at a subsequent meeting relative to the establishment of quarters for the Fire Department at Westford Centre, including the choice of a site or sites, and the character and nature of any proposed building, and the probable costs to be incurred in constructing and equipping the same, such committee to be chosen as follows: The Board of Fire Engineers, the Board of Selectmen, and the Finance Committee each to choose one from among their

own numbers, and the Edward M. Abbot Hose Company No. 1 to choose two from among its members, the men so chosen to constitute and be said committee.

26. Voted that the report of the committee be accepted, and that said committee be authorized to light the Town Hall with electricity at an expense not to exceed \$400, and that the sum of \$400 be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

27. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen, and that the Town accept from Oscar R. Spalding a deed of land estimated to contain about five acres, the same to be used and occupied as a public dump.

28. Voted that the Board of Selectmen and three others, one of whom shall be a member of the Finance Committee, be appointed by the Moderator to investigate and report at a subsequent meeting relative to continuing lighting the streets with electricity, including the probable number of lights to be recommended and the location and cost thereof,—and such other facts, if any, as to said committee may seem pertinent. The Moderator appointed Julian A. Cameron, John M. Fletcher and Charles L. Hildreth.

29. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

30. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 as compensation for a Fish and Game Warden, in the event one is appointed for the Town.

31. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered to sell at public auction on or before May 1st next the Minot's Corner Schoolhouse, so called, situated on the southerly side of the Chelmsford Road, together with all the land owned by the Town and appurtenant thereto, estimated to contain about one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) an acre, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town a deed thereof to the highest responsible bidder.

32. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered to sell at public auction on or before May 1st next the Nabnasset Schoolhouse, so called, situated on the easterly side of the Oak Hill Road.

33. Voted to raise and appropriate \$300, and appropriate \$300 additional; \$200 to be expended in each of the three villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Westford Centre, for the construction and grading of sidewalks.

34. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 for medical inspection in the Public Schools.

35. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1916, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

36. Voted that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight, and all other taxes be payable on or before the fifteenth day of October next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after November 1st next, the Collector shall charge interest on such overdue taxes at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the fifteenth day of October preceding, and collect the same according to law. All supplementary and additional taxes assessed shall bear interest thirty days from the date a bill is sent to the debtor.

The Collector is authorized to return, at the expense of the Town, a receipted tax bill when paid.

The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Tax Collector within five days after the first day of November, and said Collector shall immediately pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received before said audit, and furthermore the Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Collector between the first and fifth days of January next, and the Collector shall immediately pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received before said audit, and the Assessors are instructed to complete the assessment of the taxes on or before July first next, and issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes, with a list of persons assessed with their places of abode, within five days after the first day of July.

37. The following named were chosen members of the Finance Committee: George T. Day, Elbert H. Flagg, Julian A. Cameron, Wesley O. Hawkes, Herbert V. Hildreth.

38. The following named were chosen by hand vote:

Field Drivers.

John Feeney, Jr.,
Clarence E. Hildreth,
Almon S. Vose.

Fence Viewers.

Charles A. Blodgett,
Edwin H. Gould,
William E. Wright.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

Willard H. Beebe,
Charles A. Blodgett,
Frank E. Charlton,
David Desmond,
Horace E. Gould,
Frank L. Haley
Isaac L. Hall,
P. Henry Harrington,

J. Austin Healey,
John A. Healy,
William W. Johnson,
Joseph E. Knight,
Michael L. McGlinchey,
Oscar R. Spalding,
Alonzo H. Sutherland,
Walter A. Whidden.

39. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 to commemorate Memorial Day.

40. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 to distribute books from the Public Library in the villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Parkerville.

41. The votes having been counted, the following were found and declared to be elected to their respective offices:

Selectman—Sherman H. Fletcher.
Assessor—Charles D. Colburn.
Overseer of the Poor—Samuel H. Balch.
Treasurer—Harwood L. Wright.
Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Auditor—Edward T. Hanley.

Constable—William L. Wall.

School Committee—Frank L. Furbush, John P. Wright.

Trustee of J. V. Fletcher Library—Charles O. Prescott.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—David L. Greig.

Tree Warden—Harry L. Nesmith.

License: Yes, 69; no, 165.

Blanks: 24.

42. Voted to reconsider the vote passed under Article 28.

Voted to amend said vote by striking out the word "three," and inserting in place thereof the word "five," so that said vote shall read as follows:

Voted that the Board of Selectmen and five others, one of whom shall be a member of the Finance Committee, be appointed by the Moderator to investigate and report at a subsequent meeting relative to continuing lighting the streets with electricity, including the probable number of lights to be recommended, and the location and cost thereof, and such other facts, if any, as to said committee may seem pertinent.

The Moderator appointed in addition to Julian A. Cameron, John M. Fletcher and Charles L. Hildreth, the following: Herbert V. Hildreth and Edward Fisher.

Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, June 29, 1916.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Thursday, June 29, 1916, the following business was transacted:

1. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen Moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

2. Voted: To accept the report of the committee.

3. Voted: That in order to secure a location for an engine house and provide quarters for the Fire Department, the Town purchase of Henry O. Keyes, at the price of twenty-three hundred dollars (\$2,300) the land and buildings thereon, containing about one-fourth of an acre, situated in Westford Centre, so called, on the northeasterly side of the Boston Road, bounded southerly by land formerly of Abel L. Davis; easterly by land formerly of John B. Fletcher; northerly by land of the Proprietors of the Union Meeting House, and westerly by said road, or however the same may be otherwise bounded or described.

4. Voted: That the committee chosen at the last annual town meeting to investigate and report relative to the establishment of quarters for the Fire Department at Westford Centre be authorized and empowered to so alter and reconstruct the old Academy Building, so called, located on said premises, as to provide a building suitable for an engine house and quarters for the Fire Department, the amount to be so expended not to exceed thirty-eight hundred dollars (\$3,800), the work of such alteration and reconstruction to be let out to contract.

5. Voted: Unanimously, that for the purpose of meeting the indebtedness to be incurred under Articles 3 and 4 to secure a location for an engine house, and provide quarters for the Fire

Department, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding sixty-one hundred dollars (\$6,100), the same to be payable in six annual instalments, the first instalment to be in the sum of eleven hundred dollars (\$1,100), and the subsequent five instalments each in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), at a rate of interest not to exceed five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and issue therefor six promissory notes, each note, except the first, which is to be for eleven hundred dollars (\$1,100), to be in the same principal sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), payable one note at the expiration of each year thereafter, each note to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

6. Voted: To accept the minutes of the meeting.
7. Voted: To dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, September 22, 1916.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the the Town House, Friday, September 22, 1916, the following business was transacted.

1. Arthur E. Day was chosen Moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

2. Voted: That the Town rescind so much of the vote passed under Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting held June 29th last, as authorized the expenditure of not exceeding thirty-eight hundred dollars (\$3,800) in altering and reconstructing the Old Academy Building, so called, and that the committee chosen under Article 25 at the last annual Town Meeting be authorized to make further investigation as to the advisability of reconstructing the Old Academy Building or erecting a new one, and report at the next annual meeting.

3. Voted: That the Town rescind the vote passed under Article 5 at the Special Town Meeting held June 29th last, whereby the Treasurer was authorized to borrow the sum of sixty-one hundred dollars (\$6,100) to meet the indebtedness therein specified.

4. Voted: Unanimously, that for the purpose of meeting the expense incurred in purchasing from Henry O. Keyes, for the location of an engine house and to provide quarters for the Fire Department, the land and buildings thereon, containing about one-fourth of an acre, located at Westford Centre, so called, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of twenty-three hundred dollars (\$2,300), the same to be payable in three annual instalments, and to issue therefor three promissory notes of the Town at a rate of interest not to exceed five per cent. per annum, payable semi-

annually; the first note to be in the principal sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800), payable in one year from the date thereof; the second in the principal sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800), payable in two years from the date thereof; the third in the principal sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700), payable in three years from the date thereof, each note to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

5. Voted: That the committee chosen under said Article 25 at the last annual Town Meeting be authorized, in behalf of the Town, to clear up the premises and dispose of the old buildings (other than the house and the Old Academy Building), and the material and refuse on the premises purchased of Henry O. Keyes, and sell and dispose of the same at private sale or public auction on or before December 1st next, and until further action of the Town be authorized to have the care and rental of the premises; and that the Town reimburse Oscar R. Spalding for the interest paid on account of money advanced for the purchase of said premises, and that the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) be appropriated from the sum already appropriated for Town debts and charges to meet the expense to be incurred hereunder.

6. Voted: To lay the Article on the table.

7. Voted: That action on this Article be deferred until the committee makes further report.

8. Voted: To take Article 6 from the table.

9. Voted: That the report of the committee be accepted, and that said committee be authorized to make further investigation and report at a subsequent meeting relative to the lighting of the streets with electricity.

10. Voted: To accept the minutes of the meeting.

11. Voted: To dissolve the meeting.

State Election, November 7, 1916.

Party designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic; P., Prohibition; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor; D. I. N. P., Democratic Independent Nomination Paper.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of votes cast	192	123	53	68	436

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Benson and Kirkpatrick (S.)	2	5	4	2	13
Hanly and Landrith (P.)	1	3	2	0	6
Hughes and Fairbanks (R.)	141	46	26	34	247
Reimer and Harrison (S. L.)	0	0	0	1	1
Wilson and Marshall (D.)	42	60	18	28	148
Blanks	6	9	3	3	21

GOVERNOR.

James Hayes of Plymouth (S. L.)	0	0	0	0	0
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston (P.)	3	5	1	0	9
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester (R.)	137	50	22	31	240
Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston (D.)	36	53	18	31	138
Dan A. White of Brockton (S.)	3	4	4	2	13
Blanks	13	11	8	4	36

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton (R.) . . .	139	60	22	34	255
Alfred H. Evans of Hadley (P.)	6	4	1	0	11
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown (S.) . .	2	5	6	2	15
Thomas J. Maher of Medford (S. L.)	0	0	0	1	1
Thomas P. Riley of Malden (D.)	31	45	15	24	115
Blanks	14	9	9	7	39

SECRETARY.

Thomas F. Brennan of Salem (S. L.)	1	4	0	0	5
Leon R. Eyges of Brookline (D.)	29	32	12	17	90
Louise Adams Grout of Boston (S.)	2	4	6	4	16
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield (R.) . . .	138	59	25	38	260
Blanks	22	24	10	9	65

TREASURER.

Charles L. Burrill of Boston (R.)	143	58	26	37	264
Frederick E. Oelcher of Peabody (S. L.) . .	0	2	0	0	2
Elam K. Sheldon of Greenfield (S.)	2	5	6	4	17
Henry W. Teague of Williamstown (D.) . .	29	39	13	19	100
Blanks	18	19	8	8	53

AUDITOR.

Joseph Bearak of Boston (S.)	2	7	5	1	15
Frank Bohmbach of Boston (S. L.)	0	1	1	3	5
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston (R.)	141	59	24	37	261
John B. N. Soulliere of Worcester (D.) . .	29	33	14	18	94
Blanks	20	23	9	9	61

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn (R.)	138	59	24	36	257
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford (D.) . .	30	41	12	19	102
Joseph Jiskra of Milford (S. L.)	0	0	1	1	2
John Weaver Sherman of Boston (S.) . . .	2	5	5	2	14
Blanks	22	18	11	10	61

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.

John F. Fitzgerald of Boston (D.)	37	52	14	27	130
Henry Cabot Lodge of Nahant (R.)	141	53	25	36	255
William W. McDonald of Northampton (S.)	2	6	5	1	14
Blanks	12	12	9	4	37

CONGRESSMAN FIFTH DISTRICT.

Roger Sherman Hoar of Concord (D.)	33	43	14	27	117
John Jacob Rogers of Lowell (R.)	145	71	31	39	286
Blanks	14	9	8	2	33

COUNCILLOR SIXTH DISTRICT.

James G. Harris of Medford (R.)	145	62	26	37	270
Blanks	47	61	27	31	166

SENATOR EIGHTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Arthur W. Colburn of Dracut (R.)	143	55	29	35	262
John T. Sparks of Dracut (D. I. N. P.)	25	40	7	19	91
Blanks	24	28	17	14	83

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Walter Perham of Chelmsford (R.)	156	67	32	38	293
Blanks	36	56	21	30	143

COUNTY COMMISSIONER MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Erson B. Barlow of Lowell (R.)	139	67	31	37	274
Blanks	53	56	22	31	162

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Frederic P. Barnes of Newton (R.)	143	55	23	34	255
H. Harding Hale of Hudson (R.)	92	43	24	21	180
Blanks	149	148	59	81	437

DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORTHERN DISTRICT.

William R. Scharton of Reading (D.) . . .	30	34	13	26	103
Nathan A. Tufts of Waltham (R.)	138	58	25	31	252
Blanks	24	31	15	11	81

CLERK OF COURTS MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

William C. Dillingham of Malden (R.) . . .	133	54	24	34	245
Blanks	59	69	29	34	191

REGISTER OF DEEDS,
MIDDLESEX NORTHERN DISTRICT.

William C. Purcell of Lowell (D.)	61	67	17	35	180
Frank K. Stearns of Lowell (R.)	115	43	24	22	204
Blanks	16	13	12	11	52

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY,
MIDDLESEX COUNTY (To fill vacancy).

Frederick M. Esty of Framingham (R.) . .	133	50	24	25	232
Timothy E. Quinn of Cambridge (D.) . .	28	36	11	17	92
Blanks	31	37	18	26	112

“Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth?”

Yes	37	32	11	17	97
No	72	29	13	16	130
Blanks	83	62	29	35	209

“Shall an act, passed by the General Court in the year 1916, to make the first day of January, known as New Year’s Day, a legal holiday, be approved and become law?”

Yes	70	52	18	22	162
No	69	31	14	19	133
Blanks	53	40	21	27	141

“Shall an act, passed by the General Court in the year 1916, entitled, ‘An act to prevent the voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another political party’ be approved and become law?”

Yes	86	45	16	18	165
No	35	28	10	16	89
Blanks	71	50	27	34	182

RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
FROM ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

	Acton	Bed- ford	Car- lisle	Chelms- ford	Little- ton	Tyngs- boro	West- ford	Total
Walter Perham of Chelms- ford (R.).....	339	194	79	743	162	134	293	1,944
Charles D. Smith (D.) ...	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
J. T. McNiff	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Louis Pfeiffer	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	93	89	34	245	64	35	143	703
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Total	433	284	113	988	227	169	436	2,650

Special Town Meeting, November 10, 1916.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Friday, November 10, 1916, the following business was transacted:

1. Herbert V. Hildreth was chosen Moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

2. Voted: That the report of the committee chosen at the last annual meeting to investigate relative to continuing lighting the streets with electricity be accepted, and that it be placed on file.

3. Voted: Unanimously, that the committee chosen at the last annual meeting to investigate and report relative to continuing lighting the streets with electricity be and hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the Town to enter into a contract or contracts with the Lowell Electric Light Corporation whereby the streets, for a period of time not extending later than July 1st next, continue to be lighted with electricity substantially under the terms of the present contract with that corporation, with the addition of such lights as the committee may determine and provide for; and whereby, for a further period of time not exceeding five years thereafter, the streets will continue to be so lighted with not exceeding 195 lights at the rate of \$18 per light per year.

The Town, during the term of this contract, shall have the right to have additional lights installed at any time upon any existing poles, now or hereafter to be erected, and further, to have "extensions," so called, made at any time during this period by placing additional lights at a distance from each then existing

light, or light to be established, not exceeding the fourth pole, in each instance the price for such light or lights to be at the rate of \$18 each per year.

The committee shall have full power and authority to act in the premises relative to any and all other terms or provisions of the contract or contracts; provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to determine the location of said lights.

4. Voted: To accept the minutes of the meeting.
5. Voted: To dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

H. L. Wright, salary	\$ 175 00
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TOWN CLERK.

Charles L. Hildreth, salary	\$ 25 00
Services attending to publication of 1916 Town Report	5 00
Making out Town Clerk's Report	5 00
Making returns of vote for Representative	2 50
Taking 3 birth affidavits at 50 cents	1 50
Recording 83 births at 50 cents	41 50
" 36 marriages at 20 cents	7 20
" 45 deaths at 20 cents	9 00
Sending 3 certified copies of death and birth returns to Tyngsboro and Lowell at 25 cents .....	.75
Postage and supplies	5 13
	\$ 102 58

SELECTMEN.

Oscar S. Spalding, salary	\$ 150 00
Sherman H. Fletcher, salary	90 00
Frank L. Furbush, salary	75 00
	\$ 315 00

CLERK FOR SELECTMEN.

Harold W. Hildreth, salary	\$ 90 00
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AUDITOR.

Edward T. Hanley, salary	\$ 35 00
Making returns to Bureau of Statistics	1 00
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	\$ 45 00

ASSESSORS.

J. Willard Fletcher, 37 days' work taking invoice and making taxes	\$ 92 50
Chas. D. Colburn, 29½ days' work taking invoice and making taxes	74 00
G. Austin Healy, 15½ days' work taking invoice and making taxes	48 75
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	\$ 215 25

TAX COLLECTOR.

Leonard W. Wheeler, collecting \$32,170.66 at 1 per cent.	\$ 421 70
American Surety Co., bond	63 44
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	\$ 485 14

CONSTABLE AND POLICE.

Wm. L. Wall, services as constable	\$ 157 87
George Reese, services as police	1 75
Geo. F. Irish, services as police	2 00
Chas. H. Pickering, services as police	5 05
A. H. Sutherland, services as police	3 60
Stephen Gardell, services as police	10 00
Frank L. Haley, services as police	4 20
John B. Gray, auto	4 00
H. W. Barnes, housing prisoners	9 50
J. A. Healy, burial of Dan May and J. Benjamin	51 00
J. A. Healy, recovering body of Raymond	9 25
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	\$ 258 22

EXPENSES FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER.

Wm. L. Wall, services	\$ 38 73
Received from fines	109 27

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Charles L. Hildreth, services as clerk	\$ 15 00
Charles L. Hildreth, attending 15 meetings	30 00
A. W. Tuttle, attending 7 meetings, 1915	14 00
A. W. Tuttle, attending 6 meetings, 1916	12 00
R. J. McCarthy attending 14 meetings	28 00
J. Everett Woods, attending 5 meetings	10 00
J. Everett Woods, certifying names, nomination papers for primaries	2 00
Alfred W. Hartford, attending 7 meetings	14 00
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	\$ 125 00

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

S. B. Watson, inspector, 1916	\$ 125 00
Received from State	62 50

INSPECTOR OF MEAT.

Emery J. Whitney	\$ 127 00
Samuel H. Balch	41 51
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	\$ 168 51

TOWN COUNSEL.

Edward Fisher, services	\$ 107 84
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PRECINCT OFFICERS.

Precinct One.

Walter J. Merritt, Warden	\$	11 00
John M. Fletcher, Clerk, 1914 to 1917		25 50
A. H. Sutherland, Inspector		2 50
Wm. O. McDonald, Inspector		6 00
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	\$	45 00

Precinct Two.

Wm. H. Beebe, Clerk	\$	4 00
Hammett D. Wright, Inspector		8 50
Joe Wall, Inspector		6 00
Albert R. Wall, Warden		10 00
Alfred Prin, Clerk		5 00
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	\$	33 50

Precinct Three.

H. G. Osgood, Inspector	\$	2 50
C. S. Edwards, Clerk		9 00
C. E. Edwards, conveying ballot box		5 50
J. O'Brien, Warden		5 00
Bernard J. Flynn, Inspector		3 50
W. A. Whidden		4 75
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	\$	30 25

Precinct Four.

John Edwards, Clerk	\$	10 00
Alvin S. Bennett, Warden		3 00
George L. Sanborn, Inspector		3 50
Albert H. Comey, Inspector		3 50
John Spinner, conveying ballot box		7 80
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	\$	27 80

HALLS FOR ELECTIONS.

J. A. Healy	\$ 3 00
Brookside Worsted Mills	5 00
Abbot Worsted Co., twice.....	8 00
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	\$ 16 00

TOWN COMMON.

Timothy Sullivan, labor	\$ 30 00
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Albert A. Hildreth, salary and extra time	\$ 107 00
Supplies	6 00
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	\$ 113 00
Amount received from fees	37 58

BOARD OF HEALTH.

By orders (see Board of Health Report)	\$ 136 96
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PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

J. Herbert Fletcher, postage	\$ 73 28
Courier-Citizen Co., town reports, bill heads, warrants, etc.	604 24
E. F. & J. A. Maker, framing map.....	2 70
P. B. Murphy, Town Clerk supplies	2 10
Parkhurst Press, Town Clerk supplies	5 00
A. W. Brownell, notices.....	1 00
Dumas & Co., order blanks	9 12
L. W. Wheeler, supplies	1 00
Wakefield Daily Item, Assessors' supplies	9 50
Hobbs & Warren, book and blanks	15 73
Carter's Ink Co., ink	1 25
H. W. Hildreth, supplies	60
Huntley S. Turner, tax blanks	18 50
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	\$ 744 02

INSURANCE.

Penn Fire Ins. Co., Library	\$ 84 00
Boston Ins. Co., Cameron School	56 10
Aetner Life Ins. Co., liability	142 50
Middlesex Ins. Co., Old Academy	7 00
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	\$ 289 60

TOWN HALL.

Chas. H. Pickering, janitor	\$ 207 96
Telephone	23 12
Fuel	192 72
Water rates	32 00
Electric lights	26 19
J. F. Mooney, repairs	5 94
Supplies	43
Wm. Sutherland, stock and labor	7 14
J. A. Healy, repairs	62 75
H. S. Stiles, stock and labor	13 20
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	47 41
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	\$ 618 86
Income from hall	140 25

STATE AID.

To Soldiers and Sailors and families of same, as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From Jan. 1, 1916 to Jan. 1, 1917	\$ 486 00
Amount due from State, \$486.00.	

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From Jan. 1, 1916 to Jan. 1, 1917	\$ 111 00
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MILITARY AID.

From Jan. 1, 1916 to Jan. 1, 1917	\$ 216 00
Amount due from State, \$108.00.	

FOREST FIRES.

H. L. Nesmith, Forest Warden	\$ 14 55
H. L. Nesmith, cash paid men	24 50
Express and freight	29
Supplies	44 01
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	\$ 83 35

GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

Joe Wall, painting signs	\$ 7 50
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BREAKING ROADS.

Labor	\$ 938 87
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LOWELL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Tuition	\$ 606 25
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UNDERTAKER.

David L. Greig & Son, funerals and permits	\$ 94 75
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

Joe Wall, stock and labor	\$ 7 40
J. D. Christie, M. D., birth returns	25
L. W. Wheeler, Clerk of Appraisers	3 00
Walter Perham, death reports	50
O. V. Wells, M. D., birth returns	5 25
W. H. Sherman, services	30 00
F. L. McCoy, Appraiser	2 00
Mrs. J. C. Knight, dinner for officers	7 00
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Amount carried forward	\$ 55 40

Amount brought forward	\$ 55 40
E. W. Prescott, services to Assessors	46 23
S. B. Smith, M. D., services	1 00
Freight and express	7 44
Prince & Son, supplies	16 05
C. F. Gettemy, services	4 00
City of Lowell, keeping prisoners	1 00
L. W. Wheeler, use of auto	2 00
F. E. Varney, M. D., birth returns	2 50
W. E. Carkin, labor	57 00
S. H. Balch, Appraiser	2 00
Edwards & Monahan Co., repairs on bridge	51 78
Chas. H. Pickering, labor	90
H. V. Hildreth, bound posts	20 40
Joseph Carpentier, blacksmith	4 85
Pratt & Forrest Co., lumber	29 80
C. M. Wainer, damages on highway	6 00
A. H. Sutherland, repairs on band stand	19 20
J. M. Farrell, selling schoolhouse	25 00
Nelson Prescott, injuries at Town Farm	31 00
G. T. Decatur, labor	4 50
Westford Water Co., rates at Keyes' house	5 00
A. W. Hartford, advertising	9 00
Geo. H. Holt, repairs on Town Pump	5 50
Wm. Wall, distributing fish	12 00
Smith & Brooks, surveying	22 00
Oscar R. Spalding, labor	39 85
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	88 31
J. A. Healy, death returns	10 00
J. A. Healy, distributing fish	25 85
George O'Brien, blacksmith	6 00
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	\$ 611 56
Total of Town debts and charges	\$7,491 54
Appropriation, \$7,000.	

MOTH DEPARTMENT.

The department has been in charge of Harry L. Nesmith, who has received \$2.50 per day, and has been paid \$1.00 per day for the use of his team and automobile. The men have been paid \$2.00 per day.

The items of expense are as follows:

Harry L. Nesmith	\$ 706 88
Harry L. Nesmith, team	282 75
Labor	1,403 75
Express and freight	4 89
E. P. Jarvis, teaming	5 00
Gasolene	23 75
Telephone	30
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	\$2,427 32

Amount received from private work	\$ 554 51
Amount to come from State	1,100 00
Net cost to Town	772 81
Appropriation, \$970.	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

By orders (see School Report)	\$17,843 66
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PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

By orders (see Commissioners' Report)	\$ 200 00
Appropriation, \$200.	

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

By orders (see Library Report)	\$1,501 66
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DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.

William Symmes	\$ 23 04
H. W. Hildreth	95 80
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	\$ 118 84

Appropriation, \$100.

MEMORIAL DAY.

By order Veteran Association	\$ 150 00
Appropriation, \$150.	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

By orders (See Report)	\$ 884 66
Appropriation, \$900.	

HYDRANTS.

Westford Water Co., 50 hydrants, 12 months	\$2,000 00
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ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Lowell Electric Light Corp.	\$3,289 44
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SIDEWALKS.

J. A. Healy, at Graniteville and Forge Village	\$ 372 36
Alex McDonald, gravel at Centre	9 00
S. H. Balch, labor	3 00
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	\$ 384 36

Raised and appropriated \$600, one-half to be paid by the abutters.

WHITNEY PLAYGROUNDS.

By orders (see Report)	\$ 569 74
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

By orders (see Report)	\$1,962 71
Appropriation, \$2,000.	

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

Alex McDonald was appointed Superintendent of Roads at a salary of \$3.00 per day. Teams have been hired at \$5.00 per day. Laborers have been paid \$2.00 per day.

The following are items of expense:

Alex McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 507 50
Teams	1,864 78
Labor	1,345 42
Gravel.....	81 10
Standard Oil Co., oiling streets	947 73
William C. Edwards, labor and teams	345 85
J. A. Healy, labor and teams	68 44
C. A. & F. R. Blodgett, labor and teams	17 96
H. E. Fletcher Co., stone dust	30 00
Gumb Bros., supplies	28 00
	<u>\$5,236 78</u>

Appropriation, \$5,000.

WIRING TOWN HALL.

L. A. Derby & Co.	\$ 301 44
Wetmore Savagle Co.	179 82
	<u>\$ 481 26</u>

Appropriation, \$400.

Due for secondhand pipe, \$21.55.

FISH AND GAME WARDEN.

Joe Wall, Warden	\$ 50 00
Appropriation, \$50.	

COMMITTEE ON FIRE HOUSE.

J. M. Farrell, selling Keyes' buildings	\$ 14 00
J. E. Knights, labor	20 05
H. O. Keyes, stone steps	38 00
H. O. Keyes, insurance policy	7 50
Oscar R. Spalding, lumber	2 50
	<u>\$ 82 05</u>

Amount ordered out for 1916, \$44,725.42.

Number of orders drawn, 857.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT LEGACY OF
COL. EDWIN D. METCALF.

On Sept. 6, 1916, the Board of Selectmen received a letter from Mr. Edwin F. Metcalf, son of the late Col. Edwin D. Metcalf, of Auburn, N. Y., notifying the Board that, under the will of his father, a legacy of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) had been left to the Town of Westford, the income of which was to be used for the preservation of the Soldiers' Monument and of the lot and curbing in connection with the same.

With this generous gift, there will be ample means to keep the Monument and grounds in excellent condition.

We herewith publish the extract from the will:

SURROGATE'S COURT—CAYUGA COUNTY—NEW YORK.

In the matter of the will
of

EDWIN D. METCALF,
deceased,

.....

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN THE TOWN OF WESTFORD,
MASSACHUSETTS.

GENTLEMEN:

The trust provisions of the will of deceased in relation to the specific legacy of Erie Railroad Bonds to your Corporation are quoted from the will as follows:

"11th. I give and bequeath to the office of, or Board of Selectmen of the Town of Westford, Massachusetts, Two (2) Certain Convertible Four Per Cent. Bonds in the Erie Railroad

Company of the denomination of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each, in trust, however, to and for the following uses and purposes, viz.: to expend the income to be derived from the same, each year, for the preservation of the Soldiers' Monument erected at Westford, Massachusetts, to the memory of my father, Lieutenant William Metcalf, and of the lot and curbing in connection with the same."

"I direct that these Erie Railroad Bonds be held, in each case, in trust to their maturity, and when collected at such time, the proceeds of such collection to be re-invested, so far as practicable, into other railroad bonds, which will produce, at least, the same amount of income."

Amount received 6 months' interest, \$80.00.

The following are the items of expense:

Timothy Sullivan, labor	\$15 00
G. W. Howe, cleaning monument	35 00
Wreath	2 00
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	\$52 00

PERAMBULATION OF THE BOUNDARY LINES
BETWEEN WESTFORD AND THE
ADJOINING TOWNS.

Under the Revised Laws, the Selectmen are obliged once in five years to perambulate the boundary lines between the adjoining towns, the Selectmen of the oldest incorporated town to give notice to the adjoining town. The following are the dates when this was done:

Nov. 18, 1916. Tyngsboro and Westford.

Nov. 25, 1916. Acton and Westford.

Nov. 28, 1916. Groton and Westford. The bound on Clay Pit Hill was found broken. Groton and Westford are to replace with a new bound, each town to pay one-half the expense.

Dec. 2, 1916. Littleton and Westford.

Dec. 9, 1916. Carlisle and Westford.

All the bounds were found in good condition except the one noted.

Chelmsford being the oldest incorporated town, no notice was received, and was not perambulated. The last perambulation, according to our town records, was in 1909.

The following are boundary lines of the Town of Westford and of the adjoining towns:

WESTFORD AND CHELMSFORD.

1. Bounds between Chelmsford, Westford and Tyngsboro, in Tyngs Meadow, so called, stone bound marked C. W. T. about $\frac{1}{3}$ mile north of Dunstable Road.

2. Thence south about 5° east to stone bound marked C. W. on southerly side of Dunstable Road, opposite house of Isaac B. Hall.

3. Thence east about 5° south to stone bound marked W. C. on edge of land owned by John Marinel, formerly of Robert B. Chamberlain, bound being at corner of wall in sprout land close to a large white oak tree.

4. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. on ledge in sprout land of Dr. Edwards' Estate about 15 rods north of Pond Hole. Stone bound lies horizontal on top of ledge, bound being set in pile of stones. Said bound is in a direction about north 5° east from ledge of H. E. Fletcher & Co., about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distant and about 40 rods north of isolated large oak tree, which divides Fletcher and Edwards' land.

5. Thence south 5° east, about 30 rods north of bound stone on northerly side of Groton Road, said bound stone is on wood land now or formerly owned by George MacIntire, said bound stone is marked W. C. and stands 2 ft. high.

6. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. on northerly side of Groton Road.

7. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. on northerly side of Main St., West Chelmsford, adjacent to land of John J. Monahan.

8. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. on opposite or southerly side of Main St., adjacent to land of Joseph Marshall.

9. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. between land of Andrew Quist and Joseph Marshall about 11 rods north of Stony Brook.

10. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. on northerly side of Westford and Lowell Road or New Road at line between W. C. Edwards and Andrew J. Quist east of the Ella T. Wright Place, formerly owned by Levi T. Fletcher.

11. Thence due south to opposite or southerly side of New Road at land of Ella T. Wright.

12. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. on southerly side of the old Keyes Road, adjacent to land of Mrs. Boynton, near line of land belonging to Robert Fletcher Estate.

13. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. on northerly side of old Chelmsford and Westford Road at land of H. G. Osgood.

14. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. on land owned by Joseph E. Sargent, about 20 rods east from his barn.

15. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. on northerly side of road leading from the Joseph E. Sargent Place to the John Sheehan Place at land of Joseph E. Sargent.

16. Thence south 5° east to stone bound marked W. C. at land formerly of I. and I. T. Adams, bound being on south-easterly side of road leading from Chamberlain's Corner to South Chelmsford.

17. Thence due south to stone bound marked W. C. on opposite or northwesterly side of said road.

18. Thence due south to stone bound marked W. C. on westerly side of said road about 50 rods south of the I. and I. T. Adams Place.

19. Thence due south about 200 ft. to stone bound marked W. C. on opposite or easterly side of said road.

20. Thence due south to stone bound marked W. C. on easterly side of said road at land now or formerly of Chas. M. Fish.

21. Thence due south about 200 ft. to stone bound marked W. C. on land of Oscar R. Spalding, formerly land of John Ward.

22. Thence due south to stone bound marked W. C. on southerly side of Littleton Road at land formerly of Chas. M. Fish.

23. Thence south about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to stone bound marked W. C. on sprout land of Chas. M. Fish, formerly of Geo. O. Byam, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile northwest of house now or formerly of Chas. M. Fish, about 30 ft. north of cart path.

24. Thence due south to stone bound marked W. C. on northerly side of Pond Plain Road at land of Chas. M. Fish.

25. Thence due south to stone bound marked W. C. on land now owned by Oscar R. Spalding and Estate of Daniel Gage, said bound is about 65 rods north of stone bound on Acton Road that stands near Railroad close to private crossing.

26. Thence due south to stone bound marked W. C. on westerly side of Acton Road near railroad, close to private crossing.

27. Thence due south to stone bound marked W. C. C., being the bound between Chelmsford, Westford and Carlisle, on land of Warren H. Blaisdell, east of house of Warren Sweetser, said bound is in sprout land about 60 ft. north of cart path, leading from old location of Burnh am Smith Place to Carlisle Road, said bound being about 200 ft. east of cleared land formerly of Burnham Smith.

WESTFORD AND TYNGSBORO.

Beginning at a stone post marked G. W. T. on Millstone Hill, so called, being the corner bound between the Towns of Groton, Westford and Tyngsboro; thence north $65\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ east 1,500 rods to a stone post marked G. W. T. in Tyngs Meadow, being the corner bound between Chelmsford, Westford and Tyngsboro.

WESTFORD AND GROTON.

Beginning at a stone post marked G. W. T. on Millstone Hill in wall running north and south from George Nutting's to J. W. Blodgett's and at junction of wall running northeast, being the corner bound between Groton, Westford and Tyngsborough; thence south 10° west 186 rods to a stone post marked G. W. near the house of Josiah W. Blodgett; thence south $12\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ west 386 rods to a stone post marked G. W. on the east side of Clay Pit Hill; thence south 12° west 252 rods to a stone post marked G. W. near the old cellar hole of a house formerly occupied by Elnathan Brown; thence south $10\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ west 49 rods 20 links to the shore of Forge Pond, and in the same course to a heap of stones in said pond, being the corner bound between the Towns of Groton, Littleton and Westford.

WESTFORD AND LITTLETON.

Beginning at a stone post marked L. W. A. in the woodland now or formerly of Simeon Tuttle, being the bound between Littleton, Westford and Acton; thence northwesterly about 65 rods to a stone post marked L. W. in the wall about 10 rods from corner of said wall with another wall running easterly at land now or formerly of David Hanley and land of Thomas Manion; thence northwesterly about 25 rods on said wall to a stone post in said wall marked L. W. at land of Thomas J. Manion and now or formerly owned by Lapham heirs; thence about 175 rods northwesterly to a stone post marked L. W. on side hill by the fence on land now or formerly of John Daily and Varnum Flagg; thence northwesterly about 110 rods to a stone post marked L. W. on the east side of the road about 30 rods from Nashoba Hill, opposite the house of Murphy Brothers; thence running northwesterly over Nashoba Hill to a stone post marked L. W. on the south side of the Littleton and Lowell Road at land now or formerly of Asa Manning and land now or formerly of Asaph B. Cutter; thence northwesterly to a stone post marked L. W. on land now or formerly of Lewis Stone near a white oak tree standing on the corner of the wall; thence northwesterly to a stone post marked L. W. on land of Daniel G. Houghton, opposite to land of Marshall Brown; thence northerly to a stone post marked L. W. on the southerly side of Forge Pond about 1 rod from the shore on land of Charles Dodge; thence westerly across Forge Pond to a pile of stone in said pond near the shore at land of Stony Brook R. R. Co., being the extreme northwesterly bound and marked as by law required, except bound in Forge Pond.

WESTFORD AND ACTON.

Beginning at a stone post marked W. C. A., being the corner bound between Westford, Carlisle and Acton; thence south $76\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ west 50 rods to a stone post marked W. A.; thence south $75\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ west 48 rods to a rock with stones upon it, called the Parlin bound;

thence the same course 117 rods to a stone post marked W. A. on the west side of deep hollow; thence south 76° west 65 rods to a stone post marked W. A.; thence the same course $77\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stone post marked W. A. on the west side of the road; thence the same course 78 rods to a stone post marked W. A. near some pine trees; thence north $44\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ west $35\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a rock marked W. A. with stones upon it near two pine trees called Cat Head Rock; thence 45° west 61 rods to a stone post marked W. L. A., being the corner bound between Westford, Littleton and Acton.

WESTFORD AND CARLISLE.

Beginning at a stone post marked C. W. C. near old location of Mrs. J. B. Smith's Place, 55 feet north of centre of wood road and 1,500 feet east of junction of Acton and Vose Roads, being the corner bound between Chelmsford, Westford and Carlisle; thence south 4° east 250 rods to a stone post marked W. C. south-easterly slope of hill about 3 feet south of old oak stump with rocks piled around it 170 feet west of cart path on land now or formerly of Clarence Nickles; thence south 76° west 181 rods to a stone post marked W. C. easterly of the house formerly of Wm. Dupee, near the Boston Road; thence south 74° west 90 rods to a stone post marked W. C. A. on land of Edward Moses, south-westerly from said Dupee house, being the corner bound between Westford, Carlisle and Acton.

COPY OF CONTRACT ENTERED INTO THROUGH THE
STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE, SO CALLED, ON
BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD WITH THE
LOWELL ELECTRIC LIGHT CORPORATION.

Your committee made a report in writing at the Special Town Meeting, held Nov. 10th last, and, under a vote of the Town, this report was accepted and placed on file with the Town Clerk, and, as a result of that report and the action of the Town, the following contract was entered into.

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 27th day of December A. D. nineteen hundred and sixteen by and between The Lowell Electric Light Corporation, a corporation duly established by law and doing business in Lowell in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereinafter called the Electric Company, party of the first part, and the Town of Westford in the said County and Commonwealth, hereinafter called the Town, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH:

That the Electric Company, in consideration of the agreements herein made by the Town, agrees with the Town as follows:

FIRST:—*Number of Lamps.*

Said Electric Company will furnish said Town during the term of this contract not less than one hundred and ninety-five (195) forty (40) candle power Tungsten street lamps; one hundred and forty (140) of said lamps to be retained in their present locations, and fifty-five (55) of said lamps to be located at such new points along the streets and highways of said Town as may be designated by the Board of Selectmen of said Town, subject

to pole locations to be granted; provided, however, that said fifty-five (55) new lamps shall be so located as to come within the existing street lighting system in said Town, or if located beyond the limits of said existing system, shall be so located as not to require the erection by the Electric Company of more than four new poles to each new lamp.

SECOND:—*Additional Lamps.*

From time to time during the continuance of this contract, the Electric Company will install such additional lamps as the Selectmen of said Town shall request; provided, however, that such additional lamps shall be so located by said Selectmen as to come within the then existing street lighting system in said Town, or if located beyond the limits of said then existing system, shall be so located as not to require the erection by the Electric Company of more than four new poles to each additional lamp.

THIRD:—*Period of Contract.*

This contract is for a period of five (5) years, said term to begin as soon as said Electric Company shall have in operation a total of one hundred and ninety-five (195) lamps, but in no event later than July first, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

FOURTH:—*Hours of Burning.*

Said lamps shall be operated continuously each and every night during the term of this contract from thirty minutes after sunset until thirty minutes after twelve o'clock midnight. Said lamps shall also be operated from November twelfth of each year until March fourth of the next succeeding year, from 5.30 A. M., until one-half hour before sunrise. The time of sunset and sunrise to be determined by the "Old Farmers' Almanac," or by such other standard as may be agreed upon by the parties hereto.

FIFTH:—*Indemnity to Town.*

Said Electric Company will indemnify and save harmless said Town from any and all loss, cost or damage that it may suffer by reason of any infringement suits, or by reason of any infringe-

ment of any patent right in the use of said lamps, or the apparatus, fixtures, machinery or methods connected or used in connection therewith, and from all claims, liability or demands that shall be caused by the erection, maintenance or use of said lamps or of the poles, wires, appliances, or apparatus connected therewith, or from any defect therein, or by negligence or carelessness of said Electric Company, its agents or servants in the operation or management of said lamps.

If said Town shall relocate any of the street lamps operated under this agreement, the cost of the labor shall be paid by said Town, but not the cost of the materials or other expenses in making such change.

SIXTH:—Free Use of Poles by Town.

The Town shall have the right to place its fire alarm and police telegraph wires, occupying one gain only, on any and all of the poles erected for said street lighting service free of charge to said Town, the position of said wires on the poles to be in accordance with standard practice adopted for this class of construction.

SEVENTH:—Price.

Said Town agrees to pay said Electric Company during the months of November, nineteen hundred and sixteen, to June nineteen hundred and seventeen, inclusive (whether or not the five year period mentioned in paragraph third shall have begun to run), the sum of not less than one-twelfth of Thirty-two Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$3,290) per month. During said time no monthly bill shall exceed this amount unless the total number of lamps furnished when billed at the rate of one-twelfth of Eighteen Dollars (\$18) monthly for each lamp shall together make a total monthly bill in excess of one-twelfth of Thirty-two Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$3,290), in which case the Town shall also pay such excess.

Beginning July 1, 1917, and during the remainder of the five-year period of this contract, the Town agrees to pay the

Electric Company a sum of not less than Two Hundred Ninety-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$292.50) per month, and no monthly bill shall exceed this amount unless the total number of lamps furnished when billed at the rate of one-twelfth of Eighteen Dollars (\$18) monthly for each lamp shall, together, make a total monthly bill in excess of Two Hundred Ninety-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$292.50), in which case the Town shall also pay such excess.

EIGHTH:—Maintenance of Lines and Fixtures.

In case any authorized agent of the Town shall deem any lamp posts, supporting posts or apparatus connected with the lamps or lines to be in a dangerous condition, he shall serve written notice on the Electric Company, stating the defects and requirements. If, within a reasonable time after receipt of such written notice, the Electric Company fails to remedy these defects in a safe and proper manner, then the said Town, by its authorized agents, may make the necessary repairs, alterations and changes, and recover therefor from said Electric Company, or it may deduct necessary expense thereof from any sums thereafter coming due said Electric Company from said Town.

NINTH:—Cancellation of Existing Contract.

Upon the execution and delivery of this contract, the former contract between the parties hereto, dated June 21, 1911, shall become null and void, except that any cause of action thereunder, whether for payment of money or otherwise, which shall have accrued before the termination thereof, shall not be affected by the termination of said contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said The Lowell Electric Light Corporation has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed in its name and behalf by its President, and attested by its Clerk, thereunto duly authorized, and the said Town of Westford has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed in its

name and behalf by: Oscar R. Spalding, Sherman H. Fletcher, Frank L. Furbush, Charles L. Hildreth, Julian A. Cameron, John M. Fletcher, Herbert V. Hildreth, Edward Fisher, its Committee, created and authorized to execute this agreement at the Town meeting held in Westford, November 10, 1916.

This agreement is signed and executed in duplicate.

THE LOWELL ELECTRIC LIGHT CORPORATION,

By A. STUART PRATT,

President.

Attest:

Corporation Seal

WILLIAM T. CRAWFORD,

Clerk.

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

By OSCAR R. SPALDING,

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,

FRANK L. FURBUSH,

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

JULIAN A. CAMERON,

JOHN M. FLETCHER,

HERBERT V. HILDRETH,

EDWARD FISHER,

Town Seal

Committee.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,

FRANK L. FURBUSH,

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,

Selectmen of Westford.

List of Jurors Prepared by the Selectmen of Westford.

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Abbot, Edward M.	Manufacturer	Westford
Amesbury, Edwin E.	Farmer	Westford
Balch, Samuel H.	Retired	Westford
Bicknell, Fred H.	Farmer	Westford
Burnham, Arthur H.	Farmer	Westford
Conant, Goldsmith	Farmer	Westford
Danio, Thomas E.	Station Agent	Graniteville
Defoe, Fred M.	Station Agent	Graniteville
Edwards, John	Machinist	Forge Village
Fletcher, Harry M.	Granite Dealer	Graniteville
Gregory, Frank	Weaver	Littleton Common
Hartford, George H.	Farmer	Westford
Kimball, George A.	Farmer	Westford
Lundberg, Axel G.	Monument Dealer	Westford
Lydiard, Carl H.	Farmer	Westford
McCoy, Fred L.	Farmer	Westford
Polley, Amos B.	Farmer	Westford
Prescott, Benjamin R.	Machinist	Westford
Prescott, Richard D.	Farmer	Forge Village
Sanborn, George L.	Station Agent	Forge Village
Sargent, William F.	Machinist	Graniteville
Simpson, John T.	Farmer	Westford
Spinner, John	Janitor	Forge Village
Sullivan, William T.	Farmer	Westford
Sweetser, Warren P.	Farmer	Westford
Whitney, Emory J.	Retired	Westford
Wright, Carl G.	Farmer	Westford
Wright, Frank C.	Farmer	Westford

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Mass., January 11, 1917.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1916:

We are very sorry to report that there have been many more cases of contagious diseases this year than in the year previous. Measles and Whooping Cough seem to have been the most prevalent.

We wish especially to caution the teachers in the various schools, to keep strict watch of their pupils, and if they show any signs or symptoms of contagious diseases to notify the school physician, and if on examination he should find the pupil affected with a contagious disease, to notify the parents and Board of Health at once. The parents after receiving the required notice from the school physician, should act promptly in trying to keep the disease from spreading.

The Board of Health finds that seventy-five per cent. of the contagious diseases are reported during the school period.

We desire every family in the town to co-operate with the physicians and Board of Health in doing all that is possible to eradicate contagious diseases.

Number of contagious and infectious diseases reported for the year of 1916:

	Number	Deaths
Whooping Cough	34	3
Measles	17	
Typhoid Fever	2	
Mumps	2	
Scarlet Fever	3	
Tuberculosis	3	
Chicken Pox	1	
Infantile Paralysis	2	1

ITEMS OF EXPENSE.

Frank L. Furbush, services as Chairman	\$ 30 00
Albert A. Hildreth, Agent	31 00
O. V. Wells, M. D., services	23 00
C. B. Coburn & Co., supplies	5 55
North Reading State Sanatorium	45 71
S. H. Balch, services	1 70
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	\$136 96

Respectfully submitted by

FRANK L. FURBUSH, Chairman.

Westford Water Company.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

1916.

Jan.	1	Balance	\$84,473 33
March	1	Supplies	\$ 77 97
March	27	Labor	80 63
April	8	Pump, etc.	2,413 15
May	29	Teaming	34 94
June	19	Supplies	36 42
July	15	Motors	678 02
July	15	Supplies	2 96
July	15	Labor	17 05
July	25	Pipe	289 00
Aug.	7	Supplies	16 70
Sept.	2	Freight	27 97
Sept.	8	Supplies	47 60
Sept.	8	Hydrant	30 00
Sept.	25	Pipe	534 85
Sept.	27	Lead	81 54
Sept.	29	Freight	6 35
Oct.	23	Supplies	35 00
Oct.	26	Labor	239 47
Oct.	30	Teaming	3 00
Nov.	7	Lead	71 16
Nov.	11	Supplies	47 58
Nov.	11	Labor	27 60
Nov.	13	Expense	4 75
Dec.	2	Wiring	58 50
Dec.	11	Supplies	33 75
			\$4,895 96

Total cost of construction to January 1, 1917

\$89,369 29

A STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FROM JANUARY 1, 1916, TO JANUARY 1, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

Water Rates.

50 hydrants	\$2,000 00	
Town Hall	32 00	
Library	28 00	
Schools	222 00	
Town Farm	50 00	
Subscribers	6,710 11	
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EXPENSES.

Interest account net	\$1,563 16	
Taxes	190 25	
Expense account	957 94	
Fuel	82 24	
Wages	1,450 00	
Supplies	147 14	
Electric power	1,134 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,524 73

Net profit for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916 \$3,517 38

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,
Treasurer.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

WESTFORD, MASS., January 9, 1917.

Then personally appeared Charles O. Prescott and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Supply System to January 1, 1917, and of the receipts and expenditures of the Westford Water Company from January 1, 1916 to January 1, 1917, before me.

JOHN M. FLETCHER,
Notary Public.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916



LOWELL, MASS.,
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS,
1917.

Library Report.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit their annual report for 1916, together with the Report of the Librarian.

The Trustees ask for the following appropriations, viz.:

1. The sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to meet current expenses.
2. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1916.

JULIAN A. CAMERON, Chairman,
JOHN P. WRIGHT, Secretary,
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
From Dog Licenses, 1915	51 26	
	<hr/>	\$1,051 26

EXPENDITURES.

Mary P. Bunce, Librarian	\$ 417 69	
Charles H. Pickering, Janitor	193 68	
Telephone	18 42	
Wright & Fletcher, coal.....	184 18	
Labor	13 40	
Electric light	40 93	
Supplies	42 79	
Express	10 22	
Cleaning	51 20	
Water rates	28 00	
Art Club.....	6 00	
Substituting	14 00	
Furniture	30 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,051 26

AMOUNT OF FUNDS.

Legacy of Stephen S. Stone	\$1,000 00	
Legacy of Augustus K. Fletcher	1,000 00	
Legacy of Mary A. Henarie, Laws Fund ..	1,000 00	
Legacy of John M. Osgood	1,000 00	
Legacy of Jennie Reed Wilkins	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,150 00

BOOK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1916.....	\$168 11	
From Dog Licenses, 1915	310 54	
Stone Fund, income	40 00	
Fletcher Fund, income.....	40 00	
Laws Fund, income	40 00	
Osgood Fund, income	40 00	
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		\$638 65

EXPENDITURES.

Old Corner Book Store, books	\$173 44	
Magazines	102 25	
Books, charts, etc.	15 50	
F. J. Barnard, binding	19 21	
L. A. Wells, binding	20 50	
Marshall & Crosby, bookcase, etc.	119 50	
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		\$450 40
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$188 25

Report of the Librarian.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY:

The report of the Library for the year ending December 31, 1916, is herewith presented.

Once more it is a pleasure to report that the gifts received have proved a pleasant and helpful feature of the year's work.

Mr. Julian A. Cameron has continued his kindness of past years, giving just one hundred volumes, mostly of current fiction. These have added much to the pleasure of the readers.

When the Agricultural Extension School closed, last winter, a small sum of money remained in the hands of the Treasurer. This was given to the Library for the purchase of books on agriculture and domestic economy. Twenty-two volumes were selected, covering a large variety of subjects.

A very rare and interesting document has been presented to the Library by Miss Mary A. Tenney of Roxbury. It contains the signatures of more than two hundred citizens of Westford to a "Solemn League and Covenant," dated 1774. One of Miss Tenney's ancestors lived in Westford, and the paper has been treasured in the family until this time, when she very generously returns it to us.

Another valuable gift is a finely preserved map of Westford, from the survey made by Mr. Edward Symmes for the Town, 1853 to 1855. This was presented by Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher, and has been framed.

The most recent addition is an unusually large and handsome mounted head of a moose which was shot by Mr. Edward Fisher in Nova Scotia. Mr. Fisher loans this to the Library for an indefinite time.

Just one hundred and twenty years ago, in 1797, a group of people in Westford formed what was called a "Social Library," supported by individual subscriptions. This became, in after years, the nucleus of our public library, and some of these old books still remained upon our shelves. It was decided to place them by themselves as a reminder of the early days of the library movement. Over one hundred volumes were found, and they have been put in a fine oak case, made for them by Marshall & Crosby of Lowell. It is an interesting collection, and shows what our townspeople were reading at a time when books were not as common as they are now.

The work of the Library has been similar to that reported in past years. Owing to the prevalence of contagious diseases, the circulation among the children, particularly in the schools, has been a little less than last year.

The increase in the number of magazines loaned indicates that they are much appreciated by all. Nearly two thousand copies were circulated, which is considerably more than in any preceding year. All except current numbers may be borrowed, and the list for the coming year is as follows:

WEEKLIES.

Independent	Scientific American
Leslie's Weekly	Westford Wardsman
Littell's Living Age	Youth's Companion
Saturday Evening Post	

MONTHLIES.

A. L. A. Book List	Century
American	Countryside
Annals	Delineator
Atlantic Monthly	Garden Magazine
Book Review Digest	Good Housekeeping
Boys' Life	Harper's Monthly

MONTHLIES—CONTINUED.

House Beautiful	Popular Mechanics
John Martin's Book	Popular Science Monthly
Journal of Home Economics	Public Libraries
Life	Reader's Guide
Little Folks	Review of Reviews
Munsey	Saint Nicholas
Musical American	Scientific Monthly
Needlecraft	Scribner's
Normal Instructor	Something to Do
North American Review	Travel
Outing	Woman's Home Companion
Pictorial Review	World's Work

PERIODICALS GIVEN.

Christian Register	From The Woman's Alliance
Christian Science Monitor	“ Estate of Mary Baker Eddy
Congressional Record	“ Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher
International Conciliation	“ American Association
Journal of Zoophily	“ The Publishers
Ladies' Home Journal	“ Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler
National Geographic	“ Mrs. E. G. Smead, Los Angeles
Our Dumb Animals	“ The Publishers
Outlook	“ Mr. Charles O. Prescott
Rural New Yorker	“ Mr. George T. Day
Scientific American Supplement	“ Mr. Julian A. Cameron
Woman's Journal	“ The Publishers

PICTURE EXHIBITS.

Buckingham Palace; South America; the Lancaster Pageant; Iron and Steel; War in Europe, two sets; Algiers; German Color Prints; French Chateaux; Kashmir; Furniture; Verona; Markets of the World; American Artists; Baby Beasts.

NAMES OF DONORS, 1916.

- Agricultural Extension School, twenty-two volumes.
 American Jewish Committee, one volume.
 Buckshorn, Rev. Louis H., nine pamphlets.
 Cameron, Mr. Julian A., one hundred volumes.
 Carey, Mr. Arthur A., author, one volume.
 Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, one volume.
 Courtney, Miss Eva, a curio.
 Day, Mr. George T., one volume.
 Day, Mrs. George T., two volumes, six pamphlets, curios.
 Decater, Mr. Charles W., Roseville, Cal., Mexican pictures.
 Fisher, Judge Frederick A., a photograph.
 Fletcher, Mr. Sherman H., an early map of Westford.
 Frantzius, Fritz von, three volumes.
 Furbush, W. C., U. S. S. New Jersey, picture.
 Isles, Mrs. Phonsie, two volumes.
 Kimball, Mrs. James L., a curio.
 Law, Miss Mary E., Nashua, pictures.
 Lawrence, Miss Grace, a framed picture.
 Mansfield, Mr. Horace, Stoneham, a curio.
 Mass. New-Church Union, one volume.
 Matthews, Mr. Albert, Boston, pamphlets.
 Maxim, Mr. Hudson, one volume.
 Merritt, Mr. Walter J., one volume.
 National Canner's Association, one volume.
 New England Hist. and Genealogical Society, ten volumes.
 N. Y. General Education Board, one volume.
 Parker, Sir Gilbert, collection of pamphlets.
 Rafter, Mr. James W., two volumes.
 Railway News Bureau, one volume.
 Review of Reviews Co., one volume.
 Stevens, Miss Mary G., Lowell, one volume.
 Stevens, Mrs. Charles W., Nashua, a plant.
 Stiles, Mr. Harry S., thirteen volumes.
 Tenney, Miss Mary A., Roxbury, a valuable document and
 pamphlet concerning the same.
 Wallace, Rev. David, two curios.

Annual reports have been exchanged with a large number of public libraries.

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation of bound volumes.	12,250
Volumes loaned at the Library	9,318
Volumes sent to Graniteville	1,056
Volumes sent to Forge Village	1,403
Volumes sent to Parkerville	473
Circulation in the Children's Department	4,371
Volumes loaned through the schools	846
Periodicals loaned	1,992

ACCESSIONS.

Volumes added by purchase	183
Volumes added by gift	162
Volumes received from the State	13
Volumes received from the U. S.	7
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Total number of volumes added	365
Number of volumes in the Library	16,139

FINES.

Cash on hand from last year	\$22 16
Fines received	27 73
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	\$49 89
Paid for supplies	43 55
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Balance	\$ 6 34

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED, 1916.

Adams, Charles Francis. An autobiography	B—A2115.2
Aldrich, Mildred. Hilltop on the Marne	940.9—A
Anderson, Isabel W. Spell of Belgium	914.93—A
Bancroft, Jessie H., and Pulvermacher, W. D. Handbook of athletic games	797—B
Barr, Amelia E. Three score and ten	B—B268.1
Beach, S. A. Apples of New York. 2 volumes. Illustrated	634—B4
Benson, Arthur C. Hugh; memoirs of a brother . .	B—B474
Beowulf. Translated out of the Old English by C. B. Tinker	829—B1
Bergson, Henri L. Meaning of the war	940.9—B1
Bishop, Farnham. Story of the submarine.	623.9—B
Blackford, Katherine M. Analyzing character . . .	174—B
Botsford, George W., and Sihler, E. H. Hellenic civilization	938—B2
Brackett, Charles A. Care of the teeth	617.6—B
Buell, Jennie. One woman's work for farm women. The life of Mary A. Mayo	B—M473
Cammaerts, Émile. Belgian poems	841—C
Carey, Arthur A. Scout law in practice	367—C
Chalmers, Stephen. The beloved physician, Ed- ward Livingston Trudeau	B—T866.3
Corbett, Lee C. Garden farming	635—C
Cram, Ralph Adams. Gothic quest	723.5—C
Heart of Europe	914—C7
Cramp, Helen. Institute cook book	641—C2
Dame, L. L., and Brooks, H. Handbook of the trees of New England	582—D
Day, George E. Productive swine husbandry . . .	636—D1
Denys, Frederick W. Our summer in the Vale of Kashmir	915.46—D
Doubleday, Mrs. N. B. (Neltje Blanchan). Ameri- can flower garden	716—B2
Nature's Garden	580—D

Eberlein, Harold D. Architecture of Colonial America	728—E
Eckles, Clarence H. Dairy cattle and milk production	636—E
Epler Percy H. Life of Clara Barton	B—B293.1
Farwell, Parris T. Village improvement	710—F
Favor, E. H. Fruit grower's guide book	634—F2
Fitch, Albert Parker. College course and preparation for life	378—F1
Foster, Agnes. Making curtains and hangings ...	645—F
Fraser, John F. Russia of today	914.7—F
Fullerton, Edith L. How to make a vegetable garden	635—F1
Graves, Henry S. Principles of handling wood lands	634—G
Hay, Ian, pseud. The first hundred thousand ...	940.9—H1
Hill, David J. People's government	320.1—H
Holt, Luther E. Care and feeding of children ...	649—H1
Husband, Joseph. America at work	604—H
Hyde, William D. Gospel of goodwill	240—H1
Jewish Committee, American. Jews in the Eastern war zone	940.9—J
Johnson, Clifton. Highways and byways of New England	917.4—J1
Keeler, Harriet L. Our early wild flowers	580—K
Kinne, Helen, and Cooley, A. M. Shelter and clothing	640—K1
Kipling, Rudyard. France at war	940.9—K1
Koebel, William H. The South Americans	918—K1
Kreisler, Fritz. Four weeks in the trenches ...	940.9—K
Lauriat, Charles E., Jr. Lusitania's last voyage ..	940.9—L
Lincoln, Mary J., and Barrows, Anna. Home science cook book	641—L
Lloyd-George, David. Through terror to triumph	940.9—L1
MacBrayne, L. E., and Ramsay, J. P. One more chance	364—M

MacKaye, Percy W. New citizenship	793—M2
McCall, Samuel W. Liberty of citizenship	323—M1
McCormick, William. Fishers of boys	173—M3
McCullough, Ernest. Practical surveying	526.9M
McFarland, J. Horace. My growing garden	716—M
McKeever, William A. Farm boys and girls	173—M2
Marriott, J. A., and Robertson, C. G. Evolution of Prussia	943—M1
Mikels, Rosa M. R. Short stories for high schools	808.3—M
Moulton, Leonard B., ed. Short stories	808.3—M1
Muir, John. Travels in Alaska	917.98—M
Nesbitt, Florence. Low cost cooking	641—N2
Page, Victor W. Automobile repairing made easy	629.1—P1
Model T Ford car	629.1—P
Painton, Edith F. Commencement manual	808.5—P3
Parker, Thomas D. Naval handbook	359—P
Parsons, Henry G. Children's gardens	716—P1
Pennell, Elizabeth R. Nights	B—P413
Powell, E. Alexander. Vive la France	940.9—P1
Purinton, Edward E. Efficient living	170—P4
Rankin, H. A., and Brown, F. H. Simple art applied to hand work	745—R
Richards, Ellen H. Cost of living	640—R1
Richards, Laura E., and others. Julia Ward Howe. 2 volumes	B—H856.1
Richardson, N. E., and Loomis, O. E. Boy Scout movement applied by the church	367—R
Rinehart, Mary Roberts. Kings, queens and pawns	940.9—R
Through Glacier Park	917.86—R
Roberts, Isaac P. Autobiography of a farm boy	B—R645
Rolland, Romain. Michelangelo; tr. by F. Street	B—B944.3
Roosevelt, Theodore. Fear God and take your own part	327—R
Root, A. I. and E. R. A B C and X Y Z of bee culture	638—R
Ruhl, Arthur B. Antwerp to Gallipoli	940.9—R1

Sargent, Porter E. Handbook of New England . . .	917.4—S
Schultz, James W. Blackfeet tales of Glacier National Park	970.1—S4
Sell, Maud A. and H. B. Good taste in home furnishing	740—S1
Shakespeare, William. Midsummer night's dream (New Hudson Shakespeare)	822.0—S30
Shaw, Anna H. Story of a pioneer	B—S534
Teasdale, Sara. Rivers to the sea	811—T13
Thayer, William R. Germany vs. civilization . . .	914.3—T
Trudeau, Edward L. Autobiography	B—T866.2
Turley, Charles. Voyages of Captain Scott	B—S4283.2
Usher, Roland G. Challenge of the future	327—U
Verrill, A. Hyatt. Real story of a whaler	639—V
Voorhees, Edward B. Forage crops	633—V
Walton, George L. Peg along	131—W3
Ward, Mrs. Humphry. England's effort	940.9—W4
Warren, G. F. Farm management	630—W1
Watts, Ralph L. Vegetable gardening	635—W
Weld, Louis D. Marketing of farm products	338—W
Wharton, Edith N. Fighting France	940.9—W5
White, Edward A. Principles of floriculture	716—W
Whiteing, Richard. My harvest	B—W593
Wilkinson, Albert E. The apple	634—W2
Willis, Henry Parker. Federal reserve	332—W4
Wood, Eric F. Note-book of an attaché	940.9—W6

FICTION.

Adams, Samuel H. Little Miss Grouch	A217.4
Agee, Fannie Lea. Chloe Malone	A265.2
Aitken, Robert. Beyond the sky line	A211.2
Beach, Rex. Heart of the sunset	B365.6
Bennett, Enoch Arnold. These twain	B470.9
Benson, Edward F. Climber	B4745.8
Oakleyites	B4745.9
Bindloss, Harold. Coast of adventure	B612.5

Brebner, Percy J. Master detective	B829.3
Brown, Alice. The prisoner	B877.14
Bullard, Frederic L. Tad and his father	B9354.2
Burnham, Clara L. Instead of the thorn	B966.17
Castle, Agnes and Egerton. Wind's will	C353.8
Cleghorn, Sarah N. The spinster	C624.2
Conrad, Joseph. Within the tides	C7538.4
Cooper, Elizabeth. Drusilla with a million	C776.2
Davis, Richard H. Somewhere in France	D264.15
Deland, Margaret. Rising tide	D337.14
Dell, Ethel M. Bars of iron	D357.2
Duncan, Frances. Roberta of Roseberry Gardens	D911.2
Dwight, Harry G. Stamboul nights	D992.2
Fisher, Dorothea Canfield. Real motive	F534.3
Foote, Mary Hallock. Valley road	F689.4
French, Mrs. Anne (Warner). Susan Clegg and her love affairs	F8745.4
Gilman, Dorothy F. Bloom of youth	G487.3
Glasgow, Ellen. Life and Gabriella	G548.9
Grayson, David, pseud. Hempfield	G784.5
Hale, Louise C. The actress	H163.3
Hannay, James O. (G. A. Birmingham). Minnie's bishop and other stories	H243.4
Hughes, Rupert. Clipped wings	H894.4
Kelland, Clarence B. Hidden spring	K292.2
King, Basil. Giant's strength	K522.6
Side of the angels	K522.7
Kirk, Ellen Olney. Goodbye, proud world	K593.11
Lateur, Frank. Path of life, by Stijn Streuvels	L352.2
Lewis, Edwin H. Those about Trench	L674.2
Luehrmann, Adele. Curious case of Marie Dupont	L9485.2
McCutcheon, George B. Mr. Bingle	M133.8
MacHarg, W. and Balmer, E. Blind man's eyes	M149.2
Marshall, Archibald. Honour of the Clintons	M3665.7
Miller, Alice Duer. Come out of the kitchen	M6485.3
Nicholson, Meredith. Proof of the pudding	N627.6

Norris, Kathleen. Heart of Rachel	N856.7
Nyburg, Sidney L. Conquest	N993.2
Olmstead, Florence. Father Bernard's parish ...	O515.3
Oppenheim, E. Phillips. Dr. Marx's secret	O624.10
Way of these women	O624.9
Orczy, E., Baroness. Elusive pimpernel	O645.4
Paine, Ralph D. Long road home	P147.5
Twisted skein	P147.4
Phillpotts, Eden. Human boy	P564.12
Human boy and the war	P564.13
Porter, Eleanor H. Just David	P845.4
Prouty, Olive H. Fifth wheel	P968.2
Richmond, Grace S. Under the country sky	R532.6
Runkle, Bertha B. (Mrs. Bash). Straight down the crooked lane	R942.4
Sidgwick, Ethel. The accolade	S568.2
Le gentleman	S568.3
Promise	S568.4
The succession	S568.5
Sinclair, May. The belfry	S6158.3
Spearman, Frank H. Nan of Music Mountain ..	S741.4
Tarkington, Booth. Seventeen	T186.9
Tompkins, Juliet W. Seed of the righteous	T662.5
Turnbull, Margaret. Handle with care	T9435.3
Van Dresser, Jasmine S. Gibby of Clamshell Alley	V246.2
Van Schaick, George. Son of the otter	V278.3
Vance, Louis J. Sheep's clothing	V222.4
Walpole Hugh. Dark forest	W219.2
Watts, Mary Stanbery. The rudder	W352.5
Webster, Henry K. Real adventure	W381.6
Wells, Herbert G. Research magnificent	W454.5

BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Ashmun, Margaret. Isabel Carleton's year.	j2013
Chase, Mary E. Girl from the Big Horn country.	j2019
Grahame, Kenneth, ed. Cambridge book of poetry for children	j808.1—G

Grover, Eulalie O. Sunbonnet babies in Holland.	j372.4—G3
Hall, May E. Jan and Betje	j914.92—H2
Haskell, Helen E. Katrinka, the story of a Russian child	j914.7—H1
Heyliger, William. Don Strong of the Wolf Patrol.	j2012
Hunting, Henry G. Sandsy's pal	j2015
Kneeland, Clarissa A. Smuggler's Island	j2014
Knife, E. B. and A. A. Maid of '76	j2016
Lindsay, Maud. Story-teller	j2020
Lucia, Rose. Peter and Polly in Spring	j1069b
Overton, Jacqueline M. Life of Robert Louis Stevenson for boys and girls	jB—S848.4
Peattie, Mrs. Elia W. Lotta Embury's career	j2020
Perkins, Lucy F. Mexican twins	j1076d
Piper, Margaret R. Princess and the clan	j2018
Pyle, Katharine. Wonder tales retold	j823—P11
Quirk, Leslie W. Boy Scouts of Black Eagle Patrol	j1063c
Rolt-Wheeler, Francis W. Boy with the U. S. life- savers	j614—R2
Skinner, Ada M. Storyland in play	j372.4—S9
Skinner, E. L. and A. M. Merry tales	j372.4—S10
Stoddard, William O. Making good in the village	j631a
Vimar, Auguste. Curly-haired hen	j2020

Respectfully submitted,

MARY P. BUNCE,

Librarian.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES REMAINING UNPAID JANUARY 13, 1917.

TAXES OF 1916.

Chas. H. Albright	\$ 2 00
Andrew Anderson	23 32
Samuel Belida	2 00
George Boyd	2 00
Wm. P. Boyle	2 00
Rosaire Brule	2 00
John Buckley	2 00
James Butler	2 00
Robert Burns'	2 00
Michael Carr	10 90
Henry W. Catchpole, heirs	16 28
James Chapman	2 00
John Colan	2 00
Martin Cooget	2 00
Wasil Cooget	2 00
Frank Coughlin	2 00
John Conroy	2 00
Dola Cote	2 00
Robert Curtis	2 00
William Curran, heirs	24 80
Cornelius Daley	2 00
William Davis	2 00
Joseph Deneswic	2 00
Amount carried forward	\$ 113 30

Amount brought forward	\$113 30
Edward Delerenco	2 00
Nelson Dion	2 00
Agnes Dunn	17 04
Harry N. Fletcher	168 39
John Fobes	2 00
Ernest Gould	2 00
Michael Goutrey	2 00
Kenneth Greig	2 00
William E. Green	40 95
Graniteville Granite Quarries	16 12
B. Gulberg	2 00
John Gulberg	2 00
Carl Gulberg	2 00
Abraham Hanson	2 00
Michael Harbin	2 00
Stanley Haymie	2 00
Jacob Helko	2 00
Geo. H. Hillock	2 31
Remi Jarrest	2 00
Mark W. Jenkins	5 10
Mrs. Mark W. Jenkins, heirs	24 19
W. W. Johnson	46 64
Gregory Kistley	2 00
Wasil Kistley	2 00
Stanley Kritals	2 00
A. H. Lakin	5 10
Henry F. Lambert	2 00
Luther Lawton, Jr.	2 00
John Labrache	11 53
Henry Lewis	2 00
Howard Lord	2 00
Robert Marshall	2 00

Amount carried forward \$494 67

Amount brought forward	\$494 67
Frank Nutting	2 00
Francis Ozoderik	2 00
Stanley Parker	2 00
Ella J. Perkins	7 75
Richard Picking	22 93
Anthony Procsivie	2 00
Arthur B. Parrott	25 25
Nathan Prescott	25 25
Thomas Rafferty	5 90
Thomas Rafferty, Jr.	2 00
Mrs. William Reed, heirs	47
William Robinson	2 00
Albert Robinson	2 00
John Roshko	2 00
Joseph Susnoroski	2 00
Charles Savage	2 00
Daniel H. Sheahan	39 98
Paul Smith	2 00
James Spinner	2 00
Carl Stranberg	6 98
Michael Sullivan	2 00
Daniel Sullivan	2 00
Stanley Sullivan	2 00
Warren P. Sweetser	40 15
James Velenges	42 38
Edmond Whitney	5 88
Robert White	2 00
Israel Worcester, heirs	46 50
George Worden	2 39
Nickolus Worobey	2 00
Fredor Worobey	2 00
Sidney B. Wright	60 91
Walter Wyman	20 60
Amount carried forward	\$883 99

NON-RESIDENTS.

Amount brought forward	\$883 99
Harry S. Barker, Littleton	6 20
Herbert Bruce, heirs, California	78
Frank Brady, Lowell	18 60
Susan A. Butterfield, heirs	10 08
Margaret E. Blake, Medford	93
Flora J. Day, Medford	10 85
Miner H. A. Evans, South Boston	18 95
Harriet R. Evans, South Boston	44 95
Abbie M. Evans, South Boston	9 30
Henry J. Farrell and others, Lowell	18 60
Harry C. Greene, Chelmsford	4 65
Sylvanus E. Hinckley, Brockton	45 34
J. W. and H. M. Hutchins, North Billerica	7 75
William H. Lahey, Littleton	5 43
Mrs. Elvira Leavett, North Chelmsford	2 48
Joseph Loiselle, Lowell	3 88
Geo. A. Morris, North Chelmsford	7 75
Geo. C. Moore, North Chelmsford	207 70
Mrs. Nellie Newman, Tyngsboro	78
E. P. Parsons, Lowell	78
P. J. Riley, heirs, Lowell	3 72
Harriet Sargent, heirs	31 00
J. Frank Seavey, Dover, N. H.	16 28
Willisted & Marinel, North Chelmsford	9 30

BROOKSIDE PARK LOTS UNCOLLECTIBLE.

Fred R. Ames	\$0 93
Mrs. C. M. Boutwell	1 16
John W. Cahill	78
Jessie P. Crook	47

Amount carried forward

\$1,373 41

Amount brought forward	\$1,373	41
Muriel D'Arcy	1	24
Wallace Dole		47
H. E. Dexter		23
William W. French	1	40
James Graham		93
Annie Higgins	2	33
Robert J. Hook	3	72
James A. Hunnewell		47
Albert Jones	3	10
George H. Lovering		78
John H. Roach		47
Thomas H. Sanders		47
Kate Schwartz	1	55
Amie Sharon		70
Emma E. Varnum	1	09
Paid since audit	65	04
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	\$1,457	40

LEONARD W. WHEELER,

Tax Collector.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

RECEIPTS OF TOWN FARM, 1916.

Milk	\$2,249 64
Overseers' Orders	675 00
Stock	392 50
Wood	285 10
Hay	199 98
Calves	76 00
Chickens	45 41
Potatoes	45 75
Eggs	44 07
Rent	55 00
Team Work	43 75
Vegetables	18 84
Sundries	6 16
Sacks	8 61
Telephone	1 05
Vinegar	2 25
Use of Bull	4 50
Fertilizer	10 00
Pump	3 50
Stock Food	3 50
Labor	2 25
Board	5 00
Keeping Prisoners	9 50
Apples	24 29
	\$4,211 65
Cash on hand January 1, 1916	66 28
	\$4,277 93

EXPENDITURES OF TOWN FARM, 1916.

Labor	\$ 388 40
Rent, Mrs. Reed, land	25 00
Ice for 1915	19 15
Whitewashing	4 15
Grain	1,285 99
Bakers' goods	14 68
Freight	6 73
Groceries	135 17
Fish	6 71
Carfare	17 27
Machine repairs	1 72
Coal	157 83
Filling silo	61 62
Waste	12 42
Dr. Blaney, bill	15 00
Veterinary	9 00
House furnishings	32 50
Butter	60 41
Provisions	128 71
Sawing wood	25 00
Threshing	10 50
Cutting ensilage	47 42
Telephone	32 37
Lumber and door	7 25
Chopping wood	46 06
Stock	592 50
Superintendent and Matron, salaries....	575 00
Fruit	15 07
Sundries	13 80
Soap	10 75
Dr. French, bill	16 20
Leather	1 25

Amount carried forward \$3,775 63

Amount brought forward	\$3,775 63
Plumbing	3 90
Soap Powder	12 00
Blacksmith, 1914 to 1917	84 15
Boxes	3 74
Plants	1 55
Fertilizer	108 00
Stock food	40 95
Expense to Boston, prison commission...	1 71
Apples	8 25
Lime	90
Eggs	1 00
Inmates	35 32
Stationery	3 18
Medicine	6 39
Repairs, etc.	12 02
Weighing Hay	1 40
Hardware and Paint	38 41
Cutting Corn	35 72
Surcingles	1 00
Water	50 00
Sawing and Dressing Lumber	5 00
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	\$4,230 22
Cash Balance on Hand,	47 71
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	\$4,277 93

Number of pauper inmates at Town Farm during the year	10
Number of pauper inmates at Town Farm, Dec. 31, 1916..	5
Number of tramps lodged and fed during the year	5
Number of prisoners put in Town Lock-up.....	14
One Inmate died August 2, 1916.	

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board.....	\$	43 71
City of Boston		106 30
City of Chelsea		190 80
City of Marlboro		72 00
Lowell Corporation Hospital		88 00
City of Worcester, aid rendered.....		63 29
Albert St. Cyr, board		142 50
David L. Greig		4 00
Wright & Fletcher, groceries		35 00
Oscar Spalding, wood		7 00
Dr. Sherman		10 43
Dr. Blaney		66 00
Mr. Flavel, milk, Chapter 763, Act 1913....		1 68
John Healey, wood, Chapter 763, Act 1913..		7 00
Conrad Richard, groceries, Chapter 763, Act 1913		11 65
August Gardell, groceries, Chapter 763, Act 1913		6 00
Under Provisions of Chapter 763, Act 1913.		359 00
Wm. J. Donnelly, groceries		2 37
Samuel H. Balch, extra time and expense		11 12
Fred Blodgett, salary as Overseer of the Poor		10 00
Samuel H. Balch, salary as Overseer of the Poor		10 00
Albert R. Choate, salary as Chairman Over- seer of the Poor		20 00
Extra time and expense		19 26
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		\$1,287 11

REIMBURSEMENTS.

Received from City of Boston	\$	357 33
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SUMMARY.

Payments on account of Outdoor Poor...	\$1,287 11	
Reimbursements	357 33	
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Net expense of Outdoor Poor		\$ 929 78

STATEMENT.

Drafts on Town Treasurer	\$1,962 11	
Town Farm Receipts	3,536 65	
Cash in hands of Superintendent.....	66 28	
	<hr/>	\$5,565 04

Payments on account of Outdoor Poor...	\$1,287 11	
Town Farm Payments	4,230 22	
Cash	47 71	
	<hr/>	\$5,565 04

Drafts on Town Treasurer	\$1,962 11	
Reimbursements	357 33	
	<hr/>	\$1,604 78

Net expense at Town Farm.....	\$ 693 57	
Net expense of Outdoor Poor.....	929 78	
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Net expense of Poor		\$1,623 35
Town Farm Receipts	\$3,536 65	
Cash on hand January, 1916	66 28	
Cash received from Town Treasurer	675 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,277 93

Town Farm Payments	\$3,655 22	
Salary, Mr. Barnes	575 00	
Cash, December, 1916	47 71	
	<hr/>	\$4,277 93

SUMMARY.

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1915	\$ 66 28	
Cash received from Town Treasurer	675 00	
		————— \$ 741 28
Cash on hand Dec. 30, 1916		47 71
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Net expense at Town Farm.....		\$ 693 57

ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman,
 FRED R. BLODGETT, Secretary,
 SAMUEL H. BALCH.

Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.
DECEMBER 30, 1916.

Groceries	\$ 25 00
Canned fruit and jelly	61 00
Vegetables	50 00
Vinegar	17 00
Fire hose, nozzles and brackets	75 00
Balance of personal property in house	807 40
	\$ 1,035 40
14 Cows	\$ 1,260 00
3 tons oat straw	24 00
30 tons English hay	500 00
80 tons ensilage	480 00
Grain	240 00
Poultry	58 75
3 horses	500 00
1 two horse dump cart	47 50
1 two horse wood wagon	40 00
1 two horse sled	45 00
2 hay and farm wagons	65 00
2 Democrat wagons	23 00
1 mowing machine	20 00
1 hay tedder	10 00
1 horse rake	17 00
1 sulky plow	20 00
Lumber	90 75
Manure spreader	60 00
Wheel harrow	18 00
Smoothing harrow	10 00
Spring tooth harrow	9 00
Roller	18 00
Balance of personal property in barn and out buildings	392 80
	\$ 3,948 75
Total	\$ 4,984 15

LEONARD W. WHEELER,
FRED L. McCOY,
ARTHUR H. BURNHAM,
Appraisers.

Tree Warden's Report.

The Tree Warden submits the following report:

During the past year my work has consisted of cutting brush along the roadside and corners.

Having removed many dead trees, I find there are many more to be removed.

The new slash law should be known by everyone in regard to putting brush on the roadside, as there is a fine for so doing.

H. L. NESMITH, Tree Warden.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Westford, Mass., January 9, 1917.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford, I submit the following report for the year 1916.

Number of platform scales over 5,000 lbs.	9
Number of platform scales under 5,000 lbs.	38
Number of computing scales	3
Number of spring balances	19
All other scales	53
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Total	122

Number of weights sealed	290
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LIQUID AND DRY MEASURES.

Number of dry measures	0
Number of liquid measures	24
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Total	24

Number of yard sticks	9
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Kerosene oil pumps	9
Gasolene pumps	6
Molasses pumps	3

ALBERT A. HILDRETH, Sealer.

Assessors' Report for the Year 1916.

Value of buildings, April 1, 1916.....	\$954,872 00
Value of land, April 1, 1916.....	695,329 00
Value of personal estate, April 1, 1916.	819,326 00
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Total	\$2,469,527 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED.

Trustees of public library.....	\$ 1,000 00
Commissioners of public burial grounds.	200 00
Roads and bridges.....	5,000 00
Town debts and charges.....	7,000 00
Support of the poor.....	2,000 00
Support of public schools.....	10,450 00
High School purposes.....	3,100 00
School text-books and supplies.....	750 00
Salary of Superintendent of Schools....	573 75
Expenses in connection with schoolhouses	1,000 00
Destruction of moths.....	970 00
Expenses of fire department.....	450 00
Purchase of new hose.....	450 00
Construction of sidewalks.....	300 00
Medical inspection of public schools.....	100 00
To commemorate Memorial Day.....	150 00
Distribution of books from public library	100 00
Lighting town hall with electricity....	400 00
Compensation of fish and game warden..	50 00
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	\$34,043 75
Electric lights	3,290 00
Hydrants	2,000 00
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Amount carried forward	\$39,333 75

Amount brought forward	\$39,333 75
Notes and interest.....	3,873 00
County tax	3,046 01
State tax	4,720 00
State highway tax.....	650 00
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Total	\$51,622 76

Moth tax	\$ 554 51
Excise Tax, Lowell & Fitchburg St. R. R.	258 58
Additional tax	140 56

Number of Polls assessed	805
Horses	336
Cows	710
Neat Cattle.....	234
Sheep	15
Swine	108
Fowls	6,064
Dwelling houses	612
Acres of land.....	18,000
Tax on \$100	\$1 55

TAXES ABATED, 1915, AS ORDERED BY ASSESSORS.

Manfrid Abrahamson	\$ 2 00
John Anderson	2 00
Anthony Anderson	2 00
Edward Anderson	2 00
Michael Belon	2 00
Nels Blonagoen	2 00
Walter Butler	2 00
Kindle Cafano	2 00

Amount carried forward

\$16 00

Amount brought forward	\$16 00
Horace Caron	2 00
Joseph Going	2 00
Denis Denesgh	2 00
Louis Deasons	2 00
John Donlon	2 00
Ralph Esty	2 00
Victor George	2 00
Robert Haffey	2 00
Carl Healmar	2 00
Michael Kuncewicz	2 00
Peter Lehough	2 00
Robert Marshall	2 00
George J. Martin	2 00
William Micka	2 00
Walter Mooney	2 00
Robert Neilson	2 00
Wilmont Pearson	2 00
Mrs. Fletcher Peckens.....	22 50
Thomas Rafferty, Jr.	2 00
William Redell	2 00
Joseph Rosliko	2 00
Peter Santosky	2 00
Thomas Sullivan	2 00
John Sinclair	2 00
John Smith	2 00
Fred Smith	2 00
John L. Smith	2 00
Michael Denesgh	2 00
Elizabeth Smith	6 75
Richard Stencheon	2 00
Lawrence Strassberg	2 00
George Stringless	2 00
John Titus	2 00
Adam Wageleluk	2 00

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Brookside Park Lots.

Fred R. Ames	\$ 90
Mrs. C. M. Boutwell	67
Harriet Kavanaugh	45
Jessie D. Crook.....	45
H. E. Dexter	23
Wallace Dole	45
William W. French	1 35
James Graham	90
Annie Higgins	2 25
Robert J. Hook	3 60
James A. Hunnewell	45
Albert Jones	3 00
James H. Roach	45
Kate Schwartz	1 50
Annie Sharon	67
Emma E. Varnum	1 05

 \$ 18 37

1916.

William L. Woods	\$ 14 40
D. H. Connell	3 10
Joseph Banister	2 00
Charlotte Jessop	3 48
H. O. Keyes	19 41
John O. Sunberg	1 55
Alvin S. Bennett	2 00
Daniel May	2 00
Albert Tallant	2 00
Blanchard & Gould Co.	9 30
Gordon Sharp	2 00
John Orinski	2 00
John Hutchins	5 43

 Amount carried forward \$ 68 67

Amount brought forward	\$ 68 67
Ella Miller	7 75
Lorenzo Sweetser Heirs	78
Mrs. Samuel Topper	3 10
Chas. Couture	7 75
Western Union Tel. Co.	4 06
Michael McCluskey	2 00
Anthony Pivrotto	2 00
Robert Haffey	2 00
Peter Marshall	2 00
Julian Whitney	10 07
Joseph Heroux	2 00
Eugene Ginchard	2 00
Vernon Fletcher	2 00
Olive H. Loveless	4 65
Edgar F. Steele	3 10
	—————\$123 93

J. W. FLETCHER,
 CHARLES D. COLBURN,
 J. AUSTIN HEALY,
 Assessors of Westford.

Report of Engineers of the Fire Department.

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916:

At the first meeting the Board of Fire Engineers organized as follows:—Edward M. Abbot, Chief; John Edwards, Clerk; Alonzo H. Sutherland, Assistant Chief.

The fire companies have responded to ten alarms during the year. At four of these damage occurred as follows:

- April 2. House of Tony Polly, Littleton Road. House was unoccupied. Value \$200, no insurance, total loss. Fire was probably set by tramps.
- May 25. House owned by Bruce Whitmore and occupied by John Connell on the Littleton Road. Value of house, \$1,700. Insurance, \$900. Damage, \$1,700. Value of furniture, \$450. Insurance, none. Damage \$250. Fire started from unknown cause about 10 a. m.
- July 3. Barn occupied by J. A. Healy, Second Street, Graniteville. Value of barn, \$3,500. Damage to barn, \$1,700. Value of contents, \$4,000. Damage to contents, \$1,300. Insurance on building, \$3,500. Insurance on contents, \$3,500. This barn was struck by lightning. The firemen did excellent work in saving it.
- Oct. 15. Barn of Mrs. G. McGreggor at Edwards' Corner, West Chelmsford, totally destroyed by fire about 5 a. m. Value, \$800. Insurance, \$500. Value of contents, \$500. No insurance on contents. In addition to the above contents owned by Mrs. McGreggor, an automobile belonging to Roy B. Mason, was destroyed. Valued at \$300.

We have been very fortunate in having very few building fires during the year; also because of the wet spring, we had far less forest fires than usual.

We have added the following equipment during the past year: 600 feet of new hose, 8 ladder straps, 10 hose spanners, 2 shut-off nozzles, 2 attachments for pulling fire wagons behind the two auto trucks of Perley Wright.

We have also expended \$49.47 from our regular appropriation, for repair work on the Forge Village and Graniteville fire houses, also for repairing and painting the Graniteville ladder house.

The fire engineers report the following hose on hand at the various fire houses:

Hose No. 1, Westford. 900 feet first quality, 250 feet second quality hose.

Hose No. 2, Graniteville. 900 feet first quality, 200 feet second quality hose.

Hose No. 3, Forge Village. 850 feet first quality, 200 feet second quality hose.

As 1,200 feet of hose is necessary to run two lines of hose at the average fire, and the engineers feel that there should be enough hose in each village for three lines, they recommend that the town appropriate \$350 for 400 feet of new hose and supplies, that being \$100 less than the amount asked for last year.

The fire engineers recommend that \$450 be appropriated for salaries, rent and general running expenses of the department.

During the past year the town of Westford has purchased the lot of land and buildings belonging to Henry O. Keyes in Westford Centre. Plans have been made to make the old Academy into a central fire station. These plans when carried

out will make a most satisfactory fire house at a price considerably less than a new building equally satisfactory will cost. It is aimed to keep the attractive lines of the old building. We recommend that money be appropriated so that this work may be done as soon as possible.

The fire engineers wish at this time to thank Mrs. Isles of the Central Telephone Office, for the great assistance she has given the department in calling out the firemen for fires.

The fire engineers recommend that the following hydrants be installed and accepted by the town. One hydrant on River Street, Graniteville, opposite the new houses of the Abbot Worsted Co. One hydrant on Maple Street, Graniteville, provided same be installed on a 6-inch hydrant line. One hydrant on Main Street, Westford, about opposite the buildings formerly owned by Walter J. Merritt.

EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chief.

JOHN EDWARDS, Clerk.

ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND, Asst. Chief.

ALBERT R. CHOATE.

FRANK FURBUSH.

Report of Forest Warden.

Being a wet season, I have had but very few fires, and only in one of these, was much damage done, there being about one hundred cords of wood destroyed.

I have issued about one hundred and seventy-five fire permits.

A list of the persons with whom hand fire extinguishers have been placed, and a list of fires are submitted herewith.

I would recommend that \$100 be appropriated the coming year, to buy extinguishers, as there are several persons outside the fire district who haven't any.

H. L. NESMITH, Forest Warden.

LIST OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN WESTFORD,
1916.

No. 1	David Greig	No. 33	J. A. Healy, Dunstable Rd.
2	Geo. A. Drew	34	Westford Depot
3	Eben Prescott	35	“ “
4	Samuel Taylor	36	W. Green
5	John Flynn	37	George Symmes
6	J. Ellison	38	Geo. Kimball
7	Charles Edwards	39	Judson Sweetser
8	“ “	40	W. L. Butterworth
9	Walter Whidden	41	Everett Jarvis
10	H. E. Fletcher	42	C. M. Griffin
11	“ “ “	43	James Sullivan
12	“ “ “	44	W. Seifer
13	“ “ “	45	John O'Brien
14	“ “ “	46	Alvin Blaisdell
15	J. Lundberg	47	A. Burnham
16	Nat Whitney	48	L. S. Gates
17	Graniteville Fire Dept.	49	D. Desmond
18	“ “ “	50	A. McDonald
19	James O'Brien, Providence Rd.	51	O. Foster
20	W. Williams.	52	A. A. Hildreth
21	Brookside Firehouse	53	Albert Flagg
22	“ “	54	Calvin Howard
23	West Graniteville	55	Jim Wilson
24	F. Banister	56	Alec McDougal
25	C. Couture	57	Otis Day
26	H. Wright	58	W. W. Johnson
27	Gilman Wright	59	Parkerville Firehouse
28	H. E. Gould	60	“ “
29	H. O. Keyes	61	Mabel Drew
30	J. M. Book	62	O. R. Spalding
31	“ “ “	63	Graniteville Firehouse
32	C. Shugrue	64	Goldsmith Conant

No. 65	W. Amesbury	No. 88	J. Connell
66	Guy Decatur	89	Graniteville Hose Co.
67	A. E. Jordan	90	“ “ “
68	A. Dureault	91	C. Johnson Whidden Cor.
69	C. B. Wetmore	92	Westford Fire Co.
70	F. Sullivan	93	“ “ “
71	F. R. and C. A. Blodgett	94	“ “ “
72	O. R. Spalding	95	“ “ “
73	F. Wright	96	“ “ “
74	C. Wright	97	“ “ “
75	W. Anderson	98	“ “ “
76	W. Hunt	110	“ “ “
77	Fred McCoy	111	“ “ “
78	Geo. Hartford	112	“ “ “
79	J. W. Pyne	100	Forge Village Hose Co.
80	Westford Water Co.	101	“ “ “ “
81	R. Prescott	102	“ “ “ “
82	F. Miller	103	“ “ “ “
83	James H. O'Brien	104	Frost School
84	Frank Hildreth	105	Geo. Irish
85	W. Pollock	107	W. Balzer
86	Almon Vose	108	A. Polley
87	Charles Parker	109	P. Gladu

Fires in Town of Westford.

DATE	OWNER	CAUSE	Acres	Damage	Ex- pense	Ex- pense
April 16	J. Spinner	B. & M. R. R.	6	\$ 3.00	\$.25	
April 17	J. Healy	B. & M. R. R.	2	5.00	1.75	
April 30	Abbot & Co.	Unknown	2	5.00		\$ 3.89
May 9	Geo. H. Hartford	B. & M. R. R.	5	25.00	2.45	
May 14	J. Healy	B. & M. R. R.	5	20.00	5.15	
May 26	C. Potter	Unknown	10	400.00		20.25
June 3	Gage Est.	B. & M. R. R.	2	10.00	5.31	
					\$14.91	\$24.14

Report of the Committee in charge of the Whitney Playground.

Your committee hereby respectfully submits the following report.

The rambler rose bushes have been planted at the north end of the tennis court, and in the course of the coming year, it is anticipated that they will add materially to the beauty of the grounds.

Several complaints have been lodged with your committee by those playing tennis on account of the size of the mesh of the wire at either end of the court, because of which the ball, instead of being stopped, passed through the wire, to be lost in the shrubbery. As this trouble would be increased by the addition of rose bushes, your committee has had additional wire with a smaller mesh placed on both ends of the court.

There also seemed to be occasion for a tool house, as heretofore the mowing machine and tools had to be housed in some of the neighbors' buildings, so that your committee had one erected on the grounds.

A liberal dressing of fertilizer has been placed on the grounds so that all of these improvements have occasioned an unusual amount of expense; nevertheless, your committee have lived within the income.

Mrs. Whitney has again made remittance in the amount of \$250 to assist in meeting the expenses of the coming season.

There have been no changes in the investments, and the report of 1914 is referred to for a statement thereof.

Following is a list of receipts accruing and expenditures incurred during the year, although some of these receipts were not actually deposited in the Union National Bank until after January 1st.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$359 33	
Interest on 4 bonds, Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	80 00	
Interest on 4 bonds, Spencer Gas Co.	100 00	
Interest on 2 bonds, City of Canton	50 00	
Interest on deposit, Lowell Institution for Savings	15 52	
Check from M. Elizabeth Whitney	250 00	
		————— \$854 85

EXPENDITURES.

To paid Edmund Baker at various times and amounts, for labor	\$209 65	
To paid J. E. Knight	4 00	
To paid Upton & Gilman, for repairs	6 80	
To paid Westford Water Company	10 00	
To paid J. J. McManmon, for rose bushes ...	9 00	
To paid Samuel H. Balch, at various times and amounts, for labor	110 01	
To paid Dickerman & McQuade, tennis court supplies	10 00	
To paid H. V. Hildreth, granite	12 00	
To paid Wright & Fletcher, at various times and amounts, for supplies	64 82	
To paid A. McDonald, for teaming	13 12	
To paid Narragansett Machine Co., for appa- ratus	14 40	
To paid E. F. De LaHaye	16 00	
To paid C. H. Pickering, for labor	2 70	
To paid J. A. Healy, cement	1 20	
To paid A. Fisher, for use of horse	16 50	
To paid O. R. Spalding, lumber and teaming .	57 54	
To paid P. H. Harrington, manure	4 00	
To paid H. J. Healy, for manure	8 00	
		————— \$569 74
Balance on hand		\$285 11

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
HERBERT V. HILDRETH,
EDWARD FISHER.

Report of Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

For 1916 the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds present the following report:

Under the charge of D. L. Greig & Son, Charles C. Colburn and Wm. H. Pollock, Fairview, Westlawn and Hillside Cemeteries have received the usual care.

The Perpetual Care Fund has been increased to \$7,920.25, nine lots having been added to those under the perpetual care of the Town—seven in Fairview and two in Hillside Cemetery.

For the care and improvement of the cemeteries the Commissioners would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$250 be raised and appropriated the coming year.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS IN

FAIRVIEW.

Residents.

Anderson, Andrew	\$	1 00
Atwood, Miss L. B.		2 00
Baker, Mrs. John		1 00
Bennett, Miss Priscilla		1 00
Bicknell, Ai		1 00
Bicknell, Arthur		8 00
Bicknell, Charles		1 00
Blodgett, W. G.		1 00
Boynton, Mrs. D. L.		1 00
Brooks, Charles		1 00
Bunce, Miss Mary P.		2 00
Burbeck, John		1 00
Burbeck, Wm. H. H.		2 00
Burnett, Wm.		1 00
Burnham, Arthur H.		1 00
Butterworth, Mrs. J. T.		1 00
Calvert, Mrs. Frank		1 00
Carkin, W. E.		1 00
Carkin, A. W.		1 00
Carver, Wm. R.		8 00
Caunter, Frank		2 00
Day, A. E.		1 00
Defoe, Mrs. Lizzie		1 00
Deroehn, Mrs. Andrew		1 00
Doucette, Mrs. Martha		1 00
Drew, F. C.		1 00
Fisher, Edward		1 00
Fletcher, H. N.		1 00
Amount carried forward	\$	46 00

Amount brought forward	₹ 46 00
Fletcher, John M.....	3 00
Fletcher, J. W.	2 00
Fletcher, S. H.	1 00
Frost, Mrs. W. E.....	1 00
Gardel, August	2 00
Gilson, L. S.	2 00
Haley, Frank	1 00
Hanning, Elisha	1 00
Hawkes, W. O.	1 00
Healey, Mrs. Ruby	1 00
Heywood, Albert W.....	1 00
Howard, Calvin L.	1 00
Humiston, Elliot F.	1 00
Hunt, Edmond J.	2 00
Isles, Mrs. Joseph D.	1 00
Johnson, Andrew	1 00
Johnson, W. W.	1 00
Kabele, Henry M.	1 00
Keyes, C. F.	8 00
Keyes, Mrs. Lucy A.	1 00
Martin, John	1 00
Mattson, John.....	1 00
McClenna, Mrs. Lillian	1 00
McCoy, Fred L.	1 00
McDougal, Mrs. A.	1 00
McDougal, A. M.	1 00
Miller, Frank E.	2 00
Millis, Willard	1 00
Mills, Mrs. Hugh	1 00
Moran, Mary E.	1 00
Morin, Mrs. J. A.	1 00
Morton, F.	2 00
Mountain, George E.	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$ 94 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 94 00
Nesmith, Harry L.	1 00
O'Brien, George	8 00
O'Brien, James	8 00
Orange, W. H.	1 00
Orr, Robert	1 00
Parker, Mrs. Clyde	1 00
Perkins, Joseph	2 00
Phillips, Mrs. Norman	1 00
Pickering, Charles	3 00
Prescott, Ebenezer	2 00
Prescott, Mrs. Frances A.	1 00
Prinn, Alfred	1 00
Pyne, Mrs. J. W.	1 00
Richardson, Mrs. Alma M.	2 00
Richardson, Joseph	1 00
Shattuck, Mrs. D. H.	1 00
Shea, Mrs. Frank	1 00
Sherman, Mrs. David	1 00
Stewart, Mrs. James	1 00
Stiles, Mrs. S. H.	2 00
Sutherland, A. H.	1 00
Sutherland, Wm.	1 00
Symmes, Mrs. Thomas E.	3 00
Symmes, Mrs. Wm. E.	2 00
Taylor, S. L.	2 00
Turner, Miss Lizzie	1 00
Walkden, James A.	1 00
Walker, George A.	1 00
Weaver, George	1 00
Welch, Mrs. Wm.	2 00
White, Wm.	1 00
Whitney, Mrs. George H.	1 00
Willis, Samuel	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$ 152 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 152 00
Wilson, James D.	1 00
Wilson, Miss Margaret	1 00
Woods, Wm. L.	2 00
Wright, F. C.	1 00
Wright, W. M.	1 00
York, J. Ellsworth	2 00

Non-Residents.

Abbot, Mrs. E. S.	\$ 5 00
Adams, Mrs. C. L.	1 00
Allen, Mrs. Ida	2 00
Bayer, Mrs. Mabel	4 00
Boden, Mrs. E. S.	1 00
Carpenter, Eugene	1 00
Caunter, Miss Marion	1 00
Chamberlain, Mrs. E. H.	1 00
Cockroft, Herbert	1 00
Coggeshall, Dexter E.	1 00
Coolidge, Miss Annie	1 00
Craven, Mrs. Emily L.	1 00
Crockett, Mrs. Henry	1 00
Davie, Wm. L.	1 00
Davis, Miss Alice L.	1 00
Decatur, Burt	1 00
Dugdale, R. J.	1 00
Felch, Mrs. A. M.	1 00
Felch, Samuel	1 00
Fisher, John	8 00
Fletcher, F. L.	1 00
Frazer, James	1 00
Garbett, James	1 00
Griffin, Frank A.	10 00

Amount carried forward

\$ 208 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 208 00
Guild, Mrs. Carrie and E. M. Mills	1 00
Hamlin, George P.	1 00
Harris, George E.	1 00
Harrup, Mrs. James E.	1 00
Hewett, Miss C. E.	1 00
Heywood, Mrs. E. E.	1 00
Hildreth, Mrs. Ellen A.	1 00
Hildreth, F. A.	2 00
Hildreth, Miss Helen C.	1 00
Hill, Mrs. Jennie.	8 00
Hindle, Frank	1 00
Holt, Mrs. E. H.	1 00
Horne, George F.	1 00
Howard, Charles D.	1 00
Hunt, George W.	1 00
Johnson, Miss Almira L.	1 00
Kierstead, Sanford	1 00
King, Mrs. A. M.	1 00
Longbottom, Walter	1 00
Longley, Albert W.	1 00
Moore, Clifford A.	1 00
Moss, James W.	1 00
Parker, W. G.	1 00
Peck, J. L.	1 00
Petherick, W. H.	1 00
Rapson, James	1 00
Read, Miss Carrie E.	1 00
Reed, George G.	1 00
Richardson, M. T.	1 00
Ripley, Mrs. F. K.	1 00
Rockwell, Guy	1 00
Saville, Richard	1 00
Schworer, Mrs. Louis	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$ 249 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 249 00
Scrutton, Mrs. E. H.	1 00
Searles, Mrs. C. J.	1 00
Skidmore, Mrs. Gertrude	10 00
Smith, Allen G.	1 00
Spalding, J. F.	1 00
Standish, Mrs. J. H.	1 00
Stiles, F. O.	1 00
Sweatt, Miss Jessie M.	1 00
Taylor, A. D.	2 00
Waller, Mrs. Nettie	1 00
Wheeler, Miss Delia	1 00
Wheeler, Isaac G.	1 00
White, Harry	1 00
Willis, Wm. T.	1 00
Wood, Henry	1 00
Woodbury, Mrs. Emma A.	1 00
Wright, Mrs. Emma E.	1 00
Wyman, Wm.	1 00
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	\$277 00

WESTLAWN.

F. C. Wright	\$1 00
Miss Ida Leighton	1 00
Miss M. E. Cutter	1 00
Mrs. Helen Leighton	1 00
Mrs. Gilmer Stone	1 00
Miss Ida L. Prescott	1 00
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	\$6 00
Amount received for care of lots	<hr/>
	\$283 00

EXPENSES.

FAIRVIEW.

Paid Wm. Clements for labor	\$263 25	
Eben Prescott for labor	10 50	
Wm. Socorilis for labor	1 75	
J. H. Colburn for labor	1 75	
O. R. Davis for loam	6 25	
C. B. Coburn for oil	55	
J. A. Walkden for notices	60	
Henry Stiles for printing*	75	
D. L. Greig for work of horses	30 00	
A. G. Lundberg, resetting stones	15 50	
For grass seed, lawn mower, rake, etc.	11 85	
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		\$342 75

WESTLAWN.

Paid Charles D. Colburn for care of cemetery	\$ 14 00	
Charles D. Colburn for painting and gilding markers.....	3 00	
Charles D. Colburn, care of lots as per bill	28 00	
Charles D. Colburn, regrading Sarah S. Read lot	5 00	
For grass seed	60	
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		\$ 50 60

HILLSIDE.

Paid Wm. H. Pollock for labor	\$ 17 50	
Grading Craig lot (Veteran)	4 00	
Wm. H. Pollock for paint and painting markers.....	3 10	
Wm. H. Pollock for dressing and labor	5 00	
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		\$ 29 60

Amount carried forward	\$ 422 95
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Amount brought forward \$ 422 95

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Wright & Fletcher for fertilizer	\$ 60 80	
Courier-Citizen Co., printing cards ...	2 07	
Posts for Westlawn Cemetery and freight on same	11 65	
	<hr/>	\$ 74 52
Amount expended		<hr/> \$497 47
Amount received from the Town	\$200 00	
Amount received from care of lots	283 00	
Amount received from Perpetual Care Funds	14 07	
Balance in hands of Commissioners, 1916 ..	40	
	<hr/>	\$497 47

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

NAME.	CEMETERY.	FUND.
Ephraim Abbot	Fairview	\$ 100 00
J. W. P. Abbot	"	100 00
Cyrus Babbitt	"	50 00
Albert Bailey	"	50 00
Sally B. Burrill	"	100 00
Mary E. Brigham	"	100 00
Mary E. Brigham (Kittredge lot)	"	100 00
Susan A. Butterfield	"	100 00
Buxton & Parker	"	50 00
Francis Caldwell	"	50 00
John Carmichael	"	100 00
John B. Carmichael	"	100 00
Mrs. Alice Carrick	"	50 00
Elisha Case	"	50 00
William Chandler	Hillside	100 00
Jonathan Collins	Fairview	50 00
P. G. Collins	"	50 00
Hiram Dane	"	50 00
George Davis	"	50 00
Joshua C. Decatur	"	50 00
Charles S. Dodge	"	100 00
Cephas Drew	"	50 00
George Drew	"	50 00
Thomas Drew	"	50 00
Edmund L. Dupee	"	50 00
Rachel Dupee	"	50 00
Wm. Z. Dupee	"	50 00
Daniel Falls	"	50 00
Alvan Fisher lot	"	150 00
Elizabeth G. Flagg	"	50 00

Amount carried forward \$ 2,100 00

Amount brought forward		\$ 2,100 00
Charles Flanders	Hillside	50 00
Abijah Fletcher lot	Fairview	50 00
Andrew Fletcher	"	100 00
Charles H. Fletcher	"	50 00
Herbert E. Fletcher	"	100 00
Julia A. Fletcher	"	50 00
Lorenzo Fletcher—F. A. Snow, Ex.	"	100 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	Westlawn	50 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	Fairview	50 00
L. A. Folland	"	50 00
Charles H. Follansbee	Hillside	100 00
George Q. Gilson	Fairview	50 00
Susan E. Green	"	100 00
John Greig	"	100 00
Adams Griffin	"	50 00
Joseph B. Griffin	"	100 00
Timothy L. Griffin lot by Viola Griffin Whitehead	"	50 00
Theodore H. Hamblett	"	50 00
C. & C. A. Hamlin	"	100 00
Mrs. Sarah Harris	"	25 00
George R. Harrison	"	50 00
Ephraim A. Harwood	"	100 00
M. Hennessey	"	50 00
Henry Herrick	Westlawn	100 00
George W. Heywood lot	Fairview	50 00
Levi Heywood tomb	"	50 00
Samuel Horne	"	50 00
Melbourne F. Hutchins	Westlawn	100 00
Samuel M. Hutchins	Fairview	100 00
Hutchins & Blood	Westlawn	50 00
Albert E. Jenne	Fairview	50 00

Amount carried forward

\$ 4,225 00

Amount brought forward		\$ 4,225 00
Louisa Joint	Fairview	50 00
C. F. Keyes	"	50 00
Grace Lawrence	Westlawn	50 00
Silas Lawrence and Mrs. Drake	"	100 00
Francis Leighton	"	50 00
Isaiah Leighton	Fairview	100 00
J. F. Marsh (Edrick Nutting lot)	Hillside	50 00
Mazuzan and Whitney	Fairview	200 00
Edwin D. Metcalf	"	50 00
Josiah A. Osgood (John Osgood lot)	"	50 00
John M. Osgood	"	95 25
James M. Parker	"	50 00
Fletcher Peckens	"	50 00
Sarah Precious	"	50 00
Prescott and Babbitt	"	100 00
Abram Prescott tomb	Westlawn	50 00
Charles H. Prescott	"	100 00
Joseph F. Prescott	"	50 00
Frances A. Prescott	Fairview	50 00
Nathan P. Prescott	"	50 00
Mary A. Putnam	Hillside	100 00
Polly Quigg	Fairview	50 00
Abijah C. Reed	"	50 00
Anan Reed	Westlawn	50 00
Sarah S. Reed	"	100 00
Annie Richardson	Fairview	50 00
Olive A. Richardson	"	50 00
Samuel Richardson	"	50 00
George E. Burns, Ex. Estate of Sarah Richardson	"	100 00
Sarah Richardson	"	50 00
Amount carried forward		\$ 6,270 25

Amount brought forward		\$ 6,270 25
Sarah E. Richardson	"	50 00
Nancy Sargent	"	50 00
C. Frederick Seifer	"	50 00
Clara A. Smith	"	50 00
Levi Snow	"	100 00
Salmon L. Snow	"	100 00
Ephraim A. Stevens	"	50 00
Sarah H. Trumbull	"	100 00
A. and N. S. Tuttle	"	50 00
Sarah E. P. Wells	Westlawn	100 00
Jacob Wendell	Hillside	100 00
Mary J. Wheeler	Fairview	50 00
Hiram Whitney	"	100 00
Clara M. Wiley	"	100 00
Luther Wilkins	"	75 00
M. E. Willard (Hosley lot) ..	Westlawn	100 00
John Wilson	Fairview	50 00
W. W. Woodward (Oliver Woodward lot)	"	100 00
Capt. Ezekiel Wright	Westlawn	50 00
G. J. and A. S. Wright	Fairview	100 00
N. H. Wright	"	100 00
Varnum B. Wright	"	25 00
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		\$7,920 25

GEORGE T. DAY, Chairman and Secretary,
 DAVID L. GREIG,
 WESLEY O. HAWKES,

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

Report of Town Fish and Game Warden.

During the past year I have at different times patrolled our woods and coves, also our ponds and streams and land adjoining the same. I find no marked increase in small birds, but a large increase in our game birds. I have tried to keep the birds fed through the cold weather. In this work I find I am not alone, as a number of our people feed the birds through the winter months at their own expense. We expect a shipment of game birds, also some snowshoe rabbits the coming Spring. We have received a very few reports from poachers. I have got complaints of brooks that were supposed to have been screened, also from one deer that was badly wounded, also two cases of illegal fishing, all of which were investigated.

I would like to call your attention to the good work done by some of our leading citizens, also the Lowell Fish and Game Association. Through their efforts we have received a larger lot of fish than any other town in the State. I have made one trip to Lowell for some fish that came from the West. The rest came to the different railroad stations, and were planted as directed. Below is a list of the fish, also the time and place planted.

FLUSHING POND.

July 14	5,000 bass fry.
July 19	720 bass fry.
Oct. 23	2,000 horn pouts.
Nov. 3	200 bass, 4 to 6 inches long.

FORGE POND.

- May 8 1,000 rainbow trout fry.
 May 9 50,000 yellow perch fry.
 Oct. 23 6,000 horn pouts, 3 inches long.

KEYES POND.

- April 12 500 adult white perch.
 May 4 100,000 white perch fry.
 Oct. 23 2,000 horn pouts, 3 inches long.

LONG SOUGHT FOR POND.

- April 12 500 adult white perch.
 May 8 1,000 rainbow trout fry.
 May 9 100,000 yellow perch fry.
 May 4 1,000 adult white perch.
 Oct. 23 2,000 horn pouts, 3 inches long.

NABNASSET POND.

- May 19 800,000 pike perch fry.
 June 23 10,000 bass fry.
 July 14 5,000 bass fry.
 July 19 2,200 bass fry.
 Nov. 3 200 bass, 5 inches long.

BROOK TROUT.

- April 12 60,000 fry.
 April 28 30,000 fry.
 June 1 100 in Nashoba, 9 inches long.
 Oct. 13 2,000 fingerlings.
 Dec. 13 100 big adults.

Some 14 inches long were put in O'Brien's Brook above Baptist Pond in Westford.

DUCKS.

July 25 Liberated 8 Mallard ducks in big swamp south of Forge Pond.

In closing I would like to ask the people of Westford not to treat the poacher and pot hunter as a joke. Remember that this fish and game has been procured at a lot of work and expense, and the people that go out wilfully and break the game laws, destroy fences and knock down stone walls, etc., for their own pleasure, regardless of the land owner, should be punished. It is up to you to make the complaint.

Thanking all the good people who have helped in this good work, and hoping my work will meet with the approval of the people of Westford, I remain

Yours,

JOE WALL,

Deputy Fish and Game Warden of Westford.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1916.....	\$ 5,882 86
Cash borrowed, anticipation taxes.....	17,000 00
C. H. Pickering, Janitor Town Hall	140 25
Commonwealth of Massachusetts—	
Gypsy and brown tail moth suppression	464 59
Lowell & Acton Road	823 10
Income Mass. School Fund.....	1,079 37
Highway Commission, gypsy moth sup- pression	142 80
Industrial School	137 50
Compensation Inspector Animals	62 50
Mothers, dependent children	357 33
On acct. Supt. Schools	531 25
Corporation tax, public service	653 07
Corporation tax, business	12,103 57
National Bank tax	292 87
Military Aid	108 00
State Aid.....	460 00
Soldiers' exemption	31 92
Clerk, 1st District Court, Ayer, fines	109 27
B. & M. R. R., on acct. fires	13 16
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., on acct. fires	63 68
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax, 1915	2,948 22
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax, 1915 interest ..	87 27
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax, 1916 before Nov. 1	35,573 87
Amount carried forward	\$ 79,066 45

Amount brought forward	\$ 79,066 45
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax, 1916 after Nov. 1	3,641 85
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax, 1916 interest	29 23
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax, 1916 excise tax	258 58
J. V. Fletcher Library Funds, income	160 00
Whitney Playground Funds, income	230 00
County Treasurer, 90% dog license money	361 80
County Treasurer, Acton & Lowell Road.	864 27
Mrs. John C. Abbot, books	8 96
G. C. Morse, Nabnassett Schoolhouse	190 00
F. O. Stiles, Minot's Corner Schoolhouse	410 00
Westford Water Co., one old desk.	2 00
Town Tyngsboro, tuition Westford Acad- emy	50 00
Town Groton, tuition Westford Academy	58 50
W. C. Roudenbush, book	25
John C. Abbot, road oil.	2 45
C. G. Sargent's Sons, oiling streets	26 84
L. E. Knott Co., over-payment	23 46
C. H. Pickering, school desk.	4 00
Spalding Cavalry Asso., rent Hall.	1 50
Talbot Dyewood & Chemical Co., one car- boy	2 00
Overseers Poor, on acct. Daniel Moy	5 05
Mrs. H. Whitney, on acct. Whitney Play- ground	250 00
A. A. Hildreth, Sealer Weights and Measures	37 58
Fire House property, old buildings	47 75
T. H. Hill, over-payment	14 63
E. D. Metcalf Estate, Soldiers' Monument Fund	2,000 00
E. D. Metcalf Estate Fund, income	80 00
Licenses	43 00
Rent at Fire House property	27 00
Amount carried forward	\$ 87,897 15

Amount brought forward \$ 87,897 15

PAYMENTS.

By cash, Notes	\$20,000 00
Interest	782 03
Repairs State Highway	650 00
State Tax	4,720 00
County Tax	3,046 01
Orders and incidental expenses ..	44,725 42
Metcalf Fund (two Erie R. R. Bonds, 4%, due 1953)	2,000 00
By cash on hand Jan. 1, 1917	11,973 69
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	\$87,897 15 \$87,897 15

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT,

Treasurer.

Finance Committee Report.

Westford, Mass., January 22, 1917.

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Westford: •

The Finance Committee elected at the Annual Town Meeting of February 14, 1916, has held several meetings and carefully considered the Articles of the Warrant for the Annual Meeting to be held February 12, 1917.

The officers in charge of the several departments of the Town Government have been consulted and their recommendations discussed, also consideration has been given to each article of the warrant wherein an appropriation of money is asked for.

The Committee recommends the various sums set opposite each article as tabulated be raised and appropriated:

Article 8	Public Library	\$1,000 00
" 9	Public Burial Ground.....	250 00
" 12	Roads and Bridges	6,500 00
" 13	Town Debts and Charges	7,500 00
" 14	Support of Poor	2,000 00
" 15	Support of Public Schools	15,973 75
" 16	Moth Department	1,100 00
" 17	Fire Department	450 00
" 18	New Hose and Apparatus	350 00
" 21	George Washington Memorial Building	200 00
" 23	Repairs on old Academy Build- ing	1,500 00
" 26	Fish and Game Warden.....	50 00
" 27	Sidewalks	300 00
" 32	Memorial Day	150 00
" 33	Distribution of Library Books..	100 00
	Electric Lights.....	3,500 00
	Hydrants	2,080 00
	Notes and Interest	3,300 00
	State and County Tax	7,780 00
	State Highway Repairs	650 00
		————— \$54,733 75
	Less Income from State Treasurer	\$13,049 51
	Poll Taxes	1,400 00
		————— \$14,449 51
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	Amount to be raised	\$40,284 24

ARTICLE 12. The Board of Selectmen who have charge of the roads and bridges of the Town ask that the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars (\$6,500) be given them to be used in the repair of same.

Results obtained from the oiling of some of the roads during the past few years have shown the advisability of the continuation of the plan, and it is proposed to use about fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) of the sum above mentioned for this purpose, thus leaving the same sum as raised last year for the general repairs.

Your committee has recommended that the sum asked for be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 20. Your committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to purchase a piano to be placed in the Town Hall at an expense not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500), and that this sum be appropriated for the purpose.

ARTICLE 23. Repairing of the Old Academy Building for the use of the Fire Department.

Your committee has recommended the raising and appropriating of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500), and in addition thereto we would recommend that, inasmuch as the State Law will allow the Town to borrow a sum sufficient to provide additional floor area, which, in this case, will be the basement, the Town borrow fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for this purpose, payment of the loan being made in three annual payments, the first being made in the year 1918.

While it is not probable that the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) will complete the repairs on the building, it will go a long way in so doing, and at the same time the Town is not called upon in any one year to raise and appropriate a sum large enough to greatly increase the rate of taxation.

ARTICLE 24. Relocating and repairing of the Graniteville Road. Your committee understands that the approximate cost will be about seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500), one-third of which must be borne by the Town.

We recommend that a sufficient sum to cover the expense on the part of the Town be borrowed, payment being made in five yearly installments practically equal in amount, the first payment to be made in the year 1918.

ARTICLE 35. Lighting the road from Westford Depot to Brookside Corner.

Inasmuch as the Town has recently entered into a contract with the Lowell Electric Light Corporation for additional lights and inasmuch as the location of all of these additional lights has not been fixed, it is possible some may be located on the road mentioned. In any event your committee does not recommend any further appropriation than that called for in the contract recently signed.

The valuation of the Town in the year 1916 was \$2,469,527. Estimating an average yearly increase in 1917, the tax rate will be about \$16 per thousand, provided you raise the sum of \$40,284.24, as recommended.

Your committee has based its figures on the State and County tax of 1916, also upon the income received from the State Treasurer, in the same year.

The State and County tax of 1917 will, undoubtedly, vary somewhat from the figures used, and the income from the State Treasurer may be considerably affected by the new tax law which went into effect January 1st, but it is, however, expected that the result will be of benefit to the Town.

The foregoing report we submit to you for your careful consideration.

GEORGE T. DAY,
JULIAN A. CAMERON,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ELBERT H. FLAGG,
HERBERT V. HILDRETH.

Finance Committee.

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Officers for the year ending February 1, 1917, and wish to report that the cash books and ledgers are correctly footed, and proper vouchers are on file for the payments.

I wish to thank the Officers for their co-operation with me in making this audit.

As a result of my examinations, I submit the following report, with a statement of the financial condition of the Town on February 1, 1917.

TAXES.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for year 1915.

To balance to collect as per audit, January 5, 1916	\$3,077 84	
Past due interest collected	87 27	
	_____	\$3,165 11
Less abatements as per Treasurer's receipts on file with Collector	129 62	
	_____	\$3,035 49
By taxes collected since previous audit	2,948 22.	
Past due interest collected	87 27	
	_____	\$3,035 49
Leaving no balance to collect.		

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for year 1916.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessor's Warrant, as follows:

805 Polls at \$2.00	\$1,610 00	
Tax on Personal Property	12,699 55	
Tax on Real Estate	25,578 12	
Moth and Lead Tax	554 51	
	_____	\$40,442 18

Additions since issue of Warrant as per Assessor's and Selectmen's notices	\$354 87	
Past due interest collected on taxes paid after November 1, 1916	29 23	
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	\$40,826 28	
Less Abatements for the year, as per Assessor's notices	123 93	
	<hr/>	\$40,702 35
By collections to November 6, 1916	\$35,573 87	
By collections from November 6 to January 9, 1917	3,641 85	
Past due interest collected	29 23	
	<hr/>	39,244 95
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Balance to collect		\$1,457 40
To Excise tax to collect as per Assessor's Warrant	\$258 58	
By collections	258 58	
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Leaving no balance to collect.		

TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk issued during the year licenses for		
190 male dogs at \$2.00	\$380 00	
17 female dogs at \$5.00	85 00	
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	\$465 00	
1 license for 1915, since last audit	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$467 00
Less Clerk's fee, 208 at 20c.		41 60
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Balance paid to County Treasurer and receipted for by him		\$425 40

SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen drew 856 orders on the Treasurer during the year, amounting to \$44,725.42. Receipted bills were found on file for nearly all the payments, and in the few cases where these were not in evidence, I found checks on file as vouchers for the payments.

TOWN FARM.

Mr. H. W. Barnes, Superintendent.

To balance cash on hand December 31, 1915	\$ 66 28	
Total receipts from all sources during the		
year	4,211 65	
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		\$4,277 93
By expenditures for the year		4,230 22
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Balance on hand December 30, 1916		\$ 47 71

TREASURER.

To balance cash on hand January 1, 1916 ..	5,882 86	
Receipts from all sources during the year ..	82,014 29	
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		\$87,897 15
By total payments for the year ending		
December 30, 1916	75,923 46	
Balance cash on hand December 30, 1916 ..	11,973 69	
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		\$87,897 15

Statement of Condition.

ASSETS.

1916 taxes remaining uncollected	\$ 1,457 40
Accrued interest on same	18 22
Due from State Aid	486 00
Due from Military Aid	108 00
Due from Vocational School Fund	93 75
Due for old pipe	21 55
Balance cash on hand with Supt. of Town Farm	47 71
Balance cash on hand with Treasurer	11,973 69
	\$14,206 32

LIABILITIES.

Due State Treasurer on Schoolhouse Loan (William E. Frost School)	\$6,000 00
Two months' interest on same at $4\frac{1}{4}\%$	42 50
Due V. C. B. Wetmore on Fire House Loan	500 00
Due State Treasurer account Acton & Lowell Road Loan	1,500 00
$1\frac{1}{2}$ month's interest on same at 4%	7 50
	\$8,050 00
Balance	\$6,156 32
The balance December 31, 1915 was	341 64

EDWARD T. HANLEY,

Auditor.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County.

GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the twelfth day of February, being the second Monday in said month at 7.45 o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock A. M., and may be closed at one o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To bring in their votes for one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one Constable, one Auditor, and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"
- 3rd. To hear the report of the Finance Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.

- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees, and raise and appropriate money to meet the expenses of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the Public Schools, High School purposes, school text-books and supplies, salary of the Superintendent of Schools, repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses and medical inspection, and act in relation to the same.

- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths and elm tree beetles.
- 17th. To raise and appropriate money to meet the expense of the Fire Department.
- 18th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to purchase new hose and fire apparatus for the fire department, and act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To see if the Town will vote to instal additional hydrants in accordance with the recommendation of the Fire Engineers, and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a piano to be placed in the Town Hall, appropriate money therefor, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars (\$200) for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C., and act in relation to the same.
- 22nd. To hear the report of the committee chosen at the last annual meeting to investigate and report relative to the establishment of quarters for the Fire Department at Westford Centre, and act in relation to the same.
- 23rd. To see if the Town will vote to remodel, make additions to, or otherwise repair the Old Academy Building, so called, for the use of the fire department, whereby the floor space thereof is to be increased, and raise and appropriate or borrow, or raise and appropriate in part and borrow in part, money for these purposes, and act in relation to the same.

- 24th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to meet the portion of the expense to be borne in the relocating and repairing of the Graniteville Road, so called, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To see what action the Town will take towards continuing taking water from the Westford Water Company, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) as compensation for a Fish and Game Warden in the event one is appointed for the Town.
- 27th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the construction and grading of sidewalks in the several villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 28th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.
- 29th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 30th. To choose a Finance Committee.
- 31st. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 32nd. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.

- 33rd. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village, and Parkerville, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these three villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 34th. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to give to the Merrimack River Savings Bank of Lowell, Mass., a bond in a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25), in order to withdraw from said bank the amount of the deposit now standing in the name of Daniel May, deceased, and act in relation to the same.
- 35th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for lighting the road from Westford Depot or vicinity to Brookside Corner, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,

Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE



OF THE
TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE
School Year ending December 31, 1916

School Calendar.

ACADEMY. 1917.

March 16. Winter term closes 14 weeks

VACATION—ONE WEEK.

March 26. Spring term opens.

June 22. Spring term closes 13 weeks

SUMMER VACATION. 1917—1918.

Sept. 4. Fall term opens.

Nov. 28. Fall term closes 13 weeks

VACATION—THANKSGIVING AND DAY FOLLOWING.

Dec. 3. Winter term opens.

CHRISTMAS VACATION—ONE WEEK. December 21, 1917—January 2, 1918.

1918.

March 15. Winter term closes 14 weeks

VACATION—ONE WEEK.

March 25. Spring term opens.

June 21. Spring term closes 13 weeks

Total 40 weeks

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

1917.

March 16. Winter term closes 13 weeks

VACATION—ONE WEEK.

March 26. Spring term opens.

June 8. Spring term closes 11 weeks

SUMMER VACATION.

1917—1918.

Sept. 4. Fall term opens.

Nov. 28. Fall term closes 13 weeks

VACATION—THANKSGIVING AND DAY FOLLOWING.

Dec. 3. Winter term opens.

VACATION—TWO WEEKS.

December 21, 1917—January 7, 1918.

1918.

March 15. Winter term closes 13 weeks

VACATION—TWO WEEKS.

April 1. Spring term opens.

June 7. Spring term closes 10 weeks

Total 36 weeks

SPECIAL EXERCISE DAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

1917.

- Feb. 12. Lincoln Exercises, one hour.
- Feb. 21. Washington Exercises, one hour.
- April 18. Patriots' Day Exercises, one hour.
- May 29. Memorial Day Exercises, one hour.
- Oct. 11. Columbus Day Exercises, one hour.
- Nov. 28. Thanksgiving Day Exercises, one hour.

1918.

- Feb. 12. Lincoln Exercises, one hour.
- Feb. 21. Washington Exercises, one hour.
- April 18. Patriots' Day Exercises, one hour.
- May 29. Memorial Day Exercises, one hour.

 LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

The words "legal holidays" shall include the twenty-second day of February, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of September, the twelfth day of October, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, or the day following when any of the four days first mentioned, the twelfth day of October or Christmas Day occurs on Sunday.

January 1st is now a holiday.

Arbor Day occurs on the last Saturday in April, and is not a legal holiday.

Flag Day occurs on June 14th, and is not a legal holiday. It should be observed by any school then in session, by appropriate exercises.

School Committee.

JOHN SPINNER	Term expires 1917
ARTHUR E. DAY, Secretary	Term expires 1917
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman	Term expires 1918
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON	Term expires 1918
JOHN P. WRIGHT	Term expires 1919
FRANK L. FURBUSH	Term expires 1919

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FRANK H. HILL, Littleton, Mass.

Telephone 36-3 Littleton.

COMMITTEE ON TEXT-BOOKS.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,

JOHN P. WRIGHT.

SUPPLY AGENT.

FRANK H. HILL.

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.

JOHN A. HEALY,

JOHN SPINNER.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

CYRIL A. BLANEY, M. D.

Financial Statement.

AS APPROVED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Balance from last account	\$	1,424 55
Appropriation, Common Schools		10,450 00
Appropriation, High School		3,100 00
Appropriation, Superintendent		573 75
Appropriation, Text-Books		750 00
Appropriation, School Physician		100 00
Appropriation, Repairs and Miscellaneous		1,000 00
Received from Mass. School Fund		1,079 37
Received from State on acct. Supt. of Schools		531 25
Received Tuition from Town of Tyngs- boro		50 00
Received Tuition from Town of Groton		58 50
		\$19,117 42

EXPENDITURES.

Trustees of Westford Academy	\$	375 00
Teachers		9,072 00
Transportation		2,896 00
Fuel		1,051 60
Janitors and cleaning		1,072 00
Drawing		225 00
Music		300 00
Superintendent of Schools		892 50
School Physician		100 00
Text-Books and Supplies		839 97
Repairs and Miscellaneous		988 59
Attendance Officers		7 75
Tuition to Town of Tyngsboro		23 25
		\$17,843 66
Balance on hand		\$1,273 76

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Trustees Westford Academy, typewriters . . .	\$270 00
Underwood Typewriter Co., typewriter . . .	30 00
Westford Water Co., water rates	222 00
Express and freight	4 10
Eleanor Hill, Clerk to Superintendent . . .	79 78
H. S. Stiles, labor	42 85
J. E. Knight, labor	19 45
Wm. C. Roudenbush, expenses	15 06
Butterfield Printing Co.	6 50
Alex McDonald, gravel	12 00
A. W. Tuttle, labor	3 00
Joe Wall, stock and labor	2 95
Supplies for Superintendent	29 26
Wright & Potter Printing Co., supplies . . .	5 64
Accompanist at Graduation	3 40
Ribbon for Graduation	2 61
Butterfield Printing Co., programs	9 00
F. LeDuc, repairs on swings	2 00
S. H. Balch, labor	22 02
Hanley & Co., supplies	11 25
Catherine A. Hanley, educational certifi- cates	8 80
Union Sheet Metal Co., repairs	12 50
Manifold Mfg. Co., supplies	11 25
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies	2 79
Edward Defoe, labor	1 50
Miss H. F. Denfeld, expenses	50
J. W. Fletcher, teaming supplies	2 00
Edward Hamlin, repairs	1 60
H. C. Doughty, supplies	20 00
John Spinner, labor	14 25
Thos. H. Murphy, repairs	5 75
Boston School Supply Co.	44 15
C. O. Prescott, making State Report	6 00
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	24 38
J. A. Healy, repairs	40 25

 \$988 59

Report of the Superintendent.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

Following is my seventh annual report, the twenty-fifth in the series of such reports.

A general retrospect of the school year ending in June, 1916, presents fairly satisfactory results in most of the activities entering into school problems. As the teacher is by far the most important factor in the successful school it follows that last year's teachers were worthy of a high degree of approval. Only three were new to Westford schools: Miss Osborne of the Academy, Miss Beal of Parkerville, and Miss Staples of the Department of Drawing. These three teachers had been successful elsewhere and, with the exception of the Parkerville situation—I am not ready to say teacher—were successful here. In Parkerville there has been persistent lack of co-operation with the teacher for many years, on the part of a small minority there. After some years the situation will right itself, no doubt, but meantime the teacher's life is made none too pleasant by this lack of co-operation and the work of the school cannot be said to be satisfactory in consequence. Here and there residents of remote sections have shown a disposition to maintain the rights of their children to an education without recognizing their own duty in the matter. With these two exceptions the report of last year's work might have been "satisfactory" instead of "fairly satisfactory."

Coming now to the present school year: Miss Young of the Commercial Department of the Academy was called to the Lynn Commercial School during the summer vacation, and Helena F. Denfeld has assumed her duties with reasonable assurance of success at this writing. Miss Clara Smith was the first teacher of this town to take advantage of her right to retire on a retire-

ment pension, and Miss Lottie L. Dunn has been appointed in her place, as teacher of grades seven and eight in the William E. Frost School, Miss Grant having been made principal of the school when Miss Smith retired, but retaining her own fifth and sixth grades. Miss Grace E. Ranney has succeeded Miss Beal at Parkerville, also succeeding to some of Miss Beal's problems. In Graniteville, Miss Mary A. Dunn is in charge of grade one, after a leave of absence of one year, and Miss Letitia V. Ward has again entered upon her duties at Forge Village from a leave of absence of nearly a year and a half. We have good reason to expect a harmonious and satisfactory year.

One of the causes of irritation, the matter of transportation of some of the children from remote and inaccessible sections of Westford, must be faced squarely, for it is a growing cause, not a diminishing one. I believe the court will be the final means of determining whether or not the parents are doing all that may be reasonably expected of them in the matter of providing an education for their children. The other alternative is to determine upon the cost of transportation for those children, and ask an additional amount for transportation at the next annual town meeting. It is well to cross the street before meeting some kinds of trouble, but, if nothing else out of the usual routine of things is accomplished during the next six months, this matter of transportation ought to be faced and settled.

The general subject of transportation is a big one. I am sure the committee desire to provide every reasonable facility for the children to reach school and acquire their education. I believe they have been more than generous in handling this situation. But transportation is a necessity, few wish to engage in the work, and the price goes up. The time may come when the town should purchase school barges and have them start from the Centre, the drivers being paid for the use of their horses and for the driving. In some way a greater field of competition must be devised, and opening up the central part of the town to compete with remote and much less populous sections would

extend competition to good effect. The fact that "He is the only man in that district who can put on a barge" would be less significant if fairly populous sections like the Centre, Forge Village, and Graniteville could compete with those outlying sections. To drive a barge-load of children to school should be looked upon as a privilege, not as conferring a favor upon the town; an opportunity for public service at a reasonable wage, instead of a chance to hold up a branch of the public service for a price.

As work certificates and special home permits are based upon birth certificates as one condition, and upon school attendance of 130 days after the thirteenth birthday as another condition, it would seem reasonable to require that children approaching their thirteenth birthday should deposit their birth certificates with the teacher as a part of the school record. Upon leaving town to acquire a school residence elsewhere, the birth certificate would be given to the child with his discharge card. More preliminary correspondence, and consequent delay, comes from the lack of a birth certificate when a work permit is desired than from any other cause. If, upon entering school, a birth certificate were deposited, and one required from those thirteen years of age, in a few years we should have a complete and absolutely correct record. Heretofore, the school register, our only immediate reference, has been very unsatisfactory evidence of birthday data.

The general high prices prevailing throughout the country have not neglected the interests of text-book and supply houses. Supplies of paper especially have advanced in price, and recently I have been notified by four publishing concerns that their books would be advanced January 1, 1917. The present liberal allowance for these materials, in daily use in the schools and of unquestioned necessity, must be again increased, and an appropriation of at least \$100 more than last year should be made. I do not contemplate changing text-books, except possibly one text in the Academy, but the additional sum is asked for only to meet the increased and increasing prices of materials we must have to work with.

I regret to report that arrangements could not be made to begin manual training and domestic science in the Academy last Fall. The cooking classes carried on by Mrs. Abbott in the Frost School are to be continued this year. A home-like and exceedingly refining atmosphere characterized this little cook-room at all times, to my mind one of the most enduring assets of the course. I wish each week one mother would visit this room, so that by the end of the year all the mothers of all the girls taking the course would have seen the work. Lest all come at once the girls could receive a card of invitation in rotation until all were served. The superintendent would be glad to hear from the mothers their opinion, whether in approval or in objection. From a professional standpoint, considering the small scale on which the work is being carried on and the limited amount attempted or possible in such a small room, he has not found a single objection to date. The only regret is that the Cameron and Sargent Schools cannot be equally as well served.

The reports of the principal of the Academy and the special teachers are to be read as a part of this report covering their special fields, and show their viewpoints from a closer and more intimate knowledge than I possess.

I have held one general teachers' meeting, at the Sargent School, since the opening of the Fall term. All the teachers in town were present, except one whose excuse was satisfactory. As often as once a month during the remainder of the year these meetings will be held, in different buildings, and, during the Winter term, at an hour early enough to conclude the work before dark. The special subject of the year will be English, with the greatest emphasis laid upon oral expression. It is hoped that, as one result of this series of meetings, pupils will be better taught to express themselves logically and fully upon any given subject than now. The influence of this work upon written themes ought to be considerable. "Common Sense Didactics," by Sabin, has been selected as a book for general reading and discussion. In this way I hope to make the year professionally

profitable for the teachers, both by a general review of school conditions, and by the special application of thought to a single subject of the program.

I cannot conclude this report without expressing my appreciation of the work of the janitors of Westford. The rooms are kept clean, the heating is intelligently and economically attended to, the ventilation is watched closely, and the children obey and respect our janitors. Their work is important, and, playing as it does a large part in the scheme of education, is deserving of recognition. We are naturally anxious for the conduct of our schools: the greater the confidence we have in our janitors the greater our sense of security at all times. I hope, therefore, it will be possible to so increase the salaries of these efficient public servants that they may be assured of our appreciation.

I wish to express my appreciation of the active help and continued confidence of the committee and townspeople throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Westford, January 9, 1917.

Report of Westford Academy.

January 1, 1917.

MR. F. H. HILL,
Superintendent of Schools.

DEAR MR. HILL:

The report of Westford Academy for the past year is as follows:

At the opening of school in September, 1916, there was a total of fifty-four pupils enrolled, twenty-one boys, and thirty-three girls. For various reasons one boy and five girls have since left school. Of this number three girls moved from town, and the three remaining pupils left school to go to work. Consequently the enrollment to date is twenty boys and twenty-eight girls.

The entering class in September comprised nine boys and twelve girls. Of these there remain eight boys and ten girls. The three pupils mentioned above who left school to go to work were from this class.

A year ago this month (January 17-21, 1916) there was held, in the Town Hall, the Westford Agricultural Extension School¹ under the leadership of the Massachusetts Agricultural College Extension Service. Lectures were given on a variety of subjects pertaining to agriculture, also lectures and demonstrations on household arts. The boys and girls of the Academy were permitted to attend these lectures, utilizing, as far as possible, those periods when they had no recitations.

The large majority of the school took advantage of the opportunity, the chief condition of attendance being that each pupil submit a written report upon some subject in which he or she found particular interest.

A feature of the year was the Shakespearian Prize-Speaking Contest on May 5th, in the Town Hall. The participants were: George Perkins, Artemas Griffin, Leo Connell, Beatrice Hosmer, Eleanor Colburn, Elva Judd, and Frances Wright. Much favorable comment was made upon the manner in which these young people interpreted the different characters in the parts assigned to them. The trustees of the Academy by renewing the allowance made a year ago for prizes, make possible a continuance of this public speaking contest, and such a contest will be held during the Spring term. But next time the selections for declamation will be of a general nature, not confined to any one author.

The Academy pupils made a Christmas offering this year to the War Children's Relief Fund. Also the graduating class of 1916 made a substantial contribution to the same worthy purpose, instead of devoting the money usually given on these occasions to some gift for the school.

Community Civics was this year introduced into the program of studies, and a class of fifteen members organized. This subject is receiving considerable recognition among the high schools of the State, and it was thought desirable to introduce it into our schedule. As defined in Civic Education Circular No. 1, issued by the United States Bureau of Education, the aim of Community Civics is to help the child to know his community—not merely a lot of facts about it,—but the meaning of his community life, what it does for him, and how it does it, what the Community has a right to expect from him, and how he may fulfil his obligation, meanwhile cultivating in him the essential qualities and habits of good citizenship. While Community Civics lays emphasis upon the local community, it also recognizes that the Nation and State are themselves communities, and that the

significance of the term, "Community Civics" does not lie in its geographical implications, but in its implication of community relations, of a community of interests.

It is a question of point of view; and Community Civics applies this point of view to the study of the National and State Community as well as to the study of the local community.

In the study of Community Civics various "Elements of Welfare" are considered as topics, among them the general subjects of Health, Protection of Life and Property, Recreation, Education, Transportation, etc. The class recently devoted its time to the first of these topics, and were favored with a lecture upon the subject by Dr. O. V. Wells. Questions asked the class the following day showed that they had generally remembered and profited by what was told them.

Through the kindness and generosity of the Women's Relief Corps of Middlesex County, the Academy has been presented with a large framed copy of Lincoln's Gettysburg Memorial Speech, also three silk United States flags which are placed in the Main Assembly room and the principal recitation rooms. Particular thanks are due Mrs. Charles W. Parker for her interest in helping to provide the school with these worth-while gifts.

Using money earned from the public entertainments of previous years, the principal has this year subscribed for five copies of the World's Work Magazine to come regularly from September to June. The magazines are placed on file on the reference table, and are available to any member of the school. They are intended to help to a habit of magazine reading, and at times certain articles are used in class work, especially in the English, History, and Civics classes.

The Trustees of the Academy, by continuing the amount of money voted by them toward prizes, enable us to reward effort along such lines as we think best. It has seemed advisable this year to concentrate on two things, public speaking and essay, believing that expression, verbal and written, in one's own language, is a fair standard of acquirement and ability. We, therefore, announce the following scheme of prizes for 1916—1917.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

1. A prize of \$10 to the boy or girl who, in the opinion of three impartial judges, shall best render in public contest a declamation occupying at least seven minutes' time.

2. A prize of \$5 to the boy or girl who shall be judged second best in such prize-speaking contest.

The prize-speaking contest to take place during the Spring term.

ESSAY.

1. A prize of \$5 to that member of the Senior or Junior Class who shall, in the opinion of three impartial judges, write the best essay of at least 500 words on a given subject.

2. A prize of \$5 to that member of the Sophomore or Freshman Class who shall, in the opinion of three impartial judges, write the best essay of at least 500 words on a given subject.

With the exception of Miss Marguerite Young, the teaching force of the Academy remains as it was a year ago. Miss Helena F. Denfeld, a graduate of Wellesley College and of Bryant and Stratton Business College, fills the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Young.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. ROUNDENBUSH,

Principal Westford Academy.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

MR. FRANK H. HILL,
Superintendent of Schools,
Westford, Mass.

DEAR SIR:

In submitting my annual report of the work done in music in our schools, I could almost say, I have worked with *one* object in view for the past year—To improve the tone, to place the voices where they could be used without injury, and where the tone would be sweet and true. Teachers are often satisfied if they get plenty of sound; they do not find fault enough with the quality of tone.

The voice influences the character, and the character in turn affects the voice. Voice training has far reaching consequences on thought, feeling and action. I am glad to say our teachers are realizing what delicate instruments are placed in their hands, and the importance of systematic drill. The improvement I notice from month to month in most of the schools is proof of this.

The Home Work System, mentioned in your last report, strongly appeals to me, in the matter of giving credits for the home work in music. I have known instances where pupils entered the high school, and, for lack of time, were obliged to drop their outside music work; other cases where the home music was not dropped and the studies in school suffered; still others where a pupil soon dropped out of school because the practice could not be kept up—the music lessons were too expensive

to allow the practicing to be slighted, when, perhaps, music was to become their work when through school. I believe a credit system should be devised for such pupils, where their hours of practice should help them toward their graduation credits. Such a system is in use in some places already, and will doubtless be the common practice before many years.

I thank the Superintendent for his co-operation in the work, and the teachers for their able assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. RAYNES,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
Westford, Massachusetts.

The course of study in drawing has been planned with the intent to develop power to see and to achieve with understanding and self-reliance. The children have had more drill this year than before in the drawing of common objects such as houses, vehicles, furniture and many other things both in the home and outside. These drawings constitute their graphic vocabulary for pictorial expression. The extent to which this vocabulary is used in connection with other work depends upon the room teachers, some of whom use it to great advantage to establish ideas in language and history.

The children have practiced various kinds of printing which people are likely to use in everyday life for posters, gift cards, etc. They have been taught to read and make very simple plans. The work in design is intended to develop a taste for fitness and simplicity which may help them to make a wise choice of a rug or an automobile in later life.

I am much pleased with the attitude of both teachers and pupils toward the work in drawing. The grammar school at Graniteville deserves special mention for the fact that in a test given in eight grammar school rooms this school passed with the highest average.

I wish to thank everyone who is interested in the work and tries to make it a success.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE E. STAPLES,

Supervisor of Drawing.

December 23, 1916.

REPORT OF MEDICAL INSPECTOR.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

Following is my report as medical inspector of the schools of Westford.

On my general inspection of the children I find a great improvement in the general hygienic condition of the children.

Co-operation of the parents with the school physician in correcting conditions pertaining to the general health of the child or children is absolutely essential.

In making my various calls of inspection, I have had to exclude from the school for varying time some of the pupils for either infectious or contagious diseases, or both, until free from such contagion or infection.

I also have made many inspections of children of school age who desire to enter employment in mills, factories, etc., to determine if they are fit and able to undertake such employment.

I trust the parents will still co-operate with the school physician in his many duties for the general health and welfare of all the children.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. C. A. BLANEY,

School Physician.

January 1, 1917.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Sargent School—Grades IV–V	Oscar Benson Edward Harrington Francis LeDuc
Grades II–III	Theresa Profito Walter Smith
Cameron School—Grades II–III	Lillian Hosmer Antonio Milot Martin Sinkevec
Grade I	Matthew Olshinska Stanislava Olshinska Oueda Milot
Grades IV—V	Gertrude Baker
Grades VI–VII–VIII ..	Gladys Baker Annie Dare Alice Hosmer Daisy Precious
Frost School—Grades V–VI	Ruth Evelyn McCoy
Grades VII–VIII	Frederick Robinson
Academy	Dorothy Jordan

TEACHERS IN SERVICE JANUARY, 1917.

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	EDUCATED	HOME ADDRESS
Academy		*Wm. C. Roudenbush . . . Helena F. Denfeld . . .	Williams College . . . Wellesley	Westford, Mass.
Wm. E. Frost	VII-VIII V-VI III-IV I-II	Mabel I. Osborn Lottie L. Dunn *Martha L. Grant Mattie A. Crocker Edith A. Wright	Bryant & Stratton . . . Brown University . . . Framingham Normal . . . Gloucester Training . . . Bridgewater Normal . . . Hyannis Normal (Sum.) . . .	Westboro, Mass. Danville, N. H. W. Pembroke, Me. Gloucester, Mass. Brockton, Mass. Westford, Mass.
Cameron	VI-VII-VIII IV-V II-III I	*Letitia V. Ward Mary A. Garvey Abbie M. Blaisdell Eva C. Pyne	Hyannis Normal Lowell Normal Lowell Normal Lowell Normal	Forge Village, Mass. No. Chelmsford, Mass. Wamesit, Mass. Westford, Mass.
Sargent	VI-VII-VIII IV-V II-III I	*Issie A. Parker Lillian G. Wright Esther L. Smith Mary A. Dunn	Westford Academy . . . Lowell Normal Roxbury High Lowell Normal	Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Brockton, Mass.
Parkville Supervisor of Music Supervisor of Drawing		Grace E. Ranney Mary B. Raynes Bernice E. Staples	Framingham Normal . . . School of Music Lowell Normal, '04 Mass. Normal Art, '10	No. Chelmsford, Mass. Wayland, Mass. Chelmsford, Mass. Ayer, Mass.

*Principals.

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TEST.

SCHOOL EXAMINED.	Number Enrolled	Defective Eyesight	Defective Hearing	Parents Notified
Academy	54	7	1	5
Wm. E. Frost	130	13	2	7
Cameron.....	150	12	0	12
Sargent	152	9	1	9
Parkerville	19	1	0	1
Totals	505	42	4	34

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPTEMBER, 1916.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Number of children between 5 and 7 yrs. of age.	50	54	104
Number of children between 7 and 14 yrs. of age	169	158	327
Number of children between 14 and 16 yrs. of age	34	25	59
Number of minors between 14 and 16 yrs. of age who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language...	0	0	0
Number of illiterate children 16 yrs. or over, and under 21 yrs. of age	3	12	15
Totals	256	249	505

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES
AND HOME PERMITS.

ISSUED BETWEEN SEPT. 1, 1915 AND AUG. 31, 1916.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Employment Certificates.....	9	8	17
Educational Certificates (literate)	2	8	10
Educational Certificates (illiterate)	19	8	27
Home Permits	1	0	1
Totals	31	24	55

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT

School	Cases Investigated
Sargent	6

NUMBER GRADUATED FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
1916.

	Boys	Girls	Total
William E. Frost.....	5	6	11
Sargent	2	3	5
Cameron.....	0	3	3
Parkerville	3	1	4
	—	—	—
Totals.....	10	13	23

ENTERED ACADEMY, SEPTEMBER, 1916.

	Boys	Girls	Total
William E. Frost.....	5	4	9
Sargent	0	2	2
Cameron.....	2	3	5
Parkerville	3	1	4
	—	—	—
Totals	10	10	20

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF WESTFORD ACADEMY

AT THE TOWN HALL,

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1916, AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

PROGRAMME.

PART ONE

March with Overture

ORCHESTRA

Class History

ARTEMAS GAGE GRIFFIN

Song of Illyrian Peasants

SCHOOL

Schnecker

Class Will

FRANCIS MITCHELL SULLIVAN

Class Prophecy

LEO JAMES CONNELL

Little Boy Blue

SCHOOL

Brackett

PART TWO

Selection

ORCHESTRA

Invocation

REV. DAVID WALLACE

Salutatory, with Essay, "National Defense"

ETHELE AMY BURLAND

Come where the Lilies Bloom

Thompson

SCHOOL

Presentation of Class Gift

FREDERICK SULLIVAN HEALY

Acceptance of Class Gift

BEATRICE EVELYN HOSMER

Oration with Valedictory, "Abraham Lincoln"

JOHN JOSEPH PROVOST

Presentation of Prizes

HON. HERBERT E. FLETCHER

Presentation of Diplomas

PRIN. W. C. ROUDENBUSH

Girls' Chorus, "Proposal"

Brackett

GRADUATES

ACADEMIC COURSE

FREDERICK SULLIVAN HEALY JOHN JOSEPH PROVOST

ENGLISH-BUSINESS COURSE

ETHELE AMY BURLAND ARTEMAS GAGE GRIFFIN
LEO JAMES CONNELL FRANCIS MITCHELL SULLIVAN

Class Motto—"Animo et Fide"

Class Colors—Green and Gold

Class Flower—Lily of the Valley

WINNERS OF PRIZES GIVEN BY THE ACADEMY TRUSTEES FOR YEAR
1915-1916

Public Speaking

LEO JAMES CONNELL, Five Dollars
FRANCES ELIZABETH WRIGHT, Five Dollars

Essay

ELVA TRIPHENA JUDD, Five Dollars

Stenography

ETHELE AMY BURLAND, Two Dollars and a Half

Typewriting

JOHN JOSEPH PROVOST, Two Dollars and a Half

Sight Reading

HELEN SARAH BERRY, Two Dollars and a Half

Oral Theme

CLAIRE BEATRICE PAYNE, Two Dollars and a Half

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1915—1916

SCHOOL	GRADES	No. of pupils, not including those enrolled elsewhere		Total Membership	Aggregate Attendance	Average Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Number between 5 and 7		Number between 7 and 14		Number between 14 and 16		Number under 5		Number over 16	
		Boys	Girls					Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Academy Frost	I—II	27	26	53	7,892	42.30	42.00	0	0	4	2	13	15	0	0	10	9
	III—IV	19	21	37	4,481	31.30	26.50	4	8	15	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
	V—VI	21	10	32	4,439.5	29.60	26.20	0	0	21	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
	VII—VIII	25	15	42	5,476.5	36.52	32.40	0	0	24	15	1	0	0	0	0	0
	I	13	18	31	4,283	28.00	25.00	0	0	7	12	6	4	0	0	0	2
	II—III	14	17	30	4,227.5	26.36	25.11	8	11	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0
Cameron	IV—V	20	20	40	5,616.5	35.27	33.44	0	3	20	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
	VI—VII—VIII	28	13	41	6,233.5	40.10	36.95	0	0	26	13	2	0	0	0	0	0
	I	8	16	25	3,698.5	22.90	21.84	0	0	8	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
	II—III	23	12	36	4,512	30.80	26.50	17	7	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
	IV—V	16	25	41	5,863	35.50	34.20	3	8	13	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
	VI—VII—VIII	13	17	37	5,176.5	33.56	30.91	0	0	13	17	0	1	0	0	0	0
Parkerville	I—II—III—IV—V—VI—VIII	18	15	35	4,707	30.37	28.13	0	0	15	14	3	1	0	0	0	0
		13	7	19	2,461	15.50	12.31	2	2	10	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
		258	232	499	69,067.5	438.08	401.49	34	39	186	160	26	21	2	2	10	11

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1917

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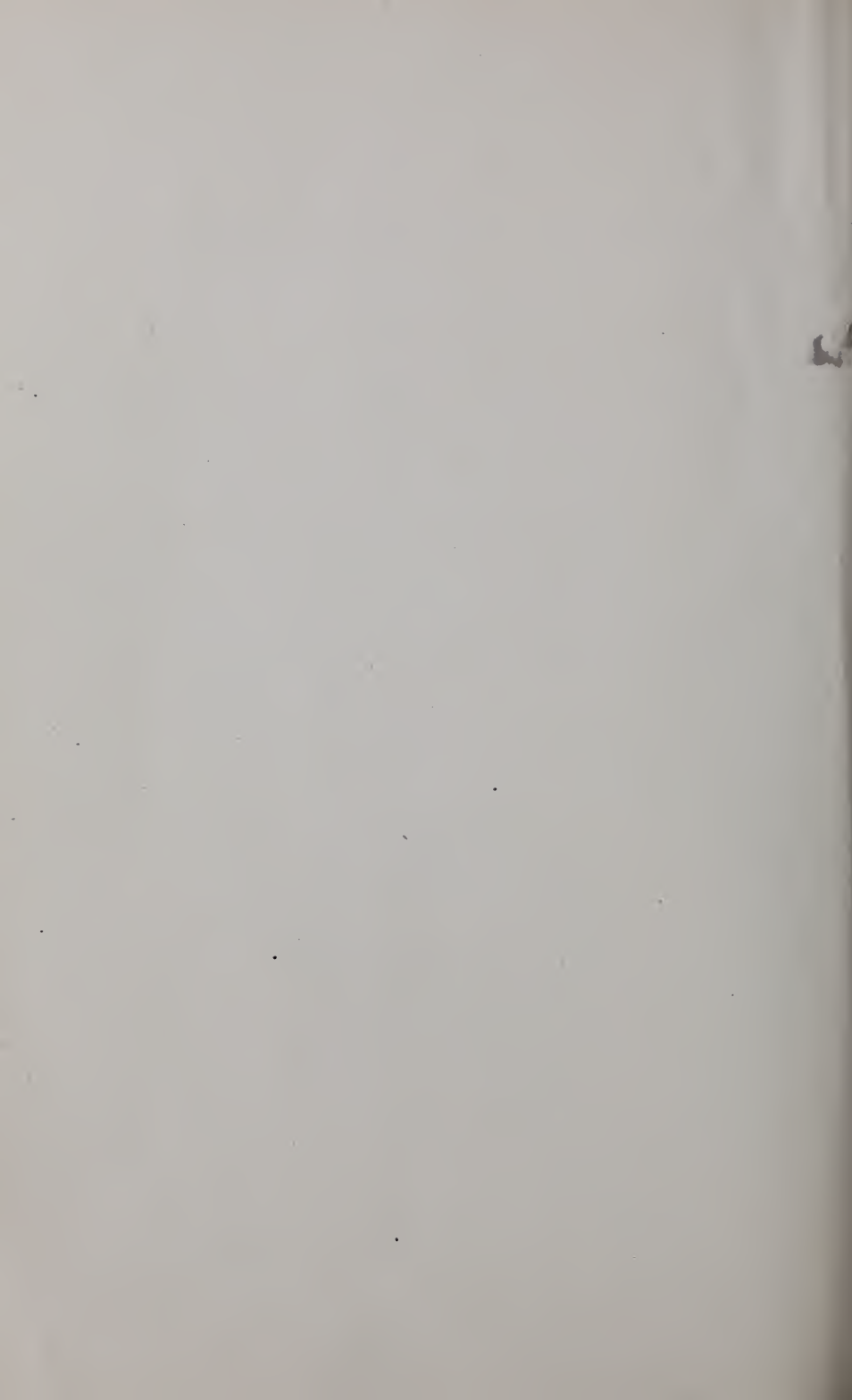
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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1917.

Town Clerk.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH Term expires February, 1918.

Selectmen.

FRANK L. FURBUSH Term expires February, 1918.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, Secretary " " " 1919.

OSCAR R. SPALDING, Chairman . . . " " " 1920.

Assessors.

J. AUSTIN HEALY Term expires February, 1918.

CHARLES D. COLBURN, Secretary . " " " 1919.

J. WILLARD FLETCHER " " " 1920.

Overseers of the Poor.

FRED R. BLODGETT, Secretary Term expires February, 1918.

SAMUEL H. BALCH " " " 1919.

WESLEY O. HAWKES, Chairman . . " " " 1920.

Treasurer.

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT.

Collector of Taxes.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

Auditor.

EDWARD T. HANLEY.

Constable.

WILLIAM L. WALL.

School Committee.

T. ARTHUR E. WILSON	Term expires February, 1918.
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman	“ “ “ 1918.
FRANK L. FURBUSH	“ “ “ 1919.
JOHN P. WRIGHT	“ “ “ 1919.
JOHN SPINNER	“ “ “ 1920.
ARTHUR E. DAY, Secretary	“ “ “ 1920.

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.

JULIAN A. CAMERON, Chairman	Term expires February, 1918.
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT	“ “ “ 1919.
JOHN P. WRIGHT, Secretary	“ “ “ 1920.

Librarian.

MARY P. BUNCE.

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

WESLEY O. HAWKES	Term expires February, 1918.
DAVID L. GREIG	“ “ “ 1919.
GEORGE T. DAY, Chairman and Secretary	“ “ “ 1920.

Tree Warden.

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Finance Committee.

JULIAN A. CAMERON, ELBERT H. FLAGG,
 GEORGE T. DAY, Chairman, WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,
 HERBERT V. HILDRETH, Secretary.

Field Drivers.

JOHN FEENEY, JR., CLARENCE E. HILDRETH,
 ROBERT PRESCOTT.

Fence Viewers.

CHARLES A. BLODGETT, *EDWIN H. GOULD,
 WILLIAM E. WRIGHT.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

*WILLARD H. BEEBE,	JOHN A. HEALY,
*DAVID DESMOND,	WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,	JOSEPH E. KNIGHT,
HORACE E. GOULD,	*MICHAEL L. MCGLINCHAY,
FRANK L. HALEY,	EDWIN A. ROBAY,
ISAAC L. HALL,	OSCAR R. SPALDING,
P. HENRY HARRINGTON,	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
J. AUSTIN HEALY,	*WALTER A. WHIDDEN.

*Failed to qualify.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ALBERT A. HILDRETH.

Inspector of Animals.

SEBASTIAN B. WATSON.

Inspectors of Meat.

SAMUEL H. BALCH,

EMORY J. WHITNEY.

Police Officers.

EDMUND BAKER,

CHARLES H. PICKERING,

SAMUEL H. BALCH,

CHARLES E. RIPLEY,

HARVEY W. BARNES,

JOHN SPINNER,

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,

ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,

JOHN W. O'BRIEN,

LEONARD W. WHEELER,

WILEY M. WRIGHT.

Special Police Officers.

JOHN C. DOFFY,

ROBERT J. MCCARTHY,

WALTER R. GODDARD,

LESTER A. MCLENNA,

WILLIAM KENNEY,

ABRAHAM O'CLAIR,

CHARLES C. WEBBER.

Forest Warden.

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Deputies Appointed by the Warden.

EDWARD M. ABBOT,

JAMES HERRINGTON,

CHARLES A. BLODGETT,

JAMES O'BRIEN,

FRED R. BLODGETT,

JOHN O'BRIEN,

GOLDSMITH CONANT,

EBENEZER PRESCOTT,

DAVID DESMOND,

ROBERT PRESCOTT,

CHARLES EDWARDS,

CHARLES E. RIPLEY,

EDWIN H. GOULD,

WILLIAM L. WALL,

WILLIAM E. WRIGHT.

Superintendent for the Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail
Moths.

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chief,
JOHN EDWARDS, Clerk,

ALBERT R. CHOATE,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND, Assistant Chief.

Weighers of Coal.

*CHARLES H. BICKNELL,
*FRED DEFOE,
ETTA W. FLETCHER,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,

EDWARD T. HANLEY,
ELLA P. PYNE,
*EVA F. PYNE,
WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,
HARWOOD L. WRIGHT.

Public Weighers.

MARY P. BUNCE,
*HENRY F. CHARLTON,
RUDOLPH HABERMAN,
FRANK L. HALEY,
ARTHUR L. HEALY,
FRED A. HEALY,

J. AUSTIN HEALY,
JOHN A. HEALY,
SARAH W. LOKER,
CHARLES H. PICKERING,
FREDERIC A. SNOW,
EMORY J. WHITNEY,

FRANK WILLEY.

Superintendent of Streets.

ALEXANDER McDONALD.

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

GEORGE T. DAY.

*Failed to qualify.

Superintendent of Town Farm.

CHARLES E. RIPLEY.

Town Fish and Game Warden.

JOSEPH WALL.

Janitors of Town House.

*CHARLES H. PICKERING,

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

Janitor of Library Building.

CHARLES H. PICKERING.

Workmen's Compensation Agent.

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

Appraisers of Property at Town Farm.

GEORGE H. HARTFORD,

FRED L. MCCOY,

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

* Resigned.

BIRTHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1917.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Feb. 2	Balsar, Callie Ida	W. Charles and Elaine F. (Smith)
Oct. 8	Bandini, Patrick Harold	Patrick and Theresa (Pivarotto)
Feb. 4	Barretto, Virginia Benedetta	Frank and Benedette (Colusanti)
Aug. 3	Benoit, Mary Laura	Arthur and Philemon (Dupont)
Aug. 24	Beskalo, Alex	Wasil and Theodora (Poznak)
Sept. 24	Biscoff, George	John and Stephanida (Arasha)
Oct. 30	Bosworth, Roger Isles	Ernest O. and Hilda E. (Isles)
Jan. 12	Canton, Alice Eva	Amide and Mary (Byron)
Jan. 27	Chadwick, _____	Roswell and Mabel (Hopkins)
Jan. 25	Clement, Kenneth Clifford	William W. and Viola M. (Nichols)
Nov. 25	Colomb, Lillian Maxine	John T. and Lillian M. (Bushy)
June 9	Connell, Alice	Eugene R. and Emily (Hartley)
July 19	Cunnell, David Mathew	John A. and Mary C. (Allen)
*Sept. 25	Connell, Earl Joseph	Patrick J. and Adolphine (Socka)
Jan. 22	Cote, Mary Ritha	Henry and Rose (Provost)
Nov. 22	Denio, Donald Smith	Thomas E. and Althea (Smith)
Jan. 6	Desmond, David	David and Ellen F. (Dailey)
July 2	Di Donata, Grazio Anthony	Michele and Ersilia (Barretto)
March 25	Di Rubbo, Maddalena	Frank and Olymphia (Di Nuccio)
June 30	Dubey, Frances	Peter and Clara (Lavigne)
April 3	Elie, Germanie Theresa	Joseph and Alma (Milot)
June 5	Fite, June Roberta	Alonzo S. and Mabel (Landis)
Aug. 5	Flatley, Thomas	David and Annie (Molloy)
Feb. 1	Forson, Frank	Anthony and Annie (Prackneck)
Feb. 16	Gagnon, Frank Daniel	Dennis and Mary L. (Brule)
June 19	Gagnon, Rena	Alfred and Ruby A. (Provost)
May 18	Halko, Antonia	Wasili Halko and Dora (Chechueka)
March 13	Hall, Lois	John H. and Eva (Hughes)
Aug. 20	Hamilton, Isabelle Wright	Andrew E. and Isabelle (Wright)
Oct. 13	Hanson, Ruth Carolyn	Carl H. and Edith F. (Johnson)
March 1	Hornocker, William	Everett and Mary (Lyons)
Dec. 22	Howard, Laurence Salisbury	George and Martha J. (Taylor)
Aug. 8	Healy, Elizabeth Carmel	Thomas E. and Annie (Gower)
May 1	Johnson, Roland Sture	Robert A. and Anna S. (Reustrom)
March 28	Kelly, Maria Kathleen	James and Margaret (Smith)
Aug. 29	Kostechka, Arcadi	Michael and Melana (Halko)
Dec. 5	Kostechka, Jennie	Constantin and Katie (Chevilka)
Aug. 9	Kovolchuk, Antonyna	Styf and Dominica (Britko)
June 4	Krasnicki, Fanny	Adam and Antonia (Koklicz)
Jan. 3	Lamie, Henry	Henry and Ida (Milot)
Dec. 1	Lamie, Mary Dora	Arthur and Delena (Dupont)
Aug. 29	Le Clerc, Joseph Joffre	Joseph A. and Rose (Cantara)
Oct. 3	Le Clerc, Mary Dorothy Eugenie	Joseph A. and Eugenie (Pare)
Jan. 23	Le Duc, Mary Claire	Henry and Mary A. (La Croix)
Dec. 23	Logan, Walter Alvin, Jr.	Walter A. and Catherine A. (McHale)
Aug. 22	Lord, David	Philip and Mary (Kelley)
June 12	Lydiard, Charles William	Carl H. and Dorothea (Davis)
Jan. 12	Marcoullier, Marie Ilian Laurette	Severe and Rachael (Milot)
March 14	Marshall, Fedoria	Nicholas and Fedora (Tabala)
July 3	Martin, Joseph Edmund Louis	Peter and Elodie (St. Peter)
June 8	Mauti, Enrico	Louis and Filomena (Barretto)
March 29	May, Catherine	Thomas E. and Elizabeth A. (Kelly)
Aug. 29	May, Joseph	James and Alice (Middleton)
April 28	McGlinchey, Richard Lawrence	Michael L. and Hilda R. (Carlson)
May 16	McGrogan, Helen Avril	John J. and Julia M. (Hedman)
June 10	Millis, Marjorie Lillian	Willard and Ruth (Miller)
Feb. 16	Millis, Edith Margaret	Herbert and Rose E. (Millis)
March 13	Milot, Bertha Vallantine	Oscar and Rosie (Vincent)
July 3	Milot, Mary Lorinda Floretta	Ephraim and Alpena (Deslauries)
March 22	Minkas, Michaelis	Velic and Arvadoka (Worobey)
March 22	Minko, Andrew	David and Antonia (Wolkovich)
Feb. 4	Montminy, Robeia	Alfred and Georgiana (Frappea)

*Recorded January 2, 1918.

BIRTHS—Continued.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1917.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan. 19	Naylor, Robert Milton	Fred and Helena A. (Kilmister)
Jan. 29	O'Brien, Lillian Margaret	James O. and Lillian A. M. (Blaisdell)
Sept. 5	O'Hara, Vera	James and Cornie (Le Clerc)
July 7	Ohlson, Etta Maud Whitney	John S. and Stella M. (Whitney)
Oct. 6	Orange, Mary Emma	William H. and Lucinda (Dupont)
May 3	Palmer, Warren Rodney	Mark A. Palmer and Wilhelmina (Alfarth)
Feb. 25	Parfitt, Adeline Elizabeth	William J. and Laura A. (Tallant)
Feb. 2	Perkins, Ivan Francis	Thomas H. and Elsie L. (Smith)
Nov. 10	Peterson, Axel Hilmer	Axel W. and Hilma M. (Hanson)
Nov. 22	Peterson, Erie Gustaf	David G. and Johanna (Larson)
March 30	Pitkiewicz, Luzet	Joseph and Alexandra (Sadokiewicz)
Aug. 1	Pivarotto, Joseph	Ezzelina and Stella (Contentoc)
Sept. 30	Pupchik, Acsinia	Wasil and Parisha (Bilida)
Nov. 30	Regnier, Joseph Charles	Joseph C. and Fannie (Smith)
Aug. 13	Ricard, Joseph Romeo	Wilbert and Anna (Boisvert)
Oct. 26	Ricard, Marie Alnie Ida	Joseph and Rose (Brule)
May 28	Saboska, Chiezio	Julius and Mary (Lekovich)
April 22	Savage, Eleanor Gertrude	James J. and Mary E. (Flynn)
April 16	Schovich, Peter	Michael and Fedora (Britsko)
July 18	Sedach, Anastisia	Wasil and Ekatirina (Salalarko)
May 28	Sedalnik, Michael	Peter and Olga (Sedach)
Jan. 10	Selika, Fedoria	Michael and Marcella (Stria)
Aug. 19	Seylon, Vital	Adam and Sophie (Venaroski)
Aug. 2	Sisko, Mary	George and Nellie (Telonitz)
March 26	Sosnofski, Annie Josephine	Joseph and Annie (Takush)
Nov. 22	Sudak, Nickolas	Mike and Mary (Urbanovich)
July 29	Swanson, Vera Evelyn	Swan G. and Lena G. (Clement)
May 6	Tandas, Stanley	John and Mary (Waryas)
Sept. 18	Telangitz, Lavren	Marker and Stephanida (Lapas)
Dec. 25	Tousignant, Mary Laurett Noellia H.	Joseph and Rose (Byron)
March 19	Valoecvich, Anthony	Frank and Katie (Alaksi)
Oct. 3	Vose, Harold William	Almon S. and Martha E. (Symmes)
Dec. 24	Weaver, Grace Chrystledell	George H. and Jessie C. (Wilson)
Jan. 23	Wilson, Mary Augusta	T. Arthur E. and Augusta E. (Blaisdell)
April 15	Wright, Edith Isabel	Charles D. and Helen F. (Johnson)
March 18	Wright, Phyllis Elizabeth	William E. and Ruby W. (Carter)
Jan. 11	Zauchi, Virginia	Domenico and Angela (Monga)

Number recorded in 1917: Males, 47; females, 57; total, 104.

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MARRIAGES.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1917.

DATE.	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
June 3	Abrahamson, Harry B.	27	Chelmsford.	Chelmsford.
	Douglas, Henrietta B.	31	Westford.	Boston.
May 27	Bobryk, John.	23	Lowell.	Russia.
	Kriwicz, Frasinia.	19	Westford.	" " " " " "
May 5	Britchko, Peter.	22	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
	Haracka, Alexandra.	22	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Oct. 17	Brown, James H.	34	" " " " " "	England.
	Merrick, Helen C.	28	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
May 23	Carey, John Edward.	27	" " " " " "	Graniteville, Mich.
	McCarthy, Bertha F.		" " " " " "	" " " " " "
	(McLenna).	31	" " " " " "	Westford.
Jan. 27	Cowolchuk, Ignati.	27	" " " " " "	Russia.
	Britko, Paraska.	21	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
May 16	Duffy, John H.	23	Chelmsford.	Chelmsford.
	Elliott, Theresa L.	21	Westford.	" " " " " "
Sept. 22	Edwards, Charles S.	34	" " " " " "	Westford.
	Merritt, Flora M.	35	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Oct. 3	Fletcher, Harold Hill.	27	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
	Proctor, Edith.	21	Lowell.	Lowell.
Aug. 21	Foster, Leon Edward.	21	Fitchburg.	Keene, N. H.
	Guichard, Mary Louise.	17	Westford.	Milford, N. H.
Oct. 27	Gray, John B.	24	" " " " " "	Hardwick.
	Rose, Marjorie M.	24	Belmont.	Westford.
Sept. 10	Greenwood, Edie.	25	Westford.	Canada.
	Dumont, Alice.	19	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
June 13	Hall, Clifford Everett.	20	Chelmsford.	Chelmsford.
	Perkins, Annie Elizabeth.	17	Westford.	New Brunswick.
June 30	Hildreth, Arthur G.	29	" " " " " "	Westford.
	Norris, Bertha H.	33	Nashua, N. H.	Hardwick, Vt.
Sept. 1	Johnson, Clas.	52	Westford.	Sweden.
	Pearson, Emma R.	31	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
July 7	Johnson, John B.	28	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
	Anderson, Thora E.	22	" " " " " "	Rockport.
Jan. 13	Lee, Harry.	47	" " " " " "	Worcester.
	Nelson, Ina (Ruiter).	34	" " " " " "	Westford.
March 29	Lord, Everett L.	28	Berwick, Me.	Berwick, Me.
	Hamlin, Gertrude A.	23	Westford.	Westford.
May 2	Lord, Philip D.	22	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
	Kelly, Mary A.	23	" " " " " "	England.
April 11	Loynes, Samuel.	24	Lowell.	Lowell.
	Young, Mary C.	21	Westford.	Scotland.
Nov. 5	McAnnely, Frank.	35	Ayer.	Omaha, Nebraska.
	Dane, Alice J.	18	Westford.	Malden.
July 26	McCollester, Harvey Q.	23	Ayer.	Ayer.
	Holland, Madeline E.	20	Westford.	Fitchburg.
Feb. 7	McGrogan, John J., Jr.	22	Pawtucket, R. I.	Patterson, N. J.
	Hedman, Julia M.	21	Westford.	Lanesville.
Feb. 20	Milot, Alexandre.	20	" " " " " "	Canada.
	Lamie, Emilio.	20	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Jan. 29	O'Hara, James J.	20	" " " " " "	England.
	LeClerc, Cornie.	21	" " " " " "	Westford.
July 18	Olsson, David Iver.	26	Chelmsford.	Sweden.
	Sutherland, Beatrice May.	24	Westford.	Charlestown.
June 27	Prescott, Benjamin A.	24	" " " " " "	Westford.
	Stiles, Freda V.	22	" " " " " "	Mayville, N. Y.
Oct. 15	Prinn, William T.	18	" " " " " "	Westford.
	Gagnon, Drina E.	20	" " " " " "	Granville.
Sept. 26	Rafferty, Thomas Stephen.	25	" " " " " "	Chester.
	Rowley, Katherine Agnes.	24	Brookline.	Ireland.
April 6	Robbins, Abbott L.	26	Watertown.	East Harwich.
	McCoy, Bertha C.	26	Westford.	Chelmsford.
Feb. 17	Sawosik, Matwej M.	23	" " " " " "	Russia.
	Derenchuk, Vira E.	19	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
Feb. 18	Smith, Bernard.	21	" " " " " "	England.
	Wilkinson, Celia Gertrude.	18	" " " " " "	Westford.
Aug. 15	Steele, Walter M.	24	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
	De La Haye, Edith M.	19	No. Chelmsford.	No. Chelmsford.
April 28	Talaney, Ignat.	22	Westford.	Russia.
	Halko, Annie.	21	" " " " " "	" " " " " "

DEATHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1917.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Years	Months	Days
March 11	Bennett, George Loring, son of William and Mary A. (Thompson)	63	10	20
May 9	Boynton, Fidelia L., widow of George P.	86	2	15
April 18	Bright, Joseph Warren, son of Joseph and Caroline (Marble)	76	1	4
Jan. 27	Brown, John H., son of John	56	8	17
Jan. 22	Burbeck, William Henry Harrison, son of Samuel and Eliza P. (Irving)	76	3	1
March 27	Cantara, Lucile, daughter of Joseph and Eva (Melot)	7	7	22
Feb. 27	Colburn, Susan P., daughter of Nathan and Jane (Parker)	75		29
March 1	Cogle, George H., son of William and Sarah (Christie)	72	11	23
Dec 16	Day, Cornelia A., wife of George T.	76	6	8
April 12	Dirubbo, Maddalene, daughter of Frank and Olipiamp (Dinuccora)			18
Jan. 10	Edwards, Mabelle Addie, wife of Charles S.	32	4	8
June 9	Forsan, Anna, daughter of Toney and Anna (Pracknick)	3	1	17
July 23	Hanson, Martin	61	10	19
May 14	Hereoux, Joseph, son of Joseph and Annie (Tacha)	53		
Oct. 16	Hersey, Engla Regina Maria, wife of Elma P.	29		23
Jan. 28	Jones, Esther Corson, widow of John	86	9	18
Feb. 26	Kavanagh, Daniel, son of William and Ellen (Hanratty)	12		23
March 6	Keyes, Henry O., son of Otis and Lucy A. (Turrell)	57	9	17
March 4	La Breche, John B., son of Joseph and Rose (Benoit)	60	9	1
Aug. 28	McGlinchey, Hulda R., wife of Michael L.	36	8	28
Nov. 5	Meloe, Adora, daughter of Joseph and Dorecord (Ricard)	2	7	
May 8	Milot, Georgiana, wife of Napoleon	45		
Aug. 2	Navrocka, Louise, wife of Thomas	45	1	
July 22	O'Brien, Agnes Gouthrie	40	1	25
Oct. 29	O'Brien, John	79	4	5
April 14	Patch, William Thomas, son of Asa and Mary (Tyng)	82	9	28
Nov. 15	Privirotto, Joseph, son of Ezzelino and Stella (Contentoc)		3	15
March 17	Richard, Conrad Pierre Eslien, son of Conrad and Anna (Pigeon)	9	7	16
April 20	Robey, Minnie A., wife of Ossian V.	54	3	4
May 26	Sanborn, Frederick P., son of George and Margaret (Mellor)	6		28
Jan. 14	Sherburne, Harriet E., daughter of Thomas and Betsey (Spalding)	63	4	27
Jan. 22	Shevlin, Elizabeth, wife of James O.	19	10	2
Oct. 28	Smith, Henry, son of John and Mary (Overand)	63	6	23
Feb. 24	Splain, Elizabeth, widow of Patrick	71		1
May 24	Tandus, Stanley, son of John and Mary (Waryasz)			18
Dec. 25	Urban, Michalina, daughter of Felix and Teofila (Mareinkewicz) .	26		
Feb. 3	Whitney, Caroline Maria, wife of Emory	67	1	26
Dec. 21	Whitney, M. Elizabeth, widow of Hiram	72	5	15
April 5	Willis, Samuel R., son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Rogers)	84	1	9
Oct. 17	Wood, Nathaniel W.	62		
March 13	Wright, Gilman F., son of Erastus and Elizabeth (Carr)	75	4	8

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	21	24	45
Number of deaths in Town	17	22	39
Residents of Westford	20	21	41

Note.

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record or by three or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 16.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

Attention is particularly called to the following extracts from the Revised Laws.

REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 29.

Extracts from Sections 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

SECTION 1. Each city and town clerk shall receive or obtain and record * * * facts relative to the births * * * in his city or town.

SECTION 3 (as amended by Chapter 280, Acts of 1912). Physicians and midwives shall make and keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge and shall, within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a report of the birth. * * * If the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both the father and mother filed with the return. * * * The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for every birth so reported. * * * A physician or midwife who neglects to make and keep the record hereby required, or who neglects to report in the manner specified above, each birth within fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars. * * *

SECTION 4. A member or servant of a family in which a child is born, who has knowledge of the facts required * * * shall furnish the same upon request of the clerk of the city or town * * * or of any person authorized by him. Penalty for refusal not more than ten dollars.

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

Every householder is required to give notice of a birth occurring in his house.

SECTION 8. Penalty for neglect to comply with the provisions of Section 6, not more than five dollars for each offence.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Report on Dogs.

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR 1917.

171 Males at \$2.00	\$342.00
19 Females at \$5.00	95.00

Total	\$437.00
Clerk's fees, 190 licenses at 20 cents	38.00

Paid into County Treasury, June 1 and Dec. 1, 1917	\$399.00

Number of dogs licensed since last return to County Treasurer, December 1, 1917: males 2.

Number of dogs returned by Assessors: males 144; females, 11. Total, 155.

Number of dogs licensed: males, 173; females, 19. Total, 192.

The attention of owners and keepers of dogs is called to the following sections of Chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1914, Chapter 198, Section 4.

SECTION 128. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before the thirty-first of March, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of April following, in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and its registered number.

SECTION 129. The owner or keeper of a dog may, at any time, have it licensed until the first day of April following; and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after the first day of April, which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog not duly licensed which becomes three months old after the thirty-first day of March in any year shall, when it is three months old, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as provided in the preceding section.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES
SINCE LAST REPORT.

Abbot, Edward M.	Eliason, Lars J.
Abbot, John C.	Elliott, James M.
Amesbury, Edwin E.	Emerson, Ernest C. (m. & f.)
Anctil, John H.	Farnham, William R.
Anderson, Andrew G.	Feeney, John, Jr.
Anderson, William E.	Flagg, Elbert H. (f.)
Baker, Edmund	Fletcher, Arthur W.
Banister, Francis W.	Fletcher, Austin D.
Barretto, John	Fletcher, Harry N. (4)
Bicknell, Leroy	Fletcher, Henry A. (3)
Blaisdell, Alvin J.	Fletcher, J. Herbert (3)
Blaney, Cyril A. (f.)	Fletcher, J. M. & J. H. (f.)
Blodgett, C. A. & F. R. (f.)	Fletcher, Walter W.
Blodgett, Della B.	Flynn, Ellen
Bridgeford, Ralph	Forson, Tony
Brown, John (f.)	Furbush, F. Russell
Burke, George	Gilson, Levi S.
Burland, Helen	Gorbunoff, Arcade
Burnham, Arthur H.	Gosselin, Peter
Cadman, G. Henry	Gould, Horace E.
Carpentier, Joseph	Gower, George
Carkin, Warren E.	Graves, William J. (m. & f.)
Cclburn, Charles H.	Green, George E.
Collins, Frank	Green, John R.
Connell, Harold F.	Green, Rose
Coulter, Samuel L.	Gregory, Frank
Couture, Charles E.	Greig, David L.
Dechineau, John	Griffin, Charles M. (2)
Defoe, Fred M.	Hall, John H.
Donnelly, William J.	Hamlin, Edward
Dubey, Frank	Hanson, Vilma
Dupce, Annie E. (f.)	Hartford, Hazel
Eastman, A. B. M.	Hartford, Ida F.

- Healy, Frank L.
 Healy, John A.
 Healy, John A., 2nd
 Heman, Robert J.
 Herrington, James W.
 Hildreth, Charles L.
 Hughes, Alfred
 Hunt, Edmund J. (2)
 Hunt, William
 Ingalls, Harry M. (2 f.)
 Irish, George F.
 Jarvis, Everett
 Jasmin, Arthur
 Johnson, Clas
 Johnson, Clifford F.
 Johnson, Frank C.
 Johnson, Peter (2)
 Jordon, Alfred E.
 Judd, Don
 Kendall, H. M.
 Knight, Joseph E.
 Labouteley, Gaston E.
 Lakin, Alston H.
 Langton, Napoleon
 L'Hussier, Isaac J.
 Loveless, A. E.
 May, Thomas E.
 McDonald, William O.
 McDougal, Alexander
 McMahan, Peter J.
 Meads, D. H.
 Merrick, John (f.)
 Merritt, Flora M. (2)
 Miller, Frank E.
 Mcminney, Albert (m. & f.)
 Moreno, Alexander
 Mountain, Albert (f.)
 Mountain, Ernest G.
 Murphy, Henry J. (2)
 Nelson, Oscar A.
 O'Brien, James (2)
 O'Brien, James H.
 O'Brien, James (2)
 O'Brien, John W.
 Orange, William H.
 Page, Joseph
 Palermo, Tony
 Peno, William
 Perkins, Edward A.
 Perkins, William
 Peterson, Axel
 Pethnelli, Andrew
 Philips, Norman A.
 Polley, Amos B.
 Prinn, Alfred T. W.
 Psarias, John D.
 Pyne, Eva F.
 Reed, Mrs. H. R.
 Russell, George O.
 Ryan, Walter G.
 Sadoski, Joseph
 Sandberg, August G.
 Sargent, Joseph E.
 Sargent, William F. (3)
 Seifer, William (2)
 Sherman, David W.
 Shupe, Perry
 Simpson, John T.
 Smith, George
 Socha, Eddie
 Spinner, Mrs. Elizabeth
 Steele, Edgar F. (2)

Stiles, Harry S.
Sullivan, John A.
Sullivan, Margaret J.
Sutherland, Alonzo H. (f.)
Swanson, Carl
Sweetser, Judson F.
Taylor, William R. (f.)
Terren, Joseph
Thompson, Michael
Thompson, William E
Tousignant, William (f.)
Tuttle, Alfred W.
Velantges, James
Walker, Mrs. Sarah
Wall, Raymond
Wall, William L. (f.)
Wayne, William H.
Wetmore, V. C. Bruce (2 m. &
1 f.)
Whitney, Charles H. (2)
Whitney, Hamilton
Williams, William P.
Wilson, James D.
Wilson, T. Arthur E.
Woods, J. Everett
Wortowicz, Floryan
Wright, Frank C.
Wright, Perley E.
Wright, Ruby W.
Wyman, C. C. (f.)

Annual Town Meeting, February 12, 1917.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, February 12, 1917, the following business was transacted:

1. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen Moderator and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

2. Alonzo H. Sutherland and William O. McDonald, appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk, and received from him the official ballots, and gave their receipts therefor. T. Arthur E. Wilson and John M. Fletcher, appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk and took charge of the ballot box and check list, respectively. The ballot box was opened and found to be empty; the register was placed at zero.

The polls were declared open at 8 o'clock A. M., and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2 of the warrant, and the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

It was voted to close the polls at 1.05 P. M.

The polls were closed at 1.05 P. M. The register stood at 70. The number of names checked upon the Ballot Clerk's list was: Males, 70; Females, 0; Total, 70.

The number of names checked upon the Ballot Box list was: Males, 70; Females, 0; Total, 70.

The number of ballots cast was: Males, 70; Females, 0; Total, 70.

3. Voted to accept the report of the Finance Committee as printed.

4. Voted that the report of the Selectmen be accepted as printed.

5. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.

6. Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

7. Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

8. Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed.

Voted that the unexpended balance on hand, together with the receipts from dog licenses, be appropriated, and that an additional sum of \$1,000 be raised and appropriated for the support of the Public Library.

9. Voted to accept the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as printed, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250, as therein requested.

10. Voted to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

11. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. of the amount collected.

12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,500 for the repair of roads and bridges.

13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,500 for Town debts and charges.

14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the support of the poor.

15. Voted to appropriate the unexpended balance of last year and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,973.75 for the support of the Public Schools, High School purposes, school text-books and supplies, salary of the Superintendent of Schools, repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses and medical inspection.

16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,100 for destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths and elm tree beetles.

17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$450 to meet the expense of the Fire Department.

18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$350 to purchase new hose and fire apparatus for the Fire Department.

19. Voted that additional hydrants be installed, one on River Street, Graniteville, opposite the new houses of the Abbot Worsted Co., and one on Main Street, about opposite the buildings formerly owned by Walter J. Merritt.

20. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase a piano to be placed in the Town Hall, and to appropriate not more than \$500 therefor.

21. Voted that this article be laid upon the table until such time as more definite information in regard to the matter is available.

22. Voted that the report of the committee, chosen at the last annual meeting, to investigate and report relative to the establishment of quarters for the Fire Department at Westford Centre, be accepted.

23. Voted that the Town make additions to the Old Academy Building, so called, whereby the floor space thereof is to be increased, and otherwise remodel and repair said building for the use of the Fire Department, such work to be done under the direction of the committee chosen at the last annual meeting to investigate and report relative to the matter, said committee to have full authority to act in the premises.

Voted that in order to meet the expense to be incurred in making additions to the Old Academy Building, so called, for the use of the Fire Department, whereby the floor space of said building is to be increased, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized and empowered to borrow a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500), the same to be payable in three equal annual installments, at a rate of interest not to exceed five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and issue therefor three promissory notes each in the same principal sum, payable at the expiration of one, two

and three years from the date thereof, each note to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

Voted that in order to meet the expense to be incurred in repairing and remodeling said building, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.)

24. Voted that in order to meet the indebtedness to be incurred in relocating, repairing and widening the Graniteville Road, so called, as ordered by the County Commissioners, the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to borrow a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000), at a rate of interest not to exceed five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and issue therefor five promissory notes each in the same principal sum, payable at the expiration of one, two, three, four and five years from the date thereof, each note to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

25. Voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of five to investigate the advisability of continuing the contract with the Westford Water Company, said committee to have full power and authority in the premises, either to report back to a special meeting to be held hereafter, or if in their opinion it seems advisable, to enter into a contract in the name and behalf of the Town, with the Westford Water Company, for a continuance of the service, but in this event the cost is not to exceed the present expenditure, and the contract is not to exceed the term of five years.

The Moderator appointed as such committee, Oscar R. Spalding, Herbert V. Hildreth, Frank L. Furbush, Wesley O. Hawkes and Samuel H. Balch.

26. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$50 as compensation for a Fish and Game Warden in the event one is appointed for the Town.

27. Voted to raise and appropriate \$300, and appropriate \$300 additional; \$200 to be expended in each of the three villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Westford Centre, for the construction and grading of sidewalks.

28. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1917, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

29. Voted that the Collector be instructed to collect all taxes according to law and that he be authorized to return, at the expense of the Town, a receipted tax bill when paid.

30. The following named were chosen members of the Finance Committee:

William R. Taylor,	Herbert V. Hildreth,
Elbert H. Flag,	Julian A. Cameron,
	George T. Day.

31. The following named were chosen by hand vote:

Field Drivers.

John Feeney, Jr.	Clarence E. Hildreth,
	Robert Prescott.

Fence Viewers.

Charles A. Blodgett,	Edwin H. Gould,
	William E. Wright.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

Willard H. Beebe,	John A. Healy,
David Desmond,	William W. Johnson,
Frank L. Furbush,	Joseph E. Knight,
Horace E. Gould,	Michael L. McGlinchey,
Frank L. Haley,	Edwin A. Robey,
Isaac L. Hall,	Oscar R. Spalding,
P. Henry Harrington,	Alonzo H. Sutherland,
J. Austin Healey,	Walter A. Whidden.

32. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 to commemorate Memorial Day.

33. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 to distribute books from the Public Library in the villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Parkerville.

34. Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized in the name and behalf of the Town to give to the Merrimack River Savings Bank of Lowell a bond in a form to be approved by the Treasurer, in a sum not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25), in order to withdraw from said bank the amount of the deposit now standing in the name of Daniel May, deceased.

35. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$270 for lighting the road from Westford Depot or vicinity to Brookside Corner.

36. The votes having been counted the following were found and declared to be elected to their respective offices:

Selectman—Oscar R. Spalding.

Assessor—J. Willard Fletcher.

Overseer of the Poor—Wesley O. Hawkes.

Treasurer—Harwood L. Wright.

Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Auditor—Edward T. Hanley.

Constable—William L. Wall.

School Committee—Arthur E. Day, John Spinner.

Trustee of J. V. Fletcher Library—John P. Wright.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—George T. Day.

Tree Warden—Harry L. Nesmith.

License: Yes, 7; No, 60; Blanks, 3.

37. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

38. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

State Election, November 6, 1917.

Party designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic; P., Prohibition; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor; Prog., Progressive.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of votes cast	117	81	37	57	292

GOVERNOR.

James Hayes of Plymouth (S. L.)	0	0	1	1	2
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston (P.)	0	2	0	1	3
Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston (D.)	18	24	9	12	63
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester (R.)	94	48	21	39	202
John McCarty of Abington (S.)	2	6	5	3	16
Blanks	3	1	1	1	6

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton (R.)	91	47	23	37	198
Matthew Hale of Boston (D. P., Prog.)	18	23	6	12	59
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown (S.)	2	6	2	2	12
Fred E. Oelcher of Peabody (S. L.)	0	2	3	1	6
Blanks	6	3	3	5	17

SECRETARY.

Herbert S. Brown of Greenfield (P.)	8	2	2	1	13
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield (R.)	85	45	21	32	183
Ingvar Paulsen of Boston (S. L.)	0	3	1	0	4
Arthur B. Reed of Abington (D.)	18	20	8	12	58
Marion E. Sproule of Lowell (S.)	2	4	5	3	14
Blanks	4	7	0	9	20

TREASURER.

Charles L. Burrill of Boston (R.)	90	41	22	32	185
Solon Lovett of Beverly (P.)	3	2	0	1	6
Joseph A. Murphy of Lowell (S.)	2	6	4	2	14
Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell (D.)	16	28	7	15	66
Mary E. Peterson of Somerville (S. L.)	0	0	1	1	2
Blanks	6	4	3	6	16

AUDITOR.

Elzear H. Choquette of New Bedford (D.)	15	21	8	15	59
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston (R.)	90	44	23	33	190
David Craig of Milford (S. L.)	2	1	1	0	4
Walter S. Peck of Stockbridge (S.)	2	5	4	3	14
Henry G. Smith, Jr., of Somerville (P.)	1	4	0	0	5
Blanks	7	6	1	6	20

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn (R.)	91	45	21	34	191
Frank Auchter of Belmont (P.)	3	3	0	0	6
William R. Henry of Lynn (S.)	3	7	5	2	17
Thomas J. Maher of Medford (S. L.)	0	1	1	0	2
Josiah Quinn of Boston (D.)	16	20	8	16	60
Blanks	4	5	2	5	16

COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT.

James G. Harris of Medford (R.)	91	52	23	36	202
Blanks	26	29	14	21	92

SENATOR, EIGHTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Arthur W. Colburn of Dracut (R.)	93	47	24	30	194
Henry J. Draper of Lowell (D.)	17	29	7	17	70
Blanks	7	5	6	10	28

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Walter Perham of Chelmsford (R.)	100	51	29	36	216
Blanks	17	30	8	21	76

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Walter C. Wardwell of Cambridge (R.)	95	47	18	30	190
Blanks	22	34	19	27	102

“Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to absentee voting, submitted by the Constitutional Convention be approved and ratified?”

Yes	62	40	21	31	154
No	34	19	8	7	68
Blanks	21	22	8	19	70

“In place of Article 18 of the Articles of Amendment of the Constitution, shall the following Article of Amendment relative to appropriations for educational and benevolent purposes, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?”

Yes	86	43	26	29	184
No.	21	29	7	14	71
Blanks	10	9	4	14	37

“Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to the taking and distribution by the Commonwealth and its municipalities of the common necessities of life, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?”

Yes	72	48	24	32	176
No	22	18	6	8	54
Blanks	23	15	7	17	62

RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT FROM ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Walter Perham of Chelmsford (R.)	Acton	Bed- ford	Car- lisle	Chelms- ford	Little- ton	Tyngs- boro	West- ford	Total
	273	152	59	520	125	84	216	1,429
Blanks	52	43	10	153	21	8	76	363
Total	325	195	69	673	146	92	292	1,792

Special Town Meeting, November 19, 1917.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, November 19, 1917, the following business was transacted:

1st. Herbert V. Hildreth was chosen Moderator, and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

2nd. Voted unanimously that the Overseers of the Poor in the name and behalf of the Town, sell for cash, at public auction or at private sale as in their judgment seems best, the whole or any part of the standing timber now growing on the Town Farm, so called.

3rd. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

4th. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,
Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Treasurer.

H. L. Wright.....	\$175.00
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Town Clerk.

Charles L. Hildreth, salary.....	25.00
Services attending to publication of 1917 Town Report	10.00
Making out Town Clerk's Report.....	5.00
Making returns of vote for Representative.....	2.50
Taking 2 birth and 1 death affidavits at 50 cents....	1.50
Recording 78 births at 50 cents.....	39.00
Recording 51 marriages at 20 cents.....	10.20
Recording 52 deaths at 20 cents.....	10.40
Sending 2 certified copies of birth returns to Haver- hill and Concord at 25 cents.....	.50
Postage and supplies	5.32

\$109.42

Selectmen.

Oscar R. Spalding, salary.....	\$150.00
Sherman H. Fletcher, salary.....	90.00
Frank L. Furbush, salary.....	75.00

\$315.00

Clerks for Selectmen.

Harold W. Hildreth, salary.....	\$67.50
Charlotte P. Greig, salary.....	22.50

\$90.00

Auditor.

Edward T. Hanley, salary.....	\$35.00
Making returns to Bureau of Statistics.....	10.00
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	\$45.00

Assessors.

J. Willard Fletcher, 29 days' work taking invoice and making taxes.....	\$87.00
Charles D. Colburn, 24 days' work taking invoice and making taxes.....	72.00
J. Austin Healy, 16 days' work taking invoice and making taxes	48.00
L. W. Wheeler, services with assessors.....	21.00
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	\$228.00

Tax Collector.

Leonard W. Wheeler, collecting \$38,587 at 1 per cent.....	\$385.87
American Surety Co., bond.....	50.00
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	\$435.87

Constable and Police.

Wm. L. Wall, services as constable.....	\$243.30
J. W. Catchpole, services as police.....	1.20
J. A. Healy, services as police.....	3.00
C. H. Pickering, services as police and lighting silent policeman	32.43
Peter Clement, services as police.....	2.80
J. W. Spinner, services as police.....	6.50
A. H. Sutherland, services as police.....	4.00
Wm. J. Kennedy, traffic officer.....	24.75
Wm. H. Healy, lighting silent policeman.....	14.00
Sherman H. Fletcher, cash paid for expenses of Forge Village traffic officer.....	3.64
Wright & Fletcher, police badges.....	6.00
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	\$341.62

Registrars of Voters.

Charles L. Hildreth, services as clerk.....	\$ 15.00
Charles L. Hildreth, attending 15 meetings.....	30.00
A. W. Tuttle, attending 9 meetings, 1916.....	18.00
A. W. Tuttle, attending 15 meetings, 1917.....	30.00
R. J. McCarthy, attending 15 meetings.....	30.00
Alfred W. Hartford, attending 11 meetings.....	22.00
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	\$145.00

Cattle Inspector.

S. B. Watson, inspector, 1917.....	\$ 150.00
Received from State, \$75.00.	

Inspector of Meat.

Emory J. Whitney.....	\$146.00
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Town Counsel.

Edward Fisher, services	\$154.65
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PRECINCT OFFICERS.

Precinct One.

A. H. Sutherland, warden.....	\$ 9.00
John M. Fletcher, clerk.....	15.50
Wm. McDonald, inspector	10.00
L. W. Wheeler, inspector.....	6.50
Edward K. Tolman, ballot box.....	50.00
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	\$ 91.00

Precinct Two.

Alfred Prinn, clerk	\$ 8.00
A. R. Wall, warden.....	4.00
Joe Wall, inspector	10.50
Hammett D. Wright, inspector.....	5.00
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	\$ 27.50

Precinct Three.

Bernard J. Flynn, inspector.....	\$ 7.00
C. S. Edwards, clerk.....	8.00
C. E. Edwards, conveying ballot box.....	6.00
Henry O'Brien, warden.....	8.00
Walter A. Whidden, inspector.....	7.00
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	\$ 36.00

Precinct Four.

John Edwards, clerk.....	\$ 8.00
Alvin S. Bennett, warden.....	3.00
Geo. Sanborn, inspector.....	2.50
A. H. Comey, inspector.....	2.50
A. H. Comey, warden.....	3.00
J. W. Spinner, inspector.....	4.00
R. D. Prescott, inspector.....	2.50
J. W. Spinner, conveying ballot box.....	6.00
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	\$ 31.50

Halls for Elections and Registration.

J. A. Healy.....	\$ 9.50
Brookside Worsted Mills.....	5.00
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	\$ 14.50

Town Common.

Timothy Sullivan, labor.....	\$ 35.00
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Appraisers at Town Farm.

L. W. Wheeler, clerk.....	\$ 3.00
F. L. McCoy.....	2.00
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	\$ 5.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Albert A. Hildreth, salary and extra time.....	\$ 99.00
Supplies	4.75
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	\$103.75

Amount received from fees, \$39.24.

Board of Health.

By orders (see Board of Health Report).....	\$220.67
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Printing and Stationery.

Courier-Citizen Co., town reports, billheads, warrants, etc.	\$595.98
John H. Fletcher, P. M., postage.....	68.49
Dumas & Co., supplies.....	40.75
Hobbs & Warren, supplies.....	9.35
P. B. Murphy, supplies.....	4.35
S. B. Watson, postage.....	2.00
Library Bureau Supplies.....	.50
A. W. Brownell, supplies.....	8.00
Huntley S. Turner, supplies.....	2.78
Butterfield Printing Co., supplies.....	9.50
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	\$741.70

Insurance.

Boston Ins. Co., Town Hall.....	\$ 44.40
Merrimack Ins. Co., Library.....	45.75
Aetna Accident & Liability Co., Liability.....	309.74
Middlesex Ins. Co., Fire House.....	18.60
Penn. Fire Ins. Co., Library Books & Frost School..	282.00
Hingham Ins. Co., Keyes House.....	1.70
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	\$702.19

Town Hall.

Chas. H. Pickering, janitor.....	\$ 69.32
S. H. Balch, janitor.....	140.00
Telephone	24.81
Lowell Electric Light Corp., for electric lights.....	64.70
Supplies	52.34
Water Rates	32.00
Repairs	120.36
Fuel	76.71
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	\$580.24

Income from Hall, \$158.75.

State Aid.

To Soldiers and Sailors and Families of same, as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.	
From Jan. 1, 1917, to Jan. 1, 1918.....	\$492.00
Amount due from State, \$492.00.	

Soldiers' Relief.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.	
From Jan. 1, 1917, to Jan. 1, 1918.....	\$ 48.00

Military Aid.

From Jan. 1, 1917, to Jan. 1, 1918.....	\$216.00
Amount due from State, \$108.00.	

Forest Fires.

H. L. Nesmith, warden.....	\$ 63.75
H. L. Nesmith, cash paid men.....	398.73
Supplies	42.38
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	\$504.86

Guide Posts and Guide Boards.

Joe Wall, painting signs.....	\$ 18.50
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Breaking Roads.

Labor	\$587.78
Lowell Industrial School.....	\$ 267.50

Undertaker.

David L. Greig & Son, funerals and permits.....	\$118.50
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General Expenses.

J. D. Christie, M. D., birth returns.....	\$ 2.50
Mrs. J. E. Knight, dinner for officers.....	7.00
Chas. F. Gettemy, services.....	16.00
N. E. Bunting Co., bunting for flag.....	4.80
O. V. Wells, M. D., services.....	16.50
W. H. Sherman, M. D., services.....	32.00
L. W. Wheeler, telephone extension.....	1.50
Matthew Bender Co., M. & B. Mass M. Corp.....	10.50
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Amount carried forward.....	\$ 90.80

Amount brought forward.....	\$	90.80
Westford Water Co., rates at Keyes house.....		10.00
W. L. Wall, distributing fish and duck.....		7.00
Express and freight.....		9.24
J. A. Walden, repairs.....		1.00
H. E. Fletcher, supplies.....		2.79
Mrs. J. H. Colburn, labor.....		.50
Forge Village Granite Co., supplies.....		3.60
H. F. Denfeld, supplies.....		.72
A. W. Hartford, advertising.....		10.00
Smith & Brooks, blue prints.....		.75
Traffic Sign & Signal Co., traffic supplies.....		46.55
J. H. Fletcher, refreshments for soldiers.....		7.80
Auto List Publishing Co.		15.00
Lull & Hartford, supplies.....		1.50
Arthur Brisson, damages on highway.....		6.80
Lexington Flag Staff Co., service flag.....		25.00
C. H. Bicknell, cleaning out catch basin.....		2.00
Hanley & Co., supplies.....		2.30
W. W. Johnson & Son, sanding car tracks.....		26.00
Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....		138.81
O. R. Spalding, labor and supplies.....		8.97
J. A. Healy & Son, housing roller, 1917.....		5.00
C. W. Hildreth, cleaning leaves from Common and Streets		19.05
S. H. Balch, setting post at Minot's Corner.....		1.40
S. H. Balch, carting express for Town Clerk and Selectmen .....		.50
Chas. H. Flannagan, putting out lights, Forge Village		30.00
Geo. O'Brien, repairs		14.70
F. E. Varney, M. D., birth returns.....		3.75
A. H. Sutherland, labor on band stand.....		2.00
Chas. L. Hildreth, framed enlargement pictures of 6th Regt.		5.00
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		\$498.53
Total of Town debts and charges.....	\$	7,676.28
Appropriation \$7,500.00.		

Moth Department.

The department has been in charge of Harry L. Nesmith, who has received \$2.50 and \$3.00 per day, and has been paid \$1.00 per day for the use of his team and automobile. The men have been paid \$2.00 and \$2.50 per day.

The items of expense are as follows:

Harry L. Nesmith.....	\$ 832.00
Harry L. Nesmith, team.....	302.00
Labor	1,328.00
Chas. Bicknell, team.....	93.50
Freight and Express.....	3.77
Gasoline	26.50
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	\$2,585.77

Amount to come from private work, \$766.22.

Amount to come from State, \$917.00.

Net cost to Town, \$902.55.

Appropriation, \$1,100.

School Committee.

By orders (see School Report)..... \$18,438.00

Public Burial Grounds.

By orders (see Commissioners' Report)..... \$ 250.00

Appropriation, \$250.00.

J. V. Fletcher Library.

By orders (see Library Report)..... \$1,490.00

Delivering Library Books.

H. W. Hildreth..... \$ 1.45

Fred H. Meyer..... 90.00

\$ 91.45

Appropriation, \$100.

Memorial Day.

By order Veteran Association.....	\$ 150.00
Appropriation, \$150.	

Fire Department.

By orders (see Report).....	\$ 613.48
Appropriation, \$800.	

Hydrants.

Westford Water Co.	\$2,046.67
Appropriation, \$2,080.00.	

Electric Lights.

Lowell Electric Light Corp.	\$3,306.68
Appropriation, \$3,500.00.	

Sidewalks.

J. A. Healy & Son, at Graniteville.....	\$ 194.08
Raised and appropriated \$600.00, one-half to be paid by abutters.	

Whitney Playground.

By orders (see Report).....	\$ 393.00
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Support of Poor.

By orders (see Report).....	\$2,518.86
Appropriation, \$2,000.00.	

Road Department.

Alex. McDonald was appointed Superintendent of Roads at a salary of \$3.00 per day. Teams have been hired at \$5.50 per day. Laborers have been paid \$2.25 and \$2.50 per day.

The following are items of expense:

Alex. McDonald, Superintendent.....	\$ 582.00
Teams	1,536.76
Labor	1,802.68
Gravel	92.05
Standard Oil Co.	1,504.93
W. W. Johnson & Son, teams.....	433.12
P. E. Wright, teams.....	38.50
Mrs. Margaret McDonald, teams.....	22.00
Town Farm, team.....	71.50
J. Langly, team.....	33.00
J. A. Walkden, repairs.....	14.00
Alex. McDonald, use of car.....	70.50
Forge Village Granite Co., labor.....	15.00
Chas. Bicknell, team.....	40.56
A. H. Perkins, use of steam roller.....	10.00
Fred Shugrue, repairing road.....	2.00
M. F. Downs, repairing road.....	10.00
O. R. Spalding, teams.....	60.50

\$6,339.10

Appropriation, \$6,500.00.

Fire House.

H. B. Prescott, services.....	\$ 20.00
O. R. Spalding, cash advanced for H. O. Keyes property	2,353.67
P. Henry Harrington, contractor.....	2,500.00

\$4,873.67

Graniteville Road.

H. V. Hildreth, bound posts.....	\$	21.10
Globe Newspaper Co., advertising for bids.....		4.00
Boston American, advertising for bids.....		4.00
Boston Herald		3.60
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	\$	32.70
Appropriation, \$3,000.00.		

Piano at Hall.

H. F. Miller & Sons Piano Co.	\$	475.00
Appropriation, \$500.00.		

Soldiers' Monument.

Timothy Sullivan, labor.....	\$	15.00
Wright & Fletcher, flag.....		2.75
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	\$	17.75

Amount ordered out for 1917, \$51,492.49.

Number of orders drawn, 824.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN OF
WESTFORD.

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Burnham, Arthur H.	Farmer	Westford
Danio, Thomas E.	Station Agent	Graniteville
Defoe, Fred N.	Station Agent	Graniteville
Edwards, John	Machinist	Forge Village
Fletcher, Harry N.	Granite Dealer	Graniteville
Gregory, Frank	Weaver	Littleton Common
Gumb, Harry M.	Retired	Westford
Hanscom, Frederick A.	Farmer	Westford
Hartford, George H.	Farmer	Westford
Howard, John H.	Farmer	Westford
Kabele, Henry M.	Farmer	Westford
Kimball, George A.	Farmer	Westford
Lundberg, Axel G.	Monument Dealer	Westford
Lydiard, Carl H.	Farmer	Westford
McCoy, Fred L.	Farmer	Westford
Polley, Amos B.	Farmer	Westford
Prescott, Benjamin R.	Machinist	Westford
Prescott, E. Clyde	Farmer	Westford
Prescott, Richard D.	Farmer	Forge Village
Sanborn, George L.	Station Agent	Forge Village
Sargent, William F.	Machinist	Graniteville
Spinner, John	Janitor	Forge Village
Sullivan, William T.	Farmer	Westford
Sweetser, Warren P.	Farmer	Westford
Whitney, Emory J.	Retired	Westford
Williams, William P.	Farmer	Westford
Wright, Bradley V.	Farmer	Westford
Wright, Frank C.	Farmer	Westford

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, January 10, 1918.

REPORT
OF THE
Public Safety Committee



OF THE
TOWN OF WESTFORD

1917

LOWELL, MASS.
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS
1918

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ON THE
WAR WORK OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS DURING
THE PAST YEAR.

On April 4, 1917, a public meeting of the citizens of Westford was held in the Town Hall to take measures for the safety of the lives and property of our citizens, and also aid in any way the successful prosecution of the war between the United States and Germany.

It was voted at that meeting to instruct the Selectmen to appoint an executive committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen and three others. This committee to be known as the Public Safety Committee of Westford. The following are the names of the committee:—Oscar R. Spalding, Chairman; Sherman H. Fletcher, Secretary; Frank L. Furbush, Herbert V. Hildreth, Julian A. Camcron and Arthur E. Day.

The duties of the committee have been exacting and far-reaching, covering everything pertaining to the safety and protection of persons and property, raising funds, looking after the welfare of the enlisted and drafted men, the organization of the company of State Guard, and many other things that have arisen on account of the war.

The committee has acted under the advice and instruction of the Massachusetts Public Safety Committee. Sub-committees were appointed as follows:

On Protection of Public Works—Alonzo H. Sutherland, Chairman;
William L. Wall, Edward T. Hanley.

On Co-Ordination of Aid Societies—Dr. Orion V. Wells, Chairman;
Dr. Warren H. Sherman, Eva F. Pyne.

- On Food Production and Conservation*—Frank C. Wright, Chairman; Fred R. Blodgett, Harry L. Nesmith.
- On Transportation and Motor Cars*—Edward M. Abbot, Chairman; Henry J. Healy, Leonard W. Wheeler.
- On Finance*—John C. Abbot, Chairman; Edward T. Hanley, William R. Taylor.
- On Publicity*—Alfred W. Hartford, Chairman; Samuel L. Taylor, Albert R. Wall.
- On Explosives*—John A. Healy, Chairman; Harold H. Fletcher, Lewis B. Palmer.
- On Recruiting*—J. Herbert Fletcher, Chairman; William L. Wall, Edward T. Hanley.
- On Fuel Committee*—Julian A. Cameron, Chairman; Oscar R. Spalding, Herbert V. Hildreth.
- On Registration of Women on Food Conservation*—Mrs. John P. Wright.
- For Co-Operation with Federal and State Food Administration*—Harwood L. Wright.
- On Co-Ordination with Mass. Public Safety Committee*—Sherman H. Fletcher.
- Soldiers' Information Bureau*—Alfred W. Hartford, Chairman; Edward T. Hanley, Wesley O. Hawkes.

The following amounts have been voluntarily subscribed by the citizens of Westford.

For the Young Men's Christian Association	\$8,858.00
For the American Red Cross	5,037.42
For the Relief of Halifax	952.00
774 members have been added to the Membership of the American Red Cross for 1918 (this includes the magazine members)	780.00
Total	<u>\$15,627.42</u>

Besides these contributions our citizens have subscribed very liberally to the two issues of Liberty Bonds.

Under the command of Major Colby T. Kittredge, Companies C, G, and K of the 6th Regiment of the National Guard which was stationed at Camp Devens took part in a reception and parade at Lowell, August 16th, and on the following day returned to camp over the road, making their night encampment on the Hildreth farm in the center of the town. On their march a halt was made for dinner at Nabnasset Pond. Their arrival in the center of the town, during a heavy shower, was about 3 P. M. Camp was established at once and the Cavalry Association Building opened for Officers' Headquarters. Hot coffee, doughnuts and cheese were served to the men at mess by the local Red Cross. The Battalion broke camp early the next morning and marched over the road to Camp Devens. The cheers of the men, as they marched through town, showed that they had appreciated the hospitalities received. Two framed photographs of the Battalion hang in the Selectmen's room.

The Soldiers' Information Bureau has done good work in keeping a record of all enlisted and drafted men and their report is here published. It was found impossible to keep a correct list of the organization they belonged to on account of the frequent changes and is therefore omitted.

A service flag has been purchased with as many stars on it as there are enlisted and drafted men and is displayed upon the flagstaff on the common in the center of the Town every fair day.

The Massachusetts Soldiers' Information Bureau for the Town have prepared the following list of all the enlisted and drafted men of Westford now in the United States service. This list is complete up to January 1, 1918.

Arthur C. Arvanites,
Edward Beechard
Leo K. Beechard,
Ernest L. Burland,
Leroy E. Bicknell,
Seth W. Banister,
Frank L. Blaisdell,
Arthur C. Blaisdell,
Alexander Brunelle,
Walter O. Beebe,
Alexander Cameron,
Alfred J. Couture,
Frank Charlton,
Joseph A. Carpentier,
William Couchaine,
Leo Cushing,
Fred W. Defoe,
Elmer DeRoehn,
Emerson DeRoehn,
Gustave Eliason,
Mathew F. Elliott,
William C. Furbush,
Harold H. Fletcher,
Ralph A. Fletcher,
John B. Gray,
Claude E. Gladu,
Eugene Guichard,

Fredolph Hanson,
Jesse C. Heald,
John A. Healey,
Clarence E. Hildreth,
Harold W. Hildreth,
Leon F. Hildreth,
John Hobson,
Albert W. Heywood,
Frank C. Johnson,
Justin Jenkins,
Adlard Langly,
William H. Mills,
Albert Monmenie,
Thomas Merrick,
John O'Neil,
Robert Orr, Jr.,
Théodore L. Pollock,
Antonio Palermo,
Joseph Perkins, Jr.,
Joseph Pelky,
Edwin A. Robey,
Frederick M. Stewart,
Herbert Smith,
Marden H. Seavey,
Daniel Sullivan,
Herbert A. Walkden.

John Syzroanski, a resident of Forge Village and a drafted man, was ordered to Camp Devens by the district board but has disappeared.

ALFRED W. HARTFORD,
EDWARD T. HANLEY,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,

Soldiers' Information Bureau.

A company of the State Guard was organized of citizens not subject to draft and is known as Company L (97), 19th Regiment, Massachusetts State Guard. The Town Hall is used for an armory and drill hall where suitable closets have been made for keeping of arms and uniforms. The following is the roster as of January 1, 1918:

COMPANY L (97), 3RD BATTALION, 19TH REGIMENT,
3RD BRIGADE, INFANTRY,
MASSACHUSETTS STATE GUARD.

LIST OF OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATES,
JANUARY 1, 1918.

OFFICERS.

CAPTAIN CHARLES W. ROBINSON.
FIRST LIEUTENANT HERBERT V. HILDRETH.
SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. ROBINSON.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

First Sergeant Julian A. Cameron.
Clerk and Sergeant Charles L. Hildreth.
Sergeant Edward M. Abbot.
Sergeant Fred Naylor.
Sergeant Charles E. Dudevour
Supply Sergeant Fred L. Fletcher.
Sergeant M. Edward Rincy.
Corporal William C. Roudenbush.
Corporal Frank L. Halcy.
Corporal Edward T. Hanley.
Corporal Edmund J. De La Haye.
Corporal James May.
Corporal William H. Orange.

PRIVATES.

Bugler, George D. Wilson.

Mechanic, Alonzo H. Sutherland.

Cook, Charles V. E. Robey.

Amisson, Frederick L.,	Ledwith, Michael B.,
Blanchard, Walter L.,	Lincoln, Howard A.,
Blodgett, Charles A.,	Lowther, Francis,
Blodgett, Fred R.,	Lupien, Frank J.,
Buckingham, William F.,	McDonald, Joseph J.,
Burke, George H.,	Miller, Charles W.,
Colburn, Jonathan Henry,	Nesmith, Harry L.,
Dane, Clarence H.,	O'Brien, George,
Drolet, Alfred,	Payne, James H.,
Feeney, John, Jr.,	Prescott, Ebenezer C.,
Fisher, Alec,	Prescott, Robert,
Greene, John R.,	Riney, Joseph B.,
Griffin, Artemus G.,	Ripley, Charles S.,
Griffin, Charles M., Jr.,	Sherman, David W.,
Haley, Mathew Stephen,	Sherman, Warren H.,
Hall, Isaac L.,	Turner, Eldon A.,
Hall, John H.,	Walker, Arthur G.,
Hanscom, Frederick A.,	Wetmore C. Inglis,
Hartford, Alfred W.,	Wheeler, Leonard W.,
Hartford, Harry O.,	Wright, Ernest T.,
Herrington, James W.,	Wright, Harwood L.,
Hildreth, Arthur G.,	Wright, John P.,
Hunt, Edmund J.,	Wright, William E.,
Kelley, James,	Woods, Charles E.
Leclerc, Joseph A.,	

Dr. Orion V. Wells, a former member of the Company, has been appointed First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, 19th Regiment.

REGISTRATION BOARD.

Registration Board for Military Enrollment, under the Act of Congress, May 18, 1917, appointed by His Excellency, Governor Samuel W. McCall.

Alfred W. Hartford,
Robert J. McCarthy,

Alfred W. Tuttle,
Charles L. Hildreth, Clerk.

ASSISTANT REGISTRARS.

Charles S. Edwards,
John Edwards,

Alfred T. W. Prinn,
Leonard W. Wheeler.

Number of men between the ages of 21 and 30, both inclusive, who registered on June 5, 1917.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Native-born citizens	44	43	15	14	116
Naturalized citizens	2	0	1	1	4
Declarants	2	3	2	5	12
Aliens	5	38	13	63	119
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Total	53	84	31	83	251

Associate members of the Legal Advisory Board for Division No. 15, residing in Westford, appointed to aid registrants to fill out the Questionnaires prescribed by the President of the United States under the Selective Service Law.

John Edwards,
Edward T. Hanley,
Howard A. Lincoln,

Charles O. Prescott,
William R. Taylor,
Charles L. Hildreth.

REPORT OF THE WORK DONE BY THE SEVERAL
RELIEF SOCIETIES.

The Town of Westford Red Cross Branch of the Lowell Chapter was organized April 7, 1917 with the following officers:

Mrs. Stella E. Hildreth, Chairman,
Mrs. Jennie Hartford, Secretary,
Mrs. Bessie M. Watson, Treasurer.

The following is its financial statement to January 1, 1918:

Received from membership fees	\$ 70.40
Received from donations	167.30
Received from various entertainments	671.02
Received 25% of Red Cross fund	1,507.00
	\$2,415.72
Expenditures to January 1, 1918	1,659.31
	\$ 756.41

WORK SENT THE LOWELL CHAPTER RED CROSS
FROM MAY 1, 1917 TO JANUARY 1, 1918.

Knitted Articles.	Hospital Articles.
Sweaters	175
Socks, pairs	214
Wristers, pairs	15
Helmets	100
Trench caps	135
Wash mits	1,100
Mufflers	1,083
	2,822
Total	Total
1,210	2,822
Christmas bags, 68.	

THE AMERICAN FUND FOR FRENCH WOUNDED
WESTFORD BRANCH.

Systematic work commenced October 12, 1916 by the appointment of Leaders Sarah W. Loker and E. Louise Crosby.

List of articles furnished to January 1, 1918:

Knitted Articles.		Hospital Articles.	
Socks, pairs	148	Surgical dressings	11,363
Sweaters	47	Comfort pillows	344
Wash mitts	165	Draw pads	53
Helmets	2	Comfort bags	7
Wristers, pairs	2	Eye bandages	34
	—	Hospital socks, pairs . . .	4
Total	364		—
		Total	11,805

THE CANADIAN AND BRITISH RELIEF.

This Relief has been under the direction of Mrs. John C. Abbot during the last three years. A large amount of clothing has been sent. Mrs. Abbot has had charge of the young people who by their faithful and tireless work have been the means of furnishing many needed articles which have been very much appreciated by those who received them.

SUPPLIES FOR THE NAVY.

Supplies have been furnished very liberally in fitting out men with sweaters, etc., who were about to sail on vessels from the Navy Yard. Mrs. Julian A. Cameron had charge of this work.

In making this report I have endeavored to embrace everything pertaining to the war. I presume some things have been overlooked that might be of interest and if anyone finds any errors or omissions I would deem it a favor to let me know. I may have gone a little outside of the Public Safety Committee's duty in some instances but anything pertaining to the war will be of a historical value in the future.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
Secretary, Public Safety Committee.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR FIRE HOUSE.

The committee appointed by the Town to reconstruct the old Academy into a Fire House, met at the Selectmen's room, Town Hall, on May 12th, all members being present.

Specifications for remodeling the old Academy were presented and accepted.

Voted to advertise in Courier-Citizen for estimates on the same to run as follows: May 15, 18, 22, 25, 29. All bids to be opened at Selectmen's Room, Town Hall, on June 1st, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On June 1st, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, O. R. Spalding, and proceeded by receiving bids as advertised, for reconstructing old Academy into Fire House.

W. D. Edwards presented bid for \$5,000.00.

P. Henry Harrington presented bid for \$3,717.00.

The vote was then passed to meet again on June 5th at Selectmen's Room and to request P. Henry Harrington and Harry B. Prescott, architect, to be present.

On June 5th, we met at Selectmen's Room with all members present, also P. Henry Harrington and Harry B. Prescott.

Alterations in the specifications were made after which P. Henry Harrington agreed to do said work for the sum of \$3,000.

Said work was awarded to Mr. Harrington, upon furnishing committee with written agreement to carry out contract. By rearranging our specifications to bring our expenditures within the limit of the appropriation of the town, it has left the building still incomplete, which will make it necessary for the town to make a further appropriation for finishing this work and grading the grounds of the same.

Mr. Harrington's work is very nearly completed with a few minor exceptions. He has been paid up to the present date \$2,500.00. The balance \$500.00 we still retain until contract is fully carried out.

O. R. SPALDING,
S. B. WATSON,
H. V. HILDRETH,

R. PRESCOTT,
E. M. ABBOT,
Committee.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917.

We wish to state that owing to the unusual conditions that have arisen in this pernicious period, and our close proximity to Camp Devens, Westford has been associated with the nine other Towns of this District, all of which have been under the direct supervision of a Special Agent of the State Department of Health. A very thorough survey as regards the sanitation of these Towns has been made under his authority, and several complaints have been brought to the attention of this Board. In each case the Board has made prompt investigations, and informed the parties in question to put their property in a proper sanitary condition, and we believe, as no other complaint has come from the State Board, that every place has been attended to satisfactorily.

The Board of Health asks that all people residing in the Town co-operate with them, and report any nuisance that may prevail.

We wish also to caution the Teachers in the various schools, as heretofore, to take every precaution, and if any symptoms of contagious diseases come to their attention, to immediately notify the parents.

The number of contagious and infectious diseases for the year is as follows:

Scarlet Fever	7
Diphtheria	2
Measles	7
Chicken Pox	7
Whooping Cough	1
German Measles	51
Typhoid Fever	2
Tuberculosis	2

ITEMS OF EXPENSE.

Frank L. Furbush, services as chairman.....	\$	30.00
A. A. Hildreth, Agent.....		34.00
North Reading State Sanitorium.....		4.57
C. B. Colburn Co., supplies.....		7.60
A. W. Brownell, supplies.....		2.00
O. V. Wells, M. D., services.....		13.00
City of Lowell		124.50
J. A. Healy & Son, cleaning Carkin vault.....		5.00
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		\$220.67

FRANK L. FURBUSH, Chairman.
 SHERMAN FLETCHER, Secretary.
 OSCAR R. SPALDING.

WESTFORD WATER COMPANY.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

1917.

Jan.	1	Balance	\$89,369.29
Jan.	4	Transportation	\$ 10.00
Jan.	19	Labor	36.90
Feb.	27	Wiring	200.00
April	7	Lumber	45.00
April	21	Supplies	68.02
April	21	Hydrants	70.00
May	1	Lumber	240.41
May	8	Wiring	40.40
May	15	Teaming	6.00
June	4	Supplies	28.81
July	9	Pipe	242.98
July	13	Labor	77.50
July	13	Freight	1.34
Aug.	8	Labor	29.01
Sept.	4	Supplies	9.35
Sept.	13	Labor	22.54
Oct.	8	Supplies	5.55
Oct.	22	Lumber	8.45
Oct.	24	Supplies	64.06
Nov.	2	Supplies	15.40
Dec.	5	Supplies	19.22
Dec.	5	Supplies	2.00

 \$1,242.94

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Feb.	16	Pipe	90.00
Cost of construction from Jan. 1, 1917 to			
Jan. 1, 1918		1,152.94
Total cost of construction to Jan. 1, 1918..			<u>\$90,522.23</u>

A STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FROM JANUARY 1, 1917 TO JANUARY 1, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

Water Rates.

52 hydrants	\$2,046.67	
Town Hall	32.00	
Library	28.00	
Schools	222.00	
Town Farm	50.00	
Subscribers.....	7,179.49	
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EXPENSES.

Interest account net	\$1,722.82	
Taxes	202.13	
Expense account	377.07	
Fuel.....	100.52	
Wages	1,700.00	
Supplies	2.6.24	
Electric power	1,212.56	
Service connections	77.34	
Insurance	124.81	
	<hr/>	\$5,783.49

Net profit for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917 \$3,774.67

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,

Treasurer.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

WESTFORD, MASS., January 8, 1918.

Then personally appeared Charles O. Prescott and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Supply System to January 1, 1918, and of the receipts and expenditures of the Westford Water Company from January 1, 1917 to January 1, 1918, before me.

JOHN M. FLETCHER,

Notary Public.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES REMAINING UNPAID JANUARY, 1918.

TAXES OF 1917.

Andrew Anderson	\$ 25.29
Stephen Ayierski	2.00
Paul Babik	2.00
Henry Bechard	2.00
Agnes N. Beebe.....	2.46
Willard H. Beebe.....	5.61
Daniel Beleda	2.00
Michael Beled	2.00
Gustave Bergstrom	2.00
James M. Brenne.....	2.00
B. E. Brown	2.00
William Brunell	2.00
Axel Carlson	2.00
Joseph Carpenter	7.74
Peter Cincire	2.00
J. Henry Colburn.....	26.19
John Dashkevich	2.00
Mrs. C. R. P. Decatur.....	49.83
Percy W. Dickerman.....	2.00
Fred Dupras	5.69
Harry N. Fletcher.....	175.39
John Frind	2.00
Eva Fuller, Lawton & Lawton.....	15.17
Amount carried forward.....	\$341.37

Amount brought forward.....	\$341.37
William E. Green.....	37.10
Wasil Griski	2.00
Patrick Haverland	2.00
Horace L. Heroux.....	2.00
John Hill	2.00
Albert Jenkins	2.00
Mark W. Jenkins.....	3.23
Mrs. Mark W. Jenkins heirs.....	25.59
Hanning Johnson	2.00
Oscar Johnson	2.00
William H. Johnson	2.00
Gregory Kisley	2.00
John Kisley	2.00
Joseph Kisley	2.00
Roy Knapp	2.00
Thomas Kulok	2.00
Joseph Lafrance	2.00
Edward McEnnes	2.00
Frank McMann	2.00
Anton Maher	2.00
Nicholas Marshall	2.00
Oscar Mattson	2.00
Walter J. Merritt heirs.....	18.04
Robert Moore	2.00
William Moran	2.00
Felix Moratler	2.00
Joseph Murphy	2.00
Desire Nadeau	2.00
Ignace Naiehalski	2.00
Carl Nelson	2.00
Richard Nolan	2.00
Robert O'Dell	2.00
Louis Oliver	2.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$483.33

Amount brought forward.....	\$483.33
Lunda Olsen	2.00
Joseph Parisean	2.00
Mrs. Ella J. Perkins	8.20
Everett Pickering	2.00
Arthur B. Parrott	26.60
Charles H. Potter	6.56
George C. Potter	13.12
Joseph Provost	2.00
John D. Psarias	73.34
Fred L. Quimby	2.00
Thomas Rafferty	3.15
Francis E. Regnier	2.99
W. A. Robinson	2.00
Cerillo Salvatore	2.00
James M. Sargent	58.90
Michael Schavich	2.00
Roswell Shattuck	2.00
John Smollander	2.00
Valison Socorelis	22.14
Edwin Smollander	2.00
Edgar Steele	21.73
John Sullivan	2.00
Fletcher Symmes	7.74
James Velengas	44.73
Leo Viano	2.00
Elmer Vrooman	2.00
Charles A. Walker	43.46
Warren F. Waterman	2.00
Edmund Whitney	6.10
Sidney B. Wright	63.66
Walter W. Wyman	20.04
Amount carried forward.....	<hr/> \$935.79

NON-RESIDENTS.

Amount brought forward.....	\$935.79
Margaret Blake .....	.99
Flora I. Day	11.48
Thomas W. Doyle	6.56
Harry A. Dutton	3.12
Miner H. A. Evans.....	17.26
Mrs. Harriet S. Evans.....	47.56
Henry J. Farrell and others.....	19.68
Moise Fontaine and others.....	6.56
John B. Hally	1.64
Sylvanus E. Hinckley	47.97
Mrs. Elvira Leavett	2.63
Parsons & LeCam .....	.82
William H. Pickard .....	.33
Reed & Jeffrey	2.46
J. Frank Seavey	14.76
J. Frank Seavey & A. G. Thompson heirs.....	2.46
Willisted & Marinel	9.84
Collected since audit	213.35
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	\$1,345.26

L. W. WHEELER, Tax Collector.

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN FARM.

Milk	\$2,392.86	
Overseers Orders	575.03	
Stock	853.00	
Wood and Lumber	33.00	
Hay	311.55	
Poultry	38.32	
Vegetables	48.04	
Eggs	65.30	
Rent	60.00	
Team work	278.69	
Grain bags	16.41	
Apples	9.00	
Miscellaneous	28.55	
Fertilizer	10.00	
	\$4,719.75	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1917.....		47.71
		\$4,767.46

EXPENDITURES OF TOWN FARM.

Stock	\$ 821.00	
Grain	1,377.91	
Labor	700.63	
Superintendent and Matron's salary.....	575.03	
Provisions	252.51	
Groceries	350.23	
Fertilizer	20.00	
Westford Water Co.	50.00	
Water for Red House.....	10.00	
Repairs	56.56	
Traveling expenses	16.90	
Milk mixer	10.00	
Ice	45.15	
Blacksmith work	31.75	
Dr. Blaney	9.00	
Veterinary	9.00	
Baker	9.43	
Telephone	28.88	
Butter	51.09	
Coal	133.55	
House furnishings	27.81	
Clothing, etc., for inmates.....	38.34	
Miscellaneous	63.43	
Fish	18.16	
Fruit	25.12	
Seeds and plants	15.80	
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		\$4,747.28
Cash balance on hand.....		20.18
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		\$4,767.46

Number of inmates during the year.....	7
Number of inmates Dec. 31st.....	5
Number of tramps lodged and fed.....	6
Number of prisoners put in lockup.....	20
One inmate died Oct. 17.	

REPAIRS ON TOWN FARM HOUSE.

Stock	\$395.43	
Labor	459.92	
		<hr/> \$855.35

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Paid City of Boston.....	\$ 20.00	
City of Marlboro.....	37.34	
J. Herbert Fletcher, Groceries, Chapter 763, Act 1913.....	4.99	
Conrad Richard, provisions, Chapter 763, Act 1913.....	9.90	
Dr. O. V. Wells.....	5.00	
Dr. C. A. Blaney.....	40.00	
Henry J. Healy, transportation....	9.00	
Dr. D. J. Generales.....	15.00	
Albert St. Cyr.....	151.81	
Under Provisions of Chapter 763, Acts 1913	722.00	
Samuel H. Balch, extra time and expenses	7.35	
Samuel H. Balch, salary.....	10.00	
Fred R. Blodgett, extra time and expenses	7.00	
Fred R. Blodgett, salary.....	10.00	
Wesley O. Hawkes, extra time and expenses	20.39	
Wesley O. Hawkes, salary.....	20.00	
Revenue stamps	3.00	
		<hr/> \$1,092.78

REIMBURSEMENTS.

Received from State Board of Charity.....	\$316.00
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SUMMARY.

Payment on account of Outdoor Poor....	\$1,092.78
Reimbursements due	316.00
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Net expense of Outdoor Poor.....	\$776.78

STATEMENT.

Drafts on Town Treasurer.....	\$2,523.16
Town Farm Receipts	4,144.72
Cash in hands of Superintendent of Town Farm	47.71
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	\$6,715.59
Payments on account of Outdoor Poor...	\$1,092.78
Town Farm payments	4,747.28
Repairs on buildings	855.35
Cash on hand	20.18
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	\$6,715.59
Drafts on Town Treasurer.....	\$2,523.16
Reimbursements	316.00
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	\$2,207.16
Net expense at Town Farm.....	\$1,457.91
Net expense of Outdoor Poor.....	776.78
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	\$2,234.69
Town Farm receipts	\$4,144.72
Cash on hand Jan., 1917.....	47.71
Cash received from Town Treasurer.....	575.03
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	\$4,767.46

Town Farm payments	\$4,172.25	
Superintendent's salary	575.03	
Cash on hand Jan. 2, 1917.....	20.18	
	<hr/>	\$4,767.46

SUMMARY.

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1916.....	\$ 47.71	
Cash received from Town Treasurer.....	575.03	
Repairs	855.35	
	<hr/>	\$1,478.09
Cash on hand Jan. 2, 1918.....		20.18
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Net expense of Town Farm with repairs.		\$1,457.91

During the past year fire caught on roof of Town Farm house, estimated loss, \$125.00.

Insurance Company demanded fire-proof shingles or better protection from sparks of passing trains.

There has been paid to Town Treasurer on account of insurance \$125.00; and on account of sale standing pine timber \$2,875.00.

WESLEY O. HAWKES, Chairman,
 FRED R. BLODGETT, Secretary,
 SAMUEL H. BALCH,

Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM,
DECEMBER 29, 1917.

Groceries	\$ 25.00	
Canned fruit and jelly.....	56.20	
Vegetables	43.00	
Vinegar	17.00	
Fire hose, nozzles and brackets.....	75.00	
Balance of personal property in house...	818.90	
	<hr/>	\$1,035.10
10 cows and bull.....	\$1,055.00	
1/2 ton oat straw.....	4.00	
3 tons stock hay.....	45.00	
17 tons English hay.....	375.00	
60 tons ensilage.....	480.00	
Grain	41.00	
Poultry	100.00	
3 horses	600.00	
1 two-horse dump cart.....	47.50	
1 two-horse wood wagon.....	40.00	
1 two-horse sled	45.00	
2 hay and farm wagons.....	65.00	
2 Democrat wagons	23.00	
1 mowing machine	20.00	
1 hay tedder	5.00	
1 horse rake.....	17.00	
1 sulky plow	20.00	
Lumber	90.75	
1 manure spreader	50.00	
1 wheel harrow	18.00	
1 smoothing harrow	10.00	
1 spring tooth harrow.....	9.00	
1 roller	18.00	
Balance of personal property in barn and out buildings	509.50	
	<hr/>	\$3,687.75
Total		<hr/> \$4,722.85

LEONARD W. WHEELER,
FRED L. McCOY,
GEORGE H. HARTFORD,
Appraisers.

Tree Warden's Report.

The Tree Warden submits the following report :

During the past year my work has consisted of cutting brush along the roadside and corners. Having removed many dead trees, I find there are many more to be removed.

The new slash law should be known by every one in regard to putting brush on the roadside, as there is a fine for so doing.

H. L. NESMITH,

Tree Warden.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

WESTFORD, MASS., January 8, 1918.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford, I submit the following report for year 1917:

Number of platform scales over 5,000 lbs.	7
Number of platform scales under 5,000 lbs.....	50
Number of computing scales	4
All other scales	43
Total	104

Number of weights sealed	186
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LIQUID MEASURES.

Number of liquid measures	8
Kerosene oil pumps	6
Gasoline pumps	6
Yard sticks	7

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,
Sealer.

Assessors' Report for Year 1917.

Value of buildings, April 1, 1917	\$ 997,872.00
Value of land, April 1, 1917	736,193.00
Value of personal estate, April 1, 1917	601,540.00
	\$2,335,605.00

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED.

Trustees of Public Library	\$ 1,000.00
Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds	250.00
Roads and bridges	6,500.00
Town debts and charges	7,500.00
Support of the poor	2,000.00
Support of public high school purposes	15,973.75
Destruction of moths and elm tree beetles	1,100.00
Expense of Fire Department	450.00
Purchase of new hose for Fire Dept.	350.00
Construction of sidewalks	300.00
To commemorate Memorial Day	150.00
Distribution of books from Public Library	100.00
Compensation of Fish and Game Warden	50.00
Repairing and remodeling Old Academy	1,500.00
Lighting road from Westford to Brook- side Corner	270.00
	\$37,493.75
Electric lights	3,500.00
Hydrants	2,080.00
Notes and interest	3,300.00
County tax	3,018.48
	\$49,392.23
Amount carried forward	\$49,392.23

Amount brought forward.....		\$49,392.23
State tax		6,600.00
State highway tax		990.00
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Total		\$56,982.23
Moth tax	\$ 766.22	
Excise tax, Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry. . .	368.81	
Income tax.....	5,129.01	
Addition tax	24.79	
	<hr/>	\$6,488.83
Number of polls		832
“ “ horses		344
“ “ cows		733
“ “ neat cattle		295
“ “ sheep		16
“ “ swine		52
“ “ fowls		5,050
“ “ dwelling houses		624
Acres of land		18,000
Tax on \$100.....		\$1.64

LIST OF TAXES ABATED, YEAR 1916.

I. W. and H. M. Hutchins	\$3.10
Henry S. Baker	3.10
Michael Carr	2.00
A. H. Larkin	1.55
Joseph Loiselle	3.88
Charles H. Albright	2.00
Samuel Belado	2.00
William P. Boyle	2.00
Rosaire Brule	2.00
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Amount carried forward.....	\$21.63

Amount brought forward	\$21.63
John Buckley	2.00
Butler James	2.00
Robert Burnes	2.00
James Chapman	2.00
John Colan	2.00
Martin Cooget	2.00
Wasil Cooget	2.00
Frank Coughlin	2.00
John Conroy	2.00
Dola Cote	2.00
Robert Curtis	2.00
William Davis	2.00
Joseph Deneswie	2.00
Edward Denisovage	2.00
Nelson Dion	2.00
John Fobes'	2.00
Ernest Gould	2.00
Michael Gontug	2.00
Keneth Grig	2.00
B. Gulberg	2.00
John Gulberg	2.00
Carl Gulberg	2.00
Abraham Hanson	2.00
Michael Harbin	2.00
Stanley Hazmie	2.00
Jacob Helko	2.00
George H. Hillock	2.31
Renit Jarvest	2.00
Gregory Kistley	2.00
Wasil Kistley	2.00
Stanley Kritals	2.00
Henry F. Lambert	2.00
Luther Lawton, Jr.	2.00
Amount carried forward	\$87.94

Amount brought forward.....	\$87.94
Henry Lewis	2.00
Howard Lord.....	2.00
Robert Marshall	2.00
Frank Nutting	2.00
Francis Oyodink	2.00
Stanley Parker	2.00
Anthony Pnokervi	2.00
Mrs. William Reed (Heirs) .....	.47
Albert Robeson	2.00
John Roshko	2.00
Joseph Susnovokt	2.00
Charles Savage	2.00
Michael Sullivan.....	2.00
Daniel Sullivan	2.00
Stanley Sullivan	2.00
Robert White	2.00
George Worden	2.39
Nichalus Worabey	2.00
Florbor Worabey	2.00
Fred R. Ames .....	.53
John M. Cahill .....	.78
Jessie P. Crook .....	.47
Muriel L. Avey	1.24
Wallace Dole .....	.47
H. E. Dexter .....	.23
William W. French.....	1.40
James Graham .....	.93
Annie Higgins	2.33
Robert J. Hook	3.72
James A. Hunnwell .....	.47
Albert Jones	3.10
George H. Lovering .....	.78
John H. Roch .....	.47
Kate Schwartz	1.55
Ames Sharcn .....	.70
Emma E. Varnum	1.05

———— \$145.02

ABATEMENTS FOR 1917.

Allen Smith	\$ 1.23
Nels Nelson	4.92
O. R. Spalding	24.60
Mrs. Adeline Buckshorn	37.38
Mrs. Henry Holt	18.20
J. Everett Woods	16.40
Catherine Hanley	16.40
Warren H. Blaisdell	12.30
Jacob Stanley	2.00
Western Union	1.02
Tony Palermo	2.00
Moses Hobson	3.28
D. A. Connell	1.64
Edward Ceylon	2.00
Anthony Pivirotto	2.00
Wasil Porzsilchink	2.00
Zalous Landry	2.00
Gregory Baskalo	2.00
Olando Foster	2.00
George Sanborn, Jr.	2.00
Seth W. Banister	2.00
Walter Beebe	2.00
Arthur Blaisdell	2.00
Frank Blaisdell	2.00
Alex Brunelle	2.00
Frank Charleton	2.00
Elmer Crohen	2.00
Gustaff Eliason	2.00
Mathew Elliott, Jr.	2.00
Jessie Heald	2.00
J. A. Healy, 3rd	2.00
Clarence A. Hildreth	4.46
Amount carried forward.....	\$181.83

Amount brought forward.....	\$181.83
Harold W. Hildreth	2.00
Leon F. Hildreth	2.00
Albert Hobson.....	2.00
Frank C. Johnson	2.00
John O'Neil, Jr.	2.00
Robert Orr, Jr.	2.00
Joseph Pelky	2.00
Joseph Perkins	2.00
Frederic H. Picking	2.00
Marden Seavy	2.00
Daniel Sullivan	2.00
	————— \$203.83

J. W. FLETCHER,
 CHAS. D. COLBURN,
 J. AUSTIN HEALEY,
 Assessors of Westford.

Report of Engineers of the Fire Department.

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1917.

At the first meeting of the Board the Engineers organized as follows:—Edward M. Abbot, Chief; John Edwards, Clerk; Alonzo H. Sutherland, Assistant Chief.

The Fire Companies have responded to fourteen alarms during the past year, eight chimney fires, two grass fires, three building fires, one truck fire, at which damage occurred as follows:

Jan. 3rd. House owned by Benjamin Counter, Graniteville, rented and occupied by Conrad Richards. Value of building, \$3,200. Insurance, \$3,200. Damage, \$70. Value of contents, \$400. No damage to contents. The fire caught from a chimney on the second floor.

April. Barn and house occupied by George H. Smith, Acton Road. Value of barn, \$50. Total loss. No insurance. Value of house, \$100. Total loss. No insurance. Fire caught from a bonfire.

May 12th. Main building at the Town Farm. Fire on roof set by locomotive at 11.50 A. M. Value of building, \$5,500. Damage, \$125. Insurance, \$3,800. Value of contents, \$1,000.

Aug. 25th. Auto truck fire, Beaver Brook Road.

We have been fortunate in having few buildings or forest fires during the past year.

During the six summer months the various fire companies have drilled one night monthly but owing to the shortage of labor, the formation of the local company of the Mass. State Guard, and the additional crops each person tried to raise, the drills were not attended as well as usual.

The following new equipment has been added during the year:—450 feet of hose, one shut-off nozzle, two hydrant gates, a stand for drying hose at Forge Village Fire House, three boxes carried under the fire wagons to hold extinguisher charges.

The fire engineers report the following hose at the various fire houses:—Westford, 1,400 feet good hose, 150 feet poor hose; Graniteville, 1,200 feet good hose, 150 feet poor hose; Forge Village, 1,320 feet good hose, 700 feet poor hose.

In looking over the expense account of the fire department you will notice that we have under-run our appropriation about \$200. A number of bills contracted for were not sent in for payment in time to be paid in 1917. The Engineers, therefore ask that the unexpended balance be appropriated together with the sum of \$450 for the coming year.

Because of our country being at war the Engineers feel that every one should economize in every way possible and for that reason are not recommending the appropriation of \$350 for additional hose and supplies the coming year. We believe in keeping up our equipment but feel that this year the saving can be made without detrimental results.

The Engineers are glad to report that on December 31st the E. M. Abbot Hose Co. No. 1 were able to move into its new quarters, formerly the old Westford Academy, though to be sure these are still in a semi-finished state. We hope that the Town will vote the necessary money to complete this building.

During the past year the Chief has granted thirty permits to transport dynamite powder, etc., and seven permits to use dynamite powder, etc.

There has been complaints from time to time that as the firemen are paid only twenty-five cents an hour at fires and that without exception they are all making more than that in their own lines that the Town should increase the amount allowed. The Engineers therefore suggest that the rate per hour of the firemen be left with the Fire Companies to change to meet varying conditions.

EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chief.

JOHN EDWARDS, Clerk.

ALONZO SUTHERLAND, Asst. Chief.

ALBERT R. CHOATE.

FRANK FURBUSH.

Report of Forest Warden.

The past year has been a very bad one for fires, having thirty-four in all, some of which were very bad ones. Being so many it was thought advisable to stop giving permits, so none were granted for a certain time, until after the dry time.

I have issued one hundred and fifty permits. A list of persons with whom hand fire extinguishers have been placed, and a list of fires are submitted herewith.

I recommend that an appropriation be made to buy fire extinguishers for the coming year.

H. L. NESMITH, Forest Warden.

LIST OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN WESTFORD,
1917.

No. 1	David Greig	No. 33	J. A. Healy, Dunstable Rd.
2	Geo. A. Drew	34	Westford Depot
3	Eben Prescott	35	“ “
4	Samuel Taylor	36	W. Green
5	John Flynn	37	George Symmes
6	J. Ellison	38	Geo. Kimball
7	Charles Edwards	39	Judson Sweetser
8	“ “	40	W. L. Butterworth
9	Walter Whidden	41	Everett Jarvis
10	H. E. Fletcher	42	C. M. Griffin
11	“ “ “	43	James Sullivan
12	“ “ “	44	W. Seifer
13	“ “ “	45	John O'Brien
14	“ “ “	46	Alvin Blaisdell
15	J. Lundberg	47	A. Burnham
16	Nat Whitney	48	N. Decatur
17	Graniteville Fire Dept.	49	D. Desmond
18	“ “ “	50	A. McDonald
19	James O'Brien, Providence Rd.	51	Geo. Shaddick
20	W. Williams	52	A. A. Hildreth
21	Brookside Firehouse	53	Albert Flagg
22	“ “	54	Calvin Howard
23	West Graniteville	55	Jim Wilson
24	F. Banister	56	Alec McDougal
25	C. Couture	57	Otis Day
26	H. Wright	58	W. W. Johnson
27	Gilman Wright	59	Parkerville Firehouse
28	H. E. Gould	60	Warren Sweetser
29	H. O. Keyes	61	Mabel Drew
30	J. M. Book	62	O. R. Spalding
31	Edw. Steele	63	Graniteville Firehouse
32	C. Shugrue	64	Goldsmith Conant

No. 65	A. E. Loveless	No. 88	J. Connell
66	Guy Decatur	89	Graniteville Hose Co.
67	A. E. Jordan	90	“ “ “
68	A. Dureault	91	C. Johnson Whidden Cor.
69	C. B. Wetmore	92	Westford Fire Co.
70	F. Sullivan	93	“ “ “
71	F. R. and C. A. Blodgett	94	“ “ “
72	O. R. Spalding	95	“ “ “
73	F. Wright	96	“ “ “
74	C. Wright	97	“ “ “
75	W. Anderson	98	“ “ “
76	W. Hunt	110	“ “ “
77	Fred McCoy	111	“ “ “
78	Geo. Hartford	112	“ “ “
79	J. W. Pyne	100	Forge Village Hose Co.
80	Westford Water Co.	101	“ “ “ “
81	R. Prescott	102	“ “ “ “
82	F. Miller	103	“ “ “ “
83	James H. O'Brien	104	Frost School
84	Frank Hildreth	105	Geo. Irish
85	W. Pollock	107	W. Balzer
86	Almon Vose	108	A. Polley
87	Charles Parker	109	P. Gladu

Fires in Town of Westford.

DATE	OWNER	CAUSE	Acres	Damage	Ex- pense	Ex- pense
March 27	Hammett Wright	Unknown	2	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00	
April 3	P. Healy	B. & M. R. R.	3	15.00		\$ 1.00
4	T. H. Elliott	Permit	12	75.00	2.50	
5	L. Gates	Unknown	5	5.00	5.25	
5	Geo. A. Drew	Unknown	10	50.00	5.25	
5	C. Griffen & Mrs. Crossland	Unknown	18	50.00	2.00	
5	Geo. Smith	Unknown	10	50.00	11.05	
5	Warren Sweetser	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	1	5.00		2.00
14	A. Derough	Set	10	10.00	3.20	
14	O. R. Spaulding	Unknown	3		3.25	
14	C. Flagg, Gage & others	B. & M. R. R.	60	300.00		40.00
15	Hutchings Heirs	Unknown	4		4.55	
16	W. Whidden	Unknown	10	40.00	8.30	
17	A. Burland	Permit	10	50.00	8.25	
22	W. Edwards	Unknown	1	5.00	2.80	
26	J. Bebo	Unknown	$\frac{1}{2}$			
28	Town of Westford	B. & M. R. R.	$\frac{3}{4}$	15.00	2.35	
May 4	C. Wright	Unknown	$\frac{1}{2}$	3.00	1.00	
10	Mrs. N. Prescott	Unknown	2	5.00	5.80	
15	Hutchings Heirs	B. & M. R. R.	$\frac{1}{2}$	3.00		1.70
19	Hall Bros.	B. & M. R. R.	$\frac{1}{2}$	10.00		1.00
19	C. Flagg, Gage & others	B. & M. R. R.	30	150.00		11.10
19	T. Sullivan, Ancil & Farnham	Permit	50	200.00	34.51	
20	Eben Prescott, Riley & Edwards	Set	20	150.00	34.75	
21	Eben Prescott, Riley & Edwards	Set	25	100.00	75.44	
26	Eben Prescott & Edwards	Set	10	50.00	22.05	
26	Prescott, Edwards & others	Set	40	200.00	41.47	
26	Fisher, Fletcher & Downes	Permit		200.00	74.17	
Aug. 4	Geo. C. Moore	Unknown	3	25.00	14.35	
7	R. Prescott	B. & M. R. R.	$4\frac{1}{2}$	15.00		9.55
Nov. 3	O. R. Spaulding	B. & M. R. R.	2	10.00		5.60
8	Wayne & Hall	Unknown	3	15.00	6.07	
8	R. Prescott	B. & M. R. R.	1	5.00		4.25
16	Merrill	Set	50	100.00	16.92	
					\$386.28	\$76.20

Report of the Committee in charge of the Whitney Playground.

Your committee hereby respectfully submits the following report:

No extensive changes or additions have been required this year, and for that reason your committee has not been called upon to expend as large a sum as usual in caring for the grounds, although the same have been in splendid condition during the entire season.

The deep interest taken by Mrs. Whitney in the Playgrounds is well known, not only to your committee but to the community as well; and she made, late in the fall, her annual contribution of \$250 to meet the expenses of maintaining the grounds during the coming year. Since that time Mrs. Whitney has passed away, and her death has been a great loss, not only to the Town of Westford but to the entire community. As evidence of her continued interest, not only in the Town itself but in the Playgrounds, we are privileged to announce that she has left a legacy of \$5,000, the income to be used in maintaining the premises. This will guarantee a sufficient fund for the proper maintenance of the same in the future.

There have been no changes in the investments, and the Report of 1914 is referred to for a statement thereof.

Attention is directed to an error in the printed report of last year where it is stated under the head of Receipts that interest was collected on four bonds of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, four bonds of the Spencer Gas Company, and two bonds of the City of Canton, when in reality there are only two bonds of each of the first two named and one of the last named Corporation.

The following is a list of receipts accruing and expenditures incurred during the year:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$285.11
Interest on 2 bonds, Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	80.00
Interest on 2 bonds, Spencer Gas Co.	100.00
Interest on 1 bond, City of Canton.....	50.00
Interest on Deposits, Lowell Inst. for Savings...	18.70
Check from M. Elizabeth Whitney	250.00
	\$783.81

EXPENDITURES.

Water rates	\$ 10.00
E. Baker, labor	93.90
H. S. Stiles, repairs	55.57
Upton & Gilman Mach. Co., repairs	6.90
Supplies	29.22
Alex. McDonald, labor	19.65
P. E. Wright, team	5.50
Charles H. Pickering, repairs on lawn mowers...	2.25
O. R. Spalding, labor and supplies	12.76
James Scott, labor	157.25
	\$393.00
Balance on hand,	\$390.81

OSCAR R. SPALDING.

EDWARD FISHER.

HERBERT V. HILDRETH.

Report of Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

For 1917 the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds present the following report:

Under the charge of D. L. Greig & Son, Fairview Cemetery; Charles D. Colburn, Westlawn Cemetery; Wesley O. Hawkes, Hillside Cemetery, have received the usual care.

The Perpetual Care Fund has been increased to \$8,070.25, two lots having been added to those under the perpetual care of the Town, one in Fairview, and one in Westlawn.

For the care and improvement of the cemeteries the commissioners would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$250 be raised and appropriated the coming year.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS IN
FAIRVIEW.

RESIDENTS.

Abbot, E. S., tomb	\$ 5.00
Anderson, Andrew	1.00
Atwood, L. B.	2.00
Baker, Mrs. John	1.00
Bennett, Miss Grace	8.00
Bennett, Miss Priscilla	1.00
Bicknell, Ai	1.00
Bicknell, Charles	1.00
Blanchard, Lowell	2.00
Blodgett, W. G.	1.00
Boynton, Mrs. D. L.	1.00
Bridgeford, Mrs. Lizzie	6.00
Brooks, Charles	1.00
Buckingham, Mrs. Lizzie	1.00
Bunce, Miss Mary P.	2.00
Burbeck, Mrs. John	3.00
Burnham, Arthur H.	1.00
Butterworth, Mrs. J. T.	1.00
Calvert, Mrs. Frank.	1.00
Carkin, A. W.	1.00
Carkin, W. E.	1.00
Carver, William R.	1.00
Cogle, Mrs. George	8.00
Counter, Frank.	2.00
Day, A. E.	1.00
Defoe, Mrs. Lizzie	1.00
Doucette, Mrs. Martha	1.00
Drew, F. C.	1.00
Feeney, John, Sr.	2.00
Fisher, Edward	1.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$ 60.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 60.00
Fletcher, John M.....	3.00
Fletcher, J. W.	1.00
Fletcher, S. H.	1.00
Frost, Mrs. W. E.....	1.00
Gardel, August	1.00
Gilson, L. S.	2.00
Haley, Frank	1.00
Hanning, Elisha	1.00
Hanson, Mrs. Martin.....	8.00
Hawkes, W. O.	1.00
Healey, Mrs. Ruby	1.00
Howard, Calvin L.	1.00
Humiston, Elliot F.	1.00
Hunt, Edward J.	2.00
Isles, Mrs. Joseph D.	1.00
Johnson, Andrew	1.00
Johnson, W. W.	1.00
Kabele, Henry M.	1.00
Keyes, Mrs. Lucy A.	1.00
Lambert, Mrs. Alice.....	6.00
Martin, John	1.00
Mattson, John.....	1.00
McClenna, Mrs. Lillian	1.00
McCoy, Fred L.	1.00
McDougal, Mrs. A.	2.00
McDougal, A. M.	1.00
Miller, Frank E.	2.00
Millis, Willard	1.00
Mills, Mrs. Hugh	1.00
Morin, Mrs. J. A.	1.00
Nelson, Mrs. Fannie	1.00
O'Brien, George	1.00
O'Brien, James	1.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$ 111.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 111.00
Orange, W. H.....	1.00
Orr, Robert	1.00
Perkins, Joseph	2.00
Philipps, Mrs. Norman	1.00
Pickering, Charles	1.00
Polley, Amos	3.00
Prescott, Ebenezer	2.00
Prescott, Mrs. Frances A.	1.00
Prinn, Alfred	1.00
Pyne, Mrs. J. W.	1.00
Richardson, Mrs. Alma M.	2.00
Richardson, Joseph	1.00
Sanborn, George	8.00
Shattuck, Mrs. D. H.	1.00
Shea, Mrs. Frank	1.00
Sherman, Mrs. David	1.00
Stewart, Mrs. James	1.00
Styles, Mrs. S. H.	1.00
Sutherland, A. H.	1.00
Sutherland, William	1.00
Symmes, Mrs. Thomas E.....	3.00
Taylor, S. L.	2.00
Turner, Miss Lizzie	1.00
Vose, Mrs. Almond	2.00
Walkden, James A.	1.00
Walker, George A.	1.00
Weaver, George	1.00
Welch, Mrs. William	2.00
Whigham, James	8.00
White, William	1.00
Willis, Samuel	1.00
Wilson, Mrs. Margaret	1.00
Woods, William L.	2.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$ 169.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 169.00
Wright, Frank C.	1.00
Wright, W. M.	1.00
York, J. Elsworth	2.00

WESTLAWN.

Day Lot	2.00
Leighton, Miss Ida	1.00
Leighton, Mrs. Helen.....	1.00
Stone, Mrs. Maria	1.00
Wright, Frank C.	1.00

HILLSIDE.

Gould, Horace E.	1.00
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NON-RESIDENTS.

Adams, Mrs. C. L.	1.00
Bodin, Mrs. E. S.	1.00
Bucklin, Mrs. Mattie	2.00
Burland, Arthur	1.00
Carpenter, Eugene	1.00
Catchpole, Mrs. Elizabeth	2.00
Chamberlain, Mrs. E. H.	1.00
Cockroft, Herbert	1.00
Cogshall, Dexter E.	1.00
Craven, Mrs. Emily L.	1.00
Crockett, Mrs. Henry	1.00
Davie, William L.	1.00
Davis, Miss Alice L.	1.00
Decator, Burt	1.00
Dix, Mrs. Mary	4.00
Dugdale, R. J.	1.00
Felch, Samuel	1.00
Fisher, John	1.00

Amount carried forward..... \$ 203.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 203.00
Fletcher, F. L.....	1.00
Frazer, James	1.00
Garbett, James	1.00
Gircind, Mrs. Mary A.	1.00
Guild, Mrs. Carrie and E. M. Mills	1.00
Hamlin, George P.	1.00
Harris, David	1.00
Harris, George E.	1.00
Harrup, Mrs. James E.	1.00
Hewett, Miss C. E.	1.00
Heywood, Mrs. E. E.....	1.00
Hildreth, Miss Ellen A.	1.00
Hildreth, F. A.	2.00
Hildreth, Miss Helen C.	1.00
Hill, Mrs. Jennie.....	1.00
Hindle, Frank	1.00
Holt, Mrs. E. H.....	1.00
Horn, George F.	1.00
Howard, Charles D.	1.00
Hunt, George W.	1.00
Johnson, Miss Almira	1.00
Kierstead, Sanford	1.00
King, Mrs. A. M.	1.00
Longbottom, Walter	1.00
Longley, Albert W.	1.00
Moore, Clifford A.	2.00
Moran, Miss Mary E.	1.00
Morse, James W.	1.00
Munoy, Miss Marion	1.00
Parker, E. W.	2.00
Parker, W. G.	1.00
Peck, J. L.	1.00
Petherick, W. H.	1.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$ 239.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 239.00
Prouty, Mrs. George	1.00
Prud'homme, Mrs. Estella De'Catur	8.00
Rapson, James	1.00
Read, Miss Carrie E.	1.00
Reed, George G.	1.00
Richardson, M. T.	1.00
Ripley, F. K.	1.00
Rockwell, Guy	1.00
Saville, Richard	1.00
Schworer, Mrs. Louis	1.00
Scrutton, Mrs. E. H.	1.00
Searles, Mrs. C. J.	1.00
Smith, Allen G.	1.00
Spalding, J. F.....	1.00
Standish, Mrs. J. H.	1.00
Stevens, Miss Emma	2.50
Styles, F. O.	1.00
Sweatt, Miss Jessie.....	1.00
Taylor, A. D.	2.00
Waller, Mrs. Nettie	1.00
Webb, Mrs. F.	8.00
Wheeler, Miss Delia	1.00
Wheeler, Isaac G.	1.00
White, Harry.....	1.00
Willis, William T.	1.00
Wood, Henry.....	1.00
Woodbury, Mrs. Emma A.	1.00
Wright, Mrs. Emma E.	1.00
Wyman, William	1.00
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	\$ 284.50

EXPENSES.

FAIRVIEW.

Paid William Clements	\$301.87
Ernest Wright	22.00
Fred Downing	12.50
A. Lundberg, base on Bailey lot, pep. care.	6.00
Gilt and paint for care markers	2.60
Parkhurst Press.....	4.80
D. L. Greig for 30 loads loam	30.00
D. L. Greig, horses and man, nine days' work in Cemetery	45.00
	<hr/> \$424.77

WESTLAWN.

Paid Charles D. Colburn for care of Cemetery..	\$ 14.00
Painting and gilding markers	3.00
Care of Perpetual	28.00
A. H. Sutherland—repairs and painting Cemetery fence, 34 hours' labor	11.90
	<hr/> \$ 56.90

HILLSIDE.

Paid Luther Lawton, Jr., for labor	\$ 17.50
Sharpening lawn mower.....	1.00
Paint for staffs .....	.60
Gilt.....	.50
	<hr/> \$ 19.60

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Wright & Fletcher for fertilizer	\$ 58.50	
Wright & Fletcher for grass seed	1.50	
Wright & Fletcher for asphaltum, two scythes, paint	3.25	
Wright & Fletcher for sponge, one can M. polish, one quart P. oil, two bronze, one quart spirits, two pounds M. green, three gallons paint, brush	12.60	
A. F. Whidden for work on Silas Lawrence and Drake lot	25.00	
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		\$100.85
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		\$602.12
Amount received from the Town	\$250.00	
Amount received from care of lots	284.50	
Amount received from Perpetual Care Funds	67.62	
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		\$602.12

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

NAME.	CEMETERY.	FUND.
Ephraim Abbot	Fairview	\$100.00
J. W. P. Abbot	"	100.00
Cyrus Babbitt	"	50.00
Albert Bailey	"	50.00
Mary E. Brigham	"	100.00
Mary E. Brigham (Kittredge lot)	"	100.00
Sally B. Burrill	"	100.00
Susan A. Butterfield	"	100.00
Buxton & Parker	"	50.00
Francis Caldwell	"	50.00
John Carmichael	"	100.00
John B. Carmichael	"	100.00
Mrs. Alice Carrick	"	50.00
Elisha Case	"	50.00
William Chandler	Hillside	100.00
Jonathan Collins	Fairview	50.00
P. G. Collins	"	50.00
Hiram Dane	"	50.00
George Davis	"	50.00
Joshua C. Decatur	"	50.00
Charles S. Dodge	"	100.00
Cephas Drew	"	50.00
George Drew	"	50.00
Thomas Drew	"	50.00
Edmund L. Dupee	"	50.00
Rachel Dupee	"	50.00
Wm. Z. Dupee	"	50.00
Daniel Falls	"	50.00
Alvin Fisher lot	"	150.00
Elizabeth G. Flagg	"	50.00

Amount carried forward..... \$2,100.00

Amount brought forward.....		\$2,100.00
Charles Flanders	Hillside	50.00
Abijah Fletcher lot	Fairview	50.00
Andrew Fletcher	"	100.00
Charles H. Fletcher	"	50.00
Herbert E. Fletcher	"	100.00
Julia A. Fletcher	"	50.00
Lorenzo Fletcher—F. A. Snow, Ex.	"	100.00
Sherman D. Fletcher	Westlawn	50.00
Sherman D. Fletcher	Fairview	50.00
L. A. Folland.....	"	50.00
Charles Follansbee	Hillside	100.00
George Q. Gilson	Fairview	50.00
Susan E. Green	"	100.00
John Greig	"	100.00
Adams Griffin	"	50.00
Joseph B. Griffin.....	"	100.00
Timothy L. Griffin lot by Viola Griffin Whitehead .	"	50.00
Theodore H. Hamblett	"	50.00
C. & C. A. Hamlin	"	100.00
Mrs. Sarah Harris	"	25.00
George R. Harrison	"	50.00
Ephraim A. Harwood	"	100.00
M. Hennessey	"	50.00
Henry Herrick.....	Westlawn	100.00
George W. Heywood lot	Fairview	50.00
Levi Heywood tomb	"	50.00
Samuel Horne	"	50.00
Melbourne F. Hutchings	Westlawn	100.00
Samuel M. Hutchings	Fairview	100.00
Hutchings & Blood.....	Westlawn	50.00
Albert E. Jenne.....	Fairview	50.00
Amount carried forward.....		\$4,225.00

Amount brought forward.....		\$4,225.00
Louisa Joint.....	Fairview	50.00
C. F. Keyes	“	50.00
Grace Lawrence	Westlawn	50.00
Silas Lawrence and Mrs. Drake	“	100.00
Francis Leighton.....	“	50.00
Isaiah Leighton	Fairview	100.00
J. F. Marsh (Edrick Nutting lot)	Hillside	50.00
Mazuzan & Whitney	Fairview	200.00
Edwin D. Metcalf	“	50.00
John A. Osgood (John Osgood lot)	“	50.00
John M. Osgood	“	95.25
John M. Parker	“	50.00
Fletcher Peckens.....	“	50.00
Sarah Precious	“	50.00
Prescott & Babbitt	“	100.00
Abram Prescott tomb	Westlawn	50.00
Charles H. Prescott	“	100.00
Joseph F. Prescott	“	50.00
Frances A. Prescott	Fairview	50.00
Nathen P. Prescott	“	50.00
Mary A. Putnam	Hillside	100.00
Polly Quigg	Fairview	50.00
Abijah C. Reed	“	50.00
Anan Reed	Westlawn	50.00
Sarah S. Reed	“	100.00
Annie Richardson	Fairview	50.00
Olive A. Richardson	“	50.00
Samuel Richardson.....	“	50.00
George E. Burns, Ex. Estate of Sarah Richardson	“	100.00
Sarah Richardson	“	50.00
Amount carried forward.....		\$6,270.25

Amount brought forward.....		\$6,270.25
Sarah E. Richardson	Fairview	50.00
Nancy Sargent	"	50.00
C. Frederick Seifer	"	50.00
Clara A. Smith	"	50.00
Levi Snow	"	100.00
Salmon L. Snow	"	100.00
Ephraim A. Stevens	"	50.00
Sarah H. Trumbull.....	"	100.00
A. and N. S. Tuttle	"	50.00
Sarah E. P. Wells.....	Westlawn	100.00
Jacob Wendell	Hillside	100.00
Mary J. Wheeler.....	Fairview	50.00
Hiram Whitney.....	"	100.00
Clara M. Wiley	"	100.00
Luther Wilkins	"	75.00
M. E. Willard (Hosley lot) ..	Westlawn	100.00
John Wilson.....	Fairview	50.00
W. W. Woodward (Oliver Woodward lot)	Hillside	100.00
Capt. Ezekiel Wright	Westlawn	50.00
G. T. & A. S. Wright	Fairview	100.00
N. H. Wright	"	100.00
Varnum B. Wright	"	25.00
Harry Nesmith	"	50.00
Georgie Patten Stone tomb ...	Westlawn	100.00
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		\$8,070.25

GEORGE T. DAY, Chairman and Secretary.

DAVID L. GREIG,

WESLEY O. HAWKES,

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

Report of Town Fish and Game Warden.

In making my report for the past year I wish to thank all of the good people who have helped out in feeding game and song birds. Owing to war conditions, grain is very scarce and I hope the people will continue to help through the cold season in any way they can, as there is quite a large number of game birds, and we are liable to lose a lot of them if they are not properly fed. All persons having birds in their vicinity will please notify me and I will do the best I can through the winter months. I would like to call attention at this time to the good work done by the Lowell Fish and Game Association. Too much cannot be said of President Simon B. Harris, Secretary Willis S. Holt and Mr. E. M. Abbot and other members of the Association. By their good work we have received the following lot of fish :

August 6th, 50 adult Trout.

September 11th, 2,000 Fingerling Brook Trout.

January 2nd, 1918, 100 adult Brook Trout.

January 3rd, 100 adult Brook Trout.

October 5th, 350 Horn Pout, adults.

October 5th, 12,000 Black Bass.

October 5th, 7,000 Rainbow Trout.

May 22nd, 1,000,000 Smelt Eggs, in Forge Pond and Snake Meadow Brook.

August 3rd, 16 Mallard Ducks, liberated in Stony Brook and Beaver Brook.

Through the kindness of Senator Colburn, I received a flock of eight Quail from the State Hatchery, September 28th. Those were liberated at Graniteville, Massachusetts.

In closing I wish to say I received very few complaints of illegal fishing or hunting, and I find most people willing to obey our game laws.

Yours truly,

JOE WALL, Town Warden.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1917	\$11,973.69
Comwlth. Mass., Fire House Loan	2,300.00
Comwlth. Mass., accrued interest	15.08
Appleton National Bank	20,000.00
Comwlth. Mass., Municipal Building loan	1,500.00
Comwlth. Mass., accrued interest	1.50
C. H. Pickering, janitor Town Hall	33.00
C. H. Pickering, use telephone . . . . .	.10
S. H. Balch, janitor Town Hall	125.75
Commonwealth of Massachusetts—	
Gypsy and brown tail moth suppression	467.90
Income Mass. School Fund	1,166.89
Industrial school	303.13
Compensation Inspector Animals	75.00
On account, Supt. Schools	500.00
Corporation tax, business	13,801.16
Corporation tax, public service	751.67
Income tax	4,489.57
National Bank tax	284.66
St. R. R. tax	98.81
Military Aid	594.00
Soldiers' exemption	24.61
Income tax (additional)	240.00
Mrs. John Perkins, rent	108.00
Clerk, 1st District Court, Ayer	75.00
B. & M. R. R., on acct. fires	68.45
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., on acct. fires	2.00
L. W. Wheeler—	
Collector tax, 1916	1,316.22
Collector tax, 1916 interest	38.01
Redemption tax, sale with interest	11.89
Collector tax, 1917 before Oct. 30th	33,302.95
Amount carried forward	\$93,669.04

Amount brought forward	\$93,669.04
Collector tax, 1917 after Oct. 30th . . .	5,809.56
Collector tax, 1917 interest	37.57
Collector tax, excise tax	368.81
County Treasurer, 90% dog license money	391.37
Licenses	23.00
M. Elizabeth Whitney, care and main- tenance Whitney Playground	250.00
Income, Whitney Playground Funds . . .	230.00
W. C. Roudenbush, supplies	3.64
B. & M. R. R., sealing weights and measures	3.50
Boy Scouts, privilege on common	1.00
Insurance on Town Farm	125.00
Oiling streets	76.64
O. R. Spalding, junk at Fire House	4.00
Wm. Pollock, crank axle	15.00
Lowell Elec. Light Corp., damage to traffic sign	6.79
Overseers Poor, standing lumber at Town Farm, sold O. R. Spalding	2,875.00
A. A. Hildreth, Sealer Weights and Measures	39.24
Town of Groton, tuition	114.00
Income, E. D. Metcalf Fund	80.00
Income, J. V. Fletcher Library Funds	160.00

PAYMENTS.

By cash—

Notes	\$22,800.00
Interest	800.33
Repairs State Highway	990.00
State Tax	6,600.00
County Tax	3,018.48
Orders and incidental expenses	51,492.49
Cash on hand, January 1, 1918	18,581.86

\$104,283.16 \$104,283.16

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT,

Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

WESTFORD, MASS., January 19, 1918.

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Westford:

The Finance Committee elected at the Annual Town Meeting of February 12, 1917, have held several meetings and carefully considered the Articles of the Warrant for the meeting to be held February 11, 1918.

Conferences have been held with the officers in charge of the several departments of the Town Government and their requests for appropriations discussed; also consideration has been given to each article of the Warrant wherein an appropriation of money is asked for. The Committee recommends the various sums set opposite each article as tabulated, be appropriated or raised and appropriated as shown:

	Appropriate	Raise and Appropriate
Art. 8 Public Library		\$1,000.00
“ 9 Public Burial Grounds		250.00
“ 12 Roads and Bridges, in- cluding repairs on River Street		6,900.00
“ 13 Town debts and charges		7,500.00
“ 14 Support of Poor and re- pairs on Town Farm Buildings	\$3,000.00	
Amount carried forward . .		\$15,650.00

Amount brought forward.		\$15,650.00
Art. 15 Support of Public Schools		17,500.00
“ 16 Moth Department		1,100.00
“ 17 Fire Department		450.00
“ 18 New Hose and Ap- paratus	\$200.00	
“ 21 Repairs on Fire House at Westford Centre.		1,000.00
“ 22 Fire Extinguishers ...		150.00
“ 26 Fish and Game Warden		50.00
“ 32 Memorial Day		150.00
“ 33 Distribution of Library Books		100.00
“ 35 Military Purposes Co. L State Guard.....	500.00	
“ 37 Observation Tower, Robbins Hill		250.00
“ 38 Sidewalks		300.00
Electric Lights		3,800.00
Hydrants		2,080.00
Notes and Interest....		3,900.00
State and County Tax		9,619.00
Repairs on State High- way		990.00
		<hr/> \$57,089.00
Less Income from State Treasurer.....	\$19,665.87	
Poll Taxes	1,400.00	
		<hr/> \$21,065.87
Amount to be raised		<hr/> \$36,023.13

ARTICLE 24.

RE-LOCATING AND REPAIRING GRANITEVILLE ROAD.

A similar article was acted upon at the last annual meeting, and at that time your committee recommended that a sufficient sum to cover the expense on the part of the Town be borrowed, payment to be made in five yearly installments practically equal in amount. We would make the same recommendation at this time.

The valuation of the Town as shown by the Assessors' books in the year 1917, was \$2,335,605.00, this being a falling off from that of the previous year, owing to a reduction in the personal property which was cared for by the State Income Tax.

The Town has received during the past year a material increase in the income received from the State Treasurer, but this is likely to differ somewhat the coming year.

Basing the valuation same as last year and a receipt of the same income from the State, the tax rate for 1918 will be about \$15.50 per thousand, provided you raise the sum of \$36,023.13 as recommended.

The foregoing report we submit to you for your careful consideration.

GEORGE T. DAY,
JULIAN A. CAMERON,
ELBERT H. FLAGG,
HERBERT V. HILDRETH,
WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,

Finance Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have made the usual examination of the books of the Town Officers and as a result of my examination I herewith submit the following report, together with a statement of the financial condition of the Town on February 1, 1918.

As instructed by the vote of the Town at the last Annual Meeting I submit a list of funds belonging to the Town, as found on hand with the Town Treasurer and the Whitney Playground Committee.

TAXES.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for year 1916.

To balance to collect as per audit, January	
9, 1917	\$1,457.40
Past due interest collected	38.01
Additions since last audit	4.28
	\$1,499.69
By taxes collected since last audit	1,499.69

Leaving no balance to collect.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for year 1917.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessors'

Warrant, as follows:

826 Polls at \$2.00	\$ 1,652.00
Tax on Personal Property	10,082.86
Tax on Real Estate	28,011.48
Moth and Lead Tax	766.22
	\$40,512.56

Additions since issue of Warrant as per Assessors' and Selectmen's Notices ...	\$ 147.04	
Excise tax	368.81	
Past due interest collected on taxes paid after November 1, 1917	37.57	
	<u> </u>	\$ 553.42
		<u> </u>
		\$41,065.98
Less Abatements for the year as per Asses- sors' notices		201.83
		<u> </u>
		\$40,864.15
By collections to October 31, 1917	\$33,302.95	
By collections from October 31, 1917 to January 1, 1918	5,809.56	
Past due interest collected	37.57	
By excise tax collected	368.81	
	<u> </u>	\$39,518.89
		<u> </u>
Balance to collect		\$ 1,345.26

TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk issued during the year licenses for		
171 male dogs at \$2.00	\$ 342.00	
19 female dogs at \$5.00	95.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 437.00
Less Clerk's fee, 190 at 20c.		38.00
		<u> </u>
Balance paid to County Treasurer and receipted for by him		\$ 399.00
Number of dogs licensed since last return, December 1, 1917, male, 2.		

SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen drew 841 orders on the Treasurer during the year, amounting to \$51,492.49. Received bills were found on file for nearly all the payments and in the few cases where these were not in evidence, I found checks on file as vouchers for the payments.

TOWN FARM.

Mr. C. S. Ripley, Superintendent.

Balance cash on hand, December 30, 1916.	\$	47.71	
Total receipts from all sources during the year		3,805.34	
		<hr/>	\$3,853.05
By expenditures for the year			3,832.87
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Balance on hand, January 2, 1918.....	\$		20.18

TREASURER.

To balance cash on hand, January 1, 1917..	\$11,973.69	
Receipts from all sources during the year..	92,309.47	
	<hr/>	\$104,283.16
By total payments for the year ending December 31, 1917	\$85,701.30	
Balance cash on hand, December 31, 1917..	18,581.86	
	<hr/>	\$104,283.16

Statement of Condition.

ASSETS.

1917 taxes remaining uncollected	\$	1,345.26
Accrued interest on same		10.09
Due from State Aid		493.00
Due from Military Aid		486.00
Balance cash on hand with Supt. of Town Farm		20.18
Balance cash on hand with Treasurer		18,581.86
		\$20,936.39

LIABILITIES.

Due State Treasurer on Schoolhouse loan (Wm. E. Frost School)	\$5,000.00	
Two months' interest on same at $4\frac{1}{4}\%$	35.42	
Due State Treasurer account Acton and Lowell Road loan	1,000.00	
$1\frac{1}{2}$ months' interest on same at 4%	5.00	
Due State Treasurer account loan for land (E. M. Abbot Firehouse)	1,500.00	
Due State Treasurer account E. M. Abbot Firehouse	1,500.00	
$8\frac{1}{2}$ months' interest on same at 4%	42.50	
		\$ 9,082.92
Balance		\$11,853.47
The balance December 30, 1916, was		\$ 6,156.32

List of Funds.

E. D. METCALF MONUMENT FUND.

Two \$1,000 Erie R. R. Co. 4% Gold Bonds, Nos. 7243-7375	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
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LIBRARY FUNDS.

In Savings Banks	\$4,000.00	
Wilkins' Bequest.....	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,150.00

WHITNEY PLAYGROUND.

Two \$1,000 American Tel. & Tel. Co. Bonds, Nos. 30040-30041	\$2,000.00	
Two \$1,000 Spencer Gas Co. Bonds, Nos. 46-47	2,000.00	
One \$1,000 City of Canton Bond	1,000.00	
Lowell Institution for Savings	190.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,190.00

CEMETERY FUNDS.

	Principal.	Interest.	
Central Savings Bank	\$1,900.00	\$ 359.72	
Lowell Institution for Savings .	1,050.00	129.72	
City Institution for Savings ...	250.00	91.41	
Mechanics Savings Bank.....	1,225.00	467.49	
Merrimack River Savings Bank	1,250.00	347.42	
Five Cent Savings Bank	1,995.25	734.66	
Liberty Bonds	600.00		
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	\$8,270.25	\$2,130.42	
			\$10,400.67
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			\$21,740.67

All Bank Books and Securities are with the Town Treasurer with the exception of Whitney Playground Bonds which are in the keeping of Edward Fisher for the Committee.

EDWARD T. HANLEY,
Auditor.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County.

GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the eleventh day of February, being the second Monday in said month at 7.45 o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock A. M., and may be closed at one o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years; one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds to fill vacancy; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one Constable, one Auditor, and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"
- 3rd. To hear the report of the Finance Committee, and act in relation to the same.

- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees, and raise and appropriate money to meet the expenses of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 14th. To appropriate money for support of Poor, and for repairs on Town Farm buildings.

- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the Public Schools, High School purposes, school text-books and supplies, salary of the Superintendent of Schools, repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses and medical inspection, and act in relation to the same.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths and elm tree beetles.
- 17th. To raise and appropriate money to meet the expense of the Fire Department.
- 18th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to purchase new hose and fire apparatus for the Fire Department, and act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed at a Special Town Meeting held May 2, 1908, whereby it established the compensation of the members of the Fire Department, and will establish or authorize the establishment of a new rate of compensation for members of the Fire Department.
- 20th. To see if the Town will authorize the appointment of a Committee to investigate the purchase of a motor driven chemical engine for the use of the Fire Department, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To raise and appropriate money to complete the Fire House at Westford Centre, and act in relation to the same.
- 22nd. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) for the purchase of fire extinguishers to be distributed in various parts of the Town, and act in relation to the same.

- 23rd. To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed under Article 24, at the last Annual Meeting, whereby it was voted to raise money for the relocation and repair of the Graniteville Road, so called, and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. To see if the Town will vote to borrow money to meet the portion of the expense to be borne by the Town in widening the Graniteville Road, so called, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To see if the Town will vote to accept the legacy of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) given, in trust, in the will of William H. H. Burbeck for the perpetual care of the family burial lot and that of his father, Samuel N. Burbeck, in the Fairview Cemetery, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) as compensation for a Fish and Game Warden in the event one is appointed for the Town.
- 27th. To see if the Town will vote to make regulations for the custody, management and sale of any and all lands purchased or acquired by the Town under and by virtue of a sale for non-payment of taxes and for the assignment of tax titles, and act in relation to the same.
- 28th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

- 29th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 30th. To choose a Finance Committee.
- 31st. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 32nd. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 33rd. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village, and Parkerville, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these three villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 34th. To hear the report of the Committee chosen at the last Annual Meeting to investigate and report on, or make a contract with the Westford Water Company, and act in relation to the same.
- 35th. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) to be used for military purposes connected with the maintenance of Company L • (97), Massachusetts State Guards, located in this Town, and act in relation to the same.
- 36th. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gifts made under the will of M. Elizabeth Whitney, late of Westford, deceased, and act in relation to the same.

- 37th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) to meet the portion of the expense allotted to this Town by the State Forester in the erection of a new forest fire observation tower on Robbins Hill, so called, in the Town of Chelmsford, and act in relation to the same.
- 38th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the construction and grading of sidewalks in the several villages, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighteen.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,

Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE



OF THE
TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE
School Year ending December 31, 1917

LOWELL, MASS.
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS
1918

School Calendar.

ACADEMY.

1918.

March 15. Winter term closes.

VACATION—ONE WEEK.

March 25. Spring term opens.

June 21. Spring term closes.

SUMMER VACATION.

1918—1919.

Sept. 3. Fall term opens.

Nov. 27. Fall term closes 13 weeks

VACATION—THANKSGIVING AND DAY FOLLOWING.

Dec. 2. Winter term opens.

CHRISTMAS VACATION—December 20—December 30.

1919.

March 14. Winter term closes 14 weeks

VACATION—ONE WEEK.

March 24. Spring term opens.

June 20. Spring term closes 13 weeks

Total 40 weeks

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

1918.

March 15. Winter term closes.

VACATION—ONE WEEK.

March 25. Spring term opens.

*June 14. Spring term closes.

SUMMER VACATION.

1918—1919.

Sept. 3. Fall term opens.

Nov. 27. Fall term closes 13 weeks

VACATION—THANKSGIVING AND DAY FOLLOWING.

Dec. 2. Winter term opens.

CHRISTMAS VACATION—December 20—January 6.

1919.

March 14. Winter term closes 13 weeks

VACATION—ONE WEEK.

March 24. Spring term opens.

*June 13. Spring term closes 12 weeks

Total 38 weeks

SUMMER VACATION.

*Subject to change.

SPECIAL EXERCISE DAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

1918.

- Feb. 12. Lincoln Exercises, one hour.
 Feb. 21. Washington Exercises, one hour.
 April 18. Patriots' Day Exercises, one hour.
 May 29. Memorial Day Exercises, one hour.
 Oct. 11. Columbus Day Exercises, one hour.
 Nov. 27. Thanksgiving Day Exercises, one hour.

1919.

- Feb. 12. Lincoln Exercises, one hour.
 Feb. 21. Washington Exercises, one hour.
 April 18. Patriots' Day Exercises, one hour.
 May 29. Memorial Day Exercises, one hour.

 LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

The words "legal holidays" shall include the first day of January, the twenty-second day of February, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of September, the twelfth day of October, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, or the day following when any of the four days first mentioned, the twelfth day of October or Christmas Day occurs on Sunday.

Arbor Day occurs on the last Saturday in April and is not a legal holiday.

Flag Day occurs on June 14th, and is not a legal holiday. It should be observed by any school then in session by appropriate exercises.

School Committee.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman	Term expires 1918.
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON	“ “ 1918.
JOHN P. WRIGHT	“ “ 1919.
FRANK L. FURBUSH	“ “ 1919.
JOHN SPINNER	“ “ 1920.
ARTHUR E. DAY, Secretary	“ “ 1920.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FRANK H. HILL, Littleton, Mass.

Telephone 36-3 Littleton.

COMMITTEE ON TEXT BOOKS.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,

JOHN P. WRIGHT.

SUPPLY AGENT.

FRANK H. HILL.

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.

JOHN A. HEALY,

JOHN SPINNER.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

CYRIL A. BLANEY, M. D.

Financial Statement.

Balance from last account	\$1,273.76	
Appropriation	15,973.75	
Received from Mass. School Fund	1,166.89	
Received from State on account, Supt. of Schools	500.00	
Received tuition from Town of Groton . . .	114.00	
Received for books	2.50	
		\$19,030.90

EXPENDITURES.

Trustees of Westford Academy	\$ 300.00	
Teachers	9,673.50	
Transportation	3,132.50	
Fuel	1,001.81	
Janitors and cleaning	1,186.00	
Drawing	225.00	
Music	320.00	
Superintendent of Schools	906.24	
School Physician	100.00	
Text books and supplies	838.44	
Repairs and miscellaneous	667.39	
Attendance Officers	16.50	
Tuition to Town of Tyngsboro	70.62	
		\$18,438.00
Balance on hand		\$ 592.90

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT.

Eleanor L. Hill, clerk to Superintendent ..	\$ 85.00
P. H. Harrington, repairs	13.34
T. A. E. Wilson, repairs	1.59
Water rates	222.00
A. M. Winslow, repairs	37.85
S. H. Balch, repairs	2.50
H. Stiles, repairs	79.65
Freight and express	3.35
Conant & Co., supplies	2.00
Henry C. Doughty, supplies.....	16.50
W. E. Thompson, repairs	2.25
F. H. Hill, supplies.....	15.61
Mrs. P. E. Wright, instructing girls	5.00
J. C. Heald, labor	1.25
Alex McDonald, repairs	19.75
J. A. Healy, repairs	14.50
Courier-Citizen Co., printing	2.30
Titania Orchestra	11.00
W. G. Blodgett, supplies	8.04
E. Baker, repairs	27.85
The Knowlton Press, printing	5.15
E. W. A. Knowles Co., supplies	2.60
Wilmot B. Cleaves, tuning piano.....	2.00
P. E. Wright, moving piano	5.00
J. E. Knights, repairs	6.50
Hanley & Co., supplies	13.15
J. A. Healy & Son, carrying books .....	.75
Joe Wall, repairs	16.50
Pratt & Forrest Co., supplies	4.00
John Spinner, repairs and miscellaneous ..	14.15
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	20.26
Chas. O. Prescott, making State report, telephone and supplies	6.00
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	\$ 667.39

Report of the Superintendent.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

I herewith submit my eighth annual report, the twenty-sixth in the series of such reports.

At the close of the spring term Miss Mabel I. Osborne of the Academy resigned and in the fall Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth of Westford was appointed as her successor. Those who knew Mrs. Hildreth as Miss Edith M. Lawrence, a very popular teacher in the Academy some six years before, will agree with us that the Academy is fortunate indeed in securing her services.

With the above exception the teaching force is the same as on January 1, 1917. You are to be congratulated, for your teachers have, for the most part, given you many years of faithful and efficient service. They should be retained. Two important votes of the School Committee during the year will tend to aid in retaining our teachers. On March 13th you voted to make the school year thirty-eight weeks in length—two weeks longer than heretofore. (Note that in my report of February 9, 1911, I recommended this. Some results are well worth waiting six years to attain.) On May 15th you fixed the annual maximum salary of Elementary principals at \$600 and the annual maximum salary of other Elementary teachers at \$550. This was a substantial annual increase though but a slight weekly increase by reason of the additional two weeks. However, it kept our teachers, and I believe the service will lose nothing but will gain much through your recognition of their merits and their needs.

As you make no formal report to the townspeople, except of the finances, this report must contain many facts well known to you but of great interest and importance to them. One fact, relating to the admission of pupils into grade one, should be very generally known. This is the rule: "No child shall be admitted to the public schools unless he shall become five years of age

within thirty days of the beginning of the school year in September. No child shall be admitted to the first grade except at the beginning of the fall term during the first week unless he is qualified to take up the work of the grade." I personally believe that under ordinary conditions a child is young enough at six to enter school. But conditions in Westford are unusual. Many of the children are of foreign birth and cannot speak or understand the English language, particularly in the mill sections. At the age of fourteen they leave school to go to work. Many of them do not get as far as grade six. Hence the advantage of having them in school at an early age if only to acquire a speaking acquaintance with an English speaking teacher and schoolmates. Such children usually begin the first grade work in earnest only after a year in school. A glance at the enrollment in the several first grades shows the advantage of the second portion of the rule, relating to the exclusion of children from the first grade after the first week of school unless qualified to take up the work of the grade. In September there were in the First Grade, William E. Frost School, 30 pupils; in Grade One, Sargent School, 23 pupils; in Grade One, Cameron School, 37 pupils. Obviously, each first grade must be at once divided into two or three divisions. Pupils dropping in from time to time during the year add so much to the teacher's burdens and so little to the child's acquirements that such a rule becomes a necessity. There is one important exception that teachers and parents should understand. The state law requires that children shall be in school when seven years of age. Any child, therefore, who is to become seven years old before the closing of the school in June, should, upon application for admission to Grade One, even though then not qualified to take up the work of the grade, be admitted, though apparently excluded under the wording of the rule.

What is needed in both Forge Village and Graniteville—the Cameron and Sargent Schools—is an assistant teacher to take small backward groups to prepare for regular grade work, or to instruct in English, or to give instruction adapted to the few defectives found in the schools. The room now used for supplies

and library books in the Cameron School and a similar room in the Sargent School could easily be made available for such service, without great expense. I believe a teacher could be secured to spend half of each day in each school. This arrangement ought to be made at the opening of the schools in September, 1918. It may cost \$600 a year to do this, but I believe that in no other way could you spend \$600 to so great an advantage. Please consider this a recommendation.

Each school building has been supplied with a set of blanks for every possible kind of Work Certificate and the teachers instructed as to what is required on the part of the applicant—and teacher—before such a certificate can be issued. In spite of this boys and girls are constantly applying for Employment and Educational Certificates (to them they are Work Certificates), without their Birth Certificates, and sometimes without their Promise of Employment cards and Physician's Certificate of Health. I hope that teachers, and prospective employers, and parents who read this will all co-operate in making these preliminary requirements perfectly plain and generally known. It should help to make a better citizen of one to know exactly how to go about the important business of getting a job with the least trouble to himself and others. Efficiency itself is summed up in these words, "Knowing how to do things with the least trouble to yourself and others."

On October 4th I visited each schoolhouse in the district with the State Building Inspector. Following are his orders with respect to each Westford building:—Parkerville approved and certified to October, 1922; William E. Frost School, add egress; Cameron School, front storm doors (exit two doors wide instead of one), hand rails on stairs and fire alarm; Sargent School, hardware, fire alarm and extinguishers. On the whole the condition of the several buildings was found to be fairly satisfactory. So little remains to be done in each building to merit the issuance of a certificate similar to that issued to Parkerville, and yet so important is that little, that I urge you to attend to it at once. The only considerable change is the egress at the William E.

Frost School, which is to be built at the rear, of wood, and which, when finished, should harmonize as much as possible, with the present appearance of the building.

The war has laid its hands upon the schools and added to the responsibilities of the teachers. Pupils have been, and are to be urged to do their bit in gardening and in the conservation of food; the meaning of Liberty Bonds has been explained to them and they have been asked to explain to their parents in the hope that their parents would see the advantage as well as the patriotism involved in the purchase of these bonds; the Y. M. C. A. movement was explained; the Red Cross drive was advertised; the Superintendent has been authorized and urged to sell Thrift Stamps to the pupils throughout the district. Every child is to have an opportunity to do something, however little, for the great cause for which the United States is laboring, and no efforts will be spared to inculcate in the minds of our children in the schools the principles of true patriotism so vital to the future welfare of this, our country.

Between February and June four teachers' meetings were held for the special study of English expression and composition. Early in February of this year I shall meet the teachers of each building for the consideration of matters especially pertaining to that building, after which a series of general meetings will be held in the spring term.

As usual, the reports of the Academy and Supervising Departments follow. I hope no one will omit to read those reports. Principal Roudenbush is doing some real live work at the Academy, and it is to the credit of the Elementary schools that he has real live boys and girls to work with. Every child in the public schools should resolve to fit himself for the Academy and then to enter it as a patriotic duty to himself and his town and country. We cannot attain too high a level of intelligence. The higher the level the less likely we shall be to be swept off our feet in critical times. Witness Russia. The mass of our people must be made too intelligent to mistake the howl of the wolf for the call of a friend. In education is the preservation of our ideals—and ourselves.

May we all feel the urgent necessity of the longest possible period of school attendance for each child resident in our town, and see to it that every child shall have it, as our part in the patriotic drive of the present period.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,
Superintendent of Schools.

Westford, January 2, 1918.

Report of Westford Academy.

January 1, 1918.

TO MR. F. H. HILL,
Superintendent of Schools:

The total enrollment of pupils at the Academy in September, 1917, was sixty-one, comprising thirty-five girls and twenty-six boys, and at the present writing we have lost only two, and they are attending school in Lowell. The entering class was larger than the average, consisting of fourteen girls and eleven boys. Those who have left the Academy to attend school in Lowell were from this class.

We have kept a memorandum during the year of those things which seemed worthy to mention in this report, and will state them in calendar form.

January 16, 1917: Beatrice Hosmer and Josephine Socha of the class of 1917 were granted free membership in the Tadmuck Club of Westford on the basis of scholarship rank for three years previous to September, 1916. The Club will extend this privilege in the future to other girls of the Senior Class. The present members are Carolyn Precious and Rachel Kimball of the class of 1918.

February 16, 1917: On this date there was given in the Town Hall a three-act comedy entitled "The Voice of Authority," by the following members of the school: Dorothy Jordan, Claire Payne, Edith Judd, Elva Judd, Beatrice Hosmer, Frances Wright, Josephine Socha, and Bertram Sutherland. Miss Marion Moreland, a former teacher at the Academy, sang several solos with Miss Julia Fletcher as accompanist. The play was followed by informal dancing, and the proceeds were \$46.00.

April 27, 1917: On the evening of this day the school gave a minstrel show in the Town Hall, under the direction of Miss Mary B. Raynes, assisted by Miss Harriett Mansur, pianist. Several weeks had been spent preparing for this event, and the chief

object was to raise money to purchase a Victrola for school use. There was a large audience present, and in every way the show proved a success. The performance netted \$66.43, and to this sum the principal added enough from a fund he has on hand to pay for the Victrola and several records, which were placed in the school May 4th.

May 11, 1917: It was about this time that Marshal Joffre of France paid a visit to the United States and in common with many other schools, the Academy pupils contributed a sum of money (\$1.70) to the "Joffre Fund" which they presented to the Marshal as a freewill war offering.

May 12, 1917: The class of 1917 together with Frances Wright, Claire Payne, and Bertram Sutherland, went to Boston on a sight-seeing excursion accompanied by Principal and Mrs. Roudenbush. Some of the party were fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of Marshal Joffre as he rode by in the parade, held in his honor in Boston. A vivid and spectacular performance of "Treasure Island" at Hollis Street Theatre was thoroughly enjoyed by the excursionists.

May 25, 1917: The annual prize-speaking contest took place on this date. The speakers were Webster Flagg, Ruth Sargent, Dorothy Jordan, Elva Judd, Josephine Socha, Sophia Nawrocka, Eleanor Colburn, Beatrice Hosmer and Rachel Kimball. The first prize of \$10 was awarded to Josephine Socha, the second prize of \$5 to Dorothy Jordan. The judges were: Rev. H. A. Lincoln, Prin. M. L. Greenfield of Littleton, and Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant. Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Charles Colburn and piano duets by Mrs. Sebastian Watson and Miss Julia Fletcher.

June 20, 1917: This day marks the graduation exercises, the details of which are given in the program printed in the Town Report. It is of interest however to call attention to the substantial gift which the graduating class presented to the Academy on this occasion, viz:—Two volumes of the New Standard Dictionary. The school was in sad need of just such books, and it is especially convenient to have a volume for the recitation rooms below as well as for the study hall upstairs.

In the month of June the various Granges in the vicinity offered three prizes of \$2.50, \$1.50, and \$1 respectively to those high school pupils who should write the best essay on "The History of the Flag." Several boys and girls of the Academy entered the contest, the winners being Ethel Collins, Carolyn Precious, and Pamela Precious in the order mentioned. The first prize winners from the different towns then read their essays before the Pomona Grange which also offered prizes to the amount of \$5.00 apportioned as stated above. Ethel Collins of the class of 1919 won third prize in this final contest. The local Grange announces that it will offer similar prizes again in June, 1918, for essays on some subject to be assigned.

October 10, 1917: Academy pupils gave the sum of \$3.50 to the "Soldiers' Library Fund" which provides for reading matter and library supervision in the government cantonments.

October 26, 1917: A Hallowe'en dance in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the Senior Class, netted the class \$29.38.

November 7, 1917: The Senior and Junior classes prepared Christmas service bags to be sent to the American soldiers in France. Numbers of these bags were provided at a value of \$1.50 each. The Sophomore and Freshman classes at this same time gave \$5.00 to the "War Children's Relief Fund," this money to be sent to Europe as a Christmas gift to relieve the suffering and starving children in the war-stricken areas.

November 14, 1917: This date is an important one in the school calendar, because it marks the visit of Mr. W. R. Gumb of the Lowell Y. M. C. A., and Mr. George F. Harvey, a Y. M. C. A. worker at Camp Devens. These men addressed the school and called particular attention to the "Red Triangle" campaign to raise funds to support the world-wide work of the Y. M. C. A. for the soldiers at home and abroad. Pledge cards were distributed with the purpose of enlisting both boys and girls in earning and giving money for the army work of the "Red Triangle."

November 17, 1917: This was the Saturday following the visit of Mr. Gumb and Mr. Harvey. The latter had invited the boys to come to Camp Devens, and arrangements were made to hike

to the camp. The principal accompanied by ten boys went on this hike, and the day was spent tramping about the camp taking in the sights. Of special interest to everybody were the trenches, constructed similar to those in France. It was great fun to explore the various dug-outs along the trench lines. The distance walked by the hikers on this expedition, as registered by pedometer, was from nineteen to twenty-five miles. Some boys came three miles from home before joining the hike proper which started from the principal's residence.

November 19, 1917: This day was the limit of time set for pledges to be made to the "Red Triangle" fund mentioned above. The results were excellent and a credit to the zeal and interest of the school. Seven boys and girls pledged \$10 each to be earned and paid by April 1, 1918. Others pledged various amounts from fifty cents to five dollars, the total sum pledged being \$95.50.

November 20, 1917: For the third time since the opening of school in September, teachers and pupils of the Academy assembled at the Town Hall to join in the general farewell accorded to drafted men who were leaving for Camp Devens. Numbers of these young men were former students in Westford Academy, and it was highly fitting that we should help honor them as they left home to serve their country.

Another item of importance to record for this day is the organization of the "Academy Auxiliary of the Westford Branch of the Red Cross." This is made up of Academy pupils who meet every Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and work for the Red Cross under the direction of Edith L. Hildreth. The girls will knit and sew; the boys will make trench candles and other handy articles suited to their craftsmanship.

December 3, 1917: The customary free transportation of Academy pupils to and from school began on this day. To show the proportion of pupils provided with this accommodation it is sufficient to state that twenty-two come on the electric car and eighteen by barge or similar conveyance; i. e., two-thirds of the total school enrollment.

Thus far with the calendar arrangement of events. A few general items not concerned with particular dates will suffice to close this report.

The scheme for awarding prizes in June, 1918, is as follows:

PRIZES, 1917—1918.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

1. A prize of \$10 to the boy or girl, who, in the opinion of three impartial judges, shall best render in public contest a declamation occupying at least seven minutes' time.

2. A prize of \$5 to the boy or girl who shall be judged second best in such contest.

3. The prize speaking contest to take place during the spring term.

ESSAY.

1. A prize of \$5 to that member of the Senior or Junior Class who shall, in the opinion of three impartial judges, write the best essay on a given subject.

2. A prize of \$2.50 to that member of the Freshman Class who shall, in the opinion of three impartial judges, write the best essay on a given subject.

3. The essays are due May 1, 1918.

STENOGRAPHY.

1. A prize of \$2.50 to the boy or girl who, in the judgment of the teacher, shall exhibit the highest efficiency in stenography.

NOTE.—The above prizes will be awarded at the graduation exercises in June.

The school is now provided with "The World's Work" and "The American City" magazines subscribed for by means of a small fund at the principal's disposal, also the French daily newspaper, "L'Etoile," published in Lowell. Besides these publications we have the "Independent" furnished by a member of the school.

The Senior Class is preparing to give a Japanese play on March 1, 1918, entitled, "The Revenge of Shari Hot-Su." Edith L. Hildreth has charge of this enterprise.

Miss Mabel I. Osborne resigned her position as teacher in the Academy, accepting another in Dalton, Mass. Edith L. Hildreth, who taught in the Academy so acceptably from 1909 to 1912, was elected to the vacancy. With this exception the teaching force remains as it was a year ago.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. ROUDENBUSH,
Principal.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

MR. FRANK H. HILLS,
Superintendent of Schools,
Westford, Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR:

My annual report for the music department of the Westford schools I will briefly state as follows:

In most of the schools I am pleased with the steady improvement in tone and reading, I wish I might say, in all, tone. I expect the teachers, and I know the children, are as tired of hearing me say, soften the tone, use the head voice, as I am of saying it. I shall continue repeating those never-to-be-forgotten words, however, until its effect is felt in every room. It can be accomplished when the grade teacher will not accept any other tone and not until then.

The long-wished-for Victrola is in the Academy now, made possible by the efforts of the pupils themselves. We gave a very successful minstrel show in the spring which netted a good sum of money and which was a credit to the school and the boys and girls who carried it through. It is my ambition, this year, to give some sort of entertainment in the different schools to help the Red Cross work along. The Cameron School will present "Ye Little Old Folks Concert" for their part, before Christmas. and I hope the others will be able to do their bit also.

I sincerely thank the superintendent and teachers for their co-operation and help in this department.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. RAYNES,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
Westford, Massachusetts.

Each year the course in drawing is somewhat modified in our effort to make it more nearly fulfill its purpose: namely, to give each child a graphic vocabulary which he may use easily to express his ideas both now and in later life in the home, in his trade (if he is a skilled workman) and in his dealings commercially, and to develop in him an appreciation of fitness and beauty which shall insure for him a more pleasing home and the enjoyment of the beautiful things which this country holds.

Leaders in art education in the public schools are emphasizing a different kind of work from that which was generally accepted a decade ago. The science of perspective in the lower grades has given place to the simplest means of representation in two dimensions, while concrete experience in handling colors in harmonizing combinations has taken the place of dozens of uninteresting color scales.

We are spending much time in drawing common objects to give the boys and girls the ability to sketch quickly and accurately. This accomplishment may prove useful when the man tries to give his mental picture of his future home to an architect or when the woman strives to make a dressmaker understand just how she wishes the trimming placed on her gown. Drawings of people and animals will amuse their children.

I am much pleased with the co-operation of the teachers and wish to thank everyone who has helped to make the work a success.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE E. STAPLES,
Supervisor of Drawing.

Ayer, Massachusetts,
December 13, 1917.

REPORT OF MEDICAL INSPECTOR.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

Following is my report as medical inspector of the schools of Westford for the year ending December 31, 1917.

This year in my general inspection of the children, I was ably assisted by Miss Murphy, a trained nurse, whose services were given to the Town of Westford by the State Board of Health. We made a thorough examination of the children and reported defects found. Each week the nurse and school physician go to the schools and examine all pupils that need attention. Twice a week the nurse gets the names of absentees and does follow-up work at home. By this method we are able to keep track of all contagious and infectious diseases more readily, thereby improving the general health of the scholars and also getting better attendance. The families have been induced to have the children's physical defects attended to much more promptly than in other years.

I believe it has been a great help to Westford to have the assistance of a trained nurse both to work in the schools in conjunction with the school physician and to pursue follow-up work in the homes and trust that the Town will never do without one.

I understand that the United States Public Health Service has taken up this work which has hitherto been carried on by the Massachusetts State Department of Health in co-operation with local authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. C. A. BLANEY,
School Physician.

*ROLL OF HONOR.

ACADEMY—

B. SUTHERLAND,
DOROTHY JORDAN.

SARGENT—

WALTER SMITH,
STANLEY SMITH.

CAMERON—

ALLEN HEALY,
ALICE HOSMER,
LILLIAN HOSMER,
ANNIE HUNT.

FROST—

ALFRED HALL.

*Not absent or tardy for one year.

TEACHERS IN SERVICE JANUARY, 1918.

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	EDUCATED	HOME ADDRESS
Academy		*Wm. C. Roudenbush Helena F. Denfeld	Williams College Wellesley	Westford, Mass.
Wm. E. Frost	VIII—VIII V—VI III—IV I—II	Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth Lottie L. Dunn *Martha L. Grant Mattie A. Crocker Edith A. Wright	Bryant & Stratton Mt. Holyoke College Framingham Normal Gloucester Training Bridgewater Normal	Westboro, Mass. Westford, Mass. W. Pembroke, Me. Gloucester, Mass. Brockton, Mass. Westford, Mass.
Cameron	VI—VII—VIII IV—V II—III I	*Lettitia V. Ward Mary A. Garvey Abbie M. Blaisdell Eva C. Pyne	Hyannis Normal (Sum.) Lowell Normal Lowell Normal Lowell Normal	Forge Village, Mass. No. Chelmsford, Mass. Wamesit, Mass. Westford, Mass.
Sargent	I VI—VII—VIII IV—V II—III I	*Issie A. Parker Lillian G. Wright Esther L. Smith Mary A. Dunn Grace E. Ranney Mary B. Raynes Bernice E. Staples	Westford Academy Lowell Normal Roxbury High Lowell Normal Framingham Normal School of Music Lowell Normal, '04 Mass. Normal Art, '10	Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Brockton, Mass. No. Chelmsford, Mass. Wayland, Mass. Lowell, Mass.
Parkerville				Ayer, Mass.
Supervisor of Music				
Supervisor of Drawing				

*Principals.

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TEST.

SCHOOL EXAMINED.	Number Enrolled	Defective Eyesight	Defective Hearing	Parents Notified
Academy	61	10	3	10
Wm. E. Frost.....	145	5	2	7
Cameron.....	155	21	2	23
Sargent	139	14	3	17
Parkerville	20	0	0	0
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Totals	520	50	10	57

SCHOOL CENSUS, APRIL 1, 1917.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Number of children between 5 and 7	45	54	99
Number of children between 7 and 14	174	178	352
Number of children between 14 and 16	42	43	85
Number of minors between 14 and 16 who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language	0	0	0
Number of illiterate children 16 yrs. or over and under 21	8	7	15
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Totals	269	282	551

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES
AND HOME PERMITS.

ISSUED BETWEEN SEPT. 1, 1916 AND AUG. 31, 1917.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Employment certificates	20	14	34
Educational certificates (literate)	32	22	54
Educational certificates (illiterate)	4	7	11
Home permits	3	1	4
	—	—	—
Totals	59	44	103

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT.

School	Cases Investigated
Cameron.....	38
Sargent	7
	—
Total.....	45

NUMBER GRADUATED FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
1917.

	Boys	Girls
Wm. E. Frost	2	9
Sargent	6	3
Cameron.....	1	1
Parkerville	0	1
	—	—
Totals	9	14

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF WESTFORD ACADEMY.

AT THE TOWN HALL,

Wednesday, June 20, 1917, at 10 O'Clock, A. M.

PROGRAMME

March with Overture

TITANIA ORCHESTRA

Invocation

REV. H. A. LINCOLN

Salutatory with Essay

The American Red Cross; its history and work

BEATRICE EVELYN HOSMER

Essay, The League to Enforce Peace

EDITH ALICE JUDD

Chorus, "When the Roses Bloom Again"

Adams

SCHOOL

Class Prophecy

ELVA TRIPHENA JUDD

Essay, Women and the War

DOROTHY LUCY JORDAN

Selection

ORCHESTRA

Essay, Governments of the Warring Nations

ELVA TRIPHENA JUDD

Chorus, "Oh Italia Beloved"

Donizetti

SCHOOL

Presentation of Class Gift

GEORGE PERKINS

Acceptance of Class Gift

BERTRAM WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, Class of 1918

Girls' Chorus, "Spring Song"

Mendelssohn

Essay with Valedictory

America's Duty to the World's Democracies

JOSEPHINE MARGUERITE SOCHA

Presentation of Prizes and Diplomas

HON. H. E. FLETCHER

America

EVERYBODY IN CHORUS

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,
 Sweet land of liberty,
 Of thee I sing:
 Land where my fathers died,
 Land of the pilgrims' pride,
 From every mountain side,
 Let freedom ring.

Let music swell the breeze,
 And ring from all the trees,
 Sweet freedom's song,
 Let mortal tongues awake,
 Let all that breathe partake,
 Let rocks their silence break,
 The sound prolong.

My native country, thee,
 Land of the noble free,
 Thy name I love,
 I love thy rocks and rills,
 Thy woods and templed hills,
 My heart with rapture thrills,
 Like that above.

Our Father's God, to thee,
 Author of Liberty
 To thee we sing,
 Long may our Land be bright,
 With Freedom's Holy light,
 Protect us by Thy might,
 Great God, our King.

—*Samuel F. Smith, 1832.*

GRADUATES.

- *BEATRICE EVELYN HOSMER, Academic Course
*DOROTHY LUCY JORDAN, English-Business Course
EDITH ALICE JUDD, Academic Course
ELVA TRIPHENA JUDD, English-Business Course
GEORGE PERKINS, English-Business Course
JOSEPHINE MARGUERITE SOCHA, Academic Course

WINNERS IN PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

- BEATRICE EVELYN HOSMER, Class of 1917, Five Dollars
ETHEL MARJORIE COLLINS, Class of 1919, Five Dollars

WINNERS IN PRIZE DECLAMATION CONTEST

- JOSEPHINE MARGUERITE SOCHA, Class of 1917, Ten Dollars
DOROTHY LUCY JORDAN, Class of 1917, Five Dollars

HONORABLE MENTION

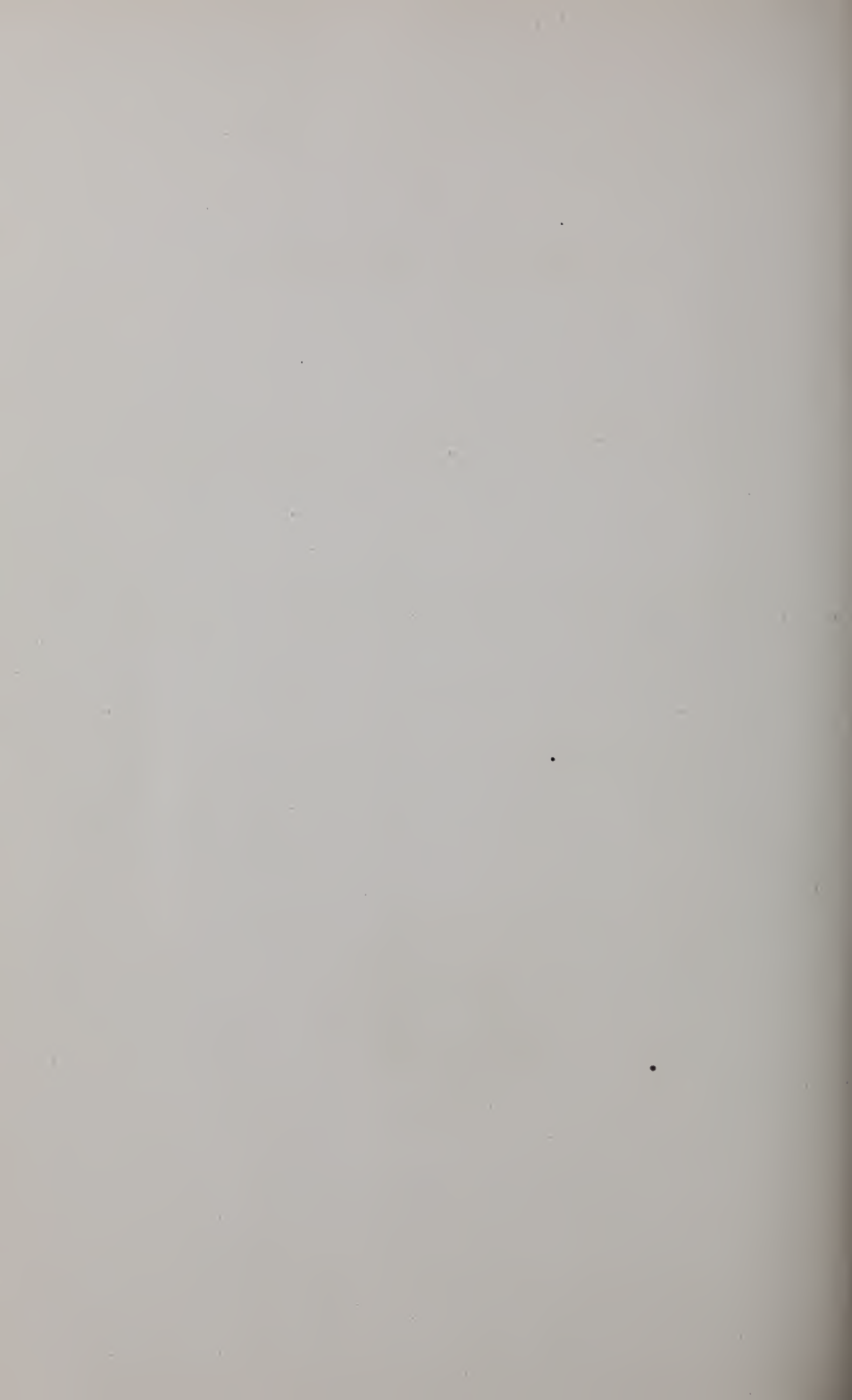
- BEATRICE EVELYN HOSMER, Class of 1917
ELEANOR STEARNS COLBURN, Class of 1918

*Equal rank for second honors. Precedence on program given to Miss Hosmer for attendance at Academy four years.

Class Motto—"Vouloir, c'est pouvoir"

Class Colors—Royal Purple and Gold

Class Flower—Black Beauty Rose



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.



LOWELL, MASS.,
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS,
1918.

Library Report.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit their annual report for 1917, together with the Report of the Librarian.

The trustees ask for the following appropriations, viz.:

1. The sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to meet current expenses.
2. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1917.

JULIAN A. CAMERON, Chairman.

JOHN P. WRIGHT, Secretary.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
From Dog Licenses, 1916.....	58.62
	—————\$1,058.62

EXPENDITURES.

Mary P. Bunce, Librarian.....	\$ 500.00
Charles H. Pickering, Janitor.....	199.92
Telephone	22.15
Fuel	137.03
Electric Lights	37.82
Water Rates	28.00
Supplies	34.22
Express	14.28
Labor	20.00
Library Art Club.....	6.00
H. S. Stiles, repairs.....	12.45
Substituting	14.00
Cleaning	30.00
Huntley S. Turner, stationery.....	2.75
	—————\$1,058.62

AMOUNT OF FUNDS.

Legacy of Stephen S. Stone.....	\$1,000.00
Legacy of Augustus K. Fletcher.....	1,000.00
Legacy of Mary A. Henarie, Laws Fund.....	1,000.00
Legacy of John M. Osgood.....	1,000.00
Legacy of Jennie Reed Wilkins.....	150.00
	—————\$4,150.00

BOOK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 188.25
From Dog Licenses, 1916.....	332.75
Stone Fund, income.....	40.00
Fletcher Fund, income.....	40.00
Laws Fund, income.....	40.00
Osgood Fund, income.....	40.00
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	\$681.00

EXPENDITURES.

Thos. Nelson & Son.....	\$ 5.00
Old Corner Book Store.....	218.62
H. W. Wilson Co., magazines.....	97.60
F. J. Barnard & Co., binding.....	14.82
W. C. Roudenbush.....	2.50
The Andover Press.....	3.45
Henry M. Meek Pub. Co.....	3.50
H. B. Turner.....	4.50
E. A. Merriam.....	3.90
Women's Educational & Industrial Union...	42.57
History of Chelmsford.....	5.15
S. S. Seranton Co.....	1.00
Am. Acad. of Political & Social Science.....	5.00
H. R. Hunting Co.....	23.77
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	\$431.38
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1918.....	<hr/>
	\$249.62

Report of Librarian.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY:

The report of the Library for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917, is herewith presented.

Once more we wish to express the indebtedness of the town to Mr. Julian A. Cameron, who has added much to the pleasure of many of our readers, by giving sixty-nine books, mostly current fiction, during the past year.

Another interesting gift is a large scrap-book compiled by Miss Emily F. Fletcher, containing many clippings relating to the life of Hon. John D. Long. Mrs. Long has given, this year, "The History of Buckfield, Maine."

Mr. Emory J. Whitney presented a collection of curios and books including a "History of Middlesex Co., 1830," which is a very rare and interesting volume.

Mr. Charles S. Dodge, of Lowell, has given a black walnut desk made by his father. This will prove a very useful addition.

The work of the Library has been carried on as usual, although the amount of reading being done seems to be somewhat lessened by the requirements of knitting and other relief work.

The library building has been used as headquarters for the local branch of the Red Cross, and for the American Fund for the French Wounded. Both organizations have held weekly meetings for work during a large part of the year, and the library has provided comfortable and convenient quarters.

When the call came for each town to do its share for the Camp Libraries, a good number of books and magazines was sent from here to Camp Devens.

Later, when money was needed, the Trustees organized a committee, and the town contributed \$362.86 to the American Library Association for furnishing reading matter to the soldiers

in the camps here and in France. The library at Camp Devens is already open, in charge of Mr. Lowe, from the Mass. Public Library Commission. Westford gave more than double the amount assigned as its apportionment.

All public libraries have been asked to assist in distributing material that may aid in the production and conservation of food, and in the various patriotic drives that have been made during the year. A large number of pamphlets of this kind has been given out, including many published by the Government and the State.

We have a good collection of books about the war, and many of these have been very popular.

The demand for magazines is constantly increasing, over two thousand copies being circulated during the year. All except current numbers may be borrowed, and the list at present is as follows:

WEEKLIES.

Independent	Scientific American
Leslie's Weekly	Westford Wardsman
Littell's Living Age	Youth's Companion
Saturday Evening Post	

MONTHLIES.

A. L. A. Booklist	Garden Magazine
American	Good Housekeeping
Annals	Harper's Monthly
Atlantic Monthly	House Beautiful
Book Review Digest	John Martin's Book
Boys' Life	Life
Century	Little Folks
Countryside	Munsey
Delineator	Musical America
Forecast	Needlecraft

MONTHLIES—CONTINUED.

Normal Instructor	Review of Reviews
North American Review	Saint Nicholas
Outing	Scientific Monthly
Outlook	Scribner's
Pictorial Review	Today's Housewife
Popular Mechanics	Travel
Popular Science Monthly	Woman's Home Companion
Public Libraries	World Outlook
Readers' Guide	World's Work

PERIODICALS GIVEN.

Christian Register	From The Woman's Alliance
Christian Science Monitor	“ Estate of Mary Baker Eddy
Congressional Record	“ Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher
International Conciliation	“ American Association of
Journal of Zoophily	“ The Publishers
Ladies' Home Journal	“ Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler
National Geographic	“ Mrs. E. G. Smead, Los Angeles
Our Dumb Animals	“ The Publishers
Rural New Yorker	“ Mr. George T. Day
Scientific American Supplement	“ Mr. Julian A. Cameron
Woman Citizen	“ The Publishers

PICTURE EXHIBITS.

Buckingham, three sets; Biblical Scenes; Moscow; Village Homes of England; War, two sets; Old Newburyport Houses; Longman's Set; Van Dyck; Four and Twenty Toilers; Salem Doorways; American Illustrators; Kindergarten Set; Warsaw; Leslie Brooke.

NAMES OF DONORS, 1917.

- Bicknell, Mr. Ai, two volumes.
 Buckshorn, Fisher, one curio.
 Cameron, Mr. Julian A., sixty-nine volumes.
 Cheney, A. E., author, one volume.
 Cosmos, author, one volume.
 Day, Mrs. George T., one volume of a magazine.
 Dixon, Prof. W. M., four volumes.
 Dodge, Mr. Charles S., a desk.
 Doubleday, Page & Co., one volume.
 Dutton, E. P & Co., one volume.
 Fisher, Judge Frederick A., one volume, one curio.
 Fletcher, Miss Emily F., Scrapbook relating to Hon. John D.
 Long.
 Fletcher, Mr. Sherman H., one curio.
 Green, Samuel A., one pamphlet.
 Hamlin, Miss Kate S., a magazine.
 Hildreth, Mrs. Charles L., one curio.
 Houghton, Mifflin & Co., one volume.
 Loker, Miss Sarah W., one volume.
 Long, Mrs. John D., one volume.
 New Eng. History and Genealogical Society, seven volumes.
 Parker, Sir Gilbert, one volume, many pamphlets.
 Publishers, three volumes.
 Stevens, Miss Emma G., one curio.
 Walker, Mrs. George, one curio.
 Whitney, Mr. Emory J., twenty-nine volumes, three pamphlets,
 four documents, twelve curios.

Annual reports have been exchanged with a large number of public libraries.

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation of bound volumes.....	10,959
Volumes lent at the Library.....	8,062
Volumes sent to Graniteville.....	1,297
Volumes sent to Forge Village.....	860
Volumes sent to Parkerville.....	740
Circulation in Children's Department.....	4,081
Volumes lent through the schools.....	1,121
Periodicals lent	2,154

ACCESSIONS.

Volumes added by purchase.....	243
Volumes added by gift.....	91
Volumes received from the State.....	11
Volumes received from the U. S.....	4
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Total number of volumes added.....	349
Number of volumes in the Library.....	16,488

FINES.

Cash on hand from last year.....	\$ 6.34	
Fines received	31.90	
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		\$38.24
Paid for supplies.....		33.92
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Balance		\$ 4.32

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED, 1917.

BOOKS ABOUT THE WAR.

Aldrich, Mildred. On the edge of the war zone..	940.9—A1
Beck, James M. War and humanity.....	940.9—B5
Beith, J. H. (Ian Hay.) All in it "K(1)" carries on	940.9—B6
Getting together	940.9—B2
Bigelow, Poultney. Prussian memories.....	914.3—B4
Bryce, James and others. War of democracy....	940.9—B3
Bullitt, Ernesta D. An uncensored diary from the Central Empires.....	940.9—B4
Cable, Boyd. Action front.....	940.9—C2
Coleman, Frederic A. From Mons to Ypres....	940.9—C1
Dawson, Coningsby. Carry on.....	940.9—D1
Empey, Arthur G. "Over the top".....	940.9—E
Gerard, James W. My four years in Germany..	940.9—G1
Gleason, Arthur. Our part in the great war....	940.9—G2
Hankey, Donald. Student in arms, 2 vols.....	940.9—H3
Huard, Frances W. My home in the field of honor	940.9—H2
McClure, Samuel S. Obstacles to peace.....	940.9—M3
McConnell, James R. Flying for France.....	940.9—M5
MacGill, Patrick. Great push.....	940.9—M2
"Mademoiselle Miss"	940.9—M
Masefield, John. Gallipoli.....	940.9—M1
Morlae, Edward. Soldier of the legion.....	940.9—M4
Oliver, Frederick S. Ordeal of battle.....	940.9—O
Palmer, Frederick. My year of the great war....	940.9—P2
Service, Robert W. Rhymes of a Red Cross man.	811—S13
Wells, Herbert G. Italy, France and Britain at war	940.9—W7

OTHER CLASSIFIED BOOKS.

Abbott, Grace. Immigrant and the community..	325—A1
Baldt, Laura I. Clothing for women.....	646—B

Burr, Agnes Rush. Russell H. Conwell and his work	B—C7675.2
Cabot, Richard C. Layman's handbook of medicine	616—C
Casey, William C. Masterpieces in art.....	750—C1
Dickinson, Thomas H. Chief contemporary dramatists	808.2—D
Franck, Harry A. Tramping through Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.....	917.2—F
Gardner, Frank D. Successful farming.....	630—B9
Gordon, George A. Appeal of the nation.....	172—G
Hawthorne, Hildegarde. Old seaport towns of New England	917.4—H3
Hollingworth, Harry L. Vocational psychology..	150—H3
Lane, Rose W. Henry Ford's own story.....	B—F699.2
Moody, William R. Dwight L. Moody.....	B—M817
Morman, James B. Principles of rural credits..	332—M4
Noyes, Alfred. Lord of misrule.....	821—N1
O'Shaughnessy, Edith C. Diplomat's wife in Mexico	972—O1
Pattee, Fred L. History of American literature since 1870	810—P
Rihbany, Abraham M. The Syrian Christ.....	915.69—R
Rose, Mary S. Feeding the family.....	643—R1
Sears, Clara Endicott, comp. Gleanings from old Shaker journals	289—S13
Seeger, Alan. Poems	811—S14
Shackelton, Robert. Book of Boston.....	917.44—S3
Sharp, Dallas Lore. Hills of Hingham.....	504—S
Shaw, George B. Androcles and the lion; Overruled; Pygmalion	822—S1
Smith, Richard M. Baby's first two years.....	649—S
Tarbell, Ida M. Ways of woman.....	396—T2
Wells, H. G. God, the invisible king.....	211—W

FICTION.

Abbott, Eleanor H. White linen nurse.....	A126.4
Aldrich, Mildred. Told in a French garden.....	A3645.2
Atherton, Gertrude. Rulers of kings.....	A869.7
Austin, Mary H. The ford.....	A937.3
Bachelor, Irving A. Light in the clearing.....	B121.10
Bailey, Temple. Mistress Anne.....	B156.3
Bell, John J. Cupid in oilskins.....	B433.5
Belloc, Hilaire. Emmanuel Burden.....	B446.2
Bennett, Enoch Arnold. Lion's share.....	B470.10
Benson, Edward F. David Blaize.....	B4745.11
Michael	B4745.10
Bottome, Phyllis. Dark tower.....	B751.2
Buchan, John. Greenmantle.....	B918.3
Burnett, Frances H. Little hunchback Zia.....	B964.19
Burnham, Clara L. Jewel's story book.....	B966.18
Burns, W. J. and Ostrander, I. Crevice.....	B9675.2
Butler, Ellis P. Pigs is pigs.....	B985.3
Cholmondeley, Alice. Christine.....	X89.34
Churchill, Winston. Dwelling-place of light.....	C563.12
Cobb, Irvin S. Escape of Mr. Trimm.....	C6528.2
Local color	C6528.3
Comfort, Will L. Last ditch.....	C732.4
Corelli, Marie. Innocent.....	C797.4
Craigie, Mrs. (John Oliver Hobbes.) The vine- yard	C886.3
Cummings, Hilda P. No graven image.....	C969.2
Curtiss, Philip. Ladder.....	C981.2
Davis, Charles B. Nothing a year.....	D2612.3
Davis, Elmer. Princess Cecilia.....	D2613.2
Deland, Margaret. Around old Chester.....	D337.15
England, George A. The alibi.....	E581.2
Golden blight	E581.3
Fisher, Dorothea C. Bent twig.....	F534.4

Foote, Mary H. Edith Bonham.....	F689.5
Freeman, M. E. W. and Kingsley, F. M. Alabaster box	W681.25
French, Allen. Hiding places.....	F876.3
Gerould, Gordon H. Peter Sanders, retired....	G377.2
Grey, Zane. Border legion.....	G845.5
Haggard, Henry R. Allan and the holy flower..	H145.3
Red Eve	H145.2
Hallet, Richard M. Trial by fire.....	H186.2
Harker, Lizzie A. Jan and her job.....	H282.3
Hichens, Robert. In the wilderness.....	H626.5
Way of ambition.....	H626.4
Hughes, Rupert. Thirteenth commandment....	H894.5
Hurst, Fannie. Every soul hath its song.....	H967.2
Jenkins, Herbert. Bindle.....	J524.2
Kelly, Robert J. Jim—unclassified.....	K297.2
Kyne, Peter B. Cappy Ricks.....	K995.2
Lagerlof, Selma O. L. Emperor of Portugalia..	L174.5
Leblanc, Maurice. Crystal stopper.....	L445.3
Lincoln, Joseph C. Mary 'Gusta.....	L738.16
Lincoln, Natalie S. I spy.....	L739.3
Lindsey, William. Severed mantle.....	L753.2
Locke, William J. Red planet.....	L815.10
Stella Maris	L815.8
Wonderful year	L815.9
Lowe, Corinne M. Confessions of a social secretary	L914.2
Lowndes, Marie A. Lilla; a part of her life....	L919.2
Lubbock, Alfred B. Deep sea warriors.....	L927.2
Lutz, Grace L. H. Voice in the wilderness.....	H646.3
Lynde, Francis. After the manner of men.....	L988.4
Real man	L988.5
MacFarlane, Peter C. Held to answer.....	M1428.2
Mackenzie, Cameron. Man who tried to be it...	M157.2
Maniates, Belle K. Our next-door neighbors....	M278.3
Mills, Enos A. Story of Scotch.....	M657.2

Morris, Edwin B. Our Miss York.....	M8748.2
Morton, Victoria. Whirlpool.....	M8917.2
Mundy, Talbot. King of the Khyber Rifles.....	M9658.2
Oemler, Marie C. Slippy McGee.....	O287.2
Palmer, Frederick. Old blood.....	P174.7
Parker, Gilbert. World for sale.....	P239.15
Parrish, Randall. Last voyage of the Donna Isabel	P261.5
Perry, Robert. Cruise of the Jasper B.....	P465.2
Phillpotts, Eden. Green alleys.....	P564.14
Pidgin, Charles Felton. The climax.....	P612.5
Poole, Ernest. His family.....	P822.3
Potter, David. Lady of the spur.....	P866.2
Rath, E. Too much efficiency.....	R234.2
Rinehart, Mary Roberts. Where there's a will...	R580.4
Robins, Sally N. Man's reach.....	R6575.2
Roche, Arthur S. Loot.....	R673.2
Royle, Edwin M. Peace and quiet.....	R891.3
Sabatini, Rafael. Sea-hawk.....	S113.2
Scott, Leroy. Partners of the night.....	S428.2
Seawell, Molly E. Betty at Fort Blizzard.....	S442.11
Seton, Ernest Thompson. Preacher of Cedar Mountain	S495.2
Sherman, Charles. Upper crust.....	S553.2
Sherwood, Margaret P. Worn doorstep.....	S554.5
Sidgwick, Cecily. Salt of the earth.....	S567.3
Snaith, John C. Sailor.....	S669.3
Somerville, E. A. and Martin, V. In Mr. Knox's country	S696.2
Stacpoole, Henry D. Gold trail.....	S775.3
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Hunters of the hills.....	j1016r
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Bond, Alexander R. On the battle front of en- gineering	j620—B
Brown, Edna A. Archer and the "Prophet"....	j1062e
Bryant, Sara C. Stories to tell to the littlest ones	j372—B4
Burritt, Edwin C., pseud. Boy scout Crusoes...	j2024
Chisholm, Louey, ed. Golden staircase.....	j808.1—C3
Collins, Archie F. Book of electricity.....	j537—C
Inventing for boys.....	j608—C1
Coussens, Penrhyn W. Ruby story book.....	j808.8—C2
Crow, Martha F. Lafayette.....	jB—L161.2
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Dix, Beulah M. Blithe McBride.....	j919e
DuPuy, William A. Uncle Sam, detective.....	j353—D
Fryer, Jane E. Mary Frances first aid book.....	j614—F
Garnett, Louise A. Master Will of Stratford....	j822—G2
Gosse, Edmund, ed. Allies fairy book.....	j823—G4

Guigou, Paul. Animal trainer.....	j2027a
Animals in the ark.....	j2027
Hunt, Clara W. About Harriet.....	j2025
Heyliger, William. Captain Fair-and-Square...	j2012a
Holland, Rupert S. Boy scouts of snow-shoe lodge	j2003a
Ives, Sarah N. Key to Betsy's heart.....	j2022
Johnson, Clifton, ed. Fairy-tale bears.....	j823—J5
Knipe, E. B. and A. K. Polly Trotter, patriot...	j2016a
Knobel, Elizabeth. When little thoughts go rhyming	j811—K
Livingston, Robert. What daddies do (Rhymes).	j811—L20
Marzials, Ada M. Stories for the story hour.....	j372—M
Meigs, Cornelia. Master Simon's garden.....	j2026
Mokrievitch, Vladimir. When I was a boy in Russia	j914.7—M1
Moore, Charles W. Life of Abraham Lincoln...	jB—L737.24
Moses, Belle. Paul Revere.....	jB—R452
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Paine, Albert B. Boy's life of Mark Twain.....	jB—C625.3
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Seaman, Augusta H. Sapphire signet.....	j2021
Smith, Mary P. W. Three in a camp.....	j594d
Stout, William B. Boy's book of mechanical models	j680—S
Twombly, F. D. and Dana, J. C., eds. Romance of labor	j604—T
Underwood, Kate. Fairy tale plays.....	j793—U
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Respectfully submitted,

MARY P. BUNCE,

Librarian.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1918.

Town Clerk.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH.....Term expires February, 1921

Selectmen.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, Secretary.	Term expires	February,	1919
OSCAR R. SPALDING, Chairman..	“	“	1920
FRANK L. FURBUSH.....	“	“	1921

Assessors.

*CHARLES D. COLBURN, Secretary..	Term expires	February,	1919
J. WILLARD FLETCHER, Chairman	“	“	1920
GEORGE H. HARTFORD, Secretary.	“	“	1921

Overseers of the Poor.

SAMUEL H. BALCH	Term expires	February,	1919
WESLEY O. HAWKES, Chairman..	“	“	1920
FRED R. BLODGETT, Secretary....	“	“	1921

Treasurer.

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT.

Collector of Taxes.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

*Deceased.

Auditor.

EDWARD T. HANLEY.

Constable.

WILLIAM L. WALL.

School Committee.

FRANK I. FURBUSH.....	Term expires February,	1919
JOHN P. WRIGHT.....	“ “ “	1919
JOHN SPINNER.....	“ “ “	1920
ARTHUR E. DAY, Secretary.....	“ “ “	1920
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman	“ “ “	1921
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON	“ “ “	1921

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT.....	Term expires February,	1919
JOHN P. WRIGHT, Secretary....	“ “ “	1920
JULIAN A. CAMERON, Chairman..	“ “ “	1921

Librarian.

MARY P. BUNCE

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

DAVID L. GREIG.....	Term expires February,	1919
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman		
and Secretary	“ “ “	1920
WESLEY O. HAWKES.....	“ “ “	1921

Tree Warden.

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Finance Committee.

LOUIS H. BUCKSHORN, ELBERT H. FLAGG,
 JULIAN A. CAMERON, WILLIAM R. TAYLOR, Secretary,
 HERBERT V. HILDRETH, Chairman.

Field Drivers.

JOHN FEENEY, JR., WILLIAM E. ANDERSON,
 J. AUSTIN HEALY.

Fence Viewers.

CHARLES A. BLODGETT, ALEC FISHER,
 WILLIAM E. WRIGHT.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

SAMUEL H. BALCH, J. AUSTIN HEALY,
 *WILLARD H. BEEBE, JOHN A. HEALY,
 FRANK L. FURBUSH, WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
 *HORACE E. GOULD, JOSEPH E. KNIGHT,
 FRANK L. HALEY, *EDWARD J. ROBBINS,
 ISAAC L. HALL, OSCAR R. SPALDING,
 P. HENRY HARRINGTON, ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
 ELDON A. TURNER

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ALBERT A. HILDRETH.

Inspector of Animals.

SEBASTIAN B. WATSON.

*Failed to quality.

Inspector of Meat.

SAMUEL H. BALCH,

EMORY J. WHITNEY.

Police Officers.

SAMUEL H. BALCH,
 HARRY M. DEVENEAU,
 ISAAC L. HALL,
 ALBERT A. HILDRETH,
 JOSEPH A. LECLERC,
 AXEL G. LUNDBERG,

JOHN W. O'BRIEN,
 CHARLES H. PICKERING,
 JOHN SPINNER,
 ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
 LEONARD W. WHEELER,
 WILEY M. WRIGHT.

Forest Warden.

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Deputies Appointed by the Warden.

CHARLES A. BLODGETT,
 FRED R. BLODGETT,
 DAVID DESMOND,
 CHARLES EDWARDS,
 EDWIN H. GOULD,

FRED L. MCCOY,
 JOHN O'BRIEN,
 EBENEZER PRESCOTT,
 ROBERT PRESCOTT,
 CHARLES S. RIPLEY,
 WILLIAM E. WRIGHT.

**Superintendent for the Suppression of Gypsy and Brown¹/₄ Tail
Moths.**

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chief,	ALBERT R. CHOATE,
JOHN EDWARDS, Clerk,	FRANK L. FURBUSH,
ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND, Assistant Chief.	

Weighers of Coal.

ETTA W. FLETCHER,	SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,	ELLA P. PYNE,
HARWOOD L. WRIGHT.	

Public Weighers.

FRANK L. FURBUSH,	JOHN A. HEALY,
RUDOLPH HABERMAN,	CHARLES H. PICKERING,
EDWARD T. HANLEY,	FREDERIC A. SNOW,
ARTHUR L. HEALY,	WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,
FRED A. HEALY,	EMORY J. WHITNEY,
J. AUSTIN HEALY,	FRANK WILLEY.

Superintendent of Streets.

ALEXANDER McDONALD.

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

WESLEY O. HAWKES.

Agents of Board of Health.

SAMUEL H. BALCH, ALBERT A. HILDRETH,
WARREN H. SHERMAN, M. D.

Registrars of Voters.

ALFRED W. HARTFORD.....Term expires March 31, 1919
ROBERT J. MCCARTHY.....“ “ “ “ 1920
ALFRED W. TUTTLE.....“ “ “ “ 1921
CHARLES L. HILDRETH, Clerk Ex-officio.

Town Counsel.

EDWARD FISHER.

Precinct Officers.

PRECINCT 1.—Warden, Alonzo H. Sutherland; Deputy Warden, Leonard W. Wheeler; Clerk, John M. Fletcher; Deputy Clerk, John Feeney, Jr.; Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson, William O. McDonald; Deputy Inspectors, Albert A. Hildreth, John Feeney.

PRECINCT 2.—Warden, Albert R. Wall; Deputy Warden, Frank L. Haley; Clerk, Alfred T. W. Prinn; Deputy Clerk, Arthur L. Charlton; Inspectors, Hammett D. Wright, Joseph Wall; Deputy Inspectors, Charles A. Blodgett, M. Edward Riney.

PRECINCT 3.—Warden, Fred Shugrue; Deputy Warden, William J. Donnelly; Clerk, Charles S. Edwards; Deputy Clerk, Houghton G. Osgood; Inspectors, Walter A. Whidden, Bernard J. Flynn; Deputy Inspectors, Swan G. Swanson, James H. O'Brien.

PRECINCT 4.—Warden, Arthur H. Comey; Deputy Warden, David Lord; Clerk, John Edwards; Deputy Clerk, Edward T. Hanley; Inspectors, John W. Spinner, Richard D. Prescott; Deputy Inspectors, Mathew Elliott, Edmund J. Hunt.

Superintendent of Town Farm.

CHARLES S. RIPLEY.

Town Fish and Game Warden.

JOSEPH WALL.

Janitor of Town House.

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

Janitor of Library Building.

CHARLES H. PICKERING.

Workmen's Compensation Agent.

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

Appraisers of Property at Town Farm.

ROBERT PRESCOTT,

J. EVERETT WOODS,

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

BIRTHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1918.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
July 1	Avanites, ———	Peter and Helen (Roubus)
May 16	Barretto, Dora Stella	Frank and Benedicta (Colasanti)
Nov. 9	Bechard, Wallace John	Edward J. and Evelyn (Gagnon)
Nov. 29	Belida, Alex	Wasil and Alexandra (Sechovich)
Feb. 15	Bilida, Zenia	Joseph and Theodora (Halko)
March 5	Boucher, Gisele	Eugene and Bertha (Milot)
March 22	Brady, Samuel Raymond	Samuel and Mary R. (Manissey)
Nov. 29	Britchko, Nellie	Peter and Alexandria (Garchko)
Sept. 19	Brobick, Peter	John and Rosana (Krevich)
Dec. 26	Brown, John Stephen	James H. and Helen C. (Merrick)
April 30	Canton, Cecile Adelaide	Amide and Mary (Byron)
Jan. 24	Charlton, Michael Leo	Arthur L. and Mary W. (Gardner)
April 29	Christianson, Christine Mildred	Hans and Effie W. (Johnson)
May 4	Clifton, Julia	Simon and Veronica (Wachulius)
Sept. 26	Clement, Gilbert William	William W. and Viola M. (Nichols)
July 12	Connell, Raymond	Eugene and Emily (Hartley)
May 3	Cote, Joseph Roger Henry	Henry and Rose (Provost)
Oct. 12	Cutler, Joseph Franklin Antoine	Frank A. and Yvonne (Cote)
Aug. 27	Degagne, Joseph Louis Edward	Resimon and Georgianna (Roy)
Aug. 7	De La Haye, Kenneth Edmund	Edmund J. and Alice M. (Syvret)
Dec. 21	Delorenzo, Albert William	Edward G. and Grace (Ledwith)
May 13	Denasavich, Zonia	Joseph and Katie (Vara)
Sept. 26	Deslauries, Joseph Maurice	Eugene and Leda (Batheaume)
March 29	Di Palma, Furia	Pasquale and Luigia (Stande)
Sept. 29	Donaghy, Carl William	Carl W. and Marion L. (Gerrish)
Feb. 15	Doucette, Theodore John	John and Rachael (Perkins)
Feb. 15	Drauschoir, Nadja	Wasil and Ewdoyka (Lekovich)
Sept. 10	Dubey, Evelyn Angelina	Peter O. and Clara (Levigne)
Jan. 31	Dudevoir, Marguerite Ellen	Charles E. and Mary (Walsh)
Feb. 26	Dumont, Peter Edmund	Ernest and Marie (Boucher)
July 26	Dupras, Walter Richard	Fred and Rosa (Bell)
July 12	Edwards, Rita Hosmer	Charles S. and Flora (Wright)
June 24	Emilson, Eric John	Eric J. and Linnea (Flink)
Jan. 12	Ezerski, Theodosia	Michael and Alexandra (Saley)
July 18	Forson, Nellie	Anthony and Annie (Prackneck)
May 17	Gagnon, Lester Joseph	Dennis and Louise (Brule)
Sept. 24	Gagnon, Mary Lilley Lillian	Fred and Rubia (Provost)
May 7	Gilman, ———	Frank and Josephine (Provancher)
Aug. 24	Greig, Priscilla	John S. and Charlotte H. (Prescott)
Feb. 12	Hall, Edward Francis	Clifford E. and Annie E. (Perkins)
May 13	Herrington, William Adrien	James W. and Amy A. (Perkins)
Oct. 6	Johnson, Myrtle Helena	Claus and Emma R. (Pearson)
March 16	Kisley, Waheslav	Elia and Alexandria (Selalika)
April 1	Kostecko, Anthony	Simon and Sophie (Spas)
Aug. 9	Labouteley, Dorothy Eunice	Gaston E. and Alice (Geer)

BIRTHS—Continued.

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DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan. 11	Lamie, Margaret Jenette	Henry and Leda (Milot)
April 10	Landry, Severe	Jelos and Beatrice (Landry)
May 5	Langley, Irene Juliette	Joseph and Annie (Perrin)
Oct. 2	Lapniewski, Janina Stanislava	Adam and Stanislava (Poliks)
Oct. 27	Leduc, Henry Alfred	Henry E. and Mary A. (Lecroix)
May 14	Locapo, Abel	Joseph and Vituca (Catrina)
Sept. 25	May, Margaret	Thomas and Elizabeth (Kelley)
May 24	McCarthy, Edwina May	Thomas and Valeria (Gagnon)
May 24	McCarthy, Kathleen June	Thomas and Valeria (Gagnon)
April 24	McColleston, Harvey Holland	Harvey and Madeline (Holland)
June 18	McGrogan, John Clifton	John J. and Julia M. (Hedman)
June 8	Miller, Everett Elsworth	Frank E. and Edna M. (Smith)
Feb. 5	Milot, Oria	Joseph and Dorilla (Ricard)
Sept. 11	Nyder, Peter	Astap and Audora (Krivec)
Aug. 3	Perkins, Doris May	Thomas and Elsie (Smith)
Jan. 5	Perkins, Joseph Whitney	Joseph and Minnie M. (Whitney)
Nov. 26	Peterson, Doris Signhild	Sigurd and Nellie (Nordquist)
Oct. 5	Pivarotto, Albert	Ezzelina and Stella (Contessa)
June 8	Prescott, William Benjamin	Benjamin A. and Freda (Šiles)
July 23	Reed, Marjorie	William and Florence (Mason)
Jan. 12	Richards, Rose Florence	Rudolph and Edith (Cote)
March 7	Ricard, Noé	Donat and Josephine (Barule)
Oct. 2	Marcoullier, Joseph Antonio Roland	Severe and Rachel (Milot)
Dec. 16	Roshko, John, Jr.	John and Paulina (Butko)
Jan. 14	Russell, Doris Gray	Robert D. and Elva M. (Bicknell)
March 24	Sadowski, ———	Joseph and Balwina (Rauthoska)
Feb. 3	Sager, Elizabeth Irene	Archie C. and Genna A. (Corey)
July 16	Savage, Katherine Etta	James J. and Mary E. (Flynn)
Feb. 16	Sawosik, Antonina	Michael and Vera (Darenshuk)
Oct. 22	Schovich, Anastasia	Michael and Fedora (Bretsko)
Jan. 1	Smith, John	John and Alice (Remis)
Aug. 21	Spinner, Marjorie Ethel	Edward G. and Mary (Healey)
Oct. 8	Sysko, Sofia	Gregory and Nadja (Talanyets)
March 24	Talancz, Wasil	Ignat and Amy (Halko)
Nov. 2	Tandus, Annie	John J. and Mattie (Varyas)
Aug. 9	Tereghko, Antonina	Jacob and Annie (Bildida)
Jan. 14	Uchinshi, Wasil	Luka and Mary (Britchkof)
July 16	Whitney, Myrtle Phyllis	Edmund B. and Grace L. (Smith)
Jan. 4	Whitney, Harry Gordon	Harry A. and Sadie A. (McMaster)
May 30	Wilson, Kenneth Arthur	T. Arthur E. and Augusta (Blaisdell)
Sept. 24	Zanchi, Speranza	Domenico and Angela (Monga)

Number recorded in 1918: Males, 46; females, 45; total, 91.

MARRIAGES.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1918.

DATE.	NAMES.	Age.	Residence	Birthplace
Nov. 2	Allen, Charles Lunt	45	Lynn, Mass.	Lynn, Mass.
	Martyn, Laura Louise	39	Westford, Mass.	Charlestown, Mass.
Jan. 20	Astickevicz, Julian	22	" "	Russia
	Danisevich, Anastasia	20	" "	"
June 5	Beardsley, Percy Asher	25	Lowell, Mass.	Lowell, Mass.
	MacFadyen, Esther May	21	" "	Peabody, Mass.
May 18	Bilida, Vasil	26	Westford, Mass.	Russia
	Sechovich, Alexandra	21	" "	"
Sept. 11	Blodgett, Charles A.	36	" "	Westford, Mass.
	Dunn, Lottie L.	31	" "	West Pembroke, Me.
May 15	Boucher, Isachar	26	" "	Canada
	Ricard, Marie Elise	27	" "	"
March 19	Chambers, Herbert S.	23	Ayer, Mass.	Columbus, O.
	MacEnroe, Rena M.	21	" "	Brockton, Mass.
April 10	Clough, Walter E.	24	Hampstead, N. H.	Hampstead, N. H.
	Sanborn, Mabel B.	23	Westford, Mass.	Westford, Mass.
June 30	Demovitch, Julian	27	Lowell, Mass.	Russia
	Lisin, Atonina	22	Westford, Mass.	"
Oct. 6	Dubey, Joseph T.	23	" "	Orono, Me.
	Dechineau, Drina F.	20	" "	Nashua, N. H.
Nov. 6	Farnham, Ralph W.	20	" "	Easton, Me.
	Decker, Anna M.	17	Lowell, Mass.	Lowell, Mass.
June 22	Haberman, Ralph G.	21	Chelmsford, Mass.	Chelmsford, Mass.
	Marshall, Marion L.	21	Westford, Mass.	" "
June 5	Harrigan, Edwin C.	32	East Boston, Mass.	Bucksport, Me.
	Dare, Rose O'H.	21	Westford, Mass.	England
May 8	Hartford, James B.	26	" "	Westford, Mass.
	Robinson, Grace M.	22	" "	Fitchburg, Mass.
Jan. 28	Healy, John Austin	32	" "	Westford, Mass.
	Quinn, Mary Ellen	32	Lowell, Mass.	Lowell, Mass.
Nov. 27	McNiff, Owen A.	25	Harvard, Mass.	Harvard, Mass.
	Furbush, Helen M.	21	Westford, Mass.	Westford, Mass.
Oct. 9	Mullen, Christopher J.	46	" "	Marlborough, Mass.
	Defoe, Elizabeth A.	43	" "	Monticello, Me.
June 25	O'Clair, Nelson G.	27	Ayer, Mass.	Danielsville, Conn.
	Ward, Letitia V.	32	Westford, Mass.	Groton, Mass.
Aug. 12	Palmer, Lewis B.	38	" "	Westford, Mass.
	Spillaine, Josephine A.	29	Chelmsford, Mass.	" "
Nov. 24	Pappasconstantenu, Demetrios	30	Dracut, Mass.	Greece
	Socorelis, Helen B.	24	Westford, Mass.	"
May 14	Peters, William	27	Ayer, Mass.	New Bedford, Mass.
	Rafferty, Anna B.	22	Westford, Mass.	W. Chelmsford, Mass.
Dec. 21	Reed, Ephraim F.	19	" "	Westford, Mass.
	Maynard, Eldora	19	Worcester, Mass.	Worcester, Mass.

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June 30	Riney, Michael E.	32	Westford, Mass.	Westford, Mass.
	Dunn, Catherine E.	29	Chelmsford, Mass. ...	Chelmsford, Mass. ...
Feb. 5	Sime, Lawrence H.	22	Ayer, Mass.	No. Adams, Mass. ...
	Hulme, Evangeline B.	21	Westford, Mass.	Belfast, Ireland
Sept. 28	Smolander, Edwin	22	" "	Sweden
	Johnson, Gertrude	24	Lowell, Mass.	Lowell, Mass.
June 30	Soroka, George	29	Worcester, Mass.	Russia
	Kuzma, Amy	23	Westford, Mass.	"
Sept. 9	Therrien, Phillip H.	18	Sanford, Me.	Canada
	Ricard, Alice B.	23	Westford, Mass.	"
Sept. 21	Turner, Eldon A.	36	" "	"
	Sinton, Bessie F.	30	" "	New Brunswick
Jan. 9	Whitney, Arthur B.	18	" "	Westford, Mass.
	Eisner, Gladys M.	18	Littleton, Mass.	Shirley, Mass.
Aug. 19	Whitten, Harold William ...	19	Westford, Mass.	Gorham, Me.
	Maddam, Annie	22	" "	England
Dec. 24	Woodbury, Howard O.	22	Ayer, Mass.	Barton, Vt.
	Fisher, Mabel M.	19	Westford, Mass.	East Concord, Vt. ...
Sept. 25	Vincent, Raoul O.	22	" "	Canada
	Donovan, Ellen	18	" "	England

Number of marriages recorded, 32.

DEATHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1918.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Years	Months	Days
Dec. 29	Balsor, Sophia, wife of William W.	83	—	4
Oct. 2	Bilida, Samuel, son of Smithy and Eva (Gratekovska)	24	—	28
Dec. 5	Black, Rose Marie, daughter of William and Rose (Shields)	—	4	14
Nov. 17	Blanchard, Jennie Laura, daughter of Lowell and Katherine (MacDonald)	13	7	11
April 21	Blodgett, Josiah W., son of Jacob and Almira (Wright)	83	4	27
Sept. 24	Boucher, Isachar, son of Aimé and Mary (Dube)	27	3	13
April 22	Campbell, Isabelle A., widow of Hector	67	7	1
Sept. 20	Cantara, Delia, wife of Joseph	45	1	—
April 15	Cantara, Joseph, son of Joseph and Delia (Provost)	24	5	5
Jan. 11	Cantara, Napoleon, son of Joseph and Delia (Provost)	20	4	19
Oct. 11	Christianson, Effie W., wife of Hans	26	1	18
Oct. 4	Colburn, Charles Day, son of Jonathan and Mary E. (Day)	42	5	—
Jan. 19	Day, George Thomas, son of Isaac and Betsey (Proctor)	84	4	29
Feb. 21	Decatur, Louisa, wife of Nathaniel	51	1	26
Sept. 28	Decatur, Nathaniel J., son of Joseph and Hannah (Abbot)	63	2	12
Sept. 17	Deveneau, Harry, son of Joseph and Marion (Marsh)	22	—	—
Oct. 28	Downs, Mary Ann, wife of Matthew	86	10	18
Nov. 1	Dubey, Agnes, daughter of Peter Dubey and Clara (LaVine)	5	9	—
March 19	Dumont, Peter Edmund, son of Ernest and Mary (Boucher)	—	—	23
Aug. 6	Dureault, Eugène, son of Aimé and Esther (Droulaid)	2	—	7
Aug. 30	Farr, Eleanor W., wife of Edwin H.	40	9	24
May 10	Fletcher, Albro, son of Andrew and Laurie (Chandler)	81	6	24
May 28	Gardell, Vitaline, wife of August	70	7	21
March 15	Gardner, Bridget, widow of John	55	11	30
Jan. 15	Gorbunoff, Nadejda, wife of Arcade	38	—	—
Oct. 20	Green, Rose, wife of William	38	3	16
Dec. 10	Haines, Howard, son of Nelson L. and Minnie (Wright)	9	5	2
March 14	Halliday, Marian, wife of David	71	3	18
Aug. 10	Hildreth, Sarah R., widow of James	100	6	20
Nov. 27	Hughes, Margaret, wife of Alfred	18	2	22
May 12	Johnson, Christina, wife of August	46	11	20
Sept. 16	Kisley, Waheslav, son of Elia and Alexandria (Selalaka)	—	6	—
Feb. 27	Kostochko, Aricady, son of Nikolas and Melania (Halko)	—	6	—
July 16	Lamoy, Margaret, daughter of Henry and Leda (Milot)	—	6	5
March 21	LeClerc, Mary D. E., daughter of Joseph A. and Eugenie Paré ..	—	5	18
May 26	Lowther, Mary A., widow of Patrick	83	5	26
Sept. 28	Martin, Armand, son of Peter and Elodia (St. Peter)	1	2	25
Sept. 27	Martin, Edward F., son of John and Mary	37	—	—
April 6	McKniff, Hannah, daughter of John and Hannah (Emmott)	7	6	27
Feb. 11	Mills, Margaret, widow of Hugh	84	6	23
Oct. 19	Milot, Eva, daughter of Ephrem and Alena (Delanner)	3	3	11

DEATHS--Continued.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1918.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Years	Months	Days
Oct. 5	Milot, Oscar, son of Anthony and Virginia (Roy)	27	5	25
Oct. 8	Minko, Andrew, son of Daniel and Antonina (Volkavoh)	1	6	16
July 29	Moran, Julia F., widow of David	60	5	—
Sept. 26	Mountain, Gertrude J., daughter of Ernest G. and Catherine (Whigham)	14	—	19
May 28	Naylor, Robert M., son of Fred and Helena (Kilminster)	1	4	9
Dec. 10	O'Brien, Margaret M., widow of John	72	9	22
Oct. 6	O'Brien, Mary E., daughter of John and Margaret (Tannahil) ..	29	—	4
Oct. 4	Orange, William H., son of Abraham and Ruth (Burnett)	30	5	5
Dec. 21	Prinn, Mary E., wife of Alfred T. W.	43	7	2
Sept. 28	Ricard, Caroline, wife of Joseph	64	1	8
Jan. 22	Riney, Timothy D., son of Daniel	74	1	11
Aug. 28	Robinson, Eveline P., widow of Noah	80	5	3
Sept. 23	Rosko, John, son of Nicholas	32	5	29
Oct. 11	Sargent, William F., son of Frederick and Hephzibah (Craven)	33	—	3
Oct. 29	Stoureycki, John, son of John and Topia (Nalenon)	31	3	25
March 8	Walker, Caroline E., widow of Joshua	87	—	9
July 22	Walsh, Margaret E., daughter of James and Alice (Howley)	48	5	8
Oct. 4	Wells, Orion V., son of Lucian and Katherine (Learned)	37	10	26
Sept. 30	Wetmore, Charles I., son of T. M. and Lilla (Tait)	33	9	—
May 19	Whitney, Sarah F., wife of Charles H.	67	9	2
July 16	Wright, Mary C., widow of Jephtha	82	6	23
Feb. 18	Yarnold, Richard M., son of Frederick and Rebecca (McFarlin) ..	64	9	29

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	29	39	68
Number of deaths in Town	26	36	62
Residents of Westford	28	37	65

Note.

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record or by one or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 14.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

Attention is particularly called to the following extracts from the Revised Laws.

REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 29.

Extracts from Sections 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

SECTION 1. Each city and town clerk shall receive or obtain and record * * * facts relative to the births * * * in his city or town.

SECTION 3 (as amended by Chapter 280, Acts of 1912). Physicians and midwives shall make and keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge and shall, within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a report of the birth. * * * If the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both the father and mother filed with the return. * * * The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for every birth so reported. * * * A physician or midwife who neglects to make and keep the record hereby required, or who neglects to report in the manner specified above, each birth within fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars. * * *

SECTION 4. A member or servant of a family in which a child is born, who has knowledge of the facts required * * * shall furnish the same upon request of the clerk of the city or town * * * or of any person authorized by him. Penalty for refusal not more than ten dollars.

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

Every householder is required to give notice of a birth occurring in his house.

SECTION 8. Penalty for neglect to comply with the provisions of Section 6, not more than five dollars for each offence.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Report on Dogs.

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED TO DECEMBER 1, 1918.

162 Males at \$2.00	\$324.00
17 Females at \$5.00	85.00
1 Breeder's License at \$25.00	25.00
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Total	\$434.00
Clerk's fees, 180 licenses at 20 cents	36.00
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Paid into County Treasury, June 1 and Dec. 1, 1918	\$398.00

Number of dogs licensed since last return to County Treasurer, December 1, 1918; males, 5.

Number of dogs returned by Assessors: males, 166; females, 12; total, 178.

The attention of owners and keepers of dogs is called to the following sections of Chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1914, Chapter 198, Section 4.

SECTION 128. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before the thirty-first of March, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of April following, in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and its registered number.

SECTION 129. The owner or keeper of a dog may, at any time, have it licensed until the first day of April following; and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after the first day of April, which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog not duly licensed which becomes three months old after the thirty-first day of March in any year shall, when it is three months old, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as provided in the preceding section.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES
SINCE LAST REPORT.

Abbot, Edward M.	Dupee, Annie E. (f)
Anctil, John H.	Dureault, Aime
Anderson, William E.	Eastman, Asa B. M.
Banister, Francis W.	Edwards, Charles S.
Barretto, John	Edwards, Mrs. Flora M.
Bicknell, Charles H.	Eliason, Lars J.
Blaisdell, Alvin J.	Elliott, James M.
Blaney, Cyril A., breeder's lic.	Elliott, Matthew
Bleicken, Gerhard	Emerson, Ernest C. (1 m & 1 f)
Blodgett, C. A. and F. R. (f)	Feeney, Jr., John
Blodgett, Della B.	Flagg, Elbert H. (f)
Bridgeford, Ralph	Flanagan, C. H.
Buckshorn, Louis H. (2)	Fletcher, Austin D.
Burbeck, Fred A.	Fletcher, Harry N. (2)
Burke, George	Fletcher, Henry A. (3)
Burnham, Arthur H.	Fletcher, J. Herbert
Butterworth, W. M.	Fletcher, J. M. and J. H. (f)
Cadman, G. Henry	Fletcher, Walter W.
Carkin, Warren E.	Flynn, Ellen
Carpentier, Joseph	Furbush, F. Russell
Cavanaugh, Norman C.	Gilson, Levi S.
Colburn, Charles H.	Gorbunoff, Arcade
Connell, Harold F.	Gould, Horace E.
Connell, John H.	Goupil, Charles (f)
Coulter, Samuel L.	Gower, George
Couture, Charles E.	Graves, William J.
Dechineau, John	Green, George E.
Defoe, Fred M.	Greene, John R.
Degagner, Resenent	Green, William E.
Donnelly, William J.	Gregory, Frank
Downing, A. E.	Greig, David L.
Downs, Mathew	Griffin, Charles M. (2)
Drew, Mrs. Sarah J.	Hall, John H.
Dubey, Frank	Hanson, Vilma S.

Hartford, Hazel
 Hartford, Ida F.
 Healy, Richard H.
 Healy, Stephen
 Heman, Robert J.
 Herrington, James W.
 Heywood, Alice F.
 Hildreth, Albert A. (f)
 Hunt, Edmund J.
 Hunt, William
 Ingalls, Harry M. (2 f)
 Irish, George F. (f)
 Jarvis, Everett P. (2)
 Johnson, Clas
 Johnson, Peter (2)
 Jordon, Alfred E.
 Judd, Howard A.
 Keefe, John H.
 Kendall, H. M.
 Kimball, George A.
 Labouteley, Gaston E.
 Lambert, Mrs. Alice
 Lanctot, Napoleon
 Loveless, A. E.
 May, Thomas E.
 McDonald, Joseph J.
 McDonald, William O.
 McGlinchey, Michael
 McIntosh, John
 McMahan, Peter J.
 Meads, D. M.
 Merrick, John (f)
 Miller, Frank E.
 Molloy, M.
 Mominey, Albert (f)
 Morens, Alexander
 Mountain, Albert
 Mountain, Ernest G.
 Murphy, Henry J. (2)
 Nelson, Oscar A.
 O'Brien, Arthur J.
 O'Brien, James (2)
 O'Brien, John W.
 Orange, William H.
 Osgood, Houghton E.
 Page, Nelson
 Palermo, Samuel
 Peno, William
 Perkins, Edward A.
 Perkins, William
 Peterson, Axel
 Phillips, Norman A.
 Poitras, Charles
 Polley, Amos B.
 Psarias, John D. (f)
 Pyne, Eva F.
 Reed, Mrs. H. R.
 Richards, Conrad
 Ripley, Charles S.
 Russell, George O.
 Sandberg, August G.
 Sargent, Edna M.
 Sargent, William F. (3)
 Savage, James J.
 Seifer, William
 Sherman, David
 Shugrue, Fred
 Shupe, Perry
 Simpson, Hattie G.
 Simpson, John T.
 Smith, George
 Smith, Paul
 Spinner, Mrs. Elizabeth
 Splain, Abbie F.

Steele, Edgar F.
Stiles, Harry H.
Sullivan, Margaret J.
Sundberg, John
Swanson, Noah
Sweetser, Judson F.
Taylor, William R. (f)
Thompson, Michael
Thompson, William E.
Tousignant, William (f)
Tuttle, Alfred W.
Walker, Mrs. Sarah
Wall, William L. (f)
Ward, Ernest C.
Wayne, William H.
Wetmore, I. Charles
White, George F.
Whitney, Hamilton
Williams, William P.
Wilson, James D.
Wilson, T. Arthur E.
Woods, J. Everett
Wortowicz, Floryan
Wright, Perley E.
Wright, Ruby W.
Wright, Sidney W.
Wright, William
Wyman, C. C. (f)

Annual Town Meeting, February 11, 1918.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, February 11, 1918, the following business was transacted:

1. Sherman H. Fletcher was chosen Moderator and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

2. Emory J. Whitney and William O. McDonald appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk and received from him the official ballots, and gave their receipts therefor. Alonzo H. Sutherland and John M. Fletcher appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk and took charge of the check list and ballot box respectively.

The ballot box was opened and found to be empty; the register was placed at zero.

The polls were declared open at 8 o'clock A. M., and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2 of the Warrant, and the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

It was voted to close the polls at 1.05 P. M.

The polls were closed at 1.05 P. M. The register stood at 126. The number of names checked upon the Ballot Clerk's list was: Males, 125; Females, 1; Total, 126.

The number of names checked upon the Ballot Box list was: Males, 125; Females, 1; Total, 126.

The number of ballots cast was: Males, 125; Females, 1; Total, 126.

3. Voted to accept the report of the Finance Committee as printed.

4. Voted that the report of the Selectmen be accepted as printed.

5. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards.

6. Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

7. Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

8. Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed.

Voted that the unexpended balance on hand, together with the receipts from dog licenses, be appropriated, and that an additional sum of \$1,000 be raised and appropriated for the support of the Public Library.

9. Voted to accept the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as printed. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250, as therein requested.

10. Voted to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

11. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. of the amount collected.

12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,900 for the repair or roads and bridges.

13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,500 for Town debts and charges.

14. Voted to appropriate \$3,300 for the support of the poor and for repairs on Town Farm buildings and for wiring said buildings for electricity.

15. Voted to appropriate the unexpended balance of last year and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500 for the support of the Public Schools, High School purposes, school textbooks and supplies, salary of the Superintendent of Schools, repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses and medical inspection.

16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for destruction of gypsy and brown-tail moths, and raise and appropriate \$100 for destruction of elm tree beetles.

17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$450 to meet the expense of the Fire Department.

18. Voted to appropriate \$200 to purchase new hose and fire apparatus for the Fire Department.

19. Voted to rescind the work passed at a Special Town Meeting held May 2, 1908, whereby it established the compensation of the members of the Fire Department.

Voted that each member of the Fire Department, including the Call Men, shall receive a salary of \$1.00 per year. For services attending an alarm of fire: Captain, 50 cents per hour; Lieutenant, 45 cents per hour; regular firemen and any call men taking part, 40 cents per hour. Time to be reckoned from time of leaving fire house until dismissed by the Captain. The Steward to receive an annual salary of \$25.00 for care of equipment. In case the Steward needs assistance to clean the hose carriage and hose after a fire, he may employ any fireman at the rate of 40 cents per hour. For the use of a horse, 50 cents per hour, but not less than \$1.00 for any alarm; for the use of an automobile \$1.00 for attending each alarm of fire.

20. Voted that the Fire Engineers and Selectmen act as a committee to investigate the purchase of a motor driven chemical engine for the use of the Fire Department.

21. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 and appropriate \$1,700 additional to complete the Fire House and grade the grounds around the same at Westford Centre. Voted that this work be done under the direction of the committee chosen at the Annual Meeting held February 14, 1916 under Article 25; said committee to have full authority to act in the premises.

22. Voted to raise and appropriate \$150 for the purchase of fire extinguishers to be placed with the Forest Wardens in the various parts of the Town.

23. Voted to rescind the vote passed under Article 24 at the last annual meeting whereby it was voted to raise money for the relocation and repair of the Graniteville Road so called.

24. Voted that in order to meet the indebtedness to be incurred in widening the Graniteville Road, so called, as ordered by the County Commissioners, the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to borrow a sum not exceeding \$4,000 at a rate of interest not to exceed five

per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and issue therefor five promissory notes each in the same principal sum, payable at the expiration of one, two, three, four and five years from the date thereof, each note to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

25. Voted that the Town accept the legacy of \$150 given in trust in the will of William H. H. Burbeck for the perpetual care of the family burial lot and that of his father, Samuel W. Burbeck, in the Fairview Cemetery, and that said sum be deposited in a savings bank and the income therefrom expended as provided in said will.

26. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$50 as compensation for a Fish and Game Warden in the event one is appointed for the Town.

27. Voted that excepting as the power and authority is otherwise vested by law in the Tax Collector the Town Treasurer from year to year be authorized and empowered to have the management and control of any and all parcels of land heretofore or hereafter taken, purchased, or acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes, and to sell the same for not less than the amount legally due, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the Town to execute, acknowledge and deliver a release of the right, title, and interest of the Town therein.

28. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1918 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

29. Voted that the Collector be instructed to collect all taxes according to law and that he be authorized to return, at the expense of the Town, a receipted tax bill when paid.

30. The following named were chosen members of the Finance Committee:

William R. Taylor	Herbert V. Hildreth
Elbert H. Flagg	Julian A. Cameron
	Louis H. Buckshorn

31. The following named were chosen by hand vote:

Field Drivers

John Feeney, Jr.	J. Austin Healy
	William E. Anderson

Fence Viewers

Charles A. Blodgett	Alec Fisher
	William E. Wright

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber

Samuel H. Balch	J. Austin Healy
Willard H. Beebe	John A. Healy
Frank L. Furbush	William W. Johnson
Horace E. Gould	Joseph E. Knight
Frank L. Haley	Edward J. Robbins
Isaac L. Hall	Eldon A. Turner
P. Henry Harrington	Oscar R. Spalding
	Alonzo H. Sutherland

32. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 to commemorate Memorial Day.

33. Voted to appropriate \$100 to distribute books from the Public Library in the villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Parkerville.

34. Voted that the report of the Committee chosen at the last Annual Meeting to investigate and report relative to making a contract with the Westford Water Company be accepted, and that said Committee be authorized to enter into a contract with said Company in accordance with the terms of their report.

35. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$500 to be used for military purposes connected with the maintenance of Company L (97), Massachusetts State Guards, located in this Town.

36. Voted that the gift of \$5,000 made under the will of M. Elizabeth Whitney, late of this Town, as an addition to the Hiram Whitney Playground Fund, so called, be accepted, and that said sum in accordance with the vote passed under Article 27 at the Annual Town Meeting held Feb. 8, 1915 be placed in the custody and control and under the authority of the Town Treasurer, and that the principal thereof be invested and the income therefrom be expended as provided in said vote.

Voted that the bequest of \$2,500 made under the will of M. Elizabeth Whitney, late of this Town, whereby it was provided that the income therefrom be used for the preservation, care, and replacing of shade trees on Depot Street, and for other purposes therein referred to, be accepted, and that said sum be placed in the custody and control and under the authority of the Town Treasurer, and that until further action by the Town the investment of said sum and the expenditure of the income therefrom be placed in the hands of the Committee in charge of the Whitney Playground, with the same power and authority to act in the premises as given under the vote passed under Article 27 at the Annual Town Meeting held Feb. 8, 1915.

Resolved that the voters of Westford in Annual Meeting assembled hereby express their deep regret and sorrow by reason of the loss sustained and suffered by the Community through the decease of Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney, a life-long resident of this Town, and one who has taken so deep an interest in the welfare thereof and given so generously towards furthering the development and progress of the Town, and further that a vote of appreciation be extended to the family of Mrs. Whitney for the gifts made under her will whereby the Town is a further beneficiary of her generosity.

Resolved that the Town Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Whitney.

37. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 to meet the portion of the expense allotted to this Town by the State Forester in the erection of a new forest fire observation tower on Robbins Hill, so called, in the Town of Chelmsford.

38. Voted to raise and appropriate \$300, and appropriate \$300 additional; \$200 to be expended in each of the three villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Westford Centre, for the construction and grading of sidewalks.

39. The votes having been counted the following were found and declared to be elected to their respective offices:

Town Clerk—Charles L. Hildreth

Selectman—Frank L. Furbush

Assessor—George H. Hartford

Overseer of the Poor—Fred R. Blodgett

Treasurer—Harwood L. Wright

Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler

Auditor—Edward T. Hanley

Constable—Charles S. Ripley

School Committee—Charles O. Prescott, T. Arthur E.

Wilson

Trustee of J. V. Fletcher Library—Julian A. Cameron

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds (3 years)—Wesley O. Hawkes

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds (2 years) to fill vacancy—Charles O. Prescott

Tree Warden—Harry L. Nesmith

License: Yes, 25; No, 94; Blanks, 6.

40. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

41. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, September 3, 1918.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, held at the Town House, Tuesday, September 3, 1918, the following business was transacted:

1. Sherman H. Fletcher was chosen Moderator, and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

2. Voted unanimously "That the Town appropriate from the money already appropriated for the Town's debts and charges, the sum of not exceeding \$1,200 to be expended by the Selectmen towards contributing to the operation and fixed charges of maintaining the Branch Line, so called, of the Lowell & Fitchburg St. Railway Co., within the limits of the Town."

3. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

4. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

State Election, November 5, 1918.

Party designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor; I., Independent.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of votes cast	153	84	31	62	330

GOVERNOR

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton (R) . .	122	43	21	34	220
Richard H. Long of Framingham (D) . .	28	39	9	26	102
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown (S)	2	0	1	0	3
Ingvar Paulson of Boston (SL)	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	2	0	2	5

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Channing H. Cox of Boston (R)	122	42	21	34	219
Oscar Kinsalas of Springfield (SL)	0	2	9	0	11
Joseph H. O'Neil of Boston (D)	28	39	0	26	93
Blanks	3	1	1	2	7

SECRETARY

Albert P. Langtry of Springfield (R) . .	119	45	21	36	221
Charles H. McGlue of Lynn (D)	26	35	9	19	89
William Taylor of Worcester (SL)	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	8	4	1	7	20

TREASURER

Charles L. Burrill of Boston (R)	120	48	21	38	227
Charles Giddings of Gt. Barrington (D)	26	29	8	17	80
Mary E. Peterson of Somerville (SL) . .	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	7	7	2	7	23

AUDITOR

Alonzo B. Cook of Boston (R)	118	43	21	35	217
Francis M. Costello of Boston (D)	28	29	9	20	86
Fred E. Oelcher of Peabody (SL)	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	7	12	1	7	27

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn (R).....	117	45	22	39	223
Morris I. Becker of Chelsea (SL).....	2	1	0	0	3
Joseph L. P. St. Coeur of Boston (D)..	26	30	9	18	83
Blanks	8	8	0	5	21

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Thomas W. Lawson of Scituate (I)....	8	3	1	2	14
David I. Walsh of Fitchburg (D).....	32	41	12	28	113
John W. Weeks of Newton (R).....	110	38	17	30	195
Blanks	3	2	1	2	8

CONGRESSMAN FIFTH DISTRICT

John Jacob Rogers of Lowell (R).....	131	65	25	49	270
Edward Fisher	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	21	19	6	13	59

COUNCILLOR SIXTH DISTRICT

James G. Harris of Medford (R).....	123	49	22	43	237
Blanks	30	35	9	19	93

SENATOR EIGHTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Arthur W. Colburn of Dracut (R)....	119	50	23	42	234
Blanks	34	34	8	20	96

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

James Harry Wilkins of Carlisle (R)..	120	52	20	40	232
Blanks	33	32	11	22	98

COUNTY COMMISSIONER MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Alfred L. Cutting of Weston (R).....	122	53	20	41	236
Blanks	31	31	11	21	94

COUNTY TREASURER MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville (R)..	119	52	20	40	231
Blanks	34	32	11	22	99

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Frederick M. Esty of Framingham (R)	119	53	20	39	231
Blanks	34	31	11	23	99

1. Shall the Article of Amendment relative to the establishment of the popular initiative and referendum and the legislative initiative of specific amendments of the Constitution, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Yes	25	22	13	13	73
No	94	44	11	32	181
Blanks	34	18	7	17	76

2. Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to the public interest in natural resources, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment

The conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water and other natural resources of the commonwealth are public uses, and the general court shall have power to provide for the taking, upon payment of just compensation therefor, of lands and easements or interests therein, including water and mineral rights, for the purpose of securing and promoting the proper conservation, development, utilization and control thereof and to enact legislation necessary or expedient therefor.

Yes	44	22	12	15	93
No	62	30	8	19	119
Blanks	47	32	11	28	118

3. Shall the following Article of Amendment to provide for the regulation of advertising in public places, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment

Advertising on public ways, in public places and on private property within public view may be regulated and restricted by law.

Yes	54	19	13	17	103
No	47	26	7	17	97
Blanks	52	39	11	28	130

4. Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to the preservation and maintenance of property of historical and antiquarian interest, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment

The preservation and maintenance of ancient landmarks and other property of historical or antiquarian interest is a public use, and the commonwealth and the cities and towns therein may, upon payment of just compensation, take such property or any interest therein under such regulations as the general court may prescribe.

Yes	54	17	9	17	97
No	42	26	9	15	92
Blanks	57	41	13	30	141

5. Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to adjournments of the General Court, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment

The general court, by concurrent vote of the two houses, may take a recess or recesses amounting to not more than thirty days; but no such recess shall extend beyond the sixtieth day from the date of their first assembling.

Yes	39	11	7	14	71
No	55	31	9	16	111
Blanks	59	42	15	32	148

6. Shall the Article of Amendment authorizing the General Court to prescribe, subject to certain restrictions, the manner of the appointment and removal of military and naval officers to be commissioned by the Governor, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Yes	40	16	7	15	78
No	51	25	10	16	102
Blanks	62	43	14	31	150

7. Shall the Article of Amendment defining the powers and duties of the General Court relative to the military and naval forces, and of the Governor as Commander-in-Chief thereof, be approved and ratified?

Yes	39	14	6	13	72
No	50	23	9	16	98
Blanks	64	47	16	33	160

8. Shall the Article of Amendment providing for the succession, in cases of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, by the secretary, attorney-general, treasurer and receiver general, and auditor, in the order named, be approved and ratified?

Yes	51	16	7	16	90
No	45	29	7	14	95
Blanks	57	39	17	32	145

9. Shall the Article of Amendment authorizing the Governor to return to the General Court with a recommendation for amendment bills and resolves which have been laid before him, be approved and ratified?

Yes	42	16	5	15	78
No	47	28	10	15	100
Blanks	64	40	16	32	152

10. Shall the following Article of Amendment providing that women shall be eligible to appointment as Notaries Public, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment

Article IV of the articles of amendment of the constitution of the commonwealth is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words:—Women shall be eligible to appointment as notaries public. Change of name shall render the commission void, but shall not prevent reappointment under the new name.

Yes	46	18	10	16	90
No	53	28	7	19	107
Blanks	54	38	14	27	133

11. Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to the retirement of judicial officers, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment

Article I of Chapter III of Part the Second of the constitution is hereby amended by the addition of the following words:—and provided also that the governor, with the consent of the council, may after due notice and hearing retire them because of advanced age or mental or physical disability. Such retirement shall be subject to any provisions made by law as to pensions or allowances payable to such officers upon their voluntary retirement.

Yes	35	17	4	15	71
No	56	25	10	16	107
Blanks	62	42	17	31	152

12. Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to the revocation or alteration of grants, franchises, privileges or immunities, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment

Every charter, franchise or act of incorporation shall forever remain subject to revocation and amendment.

Yes	43	16	7	15	81
No	47	28	8	15	98
Blanks	63	40	16	32	151

13. Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to the power of the General Court to limit buildings according to their use or construction to specified districts of cities and towns, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment

The general court shall have power to limit buildings according to their use or construction to specified districts of cities and towns.

Yes	45	15	2	17	79
No	45	26	9	17	97
Blanks	63	43	20	28	154

14. Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to compulsory voting at elections, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment.

The General Court shall have authority to provide for compulsory voting at elections, but the right of secret voting shall be preserved.

Yes	28	10	4	12	54
No	76	34	13	24	147
Blanks	49	40	14	26	129

15. Shall the amendment of the Constitution limiting the power of the General Court to lend the credit of the Commonwealth and to contract loans, be approved and ratified?

Yes	48	17	3	15	83
No	52	25	9	18	104
Blanks	53	42	19	29	143

16. Shall the amendment to the Constitution providing for a state budget and the veto by the Governor of items or parts of items in appropriation bills be approved and ratified?

Yes	46	15	3	16	80
No	50	28	9	16	103
Blanks	57	41	19	30	147

17. Shall the amendment of the Constitution providing for biennial elections of state officers, councillors and members of the General Court, be approved and ratified?

Yes	48	16	5	11	80
No	52	26	10	20	108
Blanks	53	42	16	31	142

18. Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to service on certain legislative recess committees and commissions, submitted by the Constitutional Convention be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment.

No person elected to the general court shall during the term for which he was elected be appointed to any office created or the emoluments whereof are increased during such term, nor receive additional salary or compensation for service upon any recess committee or commission except a committee appointed to examine a general revision of the statutes of the commonwealth when submitted to the general court for adoption.

Yes	42	12	4	13	71
No	49	29	9	18	105
Blanks	62	43	18	31	154

19. Shall the following Article of Amendment to provide for the more efficient administration of the business of the Commonwealth, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?

Article of Amendment.

On or before January first, nineteen hundred twenty-one, the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth shall be organized in not more than twenty departments, in one of which every executive and administrative office, board and commission, except those officers serving directly under the governor or the council, shall be placed. Such departments shall be under such supervision and regulation as the General Court may from time to time prescribe by law.

Yes	43	15	4	15	77
No	49	26	9	17	101
Blanks	61	43	18	30	152

RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
FROM ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

James Harry Wilkins	Acton	Bed- ford	Car- lisle	Chelms- ford	Little- ton	Tyngs- boro	West- ford	Total
of Carlisle (R)	273	158	65	533	142	100	232	1503
Blanks	69	47	15	196	40	19	98	484
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Total	342	205	80	729	182	119	330	1987

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,
Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Treasurer.

H. L. Wright, salary	\$ 175.00
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Town Clerk.

Chas. L. Hildreth, salary	\$ 25.00
Services attending to publication of 1917 Town Report	10.00
Making out Town Clerk's report	5.00
Services and expenses	11.72
Taking 6 birth and 1 death affidavits at 50c	3.50
Recording 107 births at 50c	53.50
Recording 35 marriages at 20c	7.00
Recording 46 deaths at 20c	9.20
Sending 7 certified copies of birth returns to Lowell and Chelmsford at 25c	1.75
	\$ 126.67

Selectmen.

Oscar R. Spalding, salary	\$ 150.00
Sherman H. Fletcher, salary	90.00
Frank L. Furbush, salary	75.00
	\$ 315.00

Clerk for Selectmen.

Charlotte P. Greig, salary	\$ 125.00
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Assessors.

J. Willard Fletcher, 26 days' work taking invoice and making taxes	\$ 104.00
Chas. D. Colburn, 22 1-2 days' work taking invoice and making taxes	90.00
Geo. H. Hartford, 40 days' work taking invoice and making taxes	160.00
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	\$ 354.00

Tax Collector.

Leonard W. Wheeler, collecting \$41,216 taxes at 1 per cent.	\$ 412.16
American Surety Co., bond	45.00
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	\$ 457.16

Constable and Police.

Chas. H. Pickering, services as police and lighting silent policeman	\$ 45.00
Wm. H. Healy, lighting silent policeman	68.00
Wm. G. Lee, services as police	6.00
John W. Mahan, services as police	24.00
Peter Clement, services as police	3.50
John Spinner, services as police	12.00
A. H. Sutherland, services as police	5.00
Isaac Hall, services as police, and assistant, Eldon Turner	54.80
Chas. S. Ripley, constable and expenses	134.59
Dr. W. H. Sherman, taking 2 prisoners to lockup....	2.00
Dr. O. V. Wells, transportation to Worcester	15.00
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	\$ 369.89

Registrars of Voters.

Chas. L. Hildreth, services as clerk	\$ 13.00
Chas. L. Hildreth, attending 13 meetings	26.00
R. J. McCarthy, attending 13 meetings	26.00
A. W. Tuttle, attending 14 meetings	28.00
A. W. Hartford, attending 12 meetings	24.00
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	\$ 117.00

Cattle Inspector.

S. B. Watson, inspector, 1918	\$ 200.00
Received from state, \$100.00.	

Meat Inspector.

Emory J. Whitney	\$ 147.00
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Town Counsel.

Edward Fisher, services	\$ 116.00
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Precinct Officers.

Precinct One:

A. H. Sutherland	\$ 9.00
Wm. O. McDonald	5.00

Precinct Two:

Alfred T. W. Prinn	4.00
Albert R. Wall	3.00

Precinct Three:

B. J. Flynn	3.50
Fred Shugrue	3.00
Swan G. Swanson	3.00
S. H. Balch, conveying ballot box	2.00

Precinct Four:

John Edwards	4.00
John Spinner	3.00
R. D. Prescott	2.50
Matthew Elliott	2.50

\$ 44.50

Hall for Election.

Abbot Worsted Co.	\$	6.00
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Appraisers at Town Farm.

L. W. Wheeler, clerk	\$	3.00
F. L. McCoy		2.00
Geo. Hartford		2.00
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	\$	7.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Albert A. Hildreth, salary and extra time	\$	98.00
Amount received from fees, \$42.03.		

Board of Health.

By orders (See Board of Health Report)	\$	875.10
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Printing and Stationery.

Courier-Citizen, town reports, etc.	\$	603.27
Dumas & Co., supplies		27.70
John H. Fletcher, postage		67.81
Courier-Citizen Newspaper Co., advertising		11.03
Hobbs & Warren, supplies		8.96
P. B. Murphy, supplies		11.25
J. H. Fletcher, supplies .....		.24
Huntley S. Turner, supplies		25.00
A. W. Brownell, supplies		8.10
L. W. Wheeler, supplies		4.75
Proctor Paper Co., supplies		2.50
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		1.00
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	\$	771.61

Insurance.

Traders & Mechanics Ins. Co., Town Farm	\$ 26.10
Penn. Fire Ins. Co., Town Farm	109.00
Holyoke Fire Ins. Co., Town Farm	25.42
New Hampshire Fire Ins. Co., Sargent School.....	118.00
Penn. Fire Ins. Co., Library and Books	147.90
Penn. Fire Ins. Co., Cameron School	118.50
Middlesex Co., Fire House	155.90
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	\$ 700.82

Town Hall.

S. H. Balch, janitor	\$ 260.00
Telephone	31.55
Lowell Electric Light Corp.	75.72
Water Rates	32.00
H. S. Stiles, repairs	26.70
J. A. Healy & Son, fuel	96.39
Wm. P. Proctor Co., lumber	24.48
E. H. Longley, cement blocks	33.66
S. H. Balch, labor	99.48
L. A. Derby & Co., repairs	71.31
E. C. Pearson Co., repairs	57.68
Chas. E. Woodhull, tuning pianos	17.00
Alex McDonald, hauling gravel and loam	10.00
O. R. Spalding, fuel	40.75
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	29.29
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	\$ 906.01

Income from Hall, \$100.75.

State Aid.

To Soldiers and Sailors and Families of same, as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381. From January 1, 1918 to January 1, 1919	\$ 720.00
Amount due from state, \$720.00.	

Soldiers' Relief.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381. From January 1, 1918 to January 1, 1919 \$ 103.00

Military Aid.

From January 1, 1918 to January 1, 1919..... \$ 216.00
Amount due from state, \$108.00.

Forest Fires.

H. L. Nesmith, warden	\$ 40.66
H. L. Nesmith, cash paid men	352.99
Supplies	64.32
Freight	3.23
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	\$ 461.20

Guide Posts and Guide Boards.

S. H. Balch, painting signs and setting same \$ 27.08

Breaking Roads.

Labor	\$ 592.70
Lowell Industrial School	\$ 222.50

Undertaker.

David L. Greig & Son, funerals and permits \$ 178.25

General Expenses.

Auto List Publishing Co.	\$ 18.00
J. E. Clement, use of car for posting town warrants..	5.00
L. W. Wheeler, telephone extension .....	.60
P. E. Wright, distributing fish and carrying town reports	8.00
Traffic Sign & Signal Co., supplies	6.02
Mrs. J. E. Knight, serving dinner to election officers.	7.00
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Amount carried forward \$ 44.62

Amount brought forward	\$ 44.62
J. D. Christie, M. D., 12 birth reports	3.00
J. A. Healy & Son, distributing fish	21.00
Thompson Hardware Co., sink for Keyes house	4.75
Westford Water Co., water rates for Keyes house ...	10.00
Lowell Wall Paper Co., paper for Keyes house.....	4.96
Joe Wall, repairs at Keyes house.....	39.50
P. Henry Harrington, repairs at Keyes house	91.11
J. E. Knight, repairs	17.00
Lexington Flag Staff Co., supplies and labor	19.50
Chas. F. Gettamy, services	4.00
Boston & Maine, freight on cinders	108.54
W. H. Sherman, M. D., 82 birth reports	20.50
C. M. Griffin & Son, labor at railroad fire	13.50
Wright & Fletcher, sewer pipe	144.87
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	121.25
Graniteville Fdry. Co., supplies	37.20
Hanley & Co., supplies	7.07
S. H. Balch, express and cartage	1.14
C. H. Bicknell, cleaning catch basin	2.00
Wm. H. Pollock, labor	2.00
A. W. Hartford, advertising	8.00
J. A. Healy & Son, mending road and housing roller.	60.11
Chas. Flannigan, care of lights, Forge Village	78.00
Geo. O'Brien, repairs	6.35
O. R. Spalding, chestnut posts	18.50
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	\$ 888.47

Total of Town Debts and Charges, \$9,320.96.

Appropriation, \$7,500.00.

Moth Department.

The department has been in charge of Harry L. Nesmith, who has received \$3.00 and \$3.50 per day, and has been paid \$1.00 per day for the use of his team and automobile. The men have been paid \$2.50 and \$3.00 per day.

The items of expense are as follows:

Harry L. Nesmith	\$ 911.50
Harry L. Nesmith, team	277.00
Labor	1,186.00
Supplies	26.60

\$2,401.10

Amount to come from private work, \$1,154.64.

Amount to come from state, \$168.00.

Net cost to Town, \$1,051.86.

Appropriation, \$1,100.00.

School Committee.

By orders (See School Report) \$21,555.61

Public Burial Grounds.

By orders (See Commissioners' Report) \$ 636.10

J. V. Fletcher Library.

By orders (See Library Report) \$1,735.81

Delivering Library Books.

Fred H. Meyer \$ 100.00

Appropriation, \$100.00.

Memorial Day.

By order Veteran Association \$ 150.00

Appropriation, \$150.00.

Fire Department.

By orders (See Report) \$ 496.55

Hydrants.

Westford Water Co. \$2,080.00

Appropriation, \$2,080.00.

Electric Lights.

Lowell Electric Light Corp. \$4,031.33

Sidewalks.

Appropriation not used.

Whitney Playground.

By orders (See Report) \$ 362.46

Support of Poor.

By orders (See Report) \$3,246.15
 Appropriation, \$3,300.00.

Road Department.

Alex McDonald was appointed superintendent of roads at a salary of \$4.00 per day. Teams have been hired at \$7.00 per day. Laborers have been paid \$2.75 and \$3.00 per day.

The following are items of expense:

Alex McDonald, superintendent	\$ 704.00
Alex McDonald, teams	2,517.57
Alex McDonald, use of car	88.00
Labor	1,726.50
Chas. Bicknell, team	7.00
Town Farm, team	51.62
O. R. Spalding, team	244.18
Wallace Johnson, team	119.00
Chas. Potter, repairing road	34.37
Edwards & Monahan Co., repairing bridge	2.27
Joseph Galvin, oil	3,085.50
Perley Wright, mowing common	1.50
Gravel	151.60
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	\$8,733.11

Appropriation, \$6,900.00.

Fire House.

H. B. Prescott, architect	\$	12.00
J. E. Knight, repairs		3.50
P. H. Harrington, contractor		2,730.12
Tucke & Parker, wiring		88.00
John Perkins, labor		29.50
Alex McDonald, labor		202.49
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		\$3,065.61
Appropriation	\$2,700.00	
Unexpended balance, 1917	500.00	
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		\$3,200.00

Graniteville Road.

By orders (See Report) \$11,754.80

Soldiers' Monument.

C. H. Pickering, labor	\$	15.00
Lexington Flag Staff Co.		3.80
Wright & Fletcher, supplies25
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	\$	19.05

Income, \$80.00.

Co. L, 19th Inf., M. S. G.

Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., supplies	\$	46.50
A. H. Sutherland, supplies		28.81
Fred L. Fletcher, supplies		8.31
Robertson Co., supplies		60.85
Geo. O'Brien, bolts and washers85
P. H. Harrington, labor		43.08
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	\$	188.40

Appropriation, \$500.00.

Electric Car Line.

H. E. Fletcher Co., supplies	\$ 12.50
Alex McDonald, labor	64.00
Geo. O'Brien, irons	16.00
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	\$ 92.50

Fire Observation Tower.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 250.00
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Fish and Game Warden.

Joe Wall, warden, 1917	\$ 50.00
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Fire Extinguishers.

Badger Fire Extinguisher Co.	\$ 151.25
Appropriation, \$150.00.	

Amount ordered out for 1918, \$70,420.79.

Number of orders drawn, 803.

Expense of Relocation and Repairing Graniteville Road as ordered by the County Commissioners, work being done under supervision of Massachusetts Highway Commission.

Amount paid George E. Greenough, contractor	\$11,176.37
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Amount due George E. Greenough, contractor	565.45
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\$11,741.82

Cost of advertising	12.98
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\$11,754.80

Amount received from state	\$3,917.91
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Amount received from county	3,917.91
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\$ 7,835.82

Cost to Town	\$ 3,918.98
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Appropriation, \$4,000.00.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK. L. FURBUSH,
Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN OF
WESTFORD.

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Burnham, Chester A.	Farmer	Westford
Daley, Hugh	Wool Sorter	Forge Village
Danio Thomas E.	Station Agent	Graniteville
Defoe, Fred N	Station Agent	Graniteville
Downing, Almon E.	Farmer	Westford
Edwards, John	Machinist	Forge Village
Fletcher, Harry N.	Granite Dealer	Graniteville
Gregory, Frank	Weaver	Littleton Common
Gumb, Harry M.	Retired	Westford
Hanscom, Frederick A.	Farmer	Westford
Hartford, George H.	Farmer	Westford
Hartford, Harry O.	Farmer	Westford
Howard, John H.	Farmer	Westford
Jordan Frederic A.	Surveyor	Westford
Kabele, Henry M.	Farmer	Westford
Kimball, George A.	Farmer	Westford
Lundberg, Axel G.	Monument Dealer	Westford
McCoy, Fred L.	Farmer	Westford
Prescott, Benjamin R.	Machinist	Westford
Prescott, E. Clyde	Farmer	Westford
Sanborn, George L.	Station Agent	Forge Village
Spinner, John	Janitor	Forge Village
Sullivan, William T.	Farmer	Westford
Sweetser, Warren P.	Farmer	Westford
Whitney, Emory J.	Retired	Westford
Williams, William P.	Farmer	Westford
Wright, Bradley V.	Farmer	Westford
Wright, Frank C.	Farmer	Westford

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, January 9, 1919

REPORT
OF THE
Public Safety Committee



OF THE
TOWN OF WESTFORD

1918

LOWELL, MASS.
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS

1919

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ON
THE WAR WORK OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS
DURING THE PAST YEAR.

This will be the last report that will be made under the supervision of the Public Safety Committee. When the armistice was signed November 11, 1918, the State of Massachusetts Public Safety Committee as well as all local committees automatically ended their work. The work that has been done has been of incalculable benefit to the country in many ways. In case of emergency in the future the committee could be called together again in short notice.

On the day the armistice was signed the whole country went wild with enthusiasm. All industry was stopped and the people gave the day over to the celebration. Bells were rung, whistles blown for many hours and Westford did her share. In the center of the town the schools were closed and a parade formed by the school children and citizens under the direction of the teachers. Forge Village and Graniteville organized early in the morning and marched to the center of the town where the several organizations consolidated and marched through the several streets led by the Forge Village Fife and Drum Corps to the common where they gathered around the band stand. Patriotic speeches were made and singing the "Star Spangled Banner," "Marseillaise" and "Rule Britannia Rule" amid the cheers of the people. It is estimated 500 persons took part in the celebration. A most memorable day in the history of Westford. The old committee as published in the Town Report last year remained the same and a few new committees have been appointed this year as follows:

For Enrollment for Men to Work in Ship Yards—Alfred W. Hartford.

On Local Food Administration—James W. Rafter, Chairman.
Food Production—Frank C. Wright.
Food Saving—Mrs. John P. Wright.

Food Control—Frederick A. Hanscomb.

Retail Merchants Representative—Harwood L. Wright.

Hotels, Clubs and Restaurants—Frank L. Furbush.

On After Care—Julian A. Cameron.

On Non-War Construction—Herbert V. Hildreth, Chairman;
Leonard W. Wheeler, Harry B. Prescott.

On Home Service Section of the North Middlesex Chapter American Red Cross—Sherman H. Fletcher, Chairman; Mrs. Adeline M. Buckshorn, Secretary; Wesley O. Hawkes, Mrs. Clara Gray, John Edwards, Miss Grace Lawrence.

The following work has been done from March, 1918, to January 1, 1919: Number of families served, 17; amount of money loaned, \$151.00.

The following amounts have been subscribed by the citizens of Westford:

Y. M. C. A.	\$ 7,500.00
Third Liberty Loan	270,000.00
Fourth Liberty Loan	480,000.00
United War Work	10,500.00
American Red Cross	1,713.00

Number of members of American Red Cross for 1919, 1,705.

The Massachusetts Soldiers' Information Bureau for the Town has prepared the following list of all enlisted and drafted men of Westford who have been and are now in the United States service. On account of the many transfers from one organization to another it is impossible to designate what organization they are in. In order that each community may have, as speedily as possible, an authentic record of its own men in the service, the Adjutant General of the State requests that every man be asked immediately upon his arrival to register with the Town Clerk:

- Abbot, Edward M.
 Allard, Francis C.
 Arvanites, Arthur C.
 Banister, Seth W.
 Beebe, Walter O.
 Bicknell, Leroy E.
 Blaisdell, Arthur C.
 Blaisdell, Chester
 Blaisdell, Frank L.
 Blanchard, Walter L.
 Bonnell, Ralph
 Brule, J. Norbert, died in
 France.
 Brunnelle, Alexander
 Bechard, Edward
 Bechard, Leo K.
 Buckingham, William F.
 Burland, Ernest L.
 Cameron, Alexander
 Cameron, Donald F.
 Carpentier, Joseph A.
 Charlton, Frank
 Charlton, Raymond V.
 Clement, John E.
 Collins, Albert C.
 Connell, Harold
 Costello, Joseph
 Costello, Thomas
 Couchaine, Frederick L.
 Couchaine, William F.
 Couture, Alfred J.
 Couture, Henry
 Dandley, Calvin J.
 Davis, William
 Defoe, Fred W.
 De Roehn, Emerson
 De Roehn, John E.
 Downing, Frederick C.
 Elliason, Gustave
 Elliott, James
 Elliott, Matthew F.
 Flagg, Morris
 Fletcher, Arthur
 Fletcher, Harold H.
 Fletcher, Ralph A.
 Furbush, William C.
 Gladu, Claude E.
 Gray, John B.
 Griffin, Artemus G.
 Griffin, Charles M., Jr.
 Guichard, Eugene
 Halko, Jacob
 Hanley, Edward T.
 Hansen, George V.
 Hansen, Fredolph
 Heald, Jesse C.
 Healy, Edward
 Healy, Henry J.
 Healy, John A.
 Heroux, Alfred J.
 Heywood, Albert W.
 Hildreth, Clarence E.
 Hildreth, Harold W.
 Hildreth, Leon F.
 Hobson, John
 Hughes, Thomas A.
 Jasmin, Paul
 Jenkins, Justin
 Johnson, Frank C.
 Kilminster, Percy
 Lanctot, Napoleon J., died in
 France.
 Langley, Adlard, died in France
 Meloit, Arthur E.

Merrick, Thomas	Robey, Charles V. E.
Mills, William H.	Robey, Edwin A.
Monmenie, Albert	Sanborn, George H.
Moore, Fred	Seavey, Marden H.
O'Brien, Henry	Smith, Herbert
O'Neil, John	Spinner, John W.
Orr, Robert, Jr.	Stewart, Frederick M.
Palermio, Antonio, reported died in France.	Sullivan, Daniel
Pelky, Joseph	Sullivan, Florence G.
Perkins, Edward	Sullivan, Francis
Perkins, George A.	Sullivan, Frank
Perkins, Joseph, Jr.	Sweetzer, Waldo
Perkins, William H.	Syzroanski, John
Petty, Clifford H.	Thompson, Joseph
Pivrotto, Anthony	Walkden, Herbert H.
Pollock, Theodore L.	Wall, William L.
Rafferty, James J.	Wilson, George D.
Rafferty, John R.	Woods, Charles
Reed, Henry	Wright, Carl G.
	Wright, Ernest T.

The following named women from Westford entered the United States service as army nurses: May Lord, Helen Lord, Margaret O'Hara.

The Committee for the Soldiers and Sailors' Information Bureau have on file the preceding names of the young men who enlisted or were drafted into the United States service during the war with Germany. This list should be accurate but if there are any omissions would deem it a favor if anyone will kindly advise the chairman so the correction can be made.

ALFRED W. HARTFORD,

Chairman Soldiers and Sailors'
Information Bureau.

The following is the roster as of January 1, 1919 of
 COMPANY L, 3RD BATTALION, 19TH REGIMENT,
 3RD BRIGADE, INFANTRY,
 MASSACHUSETTS STATE GUARD.

OFFICERS.

CAPTAIN CHARLES W. ROBINSON.
 FIRST LIEUTENANT HERBERT V. HILDRETH.
 SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. ROBINSON.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

First Sergeant Julian A. Cameron.
 Clerk and Sergeant Charles L. Hildreth.
 Sergeant Fred Naylor.
 Sergeant Charles E. Dudevoir.
 Supply Sergeant Fred L. Fletcher.
 Corporal William C. Roudenbush.
 Corporal Edmund J. De La Haye.
 Corporal James May.
 Corporal Isaac L. Hall.
 Corporal Walter K. Putney.

PRIVATES.

Musician George J. De La Haye.
 Mechanic Alonzo H. Sutherland.
 Cook James W. Herrington.

Blodgett, Charles A.	Fisher, Alec
Blodgett, Fred R.	Flagg, Irving C.
Burke, George H.	Flagg, Webster A.
Carkin, Charles C.	Gaudette, Edward
Colburn, Jonathan Henry	Gaudette, George
Downing, Richard W.	Greene, John R.
Drolet, Alfred	Haley, Frank L.
Feeney, John, Jr.	Haley, Mathew Stephen

Hall, John H.
Hartford, Alfred W.
Hartford, Harry O.
Howard, John H.
Hunt, Edmund J.
Johnson, Clifford F.
Jones, George H.
Kelley, James
Lawrence, John H.
Leclerc, Joseph A.
Ledwith, Michael B.
Lowther, Francis
Lupien, Frank J.
Lydiard, Carl H.
Machon, Thomas E.
Marinel, George W.
McDonald, Joseph J.
O'Brien, George

Payne, James H.
Prescott, Ebenezer C.
Prescott, Robert
Riney, M. Edward
Ripley, Charles S.
Robinson, Walter S.
Russell, Alonzo H.
Sutherland, Alfred A.
Sutherland, Bertram W.
Sweetser, Everett N.
Syvret, Francis P.
Turner, Eldon A.
Walker, Arthur G.
Wheeler, Leonard W.
Wilson, George D.
Wright, Harwood L.
Wright, John P.
Wright, William E.

REGISTRATION BOARD, 1918.

Registration Board for Military Enrollment under the Act of Congress, May 18, 1917, appointed by his Excellency, Governor Samuel W. McCall.

Alfred W. Hartford,
Robert J. McCarthy,

Alfred W. Tuttle,
Charles L. Hildreth, Clerk.

ASSISTANT REGISTRARS.

John Edwards,
Edward T. Hanley,

Alfred T. W. Prinn,
William R. Taylor.

On June 5, 1918 men who had reached their 21st birthday since June 5, 1917 registered at the Town Hall. Charles L. Hildreth acted as Chief Registrar and William R. Taylor as Assistant Registrar.

The following men registered:

Native born citizens.....	18
Declarants	1
Aliens	4
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Total	23

On Sept. 12, 1918 men who had reached their 18th birthday and had not yet reached their 46th birthday registered at the regular voting precincts in the town. All the Registrars and Assistant Registrars gave their services on that day from 7.00 A. M. to 12.00 P. M.

The following men registered:

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Native born citizens.....	71	51	17	17	156
Naturalized citizens.....	8	6	8	17	39
Citizens by father's naturalization	—	4	3	8	15
Declarants	5	8	6	8	27
Non-Declarants	9	46	4	46	105
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Total	93	115	38	96	342

The declarants and non-declarants were citizens of the following countries :

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
England	2	23	2	7	34
Canada	8	—	—	18	26
France	1	—	—	—	1
Italy	—	6	2	1	9
Russia	1	21	—	26	48
Denmark	—	—	1	—	1
Sweden	—	3	3	—	6
Greece	1	—	1	—	2
Scotland	1	—	—	2	3
Finland	—	1	—	—	1
Ireland	—	—	1	—	1

The ages of those who registered were as follows :

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Age 18	8	8	3	6	25
“ 19	6	7	1	10	24
“ 20	4	4	1	5	14
“ 21	1	—	1	—	2
“ 22-31 inclusive.....	—	—	—	—	—
“ 32	3	9	1	5	18
“ 33	4	6	6	9	25
“ 34	4	7	2	9	22
“ 35	4	7	2	8	21
“ 36	8	16	2	4	30
“ 37	3	5	1	4	13
“ 38	7	7	6	4	24
“ 39	5	5	1	6	17
“ 40	4	7	3	7	21
“ 41	5	3	—	3	11
“ 42	6	6	4	3	19
“ 43	6	6	2	6	20
“ 44	10	3	1	3	27
“ 45	5	9	1	4	19

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD.

Associate members of the Legal Advisory Board for Division No. 15, residing in Westford, appointed to aid registrants to fill out the Questionnaires prescribed by the President of the United States under the Selective Service Law. Several meetings were held at the Town Hall and many registrants were aided in filling out their Questionnaires.

John Edwards,

William C. Roudenbush,

Edward T. Hanley,

William R. Taylor,

Charles O. Prescott,

Charles L. Hildreth.

In making this final report I have endeavored to embrace everything pertaining to the war. Possibly some errors have been made and some things overlooked. Although the treaty of peace has not been signed our war work is over. The great question before us now is the readjustment of affairs, and to get the country back again into its normal condition. There is one subject of vital importance and that is Americanization. We were patriotic and united during the war and should be equally so in time of peace. Our country has but one flag and that must be respected.

The old saying "United we stand, divided we fall" is especially true at this time.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,

Secretary, Public Safety Committee.

The number of men who have served and those who are in the service as soldiers and sailors as recorded by the Soldiers' Information Bureau is 112 as far as known. 3 have been wounded and 3 have died in the service and one other is reported to have died. 112 stars have been put on the service flag, 3 of which are gold ones for those who have died.

Report of the work done by the several Relief Societies, Westford Red Cross Branch of the North Middlesex Chapter, Lowell, Mass.: Mrs. Stella E. Hildreth, Chairman; Mrs. Jennie Hartford, Secretary; Mrs. Helena Bartlett, Treasurer. The following is its financial statement, January 1, 1919, and work sent the Lowell Chapter:

CREDIT.

Cash on hand	\$ 756.41
Funds donated	37.82
Groton ladies	30.00
Sale, F. H. Sargent's	19.00
Concert, Forge Village	60.00
Contribution, Forge Village	41.50
Concert, Graniteville	43.14
Tadmuck Club	15.00
Concert, Westford Br.	58.00
Knitting parties	40.05
Annual members	40.00
Civilian aid	51.00
25 Per Cent. Red Cross Drive (\$7,529.95)....	1,894.48
Articles and material sold	16.86
40 Per Cent. of Annual Membership Fee...	326.45
	<hr/> \$3,429.71

DEBIT.

American Red Cross	\$ 999.56
Abbot Worsted Co., supplies	1,420.71
Mrs. Williams, care of Cutter children	51.00
Lowell Branch, membership	40.00
Civilian relief	85.00
Mrs. H. V. Hildreth	26.97
Wright & Fletcher	5.33
Stationery	1.87
	\$2,630.44
Cash on hand	799.27
	\$3,429.71

The amount of work finished and sent to the Red Cross Chapter, Lowell, from the Town of Westford is as follows:

Sweaters	517	Convalescent Robes	14
Socks, pairs	1239	Layettes	6
Wristers, pairs	87	Helpless Coats	3
Helmets	145	Pajama Suits	232
Caps	11	Bags	545
Wash Mits	22	Refugee Garments	376
Mufflers	7	Surgical Dressings	22,382
Hospital Shirts	181	Clothing for Belgian Relief,	
Hospital Coats	18	pounds	2,000

MRS. JENNIE A. HARTFORD,

Secretary.

THE AMERICAN FUND FOR FRENCH WOUNDED
WESTFORD BRANCH.

During the past year, the work for this Relief Society has been under the leadership of Miss Sarah W. Loker and Mrs. Julian A. Cameron, with an average attendance of nine persons.

Report for 10 months, from March 1, 1918 to January 1, 1919:

Knitted Articles.		Hospital Articles.	
Socks, pairs	225	Surgical Dressings	19,445
Sweaters,	30	Drawpads	36
Caps	14	Handkerchiefs	2,275
Helmets	10	Towels	276
Mufflers	4	T. Bandages	34
Wristers, pairs	5	Pillow Slips	5
Bath Mitts	16	Comfort Bags	29
	—	Pajamas, Suits	30
Total	304		
		Total	22,130

Board of Health.

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1918:

We report, with much regret, that the Town of Westford has not been as fortunate this year as in years past as regards contagious diseases. Measles and Influenza being most prevalent.

As regards the reporting of contagious diseases the Law reads that "all Physicians notify the Agent of the Board of Health in writing, giving name, sex, and age of party." The Board demands that this law go into effect this coming year.

The number of contagious diseases for the year is as follows:

German Measles	10
Chicken Pox	4
Diphtheria	5
Measles	142
Mumps	1
Pulmonary	7
Influenza	112
Deaths	7

EXPENSES.

F. L. Furbush, chairman.....	\$ 35.00
A. A. Hildreth, services.....	93.00
Dr. O. V. Wells, services.....	7.00
T. B. Smith, M. D., services.....	22.00
M. L. Alling, M. D., services.....	11.00
Wright & Fletcher, supplies for Ed. Baker.....	120.00
Amount carried forward	\$ 288.00

Amount brought forward	\$ 288.00
F. H. Thomas Co., scales.....	12.50
City of Lawrence, care Ed. Baker.....	172.50
Dr. W. H. Sherman, services.....	56.00
S. H. Balch, trips with nurse	58.50
C. B. Coburn Co., supplies.....	5.00
Mary Dubee, nurse to Dubee family.....	129.60
Dr. E. B. Richardson, services.....	2.00
O. R. Spalding, fuel for Dubee's.....	14.00
J. H. Fletcher, groceries for Dubee's.....	56.00
Dr. C. A. Blaney, services for Dubee's.....	81.00
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	\$875.10

FRANK L. FURBUSH, Chairman,
 SHERMAN FLETCHER, Secretary.
 OSCAR R. SPALDING.

Report of Public Health Nurse.

Ayer, Mass., January 9, 1919.

Board of Selectmen,
Westford, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the people of Westford for the sympathetic co-operation given to the United States Public Health Service in maintaining its nursing service in the Town and to submit a report of the work done during the past year.

The work was first started in the public schools and extended into the homes where instruction, often by demonstrations, was given to the mothers.

Two rather extensive epidemics during the year gave an increased opportunity for instruction in the homes. The invasion of measles was largely confined to the school children and instruction to the mothers was often all that was necessary. The epidemic of influenza, which appeared in October and was much more serious, effected the adult population more extensively, many cases proving fatal. In some of these cases actual nursing, as well as nursing demonstrations, was given.

In July, in accordance with the national plan of the Children's Bureau at Washington, stations were opened in Forge Village, Graniteville and Westford where the children under five years of age were weighed and measured and advice given the mothers concerning each child. Literature, printed in English, French, Italian and Polish, on the care of babies and small children was distributed to the mothers.

About twenty-five per cent. of the children were found to be below the average weight for their age. Of this number twenty babies, representing four nationalities and various social conditions, were selected for intensive follow-up work and most gratifying results were obtained.

On August 21st a well-attended meeting was held in the Town Hall which was addressed by Miss Mary E. Lent, Directing Nurse of the United States Public Health Service, and Major Sprague, Medical Director of the Extra-Cantonment Zone of Camp Devens.

The work performed by the nurse aside from school work includes:

Prenatal visits	36
Child welfare visits.....	105
Instructive home visits.....	288
Nursing visits (Influenza).....	48
Instructive visits (Measles epidemic).....	353
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Total visits	820

Children weighed and measured..... 247

Several cases of Measles were reported to the Board of Health which had not been seen by a physician or otherwise reported. .

It is strongly hoped that the nursing service which has been started may be maintained permanently as the need for such work surely exists and will be still greater during the period of readjustment following war conditions.

Respectfully,

EVA E. CROCKETT, R. N.

WESTFORD WATER COMPANY.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

1918

Jan. 1	Balance	\$90,522.23
May 11	Labor	\$550.47
May 18	Supplies	111.87
June 15	Supplies	8.88
June 15	Teaming	43.00
June 15	Supplies	1.10
July 1	Pipe	34.22
July 5	Supplies	6.39
July 11	Tools	5.50
July 18	Pipe	147.00
July 19	Wells	1,643.02
Aug. 2	Supplies	18.00
Aug. 2	Supplies	12.00
Aug. 9	Wells	1,981.98
Aug. 12	Labor	12.00
Aug. 19	Teaming	31.00
Nov. 4	Lead	55.00
Nov. 18	Lead	8.36
Nov. 29	Supplies	8.15
Nov. 29	Supplies	7.28
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		\$4,685.22

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Jan. 6	Scrap Iron	\$56.00
Cost of construction from Jan. 1, 1918 to		
Jan. 1, 1919	<hr/>	4,629.22
Total cost of construction to Jan. 1, 1919		<hr/>
		\$95,151.45

A STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 1918 TO JANUARY 1, 1919.

RECEIPTS

Water Rates.

52 Hydrants	\$2,080.00	
Town Hall	32.00	
Library	28.00	
Schools	222.00	
Town Farm	50.00	
Subscribers	7,411.28	
Service Connections	183.26	
		\$10,006.54

EXPENSES

Interest Account net	\$1,550.94	
Fuel	104.50	
Power	1,675.10	
Wages	1,625.00	
Tools	176.98	
Repairs	661.86	
Salaries	350.00	
Office Expense	900.06	
Taxes	277.90	
Insurance	85.26	
		7,407.60

Net profit for the year ending Dec. 31, 1918..... \$2,598.94

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,

Treasurer.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

WESTFORD, MASS., January 8, 1919.

Then personally appeared Charles O. Prescott and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Supply System to January 1, 1919 and of the receipts and expenditures of the Westford Water Company from January 1, 1918 to January 1, 1919, before me.

JOHN M. FLETCHER,

Notary Public.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES REMAINING UNCOLLECTED JANUARY, 1919.

TAXES OF 1918.

Demetrios Arvanites	\$22.15
Panagrotos Arvanites	2.00
Henry Bechard	2.00
Joseph Bennett	19.05
Albert L. Blanchard	2.00
Cal Canton	2.00
Cornelius Daley	2.00
Peter Dubey	2.00
Fred Dupras	5.49
Harry N. Fletcher	164.29
Eva Fuller, Lawton & Lawton	14.34
William E. Green	36.42
Mark W. Jenkins	3.16
Mrs. Mark W. Jenkins heirs	25.89
Veronica Krofton	5.10
Henry Lamy	2.00
Kenneth McLane	2.00
Osear Milot	39.20
David Moran heirs	25.58
Ernest G. Mountain	21.07
George L. Ordway	2.00
Arthur B. Parrott	25.25
Mrs. Ella Perkins	7.75
Richard Picking	26.81
John D. Psarias	71.54
John Rosecroft	2.00
Joseph Sears	2.00
Amount carried forward	\$535.09

Amount brought forward.....	\$535.09
George Smith	1.40
Carver Symmes	12.85
Sidney B. Wright	73.48
Walter W. Wyman	19.05

NON-RESIDENTS.

Margaret E. Blake	\$.93
Charles Carkin	5.43
Harry A. Dutton	2.95
Henry J. Farrell and others	18.60
Moise Fontaine and others	6.20
Harry C. Greene	4.65
Warren A. Hanson	15.34
Sylvanus E. Hinckley	45.34
Mrs. Nellie O'Brien	7.75
Ernest P. Parsons .....	.78
P. J. Riley heirs	3.10
J. Frank Seavey	13.95
J. F. Seavey and Thompson heirs	2.33
Collected since audit	28.18
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	\$797.40
Excise tax of Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway	\$562.07

L. W. WHEELER,

Tax Collector.

Report of Overseers of the Poor for the Year 1918.

Income for 1918:

Wood	\$ 206.50	
Rent	47.00	
Miscellaneous	141.95	
Labor	160.70	
Vegetables	121.85	
Overseers' orders	693.73	
Stock	438.00	
Poultry	9.02	
Eggs	168.09	
Hay	70.50	
Milk	2,839.40	
Cash on hand, January 2, 1918	20.18	
		\$4,916.92

Paid out for the year 1918:

Provisions	\$ 349.75	
Car fare	12.19	
Miscellaneous	91.20	
Stock	524.00	
Repairs	20.00	
Blacksmith	22.23	
Groceries	529.82	
Fish	20.38	
Telephone	20.89	
Grain	1,456.10	
Labor	862.20	
Salary	593.73	
Apples	8.00	
Coal	227.54	
Water	50.00	
Wagon	35.00	
		\$4,823.03

Number of inmates during the year	9
Number of inmates December 31	3
Number of travelers during the year	4
Number of arrests during the year	24

Repairs of Town Farm Barn and Sheds:

Stock	\$ 444.95	
Labor	490.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 934.95

Payment on Account of Outdoor Poor:

Under provision of Chap. 763, Acts 1913.	\$ 881.95	
Medical services	106.50	
Albert St. Cyr	77.58	
Salary and extra expense—Overseers of the Poor	77.88	
Hobbs & Warren	1.56	
	<u> </u>	\$1,145.47

Reimbursements:

Received from State Board of Charity...	\$ 788.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 788.00

Summary:

Payment on Account of Outdoor Poor...	\$1,145.47	
Reimbursements	788.00	
	<u> </u>	
Net expense of Outdoor Poor		\$ 357.47
Reimbursements due	\$ 484.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 484.00

Statement:

Draft on Town Treasurer	\$3,246.15	
Reimbursements	788.00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,458.15

Net expense of Town Farm	\$2,026.97	
Net expense of Outdoor Poor	357.47	
		<hr/> \$2,384.44
Town Farm receipts	\$4,203.01	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1918	20.18	
Cash received from Town Treasurer	693.73	
		<hr/> \$4,916.92
Town Farm payments	\$4,229.30	
Superintendent's salary	593.73	
Cash on hand, January 2, 1919	93.89	
		<hr/> \$4,916.92
Summary:		
Cash on hand, January 2, 1918	\$ 20.18	
Cash received from Town Treasurer	693.73	
Repairs	934.95	
Cows	472.00	
		<hr/> \$2,120.86
Cash on hand, January 2, 1919	93.89	
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Net expense with repairs at Town Farm	\$2,026.97	

Overseers of the Poor would respectfully say that the repairs made on Town Farm buildings the past two years were much needed and at the present time are in fair condition.

WESLEY O. HAWKES, Chairman,

FRED R. BLODGETT, Secretary,

SAMUEL H. BALCH,

Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM,
December 28, 1918.

Groceries	\$ 40.00	
Canned fruit, jellies and vegetables	54.00	
Vegetables and potatoes	160.00	
Vinegar	30.00	
Fire Hose, nozzles and brackets	65.00	
Balance of personal property in house...	1,079.00	
	\$1,428.00	
15 cows and bull	\$1,570.00	
9 tons oat hay	180.00	
1 1-2 tons unthreshed rye	60.00	
15 tons ensilage	150.00	
11 tons English hay	300.00	
Grain	30.00	
Poultry	150.00	
3 horses	550.00	
1 two-horse dump cart	47.50	
1 two-horse wood wagon	40.00	
1 two-horse sled	40.00	
2 hay and farm wagons	65.00	
2 Democrat wagons	18.00	
1 mowing machine	15.00	
1 hay tedder	5.00	
1 horse rake	17.00	
1 sulky plow	20.00	
Lumber	90.75	
1 manure spreader	50.00	
1 wheelbarrow	18.00	
Square wagon	50.00	
Amount carried forward.....	\$3,466.25	\$1,428.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$3,466.25	\$1,428.00
1 smoothing harrow	10.00	
1 spring tooth harrow	9.00	
1 roller	20.00	
Balance of personal property in barn and out-buildings	484.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,989.25
Total		<hr/> \$5,417.25

L. W. WHEELER,
 ROBERT PRESCOTT,
 J. EVERETT WOODS,
 Appraisers.

Tree Warden's Report.

The Tree Warden submits the following report:

January 1, 1919.

During the past year my work has consisted of cutting brush along the roadside and corners. Have found it necessary to remove many dead trees.

The slash law should be known by every one in regard to putting brush on the roadside, as there is a fine for so doing.

H. L. NESMITH,
Tree Warden.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Westford, Mass., January, 1919.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford, I submit the following report for year 1918:

Number of platform scales over 5,000 lbs.	9
Number of platform scales under 5,000 lbs.	53
Number of computing scales	6
Number of spring balances	20
All other scales	30

Total	118
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Number of weights sealed	260
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LIQUID AND DRY MEASURES.

Dry Measures	0
Liquid Measures	30

Total	30
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Number of yardsticks	8
Kerosene pumps	9
Gasolene pumps	7
Molasses pumps	5

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,

Sealer.

Assessors' Report for the Year 1918.

Value of Buildings, April 1, 1918.....	\$1,196,560.00
Value of Land, April 1, 1918.....	541,150.00
Value of Personal Estate	659,354.00
Total	
	\$2,397,064.00

MONEY RAISED.

Trustees Public Library	\$	1,000.00
Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds		250.00
Roads and Bridges.....		6,900.00
Town Debts and Charges.....		7,500.00
Support of Public Schools.....		17,500.00
Destruction of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths		1,000.00
Destruction of Elm Tree Beetles		100.00
Expense of Fire Dept.....		450.00
To Complete Fire House at Westford..		1,000.00
Purchase of Fire Extinguishers.....		150.00
Fish and Game Warden.....		50.00
To Commemorate Memorial Day.....		150.00
Raised for Tower, Robbins Hill.....		250.00
Sidewalks		300.00
		\$36,600.00
State Tax	\$	6,600.00
County Tax		3,270.81
Highway Tax		989.80
Total		\$10,860.61
Electric Lights	\$	3,800.00
Hydrants		2,080.00
Notes and Interest		3,900.00
Total		\$9,780.00

Number of Polls	770
Number of Horses	316
Number of Cows	746
Number of Neat Cattle	222
Number of Sheep	11
Number of Swine	99
Number of Fowl	2570
Number of Dwelling Houses	635
Acres of Land	18,000

Tax on One Hundred Dollars \$1.55

TAXES ABATED FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Stephen Constant	\$2.00
Julius Pietro	2.00
Peter Leharish	2.00
John Britko	2.00
Stephen Azinzht	2.00
Paul Babils	2.00
Henry Bechard	2.00
Daniel Belida	2.00
Michael Belida	2.00
Gustaft Bergstrom	2.00
Jamie M. Brinne	2.00
B. E. Brown	2.00
William Brunell	2.00
Axel Carlson	2.00
Peter Cincier	2.00
John Daskevich	2.00
Pery W. Dechineau	2.00
John Frind	2.00
Wasil Griski	2.00
Patrick Haverland	2.00
Horace L'Heroux	2.00
John Hill	2.00
Albert Jenkins	2.00

Amount carried forward..... \$ 46.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 46.00
Hanning Johnson	2.00
Oscar Johnson	2.00
Gregory Kistley	2.00
John Kistley	2.00
Thomas Kulop	2.00
Joseph Lafrance	2.00
Edward McEnnis	2.00
Frank McMann	2.00
Arthur Maker	2.00
Nicholas Marshall	2.00
Oscar Malson	2.00
Robert Morse	2.00
William Moran	2.00
Felix Moratlor	2.00
Joseph Murphy	2.00
Desire Nadeau	2.00
Ignaci Naupalski	2.00
Carl Nelson	2.00
Richard Nolan	2.00
Robert Odell	2.00
Louis Oliver	2.00
Lunda Olsen	2.00
Joseph Pariseau	2.00
Joseph Provost	2.00
Everett Pickering	2.00
Fred L. Quimby	2.00
William A. Roberson	2.00
Cerillo Salvatore	2.00
Michael Schovitch	2.00
Roswell Shattuck	2.00
Edwin Smollander	2.00
John Sullivan	2.00
Leo Viano	2.00
Elmer Varoneau	2.00
Warren F. Watterman	2.00
Peter Ladus	2.00

 \$118.00

TAXES ABATED FOR YEAR 1918.

Clarence Dane	\$ 2.00
Charles M. Griffin	2.00
Raymond Charlton	2.00
James Rafferty	2.00
Charles E. Wood	2.00
James McNiff	2.00
Mrs. Rachael Reed	13.17
Timothy Sullivan	9.50
Moses Hobson	3.10
Nelson Brown	2.00
Raymond Charlton	2.00
Jacob Stanley	2.00
Omer Fisher	2.00
Fred A. Holt	2.00
Edward Healy	2.00
Lewis Lanctot	2.00
Napoleon Lanctot, Jr.	2.00
Clyde Ducette	2.00
Clarence Ditman	2.00
Steven Hamlinski	30.18
Fred Davis	2.00
Thomas Manehan	2.00
George Arvantes	2.00
Peter Arvanites	2.00
Frederick W. Smith	2.00
Anthony Peverotto	2.00
Andrew Pattenelly	2.00
Henry Brook	2.00
William H. Orange	2.00
Samuel Blida	2.00
Francis Gower	2.00
Charles Low	2.00
James Beldo	2.00

 \$113.95

J. W. FLETCHER,
 G. H. HARTFORD,
 Assessors of Westford.

Report of Engineers of the Fire Department.

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1918:

At the first meeting of the Board, the Engineers organized as follows: Edward M. Abbot, Chief; John Edwards, Clerk; Alonzo H. Sutherland, Assistant Chief.

The fire companies have responded to nine alarms during the past year: three building fires, five chimney fires, and one grass fire.

Jan. — House, barn and outbuildings owned by Bruce Wetmore: value of buildings and equipment, \$24,200; insurance, \$23,000; damage almost total loss. Fire probably caught from furnace.

Jan. 4. Barn belonging to Hamett D. Wright, Graniteville: value, buildings, \$400 and contents, \$335; total loss, no insurance. Cause unknown.

Whereas we had fewer fires than usual this year, we were very unfortunate in losing the Wetmore farm. When the firemen arrived the fire had made considerable headway in the partitions and ceilings of the first floor. With a good chemical this could have been easily extinguished, but with the temperature below zero the tips of the hand fire extinguishers were continually freezing, which handicapped the work badly.

The fire companies did not drill as regularly as usual because of the extra work due to war conditions.

The following new equipment has been added during the past year: 200 ft. of new hose, 50 ft. 1-2 chain with hooks, two fire axes, one large crosscut saw, 150 ft. of 1 1-4 rope, also equipment for drawing the fire wagons behind auto trucks.

There are a number of fire bills outstanding; the fire engineers wish to put a hose-drying rack in the central fire station and a frost-proof box to hold fire extinguishers.

The fire house at Forge Village is in need of painting.

We therefore ask that the sum of \$600 be appropriated, in addition to the unexpended balance.

The fire engineers regret to state that the new fire house has not yet been finished and turned over to them. The electric lights are still lacking so that the firemen have been unable to hold meetings and keep up the interest in the department that they should. We hope that this will be remedied shortly.

The fire engineers believe that a light chemical engine should be purchased, although at present the committee have been unable to decide just what kind is most desirable.

The engineers were obliged to spend about \$145.57 on the tenement on the fire house lot in Westford Centre to make the chimneys safe and the house livable. This amount is to be taken from the rent money. The arrangements with the present tenant are not entirely satisfactory. If the Town desires to keep this tenement for one of the firemen, some additional money should be spent next year. If the Town purchases a chemical, we think this would be a desirable arrangement.

EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chief.

JOHN EDWARDS, Clerk.

ALONZO G. SUTHERLAND, Asst. Chief.

ALBERT R. CHOATE.

FRANK FURBUSH.

Report of Building Committee for Fire House.

The committee appointed by the Town to reconstruct the old Academy into a Fire House make the following report.

After duly advertising for bids, P. Henry Harrington presented the only bid, his bid being \$2,200.00, which was accepted.

The building is now complete excepting for the lights and the finishing of the grading. For items of expense see Selectmen's Report.

Your committee asks for the unexpended balance of \$134.39.

O. R. SPALDING,
S. B. WATSON,
H. V. HILDRETH,
R. PRESCOTT,
E. M. ABBOT,

Committee.

Town of Westford Fire Department.

Instructions for Taking Care of Fire Extinguishers.

1. Any person who is loaned a fire extinguisher by the Town of Westford for use at brush or house fires must be responsible for same.

2. After using and before refilling, the extinguisher should be thoroughly washed out to prevent corroding. The hose and nozzle also should be washed. Make sure the hole in the nozzle is clear.

3. Always wash and refill immediately. There may be another fire.

4. In winter the extinguisher should be put near a stove or in a warm place, to prevent freezing. Otherwise it should be emptied and washed out.

5. By putting into the extinguisher 3-4 of a cup of salt and stirring until dissolved, the extinguisher will not freeze so easily. It cannot, however, be left in a wholly unheated building.

6. All persons having extinguishers, who close their houses for the winter or who leave town, should notify the forest warden, Harry L. Nesmith, by telephone and give the extinguishers to him.

7. Every spring the extinguishers should be discharged, washed out and refilled.

8. Any extinguisher that is lost or becomes defective should be reported to the forest warden.

9. Each person taking an extinguisher to a fire should take his own extinguisher home.

10. Know the number of your own extinguisher.

11. Any person allowing an extinguisher to freeze must pay for having it repaired.

Per Order,

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS,

Town of Westford.

Report of Forest Warden.

January 1, 1919.

During the past year we have had a few bad fires, due to carelessness.

I have issued one hundred and fifty permits. A list of persons with whom hand fire extinguishers have been placed, and a list of fires are submitted herewith.

Everyone who has a town fire extinguisher is requested to keep same in a warm place to prevent freezing.

H. L. NESMITH,
Forest Warden.

LIST OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN
TOWN OF WESTFORD.

January 1, 1919.

No.	1	David Gregg	31	J. M. Booke
	2	Bert Drew	32	C. Shugrue
	3	Eben Prescott	33	J. A. Healy,
	4	Sam Taylor		Dunstable Road
	5	John Flynn	34	Westford Depot
	6	L. J. Ellison	35	Westford Depot
	7	Charles Edwards	36	Will Greene
	9	Walter Whidden	37	John Martin
	10	Herbert E. Fletcher	38	George Kimball
	11	Herbert E. Fletcher	39	Judson Sweetsir
	12	Herbert E. Fletcher	40	W. Butterworth
	13	Herbert E. Fletcher	41	Everett Jarvis
	14	Herbert E. Fletcher	42	C. M. Griffin
	15	J. Lundberg	43	James Sullivan
	16	Nat. Whitney	44	W. Seifer
	17	Graniteville Fire House	45	John O'Brien
			46	A. Blaisdell
	18	Graniteville Fire House	47	A. Burnham
			48	N. Decatur
	19	Jim O'Brien, Providence Road	49	D. Desmond
			50	Angus McDonald
	20	W. Williams	52	A. A. Hildreth
	21	Brookside Fire House	53	Albert Flagg
	22	Brookside Fire House	54	Calvin Howard
	23	West Graniteville Depot	55	James Wilson
			56	Alec McDougall
	24	F. Banister	57	Otis Day
	25	Charles Couture	59	Parker Village Fire House
	26	H. D. Wright		
	27	Gilman J. Wright	60	Warren Sweetsir
	28	Horace Gould	61	Mabel Drew
	29	H. O. Keyes, Est.	62	O. R. Spaulding
	30	E. Ward		

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| 63 | Graniteville Fire
House | 92 | Westford Fire House |
| 65 | A. E. Loveless | 93 | Westford Fire House |
| 66 | Guy Decatur | 94 | Westford Fire House |
| 67 | A. Jordan | 95 | Westford Fire House |
| 68 | A. Dureault | 96 | Westford Fire House |
| 69 | C. B. Wetmore | 97 | Westford Fire House |
| 70 | T. Sullivan | 98 | Westford Fire House |
| 71 | Fred Blodgett | 99 | Westford Fire House |
| 72 | O. R. Spaulding | 100 | Forge Village Fire
House |
| 73 | Frank Wright | 101 | Forge Village Fire
House |
| 75 | W. Anderson | 102 | Forge Village Fire
House |
| 77 | Fred McCoy | 103 | Forge Village Fire
House |
| 78 | George Hartford | 104 | Frost School |
| 79 | J. W. Pyne | 105 | George Irish |
| 80 | Westford Pumping
Station | 109 | P. Gladu |
| 81 | Richard Prescott | 110 | Westford Fire House |
| 82 | Fred Burbeck | 111 | Westford Fire House |
| 83 | James O'Brien,
Stony Brook Road | 112 | Westford Fire House |
| 84 | Frank Hildreth | 113 | Alec McDonald |
| 86 | A. Vose | 114 | M. Downes |
| 87 | C. Parker | 115 | George O'Brien |
| 88 | John Connell | 116 | John Simpson |
| 89 | Graniteville Fire
House | 117 | O. R. Spaulding |
| 90 | Graniteville Fire
House | 118 | J. Sargent |
| 91 | C. Johnson,
Whidden's Corner | 119 | George C. Moore |
| | | 120 | J. Sanberg |
| | | 121 | H. Anderson |

Fires in Town of Westford.

OWNER	DATE	Acres	Damage	R. R. Expense	Town
John Fisher	April 2	25	100		\$14.60
Crossland & Lindsey	2	25	100		30.80
J. F. Sweetser	10	1	5	\$11.35	
Hall Bros.	11	1	5	2.60	
F. G. Sargent	17	1	5		3.40
A. Blaisdell	16	20	50		15.10
Nelson Prescott	24	1	5	3.00	
Whidden	28	$\frac{1}{2}$	5		3.80
Wm. E. Edwards	28	25	100		15.75
W. Carver	30	$\frac{1}{2}$	5		1.80
M. Downes	May 4	1	5		8.40
J. Healy	7	2	10	4.20	
Hinkley & Vose	8	57	200	27.00	
J. F. Sweetser	9	1	5	3.20	
J. F. Sweetser	9	1	5	5.55	
A. Blaisdell	9	5	60	10.00	
M. Gage	10	2	10	10.20	
A. Blaisdell	10	2	10	5.80	
Geo. C. Moore	12	2	10		8.60
Wm. E. Edwards	12	1	5		3.00
H. E. Fletcher	15	1	5		5.00
Sargent & Spaulding	16	125	500	121.40	
Geo. C. Moore	18	30	600		42.80
W. Wyman	26	1	5		11.80
M. Sargent	June 2	$\frac{1}{2}$	5		3.60
T. Lawson	8	1	5		4.80
Courtney	24	$\frac{1}{2}$	5		1.40
M. Downes	July 28	$\frac{1}{2}$	5		8.80
C. Symmes	Dec. 2	4	5		6.00
Total				204.20	\$189.45

Report of the Committee in Charge of the Whitney Playground.

Your committee hereby respectfully submits the following report :

The grounds continue to be in splendid condition, but, your committee regrets to say that the use of the same has diminished on account of so many of the young men having entered the service.

There have been no changes in the investments and the Report of 1914 is referred to for a statement thereto, except, that the bequest of \$5,000.00 made by Mrs. Whitney has been received and deposited as follows :

Central Savings Bank	\$1,000.00
Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank	1,000.00
City Institution for Savings	1,000.00
Lowell Institution for Savings	1,000.00
Merrimack River Savings Bank	1,000.00

Your committee, under the vote of the Town, having charge of the investment of the \$2,500.00, given by Mrs. Whitney for the care of shade trees, has received and invested the same as follows :

Mechanics Savings Bank	\$ 500.00
Fourth Liberty Bond, No. 99,622	1,000.00
Fourth Liberty Bond, No. 99,623	1,000.00

On account of Edward Fisher having changed his residence from Westford to Lowell, a vacancy exists in this committee which is to be filled at the annual town meeting.

The following is a list of receipts accruing and expenditures incurred during the year :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$ 390.81	
Interest on 2 bonds, Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. . . .	80.00	
Interest on 2 bonds, Spencer Gas Co.	100.00	
Interest on 1 bond, City of Canton.....	50.00	
Interest on deposits, Lowell Institution for Savings	21.89	
	<hr/>	\$ 642.70

EXPENDITURES.

Water Rates	\$ 10.00	
Labor	255.14	
David L. Greig, carrying lawn-mower to Lowell	10.00	
Upton & Gilman Mch. Co., repairs	11.80	
J. J. McManmon, plants	19.50	
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	36.77	
Dickerman & McQuade, supplies	6.00	
O. R. Spalding, labor and cash	13.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 362.46
Balance on hand		\$ 280.24

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
HERBERT V. HILDRETH.

Report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

The Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds present the following report for the year ending December 31, 1918.

Twelve lots have been added during the year to those under the perpetual care of the Town, all in Fairview, thus increasing the fund to \$8,970.25.

The commissioners would like to see more lots placed under the care of the Town, either by a perpetual care fund, or by an annual payment, as each lot that is cared for tends to give a more pleasing effect to the whole cemetery.

For the care and improvement of the cemeteries the commissioners would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$150 be raised and appropriated for the coming year.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS.

FAIRVIEW.

Abbot, Mrs. E. S., tomb	\$	5.00
Adams, Mrs. C. L.		1.00
Atwood, Miss L. B.		2.00
Baker, Mrs. John		1.00
Bennett, Miss Grace		1.00
Bennett, Miss Priscilla		1.00
Bicknell, Charles		1.00
Blanchard, Lowell		2.00
Blodgett, C. A. and F. R.		8.00
Blodgett, Mrs. Samuel		8.00
Blodgett, W. G.		1.00
Bodin, Mrs. E. S.		1.00
Bridgeford, Mrs. Lizzie		1.00
Brooks, Charles		1.00
Bucklin, Mrs. Hattie		1.00
Bunce, Miss Mary P.		2.00
Burbeck, Mrs. John		1.00
Burland, Arthur		1.00
Burnett, William		1.00
Burnham, Arthur H.		1.00
Butterworth, Mrs. J. T.		1.00
Calvert, Mrs. Frank		1.00
Carkin, A. W.		1.00
Carkin, W. E.		1.00
Carver, W. R.		1.00
Catchpole, Mrs. Elizabeth		1.00
Caunter, F. R.		2.00
Chamberlain, Mrs. E. H.		1.00
Cockcroft, Herbert		1.00
Coggeshall, D. E.		1.00
Cogle, Mrs. George		1.00
Amount carried forward	\$	53.00

Amount brought forward	\$ 53.00
Crockett, Mrs. Henry	1.00
Davie, W. L.	1.00
Davis, Miss Alice L.	1.00
Day, A. E.	1.00
Day, W. L.	1.00
Decatur, Burt	1.00
Defoe, Mrs. Lizzie	1.00
Dix, Mrs. Mary	1.00
Doucette, Mrs. Martha	1.00
Drew, F. C.	1.00
Dugdale, R. J.	1.00
Eastman, A.	8.00
Elliott, Mrs. G. C.	1.00
Fisher, Edward	1.00
Fisher, John	1.00
Fletcher, F. L.	1.00
Fletcher, John M.	3.00
Fletcher, J. W.	1.00
Fletcher, S. H.	1.00
Frazer, James	1.00
Frost, Mrs. W. E.	1.00
Gardel, August	1.00
Gilson, L. S.	2.00
Girand, Mrs. Mary A.	1.00
Guild, Mrs. C. and E. M. Mills	1.00
Haley, Frank	1.00
Hamlin, G. P.	1.00
Hanning, Elisha	1.00
Hanson, Mrs. Martin	1.00
Hardy, Mrs. Jackson	1.00
Harrington, James	3.00
Harris, David	1.00
Harris, George E.	1.00
Harrup, Mrs. J. E.	1.00
Amount carried forward	\$ 99.00

Amount brought forward	\$ 99.00
Hawkes, W. O.	1.00
Healey, Mrs. Ruby	1.00
Hewitt, Miss C. E.	1.00
Heywood, Mrs. E. E.	1.00
Hildreth, Mrs. E. A.	1.00
Hildreth, F. A.	2.00
Hildreth, Miss H. C.	1.00
Hill, Mrs. Jennie	1.00
Hindle, Frank	1.00
Holt, Mrs. E. H.	1.00
Horn, G. F.	1.00
Howard, Calvin L.	1.00
Howard, Charles D.	1.00
Humiston, E. F.	1.00
Hunt, E. J.	2.00
Hunt, G. W.	1.00
Hutchinson, F. A.	3.00
Isles, Mrs. J. D.	1.00
Johnson, Miss Almira	1.00
Johnson, Andrew	1.00
Johnson, W. W.	1.00
Kabele, H. M.	1.00
Kierstead, Sanford	1.00
King, Mrs. A. M.	1.00
Kisley, Y.	8.00
Longbottom, Walter	1.00
Longley, A. W.	1.00
Lowther, F. L.	8.00
Martin, John	1.00
Matterson, John	1.00
McClenna, Mrs. L.	1.00
McCoy, F. L.	1.00
McDougal, Mrs. A.	3.00
Miller, F. E.	2.00
Amount carried forward	\$ 154.00

Amount brought forward	\$ 154.00
Millis, Willard	1.00
Moran, Miss M. E.	1.00
Morin, Mrs. J. A.	1.00
Morse, J. W.	1.00
Munoy, Mrs. Marion	1.00
Naylor, Fred	8.00
Nelson, Mrs. Fannie	1.00
O'Brien, George	1.00
O'Brien, James	1.00
Orange, W. H.	1.00
Orr, Robert	1.00
Parker, E. W.	2.00
Parker, W. G.	1.00
Peck, J. L.	1.00
Perkins, John	8.00
Perkins, Joseph	2.00
Petherick, W. H.	1.00
Philipps, Mrs. Norman	1.00
Pickering, Charles	1.00
Polley, Amos	1.00
Prescott, Ebenezer	2.00
Prescott, Mrs. F. A.	1.00
Prouty, Mrs. George	1.00
Rapson, James	1.00
Read, Miss C. E.	1.00
Reed, George G.	1.00
Richardson, Mrs. A. M.	2.00
Richardson, M. T.	1.00
Ripley, F. K.	1.00
Rockwell, Guy	2.00
Sanborn, George	1.00
Saville, William	1.00
Schworer, Mrs. Louis	1.00
Scrutton, Mrs. G. A.	1.00
Amount carried forward	\$ 207.00

Amount brought forward	\$ 207.00
Searles, Mrs. C. J.	1.00
Shattuck, Mrs. D. H.	1.00
Shea, Mrs. Frank	1.00
Sherman, Mrs. David	1.00
Skidmore, Mrs. G.	2.00
Smith, A. G.	1.00
Spalding, J. F.	1.00
Stewart, Mrs. James	1.00
Stiles, F. O.	1.00
Stiles, Mrs. H. S.	1.00
Sutherland, A. H.	2.00
Sutherland, William	1.00
Sweatt, Miss Jessie	1.00
Symmes, Mrs. T. E.	3.00
Taylor, A. D.	2.00
Taylor, S. L.	2.00
Turk, Miss N.	1.00
Turner, Miss Lizzie	1.00
Vose, Mrs. Almon	2.00
Walkden, J. A.	1.00
Waller, Mrs. Nettie	1.00
Weaver, George	1.00
Webb, Mrs. F.	1.00
Welch, Mrs. William	2.00
Wheeler, Miss Delia	1.00
Wheeler, Isaac G.	1.00
Whigham, James	1.00
White, Harry	1.00
White, William	1.00
Whitney, G. H.	2.00
Willis, W. T.	1.00
Wilson, J. D.	1.00
Wilson, Mrs. M.	1.00
Wood, Henry O.	1.00
Amount carried forward	\$ 250.00

Amount brought forward	\$ 250.00
Woodbury, Mrs. E. A.	1.00
Woods, W. L.	2.00
Wright, Mrs. Emma E.	1.00
Wright, Frank C.	1.00
Wright, W. M.	1.00
Wyman, William	1.00
Wyman, William	1.50
York, J. E.	2.00

HILLSIDE.

Blodgett, Harry	1.00
Gould, Horace	1.00
Hildreth, Miss Martha	1.00
Parker, E. W.	1.00
Sargent, F. G.	1.00
Worcester, C. H.	2.00
Wright, P. E.	1.00

WESTLAWN.

Cutter, Miss M. E.	1.00
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\$ 269.50

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

From the Town.....	\$250.00	
For the care of lots.....	268.50	
From Perpetual Care Funds.....	117.60	
		\$636.10

EXPENSES.

Fairview.

Paid Frank Chandler.....	\$255.00
Richard Downing	41.25
Wallace Johnson	6.25
Clifford Johnson	30.00
Frank Banister	8.75
D. L. Greig for labor and loam....	120.00

Westlawn.

Paid Estate of Charles D. Colburn for care of cemetery	\$ 46.00
For painting and gilding markers..	4.00

Hillside.

Paid Luther Lawton, Jr., for labor.....	\$ 34.80
Frank Banister, for labor.....	7.50

General Expenses.

Paid Wright & Fletcher for fertilizer....	\$ 44.00
Wright & Fletcher for grass seed..	5.95
Wright & Fletcher for supplies....	10.35
Parkhurst Press for printing.....	4.25
Smith & Brooks for surveying.....	10.00
F. Meyers for transportation.....	2.00
A. Lundberg for stone roller.....	6.00
	\$636.10

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

NAME	CEMETERY	FUND
Ephraim Abbot,	Fairview	\$ 100.00
J. W. P. Abbot,	Fairview	100.00
Cyrus Babbitt,	Fairview	50.00
Albert Bailey,	Fairview	50.00
Mary E. Brigham,	Fairview	100.00
Mary E. Brigham (Kittredge lot),	Fairview	100.00
W. H. H. Burbeck,	Fairview	150.00
Sally B. Burrill,	Fairview	100.00
Susan A. Butterfield,	Fairview	100.00
Buxton & Parker,	Fairview	50.00
Francis Caldwell,	Fairview	50.00
John Carmichael,	Fairview	150.00
John B. Carmichael,	Fairview	100.00
Mrs. Alice Carrick,	Fairview	50.00
Elisha Case,	Fairview	50.00
William Chandler,	Hillside	100.00
Jonathan Collins,	Fairview	50.00
P. G. Collins,	Fairview	50.00
Hiram Dane,	Fairview	50.00
George Davis,	Fairview	50.00
George and Jonathan Davis,	Fairview	50.00
Joshua C. Decatur,	Fairview	50.00
Charles S. Dodge,	Fairview	100.00
Cephas Drew,	Fairview	50.00
George Drew,	Fairview	50.00
Thomas Drew,	Fairview	50.00
Edmund L. Dupee,	Fairview	50.00
Rachel Dupee,	Fairview	50.00
Wm. Z. Dupee,	Fairview	50.00
Daniel Falls,	Fairview	50.00
Alvin Fisher lot,	Fairview	150.00
Elizabeth G. Flagg,	Fairview	50.00
Amount carried forward		\$2,350.00

Amount brought forward	\$2,350.00
Charles Flanders, Hillside	50.00
Abijah Fletcher lot, Fairview	50.00
Andrew Fletcher, Fairview	100.00
Charles H. Fletcher, Fairview	50.00
Herbert E. Fletcher, Fairview	100.00
Hugh A. Fletcher, Fairview	100.00
Julia A. Fletcher, Fairview	50.00
Lorenzo Fletcher—F. A. Snow, Ex., Fairview	100.00
Sherman D. Fletcher, Westlawn	50.00
Sherman D. Fletcher, Fairview	50.00
L. A. Folland, Fairview	50.00
Charles Follansbee, Hillside	100.00
George Q. Gilson, Fairview	50.00
Susan E. Green, Fairview	100.00
John Greig, Fairview	100.00
Adams Griffin, Fairview	50.00
Joseph B. Griffin, Fairview	100.00
Timothy L. Griffin lot, by Viola Griffin Whitehead, Fairview	50.00
Frank L. Haley, Fairview	50.00
Theodore H. Hamblett, Fairview	50.00
C. & C. A. Hamlin, Fairview	100.00
Mrs. Sarah Harris, Fairview	25.00
George R. Harrison, Fairview	50.00
Ephraim A. Harwood, Fairview	100.00
M. Hennessey, Fairview	50.00
Henry Herrick, Westlawn	100.00
George W. Heywood lot, Fairview	50.00
Levi Heywood tomb, Fairview	50.00
Samuel Horne, Fairview	50.00
Melbourne F. Hutchings, Westlawn	100.00
Samuel M. Hutchings, Fairview	100.00
Hutchings & Blood, Westlawn	50.00
Albert E. Jenne, Fairview	50.00
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$4,625.00

Amount brought forward	\$4,625.00
Louisa Joint, Fairview	50.00
C. F. Keyes, Fairview	50.00
H. O. Keyes, Fairview	100.00
Grace Lawrence, Westlawn	50.00
A. W. Langley, Fairview	100.00
Silas Lawrence and Mrs. Drake, Westlawn	100.00
Francis Leighton, Westlawn	50.00
Isaiah Leighton, Fairview	100.00
Frank Lowther, Fairview	50.00
J. F. Marsh (Edrick Nutting lot), Hillside	50.00
Mazuzan & Whitney, Fairview	200.00
Edwin D. Metcalf, Fairview	50.00
Hugh Mills, Fairview	50.00
John A. Osgood (John Osgood lot), Fairview	50.00
John M. Osgood, Fairview	95.25
John M. Parker, Fairview	50.00
Fletcher Peckens, Fairview	50.00
Sarah Precious, Fairview	50.00
Prescott & Babbitt, Fairview	100.00
Abram Prescott tomb, Westlawn.....	50.00
Charles H. Prescott, Westlawn	100.00
Joseph F. Prescott, Westlawn	50.00
Frances A. Prescott, Fairview	50.00
Nathan P. Prescott, Fairview	50.00
C. M. Prinn, Fairview	50.00
Mary A. Putnam, Hillside	100.00
James W. Pyne, Fairview	50.00
Polly Quigg, Fairview	50.00
Abijah C. Reed, Fairview	50.00
Anan Reed, Westlawn	50.00
Sarah S. Reed, Westlawn	100.00
Annie Richardson, Fairview	50.00
Olive A. Richardson, Fairview	50.00
Samuel Richardson, Fairview	50.00
Amount carried forward	\$ 6,920.25

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 6,920.25
George E. Burns, Ex. Estate of Sarah Richardson, Fairview	100.00
Sarah Richardson, Fairview	50.00
Sarah E. Richardson, Fairview	50.00
Nancy Sargent, Fairview	50.00
C. Frederick Seifer, Fairview	50.00
Clara A. Smith, Fairview	50.00
Levi Snow, Fairview	100.00
Salmon L. Snow, Fairview	100.00
Ephraim A. Stevens, Fairview	50.00
Sarah H. Trumbull, Fairview	100.00
A. and N. S. Tuttle, Fairview	50.00
Sarah E. P. Wells, Westlawn	100.00
Jacob Wendell, Hillside	100.00
Mary J. Wheeler, Fairview	50.00
William White, Fairview	50.00
Hiram Whitney, Fairview	100.00
Clara M. Wiley, Fairview	100.00
Luther Wilkins, Fairview	75.00
M. E. Willard (Hosley lot), Westlawn	100.00
Samuel Willis, Fairview	50.00
John Wilson, Fairview	50.00
W. W. Woodward (Oliver Woodward lot) Hillside..	100.00
Capt. Ezekiel Wright, Westlawn	50.00
G. T. & A. S. Wright, Fairview	100.00
N. H. Wright, Fairview	100.00
Varnum B. Wright, Fairview	25.00
Harry Nesmith, Fairview	50.00
Georgie Patten Stone tomb, Westlawn	100.00
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	\$8,970.25

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman and Secretary,
 DAVID L. GREIG,
 WESLEY O. HAWKES,
 Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

Report of Town Fish and Game Warden.

During the past year I have followed my usual custom of patrolling the fields and covers, also the different brooks, ponds and waterways. I have planted a number of fish and liberated a few game birds. I expect a number of white rabbits the coming spring. I find about the usual amount of song birds in some localities, but their numbers do not increase from year to year; as for the so-called game birds, they are on the decline. They are getting more scarce every season; but this is to be expected under our present game laws. Where I had a flock of from six to ten pheasants last year, I have one or two; as for partridge and quail, I think in about two years more, under our present game laws, they will be extinct. When we liberate birds in the spring or summer that have been reared on a reservation and they can be killed according to law in the fall, we can't expect to have them increase very fast, and the only way we can save them is to have a closed season for five years; if not in a very few years we will have no birds. There is plenty of orchard and meadow for song birds and woodland covers for warblers and the larger game birds, besides ideal breeding places for water fowl. With these conditions, to allow our birds to be killed off year after year is almost a crime. As for the fish, I think the way we have been stocking the ponds and brooks we will always have plenty as we are getting more every year and they are planted in a few hours after they arrive as we meet the car at the place appointed with a truck and get them in the water as soon as possible.

The following is a list of the fish planted in 1918:

May 22—Forge Pond, Rainbow Trout, 8,000.

May 14—Forge Pond, Yellow Perch, 8,000.

May 23—Knopp's Pond, 500,000 Pike Perch.

5,000 Brook Trout, Snake Meadow Brook.

8 cans Adult Trout, Snake Meadow, Nashoba and O'Brien.

8,000 Black Bass, Nabnasset.

3,000, Long-Sought-For.

9,000 Adult in Flushing and Long-Sought-For.

5 Cans Crappie in the Sargent Pond.

And about 250,000 in neighboring towns.

Also liberated 4 Mallard Ducks and 7 Pheasants in Westford.

Hoping this report will meet with your approval, I remain

Yours,

JOE WALL,

Town Warden.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1918	\$18,581.86
Comm. Mass., 5 notes, Graniteville Road..	4,000.00
Accrued int. on same	8.89
Appleton National Bank, 2 notes, antici- pation taxes	22,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Income Mass. School Fund	1,029.65
Income tax	5,414.67
Mothers with dependent children.....	764.00
Industrial Schools	133.75
Support sick paupers	15.00
Temporary aid	9.00
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth sup- pression	168.00
Compensation Inspector of Animals..	100.00
On acct. Supt. Schools	500.00
Corporation tax, public service	371.68
Corporation tax, business	24,913.67
National bank tax	327.79
Military aid	108.00
State aid	492.00
B. & M. R. R., on acct. fires	147.05
S. H. Balch, Janitor, Town Hall	100.75
Perpetual Care, Cemetery Funds	700.00
Cemetery Com., care of lots	268.50
Clerk First District Court, Ayer	2.78
County Treasurer, dog licenses	379.05
	\$80,536.09

Amount brought forward	\$80,536.09
County Treasurer, on acct., Graniteville Rd.	2,892.13
Comm. Mass., on acct., Graniteville Rd...	3,917.91
Income Library Funds	177.50
Licenses	24.00
W. C. Roudenbush, books and supplies ..	6.89
Gran. Foundry Co., scrap iron	17.56
C. G. Sargent's Sons	17.85
Town of Groton, tuition	163.50
Abbot Worsted Co., road oil	99.45
H. L. Nesmith, road men, on acct. fires...	9.20
Aetna Insurance Co.	62.42
B. & M. R. R., rebate on freight	15.28
Talbot Dyewd. & Chem. Co., over-payment	5.02
S. H. Baleh, junk sold	8.10
A. A. Hildreth, sealer weights and measures	42.03
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., on acct., fires...	47.20
Mrs. Perkins, rent	90.00
L. W. Wheeler, coll. tax, 1917	1,238.24
L. W. Wheeler, coll. tax, 1917, int.	35.08
Income funds, Whitney Playground	230.00
Income, E. D. Metcalf funds	80.00
County Treasurer, Gran. Rd.	1,025.78
L. W. Wheeler, coll. tax, 1918	38,848.19
L. W. Wheeler, coll. tax, 1918, int.	31.43
L. W. Wheeler, coll. tax, 1918, coll. fees..	28.00
P. H. Harrington, 3 sticks lumber.....	15.00
Due G. N. Greenough, Gran. Rd.	565.45
Income Whitney Playground (new fund)	112.50
W. C. Roudenbush, on acct., Cooking School	20.70
	<hr/> \$130,362.50

PAYMENTS.

By cash:

Notes	\$24,800.00
Interest	1,109.75
State Tax	6,600.00
County Tax	3,270.81
Failure to make returns (O. P.)	2.00
Repairs State Highway	989.80
Soldiers' exemption	26.24
Orders and Incidental Expenses	70,420.79
Liberty Bonds (Perpetual Care)	700.00
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1919	22,443.11
	\$130,362.50

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

Auditor's Report.

I have made the usual examination of the books of the Town Officers and as a result of my examination I herewith submit the following report, together with a statement of the financial condition of the Town on February 1, 1919.

TAXES.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for year 1917:

To balance to collect as per Audit of Jan.	
10, 1918	\$1,345.26
Past due interest collected.....	35.08
Additions since last audit.....	.98
	\$1,381.32
By Collections	\$1,273.32
Abatements	108.00
	\$1,381.32
Leaving no balance to collect.....	\$0,000.00

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for year 1918.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessors'

Warrant as follows:

740 Polls at \$2.00.....	\$ 1,540.00
Tax on Personal Property.....	10,220.08
Tax on Real Estate.....	26,934.52
Moth and Lead Tax.....	1,157.64
	\$39,852.24
Amount carried forward	\$39,852.24

Amount brought forward	\$39,852.24
Additions since issue of Warrant, as per	
Assessors' notices.....	\$ 73.50
Interest and Collection Fees.....	59.43
	<hr/> \$ 132.93
	<hr/> \$39,985.17
Less Abatements for the year as per As-	
sessor's notices	244.50
	<hr/> \$39,740.67
By collections to Jan. 8, 1919.....	38,907.62
	<hr/> \$ 833.05
Balance to collect.....	\$ 833.05
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To Excise Tax to collect, as per Assessors'	
Warrant	\$ 562.07
	<hr/> \$ 562.07
Balance to collect.....	\$ 562.07
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TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk issued during the year	
licenses for:	
162 male dogs at \$2.00.....	\$ 324.00
17 female dogs at \$5.00.....	85.00
1 breeder's license.....	25.00
	<hr/> \$ 434.00
Less Clerk's fee, 180 at 20 cents.....	36.00
	<hr/> \$ 398.00
Balance paid to County Treasurer and	
receipted for by him.....	\$ 398.00

Number of dogs licensed since last return, Dec. 1, 1918: males, 5.

SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen drew 803 orders on the Treasurer during the year, amounting to \$70,420.79. Receipted bills were found on file for these payments the first part of the year, and cancelled checks, the last part of the year, after the introduction of the new checking system.

TOWN FARM.

Mr. C. S. Ripley, Superintendent.

Balance cash on hand Jan. 2, 1918.....	\$	20.18
Total receipts from all sources during the year		4,896.74
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	\$	4,916.92
By expenditures for the year.....		4,823.03
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Balance on hand Jan. 2, 1919.....	\$	93.89

TREASURER.

To balance cash on hand Dec. 31, 1917..	\$	18,581.86
Receipts from all sources during the year		111,780.64
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	\$	130,362.50
By total payments for year ending Dec. 31, 1918.....	\$	107,219.39
Liberty Bonds, Perpetual Care Funds....		700.00
By cash on hand.....		22,443.11
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	\$	130,362.50

Statement of Condition.

ASSETS.

1918 Taxes remaining uncollected	\$	833.05	
Excise tax uncollected		562.07	
Accrued interest on same		4.67	
Due from state aid		720.00	
Due from military aid		108.00	
Balance cash on hand with Supt. of Town Farm		93.89	
Balance cash on hand with Treasurer		22,443.11	
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			\$24,764.79

LIABILITIES.

Due State Treasurer on Schoolhouse Loan (W. E. Frost)	\$4,000.00	
Two months' interest on same at 4 1-4 per cent.	28.32	
Due State Treasurer, on acct. Acton & Lowell Road Loan	500.00	
One and one-half months' interest on same at 4 per cent.	2.50	
Due State Treasurer, on acct. loan for land (E. M. Abbot firehouse)	700.00	
Due State Treasurer, on acct. E. M. Abbot firehouse	1,000.00	
Eight and one-half months' interest on same at 4 per cent.	28.33	
Due State Treasurer, on acct. Graniteville Road	4,000.00	
Four months' interest on same at 5 per cent.	66.66	
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		\$10,325.81
Balance	\$14,438.98	
The balance due Dec. 30, 1917 was	\$11,853.47	

List of Funds.

E. D. METCALF MONUMENT FUND.

Two \$1,000.00 Erie R. R. Co.'s 4 per cent. Gold Bonds, Nos. 7243-7375	\$2,000.00	
		\$ 2,000.00

LIBRARY FUNDS.

In Savings Banks	\$4,000.00	
Wilkin's Bequest	150.00	
Interest on same	72.05	
		\$ 4,222.05

WHITNEY PLAYGROUND.

Two \$1,000.00 Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.'s bonds, Nos. 30,040-30,041	\$2,000.00	
Two \$1,000.00 Spencer Gas Co.'s bonds, Nos. 46-47	2,000.00	
One \$1,000.00 City of Canton bond.....	1,000.00	
Lowell Institution for Savings	503.68	
Lowell Institution for Savings	1,000.00	
Central Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Merrimack River Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank	1,000.00	
City Institution for Savings	1,000.00	
		\$10,503.68

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney \$2,500.00 Fund for the care and preservation and replacing of shade trees: Mechanics Savings Bank	\$ 500.00	
Two \$1,000.00 Liberty Bonds	2,000.00	
		\$ 2,500.00

Amount carried forward	\$19,225.73
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Amount brought forward \$ 19,225.73

CEMETERY FUNDS.

	Principal	Interest
Central Savings Bank.....	\$1,600.00	
Lowell Institution for Savings	350.00	
City Institution for Savings..	250.00	\$ 91.41
Mechanics Savings Bank.....	1,225.00	
Merrim'k River Savings Bank	1,250.00	
Five Cent Savings Bank.....	1,995.25	784.66
Liberty Bonds of 2nd Issue ..	600.00	
Liberty Bonds of 3rd Issue..	1,700.00	
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	\$8,970.25	\$876.07 \$ 9,846.32

Interest drawn from Perpetual Care Funds and deposited in an Income Fund for Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

City Institution for Savings	\$ 15.50
Central Savings Bank	402.61
Lowell Institution for Savings	148.32
Mechanics Savings Bank	533.02
Five Cent Savings Bank	131.79
Merrimack River Savings Bank	362.26
Coupons from \$600 2nd Liberty Bond	24.00
Coupons from \$3,000 3rd Liberty Bond	44.70
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	\$1,662.20

Amount carried forward \$29,072.05

Amount brought forward \$29,072.05

INCOME FUND.

Above Interest invested in an Income Fund as follows:

Liberty Bonds	\$1,300.00	
Central Savings Bank	362.20	
		————— \$ 1,662.20
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		\$30,734.25

All Bank Books and Securities are with the Town Treasurer with the exception of the Whitney Playground Bonds which are in the keeping of Edward Fisher for the committee.

EDWARD T. HANLEY,

Auditor.

Report of Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee have carefully considered those articles of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting wherein appropriations are asked for and have conferred with officers of the different departments in regard to their requirements for the year, and recommend the following sums to be raised and appropriated.

		Appropriate	Raise and Appropriate
Art. 8	Public Library		\$1,300.00
“ 9	Public Burial Grounds		150.00
“ 12	Roads and Bridges . . .		10,000.00
“ 13	Town Debts & Charges		
	Sundries		7,000.00
	Salaries, Town Officers		3,000.00
“ 14	Support of Poor		3,000.00
“ 15	Schools		20,000.00
“ 16	Moth Department		1,100.00
“ 17	Fire Department		600.00
“ 25	Fire Extinguishers . . .		150.00
“ 26	Game Warden		50.00
“ 31	Memorial Day		150.00
“ 32	Distribution of Library		
	Books		100.00
“ 33	Director for Demon- stration Work in Ag- riculture and Home Economics		50.00
“ 34	State Guard	\$300.00	
“ 35	Sidewalks	300.00	300.00
	Amount carried forward		\$46,950.00

Amount brought forward	\$46,950.00	
Art. 37 Public Health Nurse..	1,500.00	
Electric Lights	3,800.00	
Hydrants	2,080.00	
Notes and Interest.....	4,500.00	
County and State Tax..	10,000.00	
Repairs State Highway.	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$69,830.00
Less Income from State		
Treasurer	\$30,968.00	
Poll Taxes	1,400.00	32,368.00
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Amount to be raised...		\$37,462.00

- “ 24 Memorial. We recommend that a Committee be chosen to make an investigation as to the most suitable form of memorial and that a sum of not exceeding \$300.00 be appropriated for the use of the committee in making investigation.
- “ 29 Cost of operation and fixed charges of Branch Line. Inasmuch as no specific sum is asked for in this article we have made inquiry as to the amount which will probably be required and in accordance therewith recommend the appropriation of the unexpended balance of the amount voted at a special Town Meeting last year and an additional sum of \$1,200 to \$1,500 for the current year.
- “ 37 Public Health Nurse. The article does not ask for any stated amount. If the Town takes favorable action on this article the Committee suggests that the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated, as that amount will probably be needed for the work.

If the sum of \$37,462.00 is raised, as recommended, the tax rate for the year 1919 will be not over \$16.00 per thousand. We have based this calculation on the Town's valuation for 1918, \$2,397,064.00 as shown by the Assessors' books and the same income from the State for the year 1919 as for 1918. As a matter of fact we believe that the income from the State will be larger.

HERBERT V. HILDRETH,
JULIAN A. CAMERON,
ELBERT H. FLAGG,
LOUIS H. BUCKSHORN,
WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,

January 23, 1919.

Finance Committee.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County.

GREETING :

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, February 10, 1919, being the second Monday in said month at 7.45 o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock A. M., and may be closed at one o'clock P. M., and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To bring in their votes for one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one Constable, one Auditor, and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"
- 3rd. To hear the report of the Finance Committee, and act in relation to the same.

- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees, and raise and appropriate money to meet the expenses of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.

- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor, and for repairs on Town Farm buildings.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the Public Schools, High School purposes, school text-books and supplies, salary of the Superintendent of Schools, repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses and medical inspection, and act in relation to the same.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths and elm tree beetles.
- 17th. To raise and appropriate money to meet the expense of the Fire Department.
- 18th. To hear a report of the committee chosen to investigate the purchase of a motor driven chemical engine, and act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To see if the Town will appropriate the unexpended balance raised and appropriated last year to complete the fire house in Westford Centre, and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To see if the Town will vote to sell the cottage house with or without any of the land adjacent thereto, being a portion of the premises purchased by the Town of Henry O. Keyes by deed dated July 21, 1916, and duly recorded with Middlesex No. Dist. Reg. of Deeds, book 558, page 227, and act in relation to the same.

- 21st. To see if the Town will vote to sell the premises located on the northerly side of Cold Spring Road, conveyed to to the Town by deed dated February 28, 1900, and recorded with Middlesex No. Dist. Reg. of Deeds, book 316, page 535, and act in relation to the same.
- 22nd. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Town Farm, so called, and act in relation to the same.
- 23rd. To see if the Town will vote that hereafter all bills against the Town be rendered monthly, and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. To see if the Town will vote to erect or establish a monument or other memorial to commemorate the patriotism and valour of the young men of Westford who have entered the service of the United States or the Allies in the recent war; appropriate money therefor, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purchase of fire extinguishers to be distributed in various parts of the Town, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) as compensation for a Fish and Game Warden in the event one is appointed for the Town.

- 27th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.
- 28th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 29th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to contribute to the cost of operation and fixed charges in maintaining the Branch Line, so called, of the Lowell & Fitchburg St. Railway Company, in order that the same may be available for the transportation of the scholars to and from school, and act in relation to the same.
- 30th. To choose all other Town officers necessary to be chosen and fill the vacancy in the committee having charge of the Whitney playground, and act in relation to the same.
- 31st. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 32nd. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village, and Parkerville, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these three villages, and act in relation to the same.

- 33rd. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) and elect a director for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, the money to be expended by, and the director to serve in co-operation with the County Agricultural Trustees of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics under the provisions of Chapter 273, General Acts of 1918.
- 34th. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300) to be used for military purposes connected with the maintenance of Company L, 19th Inf., Massachusetts State Guards, located in this Town, and act in relation to the same.
- 35th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the construction and grading of sidewalks in the several villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 36th. To see if the Town will accept the legacy of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) given in trust under the will of Helen K. Frost for the perpetual care of the family lot in Fairview Cemetery, in which the body of her deceased husband, William Edwin Frost, lies buried.
- 37th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the employment of a public health nurse, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE



OF THE
TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.
FOR THE
School Year ending December 31, 1918

LOWELL, MASS.
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS
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School Calendar.

ACADEMY

1919

March 14 Winter term closes.

VACATION—ONE WEEK.

March 24 Spring term opens.

June 20 Spring term closes.

SUMMER VACATION.

1919-1920

Sept. 2 Fall term opens.

Nov. 26 Fall term closes 13 weeks

VACATION—THANKSGIVING AND DAY FOLLOWING.

Dec. 1 Winter term opens.

CHRISTMAS VACATION—ONE WEEK—Dec. 19-Dec. 29.

1920

March 12 Winter term closes 14 weeks

VACATION—ONE WEEK.

March 22 Spring term opens.

June 18 Spring term closes 13 weeks

Total 40 weeks

The Elementary Schools will have two weeks' vacation—Christmas, Christmas week and week following. The length of the school year will be 38 weeks. Otherwise, terms begin and close as per Academy schedule.

SPECIAL EXERCISE DAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

1919

- Feb. 12 Lincoln Exercises, one-half hour.
 Feb. 21 Washington Exercises, one-half hour.
 Apr. 18 Patriots' Day Exercises, one-half hour.
 May 29 Memorial Day Exercises, one hour.
 Oct. 10 Columbus Day Exercises, one-half hour.
 Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day Exercises, one hour.

1920

- Feb. 12 Lincoln Exercises, one-half hour.
 Feb. 20 Washington Exercises, one-half hour.
 Apr. 16 Patriots' Day Exercises, one-half hour.
 May 28 Memorial Day Exercises, one hour.

 LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30, July 4, First Monday of September, October 12, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. (The day following when any of the four first days mentioned, the 12th of October or Christmas occurs on Sunday.)

Arbor Day falls on the last Saturday in April and is not a legal holiday.

Flag Day falls on June 14, and is not a legal holiday. It should be observed by proper exercises by any school in session on that day.

Financial Statement.

Balance from last account	\$	592.90
Appropriation		17,500.00
Received from Mass. School Fund		1,029.65
Received from state on account of Supt. of Schools		500.00
Received tuition from Town of Groton...		163.50
		\$19,786.05

EXPENDITURES

Trustees of Westford Academy	\$	313.15
Teachers		10,395.13
Transportation		3,287.71
Fuel		2,048.38
Janitors and Cleaning		1,154.00
Drawing		225.00
Music		360.00
Superintendent of Schools		920.08
School Physician		100.00
Text Books and Supplies		932.40
Repairs and Miscellaneous		1,619.45
Tuition and Carfare to Town of Tyngs- boro		95.22
Cooking		75.59
Substitute Teachers		29.50
		\$21,555.61
Deficit		\$ 1,769.56

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT.

E. W. Hill, Clerk to Supt. of Schools....\$	44.06
H. S. Stiles, repairs	245.89
American Radiator Co., steam boiler	260.27
P. E. Wright, carting boiler	8.00
Hobson & Lawler, repairs.....	6.07
Middlesex Machine Co.	130.04
E. E. Maynard, repairs.....	9.72
E. F. De La Haye, repairs	18.20
Westford Water Co., water rates	222.00
Westford Water Co., supplies	21.78
W. C. Roudenbush, expense	3.71
C. H. Bicknell, snow plowing	2.00
Frank H. Hill, expenses	50.54
Henry C. Doughty, supplies	37.96
Edith L. Hildreth, supplies	2.10
Titania Ladies' Orchestra	9.50
Butterfield Printing Co.	15.00
J. H. Fletcher, stamped envelopes	15.80
W. M. Wright, labor and supplies	29.40
H. S. Turner, printing	14.00
A. M. Green, cleaning typewriters	6.50
Lexington Flag Staff Co., flag	15.00
Manifold Mfg. Co., typewriter ribbons ..	22.50
S. H. Balch, express	60
John Spinner, labor and supplies	14.80
C. E. Woodhull, piano tuner	7.00
A. McDonald, removing ashes	4.00
L. A. Derby & Co., wiring	166.65
C. O. Prescott, making state report and supplies	8.20
W. M. Sargent, stationery	5.00

Amount carried forward \$1,396.29

Amount brought forward		\$1,396.29
W. C. Wright, certificates	20.30	
Jordan, Marsh Co., cooking utensils	85.87	
Wright & Fletcher, cooking supplies	52.00	
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	13.11	
Hanley & Co., supplies	13.58	
Lowell Electric Light Corp.	1.55	
A. W. Hartford, advertising	6.00	
J. A. Healy & Son, cleaning cesspools and cartage	30.75	
	<hr/>	\$1,619.45

Report of the Superintendent.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

Following is my annual report, the ninth, and the twenty-seventh in the series of such reports.

Comparing the table of Teachers in Service December 31, 1918 with that of January, 1918, it will be seen that several changes have taken place in the teaching force within the year, all of them since the close of school in June. In filling these places I came to realize fully several facts: That government service was attracting teachers everywhere, including Westford, leaving desirable positions to which our own teachers would naturally gravitate; that teachers were placing a value upon their services not easily met by the smaller, or poorer, or country towns; and that teachers were selecting the kind of positions they were willing to enter and the subjects they were willing to teach.

Moreover, my search for teachers has been confined to those not in service. This is in strict accord with the ethics of the profession—which, unfortunately, all do not observe. When a teacher resigns from a position for a good and sufficient reason I consider her a worthy candidate. I do not consider that I have any right to induce her to resign a position to accept mine. This naturally delays the process of securing the right teacher, and has added to the expense, but I believe from the standpoint of the employer it is the ethically correct process.

The appointment of Miss Libby J. Cohen to the Commercial Department of Westford Academy followed the resignation of Miss Helena Denfeld. Miss Beatrice Hosmer was appointed to succeed Miss Esther Smith at the Sargent School. Miss Veronica McNiff, who had substituted for Miss Mary A. Dunn in the Sargent School during a part of the spring term, was appointed a regular teacher in that position beginning September 3. Miss Evelyn Kimball succeeded Miss Eva Pyne at the Cameron School. Miss Abbie M. Blaisdell, Cameron School, was granted

a year's leave of absence, and Miss Mildred Clevette was appointed to her school for the year. Miss Grace Ranney was transferred from Parkerville to the William E. Frost School, and Miss Dorothy Burdick was appointed to the Parkerville position. The last resignation to record is that of Miss Evelyn Kimball of the Cameron School. Her room was composed of children of grades one and two, and from the opening of the fall term the numbers steadily increased, until, on December 20, fifty-five pupils were in attendance. To help out this situation Miss Helen Thissell of the third year class in Lowell Normal School was employed to assist Miss Kimball, with not entirely satisfactory results, as both teachers were obliged to conduct work in the same room. The next trial arrangement will be to send the sixth grade to the principal, the fourth to Miss Garvey and the second to Miss Clevette, leaving grade one, of some 27 pupils, in the primary room. This is not an ideal arrangement, but it seems to be the best that can be made considering the number of pupils and that there are but four rooms available in the building. I understand that at one time there was an overflow room in the hall nearby, but am not prepared to recommend repeating this at present. I believe two other rooms should be added to the present building as soon as possible, one of which being badly needed now.

The number of pupils in the Sargent School has been such for several years, and so distributed through the several grades, that the primary room was a single grade room, and the grammar room a three grade room. It was impossible to do otherwise than to continue the arrangement this year, until the committee transferred grade eight to the Cameron School, leaving Miss Parker grades six and seven. This is entirely satisfactory so far as the Sargent School is concerned, but may prove an embarrassment to the Cameron School when grade six is transferred to the grammar room, giving Mrs. O'Clair grades six, seven and eight.

The establishment of a room for Domestic Science in the Academy building was one of the achievements of the summer of 1918. It is spoken of in detail by both Principal Roudenbush

and the Supervisor of Cooking, Miss Alice C. Judge, and I refer you to their reports. It is not a luxury, but a necessity, an answer to modern demands and in line with modern educational methods. We have few visitors in our schools, but this new department ought to attract the mothers and the forward looking people of the town generally. (And while visiting the Academy for this purpose, why not look in upon the commercial department from which we have sent some brilliant students in the past few years? And why not observe the Academic work, with which most of us are more familiar, to see if that work is not maintaining its high standards under Principal Roudenbush and Mrs. Hildreth? And why not demand, since the girls are served so excellently in domestic science, that the boys be given the same opportunity to develop along masculine lines and according to modern educational methods through a properly equipped practical arts department?)

The influenza epidemic, closing the schools for a period of three weeks, was an unavoidable misfortune. I made fairly representative inquiries of superintendents in other sections of the state, and found that the policy of paying the teachers during the closed period was practically universal. Some towns and cities were planning to make up a portion of the time lost, while others did not intend to make up any time. Some thought that intensive work would enable them to make up the time lost in terms of work covered. In Westford, as in some other places, the day was lengthened a half hour or an hour. The longer day has proved valuable for the purpose—that of accomplishing more work in a given period of time. The teachers have been very loyal to the plan.

I have asked for the report of the work of the nurse in the schools and in the homes of the pupils. It is very interesting. Miss Crockett seems well fitted for the work, especially on the social welfare side of it, which, after all, is the soul of it. It seems likely that an appropriation will be asked of the town to continue this service. I hope it will have the approval of the committee.

More and more each year the superintendent's work keeps him from close personal touch with the schoolroom. A few months in the winter after his several reports are in and before the demands of the final weeks of the year begin are alone somewhat free for professional investigations. This year especially his time has been occupied with providing the schools with teachers, there having been sixteen changes outside of this town, some very recent. At that point where the superintendent's personal attention cannot be immediately given to a matter affecting the morale of the school, there the work of the principal, or teacher in charge of the room, or other recognized agency for carrying out the purposes of the school department, must begin. The matter of handling truancy is an illustration at hand. Attending to truancy cases is a side issue with a truant officer in small towns where there is no adequate salary to induce him to go to the schools daily for a list of absentees. He might go daily for weeks and find not a single case. The superintendent of four towns cannot be in each town each day, much less in each school in the several towns. Just here is the teacher's point of contact with the question. She is the first to know of the absence. By inquiry she may easily discover if sickness is the cause. When she is satisfied that there is no good cause for absence she should at once communicate with the truant officer. Always someone is in a position to know first what is going wrong in the school, and an attempt should be made to correct it before it becomes anybody's business. The duty may be the janitor's, the barge-driver's, the teacher's, the principal's, the superintendent's, the committee's. It should be recognized by the right party when it reaches him, and be attended to at once.

The report of Miss Raynes, supervisor of music, presents the subject in a rather novel way. It speaks with the spirit of the past year and a half. It is good to read such a report and to know that such a teacher has a position of influence in the midst of our children.

The usual statistical and informational tables are submitted as a part of the school report. They are of historical importance, and should be preserved.

In closing I wish to thank the committee and the teachers for the support without which the machinery of the schools would not have run so smoothly the past year. Much is due, also, to the parents and the public generally who have accepted changes and innovations with such good-will and apparent favor.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Westford, January 3, 1919.

Report of Westford Academy.

January 1, 1919.

To Mr. F. H. Hill,
Superintendent of Schools.

The principal in submitting this report would call attention to the fact that it covers parts of two school years, viz: from January 1, 1918 to January 1, 1919, or, in other words, two terms of the year, 1917-1918, and one term of the year 1918-1919. We shall follow somewhat a chronological sequence in our report, but allow ourselves freedom to depart from it for convenience of topical arrangement.

A combination of weather conditions and lack of fuel interfered seriously with school business for much of the time from January to the middle of March, 1918. School was to have opened, following the Christmas vacation, on January 2, but owing to the extremely cold weather, together with shortage of coal, we did not begin until January 7. On the very next day there came an ice storm which stalled the electric car, and school transportation from this source was not resumed until April 2. To help in this problem, arrangements were made whereby Mr. Charles H. Bicknell brought pupils from Brookside, and Mr. Charles S. Ripley those from Graniteville. By order of the fuel administration schools were closed Monday, January 21, and thus a variety of circumstances conspired to make the acquisition of learning rather difficult for about two months. But in spite of all the difficulties, our records show a good percentage of attendance during this time.

The Academy lost one of its most interested and loyal friends on January 19, 1918 in the death of Mr. George T. Day, president of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Day had long been identified with the school in an official capacity, and the principal had occasion at times to consult him on matters of policy, always with the feeling that he was talking with a man of sterling worth

and good sense, whose opinion was of value and importance. On a certain graduation which Mr. Day attended he spoke in such a sincere and appreciative way of the impression the young people of the graduating class had made upon him that the principal and teachers felt encouraged in what they were trying to accomplish.

There was another death during the year which came close home to those longest acquainted with the history of the Academy, viz: the death of Mrs. Helen K. Frost, widow of the principal who served the longest as head of the school and whose memory as head of the school is held in the highest esteem. Mrs. Frost died June 9, in Chicago, Illinois, where she had made her home for several months.

Neither has death spared our youth. It is with sorrow that we mention the death of Lottie Irene Parrott of the class of 1915, who died of pneumonia last September during the epidemic which swept the country. Lottie was one of three girls who earned enough credits to graduate in three years. If our memory serves us correctly, there has been but one other death among those who have graduated under the present principal; that of Edward C. Read of the class of 1914.

In February, of 1918, a call came from the United States government for assistance from teachers in the work of transcribing the contents of the draft questionnaires to filing cards for convenience of reference. The principal and the two assistant teachers went to Ayer on a certain Saturday and spent the day on this work.

Both teachers and pupils during the year have been called upon to engage in various activities related to war work, and we feel we have not been slackers to these demands. We have observed "Tag Your Shovel Day," we have bought Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps, and Liberty bonds; we have sent large boxes of nut shells to Boston to use in the manufacture of gas masks; we have supported the Junior Red Cross by pledging a 100 per cent. membership at 25 cents per member; the graduating class of 1918 gave \$25 to the Junior Red Cross Society; on May 21, 1918, ten boys and girls, accompanied by Miss Denfeld,

went to Lowell to take part in the big Red Cross parade, and carried a banner inscribed, "Westford Academy, a 100 per cent. School;" several times the school has gone in a body to the Town Hall to help in the farewell send-offs given to young men who left to enter the service; the principal has written many letters upon the request of former Academy boys to help them in their efforts to attain that place in the service to which they aspired; we have a service flag with forty stars and a roll of honor to correspond; the principal recommended successfully to the Students' Army Training Corps five young men; we helped in the parade of November 11 when the whole town spontaneously turned out to celebrate the coming of peace; boys of the school carried the service flag, threw their own coin into it, and other boys helped to collect money enroute, all of which, amounting to \$9.81, was sent to New York to the "War Children's Relief Fund;" and last but not least the school and teachers, including a few boys and girls recently in attendance at the Academy, pledged to the "United War Work Campaign," (November 11-18) the sum of \$246.50. Of this sum \$195.00 was pledged by present members of the school, and though we have until March 1 in which to pay the pledges, already 23 "Victory Boys" and 23 "Victory Girls" have paid their total pledge. Four boys and six girls have paid the first installment.

In the matter of the United War Work Campaign the Academy is again a 100 per cent. school, every member giving something from \$20.00 to fifty cents each. The principal received a letter November 16 from Mr. B. F. McArdle, Chairman of the Lowell district of "Victory Boys and Girls," saying that Westford Academy was the first school in the district to give 100 per cent.

The prize speaking contest took place in the Town Hall on April 12, 1918, with the following speakers: Mildred Precious, Julia Donnelly, Pamela Precious, Alice Wright, Eleanor Colburn, Ruth Sargent, Frances Wright and Carolyn Precious. The first prize of \$10.00 went to Carolyn Precious, the second of \$5.00 to Ruth Sargent, Stanley Smith received honorable mention. The judges were Rev. O. J. Fairfield, Littleton, Principal

E. W. D. Merrill of Chelmsford, and Miss Blanche A. Cheney of the Lowell Normal School.

On May 24, 1918, the Senior Class staged a Japanese play in the Town Hall entitled "The Revenge of Shari-Hot-Su" with the cast consisting of Bertram Sutherland, Sylva Gladu, Frances Wright, Rachel Kimball, and Eleanor Colburn. This play was under the efficient direction of Mrs. H. W. Hildreth and was a success both artistically and financially. The net proceeds were \$71.78.

The principal and his assistants believe in giving the school the advantage of outside means of education and culture when opportunity of time and place allow. Such an opportunity was offered on April 24 when the famous photo-drama, "Les Miserables" was given in the Lowell Opera House. Chaperoned by Mrs. Hildreth and Miss Denfeld, fourteen boys and twelve girls attended the matinee of this great photo-play.

June 13, the class of 1918, accompanied by Mrs. Hildreth, took an automobile excursion to Marblehead, spending the day in an enjoyable and profitable sight-seeing tour. On December 13 teachers and pupils all attended the afternoon session of the Institute conducted by the Middlesex North Agricultural Society and held in the Town Hall. Earlier in the year the principal accompanied by some boys attended a supper and entertainment given at the Lowell Y. M. C. A. for all boys who had pledged ten dollars to the "Red Triangle Fund." The feature of this occasion was a chalk-talk by Sergt. William Rineo of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, who described his experiences of a year and a half at the front in France.

The Domestic Science Course which was introduced into the Academy in September, 1918, is proving very popular and useful. The Trustees and Town have both contributed to the equipment, and for a small school we think we have reason to congratulate ourselves on what is being accomplished. Our thanks are due to the interest and help given by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Abbot in this enterprise.

Miss Alice C. Judge, the director, comes every Thursday for the day and is doing excellent work with the class. Ten

girls of the seventh and eighth grades of the Frost School are instructed by Miss Judge as well as the Academy girls. Of the latter, all except three take the course, arrangements being made as far as possible for an hour and a half of time for each girl. Lunch is served to the school at cost and the receipts between October 31 and December 12 amounted to \$18.22. The girls have on certain days served lunch of their own planning when Miss Judge was not here, and it is hoped to make the hot lunch at noon more and more a feature of the class work. The electric range makes the cooking process clean and easy, and the girls apparently enjoy working with it. As cleanliness is one of the first essentials of a well-appointed kitchen, we like to record that the school building is now thoroughly screened and the fly nuisance a thing of the past.

The principal was entirely in favor of having the Domestic Science Course introduced and glad to see it in operation. He also wishes to go on record as favoring Manual Training for the boys, and hopes to see the day when a well-equipped building for this purpose, under a competent instructor shall accommodate both Academy and Frost School boys.

Besides instruction in Domestic Science and Manual Training, the principal would like to see in the Westford schools a trained supervisor of agriculture, the same as we employ a supervisor of music and drawing. It is unlikely that the town would feel that it could afford to employ such a man alone, but we believe that if several rural towns would combine they would do their boys and girls a most valuable service and reap large dividends in the future. It is no use to teach land culture from books alone in the school room. It must be taught out of doors by actual practice as well as by theory. School gardens and home gardens are good, but further recognition of the importance of agriculture is necessary to win the best effort and interest of boys.

The two Senior girls recommended for membership in the Tadmuck Club for this year were Ruth Sargent and Ethel Collins. This is the third time the membership privilege has been granted to young ladies of the Senior Class.

The program of the June graduation exercises is printed elsewhere in the Town Report, and we shall not take any space for special comment except to refer to the admirable address given on that occasion by Mr. Frank W. Wright, Deputy Commissioner of Education of the State of Massachusetts. Mr. Wright has unusual gifts as a public speaker and gave a message peculiarly adapted to the time and circumstance.

When the Academy opened September 3, 1918, we had an enrollment of 30 boys and 32 girls; this was later increased to 32 boys and 35 girls, the largest number in attendance at any time for some years. The enrollment to date which bids fair to be permanent for the year is 29 boys and 33 girls. The Freshman class had 15 boys and 13 girls upon their entrance; their number is now 14 boys and 12 girls. Miss Helena Denfeld resigned as teacher of the Commercial department, and has a position in the High School of New Britain, Conn. Miss Libby Cohen was elected to fill the vacancy and we take pleasure in commending her interest and enthusiasm. Besides her success in the class room, Miss Cohen is interesting herself in athletics for the girls and has organized basket ball teams which play once a week or oftener as time permits.

Like many other schools the Academy was forced to close for an extended period soon after the fall opening. On September 25, by order of the authorities, all schools were closed and did not open again until October 21. This forced vacation so soon after the beginning of school, interrupted seriously the progress of things, and to help make up for the lost time and work, it was decided to prolong the school day. So on October 28 we began on a schedule one hour longer, extending the afternoon session from 1.40 to 2.40 o'clock. We lengthened the recitations to 45 minutes, thus distributing the extra hour throughout the seven periods of the day. By keeping to this program the whole time lost will be made up in nineteen weeks, so we shall resume the old schedule sometime in the spring term.

In closing we present the scheme adopted this year for awarding the prize money granted by the Trustees. It will be noticed that we do not include "prize speaking" in the list.

The teachers were unanimous in the opinion, that, in view of the lengthened school day continuing for so many weeks, it was impossible to devote proper time and energy in training speakers for such an event. We believe the plan agreed upon will incite general interest and competition.

PRIZES, 1918-1919.

ESSAYS.

1. A prize of \$5.00 to that member of the Senior or Junior class who shall, in the opinion of three impartial judges, make the best water-color map of any period of American History, together with a short essay descriptive of the same. A second prize of \$2.50 will be given in this contest.

2. A prize of \$5.00 to that member of the Sophomore or Freshman class who shall, in the opinion of three impartial judges, make the best water-color map of any one period of American History, together with a short essay descriptive of the same. A second prize of \$2.50 will be given in this contest.

3. The maps and essays are due May 1, 1919.

TYPEWRITING.

1. A prize of \$5.00 to the Senior or Junior who shall, in a speed test conducted by the teacher, write for a specified length of time the greatest number of net words per minute. A second prize of \$2.50 will be given in this test.

2. A prize of \$2.50 to that member of the beginners' typewriting class who shall, in a speed test conducted by the teacher, write for a specified length of time the greatest number of net words per minute.

3. The typewriting test will take place the first week in June, 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. ROUDENBUSH,

Principal Westford Academy.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. Frank H. Hill,
Superintendent of Schools,
Westford, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir :

The annual report of the music department of the schools of Westford is as follows :

At the end of the year's work I can report good progress not alone in the ability to sing songs and exercises at sight, but in the general understanding and appreciation of what is worth while in music.

For years the schools have been doing their bit in the interest of music, much more than most people have any idea of. Now the whole country is singing. Why? Because word came back across the miles of ocean that the boys "over there" needed music, that the American army must be a singing army. Music has done more for the morale and uplift of the army than any other one thing. In fact, General Pershing names music as one of the essentials. Community singing has therefore spread, the good old songs are being revived, old and young are singing. The children are learning the songs their fathers and mothers were brought up on and in turn, I trust, are teaching the people at home the best of the patriotic songs that we are teaching in school. It must be through the schools that patriotism is taught and it is a sorry joke indeed when a foreigner remarked that he knew a certain person must be an American because he did not know the words of "The Star Spangled Banner."

How to listen to music is a line we are following as far as time permits. The mere ability to read music no more insures a real love of good music than the ability to read over language insures a love of English literature. Enjoyment of music is much greater when one is able to recognize the different voices and the different instruments in the orchestra and band. To

hear the different themes and be able to trace them through the masterpieces of music is something we can learn to do in school, thanks to our Victrolas. We are making a beginning along this line.

Thanks are due the teachers for their faithful work and the superintendent for his co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. RAYNES.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools, Westford.

The time given to drawing during the last year has been devoted largely to the making of posters. We have found this work intensely interesting to the children and through it we have tried to lead them into a better appreciation of beautiful line, good spacing and fine color. We have tried to impress upon them that a simple poster well made is preferable to a showy one poorly made. We hope in this way to give them an ideal which shall add to their character some of that quality of quiet efficiency which is the backbone of our national life.

I wish to thank the teachers for their hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNICE E. STAPLES.

REPORT OF THE COOKING TEACHER.

To the Superintendent of Schools :

Sir:—It will be impossible for me to report much progress in the work of the classes in cooking, because the course is new, having been installed at the beginning of the term, and the time consumed in fitting up the class room with the necessary equipment retarded the work quite materially. In addition to that is the loss of time due to the closing of the schools during the period when influenza was epidemic in this section, so that actual work with the classes has not yet been carried far enough to obtain substantial results.

A brief outline of the plan for the work already accomplished and that to be taught during the next term is, for Grades VII and VIII, abbreviation and measurements, measurements of dry materials, abbreviations, table of measurements, what is meant by food and water in their relation to the human system, ways of cooking, dish washing, beverages, composition of foods. For the High School pupils in addition to the subjects mentioned above there is experience in practical cooking in connection with a lunch counter maintained for the benefit of all the pupils of the High School. This affords opportunity for individual work and instruction where otherwise the pupils would be obliged to work in groups. It also furnishes an outlet for the product of the classes, and as a nominal price is charged for the lunches, the income goes far toward defraying the expense of the counter.

I feel that the benefit derived is twofold: First, the knowledge that the girls have that their work is to be of practical value to someone, and the fact that its quality will be commented upon by their fellow pupils and teachers furnishes a spur to higher effort, and second, the light warm lunch cannot be other than acceptable and beneficial to all who avail themselves of it.

The girls who finish the course in Domestic Science will have a thorough knowledge of plain cooking, costs, and ordinary methods of home managements.

Respectfully submitted,
ALICE C. JUDGE, Cooking Teacher.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE.

Ayer, Mass., Dec. 28, 1918.

Mr. Frank Hill,
 Superintendent of Schools,
 Westford, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hill:

It gives me pleasure to submit the following report of the health work done in the Westford schools during the past year.

The teachers have co-operated in supplementing the hygiene instruction given by the nurse and in reporting cases that to them seemed to require further investigation.

Instruction has been given in all grades in personal hygiene including the care of the teeth, heads and hands and special emphasis laid on means of preventing the communication of diseases.

Special classes were conducted in the Cameron and Sargent Schools for the older girls in "Hygiene in the Home" as well as "Personal Hygiene" and subjects of Sources and Modes of Infection, Ventilation, Proper Clothing and Food, etc., were discussed very freely at these classes as were also "Care of Young Children" and "First Aid."

We were unfortunate in having two invasions of contagious diseases which necessitated closing the schools. This, however, gave an opportunity for many home visits where personal talks with the mothers usually resulted in gaining medical attention or the improvement of some physical defect for some member of the family.

During the year the following work was done:

School Visits	275
Children Inspected	974
Instructive Home Visits	159
School Hygiene Talks	129
Personal Hygiene Talks	1,142

Several children were excluded by the school physician for infectious diseases.

First Aid outfits were provided by the School Board for the Frost and Sargent Schools and by a friend for the Cameron School.

United States Public Health Service cards for physical records were adopted thus aiding in establishing a universal system of school health records in the United States.

In addition several children were taken to hospitals for the removal of tonsils and adenoids and to dentists for attention to teeth.

We feel confident that as soon as the physical examinations, which are now in progress, are completed and the recommendations are made that many more parents will be willing to secure for their children the medical attention necessary in order that they may enjoy health and increased efficiency.

It is hoped that the health already started in Westford may be carried on and increased.

Respectfully,

EVA E. CROCKETT, R. N.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Gentlemen of the Committee:

On my various visits to the different schools, I find still a chance for the parents of the children to be a little more careful about sending their children to school with infectious or contagious diseases, particularly skin difficulties, as I have had to send home children from all the schools with various skin diseases which will not permit of their attendance in school.

There has been a ready response to the notices sent home in regards having medical attention to enlarged tonsils, glasses and adenoids, etc.

I would like to say that the work done by Miss Crockett, the public health nurse, has been of great advantage both to the school and myself, in her work with the children and her follow-up work at home, particularly during the great run of the epidemic of influenza, when all the doctors were exceedingly busy.

I trust that Westford will never see the time when we will be without the services of a public health nurse and I hope that there will be some provision made so that Westford will be able to retain such an essential nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. C. A. BLANEY,

School Physician.

TEACHERS IN SERVICE JANUARY, 1919.

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	EDUCATED	HOME ADDRESS
Academy	IX—XII	*William C. Roudenbush . Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth . Miss Libby J. Cohen . . .	Williams College . . . Mt. Holyoke College . .	Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Dorchester, Mass.
Wm. E. Frost	VII—VIII V—VI III—IV I—II	*(Mrs.) Martha Grant Whiting Mattie A. Crocker Grace E. Ranney Edith A. Wright	Gloucester Training Bridgewater Normal Framingham Normal Hyannis Normal	Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Wayland, Mass. Westford, Mass.
Cameron	VII—VIII V—VI III—IV I—II	*(Mrs.) Letitia V. W. O'Clair Mary A. Garvey Mildred Clevette Evelyn Kimball	Lowell Normal Lowell Normal Framingham Normal Westford Academy . . .	Ayer, Mass. No. Chelmsford, Mass. Lowell, Mass. Littleton, Mass.
Sargent	VI—VII IV—V II—III I	*Issie A. Parker Lillian G. Wright Beatrice Hosmer Veronica McNiff Dorothy Burdick	Lowell Normal Lowell Normal Fitchburg Normal Lowell Normal School of Music	Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Westford, Mass. Littleton, Mass. Lowell, Mass.
Parkerville Supervisor of Music . . . Supervisor of Drawing . .		Mary B. Raynes Bernice E. Staples	Lowell Normal, '04, Mass. Normal Art, '10 Concord High	Lowell, Mass. Lowell, Mass.
Supervisor of Cooking . .		Alice C. Judge		Ayer, Mass. Concord, Mass.

*Principals

REGISTRATION OF MINORS.

(Ages as of April 1, 1918.)

	Males	Females	Total
Persons 5 to 7 years of age.....	29	49	78
Persons 7 to 14 years of age.....	206	184	390
Persons 14 to 16 years of age	55	48	103
Illiterate minors 16 to 21 years of age.....	8	10	18
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	298	291	589

MEMBERSHIP IN PUBLIC DAY SCHOOLS.

By Grades, April 1, 1918.

Grade 1	89	Academy:			
“ 2	61		Boys	Girls	Total
“ 3	66	First Year...	10	12	22
“ 4	50	Second Year.	5	8	13
“ 5	62	Third Year..	3	3	6
“ 6	52	Fourth Year.	5	9	14
“ 7	30		—	—	—
“ 8	31	Total	23	32	55
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Total	441	Total All Schools			496

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF WESTFORD ACADEMY
AT THE TOWN HALL, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1918.

PROGRAM.

March with Overture

TITANIA ORCHESTRA.

Invocation

REV. L. H. BUCKSHORN.

Salutatory

RACHEL ELSIE KIMBALL.

Class History

BERTRAM WILLIAM SUTHERLAND.

Chorus by School:

(a) "Daybreak"

G. F. Wilson

(b) "Almond Blossom"

Pestatozza

Class Will

FRANCES ELIZABETH WRIGHT.

The Class Colors

ELEANOR STEARNS COLBURN.

Class Prophecy

FREDERICK ALEXANDER AMESBURY.

Presentation of Service Flag and Honor Roll

SYLVA FORREST GLADU.

Acceptance of Service Flag

RUTH MERLE SARGENT, Class of 1919.

Chorus—"Keep the Home Fires Burning"

SCHOOL AND AUDIENCE.

Presentation of Gift for the Junior Red Cross

SYLVA FORREST GLADU.

Acceptance of Gift

RUTH MERLE SARGENT, Class of 1919.

Address

FRANK W. WRIGHT,
Deputy Commissioner of Education,
State of Massachusetts.

Girls' Chorus—Folk Songs:

- (a) "The Meeting of the Waters"—Irish
- (b) "Lullaby"—Hungarian
- (c) "Loch Lomond"—Scotch

Essay with Valedictory

"The Red Triangle" (Prize Essay)
CAROLYN EDITH PRECIOUS.

Presentation of Prizes and Diplomas

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS, F. H. HILL.

Star Spangled Banner

SCHOOL AND AUDIENCE.

Class Motto—Ever Onward.

Class Colors—Garnet and Gold.

Class Flower—American Beauty Rose.

GRADUATES.

FREDERICK ALEXANDER AMESBURY,
 *ELEANOR STEARNS COLBURN,
 SYLVA FORREST GLADU,
 CHARLES LEO HEALY,
 *RACHEL ELSIE KIMBALL,
 ANNA SOFIA LUNDGREN,
 SOPHIA LOUISE NAWROCKA,
 SARAH MARGARET O'BRIEN,
 IDA MILDRED PARROTT,
 CLAIRE BEATRICE PAYNE,
 *CAROLYN EDITH PRECIOUS,
 ROBERT JAMES SPINNER,
 BERTRAM WILLIAM SUTHERLAND,
 *FRANCES ELIZABETH WRIGHT.

 WINNERS OF PRIZES GIVEN BY THE ACADEMY TRUSTEES.
Public Speaking.

First Prize—Carolyn Edith Precious, '18—Ten Dollars.
 Second Prize—Ruth Merle Sargent, '19—Five Dollars.
 Honorable Mention—Stanley Smith, '21.

Essay.

Upper School (Third and Fourth Year)

Prize—Carolyn Edith Precious, '18—Five Dollars.
 Honorable Mention—Frances Elizabeth Wright, '18.

Lower School (First and Second Year)

Prize—Francis Daley, '21—Two and One-Half Dollars.

Stenography.

Prize—Anna Sofia Lundgren, '18—Two and One-Half Dollars.

*Note—Names Starred are Graduates in the Academic Course. Others in the English-Business Course.

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1917—1918

SCHOOL	GRADES	No. Different Pupils Enrolled	Number Enrolled Exclusive of Supplementary List	Average Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Aggregate Attendance	Number between 5 and 7		Number between 7 and 14		Number over 16		Number between 14 and 16	
							Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Academy Wm. E. Frost	IX—XII	61	61	56.00	52.00	9,533.00	—	3	3	10	15	13	17	
	I—II	53	51	38.80	33.05	5,718.00	8	14	16	13	—	—	—	
	III—IV	36	33	30.20	25.87	4,476.50	—	—	15	18	—	—	—	
	V—VI	41	37	34.40	29.14	5,041.50	—	—	20	16	—	—	1	
	VII—VIII	36	34	27.60	26.00	4,601.00	—	—	18	12	—	1	2	
	I	39	39	39.23	34.69	5,653.50	10	10	16	3	—	—	—	
Cameron	II—III	49	46	47.38	43.47	6,058.50	—	—	17	27	—	—	2	
	IV—V	50	49	46.11	41.04	6,823.00	—	—	20	25	—	—	1	
	VI—VII—VIII	33	32	29.02	26.65	4,332.50	—	—	11	9	—	—	5	
	I	30	25	21.64	18.39	3,173.00	6	10	4	5	—	—	7	
	II—III	58	52	49.60	44.80	8,020.00	—	4	32	16	—	—	—	
Sargent	IV—V	35	31	29.26	27.88	4,615.00	—	—	10	19	—	—	2	
	VI—VII—VIII	34	34	30.80	27.88	4,936.50	—	—	10	18	—	—	4	
	I—VIII	21	20	18.00	16.43	2,941.50	1	1	9	7	—	—	1	
Parkerville		576	544	498.04	445.46	75,923.5	25	39	201	191	10	17	29	32

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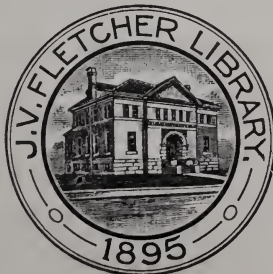
J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918



LOWELL, MASS.

COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS

1919

Library Report.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit their annual report for 1918, together with the report of the Librarian.

We regret that the long continued illness of our Librarian, Miss Mary P. Bunce, prevents her from resuming her duties at the Library at present. During her absence the work has been very ably carried on by Miss May E. Day.

With the exception of interruptions caused by the shortage of fuel and the epidemic the work of the Library has been carried on much as usual.

The building has been used for the meetings of the organizations for war work as in previous years. Owing to the increased cost of everything more money is needed for general expenses in order that the present efficiency of the Library may not be lessened, therefore, the Trustees ask for the following appropriations, viz.:

1. The sum of thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300) to meet current expenses.
2. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1918.

JULIAN A. CAMERON, Chairman,
JOHN P. WRIGHT, Secretary,
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
From Dog Licenses.....	390.84	
		\$1,390.84

EXPENDITURES.

Mary P. Bunce, Librarian.....	\$ 249.96	
May E. Day, Acting Librarian.....	309.94	
Charles H. Pickering, Janitor.....	200.00	
Fuel	309.05	
Telephone	20.64	
Electric Lights	29.50	
Water Rates	28.00	
Supplies	22.34	
Labor	22.25	
Edward A. Hamlin, repairs.....	84.65	
S. L. Prentiss, heat regulator.....	65.00	
J. L. Douglas & Co., repairs.....	7.55	
C. H. Pickering, supplies.....	5.00	
S. H. Balch, express.....	1.50	
H. S. Stiles, repairs.....	25.46	
Cleaning	10.00	
		\$1,390.84

AMOUNT OF FUNDS.

Legacy of Stephen S. Stone.....	\$1,000.00	
Legacy of Augustus K. Fletcher.....	1,000.00	
Legacy of Mary A. Henarie, Laws Fund.	1,000.00	
Legacy of John M. Osgood.....	1,000.00	
Legacy of Jennie Reed Wilkins.....	150.00	
		\$4,150.00

BOOK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1918.....	\$ 237.83
Stone Fund, income.....	42.50
Fletcher Fund, income.....	45.00
Laws Fund, income.....	45.00
Osgood Fund, income.....	45.00
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	\$ 415.33

EXPENDITURES.

Nelson Doubleday	\$ 8.80
Thomas Nelson & Son.....	10.00
H. R. Hunting Co.....	29.14
Old Corner Book Store.....	105.03
H. W. Wilson Co.....	16.00
David Farquhar	54.05
F. J. Barnard & Co.....	20.16
S. E. Carrino Co.....	1.50
Library Bureau	5.59
Herman Goldberger	91.70
Geo. H. B. Turner.....	3.00
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	\$ 344.97

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1919.....	\$ 70.36
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Report of Librarian.

To the Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library :

The report of the Library for the year ending December 31, 1918, is herewith presented.

A number of causes has hindered the work of the library during the past year.

First should be mentioned the long, continued illness of Miss Bunce, the librarian, who has served the public so faithfully for many years. During her absence her many friends have often expressed their appreciation of her services.

Owing to the scarcity of fuel last winter the library was obliged to close entirely on Sundays and remain closed except one day a week for a short time. The library was reopened on Sundays in September from 12 to 12.30.

Again the work has been seriously interfered with by contagious diseases, especially this fall by the influenza. During this time the library was closed for nearly a month. In the spring the books to the villages and schools were restricted owing to the epidemic of measles.

Because of the above reasons and the continued war relief work a much smaller number of books has been read than for many years past.

We wish again to express our appreciation to Mr. Julian A. Cameron, who has given one hundred seven volumes, largely current fiction, during the past year. These have been welcomed by many readers.

An interesting gift has been presented to the library by Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher. It is a stone found on the land now owned by Mr. George H. Hartford and thought to be a boundary marker as it bears on its surface the inscription T. F. 1734. Timothy Fletcher once owned the land next to Mr. Hartford's.

The library hall has continued to be used several times a week by the Red Cross, American Fund for French Wounded and the Tadmuck Club.

The work begun the previous year to aid in the production and conservation of food by distributing various leaflets has been continued.

It was thought best to discontinue the picture exhibits for the past year.

In spite of the interference with the library routine the number of magazines loaned fell off much less than in the case of the books, over two thousand copies being circulated, nearly as many as in the previous year. All except current numbers may be borrowed and the list at present is as follows:

WEEKLIES.

Independent	Scientific American
Leslie's Weekly	Westford Wardsman
Littell's Living Age	Youth's Companion
Saturday Evening Post	

MONTHLIES.

A. L. A. Booklist	Needlecraft
American	Normal Instructor
Annals	North American Review
Atlantic Monthly	Outing
Book Review Digest	Pictorial Review
Boy's Life	Popular Mechanics
Century	Popular Science Monthly
Delineator	Public Libraries
Forecast	Readers' Guide
Garden Magazine	Review of Reviews
Good Housekeeping	Saint Nicholas
Harper's Monthly	Scientific Monthly
House Beautiful	Scribner's
John Martin's Book Life	Today's Housewife
Little Folks	Travel
Munsey	Woman's Home Companion
Musical America	World Outlook
	World's Work

PERIODICALS GIVEN.

Carry On	From Miss Harriet M. Hodgman
Christian Register	From The Woman's Alliance
Congressional Record	From Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher
International Conciliation	From American Association of
Journal of Zoophily	From The Publishers
Ladies' Home Journal	From Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler
National Geographic	From Mrs. E. G. Smead, Los Angeles
Our Dumb Animals	From The Publishers
Outlook	From Mr. Charles O. Prescott
Scientific American Supplement	From Mr. Julian A. Cameron
Woman Citizen	From The Publishers

NAMES OF DONORS, 1918.

Balch, E. S., author, one volume.
 Buckshorn, Mr. Louis H., one volume.
 Cameron, Mr. Julian A., one hundred seven volumes.
 Carpenter, Miss Clyde, one curio.
 Dixon, Prof. W. M., many pamphlets.
 Falls, Mr. Alonzo B., one volume.
 Fletcher, Mr. Sherman H., one curio.
 Harris, David C., one curio.
 Kellogg, Charles F., one volume.
 Liberty Loan Flag for Westford.
 Moody Bible Institute, one volume.
 Payne, George H., author, one volume.
 Publishers, three volumes.
 Rowley, Charles H., one volume.

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation of bound volumes	9,126
Volumes lent at the Library	6,275
Volumes sent to Graniteville	1,056
Volumes sent to Forge Village	686
Volumes sent to Parkerville	1,109
Circulation in Children's Department	3,114
Volumes lent through the schools	802
Periodicals lent	2,007

ACCESSIONS.

Volumes added by purchase	124
Volumes added by gift	126
Volumes received from the state	11
Volumes received from the United States	5
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Total number of volumes added	266
Number of volumes in the Library	16,754

FINES.

Cash on hand from last year	\$ 4.32
Fines received	26.47
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	\$30.79
Paid for supplies	3.11
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Balance	\$27.68

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED, 1918.

BOOKS ABOUT THE WAR.

- Aitken, Sir Max—Canada in Flanders 940.9-A2
 Aldrich, Mildred—Peak of the Load 940.9-A4
 Azan, Paul—Warfare of Today 355-A1
 Bailey, W. F.—Slavs of the War Zone 940.9-B9
 Baldwin, Sergeant Harold—Holding the Line 940.9-B11
 Bang, J. P.—Hurrah and Hallelujah 940.9-B10
 Barry, William—World's Debate 940.9-B14
 Beaverbrook, Lord—Canada in Flanders 940.9-B7
 Bishop, Major William A.—Winged Warfare 940.9-B13
 Brittain, Harry E.—To Verdun from the Somme 940.9-B8
 Bryan, Julian H.—Ambulance 464 940.9-B15
 Bullard, Arthur—Diplomacy of the Great War 940.9-B12
 Cheradame, Andre—United States and Pangermania . . 940.9-C5
 Churchill, Winston—A Traveller in War Time 940.9-C4
 Clarke, George H., ed.—Treasury of War Poetry 821.08-C
 Curtin, D. Thomas—Land of Deepening Shadow 940.9-C3
 Davis, William S.—Roots of the War 940.9-D3
 Dawson, Coningsby—Glory of the Trenches 940.9-D2
 Gerard, James W.—Face to Face With Kaiserism 940.9-G3
 Graham, Stephen—Russia in 1916 914.7-G3
 Hankey, Donald—Student in Arms (Second Series) . . 940.9-H4
 Holman, Carrie E.—In the Day of Battle 821.08-H
 Holmes, Robert D.—A Yankee in the Trenches 940.9-H5
 Huard, Frances W.—My Home in the Field of Mercy . 940.9-H6
 Johnston, Robert M.—General Foch, an appreciation . . B-F652
 Koettgen, J., translator—A German Deserter's War
 Experience 940.9-K2
 Mokveld, L.—German Fury in Belgium 940.9-M6
 O'Brien, Pat—Outwitting the Hun 940.9-O2
 Out of Their Own Mouths 940.9-O1
 Peat, Harold R.—Private Peat 940.9-P6
 Personal Letters of an Ambulance Driver at the Front 940.9-P4
 Pinkerton, R. Douglass—Ladies from Hell 940.9-P5

- Root, Esther S. and Crocker, Marjorie—Over Periscope
 Pond 940.9-R2
 Ross, Edward A.—Russia in Upheaval 947-R
 Seeger, Alan—Letters and Diary, European War 940.9-S
 Willmore, J. Selden—Great Crime and Its Moral 940.9-W9
 Wilson, Woodrow—Why We are at War 940.9-W8
 Wounded and a Prisoner of War 940.9-W11

OTHER CLASSIFIED BOOKS.

- Atlantic Classics 814-A6
 Atwood, Albert W.—How to Get Ahead 174-H2
 Bangs, John K.—Half Hours With the Idiot 817-B5
 Batchelder, Roger—Watching and Waiting on the
 Border 973.9-B
 Bird, Charles S. Jr.—Town Planning for Small Com-
 munities 710-B
 Back, Hugh—New World 204-B2
 Blackwell, Alice S., ed.—Catherine Breshkovsky, the
 Little Grandmother of the Russian Revolution B-B842
 Brewer, John M.—Vocational Guidance Movement 174-B1
 Carroll, Robert S.—Mastery of Nervousness 612.8-Ĉ
 Cheney, Annie E.—Dreams of Hellas 811-C8
 Cole, Alfred and Whitman, C. F.—History of Buck-
 field, Maine 974.17-C
 Conwell, Russell H.—What You Can Do With Your
 Will Power 170-C1
 Cram, Ralph A.—Substance of Gothic 723.5-C1
 Cram, R. A. and Hastings, T. and Bragdon, C.—Six
 Lectures on Architecture 720.4-C
 Creevey, Caroline A. S.—Daughter of the Puritans B-C912
 DeBooy, Theodore and Faris, J. T.—The Virgin
 Islands 917.29-D3
 Dixon, Royal—Human Side of Plants 581.5-D
 Dixon, R. and Fitch, F. E.—Human Side of Trees 582-D1
 Earle, Alice M.—Old Time Gardens 710-E

- Fabre, J. Henri C.—Life of the Spider 595.7-F
 Fletcher, Stevenson W.—Strawberry in North America . 634-F3
 Foley, James W.—Boys and Girls 811-F12
 Foley, James W.—Voices of Spring 811-F13
 Fordyce, Claude P.—Touring Afoot 796-F
 Franc, Alissa—Use Your Government 353-F
 Frost, Robert—Mountain Interval 811-F11
 Gilbert, Arthur W.—Potato 635-G
 Glover, Ellye H.—Dame Curtsey's Book of Hints to
 Housewives 640-G
 Green, Lillian B.—Effective Small Home 747-G
 Greenough, Marietta—Better Meals for Less Money . . . 641-G2
 Hale, E. E., Jr.—Life and Letters of Edward Everett
 Hale B-H162.2
 Hankey, Donald—The Church and the Man 234-H
 Religion and Common Sense 234-H1
 Harris, Julia C.—Life and Letters of Joel Chandler
 Harris B-H314
 Hart, Albert B.—Actual Government 342.7-H
 Hawkes, Clarence—Hitting the Dark Trail B-H3925
 Hendrick, Ellwood—Everyman's Chemistry 540-H
 Hesler, L. R. and Whetzel, H. H.—Manual of Fruit
 Diseases 632-H
 Holmes, John—Letters to James R. Lowell and Others . B-H751
 Howe, Lucien—Universal Military Education and Ser-
 vice 355-H2
 Hudson, William H.—Far Away and Long Ago B-II8869
 Husband, Joseph—Story of the Pullman Car 656-II1
 Keeler, Harriet L.—Wayside Flowers of Summer 582-K3
 Keene, Sally—Eat to Live 643-K1
 Keitt, Thomas E.—Chemistry of Farm Practice 547-K
 Kuenzli, Frederick A.—Right and Duty 355-K
 Ladd, George T.—Secret of Personality 126-L
 Leake, Albert H.—Vocational Education of Girls and
 Women 370.1-L
 Livingstone, W. P.—Mary Slessor of Calabar B-S632
 Lloyd, John W.—Productive Vegetable Growing 635L

- Lowell Suburban Directory Ref.
- MacKay, Lucy G.—Housekeeper's Apple Book 641-M1
- Marden, Orison S.—How to Get What You Want 131-M
- Masefield, John—Poems 821-M8
- Matthews, Brander—These Many Years B-M438
- Maxwell, William—Salesmanship 658-M1
- Miller, Warren H.—Camping Out 796-M
- Montgomery, Edward G.—Productive Farm Crops 633-M
- Muir, John—Steep Trails 917.9-M3
- Muller, Robert E.—United States Navy 359-M2
- Owen, Margaret B.—Secret of Typewriting Speed 652-O
- Pancoast, Henry S.—English Prose and Verse 820.8-P
- Powell, Sophy H.—Children's Library 027-P
- Richardson, Charles F.—Choice of Books 028-R
- Roberts, Kate L.—Clubwoman's Handybook of Programs 396-R
- Rothschild, Alonzo—Honest Abe B-L737.24
- Sanford, Elias B.—History of the Reformation 270.6-S
- Sheaffer, William A.—Household Accounting and Economics 640-S
- Smart, Walter K.—How to Write Business Letters 658-S
- Snedden, David—Problems of Secondary Education 373-S1
- Stern, Elizabeth G.—My Mother and I B-S8388
- Stewart, Charles W.—The Stars and Stripes 929.9-S1
- Sunderland, Jabez T.—Rising Japan 327-S
- Tufts, James H.—Real Business of Living 321.8-T
- Ussher, Clarence D.—An American Physician in Turkey 915.6-U
- Wade, Mary L.—Book of Corn Cookery 641-W1
- Wald, Lillian D.—House on Henry Street 331.8-W
- Who's Who, 1917 Ref.
- Wilde, Percival—Unseen Host and Other War Plays 812-W
- Woodburn, James A.—American Republic and Its Government 342.7-W
- Zabriskie, Luther K.—Virgin Islands of the United States 917.29-Z

FICTION.

Allen, Emma S.—House of Gladness	A425.2
Andrews, Mary R. S.—Counsel Assigned	A568.4
Bartimeus (pseud.)—Long Trick	B288.2
Berger, Marcel and Maud—Secret of the Marne	B496.2
Bindloss, Harold—Girl from Keller's	B612.6
Bonner, Geraldine—Black Eagle Mystery	B716.3
Bottome, Phyllis—Derelict	B751.3
Brooks, Alden—The Fighting Men	B8728.2
Brown, Alice—Bromley Neighborhood	B877.15
Buchan, John—Salute to Adventurers	B918.4
Buck, Charles N.—When Bear Cat Went Dry	B922.2
Buckrose, J. E.—Gossip Shop	B926.5
Camp, Charles W.—The Abandoned Room	C186.2
Casey, Patrick and Terence—Wolf-cub	C338.2
Castle, Egerton and Agnes—Minniglen	C353.9
Clouston, J. Storer—Spy in Black	C647.3
Cody, C. Á.—Under Sealed Orders	C671.2
Copplestone, Bennett—Lost Naval Papers	C785.2
Couch, Arthur T. Quiller—Foe-Farrell	C854.5
Crockett, S. R.—Patsy	C938.13
Isle of the Winds	C938.14
Curwood, James O.—God's Country and the Woman ...	C982.3
Davis, Richard H.—The Lost Road	D264.16
Dawson, Conningsby W.—The Sub	D2713.4
Day, Holman F.—Where Your Treasure Is.....	D274.8
Dejeans, Elizabeth—The Tiger's Coat.....	D326.2
Dell, Ethel M.—Greatheart.....	D357.3
Dodge, Henry I.—Skinner's Baby.....	D644.2
Doyle, A. Conan—His Last Bow.....	D754.22
Dutton, Louise E.—The Wishing Moon.....	D981.2
Eaton, Walter P.—Idyll of Twin Fires.....	E145.3
England, George A.—The Gift Supreme.....	E581.4
Ewart, Captain—Grapes of Wrath.....	E944.2
Fisher, Dorothy C.—Understood Betsey.....	F534.5

Foote, John T.—Look of Eagles.....	F688.4
Ford, Sewall—Shorty McCabe Looks 'Em Over.....	F7115.2
Gibbs, George—The Secret Witness.....	443.3
Glass, Montague—Worrying Won't Win.....	G549.2
Gordon, C. W. (Ralph Connor)—The Major.....	G662.10
Grey, Zane—U. P. Trail.....	G845.6
Wildfire	G845.7
Hagedorn, Hermann—Barbara Picks a Husband.....	H141.2
Hanshaw, Thomas W.—Cleek's Government Cases.....	H249.2
Hay, Ian (pseud.)—A Safety Match.....	H412.4
Helen of Four Gates.....	X89.50
Hill, Marion—Toll of the Road.....	H647.2
Hodges, Arthur—Pincus Hood.....	H688.2
Hughes, Rupert—We Can't Have Everything	H894.6
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1920

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1919.

Town Clerk

Charles L. Hildreth.....Term expires February, 1921

Selectmen

Oscar R. Spalding, Chairman....Term expires February, 1920

Frank L. Furbush.....Term expires February, 1921

Sherman H. Fletcher, Secretary..Term expires February, 1922

Assessors

J. Willard Fletcher, Chairman...Term expires February, 1920

George H. Hartford, Secretary...Term expires February, 1921

James W. Rafter.....Term expires February, 1922

Overseers of the Poor

Wesley O. Hawkes, Chairman....Term expires February, 1920

Fred R. Blodgett, Secretary.....Term expires February, 1921

Samuel H. Balch.....Term expires February, 1922

Treasurer

Harwood L. Wright

Collector of Taxes

Leonard W. Wheeler

Auditor

Frederick Smith

Constable

Charles S. Ripley

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber

Samuel H. Balch	J. Austin Healy
Willard H. Beebe	John A. Healy
*David Desmond	William W. Johnson
Frank L. Furbush	Joseph E. Knight
Frank L. Haley	Frank J. Shea
Isaac L. Hall	Oscar R. Spalding
P. Henry Harrington	Alonzo H. Sutherland
	Eldon A. Turner

*Failed to Qualify

Scaler of Weights and Measures

Albert A. Hildreth

Inspector of Animals

Charles A. Blodgett

Inspectors of Meat

Samuel H. Balch

Emory J. Whitney

Police Officers

Samuel H. Balch	Charles H. Pickering
Isaac L. Hall	John Spinner
Albert A. Hildreth	Alonzo H. Sutherland
Axel G. Lundberg	Leonard W. Wheeler
John O'Brien	Wiley M. Wright

Forest Warden

Harry L. Nesmith

Deputies Appointed by the Warden

Charles A. Blodgett	Fred L. McCoy
Fred R. Blodgett	John O'Brien
David Desmond	Ebenezer Prescott
Charles Edwards	Robert Prescott
Edwin H. Gould	Charles S. Ripley
	William E. Wright

*Superintendent for the Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail
Moths*

Harry L. Nesmith

Engineers of the Fire Department

Edward M. Abbot, Chief **Albert R. Choate
John Edwards, Clerk Frank L. Furbush
**Deceased
Alonzo H. Sutherland, Assistant Chief

Weighers of Coal.

Etta W. Fletcher Sherman H. Fletcher
J. Willard Fletcher Ella F. Pyne
Harwood L. Wright

Public Weighers

J. Clarence Burns J. Austin Healy
Frank L. Furbush John A. Healy
Rudolph Haberman Charles H. Pickering
Edward T. Hanley Frederic A. Snow
*Arthur L. Healy William R. Taylor
*Fred A. Healy Emory J. Whitney
Frank Willey

*Failed to Qualify

Superintendent of Streets

Alexander McDonald

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors

Herbert V. Hildreth

Agents of Board of Health

Samuel H. Balch Albert A. Hildreth
Eva M. Lord, Public Health Nurse

Registrars of Voters

Robert J. McCarthy.....Term expires March 31, 1920
Alfred W. Tuttle.....Term expires March 31, 1921
Alfred W. Hartford.....Term expires March 31, 1922
Charles L. Hildreth, Clerk Ex-officio ,

Town Counsel

Edward Fisher

Precinct Officers

PRECINCT 1.—Warden, Alonzo H. Sutherland; Deputy Warden, Leonard W. Wheeler; Clerk, John M. Fletcher; Deputy Clerk, John Feeney, Jr.; Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson, William O. McDonald; Deputy Inspectors, Albert A. Hildreth, John Feeney.

PRECINCT 2.—Warden, Albert R. Wall; Deputy Warden, Frank L. Haley; Clerk, Alfred T. W. Prinn; Deputy Clerk, Arthur L. Charlton; Inspectors, Hammett D. Wright, Joseph Wall; Deputy Inspectors, Charles A. Blodgett, John A. Healy.

PRECINCT 3.—Warden, Fred Shugrue; Deputy Warden, William J. Donnelly; Clerk, Charles S. Edwards; Deputy Clerk, Houghton G. Osgood; Inspectors, Walter A. Whidden, Bernard J. Flynn; Deputy Inspectors, Swan G. Swanson, James H. O'Brien.

PRECINCT 4.—Warden, Arthur H. Comey; Deputy Warden, David Lord; Clerk, John Edwards; Deputy Clerk, Edward T. Hanley; Inspectors, John W. Spinner, Richard D. Prescott; Deputy Inspectors, Mathew Elliott, Edmund J. Hunt.

Superintendent of Westford Home
Charles S. Ripley

Keeper of Lockup
Charles S. Ripley

Town Fish and Game Warden
Joseph Wall

Janitor of Town House
Samuel H. Balch

Janitor of Library Building
Charles H. Pickering

Workmen's Compensation Agent
Samuel H. Balch

*Director for Demonstration Work in Agriculture and
Home Economics*
W. Otis Day

Appraisers of Property at Town Farm
George H. Burke
Robert Prescott
W. Otis Day

Committee in Charge of Whitney Playground
Herbert V. Hildreth
Charles L. Hildreth
Oscar R. Spalding

BIRTHS

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1919.

DATE	NAME	PARENTS
March 28	Bell, Robert Halden	Robert John and Jessie Agnes (Walkden)
Sept. 9	Bennett, Joseph Gilbert Belling	Joseph and Mary Ann (Vickers)
Feb. 2	Bilida, Samuel	Samuel and Paulin (Mincha)
March 10	Bilida, Stella	John and Pirski (Eszirski)
Sept. 27	Boisvert, Roland	Edward and Alice (Dumont)
March 14	Borodafka, Zenia	Micheal and Annie (Lapa)
March 26	Boucher, Isachar Wilfrid	Isachar and Mary E. (Ricard)
March 21	Boucher, Mary Claire	Eugene C. and Bertha (Milot)
July 28	Britsko, Luba	Lucas and Barbara (Wolkovich)
Oct. 29	Britsko, Sofie	John and Stefana (Harachka)
Nov. 21	Brouillard, Mary Rose Georgett	George and Eva (Milot)
Apr. 26	Brule, Joseph Philip Leo	Adelard J. and Mary (Cote)
Aug. 9	Cantin, Marie Rose Rita	Amedee and Marie L. (Biron)
Dec. 22	Carbouneau, Mary	Lougee and Mary A. (Gerneau)
Sept. 24	Cavanaugh, Leonard Wesley	Henry P. and Cecelia F. (Edwards)
June 29	Charlton, Mary Winifred	Arthur L. and Mary W. (Gardner)
May 18	Cicanci, Joseph	Antonio and Mary (Di Rubbo)
Aug. 16	Cincevich, Nicholas	Timothy and Alexandra (Wolkovich)
Aug. 21	Connolly, Timothy Francis	Timothy F. and Margaret (Summers)
Oct. 13	Darentuk	Vasil and Adola (Sohoweic)
May 19	Demontch, Mary	Julius and Antonia (Leeson)
Aug. 6	Detwiler, Albert Wilson	Wilson J. and Florence (Wilson)
Jan. 16	Di Rubbo, Angelo	Frank and Olymphina (Di Nuccia)
Dec. 19	Dubey, Frank Harold	Peter O. and Clara (Lavigne)
Sept. 18	Eaton, Dennis Ambrose	James A. and Catherine (Harrington)
Aug. 17	Flanagan, Charles	Charles and Della (Drake)
June 24	Fletcher, Lewis M.	Henry A. and Ida (Walkden)
Oct. 3	Forson, Robert	Anthony and Annie (Pracknack)
Aug. 7	Gaderie, Mary May Rose	Hildage and Malvina (St. George)
Dec. 13	Gower, William Roger	George E. and Elizabeth C. (McCarthy)
July 8	Grogorie, Flora Eva	Louis A. and Merelise (Blanchard)
Oct. 1	Haley, James Edward	Mathew S. and Edith (Darling)
Oct. 4	Haley, Violet Carmel	John A. and Rosie B. (Shugrue)
Nov. 14	Halko, Helena	Vasil and Dora (Hychanka)
June 4	Hall, Virginia Rose	Clifford E. and Annie E. (Perkins)
Feb. 9	Hamilton, Andrew Elzear	Andrew E. and Bella (Wright)
Oct. 22	Hanson, Lois Evelyn	Carl H. and Ester F. (Johnson)
March 2	Harrigan, James Edwin	Edwin C. and Rose O. H. (Dare)
May 20	Healy, John Austin 3rd	John A. and Mary E. (Quinn)
Oct. 27	Johnstone, Janet Stewart	Thomas and Annie (McKnight)
Aug. 7	Kelley, Veronica Gertrude	James and Margaret (Smith)
July 17	Kisliy, Claudia	Ilion and Alexandra (Silika)
Nov. 13	Kisley, Nadja	George and Fedora (Kravech)
June 17	Knowlton, Priscilla	Harlan E. and Julia E. (Spaulding)
Feb. 25	Kosteczko, John	Kostanty and Katierrin (Shivilki)
May 11	Kowalchuk, Peter	Ignaty and Parask (Britsko)
Oct. 13	Krasnecki,	Adam and Antonia (Kuklich)
March 2	Lamy, Joseph Philip	Henri and Leda (Milot)
Dec. 23	Lamy, Mary	Alexander and Dora (Melot)
March 28	Landry, Joseph Emile	Gelas and Beatrice (Landry)
May 12	Lebby, Joseph Rameo Archie	Paul and Olive (Gagniere)
Dec. 7	Lekowicz, John	John and Amelia (Belaska)
Dec. 5	Lemay, Mary Rose	Arthur and Adelina (Dupont)
Feb. 14	Lokovich, Kanstanty	James and Amelia (Labgnskr)
June 19	Lord, Robert Philip	Philip D. and Mary A. (Kelley)
July 17	Mauti, Celia	Louis and Philomena (Barretto)
Nov. 13	Milot, Marie Evitte	Ephrium and Albina (Deloraine)
April 30	Moreno, Leonard	Alexander and Seraphina (Di Palma)
April 8	O'Hara, Eleanor	James J. and Corine (LeClere)
Nov. 22	Oliver, James	Joseph and Rachel (Oliver)
April 9	Palmer, Rodger Alfarth	Mark A. and Wilhelmine (Alfarth)
Aug. 4	Peterson, Elsie Viola	Axel and Hilma (Peterson)
Nov. 28	Posnick, Naska	George and Katherine (Saley)
April 5	Posnick, Naster	Gregory and Stepka (Sinica)
July 18	Poupstick, Hannah	Vasil and Pereska (Bilidi)
March 3	Prinn, Mary Pearl	William T. and Drina E. (Gagnou)
Nov. 15	Reeves, Helen Marjory	Albert and Helen E. (Gagnou)
April 17	Richards, Adrene Delvina	Rudolph and Edith (Cote)
Jan. 7	Ricord, Mary Olivine	Maxime and Rosa (Brule)
July 25	Saboska, Amelia	Julius and Mary (Michovic)
Sept. 30	Saliki, Peter	Michael and Marcella (Stria)

BIRTHS—Continued.

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DATE	NAME	PARENTS
Oct. 25	Sawosik, Peter	Motwey and Vera (Darenchuk)
Oct. 11	Scanlon, Hubert Merrill	Hubert J. and Eva M. (Gagnon)
Oct. 7	Sedach, Stefan	Vasil and Katerin (Salalico)
May 26	Shackleton, Alice Ann	John W. and Ann N. (Holt)
Sept. 22	Sinclair, Chester	Martin and Sofie (Pifaska)
July 24	Smith, Robert Gardiner	Paul F. and Anna L. (Strandberg)
March 26	Smith, Ruth Jackson	Avery B. and Clara E. (Chappell)
Oct. 22	Sonick, Annie	Joseph and Agnes (Kostecko)
Feb. 24	Sosnofski, Josephin	Joseph and Annie (Takush)
Nov. 30	Spellman, Harvey Raymond	Harvey J. and Alice J. (Poitras)
Dec. 29	Talance, Larma	Macary and Spuada (Lapan)
Jan. 25	Tousignault, Marie Anga Florence	Joseph and Rose (Byron)
Feb. 28	Veno, Eva Doris	David and Lucy M. (Siscord)
April 5	Visnick, _____	Michael and Mary (Domoseta)
July 12	Warabai, Anastosie	Andrei and Axeina (Bellida)
June 7	Whitney, Ivan Vassar	Harry A. and Sadie A. (McMaster)
Aug. 17	Wilk, Josephine	Stanley and Joan (Litkiewicz)
Aug. 28	Woitowicz, Josephine Anna	Florian and Sofie (Masilbas)
Sept. 28	Worobey, Anna	Phillip and Anistasia (Babich)
Nov. 6	Wright, Charles Junior	Charles D. and Helen F. (Johnson)
Aug. 19	Zacharchuk, _____	Eustaf and Hustyna (Halko)
Nov. 15	Zauchi, Paul John	Domenico and Angela (Montagna)

Number recorded in 1919: Males 48; females, 48; total 96.

MARRIAGES

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1919

DATE	NAMES	Age	Residence	Birthplace
May 24	Britcko, George	32	Westford,	Russia
	Krivetz, Anna	23	"	"
April 28	Brouillard, George	27	Nashua, N. H.	Canada
	Cantara, Eva Marie (Milot)	26	Westford	"
Oct. 22	Buckingham, William Folland	26	"	Westford
	Carpentier, Isabel Emma	23	"	No. Chelmsford
Oct. 4	Cameron, Alexander Abbott	24	"	Westford
	Braley, Joanna Sedgwick	22	Concord	Concord
June 4	Carbo, Harry J.	27	Westford	Fairhaven, Vt.
	Payne, Claire B.	17	"	Westford
July 24	Courchaine, William Frederick	30	"	"
	Pyne, Eva Frances	31	"	"
June 28	Cram, Ellis Edward	22	Boston	Morrisville, Vt.
	Hayford, Alice Miranda	21	Westford	Johnson, Vt.
June 25	Fletcher, Walter Whidden	20	"	Westford
	Taylor, Grace Evelyn	18	Lowell	Draeut
June 11	Gilson, William W.	26	Westford	Westford
	Blanchard, Mattie E.	26	"	Lowell
Nov. 5	Guichard, Eugene Robert	24	"	Brookline, N. H.
	Tonan, Laura Margaret (Delorenzo)	30	"	Raritan, N. J.
May 17	Haraczko, James	30	"	Russia
	Terasewicz, Uliana	29	"	"
June 18	Hitchcock, Wade V.	28	"	Canada
	Hanning, Nettie C.	21	"	"
Sept. 15	Julien, Romeo	24	Conway, N. H.	"
	Cote, Bertha A.	20	Westford	"
June 25	Kirk, Charles Ray	25	Guilford, Me.	Monson, Me.
	Wilkinson, Annie Blanche	33	Westford	Lowell
Feb. 22	Kozek, Vasil	28	Lowell	Russia
	Halko, Tekla	22	Westford	"
Sept. 8	Lamy, Arthur	25	"	Canada
	Lamy, Clairina	21	"	"
Nov. 27	Langevin, Frank Alphonse	20	"	"
	Sevigny, Mary Salina	19	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
June 11	McDonald, Owen William	34	Westford	Westford
	Daley, Gladys Katherine	26	"	"
Sept. 12	Miller, Gerald Osgood	30	Springfield, Vt.	Greencastle, Ind.
	Kimball, Elizabeth	22	Westford	Littleton
March 19	Milot, Napoleon	55	"	Canada
	Ducharne, Velina (Ricard)	55	Natick, R. I.	"
June 14	Moutain, Albert Edward	18	Westford	Lowell
	Courehaine, Mary Avon	20	"	Pepperell
Sept. 1	Pelkey, Joseph	24	"	Suncook, N. H.
	Landry, Marion	17	"	Canada
Sept. 13	Pountney, James Edwin	25	Johnstown, Pa.	Johnstown, Pa.
	Hedman, Lillian Elizabeth	20	Westford	Fitchburg
June 19	Pyle, Oden Bowie, Jr.	25	Baltimore, Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland
	Fletcher, Hazel Mildred	21	Westford	Westford
Dec. 1	Sawyer, Lester Thorndike	21	Fitchburg	Athol
	Leahy, Alice Catherine	20	Westford	Ayer
Sept. 10	Spellman, Harvey James	23	Nashua, N. H.	Nashua, N. H.
	Poitras, Alice Josephine	19	Westford	"
July 5	Strong, Arthur Eleazer	28	"	Morrisville, Vt.
	Hayford, Marjorie Blanche	29	Boston	Johnson, Vt.
Aug. 20	Sullivan, Florence George	31	Westford	Westford
	Hale, Mabel (Lodge)	32	Manchester, N. H.	Missouri Valley, Iowa
June 17	Walker, Joseph George	27	Pittsfield	New York, N. Y.
	Macomber, Lillian Isabelle	22	Westford	Boston
June 14	Whitton, Frederick Harold	19	"	Charlestown, N. H.
	Mountain, Eva May	20	"	Westford
June 30	Whitton, Winfred Ernest	27	"	Manchester, Vt.
	McKinstry, Golda Alvaetta	21	"	Horicon, N. Y.
Sept. 13	Wolkovich, Gregoire	31	"	Russia
	Bilida, Julia	24	"	"
May 17	Vanderpool, John F.	29	Moberly, Missouri	Salisbury, Missouri
	Gardel, Sarah	37	Westford	Canada

DEATHS

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1919

DATE	NAMES, ETC.	AGE		
		Years	Months	Days
Dec. 10	Beaver, Thomas Arthur, son of Arthur and Marths (Roe)	3	1	2
May 24	Belland, Silema, widow of Lewis	76	—	—
Dec. 31	Bicknell, Ai, son of Ira and Martha (Dadman)	76	9	10
Feb. 18	Bilida, Samuel, son of Samuel and Pauline (Minko)	—	—	16
July 7	Buckshorn, Louis H., son of Henry	54	6	19
June 15	Campling, Edward, son of John W. and Mary (Whigham)	19	10	—
Sept. 1	Carr, Michael	70	—	—
Jan. 1	Carroll, Mary E., daughter of Michael	75	—	—
June 24	Choate, Albert Rockwood, son of Asa and Eliza (Chapman)	76	3	22
Aug. 20	Compton, Laura Stuart, wife of Earle B.	43	7	15
Oct. 9	Cooper, Wiley, son of Bruce	22	6	—
March 19	Cote, Leo J., son of Amedee and Mary (Milot)	18	1	12
May 23	Eliason, Catherine, wife of Lars	68	7	4
Aug. 3	Fletcher, Lewis M., son of Henry and Ida (Walkden)	—	1	10
April 30	Flynn, Ellen G., wife of John M.	71	10	11
July 31	Flynn, John, son of William	77	1	6
Jan. 22	Forson, Nellie, daughter of Anthony and Annie	—	6	4
Nov. 26	Greig, Ann, wife of John	79	4	15
Feb. 19	Hamlin, Edward A., son of Samuel and Abbie (Tower)	61	9	6
Aug. 10	Hartford, Grace May, wife of James	24	1	21
Dec. 14	Johnson, Myrtle Eleanor, daughter of Clas and Emma R. (Pearson)	1	2	8
Dec. 19	Leduc, Robert Edward, son of Ferdinand and Eugenee (Frechetto)	3	8	11
July 3	Levasseur, Yvonne, daughter of Onesime and Albertine (Gronidine)	6	2	21
July 11	Masebas, Jennie, daughter of Felix and Julia (Hephen)	4	3	15
Feb. 8	McGrogan, John Clifton, son of John J. and Julia (Hedman)	—	7	21
Oct. 18	McMurray, Ellen, daughter of George and Jennie (Morrison)	68	1	15
Feb. 15	Molloy, Catherine, wife of Michael	52	3	5
Aug. 19	Morin, Mary Louisa, widow of Joseph	69	9	1
June 28	Northrup, Adino P., son of John and Mary (Cox)	90	7	10
May 3	Pickup, Fannie, wife of Albert R.	26	3	24
April 5	Pivarotto, Albert, son of Ezzelma and Stella (Contesaa)	—	5	15
Feb. 20	Quinn, Mary A. Murphy, widow of Thomas V.	66	—	—
July 4	Russell, George Henry, son of Oliver and Lucinda (Frost)	86	4	25
July 17	Shattuck, Herbert F., son of David and Ada (Stanley)	33	11	22
Oct. 22	Splaine, Abbie F., daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth	48	3	18
Aug. 31	Stone, Elvira Maria, widow of Gilmer	78	10	—
Dec. 5	Toper, Sarah J., widow of Samuel	74	8	2
Jan. 7	Tousignant, Noella, daughter of Joseph and Rose (Byron)	1	—	13
June 2	Weatherbee, George E., son of Sylvester and Laura (Nutting)	61	7	14
March 28	Weaver, Hannah, wife of William	74	1	8
Dec. 27	Welch, William Hill, son of Richard and Ann (Confurth)	61	—	12
Feb. 23	Wyman, Anna May, daughter of William W. and Elizabeth (Billing)	14	9	27

	Males	Females	Total
Whole number recorded	22	22	44
Number of deaths in Town	18	19	37
Residents of Westford	20	21	41

Note

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record or by one or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 14.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

Attention is particularly called to the following extracts from the Revised Laws.

REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 29.

Extracts from Sections 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

SECTION 1. Each city and town clerk shall receive or obtain and record * * * facts, relative to the births * * * in his city or town.

SECTION 3 (as amended by Chapter 280, Acts of 1912). Physicians and midwives shall make and keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge and shall, within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a report of the birth. * * * If the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both the father and mother filed with the return. * * * The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for every birth so reported. * * * A physician or midwife who neglects to make and keep the record hereby required, or who neglects to report in the manner specified above, each birth within fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars. * * *

SECTION 4. A member or servant of a family in which a child is born, who has knowledge of the facts required * * * shall furnish the same upon request of the clerk of the city or town * * * or of any person authorized by him. Penalty for refusal not more than ten dollars.

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

Every householder is required to give notice of a birth occurring in his house.

SECTION 8. Penalty for neglect to comply with the provisions of Section 6, not more than five dollars for each offence.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,
Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED TO DECEMBER 1, 1919.

166 Males at \$2.00.....	\$332.00
19 Females at \$5.00.....	95.00
Total	\$427.00
Clerk's fees, 185 licenses at 20 cents.....	37.00

Paid into County Treasury, June 1 and Dec. 1, 1918.....	\$390.00
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Number of dogs returned by Assessors: Males, 145; females, 14; total, 159.

The attention of owners and keepers of dogs is called to the following sections of Chapter 102 of the Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1914, Chapter 198, Section 4.

SECTION 128. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before the thirty-first of March, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of April following, in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which said dog is kept. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its owner's name and its registered number.

SECTION 129. The owner or keeper of a dog may, at any time, have it licensed until the first day of April following; and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after the first day of April, which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog not duly licensed which becomes three months old after the thirty-first day of March in any year shall, when it is three months old, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as provided in the preceding section.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES
SINCE LAST REPORT.

Abbot, Edward M.	Donnelly, William J.
Abbot, Robert F.	Downing, A. E.
Ancil, John H.	Drew, Mrs. Sarah J.
Anderson, Andrew	Dubey, Frank
Anderson, William E.	Dubey, Joseph
Banister, Francis W.	Duquid, Alexander
Barretto, John	Dupee, Annie E. (f)
Belland, Joseph	Dureault, Annie
Bento, Jesse	Eastman, Asa B. M.
Bicknell, Charles H.	Elliott, James M.
Blaisdell, Alvin J.	Elliott, Matthew
Blaney, Dr. Cyril A. (3 f)	Emerson, Ernest C.
Blodgett, Della B.	Farnham, William R.
Blodgett, Charles A. and Fred R. (1 f and 1 m)	Feeney, John, Jr.
Bridgeford, Ralph	Flagg, Elbert H. (f)
Brown, John P. (f)	Flanagan, Charles H.
Burbeck, Fred A.	Fletcher, Austin D.
Burke, George H.	Fletcher, Harry N. (4)
Burnham, Arthur H.	Fletcher, Henry A. (3)
Butterworth, W. M.	Fletcher, J. Herbert (2)
Cadman, G. Henry	Fletcher, J. H. and J. M. (f)
Carkin, Warren E.	Fletcher, Walter W.
Carpentier, Joseph	Flynn, Ellen
Cavanaugh, Norman C.	Furbush, F. Russell
Colburn, Charles H.	Gorbunoff, Arcade
Comey, A. H.	Gould, Horace E.
Connell, Eugene R.	Goupil, Charles
Connell, Harold F.	Gower, George
Connell, John A.	Graves, William J.
Coulter, Samuel L.	Green, George E.
Couture, Charles E.	Greene, John R.
Defoe, Fred M.	Gregory, Frank
Degagnon, R.	Greig, David L.
	Griffin, Charles M.

- Guichard, Albert
 Hall, John H.
 Hanson, Hilma S.
 Hartford, Alfred W.
 Hartford, Ida F.
 Healy, John A., 2nd
 Heywood, Alice F.
 Hodgson, George F. (f)
 Hughes, Alfred
 Hunt, Edmund J.
 Hunt, William
 Ingalls, Harry M. (f)
 Irish, George F. (f)
 Jarvis, Everett P. (2)
 Johnson, Clas
 Johnson, Peter
 Jordon, Alfred E.
 Judd, Don (f)
 Kendall, H. M.
 Kimball, George A.
 Lakin, Alaton H.
 Lambert, Mrs. Alice
 Lanctot, Napoleon
 LeDuc, Gedeon
 Lorum, James
 Loveless, A. E.
 May, Thomas E.
 McCoy, Fred
 McDonald, Joseph J.
 McDonald, Owen William
 McGlinchey, M.
 McIntosh, John
 McMahan, Peter J.
 Meads, Dwight H.
 Merrick, John (f)
 Molloy, Michael (f)
 Moreno, Alexander
 Mountain, Albert
 Mountain, Ernest G.
 Murphy, Henry J. (2)
 Nelson, Oscar A.
 Nichols, Mrs. Ed. (f)
 O'Brien, Arthur J.
 O'Brien, James
 O'Brien, John W.
 Page, Nelson
 Palermo, Samuel
 Peterson, Axel
 Perkins, Edward A.
 Perkins, William
 Phillips, Norman A.
 Pitkin, William
 Polley, Amos B.
 Poitras, Charles
 Pyne, Eva F.
 Ripley, Charles S.
 Rivers, Miss Alice
 Russell, George O.
 Ryan, A. M.
 Sandberg, August G.
 Sargent, Edna M.
 Sargent, Mrs. Elizabeth
 Sargent, Mary H.
 Savage, James
 Scott, Everett
 Seifer, William F. (2)
 Sherman, David W.
 Shugrue, Rose
 Shupe, Perry
 Simpson, Hattie G.
 Simpson, John F.
 Smith, George
 Spinner, Mrs. Elizabeth
 Stalmonis, Jacob
 Stiles, Harry S.
 Sullivan, Margaret J.
 Sullivan, John A.
 Sullivan, Timothy
 Sunberg, John
 Swanson, Noah
 Sweetser, Everett N.
 Thompson, Michael
 Thompson, William E.
 Tuttle, Alfred W.

Velenges, James	Wilson, James D.
Walker, Mrs. Sarah	Woods, J. Everett
Wall, William L. (f)	Wright, Perley E.
Ward, Ernest C. (f)	Wright, Ruby W.
Wayne, William H.	Wright, Sidney W.
White, George F.	Wright, William
Whitney, Hamilton E.	Wyman, Walter W.
Whitney, Nathaniel R. (f)	Wyman, William (f)
Williams, William P.	

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 1919.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, February 10, 1919, the following business was transacted:

1. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen Moderator and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

2. T. Arthur E. Wilson and Joseph Wall appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk, and received from him the official ballots, and gave their receipts therefor. Alonzo H. Sutherland and John M. Fletcher appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk, and took charge of the ballot box and check list respectively.

The ballot box was opened and found to be empty; the register was placed at zero.

The polls were declared open at 8 o'clock A. M., and the voters proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2 of the Warrant, and the following question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

It was voted to close the polls at 1.10 P. M. The polls were closed at 1.10 P. M. The register stood at 77. The number of names checked upon the Ballot Clerk's list was: Males, 77; Females, 0; Total, 77.

The number of names checked on the Ballot Box List was: Males, 77; Females, 0; Total, 77.

The number of ballots cast was: Males, 77; Females, 0; Total, 77.

3. Voted to accept the report of the Finance Committee as printed.

4. Voted that the report of the Selectmen be accepted as printed.

5. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.

6. Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

7. Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

8. Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed.

Voted that the unexpended balance on hand, together with the receipts from dog licenses, be appropriated, and that an additional sum of \$1,300 be raised and appropriated for the support of the Public Library.

9. Voted to accept the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as printed. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150, as therein requested.

10. Voted to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

11. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one and one-fourth per cent. of the amount collected.

12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the repair of roads and bridges.

13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,000 for Town debts and charges, and \$3,000 for salaries of Town officers.

14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the support of the poor and for repairs on Town Farm buildings.

15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the support of the Public Schools, High School purposes, school text-books and supplies, salary of the Superintendent of Schools, repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses and medical inspection.

16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,100 for destruction of gypsy and brown-tail moths, and elm tree beetles.

17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$600 and appropriate the unexpended balance of last year to meet the expenses of the Fire Department and for the purchase of supplies.

18. Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to investigate the purchase of a motor driven chemical engine, and that said committee be continued, to report at a future meeting.

19. Voted that the unexpended balance raised and appropriated last year be appropriated to complete the Fire House in Westford Centre.

20. Voted that the Fire Engineers report at a subsequent meeting the cost of repairing the cottage house located on the premises at Westford Centre, purchased by the Town of Henry O. Keyes, by deed dated July 21, 1916, and as to the advisability of keeping or selling the same.

21. Voted that the Town rescind the vote passed at the Special Town Meeting held February 24, 1900, whereby it authorized the Overseers of the Poor to contract for the sale of the premises located on the northerly side of the Cold Spring Road conveyed to the Town by deed dated February 28, 1900, and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, book 316, page 535.

Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered to sell at public auction the premises located on the northerly side of the Cold Spring Road conveyed to the Town by deed dated February 28, 1900, and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, book 316, page 535, and to execute and acknowledge in the name and behalf of the Town a deed of release conveying all the right, title and interest of the Town therein, to the highest responsible bidder.

22. Voted that the matter of changing the name of the Town Farm be referred to the Overseers of the Poor with full power to act in the premises.

23. Voted that all bills against the Town be rendered monthly.

24. Voted that Oscar R Spalding, Edward M. Abbot, Mrs. Julian A. Cameron, Miss Alice Howard, Edward T. Hanley, Goldsmith H. Conant, P. Henry Harrington, Axel G. Lundberg and William R. Taylor be a committee to investigate as to the most suitable form of memorial and report at a later Town Meeting, and that a sum of \$300 be appropriated for the use of the committee in making the investigation.

25. Voted to raise and appropriate \$150 for the purchase of fire extinguishers to be placed with the Forest Wardens in the various parts of the Town.

26. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$50 as compensation for a Fish and Game Warden in the event one is appointed for the Town.

27. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1919 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

28. Voted that the Collector be instructed to collect all taxes according to law and that he be authorized to return, at the expense of the Town, a receipted tax bill when paid.

29. Voted that the unexpended balance of the amount voted at a Special Town Meeting held September 3, 1918, be appropriated and an additional sum of \$1,500 be appropriated, and that these sums may be expended by the Selectmen in meeting the expense of operation, fixed charges and repairs in operating the Branch Line, so called, of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company, and

Voted that the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, and the Finance Committee, acting jointly, be a committee to investigate and report relative to the advisability of the Town continuing to expend money for the operation of the Branch Line, so called, of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company, in order that the same may continue to be available for the transportation of the scholars to and from school and also for the general benefit of the community.

30. The following named were chosen by hand vote:

Finance Committee

William R. Taylor	Herbert V. Hildreth
Elbert H. Flagg	Julian A. Cameron
	Louis H. Buckshorn

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

Samuel H. Balch	J. Austin Healy
Willard H. Beebe	John A. Healy
David Desmond	William W. Johnson
Frank L. Furbush	Joseph E. Knight
Frank L. Haley	Frank J. Shea
Isaac L. Hall	Eldon A. Turner
P. Henry Harrington	Oscar R. Spalding
	Alonzo H. Sutherland

To fill vacancy in the Committee having charge of the Whitney Playground:

Charles L. Hildreth

31. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 to commemorate Memorial Day.

32. Voted to appropriate \$100 to distribute books from the Public Library in the villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Parkerville.

33. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$50 and that the Selectmen appoint a director for demonstration work in agricultural and home economics, the money to be expended

by and the director to serve in co-operation with the County Agricultural Trustees of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics under the provisions of Chapter 273, General Acts of 1918.

34. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$300 to be used for military purposes connected with the maintenance of Company L, 19th Infantry, Massachusetts State Guards, located in this Town.

35. Voted to raise and appropriate \$300, and appropriate \$300 additional; \$200 to be expended in each of the three villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Westford Centre, for the construction and grading of sidewalks.

36. Voted that the Town accept the legacy of \$150 given in trust under the will of Helen K. Frost for the perpetual care of the family lot in Fairview Cemetery, in which the body of her deceased husband, William Edwin Frost, lies buried, and that said sum be deposited in a savings bank and the income therefrom be expended as provided in said will.

37. Voted that the sum of \$1,500 be raised and appropriated and that the Selectmen be authorized to expend the same, if it is deemed advisable, for the employment of a public health nurse.

38. The votes having been counted the following were found and declared to be elected to their respective offices.

Selectman—Sherman H. Fletcher.

Assessor—James W. Rafter.

Overseer of the Poor—Samuel H. Balch.

Treasurer—Harwood L. Wright.

Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Auditor—Frederick Smith.

Constable—Charles S. Ripley.

School Committee—Frank L. Furbush, John P. Wright.

Trustee of the J. V. Fletcher Library—Charles O. Prescott.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—David L. Greig.

Tree Warden—Harry L. Nesmith.

License—Yes, 8; No, 62; Blanks, 7.

39. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

40. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, September 17, 1919.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, held at the Town House, Wednesday, September 17, 1919, the following business was transacted.

Owing to the absence of the Town Clerk, on duty with the Massachusetts State Guard at Boston, the meeting was called to order by Oscar R. Spaulding, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Sherman H. Fletcher was elected Moderator and was duly sworn in. Edward M. Abbot was chosen Town Clerk pro tempore by ballot, and was sworn in by William R. Taylor, Notary Public.

Oscar R. Spaulding made the following motion, "On account of the fact that many voters, members of Company H, 11th Infantry, Massachusetts State Guard, are doing guard duty in Boston because of the police strike, I move that this meeting adjourn to Wednesday, October 1st, at 8 o'clock P. M." It was voted unanimously that the meeting adjourn to Wednesday, October 1st, at 8 o'clock P. M.

**Adjourned Special Town Meeting,
October 1, 1919.**

On October 1, 1919 an adjourned meeting from September 17th. was held by the inhabitants of the Town of Westford qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, in the Town Hall. Called to order at 8.00 P. M. by the Moderator, Sherman H. Fletcher. Arthur E. Day was elected Town Clerk pro tempore and sworn by the Moderator.

Articles 2 to 6 of the Town Meeting called for the 17th of September were then taken up in order with the following action:

2. Voted that commencing with the next Annual Meeting, and in accordance with the law, the Town elect a Board of Health.

3. Voted that the Town appropriate an additional sum of five thousand dollars for the repair of roads and bridges.

4. Voted that the Town appropriate an additional sum of two thousand dollars for the support of the public schools and to meet the expense incurred in connection therewith.

5. Voted that the Town appropriate the additional sum of three hundred dollars to be expended by the Selectmen in connection with the employment of a public health nurse.

6. Voted that the report of the joint committee chosen to investigate and report relative to the advisability of the Town expending money for the continued operation of the Branch Line, so called, of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company be accepted. Voted that acting upon the report of this committee the Town does not deem it advisable to make any further appropriation for the resumption of operation of this line.

Minutes of the meeting were then read and accepted, and a vote passed to dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, December 3, 1919.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, held at the Town House, Wednesday, December 3, 1919, the following business was transacted.

1. Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen Moderator, and was sworn by the Town Clerk.

2. Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen at the last Annual Meeting to investigate and report as to the most suitable form of Memorial for those who served in the World War, as a report of progress.

3. Voted unanimously that \$1,500 be appropriated to celebrate the return of soldiers and sailors from the Town of Westford now or late in the service of the United States.

Voted that this celebration be under direction of the Board of Selectmen and such committees as they may appoint.

Voted that the Board of Selectmen be instructed to prepare a certificate and present one to each of those who served in the World War.

4. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

5. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

State Election, November 4, 1919.

Party designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic; P., Prohibition; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor; I., Independent; Pr., Progressive.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of ballots cast.....	157	103	43	77	380

GOVERNOR.

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton (R) ..	140	57	24	43	264
Charles B. Ernst of Worcester (P)	1	0	0	1	2
William A. King of Springfield (S)	0	0	3	0	3
Richard H. Long of Framingham (D) ..	13	45	14	32	104
Ingvar Paulsen of Boston (SL)	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks	2	1	2	1	6

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Charles J. Brandt of Brockton (S)	2	0	4	1	7
Channing H. Cox of Boston (R)	133	60	24	42	259
H. Edward Gordon of Boston (P)	1	0	0	4	5
John F. J. Herbert of Worcester (D) ..	17	37	9	27	90
Patrick Mulligan of Boston (SL)	1	1	2	0	4
Blanks	3	5	4	3	15

SECRETARY.

Harry W. Bowman of Boston (P)	3	1	0	2	6
James Hayes of Plymouth (SL)	2	0	1	1	4
Albert P. Langtry of Springfield (R) ..	129	63	25	42	259
Charles H. McGlue of Lynn (D)	15	26	8	23	72
Herbert H. Thompson of Haverhill (S)	1	3	4	1	9
Blanks	7	10	5	8	30

TREASURER.

Fred J. Burrell of Medford (R)	103	54	19	43	219
David Craig of Milford (SL)	2	2	1	1	6
Charles D. Fletcher of Somerville (P) . .	4	1	0	2	7
Louis Marcus of Boston (S)	1	1	3	1	6
Chandler M. Wood of Winchester (D) .	40	34	15	26	115
Blanks	7	11	5	4	27

AUDITOR.

Arthur J. B. Cartier of Fall River (D) .	18	28	9	20	75
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston (R)	128	57	23	43	251
Oscar Kinsalas of Springfield (SL) . . .	1	1	1	2	5
Walter P. J. Skahan of Springfield (S)	1	1	4	1	7
Henry J. D. Small of Boston (P)	1	0	0	2	3
Blanks	8	16	6	9	39

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

J. Weston Allen of Newton (R)	130	55	25	41	251
Morris I. Becker of Chelsea (SL)	2	0	1	2	5
Joseph A. Conry of Boston (D)	15	30	7	24	76
Conrad W. Crooker of Melrose (P, I, Pr.)	2	2	0	3	7
William R. Henry of Lynn (S)	1	3	4	0	8
Blanks	7	13	6	7	33

COUNCILLOR SIXTH DISTRICT.

James G. Harris of Medford (R)	131	72	28	49	280
Blanks	26	31	15	28	100

SENATOR EIGHTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Frank H. Putnam of Lowell (R)	125	52	25	32	234
John T. Sparks of Draeut (D)	26	44	13	43	126
Blanks	6	7	5	2	20

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Karl M. Perham of Chelmsford (D) . . .	38	44	15	32	129
James H. Wilkins of Carlisle (R)	112	49	23	35	219
Blanks	7	10	5	10	32

COUNTY COMMISSIONER MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Erson B. Barlow of Lowell (R)	129	66	27	42	264
Charles J. Barton of Melrose (D)	19	29	8	21	77
Blanks	9	8	8	14	39

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Frederic P. Barnes of Newton (R)	122	66	30	40	258
H. Harding Hale of Hudson (R)	76	39	19	32	166
Blanks	116	101	37	82	336

DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORTHERN DISTRICT.

William E. Russell of Cambridge (D) . .	17	35	10	26	88
Nathan A. Tufts of Waltham (R)	132	57	26	44	259
Blanks	8	11	7	7	33

“Shall the Rearrangement of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?”

Yes	61	37	14	26	138
No	17	10	11	5	43
Blanks	79	56	18	46	199

“Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and nineteen, entitled ‘An Act relative to the establishment and maintenance of continuation schools and courses of instruction for employed minors,’ be accepted?”

Yes	72	52	22	30	176
No	16	8	5	4	33
Blanks	69	43	16	43	171

“Shall Chapter 116, General Acts of 1919, approved by the General Court without division, which provides that deposits in savings banks and savings departments of trust companies may be placed on interest once a month and not oftener; that dividends on such deposits may be declared semi-annually and not oftener, and that interest shall not be paid on any such deposits withdrawn between dividend days, be approved?”

Yes	74	46	15	28	163
No	20	13	12	10	55
Blanks	63	44	16	39	162

“Shall the Senator from this district be instructed to vote for legislation to regulate and license the manufacture and sale of beverages containing not over four per cent. of alcohol by weight and to define same to be non-intoxicating?”

Yes	67	50	22	52	191
No	52	24	13	12	101
Blanks	38	29	8	13	88

RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
FROM ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Karl M. Perham of Chelmsford (D)	Acton 69	Bedford 64	Carlisle 25	Chelmsford 422	Littleton 52	Tyngsboro 53	Westford 129	Total 812
James H. Wilkins of Carlisle (R)	296	178	69	451	151	114	219	1,478
Blanks	25	15	1	74	17	12	32	176
Total	390	257	95	947	220	179	380	2,468

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,
Town Clerk.

Selectmen's Report

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

Harwood L. Wright, salary.....	\$ 175.00
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TOWN CLERK.

Charles L. Hildreth, salary.....	\$ 25.00
Services attending to publication of 1918 Town Report	10.00
Making out Town Clerk's report.....	5.00
Oaths administered to Town Officers at 25c.	21.25
Taking 4 birth affidavits and making returns at 50c.....	2.00
Sending 3 birth returns and certified copies of death returns.....	1.50
Recording 91 births at 50c.....	45.50
Recording 32 marriages at 20c.....	6.40
Recording 68 deaths at 20c.....	13.60
Supplies	6.70
	<hr/> \$ 136.95

SELECTMEN.

Oscar R. Spalding, salary.....	\$ 150.00
Sherman H. Fletcher, salary.....	90.00
Frank L. Furbush, salary.....	75.00
	<hr/> \$ 315.00

CLERKS FOR SELECTMEN.

Charlotte P. Greig, salary.....	\$ 93.75
Harold W. Hildreth, salary.....	31.25
	<hr/> \$ 125.00

AUDITOR.

Edward T. Hanley, salary for 1918.....	\$ 35.00
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ASSESSORS.

J. Willard Fletcher, 35 days' work taking invoice and making taxes.....	\$ 140.00
George H. Hartford, 40 days' work taking invoice and making taxes.....	160.00
J. W. Rafter, 27 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work taking invoice and making taxes.....	109.00
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	\$ 409.00

TAX COLLECTOR.

L. W. Wheeler, collecting \$41,000 at 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.	\$ 563.13
American Surety Co., bond.....	45.00
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	\$ 608.13

CONSTABLE AND POLICE.

C. S. Ripley, services and expenses.....	\$ 236.64
John Spinner	7.00
Isaac L. Hall.....	26.80
A. H. Sutherland.....	7.80
F. L. Haley	8.00
John W. Mahan.....	48.84
Chas. H. Pickering.....	4.00
S. H. Balch.....	3.00
Peter Clements	4.00
P. J. Beatty.....	11.15
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	\$ 357.23

TOWN COUNSEL.

Edward Fisher, services.....	\$ 125.50
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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

W. O. Hawkes.....	\$ 53.25
Fred R. Blodgett.....	15.00
S. H. Balch.....	25.00
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	\$ 93.25

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Chas. L. Hildreth, clerk and attending 6 meetings	\$	20.00	
R. J. McCarthy, attending 12 meetings..		24.00	
A. W. Hartford, attending 10 meetings...		20.00	
A. W. Tuttle, attending 8 meetings.....		16.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 80.00

APPRAISERS AT TOWN FARM.

L. W. Wheeler, clerk.....	\$	3.00	
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PRECINCT OFFICERS.

Precinct One.

J. M. Fletcher, Feb. 1918, Teller.....	\$	2.50	
Sept. 1918, Teller.....		2.50	
Nov. 1918, Clerk.....		4.00	
Feb. 1919, Teller.....		2.50	
Sept. 1919, Teller.....		2.50	
Nov. 1919, Clerk.....		4.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 18.00
A. H. Sutherland, Feb. 1919, Warden....	\$	3.00	
Sept. 1919, Warden.....		3.00	
Nov. 1919, Warden.....		3.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 9.00

\$ 27.00

Precinct Two.

Albert R. Wall, Nov. 1919, Warden....	\$	3.00	
Hammett D. Wright, Nov. 1918,			
Inspector	\$	2.50	
Nov. 1919, Inspector.....		2.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 5.00
Alfred Primm, Nov. 1919, Clerk.....			4.00
Joe Wall, Apr. 1917, Inspector.....	\$	2.50	
May 1917, Inspector.....		2.50	
Sept. 1917, Inspector.....		2.50	
Nov. 1917, Inspector.....		2.50	
Nov. 1918, Inspector.....		2.50	
Nov. 1919, Inspector.....		2.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 15.00

\$ 27.00

Precinct Three.

Wm. J. Donnelly, Nov., 1918, Inspector..	\$	2.50	
Nov., 1919, Inspector.....		2.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 5.00
B. J. Flynn, Nov., 1919, Inspector.....			2.50
Fred Shugrue, Nov., 1919, Warden.....			3.00
		<hr/>	\$ 10.50

Precinct Four.

A. H. Comey, Nov., 1918, Warden.....	\$	3.00	
Nov., 1919, Warden.....		3.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 6.00
J. Spinner, Nov., 1919, Inspector.....			2.50
J. Edwards, Nov., 1919, Clerk.....			4.00
Richard D. Prescott, Nov., 1919, Inspector			2.50
		<hr/>	\$ 15.00

Board of Health

Frank L. Furbush, services.....	\$	25.00
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

Albert A. Hildreth, salary and expenses..	\$	99.00
Supplies		13.23
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	\$	112.23

Received from fees, \$40.21.

Cattle Inspector

S. B. Watson, salary.....	\$	200.00
Received from State, \$100.00.		

Meat Inspector

E. J. Whitney, services.....	\$	207.00
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Total expenses	\$3,086.79
Appropriation, \$3,000.	

BOARD OF HEALTH

By orders (see Board of Health Report) ..	\$1,485.84
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PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

For Selectmen

Dumas & Co.....	\$	20.66	
Courier-Citizen Co.....		587.38	
Hobbs & Warren.....		1.25	
Harry L. Kittredge.....		2.45	
		<hr/>	\$ 611.74

For Town Clerk

Hobbs & Warren	\$	12.58	
M. G. Wight & Co.....		3.25	
Dumas & Co.....		29.45	
Courier-Citizen Co		6.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 51.28

For Fire House

Courier-Citizen Co	\$	13.00	
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For Town Treasurer

Appleton Bank	\$	12.50	
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For Assessors

A. W. Brownell.....	\$	9.30	
Hobbs & Warren.....		15.40	
Huntley S. Turner.....		26.50	
Courier-Citizen Co		12.74	
		<hr/>	\$ 63.94

For Tax Collector

Courier-Citizen Co.	\$	28.25	
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For Public Health Nurse.....	\$	70.72	
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Postage

J. Herbert Fletcher.....	\$	70.72	
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Total cost to Town for Printing.....	\$	<hr/>	869.04
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INSURANCE

New Hampshire Fire Ins. Co., Town Hall	\$ 120.90	
Aetna Life Ins. Co., compensation and liability of Town employees.....	72.42	
Automobile Ins. Co.....	46.90	
Penn. Fire Ins. Co., Town House.....	68.92	
Penn. Fire Ins. Co., Fire Houses.....	105.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 414.74

TOWN HALL

S. H. Balch, Janitor.....	\$ 260.00	
Telephone	38.71	
Electric lights	64.30	
Water rates	32.00	
Fuel	183.21	
Prince & Son, supplies.....	11.25	
L. A. Derby, supplies.....	49.80	
Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....	73.52	
S. H. Balch, repairs.....	82.18	
Pratt & Forrest, lumber.....	21.15	
H. S. Stiles, repairs.....	53.16	
P. H. Harrington, lumber.....	15.57	
Oscar R. Spalding, supplies.....	9.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 894.71

Income from Hall, \$215.25.

STATE AID.

To soldiers and sailors and families of same, as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From January 1, 1919 to January 1, 1920.....	\$ 432.00
Amount due from State, \$432.00.	

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From January 1, 1919 to January 1, 1920.....	\$ 108.00
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MILITARY AID

From January 1, 1919 to January 1, 1920.....	\$ 216.00
Amount due from State, \$108.00.	

GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

Traffic Sign & Signal Co., supplies.....	\$ 9.68	
Joseph Wall, labor	14.00	
S. H. Balch, labor.....	4.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 28.43

FOREST FIRES.

H. L. Nesmith, Warden.....	\$ 126.80	
Labor	423.72	
Supplies	58.57	
Freight and express	6.21	
Badger Fire Extinguisher Co., repairs...	27.66	
Geo. F. Irish, repairs.....	3.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 646.21

BREAKING ROADS.

Labor	\$ 46.40
Lowell Industrial School.....	\$ 213.00

UNDERTAKER

David L. Greig & Son, funeral and permits	\$ 97.25
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CARE OF STREET SIGNALS.

C. H. Pickering	\$ 51.00	
Chas. Flanagan	78.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 129.00

CARE OF COMMON

Labor	\$ 1.00
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

Auto List Publishing Co.....	\$ 18.00
H. L. Nesmith, labor.....	4.00
Royal Typewriter Co.....	100.00
Blodgett & Co., supplies.....	1.20
Traffic Signal Co., supplies.....	10.75
Mrs. J. E. Knight, dinner for election officers	7.00
Freight and express.....	7.51
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Amount carried forward.....	\$ 148.46

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 148.46
S. H. Fletcher, supplies.....	9.78
J. E. Knight, labor.....	1.50
Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....	64.20
Geo. A. Bacon, services.....	2.00
A. W. Hartford, advertising.....	12.00
Chas. E. Woodhull, tuning pianos.....	17.00
C. A. Blaney, M. D., birth returns.....	10.25
Chas. F. Gettemy, services.....	12.00
Reformatory for Women, flag repairs....	51.45
Westford Water Co., water rates at Keyes House	10.00
Lexington Flag Staff Co.....	.50
J. E. Knight, building roadway.....	8.00
John M. Farrell, auctioneer.....	25.00
Hobbs & Warren, four tax deeds.....	.25
E. B. Richardson, M. D., birth returns...	6.00
C. A. Blaney, M. D., medical attendance to A. W. Sutherland.....	11.00
J. A. Healy & Sons, teaming fish.....	2.50
J. A. Healy & Sons, transportation of State Aid man.....	7.00
Abbot Worsted Co., handcuffs.....	21.60
John Spinner, conveying ballot box.....	3.00
S. H. Balch, conveying ballot box.....	2.60
Healy's Hall, for election.....	5.00
John F. Fay, services.....	5.00
	————— \$ 476.00

MOTH DEPARTMENT.

The department has been in charge of H. L. Nesmith who has received \$3.50 and \$4.00 per day, and has been paid \$1.00 per day for use of his automobile. The men have been paid \$3.00 and \$3.50 per day.

The items of expense are as follows:—

H. L. Nesmith	\$ 995.24
H. L. Nesmith, auto.....	272.50
Labor	833.25
Freight and express.....	3.41
Gasoline	26.00
T. Sullivan, team.....	126.00
	————— \$ 2,256.40

Amount to come from private work and sale of lead.....	\$ 884.26
Amount to come from State.....	272.14
Net cost to Town, \$1,100.00.	
Appropriation, \$1,100.00.	

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

By orders (see School Report).....	\$23,406.87
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PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

By orders (see Commissioners' Report) ..	\$ 686.97
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J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

By orders (see Library Report).....	\$1,456.32
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DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.

F. H. Meyers	\$ 100.00
Appropriation, \$100.00.	

MEMORIAL DAY.

By orders of Veterans' Association.....	\$ 150.00
Appropriation, \$150.00.	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

By orders (see report).....	\$ 449.74
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HYDRANTS

Westford Water Co.....	\$2,080.00
Appropriation, \$2,080.00.	

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Lowell Electric Light Corp.....	\$3,780.00
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SIDE WALKS.

J. A. Healy & Sons, labor on side walks in Graniteville	\$ 382.00
One-half to be paid by the abbutters.	

WHITNEY PLAYGROUNDS.

By orders (see Report).....	\$ 473.31
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SUPPORT OF POOR

By orders (see Report).....	\$3,262.00
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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE.

By orders (see report) \$1,621.85

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Chas. H. Pickering, labor \$ 15.00
Income, \$80.00.

Co. L, 19TH INF., M. S. G.

Robertson Co., supplies	\$ 24.35	
Fred L. Fletcher, supplies	3.80	
P. Donovan, teaming	36.00	
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., supplies	153.00	
Wm. Flanders & Co., supplies	11.40	
Simons, Hatch & Whitten Co., supplies..	61.50	
J. A. Cameron, supplies	13.55	
Transportation	100.00	
		\$ 403.60

Appropriation, \$300.00.

DEMONSTRATION WORK IN AGRICULTURE.

Middlesex County Bureau \$ 50.00
Appropriation, \$50.00.

ELECTRIC CAR LINE.

Alex McDonald, labor \$ 65.00

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Loring Underwood, services \$ 75.00
Appropriation, \$300.00.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

Badger Fire Extinguisher Co. \$ 156.00
Appropriation, \$150.00.

FISH AND GAME WARDEN.

Joseph Wall, salary \$ 50.00
Appropriation, \$50.00.

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

Alex McDonald was appointed superintendent at a salary of \$4.00 per day. Teams have been hired for \$7.00 per day. Laborers have been paid \$3.00 and \$3.50 per day.

The following are the items of expense:

Alex McDonald, superintendent.....	\$ 660.00	
Teams	3,491.30	
Labor	3,064.11	
New England Sheet Metal Co., supplies...	132.00	
Standard Oil Co., oil.....	3,404.32	
Davis & Sargent Lumber Co.....	46.98	
Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....	136.35	
J. E. Knight, repairs.....	16.00	
Eastern Clay Goods Co., supplies.....	24.75	
Geo. O'Brien, blacksmith.....	6.65	
Oscar R. Spalding, lumber.....	15.56	
Pratt & Forrest, lumber.....	33.28	
Gravel at 10c. per load.....	214.30	
		\$11,245.60

GRANITEVILLE ROAD—Items of Expense.

Alex McDonald, superintendent.....	\$ 304.00	
Teams	1,513.00	
Labor	1,505.83	
Hildreth Quarry, bound posts.....	15.00	
H. E. Fletcher Co., explosives.....	14.81	
Eastern Clay Goods Co., pipe.....	146.25	
Graniteville Foundry Co., castings.....	10.56	
		\$3,509.45
Received from State.....	\$1,169.81	
Received from County.....	1,169.82	
Net Cost to Town	1,169.82	
		\$3,509.45
Total amount expended on roads.....		\$14,755.05
Total amount received from State and County, Graniteville Road.....	\$2,339.63	
Amount received from County for Road Account	300.00	
		2,639.63
Net cost to Town.....		\$12,115.42
Total amount of orders, \$64,805.66.		
Total number of orders, 849.		

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK L. FURBUSH.

Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN OF
WESTFORD.

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Beebe, Walter O.	Mechanic	Graniteville
Blaisdell, Frank L.	Farmer	Westford
Buckingham, William F.	Machinist	Graniteville
Burnham, Chester A.	Farmer	Westford
Caunter, Franklin R.	Machinist	Graniteville
Charlton, Frank E.	Carpenter	Graniteville
Daley, Hugh	Wool Sorter	Forge Village
Flagg, William L.	Farmer	Westford
Fletcher, Harry N.	Granite Dealer	Graniteville
Gregory, Frank	Weaver	Littleton Common
Gumb, Harry M.	Retired	Westford
Hanscom, Frederick A.	Farmer	Westford
Hartford, Harry O.	Farmer	Westford
Howard, John H.	Farmer	Westford
Jarvis, Everett P.	Farmer	Westford
Jordan, Frederic A.	Surveyor	Westford
Kimball, George A.	Farmer	Westford
Lundberg, Axel G.	Monument Dealer	Westford
McCoy, Fred L.	Farmer	Westford
Prescott, E. Clyde	Farmer	Westford
Rosenberg, Samuel	Retired	Westford
Spinner, John	Janitor	Forge Village
Sullivan, William T.	Farmer	Westford
Whall, George E.	Retired	Westford
Williams, William P.	Farmer	Westford
Wright, Bradley V.	Farmer	Westford
Wright, Ernest T.	Farmer	Westford
Wright, Frank C.	Farmer	Westford

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, January 15, 1920.

Report of the Street Railway Committee.

The joint committee, consisting of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting to investigate and report in regard to the advisability of the Town expending money for the continued operation of the "Branch Line," so called, of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, respectfully report as follows:

During the winter of 1909 and 1910, on account of the severe storms, the tracks became blocked with snow and ice which the Company refused to remove and for that reason the line was closed during that season.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Westford, and while the matter of reopening and operating the line was pending before the Railroad Commission, and while it seemed apparent that unless some arrangement was made the line would not be reopened for operation, a memorandum of agreement was entered into between the Company and the Selectmen with the approval of the Railroad Commission whereby operation was to be resumed on May 1st for a period of six months, on condition that the operating expenses be met, and if the revenue therefrom was insufficient the balance must be contributed from some source or the Company would have the right to discontinue operation. In case there was a gain, this gain was to be carried on to the next six month period. Under a further arrangement later made between the Selectmen and the Company, the Town was to be allowed \$75.00 at the expiration of each six month period as the value of this line as a feeder to the "main line," so called.

Under this memorandum, a deficit was found to exist on November 1st which was met by voluntary contribution and the line has been maintained ever since under this memorandum and in a great majority of instances, a deficit has resulted which also has been met by voluntary contributions.

Under the arrangement made some time ago by the School Committee with the approval of the Selectmen, a greater sum was paid the Company for the transportation of the school

children than was required by law. This arrangement was made because it seemed clear that this method of transporting school children was preferable to any other method and the price paid was no greater than it would have been necessary to expend if any other method of transportation was adopted. Under this arrangement, the Town has been allowing one dollar per week for each scholar, which would amount to between fifty or sixty dollars a week, the number of children transported varying from day to day.

In spite of this fact, instead of an increase there has been a falling off in the receipts and also a continued increase in the expenditures on account of the increased cost of material and labor. The deficit for the period of six months ending with October 30, 1918, was \$615.10, for the six months ending April 30, 1919, \$608.30, making a total of \$1,223.40 for the year. The deficit existing October 30, 1917, was met in full by voluntary contribution but there is still an unpaid deficit for the six months ending in April 30, 1918, of \$421.32, making a total deficit to April 30, 1919, of \$1,644.74. The car has not been operated since the middle of June of this year and an additional deficit has accrued to that date, the exact figures of which are not available at the present moment, but the entire deficit to June 1, 1919, amounts to \$1,723.86.

It is well known that the road bed is in need of extensive repairs and the wires and overhead structure are also in need of considerable attention. The Board of Selectmen, last fall, requested the Public Service Commission, through its inspection department, to inspect the road and an inspection was made and the report was filed with the Public Service Commissioner on October 24, 1918, a copy of which is on file with the Board of Selectmen. According to this report, there was required to be paid out during the fall the sum of \$621.00. In addition, the report called for the expenditure of approximately the sum of \$3,060.00 each year for five consecutive years, this would make a total of \$15,300.00. No repairs were made in the fall of 1918 so that in accordance with this report, approximately \$16,000.00 would be required to be expended and with the increased cost of labor and material, it is assumed that these figures should be increased rather than decreased.

Under Chapter 288, of the General Acts of 1918, towns are authorized during the present war and two years after to appropriate not exceeding one dollar per thousand of the assessed

valuation of the preceding year towards the operation and fixed charges of street railway and acting under this act, the Town could annually appropriate during this period approximately \$3,000 to aid in operating this line and in addition, the Town, we assume, has the right to expend money in so far as is necessary to maintain the line for the transporting of school children.

It will be noted that the deficit for the past year in the operation of the line amounted to approximately \$1,200.00 with practically no repairs having been made and, there is no reason to believe with the advent of the automobile that the revenue of this line can be increased without a larger appropriation being made by the Town for the transportation of scholars. The amount that it will be necessary to expend annually to maintain the road bed and overhead fixtures is not easy to determine but it would be safe to estimate that it would not be less than \$1,000.00.

Your committee has held meetings and made investigation in regard to other method and means of maintaining transportation but, thus far, has not succeeded in interesting anyone in undertaking any project. In some communities, a local corporation has been formed to operate a street railway, or bus line, so called, but thus far no evidence is available that anybody in Westford is sufficiently interested to assume such responsibility.

The School Committee has found it necessary in transporting the scholars to and from Brookside, during the ensuing year, to employ auto trucks at a total cost of \$100.00 a week making the cost for the school year, \$3,800.00. This amount is nearly fifty per cent. more than has been heretofore paid to the Street Railway Company.

At the Special Meeting held September 3, 1918, the sum of \$1,200.00 was appropriated and the Selectmen were authorized to expend this sum for the purpose of continuing the operation of the "Branch Line," so called. At the last annual meeting, the Town appropriated a further sum of \$1,500.00. Under the law, no portion of this can be expended without the approval of the Public Service Commission which approval, thus far, has not been obtained.

Under the act of 1918 above referred to, the Town can annually expend during the period allowed therein, about \$3,000.00 a year unless, of course, the provisions of this act are extended by the Legislature, and the balance needed to repair the road

bed and to meet the annual deficit would have to be appropriated, if at all, under the head of, providing transportation for school children.

Your committee, after considerable effort and delay, at last succeeded in arranging a meeting with Mr. Sargent, President of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company. This meeting was held at Westford and after going into the matter in detail, Mr. Sargent, speaking for the Street Railway Company, stated that the Company would not bear any portion of the burden of putting the road bed and overhead fixtures in repair.

While under the terms of the memorandum above referred to, the Town has a right to ask a ruling of the Public Service Commission whether or not this entire expense must be borne by the Town or the operation of the street railway cease. There seemed little occasion to present such a question to the Public Service Commission as undoubtedly the Commission would rule that this burden must be borne by the Town and not by the Company so that the situation at present is as follows:

1st: In order to put the road bed and overhead fixtures in proper condition for operation and make repairs on the car, as stated above, the inspection department of the Public Service Commission has reported that it would take approximately \$16,000.00 to be expended in five years and your committee has not assumed the right to dispute these figures.

2nd: The annual deficit in operation of the street railway, taken from last year's figures, amounts to about \$1,200.00, and it is safe to presume that the annual cost of repairs, etc., will increase this amount at least to \$2,000.00 per year.

3rd: Unquestionably, in a short time a new car would have to be provided or provisions would have to be made for hiring one, the cost of which it is not attempted at the present time to estimate.

4th: The Town, during the past year, paid approximately \$2,000.00 for the transportation of the school children and in order to continue the operation of this line, the Town would have to expend, if the above estimates are correct, approximately \$4,000.00 a year.

5th: It is true that under the present arrangement entered into by the School Committee, it will cost the Town \$3,000.00 to transport the scholars during the ensuing year.

6th: But, the Town avoids the responsibility and obligation of expending, as shown above, approximately \$16,000.00 and the

further obligation of purchasing or hiring another car in the near future, and still further, the complications which might arise in case of an accident occurring. Under the memorandum, in case of an accident for which the Company is held liable, it is within the power of the Public Service Commission to determine whether or not the Town must pay the whole or any part of the damages as a part of the operating expenses, and then a situation might arise where an accident occurred and the Company is liable that the Town would be called upon to meet this liability or the line be discontinued, if the Town had already expended a considerable sum of money in repairing the road bed, etc., the above situation might be an unfortunate one to say the least.

Under these circumstances, and without going into the matter more in detail, your committee does not feel justified in recommending that the Town should undertake to appropriate the money necessary for securing the restoration of operation on the "Branch Line." Your committee, however, does feel that whatever is justly due the Company should be paid by the Selectmen at such time as, in their judgment, may seem advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
Selectmen.

ARTHUR E. DAY,
JOHN SPINNER,
T. A. E. WILSON,
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,
JOHN P. WRIGHT,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
School Committee.

HERBERT V. HILDRETH,
JULIAN A. CAMERON,
ELBERT H. FLAGG,
WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,
Finance Committee.

Report of Committee for a Suitable War Memorial for the Town of Westford

Your Committee appointed to investigate and report on a suitable form of memorial for those who served in the World War organized with Edward M. Abbot as Chairman, and Lucy A. Cameron as Secretary.

The Committee felt that they were appointed to report on some permanent memorial and that the memorial should be located in the centre of the town.

A number of projects were discussed and suggestions were invited. As the town seemed well supplied with public buildings it was the unanimous opinion of your committee that by grading and seeding down the common to well kept lawns and paths, and placing on same a flag pole with an attractive base that a fitting memorial would be provided and that a spot sadly in need of attention could be turned into a beautiful green.

Two landscape architects have been consulted. Mr. Loring Underwood and Major Bremer W. Pond. The plans and suggestions of the latter seemed much the best to your committee.

Briefly they are as follows:

a. To regrade and seed down the common to a beautiful lawn.

b. To change the location of the present flag pole and erect the present flag pole with a memorial base of granite, and place a suitable inscription on the base.

c. Plant an inner row of elm trees to replace the present trees as they gradually die out.

d. Put paths between the rows of trees and from the post office across the common, made from seam-faced granite.

e. Remove the town scales to another location.

f. When the above is completed, to set aside sufficient money to insure the green being well kept.

TOWN HALL, WESTFORD CENTRE.

a. Put up a memorial tablet to those who died in the World War.

b. Place a tablet to those who died in the Spanish War.

FORGE VILLAGE.

a. Regrade and plant the small triangular spot at the corner of the road, nearly opposite Cameron School. Place a boulder with a suitable tablet to the memory of those who went from Forge Village and were killed.

GRANITEVILLE.

a. Grade, plant and seed down the small plot of land on the shore of the mill pond at Graniteville, opposite the driveway to Mr. C. G. Sargent's house.

b. Place on the lot a suitable boulder and mark same with a tablet as above.

We have not had figures on the work but have an estimate from Major Pond of about \$7,500. This of course would vary considerably according to the amount of work and the material used.

I have here the full report of Major Pond together with sketches showing what he suggests.

If the town wishes to get an accurate estimate of the work required, your Committee suggests that some more money be placed at the disposal of your Committee and that the necessary instruction be given them.

Signed for the Committee,
EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chairman,
LUCY A. CAMERON, Secretary.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAR MEMORIALS,
WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS.

October 25, 1919.

Mrs. J. A. Cameron,
Secretary, Committee on War Memorials,
Westford, Massachusetts.

My dear Mrs. Cameron:

As a result of my trip to Westford, Massachusetts, September twenty-ninth, and the conference with Mr. Abbot, Mr. Harrington and yourself, during which a visit was made to

Westford Common, Forge Village and Graniteville, I would like to submit certain definite recommendations to your Committee in regard to war memorials for these three towns.

A war memorial in these days may take almost any form, from such utilitarian constructions as buildings and halls, to a small bench, or stone, or memorial tree. The objection which is frequently raised to a building, aside from the fact that it is seldom properly endowed, is that it becomes so utilitarian in time that the original purpose for which it was built and dedicated becomes merely a name, and is soon lost sight of by the community at large. The spirit in which the building was erected is very apt to be forgotten within a few decades. A monument on the other hand serves its purpose, if well designed and executed, as a constant reminder of the event which it commemorates and cannot very well be concealed or lost sight of through the development of other purposes or new local conditions.

The principal thing in considering the selection of a war memorial is the character of that memorial—that it be well designed and (equally important) well kept and maintained; second that it be suitable not only to the event which it commemorates, but also to the locality in which it is placed. An over elaborate or very expensive memorial is more out of place in a small town or village than a simple boulder and tablet in the very architectural surroundings of a large city. The proposed memorials for the three villages of Westford, Forge Village and Graniteville, I feel very strongly should be both simple and dignified, in keeping with the spirit and the place.

Your Committee stated that it had been suggested that the three villages combine in one memorial, which should be erected on the Westford Common. I feel this to be a mistake, particularly as the three villages are some distance apart. Each town has its own group of individuals with their work and homes quite separated.

FORGE VILLAGE.

In line with my previous recommendation, that a separate monument be erected in each town, not only for the men who were killed in the war, but also those who served in our army, I heartily concur in the suggestion of your Committee that this monument be erected on the small triangular piece of ground in Forge Village which was shown me on my visit. I regret to say that I have not the location more definitely in mind, but as it was practically the only one considered feasible for this pur-

pose, I feel confident that the Committee will recognize the site at once.

I would suggest that the monument take the form of a large granite boulder with two approximately parallel and rather flat faces, on each of which will be fastened a bronze tablet with suitable inscriptions, stating for example: "This monument is placed here by the citizens of Forge Village to commemorate the participation in the world war of the following—"

With regard to the landscape treatment of the triangle as a setting for this stone, the telephone pole now at one corner should be moved across the street, the entire plot regraded and smoothed over, if possible making it 6 or 8 inches higher along the surrounding sidewalks and roadways, and separating it from these latter by a low, rough curbing. The general appearance of the triangle should be improved by a small amount of planting at each end of the boulder.

At present the street intersections at this point are rather bare and unattractive. I would therefore suggest that an elm tree be planted in the southeast corner of this triangle in memory of the two soldiers from Forge Village who died in Europe. This tree in time will overshadow the triangle and add to the general attractiveness of that part of the village. I have tried to indicate roughly in the accompanying sketch these ideas which I have just described.

GRANITEVILLE.

In regard to the monument for Graniteville, I noted four possible locations, any one of which I think would be suitable, but I will describe them briefly in their order of preference. I think that the most attractive location would be on the small plot of ground opposite the Sargent place and between the car tracks and the shore of the mill pond. This small grassy point is overshadowed by trees, in full sight of the road, and offers a most attractive setting for a war memorial. Any monument placed here would have a good background of foliage, through which are obtained glimpses of the mill pond and the opposite shores.

I would suggest, if possible, this small area be deeded to the town as a contribution toward the proposed memorial. The ground can be of little use to the owners, as it is across the street car track and the road from the rest of their place, and is too

small to be used as a building site of any importance. It can therefore have little value commercially but has great possibilities as the site for a war memorial.

The second location would be on the edge of the mill pond near the gate to the Abbot Worsted Mills office and on land practically adjoining that office. This would necessitate the removal of two or three bays of the present fence, folding them back so as to leave a small plot of land open to view from the roadway, and then giving the memorial a proper setting by means of a few shrubs and one or two trees. This site would probably not be seen as often by persons passing through the town as the first one, and furthermore has what might be considered by some the disadvantage of practically adjoining the property of the Abbot Worsted Mills.

The third site, on the road toward Westford Common, is the small triangle in front of the public hall of Graniteville. This location is less attractive than either of the preceding ones. The triangle is small, the hall is very close to the sidewalk, and should the building ever be enlarged it would be apt to crowd the monument and destroy what little attractiveness the setting may have acquired in the meantime.

The fourth site is the immediate vicinity of the waiting place for the street cars at Graniteville. The placing of a monument here would call for the design of a suitable car waiting place at this point, with possibly a platform raised one or two steps above the roadway, and with a long low stone seat placed across the retaining wall at the back. On this wall would be placed the tablet commemorating the participation of the men of Graniteville in the war. This location, the least attractive of all at the present time, has the advantage of being used by a great many people every day. A memorial placed here, in proper setting, would greatly improve the character of that immediate portion of the highway, and would have the advantage in one sense of being seen by a great many people, as well as giving a certain dignity to a section now in need of improvement.

I would recommend that the type of monument for the first three locations in Graniteville be that of a Greek stele—a thin perpendicular slab of stone, with the inscription and names either carved on the surface, or of bronze letters set into the face. This is a simple and dignified form of monument, used as a memorial since the time of ancient Greece, and one which adapts itself very well to any of the three locations which I have just described.

In regard to the treatment of the setting for the memorial, there should be a small amount of work done in each case, no matter which site is finally selected, in the way of regrading and the planting of a few shrubs. The first site would require less work along these lines than any one of the others, while the fourth one suggested would require practically no planing for its effect. I have attached herewith a sketch showing the general character of this monument as located on the first site—also suggestions for the treatment of the waiting platform and its memorial.

WESTFORD.

The memorial at Westford should manifestly be located on the town common. The Common is a very attractive triangular piece of land. Much of its interest, not only to the townspeople of Westford but also to visitors, lies in its general simplicity. The double row of trees, extending almost around the edge, is an attractive feature. The Common, however, at the present time, suffers somewhat from a general appearance of not being well cared for. This is undoubtedly due to lack of funds to keep it in repair; and I strongly recommend that your Committee appropriate a sufficient portion of the money available for a memorial, to the improvement and maintenance of Westford Common.

The green offers an admirable site for a memorial. In view of the fact that the Civil War memorial—the statute and pedestal totalling 12 or 15 feet in height—is just beyond the southwest corner, it does not seem to me that a similar statute should be placed on the Common itself, but rather that it should take the form of a permanent flag pole base, or some similar structure. The present flag pole, while not especially unattractive as temporary flag poles go, might be very much more dignified if given a suitable, permanent base. The temporary bandstand in the northwest corner is not particularly noticeable to anyone passing by the Common; while a permanent bandstand or similar structure would undoubtedly be more attractive than the present one, the cost for such a building would be larger than I feel the results justify. I would therefore recommend that your Committee seriously consider, first, the design and erection of a permanent flag pole base on the Common, to be located approximately as shown on the accompanying sketch plan; second, that a portion of the money available for the war memorial for

Westford be applied for improvement and upkeep of the Common; third, that another portion of these funds be used for the erection of a suitable tablet in the Town Hall commemorative of Westford's participants in the World War. This tablet should be similar in design to the Civil War tablet now in place in the entrance corridor of that building.

In regard to the steps that should be taken for the general improvement of the appearance of the Common, I would recommend that the area in the center, inside the row of trees, be plowed, harrowed and regraded, so as to form a relatively smooth surface, then seeded to grass. If the soil is not particularly good, it should be enriched with bone meal at the rate of approximately 800 lbs. to the acre. This plowing and regrading will improve the general appearance of the surface by doing away with the present hollows and irregularities. It will mean that the walk from the Post Office to the northwest corner would probably be done away with temporarily, and in replacing it I would suggest a walk of large flag stones, either of slate or artificial stone stained a dark color to harmonize with the turf.

I feel that at present the edges of the Common where they join the highway are somewhat irregular, and that a definite curb line around the three sides would help very materially in the general appearance of the green. I would therefore suggest that the town put in a rough granite curb, 6-8" in height, around the three sides of the Common.

The question was asked at the time of my visit as to the advisability of moving some of the trees now encircling the Common, thus thinning out the surrounding mass of foliage at various points. I feel that to attempt to move the existing trees would be a mistake. In the first place it would be very difficult to handle such large trees and make them live after transplanting. Their roots are undoubtedly grown in with those of the surrounding ones, and a great deal of cutting would have to be done before they could be transplanted. In the second place, the trees have grown so close together throughout their life time that the removal of one or more from the row would leave large bare gaps in the masses of foliage, and I doubt very much if the branches on the trees that are left in place would ever grow in sufficiently to fill the vacancy left by the removal of any tree in that row. It is like developing a good sized hedge and then cutting out several plants from its midst at various points. The gaps thus made are very difficult to take care of, and it is seldom, if ever, that a hedge

is ever restored to its former attractiveness. I look upon the close row of trees surrounding Westford Common as just such a hedge,—a solid mass of green enframing the triangular plot of turf and making a most attractive enclosure, particularly when seen down through the lines of parallel tree trunks.

The effect of the removal of trees from a close planted row is well shown along the west side of the Common, where a number of trees were removed for one or more reasons within a few years. The present double row at this end does not have anywhere near the same effectiveness in appearance as those on the other two sides. The trees look one-sided and awkward, the vista between the tree trunks appears broken and incomplete and the effect is not to be compared with that of the south and north sides.

I would recommend that the town, in its improvement of the Common, devote some of the funds not only to the care of the existing trees, but to the planting of a third and inner row around the Common, as well as filling out the double row at the western end. This third and inner row, preferably of American elms, would in time take the place of the double row of maples which are now in their prime and will probably be gone in the next 30 to 50 years. I feel sure that your entire Committee will agree with me that the Common on losing its present mass of trees will lose a great deal of its charm and interest, and would urge you to take the necessary precautions.

The double row of trees offers very interesting vistas and I feel that these should be made use of in the new development of Westford Common. I would further suggest that walks be built on the north and west sides between these rows of trees along which seats may be placed and the attractiveness of the shade emphasized. These walks should not be made of brick or gravel or cement, as any such construction to be at all permanent would require a foundation course which might seriously interfere with the tree roots. A line of large flag stones, approximately three feet square and six or eight inches in thickness, either of blue stone or artificial cast stone stained some dark pleasing color, so placed as to allow three or four inches of turf between them, would be a more suitable and attractive walk down through the vista than the hard and definite lines of the usual type of sidewalk.

Similarly, I would suggest that the walk on the west side be reconstructed along these lines and put inside of what was once the double row of trees across that end, instead of outside

of them as at present—where the pleasant effect of the vistas is quite lost.

The diagonal path, too, leading across the Common to the Post Office, might also be of a similar character, but with smaller flag stones. These stones, if blue stone is not available, could be cast with little trouble by the town engineer or builder from local gravel and with only five or six forms of simple box-like construction. The exposed surface should, of course, be washed to expose the right amount of aggregate and to give the stone an agreeable texture before the concrete hardens. These stones would be relatively inexpensive, particularly if made from local material and cast from only a few forms. Work on them could be started in the fall and completed in the spring, casting only a few at a time.

With regard to the location of the memorial, I would suggest that it take the form of a permanent flag pole base, to be located slightly east of the center of the triangle and approximately as shown on the accompanying sketch plan. Such a flag pole base should be of artificial stone, simple in design, but giving opportunity for an inscription and lists of such names as the town may wish to place upon it, either in letters cut on the surface or bronze or some other metal applied to it. The base could undoubtedly be cast in sections from the working drawings and then assembled on the ground. The pole itself would be of wood, and I see no reason why the present flag pole cannot be utilized.

The setting for such a flag pole base would be the Common as a whole and I feel that no planting immediately about the base itself is called for. I would suggest, however, that your Committee consider the question of removing the town scales from the east end of the Common, as these now obstruct the view to anyone coming from Lowell, and I feel that the appearance of the green would be greatly improved by placing them either at one side of the road or the other. The accompanying sketch plan, showing the Common, the treatment of the walks and the proposed location for the flag pole is only approximate, and should not be taken as anything more than a suggestion of the ideas stated in this report.

In closing my recommendations to your Committee I cannot urge you too strongly to take ample time for your deliberations. A true memorial stands for all time; much may be sacrificed and but little gained by hurrying decisions on such subjects. Whatever forms your Committee may decide to recommend to the

towns of Forge Village, Graniteville and Westford that their recognition of those who gave their services to the country should take, the memorial spirit should prevail,—because a memorial is the symbol of an ideal.

Respectfully submitted,
BREMER W. POND.

The cost of the improvements recommended in this Report is estimated to be approximately as follows:

Monument for Forge Village, including improvement of site	\$ 400.00
Monument for Graniteville, to be located on site No. 1	1,000.00
Improvement of Westford Common.....	1,000.00
Flagpole on Westford Common.....	3,000.00
Tablet in Town Hall, Westford.....	100.00
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Total	\$5,500.00

These figures are only approximate, as no definite idea of the cost of such work can be given till actual designs are under way; but I hope they will serve to give your Committee some idea of the probable total expenses and relative costs of the various suggestions.

November 28, 1919.

Mr. Edward M. Abbot,
Westford, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Abbot:

With reference to the conference Tuesday forenoon in my office with you and Mr. Harrington, over certain details of my Westford report, I enclose herewith some photographs and sketches to further illustrate some of the points we discussed; as for example, a flag pole base of artificial stone and another of bronze, which, however is too elaborate in design to be suitable for the Westford Common, but nevertheless has some suggestions with regard to treatment of the base, etc. Also one or two photographs showing, in a way, the kind of flag stone walk which I feel should go between the rows of trees encircling the Common.

In regard to these walks, if split, seam-faced granite can be obtained in irregular pieces, similar to what I have shown on the enclosed sketch plan, I feel that it would be preferable in design as well as less expensive than the large fairly square slabs of the same material. This walk should be from three and a half to four feet in width, on a foundation of gravel or cinders, and, as I have tried to bring out in a cross-section, only one face of the stone need be fairly smooth. In fact if the under side is quite irregular it will make no difference whatever in the appearance or durability of the walk itself. The spaces between the stones can be of varying width, from a half inch to two and a half or three inches, and grass and clover seed—the latter predominating, should be sown in these spaces.

In regard to the curbing for the triangular plot in Forge Village, I think it would be very advisable to have some sort of definite boundary to the site, not only to emphasize it a little more strongly, but particularly as a safeguard against possible damage from teams and automobiles that would be likely to run onto the curb and spoil the possibility of that well kept appearance which such a monument should certainly have. This curb should not be of carefully cut granite, as a nicely finished stone would be out of keeping with the rough boulder itself, and would suggest a more finished type of treatment than is at all appropriate. I would recommend pieces of split granite such as are frequently used as rather rustic copings for stone walls—blocks varying from six to eight or ten inches in thickness, fifteen to twenty-four inches in depth and from two and a half to five feet or more in length. The curb should be so placed as to raise the level of the ground in the triangle at least six inches above the edge of the roadway. The general area of the plot itself, furthermore, should be graded to slope slightly down toward the road on all three sides, making the position where the boulder is to set some six inches higher than the top of the curb along the three sides of the triangle.

As to the flag pole base, the suggestion that it be made of granite, rather than artificial stone, is a good one provided your Committee is willing to pay the greater sum which I feel sure such material would cost. The base, whether circular or octagonal, would undoubtedly have to be made in sections and segments, then fitted together on the ground. The cutting of large pieces of granite of the peculiar shape called for, would I am sure, be more expensive than the casting, for example of

eight similar sections and segments in artificial stone, as only one mould would be necessary for any one group of segments. Then too, as I explained to you in our conference, it would be easier to get sufficient strength to hold the flag pole rigid in the narrower part of the base by means of the steel tie and reinforcing rods in artificial stone than it would be in natural granite within the same given space; in other words, the flag pole base of granite could not be as tapering or thin near the junction of the pole and base as would be possible in artificial stone.

As to the wearing qualities and appearance of the two, I feel they would be very similar; anyone acquainted with stone can always tell the artificial from the natural product, particularly if examined close at hand, but it is possible to get such a finish on artificial stone that at a distance it has practically the same appearance as a crandalled surface of granite. The combination of a brick paved platform with either a granite or artificial stone base for the flag pole would be equally satisfactory, and in the matter of color, the one again would very closely resemble the other—in fact could be made practically the same.

In regard to a curb about the Common, I would urge that one be put in similar in character to the curb around the triangle in Forge Village, if your Committee has money available. I do not feel it to be as important in the redesign of the Common, however, as the matter of regrading or the building of the rough flag stone walk around the three sides. In our conference Tuesday you mentioned the fact that some members of the Committee feel that a curb would formalize the Common. I feel that question depends on the character of the curb. For example, such a curb as surrounds the Civil War monument plot, would be inappropriate to go around the edge of the Common; it is too well finished and too formal. On the other hand, a rough coping of dark or irregular colored granite with no carefully finished edge, does not suggest formality, but I feel would give a rather definite outline to the area in question. It would also make a better finish for the section of turf between the trees and the roadways than is possible under the present conditions. The double line of trees around the Common gives in one sense a feeling of formality to the area, but I do not think that such a curb as I have tried to describe would increase this appearance to such an extent that it would lead one to expect a formal treatment of the interior area.

The paved gutter around the Common would be in one sense a substitute for the curb, but a gutter unless actually needed to take care of surface drainage is inappropriate and not suitable as a bounding line; it is too broad and apt to become filled in sections with leaves, silt or even grass and weeds. To look well a gutter must be constantly maintained, and the more especially if there is not enough slope or pitch to it so that the storm water washes it out frequently. The changes in grade around the Common are so slight, as I recall them, that the gutters would have to be taken care of rather frequently by the town to keep them clear. An unkempt and untidy gutter is no attraction to any street and the question of maintenance costs should be considered by your Committee before making any decision in the matter.

I trust this letter and the enclosed photographs will answer the questions which have arisen in the minds of your Committee, but if you need any further explanations or diagrams I shall be glad to forward them.

Very truly yours,

BREMER W. POND.

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Co. C, 301st Field Artillery, A. E. F.
- Sergeant Edwin A. Robey,
102nd F. A., Battery F, A. E. F.
- Private Bertram F. Robinson,
16th Supply Co., 1st Div., A. E. F.
- Seaman George H. Sanborn,
U. S. Navy.
- Private Marden H. Seavey,
Co. E, 301st Am. Train, A. E. F.
- First Lieutenant Warren H. Sherman,
Camp Greenleaf, Ga., U. S. A. Gen. Hospital No. 10, Boston.
- Private Charles Smith. Killed in action.
Canadian Army.
- Private Herbert Smith,
Headquarters Co., 127th Inf., 82nd Div., A. E. F.
- Private John W. Spinner,
20th Co., 5th Batt., 151st Depot Brigade, U. S. A., Camp
Devens.
- Private Frederick M. Stewart,
61st Inf., 5th Div., A. E. F.
- Lieutenant Daniel Sullivan,
Aero Service, A. E. F.

- Sergeant Florence G. Sullivan,
Headquarters Troop, 12th Div., Camp Devens.
- Seaman Francis Sullivan,
U. S. Navy.
- Private Frank Sullivan,
Co. B, 305th F. A., A. E. F.
- Seaman Howard W. Sweetser,
U. S. N. R., Newport, R. I.
- Private Paul Symmes,
394th F. A., Battery F, 77th Div., A. E. F.
- Private Joseph Tessier,
Coast Artillery.
- Private Joseph Thompson,
Camp Devens.
- Private Emile Tousignant,
Co. C, 101st Inf., 26th Div., A. E. F.
- Sergeant Herbert Walkden,
301st Ammunition Train, 76th Div., A. E. F.
- Private William L. Wall,
Ordnance Dept., Syracuse Recruiting Camp.
- First Lieutenant Orion V. Wells, Died Oct. 4, 1918.
Medical Corps.
- Sergeant George D. Wilson,
Engineers, Officers' Training School, Camp Lee, Va.
- Corporal William J. Wilson,
22nd Inf., Headquarters Co. Band, Fort Jay, N. Y.
- Seaman Charles Woods,
2nd Class Seaman, U. S. N.
- Wagoner Carl G. Wright,
Co. D, 301st Ammunition Train, A. E. F.
- Private Ernest T. Wright,
Casual Artillery Replacement, A. E. F.

NURSES AND YEOMAN.

- Ann Healey,
American Red Cross, Staten Island, New York.
- Gladys Hildreth (F.) Yeoman,
Brooklyn Navy Yard, N. Y.

Eva M. Lord,
Base Hospital No. 66, A. E. F.
Helen J. Lord,
Naval Reserve, U. S. Navy, Newport, R. I.
Margaret C. O'Hara,
Base Hospital, A. E. F.

If there are any names omitted we would deem it a favor if you would advise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Committee so that proper corrections can be made.

ALFRED W. HARTFORD,
Chairman.

The Following is the Roster as of January 1, 1920, of Company H,
2rd Battalion, 11th Infantry, 3rd Brigade,
Massachusetts State Guard

OFFICERS.

Captain Edward Fisher
First Lieutenant Herbert V. Hildreth
Second Lieutenant William J. Robinson

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

First Sergeant George D. Wilson
Sergeant and Clerk Charles L. Hildreth
Sergeant Julian A. Cameron
Sergeant Fred Naylor
Sergeant Charles E. Dudevoir
Supply Sergeant Fred L. Fletcher
Mess Sergeant Alfred W. Hartford
Corporal William C. Roudenbush
Corporal Edmund J. De La Haye
Corporal James May
Corporal Isaac L. Hall
Corporal Walter K. Putney
Corporal M. Edward Riney
Corporal John H. Howard

PRIVATES.

Musician George J. De La Haye
Musician George H. Marinel
Mechanic Alonzo H. Sutherland
Cook James W. Herrington
Cook Charles V. E. Robey.

Burke, George H.	Ledwith, Michael D.
Callahan, Alexander D.	Lowther, Francis
Callahan, Donald F.	Lupien, Frank J.
Costello, Joseph F.	Machon, Thomas E.
Courtney, Alexander J.	McDonald, Joseph J.
Downing, Frederick	McMullen, Leo W.
Feeney, John, Jr.	McMullen, Joseph F.
Fisher, Alec	O'Brien, George O.
Flagg, Irving C.	Payne, James H.
Flagg, Webster L.	Perkins, Edward A.
Flagg, William E.	Prescott, Ebenezer C.
Flavell, Chester J.	Prescott, Robert
Forty, Albert G.	Russell, Alonzo H.
Frye, Ellsworth	Smith, Frederick G.
Gaudette, Edward	Sutherland, Alfred A.
Gaudette, George	Sutherland, Bertram W.
Greene, John R.	Sweetser, Everett N.
Griffin, Artemus G.	Syvret, Francis P.
Hall, John H.	Turner, Eldon G.
Hanley, Edward T.	Walker, Arthur T.
Hartford, Harry O.	Wheeler, Leonard W.
Johnson, Clifford F.	Wright, Harwood L.
Johnson, John E.	Wright, John P.
Jones, George H.	Wright, Morton M.
Kelly, James	Wright, William E.
Keyes, Edward H.	

On September 10, 1919, the Company received orders to go to Boston for duty during the Police Strike, so called. The alarm bells were rung in Westford about 2.30 P. M. and at 5.00 P. M. the officers and fifty-five members of the Company left the Armory by automobiles for Lowell, there entraining for Boston. From the North Station the Company marched over Beacon Hill, across Boston Common, to the South Armory on Irvington Street. Colonel Plaff addressed the men briefly relative to their duties and then the Company was transported by auto trucks to Police Station No. 17 at West Roxbury. That night the men had their first guard duty on the streets in that vicinity. Some of the men were quartered in the Police Station and some in the Highland Club House. Company L from Marlborough was also on duty at this station.

On Sunday, September 14th, the Company was transported to the South Armory and that night began guard duty at

La Grange Street Police Station, No. 4. The territory patrolled covered Boston Common and the area bounded on the north by Winter and Summer Streets, on the east by the South Station and Boston and Albany tracks, on the south by the Boston and Albany tracks and on the west by Columbus Avenue and Park Square.

On the night of October 11th, the Company began patrol duty at the City Hall Police Station No 2. The district patrolled covering Adams and Scollay Squares, the Granary Burial Ground and Province Court, and the area bounded on the south by State, Winter and Park Streets; on the north by Beacon Street; on the west by Somerset Street; again on the north by Howard and Hanover Streets; on the east by Union Street, Faneuil Hall, Merchants Row and Washington Street. At these two stations the hours of duty were from midnight to 8.00 A. M. and quarters were provided in rooms in the easterly end of the Armory.

On October 25th, the following thirty-six men were furloughed home.

Sergt. Julian A. Cameron	Pvt. Gaudette, George
Sergt. Fred Naylor	Pvt. Greene, John R.
Sergt. Charles E. Dudevoir	Pvt. Hall, John H.
Supply Sergt. Fred L. Fletcher	Pvt. Hanley, Edward T.
Mess. Sergt. Alfred W. Hartford	Pvt. Kelly, James
Corp. William C. Roudenbush	Pvt. Lowther, Francis W.
Corp. Edmund J. De La Haye	Pvt. Lupien, Frank J.
Corp. James May	Pvt. Machon, Thomas E.
Corp. Isaac L. Hall	Pvt. McDonald, Joseph J.
Corp. Walter K. Putney	Pvt. O'Brien, George
Corp. M. Edward Riney	Pvt. Payne, James H.
Mech. Alonzo H. Sutherland	Pvt. Prescott, Robert
Cook James W. Herrington	Pvt. Smith, Frederick
Pvt. Burke, George H.	Pvt. Turner, Eldon
Pvt. Feeney, John. Jr.	Pvt. Wheeler, Leonard W.
Pvt. Fisher, Alec	Pvt. Wright, Harwood L.
Pvt. Flagg, Webster	Pvt. Wright, John P.
Pvt. Gaudette, Edmond	Pvt. Wright, William E.

At this time a 1st Provisional Regiment was formed and the thirty-four men of Company H remaining on duty, together with men from Company M of Concord and I of Lawrence, a total of one hundred and ten men, made up the 12th Company, under

the command of Captain Edward Fisher, First Lieutenant Harry A. Douglass and Second Lieutenant Charles C. Batchelder. The Company was put on patrol duty at Station 4 and covered practically the same territory when first at this station, except that the territory west of Tremont Street was not within the patrol limits. The hours of this tour of duty were from 4.00 P. M. to 12.00 midnight. Quarters were provided in the Armory Drill shed.

On November 16th the following seventeen men were furloughed home :

1st Sergt. George D. Wilson	Pvt. Griffin, Artemus G.
Sergt. and Clerk Charles L. Hildreth	Pvt. Hartford, Harry O.
	Pvt. Johnson, John E.
Musician George J. Marinel	Pvt. Keyes, Edward H.
Pvt. Costello, Joseph F.	Pvt. Prescott, Ebenezer C.
Pvt. Downing, Frederick	Pvt. Sutherland, Alfred A.
Pvt. Flagg, Irving C.	Pvt. Sweetser, Everett N.
Pvt. Forty, Albert	Pvt. Syvret, Francis P.
Pvt. Frye, Ellsworth	Pvt. Walker, Arthur G.

The seventeen men remaining were taken into the 8th Company forming part of the 3rd Provisional Regiment under command of Captain George W. Higgins, First Lieutenant White and Second Lieutenant Almy. One of the men, Musician De La Haye, went on duty at the Commonwealth Armory while the remainder did patrol duty in Roslindale and were quartered at the Municipal Building there.

On December 18th, the following men were furloughed home :

Corp. John H. Howard	Pvt. Johnson, Clifford F.
Musician George J. De La Haye	Pvt. Ledwith, Michael B.
Pvt. Callahan, Alexander D.	

The twelve remaining men were on patrol duty at Roslindale until December 18th when they also were furloughed home.

While the Company was at West Roxbury, thirty-four of the men whose enlistment period expired on July 31st, re-enlisted, and at the South Armory three men whose terms expired September 18th, re-enlisted and fifteen recruits enlisted. Four men were discharged during the tour of duty, one on October 4th, for disability, and the other three on October 10th because they were under eighteen years of age.

The Town of Westford furnished the men who formed part of the 1st Provisional Regiment with leather jerkins, stockings,

gloves, candy, etc., and the Red Cross furnished sweaters, towels, soap, and dunnage bags. The Y. M. C. A. and K. of C. supplied the men at various times with handkerchiefs, towels, gloves, stockings, candy, cigarettes, smoking tobacco, etc.

Several of the Boston Theatres gave free shows to the State Guard while on duty, and many entertainments were given at the Armory by various organizations; hot coffee was furnished during night patrol duty by the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A.

Report of the Forest Warden

During the last year there have been thirty-nine forest fires, thirteen caused by the railroad and twenty-six from other causes.

I have issued 140 permits.

A list of persons with whom hand fire extinguishers have been placed and a list of fires are submitted herewith.

H. L. NESMITH,
Forest Warden.

Tree Warden's Report

The Tree Warden submits the following report:

January 1, 1920.

During the past year my work has consisted of cutting brush along the roadside and corners. Have found it necessary to remove many dead trees.

The slash law should be known by every one in regard to putting brush on the roadside, as there is a fine for so doing.

H. L. NESMITH,
Tree Warden.

Report of the Board of Health.

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1919.

We wish to thank the people of the Town for their co-operation with the Board and its agents for the past year. There has been much more work done this year than in previous years, owing to the fact that we have had the services of a Public Health Nurse. The Town voted to appropriate \$1,500.00 for this purpose. After procuring the nurse, we found that to get the best results we would have to have some kind of conveyance, such as an automobile, to get to and from the different schools, villages, and rural districts. We found also that our appropriation was not large enough to do this. This matter was taken up with the Westford Branch of the American Red Cross. They, having money in their treasury, voted to give the Town the amount of \$500.00 for part of purchase price of a Ford Sedan, which was purchased by the Board.

The Board extends to the Westford Branch of the Red Cross, their sincere thanks for their co-operation in this matter, for we feel that this has been a great help to the Town of Westford in keeping down infectious and contagious diseases.

The following is a report, in brief, of the Health Work done in the Town of Westford from April, 1919, to December 29, 1919.

The forenoon's work is for the most part taken up in the different schools. Clinics for minor ailments have been held, and health talks have been given. The children are always interested, and ask many questions. Absentees are looked up, and when children are ill instructions are given to the parents, and nursing care given also, when necessary. The teachers have co-operated, and have helped a great deal in reporting cases that seemed to need attention.

The contagious cases also take up a good portion of the time. Instructions are given and considerable follow-up work is necessary.

During the summer a survey of the babies born last year was started, and more than fifty babies have been weighed.

NUMBER OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES REPORTED FOR THE YEAR.

Scarlet Fever	28
Chicken Pox	20
Mumps	12
Diphtheria	6
German Measles	8
Measles	3
Tuberculosis	4
Septic Sore Throat.....	2
Erysipelas	1
Influenza	1
Empintego cases sent home from school.....	18
Number of visits made to communicable diseases.....	457
Nursing visits to school children.....	69
Emergency calls	2
Ether given for minor operations.....	3
Sanitary visits	27
Visits to children under school age.....	234
Prenatal visits	40
Nursing visits	45
Instructive visits to parents.....	170
Observation visits	106
Social and business	108
School visits	209
Sick children taken home from school.....	19
Pupils visited in their homes.....	379
Office consultations in the schools for minor ailments.....	884
Eleven children and one adult taken to Lowell General Hospital for removal of tonsils and adenoids. Three pupils taken to Lowell to have eyes examined. Ten patients taken to Lowell Tuberculosis Clinic for examination. Three of these patients were admitted to hospitals for treatment. One patient taken to Belmont Isolation Hospital, Worcester. Fourteen chil- dren taken to physician to be vaccinated. Six pupils in schools under special supervision. Fourteen pupils taken to the dentist.	
Two undertakers' certificates issued. Two milk permits issued.	
One death.....	Influenza
One death	Diphtheria
One death	Tuberculosis

ITEMS OF EXPENSE.

A. A. Hildreth, services.....	\$ 18.00
City of Lawrence, care of Edmund Baker and John Molloy	862.50
C. M. Blaney, M. D., services.....	78.00
J. H. Fletcher, goods for Dubey's.....	38.64
John McKniff, quarantine pay.....	220.50
S. H. Balch, transportation of nurse.....	15.00
E. B. Richardson, M. D., services.....	29.35
Supplies for nurse.....	9.72
Courier-Citizen Co., printing.....	48.00
C. B. Coburn Co., supplies.....	5.50
Library Bureau, supplies.....	24.90
H. J. Healy, transportation.....	20.00
M. L. Alling, M. D., services.....	8.00
City of Worcester, expenses.....	35.71
Arthur Beaver, quarantine pay.....	6.00
J. W. Fletcher, supplies.....	3.65
O. R. Spalding, services.....	13.87
Samuel Coalter, services.....	6.00
Oliver Bigar, quarantine pay.....	42.00
Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....	3.65
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	\$1,485.34

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE.

Agnes Weir, nurse.....	\$ 401.75
Eva M. Lord, nurse.....	500.00
Transportation	607.61
Supplies	3.71
Agnes Weir, expense for license.....	1.25
Registration fees for Ford for 1919 and 1920.....	20.00
Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....	39.97
Furbush's Garage, repairs	40.10
Mrs. Phonsie Isles, rent for garage.....	6.00
Gasoline	1.40
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	\$1,621.85

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. FURBUSH, Chairman,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, Secretary,
OSCAR R. SPALDING,
EVA M. LORD, Public Health Nurse.

Westford Water Company.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

1919.			
Jan.	1	Balance	\$95,151.45
March	4	Hydrant	\$ 50.95
March	18	Labor	9.02
March	25	Land	100.00
			159.97
Total cost of construction to Jan.			
	1,	1920	\$95,311.42

A STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDI-
TURES FROM JANUARY 1, 1919 TO JANUARY 1, 1920.

RECEIPTS.

Water Rates.

52 Hydrants	\$2,080.00
Town Hall	32.00
Library	28.00
Schools	222.00
Town Farm	50.00
Keyes House	10.00
Whitney Playground	10.00
Subscribers	7,823.39
	\$10,255.39

EXPENSES.

Interest Account Net.....	\$1,465.05
Power	1,662.24
Wages	1,905.00
Tools	64.20
Repairs	32.95
Salaries	350.00
Office Expense	882.60
Taxes	238.20
Insurance	130.77
Service Connections	25.18
	6,756.19
Net profit for the year ending Dec. 31,	
1919.....	\$3,499.20

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Treasurer.

Westford, Mass., January 10, 1920.

Middlesex, ss.

Then personally appeared Charles O. Prescott and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Supply System to January 1, 1920, and of the receipts and expenditures of the Westford Water Company, from January 1, 1919 to January 1, 1920, before me.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,
Justice of the Peace.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Westford, Mass., January, 1920.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford I submit the following report for the year 1919:

Number of platform scales over 5,000 lbs.....	8
Number of platform scales under 5,000 lbs.....	51
Number of computing scales.....	6
Number of spring balances.....	19
All other scales.....	28
Total	112
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Number of weights sealed.....	193
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Number of liquid measures.....	20
Number of yardsticks.....	6
Kerosene pumps	8
Gasolene pumps	7
Molasses pumps	5

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,
Sealer.

Tax Collector's Report.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1919.

Andrew Anderson	\$28.94
Theodore Bucil	47.13
J. Henry Colburn heirs.....	22.95
Fuller & Lawton.....	15.73
Wm. E. Greene.....	39.91
Anthony Healey.....	2.00
Frank McManamon	2.00
Arthur B. Parrott.....	27.50
Richard Pickin	32.50
Omer Poisson	3.60
Joseph Sadasko	31.75
Joseph Sadlaski	14.75

NON-RESIDENTS.

Manuel Avila	\$ 62.48
Thomas E. Carr.....	3.40
Harry A. Dutton.....	3.23
Moise Fontaine	2.55
Ralph A. McNiff.....	6.12
Margaret Maguire	34.00
Reed & Jeffrey.....	2.55
Parkhurst & Day.....	1.02
Paid since audit.....	523.41
	\$907.52

Excise tax of Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry. for 1918....	\$562.07
Excise tax of Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry. for 1919....	495.07

L. W. WHEELER,
Tax Collector.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor for the Year 1919.

Income for 1919:

Sale of Wood.....	\$ 491.50	
Rent	70.00	
Miscellaneous	120.45	
Labor	120.94	
Vegetables	25.00	
Overseers' Orders	690.00	
Stock	331.00	
Poultry and Eggs.....	198.69	
Milk	3,258.99	
Fruit	47.75	
Lumber	30.50	
Pork Product	120.56	
	\$5,505.38	

Paid out for the year 1919:

Provisions	\$ 305.13	
Grain	2,146.50	
Telephone	15.28	
Groceries	436.74	
Labor	735.41	
Ice	45.45	
Blacksmith	36.95	
Salary	690.00	
Coal	86.87	
Repairs	43.74	
Live Stock	441.00	
Machinery	185.45	
Water	50.00	
Fruit	14.99	
Hay	99.86	
Poultry	35.00	
Fertilizer	48.00	
Miscellaneous	155.02	
	\$5,571.39	

Number of inmates during the year.....	7
Number of inmates, December 31st.....	4
Number of travelers during the year.....	3
Number of arrests during the year.....	6
Repairs	\$372.46

Payment on Account of Outdoor Poor:

Under provision of Chapter 763, Acts, 1913	\$1,722.11	
Town Outdoor Poor.....	438.59	
Medical Services	36.50	
Hobbs and Warren for supplies.....	2.34	
	<hr/>	\$2,199.54

Reimbursements:

Received from State Board of Charity..	\$1,096.00	
Received from other sources.....	262.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,358.00

Summary:

Payment on Account of Outdoor Poor..	\$2,199.54	
Reimbursements	1,358.00	
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Net expense of Outdoor Poor.....		\$ 841.54
Reimbursements due		\$ 942.18

Statement:

Draft on Town Treasurer.....	\$3,262.00	
Reimbursements	1,358.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,904.00
Net expense Home Farm.....	\$1,128.47	
Net expense of Outdoor Poor.....	841.54	
	<hr/>	\$1,970.01
Home Farm receipts.....	\$4,815.38	
Cash on hand January 1, 1919.....	93.89	
Cash received from Town Treasurer....	690.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,599.27

Home Farm payments.....	\$4,881.39	
Superintendent's salary	690.00	
Cash on hand January 2, 1920.....	27.88	
	<u> </u>	\$5,599.27

Summary :

Cash on hand January 1, 1919.....	\$ 93.89	
Cash received from Town Treasurer.....	690.00	
Repairs	372.46	
	<u> </u>	\$1,156.35
Cash on hand January 2, 1920.....		27.88
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Net expense with repairs of Home Farm..		\$1,128.47

Board of Overseers would respectfully say that at the last Annual Town Meeting the Town voted to authorize the Overseers to change the name of the Town Farm.

After due consideration the Board decided to change the name Town Farm or Poor House to Westford Home.

One item of expense not expected, which had to be met this year, was installing a new boiler for heating the house. The old boiler, after twenty-three years' service, became unsafe.

WESLEY O. HAWKES, Chairman,
 FRED R. BLODGETT, Secretary,
 SAMUEL H. BALCH,

Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT HOME FARM,
December 27, 1919.

Potatoes	\$ 42.00	
Apples	20.00	
Groceries	30.00	
Pork	45.00	
Fire hose and nozzles.....	65.00	
Vegetables	5.00	
Vinegar	5.00	
Canned fruit	75.00	
Balance of personal property in house....	652.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 939.00
16 cows and bull.....	\$1,575.00	
3 horses	415.00	
21 tons English hay.....	650.00	
50 tons ensilage.....	420.00	
8 hogs and pigs.....	125.00	
96 fowl.....	175.00	
Grain.....	66.00	
Lumber	65.75	
Manure spreader	45.00	
Gas engine	85.00	
3 farm wagons	100.00	
Hay tedder	5.00	
Wheel harrow	18.00	
Mowing machine	15.00	
1 two-horse sled.....	40.00	
1 two-horse dumpeart.....	47.50	
3 wagons	68.00	
10 tons coal	130.00	
Wood	50.00	
Balance of personal property in barn and out-buildings	693.00	
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Personal property in house.....		939.00
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Total		\$5,727.25

ROBERT PRESCOTT,
W. OTIS DAY,
GEORGE H. BURKE,

Appraisers.

Assessors' Report For The Year 1919.

Value of Buildings, April 1, 1919.....	\$1,248,715.00
Value of Land, April 1, 1919.....	512,800.00
Value of Personal Estate, April 1, 1919	725,951.00
	\$2,487,466.00

MONEY RAISED.

Trustees of Public Library.....	\$ 1,300.00
Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds	1,150.00
Roads and Bridges.....	10,000.00
Town Debts and Charges.....	7,000.00
Salaries of Town Officers.....	3,000.00
Support of Poor and Repair of Buildings	3,000.00
Public Schools	20,000.00
Destruction of Gypsy, Brown Tail Moths and Elm Beetles.....	1,100.00
Fire Department	600.00
Fire Extinguishers	150.00
Fish and Game Warden.....	50.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Sidewalks	300.00
Public Health Nurse	1,500.00
	\$48,300.00
Electric Lights	\$ 3,800.00
Hydrants	2,080.00
Notes and Interest.....	4,500.00
State Tax	8,030.00
Special State Tax.....	481.80
County Tax	4,125.50
State Highway	989.80
	\$72,307.10

INCOME.

Income from State.....	\$28,968.00
Number of Polls, 778.....	1,556.00
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	\$30,524.00

Number of Horses.....	290
Number of Cows.....	717
Number of Neat Cattle.....	245
Number of Sheep.....	5
Number of Swine.....	93
Number of Fowl.....	3,500
Number of Dwelling Houses.....	650
Acres of Land.....	18,000

Tax on One Hundred Dollars.....	\$1.70
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TAXES ABATED BY THE ASSESSORS FOR 1918.

Denis Arvanites	\$ 2.00	
Panagler Arvantes	2.00	
Henry Bechard	2.00	
Peter Duby	2.00	
Henry Lame	2.00	
George L. Ordway	2.00	
John Rosecroft	2.00	
Joseph Sears	2.00	
Veronika Knapton	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$18.00

TAXES ABATED FOR 1919.

Stephen Hamiliski	\$ 43.45
PHEME Milot	1.70
Jacob Stanley	2.00
Oliver Byron	2.00
L. W. Wheeler.....	3.40
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Amount carried forward.....	\$ 52.55

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 52.55
Fannie McCarty	17.00
Goldsmith Conant	8.50
Jessie Heald	2.00
Clarence Hildreth	2.00
Alfred Paraneaud.....	.85
D. M. Murray	2.00
Moses Hobson	3.40
Willard W. Morrison	2.00
Richard Picking	2.00
Charles Cordail	6.80
Heyward and Fletcher Heirs.....	3.40
Peter Marshal	2.00
Fred H. Meyers	3.40
Charles Lundberg	2.00
Adelard Bruley	2.00
William F. Cochane.....	2.00
William E. Wright.....	17.00
Moses Fontain	4.25
George Floyd	10.50
Ralph Weeks	2.00
Edward Delevenzo.....	2.00
Luke Hetho	2.00
Joseph M. Sullivan.....	2.00
Joseph Guchard	2.00
Edward T. Healy.....	2.00
Frederick Healy	2.00
George Hanson	2.00
Clarence Dane	2.00
Alfred Heroux	2.00
Joseph Couture	2.00
James Belida	2.00
Samuel Belida	2.00
Gustaff Swanson	2.00
A. Dubnosky	2.00
Frank R. Caunter.....	3.40
John Burkoff	2.00
Carl Canton	2.00
Ephraim Milot	2.00
Oscar Dumont	2.00
Peter Dumont	2.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$189.05

Amount brought forward.....	\$189.05
Francais Gower	2.00
Joseph Polosky	2.00
Anthony Piverotto	2.00
Oren Orinsky	2.00
James P. Goodyear	2.00
Joseph Susie	2.00
Nagle Bante	2.00
Andrew Volk	2.00
Jacob Santomy	2.00
Nagle Lamange	2.00
Stephen Helko	2.00
Ade Banta	2.00
John McGregor	2.00
John Survelant	2.00
Alexander Dupres	2.00
Michael Beleda	2.00
Kostant Costeyke	2.00
Andrew Vindete	2.00
Paul Stanconb	2.00
Joseph Cluin	2.00
Edward Lundberg	2.00
Alexander Guchand	2.00
Fred White	2.00
William Silver	2.00
Estop Zodeavek	2.00
Dreon Syeweker	2.00
Peter Dasser	2.00
Charles Gobiewitch	2.00
Stephen Ladlick	2.00
	————— \$247.05

J. W. FLETCHER,
GEO. H. HARTFORD,
JAMES W. RAFTER,

Assessors of Westford.

Report of the Engineers of the Fire Department

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1919:

At the first meeting of the Board, the engineers organized as follows:

Edward M. Abbot, Chief,
Alonzo Sutherland, Assistant Chief,
John Edwards, Clerk.

The fire companies have responded to 17 alarms during the past year, 8 building fires, 6 chimney fires, 1 automobile fire, 1 fire from over-heated stove, 1 fire set by boys.

At the following fires damage occurred:

- Jan. 5—House of Harland Knowlton. Stairway and part of roof burned. Damage, \$200.00. Started from defective chimney.
- March 11—Cottage of Louis Mersier & Co., Lowell. Fire set by unknown factor. Damage, \$75.00.
- March 12—Cottage of Henry L. Williams. Fire set by unknown parties. Damage to building and contents, \$1,500.00.
- March 12—Cottage of Moses Hobson. Fire set by unknown parties. Damage to building and contents, \$1,600.00.
- March 14—I. Maud Bolser. Fire caused by defective chimney. Damage, \$50.00.
- May 18—Independent Auto Co. One automobile destroyed.
- May 20—H. E. Fletcher & Co. Engine house destroyed.
- November 10—Adelord Brule. Damage, \$60.00.

It will be noticed that three fires were deliberately set.

During the past year the Fire House at Graniteville and Forge Village have been painted, the Hose Wagon at the Central Fire Station has also been painted, and a large box to keep the extinguishers from freezing has been built and placed in the cellar.

250 feet of hose has been thrown out as being unfit for use and as 150 feet more will be discontinued this year, the Engineers ask for an appropriation sufficient to cover the purchase of 400 feet of new hose. There is 1,300 feet of hose at the Westford

Fire House, 1,150 feet of hose at the Graniteville Fire House, and 960 feet of hose at the Forge Village House.

• We also need a rack for drying hose. This can be built by the local carpenter.

During the past year there has been difficulty in getting transportation of men and supplies to the building and forest fires outside the water district. Owners of automobiles do not like to use them to carry extinguishers and chemical charges. In fact many have refused absolutely. There are not enough trucks available to take men and equipment. Therefore there has been much delay in reaching some fires. It has now reached the point that to have an efficient department the Town should purchase a piece of motor apparatus. Almost all the surrounding towns have at least one piece of motor apparatus available.

The Fire Engineers acting with the Selectmen as a committee to report on the motor apparatus advise the purchase of the following: One piece of motor apparatus equipped with two 35-gallon chemical tanks and mounted on a substantial truck, the above to also carry eight or ten hand fire extinguishers for fighting forest fires, also axes, ladders, lanterns, etc. Two 2-wheel trailers, one loaded with hose, the other with forest fire equipment, including extinguisher charges and can for carrying water. Either trailer can be pulled behind the motor apparatus.

A piece of apparatus like the above will be of great value in fighting fires in the out-lying district where now the farmers have no protection.

The Engineers feel that by the use of a double tank chemical, property to the entire value of the original cost of this apparatus may be saved in any one year. Under the present conditions if a fire starts in any building outside of the water district there is almost no chance of saving it.

The Fire Engineers have ordered on trial one electric siren. At present there is no good way of calling out the firemen so that much time is lost. The electric siren can be blown from the telephone office or from the captain's house.

If this trial proves satisfactory the committee recommends that fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) be appropriated for the purchase and installation of three sirens, one for each village.

The Engineers and Selectmen have examined the house on the Fire House lot. If the Town buys a piece of motor apparatus they advise that the house be occupied by one of the firemen who can drive the apparatus.

The committee recommends that the sum of \$750.00 be appropriated to repair and paint this building so that it will be made livable and look well-kept.

The Fire Engineers and Selectmen recommend that the pay of the firemen be increased. At present firemen receive 40 cents an hour, lieutenants 45 cents, and captain 50 cents. All of the firemen are receiving more than this sum in their regular work and it is not right that they should lose both time and money when called out for fires.

The Fire Engineers ask that the sum of \$850.00 be raised and appropriated for the expense of the fire department, including the purchase of hose.

EDWARD M. ABBOT, Chief,
JOHN EDWARD, Clerk,
FRANK FURBUSH,
ALONZO SUTHERLAND, Asst. Chief.

Report of Building Committee for Fire House

The Committee wish to state that the Fire House has been completed and submit the following items of expense:

Harry Stiles, labor and supplies.....	\$ 51.53	
Lowell Electric Light Corp., connecting lights	15.00	
H. V. Hildreth, cash for electric light fixtures	23.75	
Alex. McDonald, grading.....	44.11	
		\$ 134.39

O. R. SPALDING,
S. B. WATSON,
H. V. HILDRETH,
R. PRESCOTT,
E. M. ABBOT,

Committee.

Town of Westford Fire Department

Instructions for Taking Care of Fire Extinguishers.

1. Any person who is loaned a fire extinguisher by the Town of Westford for use at brush or house fires must be responsible for same.

2. After using and before refilling, the extinguisher should be thoroughly washed out to prevent corroding. The hose and nozzle also should be washed. Make sure the hole in the nozzle is clear.

3. Always wash and refill immediately. There may be another fire.

4. In winter the extinguisher should be put near a stove or in a warm place, to prevent freezing. Otherwise it should be emptied and washed out.

5. By putting into the extinguisher 3-4 of a cup of salt and stirring until dissolved, the extinguisher will not freeze so easily. It cannot, however, be left in a wholly unheated building.

6. All persons having extinguishers, who close their houses for the winter or who leave town, should notify the forest warden, Harry L. Nesmith, by telephone and give the extinguishers to him.

7. Every spring the extinguishers should be discharged, washed out and refilled.

8. Any extinguisher that is lost or becomes defective should be reported to the Forest Warden.

9. Each person taking an extinguisher to a fire should take his own extinguisher home.

10. Know the number of your own extinguisher.

11. Any person allowing an extinguisher to freeze must pay for having it repaired.

Per Order,

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS,
Town of Westford.

LIST OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN
TOWN OF WESTFORD

January 1, 1920

No. 1	David Greig	36	Will Greene
2	Bert Drew	37	John Martin
3	Eben Prescott	38	George Kimball
4	Sam Taylor	39	Judson Sweetser
5	John Flynn	40	W. Butterworth
6	L. J. Eliason	41	Everett Jarvis
7	Charles Edwards	42	C. M. Griffin
9	Walter Whidden	43	James Sullivan
10	Herbert E. Fletcher	44	W. Seifer
11	Herbert E. Fletcher	45	John O'Brien
12	Herbert E. Fletcher	46	A. Blaisdell
13	Herbert E. Fletcher	47	A. Burnham
14	Herbert E. Fletcher	48	N. Decatur
15	J. Lundberg	49	D. Desmond
16	Nat. Whitney	50	Angus McDonald
17	Graniteville Fire House	52	A. A. Hildreth
		53	Albert Flagg
18	Graniteville Fire House	54	Calvin Howard
		55	James Wilson
19	Jim O'Brien Providence Road	56	Alec McDougall
		57	Otis Day
20	W. Williams	59	Parker Village Fire House
21	Brookside Fire House		
22	Brookside Fire House	60	Warren Sweetsir
23	West Graniteville Depot	61	Mabel Drew
		62	O. R. Spalding
24	F. Banister	63	Graniteville Fire House
25	Charles Couture		
26	H. D. Wright	65	A. E. Loveless
27	Gilman J. Wright	66	Guy Decatur
28	Horace Gould	67	A. Jordan
29	H. O. Keyes, Est.	68	A. Dureault
30	E. Ward	69	C. B. Wetmore
31	J. M. Booke	70	T. Sullivan
32	C. Shugrue	71	Fred Blodgett
33	J. A. Healy Dunstable Road	72	O. R. Spalding
		73	Frank Wright
34	Westford Depot	75	W. Anderson
35	Westford Depot	77	Fred McCoy

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| 78 | George Hartford | 102 | Forge Village Fire House |
| 79 | J. W. Pyne | | |
| 80 | Westford Pumping Station | 103 | Forge Village Fire House |
| 81 | Richard Prescott | 104 | Frost School |
| 82 | Fred Burbeck | 105 | George Irish |
| 83 | James O'Brien,
Stony Brook Road | 108 | A. Polley |
| 84 | Frank Hildreth | 109 | G. Gladu |
| 86 | A. Vose | 110 | Westford Fire House |
| 87 | C. Parker | 111 | Westford Fire House |
| 88 | John Connell | 112 | Westford Fire House |
| 89 | Graniteville Fire House | 113 | Alec McDonald |
| 90 | Graniteville Fire House | 114 | M. Downs |
| 91 | C. Johnson,
Whidden's Corner | 115 | George O'Brien |
| 92 | Westford Fire House | 116 | John Simpson |
| 93 | Westford Fire House | 117 | O. R. Spalding |
| 94 | Westford Fire House | 118 | J. Sargent |
| 95 | H. Whitten | 119 | Geo. C. Moore |
| 96 | H. Murphy | 120 | J. Sanburg |
| 97 | J. Wayne | 121 | H. Anderson |
| 98 | Westford Fire House | 122 | Westford Fire House |
| 99 | Westford Fire House | 123 | Westford Fire House |
| 100 | Forge Village Fire House | 124 | A. McDougall |
| 101 | Forge Village Fire House | 125 | Westford Fire House |
| | | 126 | Westford Fire House |
| | | 127 | Westford Fire House |
| | | 128 | Westford Fire House |
| | | 129 | Westford Fire House |

Fires in Town of Westford

OWNER	DATE	Acres	Dam- age	Town Expense	Railroad Expense
H. E. Fletcher Co.	Mar. 26	8	\$ 20	\$ 6.82	
F. Shattuck	26	8	0	2.20	
J. Sargent	26	4	10	1.00	
Town Farm	April 19	$\frac{1}{4}$	0		\$ 1.80
E. Dane	19	40	400	20.80	
H. E. Fletcher Co.	21	$\frac{1}{4}$	5	3.80	
H. Hallowell	21	5	50		3.00
Lindsey	April 22	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	2.20	
J. W. Sweetser	23	$\frac{1}{2}$			4.65
C. O. and R. Prescott	23	140	10		110.00
J. A. Healy	27	20	1	25.40	
O. R. Spalding	29	4	40	19.80	
Harry Fletcher	29	1	20	10.30	
Sargent Corp.	May 1	2	40	6.90	
Town Farm	1	$\frac{1}{4}$	5	4.80	
C. Biscuit	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	10		13.95
Water Co.	3	3		8.80	
Geo. Smith	16	4	40		6.85
H. Beebe	29	5	50	10.30	
Biscuit	30	1	5		3.00
Louis H. Buckshorn	30	2	10		7.70
W. Town Farm	31	5	20		64.85
Town Farm	June 1	2	10		7.90
C. Edwards	21	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	4.60	
O. R. Spalding	22	$\frac{1}{2}$	10	5.20	
Harry Fletcher	30	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	8.60	
Beebe	30	$\frac{1}{2}$	5		3.30
Harry Fletcher	July 2	1	10	4.60	
Harry Fletcher	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	6.50	
Harry Fletcher	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	8.70	
Parker	14	$\frac{1}{4}$	1		2.30
Wm. Edwards	Aug. 4	20	200	27.20	
Wm. Edwards	5	5	50	20.00	
Wm. Edwards	6	3	30	10.00	
Wm. Edwards	9	5	50	15.20	
Wm. Edwards	10	10	100	25.80	
Geo. Jackson	10	10	50	51.20	
O. S. Spalding	Nov. 17	2	20	4.50	
J. F. Sweetser	Dec. 6	3	25		6.00
Total				\$315.22	\$235.30

**Report of the Commissioners of Public
Burial Grounds.**

The Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds present the following report for the year ending December 31, 1919.

Three lots have been added during the year to those under the perpetual care of the Town thus increasing the fund to \$9,270.25.

For the care and improvement of the cemeteries the Commissioners would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$150.00 be raised and appropriated for the coming year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

From the Town.....	\$ 150.00	
For the care of lots.....	355.50	
From Perpetual Care Funds.....	181.47	
	<hr/>	\$ 686.97

EXPENSES.

Fairview.

Paid Wilford Cloutier for labor.....	\$ 304.00
William Socorelis for labor.....	32.00
Clifford Johnson for labor.....	10.50
Wallace Johnson for labor.....	7.65
D. L. Greig for labor, loam and supplies	95.85

Westlawn.

Paid Albert A. Hildreth for labor.....	\$ 32.00
A. F. Whidden for labor and supplies	100.00

Hillside.

Paid W. H. Pollock for labor.....	\$ 30.39
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General Expenses.

Paid Parkhurst Press for printing.....	\$ 7.66	
Wright & Fletcher for fertilizer....	56.00	
Wright & Fletcher for supplies.....	9.35	
Postage	1.57	
	<hr/>	\$ 686.97

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS.

FAIRVIEW.

Abbot, Mrs. E. S.	\$ 5.00
Adams, Effie	1.00
Atwood, Miss L. B.	2.00
Baker, John	1.00
Baker, ——	1.00
Balch, Samuel	1.00
Bennett, Grace	1.00
Bennett, Priscilla	1.00
Bicknell, Charles	1.00
Blanchard, Lowell	2.00
Blodgett, C. A. and F. R.	1.00
Blodgett, Samuel	1.00
Blodgett, Wilford	1.00
Blowey, Mrs. Samuel.	1.00
Bourret, Joseph	8.00
Bowden, Mrs. Albert.	1.00
Bridgeford, Mrs. Lizzie.	1.00
Brooks, Charles	1.00
Bucklin, Mrs. Hattie.	1.00
Buckshorn, Mrs. Addie.	8.00
Bunce, Mary P.	2.00
Burnett, William	1.00
Burland, Arthur	1.00
Burbeck, Mrs. John.	1.00
Burnham, Arthur	1.00
Butterworth, W. L.	1.00
Calvert, Mrs. Frank.	1.00
Carkin, A. W.	1.00
Carkin Warren E.	1.00
Carver, William R.	1.00
Catchpole, Mrs. Elizabeth.	1.00
Caunter, Frank	2.00
Chamberlain, Mrs. E. H.	1.00
Colburn, Daisey	8.00
Colburn, Norah	8.00
Amount carried forward.	<hr/> \$71.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 71.00
Cockcroft, Herbert	1.00
Coggeshall, Dexter	1.00
Conley, Peter	10.00
Cogle, Mrs. George.....	1.00
Crockett, Mrs. Henry.....	1.00
Davie, William	1.00
Davis, Alice	1.00
Day, Arthur	1.00
Decatur, B. W.....	1.00
Decatur, Nathaniel	8.00
Doucette, Martha	1.00
Dix, Mrs. Henry.....	1.00
Drew, C. Frank.....	1.00
Dugdale, Richard	1.00
Eastman, Asa	1.00
Eastman, Charles	8.00
Feeney, John	2.00
Fisher, Edward	1.00
Fisher, John	1.00
Fletcher, Harry N.....	3.00
Fletcher, Harry W.....	8.00
Fletcher, Henry	6.00
Fletcher, J. M.....	3.00
Fletcher, Sherman H.....	1.00
Fletcher, Willard	1.00
Fraser, James	1.00
Gardell, August	1.00
Gilson, L. S.....	2.00
Giraud, Mrs. Mary A.....	1.00
Guild, Mrs. Carrie and E. M. Mills.....	1.00
Hamlin, George P.....	1.00
Hamlin, Mrs. Annie.....	8.00
Hanning, Elisha	1.00
Hanson, Mrs. Martin.....	1.00
Harrington, James	1.00
Harris, David	1.00
Harris, George E.....	1.00
Harrup, Mrs. James.....	1.00
Hartford, James D.....	8.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$165.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$165.00
Hawkes, Wesley O.....	1.00
Healy, Frank	1.00
Hewett, Carrie	1.00
Haywood, Mrs. E. E.....	1.00
Hildreth, Mrs. Ellen A.....	1.00
Hildreth, Helen C.....	1.00
Hildreth, Fred	2.00
Hill, Mrs. Jennie.....	1.00
Hindle, Frank	1.00
Holt, Mrs. Julia.....	1.00
Horne, George	1.00
Howard, Calvin	1.00
Howard, Charles D.....	1.00
Hummiston, Elliott	1.00
Hunt, E. J.....	2.00
Hunt, G. W.....	1.00
Isles, Mrs. Phonsie.....	1.00
Johnson, Almira	1.00
Johnson, Andrew	1.00
Johnson, W. W.....	1.00
Kabele, H. M.....	1.00
Kierstead, Sanford	1.00
King, Mrs. A. M.....	1.00
Lambert, Mrs. Alice K.....	1.00
Longbottom, Walter	1.00
Lord, Drusilla	8.00
Martin, John	1.00
Martin, Josephine	1.00
Mattersen, John	1.00
McClenna, Mrs. L.....	1.00
McDougal, Mrs. A. M.....	3.00
McCoy, Fred	1.00
Miller, Frank	2.00
Millis, Willard	1.00
Moran, Mary	1.00
Morin, Mrs. Joseph.....	1.00
Moss, James	1.00
Morton, Mrs. Fennimore.....	3.00
Mountain, Ernest	8.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$225.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$225.00
Mullen, Mrs. C. J.....	1.00
Munoy, Mrs. Marion.....	1.00
Naylor, Fred	1.00
Nelson, Mrs. Fannie.....	1.00
O'Brien, George	1.00
O'Brien, James	1.00
Orr, Robert	1.00
Parker, E. W.....	2.00
Parker, W. G.....	1.00
Perkins, Mrs. John.....	1.00
Perkins, Joseph	2.00
Phillips, Norman	1.00
Pickering, Charles	1.00
Polley, Amos	1.00
Prescott, Ebenezer	2.00
Prescott, Mrs. Frances.....	1.00
Proctor Lot, Mrs. S. B. Watson.....	1.00
Prouty, Mrs. George.....	1.00
Rapson, James	1.00
Read, Carrie	1.00
Reed, G. G.:.....	1.00
Richardson, Mrs. A. M.....	2.00
Richardson, Joseph	1.00
Richardson, M. T.....	1.00
Ripley, Mrs. F. K.....	1.00
Rockwell, Guy	2.00
Sanborn, George	1.00
Saville, William	1.00
Schworer, Mrs. Louis.....	1.00
Scrutton, Mrs. G. A.....	1.00
Searles, C. J.....	1.00
Seavey, H. M.....	2.00
Shattuck, David	1.00
Shea, Mrs. Frank.....	1.00
Sherman, Mrs. David.....	1.00
Skidmore, Gertrude	1.00
Smith, A. G.....	1.00
Smith, Paul	1.00
Spalding, Fred	1.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$270.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$270.00
Stewart, Mrs. James.....	1.00
Stiles, Fred	1.00
Stiles, Harry	1.00
Streeter, Mrs. May.....	2.50
Sutherland, A. H.....	1.00
Sutherland, William	2.00
Sweatt, Jessie M.....	1.00
Symmes, Mrs. Thomas.....	3.00
Taylor, Albert D.....	2.00
Turner, Lizzie	1.00
Vose, A. S.....	2.00
Walhden, James	1.00
Waller, Mrs. Nettie J.....	2.00
Watson, Mrs. Bessie D.....	8.00
Weaver, George	1.00
Webb, Mrs. Clara H.....	1.00
Welch, William	2.00
Wells, Mrs. O. V.....	8.00
Wheeler, Delia	1.00
Wheeler, Isaac	1.00
White, Harry	1.00
Wigham, James	1.00
Willis, William	1.00
Wilson, Mrs. Margaret.....	1.00
Wilson, James D.....	1.00
Wilson, Mrs. Joseph.....	7.00
Wood, Henry O.....	1.00
Woodbury, Mrs. Emma.....	1.00
Woods, William L.....	2.00
Wright, Mrs. Emma.....	1.00
Wright, Frank C.....	1.00
Wright, W. M.....	1.00
Wyman, William W.....	9.00
York, J. E.....	2.00

HILLSIDE.

Blodgett, Harry	1.00
Gould, H. E.....	1.00
Parker, D. W.....	1.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$345.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$345.00
Redding, R. E.....	1.00
Sargent, F. G.....	1.00
Worcester, C. H.....	1.00

WESTLAWN.

Cutter, Miss A. B.....	1.00
Hildreth, Frank C.....	1.00
Leighton, Mrs. Helen.....	1.00
Leighton, Ida E.....	1.00
Stone, Mrs. Maria.....	1.00
Watson, S. B.....	2.00

 \$355.50

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

NAME AND CEMETERY.	FUND.
Ephraim Abbot, Fairview	\$ 100.00
J. W. P. Abbot, Fairview.....	100.00
Cyrus Babbit, Fairview.....	50.00
Albert Bailey, Fairview.....	50.00
Mary E. Brigham, Fairview.....	100.00
Mary E. Brigham (Kittredge lot), Fairview.....	100.00
W. H. H. Burbeck, Fairview.....	150.00
Sally B. Burrill, Fairview.....	100.00
Susan A. Butterfield, Fairview.....	100.00
Buxton & Parker, Fairview.....	50.00
Francis Caldwell, Fairview.....	50.00
John Carmichael, Fairview.....	150.00
John B. Carmichael, Fairview.....	100.00
Mrs. Alice Carrick, Fairview.....	50.00
Elisha Case, Fairview.....	50.00
William Chandler, Hillside.....	100.00
Jonathan Collins, Fairview.....	50.00
P. G. Collins, Fairview.....	50.00
Edward Craven, Fairview.....	100.00
Hiram Dane, Fairview.....	50.00
George Davis, Fairview.....	50.00
George and Jonathan Davis, Fairview.....	50.00
Joshua C. Decatur, Fairview.....	50.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$1,800.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,800.00
Charles S. Dodge, Fairview.....	100.00
Cephas Drew, Fairview.....	50.00
George Drew, Fairview.....	50.00
Thomas Drew, Fairview.....	50.00
Edmund L. Dupee, Fairview.....	50.00
Rachel Dupee, Fairview.....	50.00
William Z. Dupee, Fairview.....	50.00
Daniel Falls, Fairview.....	50.00
Alvin Fisher lot, Fairview.....	150.00
Elizabeth G. Flagg, Fairview.....	50.00
Charles Flanders, Hillside.....	50.00
Abijah Fletcher lot, Fairview.....	50.00
Andrew Fletcher, Fairview.....	100.00
Charles H. Fletcher, Fairview.....	50.00
Herbert E. Fletcher, Fairview.....	100.00
Hugh A. Fletcher, Fairview.....	100.00
Julia A. Fletcher, Fairview.....	50.00
Lorenzo Fletcher—F. A. Snow, Ex., Fairview.....	100.00
Sherman D. Fletcher, Westlawn.....	50.00
Sherman D. Fletcher, Fairview.....	50.00
L. A. Folland, Fairview.....	50.00
Charles Follansbee, Hillside.....	100.00
Helen K. Frost, Fairview.....	150.00
George Q. Gilson, Fairview.....	50.00
Susan E. Green, Fairview.....	100.00
John Greig, Fairview.....	100.00
Adams Griffin, Fairview.....	50.00
Joseph B. Griffin, Fairview.....	100.00
Timothy L. Griffin lot, by Viola Griffin Whitehead, Fairview	50.00
Frank L. Haley, Fairview.....	50.00
Theodore H. Hamblett, Fairview.....	50.00
C. & C. A. Hamlin, Fairview.....	100.00
Mrs. Sarah Harris, Fairview.....	25.00
George R. Harrison, Fairview.....	50.00
Ephraim A. Harwood, Fairview.....	100.00
M. Hennessey, Fairview.....	50.00
Henry Herrick, Westlawn.....	100.00
George W. Heywood lot, Fairview.....	50.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$4,475.00

Amount brought forward.....	\$4,475.00
Levi Heywood tomb, Fairview.....	50.00
Samuel Horne, Fairview.....	50.00
Melbourne F. Hutchings, Westlawn.....	100.00
Samuel M. Hutchings, Fairview.....	100.00
Hutchings & Blood, Westlawn.....	50.00
Albert E. Jenne, Fairview.....	50.00
Louisa Joint, Fairview.....	50.00
C. F. Keyes, Fairview.....	50.00
H. O. Keyes, Fairview.....	100.00
Grace Lawrence, Westlawn.....	50.00
A. W. Langley, Fairview.....	100.00
Silas Lawrence and Mrs. Drake, Westlawn.....	100.00
Frances Leighton, Westlawn.....	50.00
Isaiah Leighton, Fairview.....	100.00
Frank Lowther, Fairview.....	50.00
J. F. Marsh (Edrick Nutting lot), Hillside.....	50.00
Mazuzan & Whitney, Fairview.....	200.00
Edwin D. Metcalf, Fairview.....	50.00
Hugh Mills, Fairview.....	50.00
Harry Nesmith, Fairview.....	50.00
John A. Osgood (John Osgood lot), Fairview.....	50.00
John M. Osgood, Fairview.....	95.25
John M. Parker, Fairview.....	50.00
Fletcher Peckens, Fairview.....	50.00
Sarah Precious, Fairview.....	50.00
Prescott & Babbitt, Fairview.....	100.00
Abram Prescott tomb, Westlawn.....	50.00
Charles H. Prescott, Westlawn.....	100.00
Joseph F. Prescott, Westlawn.....	50.00
Frances A. Prescott, Fairview.....	50.00
Nathan P. Prescott, Fairview.....	50.00
C. M. Prinn, Fairview.....	50.00
Mary A. Putnam, Hillside.....	100.00
James W. Pyne, Fairview.....	50.00
Polly Quigg, Fairview.....	50.00
Abijah C. Reed, Fairview.....	50.00
Anan Reed, Westlawn.....	50.00
Sarah S. Reed, Westlawn.....	100.00
Annie Richardson, Fairview.....	50.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$7,120.25

Amount brought forward.....	\$7,120.25
Olive A. Richardson, Fairview.....	50.00
Samuel Richardson, Fairview.....	50.00
George E. Burns, Ex. Estate of Sarah Richardson, Fairview	100.00
Sarah Richardson, Fairview.....	50.00
Sarah E. Richardson, Fairview.....	50.00
Nancy Sargent, Fairview.....	50.00
C. Frederick Seifer, Fairview.....	50.00
Clara A. Smith, Fairview.....	50.00
Levi Snow, Fairview.....	100.00
Salmon L. Snow, Fairview.....	100.00
Ephraim A. Stevens, Fairview.....	50.00
George Patten Stone, tomb, Westlawn.....	100.00
Sarah H. Trumbull, Fairview.....	100.00
A. and N. S. Tuttle, Fairview.....	50.00
Mrs. O. V. Wells, Fairview.....	50.00
Sarah E. P. Wells, Westlawn.....	100.00
Jacob Wendell, Hillside.....	100.00
Mary J. Wheeler, Fairview.....	50.00
William White, Fairview.....	50.00
Hiram Whitney, Fairview.....	100.00
Clara M. Wiley, Fairview.....	100.00
Luther Wilkins, Fairview.....	75.00
M. E. Willard (Hosley lot), Westlawn.....	100.00
Samuel Willis, Fairview.....	50.00
John Wilson, Fairview.....	50.00
W. W. Woodward (Oliver Woodward lot) Hillside..	100.00
Capt. Ezekiel Wright, Westlawn.....	50.00
G. T. & A. S. Wright, Fairview.....	100.00
N. H. Wright, Fairview.....	100.00
Varnum B. Wright, Fairview.....	25.00
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	\$9,270.25

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman and Secretary,
DAVID L. GREIG,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

Report of Town Fish and Game Warden.

In patrolling the different fields and covers I see the great benefit we receive from having a Closed Season. There are more Partridges in the woods here than we have had for over twenty years. Phéasant are also very plentiful, and there is quite a large increase in the small Song Birds. We have a flock of Partridges very near the Village. Some towns in this State are buying or leasing large tracts of land to be used for Bird Sanctuaries so as to have one place in the town where the birds will be safe from the man with the dog and the gun at all times, in Closed or Open Season. Let us hope our Town will be one to get in line.

The new law in regard to fishing and trapping caused a little confusion. This law compels every man in a fishing party to carry a license to fish. As to trapping—the way furs are selling—some people will trap as long as they can sell the fur. I have picked up traps that were left set till the Summer. If people continue to trap right up to the breeding season, it will not be long until we haven't any furs.

I have not received as much fish this season as last for the reason that the Fish and Game Commission is short of funds and labor is scarce and high, but they are doing all they can for the cause. I got eight Pheasants and forty-five Pheasants' eggs but I had very poor success with the eggs. The eggs were sent from the Game Farm. I also got some Snowshoe Rabbits from Maine. They cost \$2.50 per pair and were paid for by popular subscription. We have an order in for ten pairs to be delivered this Spring. All persons wishing to help pay for them please send in the money. We will be very thankful for any subscription, large or small.

Following is a list of the fish and game put out last season :

- 12 Snowshoe Rabbits.
- 8 Pheasants.
- 45 Pheasants' eggs.
- 100 adult Black Bass—Nabnasset.
- 300 Yellow Perch—Keyes Pond.
- 10 cans Brook Trout—Reed Brook.
- 10 cans Brook Trout—Snake Meadow Brook.

We have the promise of the State and the U. S. Commission of receiving a large lot this year.

In closing, I want to thank all the people who have helped me the last year in this work. Every town in this State has bad reports about certain people who have no regard for our Fish and Game Laws and as the Commission is short of funds it is hard to get men to enforce the law, therefore, it is up to all good people to do all they can to preserve Wild Life.

JOE WALL,
Game Warden.

**Report of the Committee in Charge of the
Whitney Playground**

Your committee hereby respectfully submits the following report:

The grounds have been kept in excellent condition under the efficient care of Mr. Willey M. Wright.

There have been no changes in the investments and the Report of 1914 and 1918 is referred to for a statement thereof.

The following is a list of receipts accruing and expenditures incurred during the year:

RECEIPTS.

Income Funds	\$ 243.31
Bonds, Income	230.00
	\$ 473.31

EXPENDITURES.

Alec Fisher, use of horse, 1917 and 1918.....	\$ 36.00
Westford Water Co.....	10.00
Repairs	14.80
Labor	353.54
Dickerman & McQuade, supplies.....	18.20
Dumas & Co., supplies.....	2.50
J. J. McManmon, flowers.....	30.45
Wright & Fletcher, supplies.....	7.82
	\$ 473.31

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
HERBERT V. HILDRETH,
CHARLES L. HILDRETH.

Treasurer's Report.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1919	\$22,443.11
Cash borrowed, anticipation taxes.....	23,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Hospital for Consumptives	104.29
Income tax, 1917	240.00
Income tax, 1918	420.00
Income tax, 1919	3,180.94
Income tax, 1919, General School Fund	890.00
Street R. R. tax.....	1,657.25
Income Mass. School Fund.....	962.06
Industrial School	111.25
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Sup- pression	22.50
Mothers with dependent children....	1,096.00
Compensation Inspector Animals....	100.00
Supt. Schools, small towns.....	500.00
Corporation tax, public service.....	395.76
Corporation tax, business.....	20,532.83
National Bank tax.....	348.45
Temporary aid	231.15
Military aid	108.00
State aid	720.00
Soldiers' exemption	3.23
Graniteville Road	1,169.81
Highway Commission	109.60
S. H. Balch, Janitor, Town Hall.....	215.25
B. & M. R. R., on acct. fires.....	189.75
Cemetery Funds, Income.....	1,078.04
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds.....	300.00
Clerk, 1st District Court, Ayer.....	38.65
Cemetery Commission, care of lots.....	355.50
Licenses	59.00
Income Library Funds.....	180.00
Amount carried forward.....	\$80,762.42

Amount brought forward	\$80,762.42
Income E. D. Metcalf Fund	80.00
County Treasurer, Dog Licenses	378.10
Oiling Acton and Lowell Roads	300.00
County Treasurer, Graniteville Road	1,169.82
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., on acct. fires	44.95
John Perkins, rent	108.00
W. C. Roudenbush, Domestic Science Class	32.97
Income Whitney Shade Tree Fund	99.89
L. W. Wheeler, coll. tax, 1918	817.98
L. W. Wheeler, coll. tax, 1918, interest	23.22
L. W. Wheeler, collection fees	76.32
L. W. Wheeler, coll. tax, 1919	43,998.24
L. W. Wheeler, coll. tax, 1919, interest	28.60
Whitney Playground Funds income	230.00
G. E. Greenough, gravel	40.00
H. L. Nesmith, repair fire extinguishers	4.00
B. & M. R. R., redemption school tickets	13.99
W. C. Roudenbush, supplies	4.68
W. C. Roudenbush, Senior Class Gift	20.00
D. Sherman, Leland Land	495.00
Merrimack River Savings Bank, on acct.	
D. May	12.19
Reimbursement, Mrs. Wm. Flongon	205.00
Talbot Tyewood & Chemical Co.	4.48
Town Groton, tuition	92.25
Reimbursement, Mrs. Desjardin	57.00
A. A. Hildreth, Sealer of Weights and	
Measurers	40.21
Est. C. G. Sargent, sidewalk	94.75
Am. Ex. Co., rebate . . . . .	.49

PAYMENTS.

Notes	\$ 25,800.00
Interest	961.50
County tax	4,125.50
State tax	8,030.00
Special State tax	481.80
Orders	64,805.66

Amount carried forward \$129,234.55 \$104,204.46

Amount brought forward.....	\$129,234.55	\$104,204.46
Repairs State Highway.....		989.80
G. E. Greenough, bal. due on order No. D885 (1918)		565.45
Mechanics Savings Bank, income acct. Shade Trees		99.89
Merrimack River Savings Bank, income acct. Soldiers' Monument.....		216.20
Central Savings Bank, income Perpetual Care Funds		1,078.04
Central Savings Bank, Perpetual Care Funds		250.00
Merrimack River Savings Bank, Perpetual Care Funds		50.00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1920.....		21,780.71
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	\$129,234.55	\$129,234.55

HARWOOD L. WRIGHT,

Treasurer.

Auditor's Report.

I have made the usual examination of the books of the Town Officers and as a result of my examination I herewith submit the following report, together with a statement of the financial condition of the Town of Westford on January 1, 1920.

TAXES.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for year 1918:	
To balance to collect as per Audit of Jan. 8, 1919	\$ 833.05
Additions since last Audit.....	.93
Past due interest and collection fees collected	69.82
	\$ 903.80
By collections	\$ 887.80
By abatements	16.00
	\$ 903.80
To Excise Tax to collect for 1918 as per Assessors' Warrant.....	\$ 562.07
	\$ 562.07

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for the year 1919:	
To amount of tax levy as per Assessors' Warrant as follows:	
778 Polls at \$2.00.....	\$ 1,556.00
Tax on Personal Property.....	12,422.68
Tax on Real Estate.....	29,861.37
Moth and Lead Tax.....	873.02
	\$44,713.07
Additions since issue of Warrant as per Assessors' Notices.....	435.74
Interest and Collection Fees.....	58.32
	\$45,207.13
Amount carried forward.....	\$45,207.13

Amount brought forward.....	\$45,207.13
Less Abatements for the year as per Assessors' Notices	243.05
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	\$44,964.08
By Collections to January 5, 1920.....	44,056.56
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Balance to collect.....	\$ 907.52
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To Excise Tax to collect, as per Assessors' Warrant	\$ 495.07
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Balance to collect	\$ 495.07

TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk issued during the year licenses for:	
166 Male Dogs at \$2.00.....	\$ 332.00
19 Female Dogs at \$5.00.....	95.00
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	\$ 427.00
Less Clerk's Fee, 185 at 20 cents.....	37.00
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Balance paid to County Treasurer and received for by him.....	\$ 390.00

SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen drew 847 orders on the Treasurer during the year, amounting to \$64,805.66. Cancelled voucher checks were found on file with the Treasurer for all of these payments except three (3) which had not been deposited at time of Audit. The amounts of these three checks were found to be correct as per corresponding orders drawn.

TOWN FARM.

Mr. C. S. Ripley, Superintendent.

Balance cash on hand January 2, 1919..	\$ 93.89
Total cash receipts from all sources during the year	5,505.38
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	\$5,599.27
By expenditures for the year.....	5,571.39
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Balance cash on hand January 2, 1920..	\$ 27.88

TREASURER.

To balance cash on hand Dec. 31, 1918..	\$22,443.11	
Receipts from all sources during year..	106,791.44	
		—————\$129,234.55
By total payments for year ending Dec.		
31, 1919	\$107,453.84	
By cash on hand December 31, 1919....	21,780.71	
		—————\$129,234.55

STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

ASSETS.

1919 Taxes remaining uncollected.....	\$	907.52	
1919 Excise Tax uncollected.....		495.07	
1918 Excise Tax uncollected.....		562.07	
Due from State Aid.....		432.00	
Due from Military Aid.....		108.00	
Balance cash on hand with Supt. of Town			
Farm		27.88	
Balance cash on hand with Treasurer....		21,780.71	
			————— \$24,313.25

LIABILITIES.

Due State Treasurer on Schoolhouse Loan			
(W. E. Frost).....	\$3,000.00		
Two months' interest on same at 4¼ per			
cent.	21.25		
Due State Treasurer on acct. E. M. Abbot			
firehouse	500.00		
Eight and one-half months' interest on			
same at 4 per cent.....	14.16		
Due State Treasurer on account Granite-			
ville Road.....	3,200.00		
Four months' interest on same at 5 per			
cent.	53.33		
			————— \$ 6,788.74
Balance			————— \$17,524.51
This balance December 31, 1918 was....			\$14,438.98

LIST OF FUNDS.

E. D. METCALF MONUMENT FUND.

Two \$1,000.00 Erie R. R. Co.'s 4 per cent.		
Gold Bonds, Nos. 7243-7375.....	\$2,000.00	
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INCOME FUND FROM ABOVE ACCOUNT.

Merrimack River Savings Bank.....	\$ 216.20	
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LIBRARY FUNDS.

In Savings Banks.....	\$4,000.00	
Wilkin's Bequest	150.00	
Interest on same.....	82.73	
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WHITNEY PLAYGROUND.

		Interest	
Two \$1,000.00 Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.'s			
Bonds, Nos. 30,040-30,041....	\$2,000.00		
Two \$1,000.00 Spencer Gas. Co.'s			
Bonds, Nos. 46-47.....	2,000.00		
One \$1,000.00 City of Canton Bond	1,000.00		
Lowell Institution for Savings...	526.59		
Lowell Institution for Savings.....	1,000.00	\$ 34.00	
Central Savings Bank.....	1,000.00	34.00	
Merrimack River Savings Bank..	1,000.00	34.00	
Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank..	1,000.00	34.00	
City Institution for Savings.....	1,000.00	36.53	
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	\$10,526.59	\$172.53	\$10,699.12

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney \$2,500 Fund		
for the care and preservation and		
replacing of shade trees		
Mechanics Savings Bank.....	\$ 500.00	
Two \$1,000.00 Liberty Bonds.....	2,000.00	
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INCOME FUND FOR ABOVE ACCOUNT.

Mechanics Savings Bank.....	\$ 99.89	
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CEMETERY FUNDS.

		Interest	
Central Savings Bank.....	\$1,850.00		
Lowell Institution for Savings..	350.00		
City Institution for Savings...	250.00	\$107.79	
Mechanics Savings Bank.....	1,225.00		
Merrimack River Savings Bank..	1,350.00		
Five Cent Savings Bank.....	1,995.25		
Liberty Bonds of 2nd Issue.....	600.00		
Liberty Bonds of 3rd Issue.....	1,700.00		
	\$9,320.25	\$107.79	\$9,428.04

Interest drawn from Perpetual Care
Funds and deposited in an Income
Fund for Cemetery Perpetual Care
Funds:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

Lowell Five Cent Savings.....	\$ 735.02		
Lowell Institution for Savings.....	7.90		
Merrimack River Savings Bank.....	29.63		
Lowell Five Cent Savings.....	44.93		
Merrimack River Savings.....	29.25		
Lowell Institution for Savings.....	7.90		
Central Savings	59.70		
Interest on Income Account.....	12.21		
Coupons from \$1,300.00 3rd Liberty Loan	55.25		
Coupons from \$1,700.00 3rd Liberty Loan	72.25		
Coupons from \$600.00 2nd Liberty Loan	24.00		
	\$1,078.04		

INCOME FUND.

Above interest invested in an Income
Fund as follows:

Liberty Bonds 3rd Issue.....	\$1,300.00		
Central Savings Bank.....	1,440.24		
	\$ 2,740.24		
			\$31,916.22

All Bank Books and Securities are with the Town Treasurer
with the exception of the Whitney Playground Bonds which are
in the keeping of Edward Fisher for the Committee.

FREDERICK SMITH,

Auditor.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County :

GREETING :

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, February 9, 1920, being the second Monday in said month at 7.45 o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock A. M., and may be closed at one o'clock P. M., and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To bring in their votes for one Selectman, one Overseer of the Poor, one Assessor, two members School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, one member Board of Health, all for three years; one member School Committee (to fill unexpired term), one member Board of Health, for two year; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Constable, Auditor, Tree Warden, and one member Board of Health, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"
- 3rd. To hear the report of the Finance Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.

- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees, and raise and appropriate money to meet the expenses of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for the support of the Public Schools, High School purposes, school text-books and supplies, salary of the Superintendent of Schools, repairs and maintenance of, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in connection with the various schoolhouses and medical inspection, and act in relation to the same.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths and elm tree beetles.

- 17th. To raise and appropriate money to meet the expenses of the Fire Department and the recommendation made by the engineers of this department for the purchase of new hose, and act in relation to the same.
- 18th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or borrow, money to purchase a double tank chemical motor apparatus for use of the fire department, and act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or borrow, money to purchase three electric sirens to be used for fire alarm purposes and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for repairing and painting the cottage house located on the premises of the Fire Department at Westford Centre, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To see if the Town will authorize the use of the Fire House for meetings of the Boys' Club, so called, and act in relation to the same.
- 22nd. To see if the Town will vote to increase the price paid the men for fighting fires as fixed by the vote passed at the Annual Town Meeting held February 11, 1918, and act in relation to the same.
- 23rd. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to meet the expenses of the Board of Health and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$350, to be expended for band concerts at Graniteville, Forge Village and Westford Centre, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To hear the additional report of the Committee appointed to investigate and report concerning the establishment of a monument or other memorial to commemorate the patriotism and valour of the young men of Westford who entered the service of the United States or the Allies in the World War, and act in relation to the same.

- 26th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) as compensation for a Fish and Game Warden in the event one is appointed for the Town.
- 27th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.
- 28th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 29th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to contribute to the cost of operation and fixed charges in maintaining the Branch Line, so called, of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co., and act in relation to the same.
- 30th. To choose all other Town officers necessary to be chosen.
- 31st. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 32nd. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village, and Parkerville, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these three villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 33rd. To see if the Town will vote to increase the compensation of the election officers, as fixed at the Annual Town Meeting held March 16, 1908, and act in relation to the same.
- 34th. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300) to be used for military purposes connected with the maintenance of Company H, 11th Inf., Massachusetts State Guards, located in this Town, and act in relation to the same.

- 35th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the construction and grading of sidewalks in the several villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 36th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200, and elect a director for demonstration work in agriculture and home economics, the money to be expended by, and the director to serve in co-operation with the County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics, under the provisions of Chapter 273, General Acts of 1918; it being understood that \$100 of this amount shall be used to provide paid supervision of boys' and girls' club work, and act in relation to the same.
- 37th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the employment of a public health nurse, and act in relation to the same.
- 38th. To see if the Town will authorize the employment of a police officer to take charge of the police department of the Town; raise and appropriate money therefor, and act in relation to the same.
- 39th. To see if the Town will vote to place additional lights on Bridge Street, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
FRANK L. FURBUSH,
Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.



FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919

School Committee.

JOHN SPINNER	Term expires	1920
ARTHUR E. DAY, Secretary	“ “	1920
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT, Chairman	“ “	1921
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON	“ “	1921
JOHN P. WRIGHT	“ “	1922
FRANK L. FURBUSH	“ “	1922

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

HERMAN C. KNIGHT

COMMITTEE ON TEXT BOOKS

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT

JOHN P. WRIGHT

SUPPLY AGENT

HERMAN C. KNIGHT

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

JOHN A. HEALY

JOHN SPINNER

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

CYRIL A. BLANEY, M. D.

School Calendar 1920

HIGH SCHOOL

March 12—Winter Term Closes	14 Weeks
Vacation One Week	
March 22—Spring Term Opens	
*June 18—Spring Term Closes	13 Weeks
1920—1921	
Sept. 7—Fall Term Opens	
Nov. 24—Fall Term Closes	12 Weeks
Vacation, Thanksgiving Day and Day After	
Nov. 29—Winter Term Opens	
Christmas Vacation, Dec. 18 to Dec. 26 Inclusive	
March 18—Winter Term Closes	15 Weeks
Vacation One Week	
March 28—Spring Term Begins	
*June 24—Spring Term Closes	13 Weeks
*Subject to change.	

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Same Calendar as above, except closing date, June 10, 1921,
June 11, 1920.

Special Exercise Days and Holidays, 1920.

- Feb. 12—Lincoln Exercises, one-half hour.
- Feb. 20—Washington Exercises, one-half hour.
- Apr. 16—Patriots' Day Exercises, one-half hour.
- May 28—Memorial Day Exercises, one hour.
- Oct. 11—Columbus Day Exercises, one-half hour.
- Nov. 24—Thanksgiving Exercises, one hour.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30, July 4, First Monday of September, October 12, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. (The day following when any of the four first days mentioned, the 12th of October or Christmas occurs on Sunday.)

Arbor Day falls on the last Saturday in April and is not a legal holiday.

Flag Day falls on June 14, and is not a legal holiday. It should be observed by proper exercises by any school in session on that day.

Teachers in Service Jan. 1, 1920

Academy

Grade	Teacher	Educated	Home Address
9-12	William C. Roudenbush	Williams College	Westford
	Mrs. H. W. Hildreth	Mt. Holyoke	Westford
	Etta Crane	Bates	Natick

William E. Frost

6-7-8	Mattie A. Crocker	Bridgewater Normal	Brockton
4-5	Grace E. Ranney	Framingham Normal	Wayland
2-3	Maud Robinson	Fitchburg Normal	Westford
1	Edith Wright	Hyannis Normal	Westford

Cameron

6-7-8	Letitia W. O'Clair	Hyannis Normal	Ayer
4-5	Mary A. Garvey	Lowell Normal	No. Chelmsford
2-3	Abby M. Blaisdell	Lowell Normal	Wamesit
1	Nellie McGovern	Fitchburg Normal	Ayer

Sargent

6-7-8	Issie A. Parker	Westford Academy	Westford
4-5	Lillian Wright	Lowell Normal	Westford
2-3	Mildred Clevette	Lowell Normal	Lowell
1	Veronica McNiff	Fitchburg Normal	Littleton

Parkerville

1-8	Agnes Dudley	Lowell Normal	Lowell
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Music

Mary B. Raynes	School of Music	Lowell
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Cooking

Alice C. Judge	Concord High	Concord
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Drawing

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$22,000.00
Received from Mass. School Fund.....	962.06
Received from state on account of Supt. of Schools..	500.00
Received from state on account of teachers' salaries..	890.00
Received tuition from Town of Groton.....	92.25
Rebate on R. R. tickets	13.00
	\$24,457.31

EXPENDITURES.

Trustees of Westford Academy.....	\$ 300.00
Teachers	11,649.23
Transportation	5,294.81
Fuel	1,042.12
Janitors	1,318.50
Cleaning	149.55
Drawing	172.50
Music	385.00
Cooking	163.10
Superintendent	993.26
School Physician	100.00
Text Books and Supplies.....	830.24
Repairs and Miscellaneous	912.87
Tuition to Town of Tyngsboro.....	74.69
Truant Officers	21.00
	\$23,406.87
Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1920.....	\$1,050.44

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Clerk for Superintendent	\$ 42.20
Wm. C. Roudenbush, supplies.....	1.75
Blodgett & Co., supplies	3.79
Lowell Electric Light Corp., lights.....	28.42
Express and Freight	2.74
Westford Water Co.....	222.00
Adams & Co., supplies	38.75
Russell Furbush, labor and supplies.....	5.85
A. M. Greer, typewriter supplies	8.35
H. I. Dallman Co., cooking supplies.....	4.72
J. Herbert Fletcher, supplies	16.48
Chas. E. Woodhull, care of piano.....	21.00
Frank H. Hill, expenses	72.55
John T. Thompson, services	30.00
Henry C. Doughty, supplies	37.50
Butterfield Printing Co., printing	14.50
Titania Orchestra, services	15.00
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	88.84
Wm. E. Tompson, labor	1.50
J. A. Healy & Sons, labor.....	15.00
H. S. Stiles, repairs	54.50
J. J. Carr, supplies.....	16.17
Union Sheet Metal Co., supplies	47.96
Chas. A. Eaton, repairs	5.00
Mrs. A. M. Buckshorn, cooking supplies.....	1.00
Fletcher Cold Spring Farm, cooking supplies.....	1.00
Edgar F. Nutting, repairs	8.00
John Spinner, repairs	17.05
C. O. Prescott, making state report.....	10.00
A. W. Hartford, advertising	4.00
Joe Wall, repairs	56.63
Talbot Dyewood & Chemical Co., supplies.....	.90
Mrs. J. E. Knight	20.00

 \$912.87

Superintendent's Report.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Following is my tenth annual report, the twenty-eighth in the series of superintendents' reports.

Note the following changes in the teaching force of the schools at the beginning of the present school year: Miss Blaisdell at Forge in the place of Miss Clevette; Miss Clevette at Graniteville in place of Miss Hosmer; a substitute at Graniteville in Miss Wright's room; a substitute at the William E. Frost school in Mrs. Whiting's place; a substitute in this building in Miss Edith Wright's room; Miss Dudley at Parkerville in place of Miss Burdick; Miss Crane in the Academy in place of Mrs. Hildreth; Mrs. Hildreth employed for half time taking the English classes in the Academy.

I am glad to report that both Miss Edith Wright and Miss Lillian Wright are now back in their respective rooms. Since the opening of the fall term we have had three teachers in the William E. Frost grammar school room, and at the present writing the future of this room is in doubt. Three grades are now seated in it; by reason of the excessive number of pupils in the primary room, the second grade having to be moved to the room above, Miss Ramney's fourth grade having to be sent along to Miss Crocker, and the sixth grade transferred to the grammar room. Conditions in this building, however, are so favorable, both in point of discipline and in good spirit, that the changes mentioned have caused little interruption. The cheerful willingness of the principal, Miss Crocker, to co-operate in every possible way, even to her own discomfiture, has had much to do with the harmonious outcome. I wish to express my appreciation of her helpfulness.

The work at Forge always goes on smoothly. But conditions in that building are not satisfactory. At the opening in September, Miss Blaisdell and Miss Garvey each had more than fifty pupils. There were thirty-three pupils in Grade One. Here again three grades are of necessity placed in the grammar

school room. No teacher should have more than thirty-five pupils, and in no room should there be three grades. How long shall teachers be required to teach under conditions that existed thirty years ago and be expected to produce results measured in terms of the strictly modern school? The same observation is true of the Graniteville school, where three grades are under the care of the principal, and where in Miss Wright's room there are exceeding fifty pupils. To go forward even one step towards relief and betterment two rooms must immediately be added to the Cameron school. Grades Seven and Eight might then be transferred from Graniteville and united with the corresponding grades at Forge, to the advantage of both schools.

Parkerville is a happy little school of eighteen pupils. The largest grade has four pupils in it and the smallest has one. The teacher is a cheerful young Normal graduate of this year's class and is sufficiently active to get from class to class in the five hours at her disposal. Miss Dudley has achieved considerable success in the matter of co-operation and helpfulness among children who must of necessity be left much to their own devices and initiative. How long shall teachers be required to teach under conditions that existed thirty years ago and be expected to produce results measured in terms of the strictly modern school?

For the work in the Academy and its various activities during the year I refer you to the report of the principal. Were it not for the class of pupils attending this school—a very dependable and well-intentioned group of young ladies and gentlemen—the experience it went through early in the school year might have been disastrous. It was during the absence of the principal on State Guard duty in Boston that the admirable qualities of the pupils were shown to advantage. Mrs. Hildreth quietly took over the administrative duties of the principal at the request of the school officials, the pupils of the senior class assumed some of his work as teacher, and finally Miss Thorndike was employed to take Latin and French until his return. All these strong forces working together assured for the work of the school a continuity that might otherwise have been broken into seriously.

Little by little the salaries of the teachers have crept upward. We have tried to follow the plan of the state minimum for new and inexperienced teachers, the maximum of the General School Fund reimbursement for principals and other

experienced teachers, and to fill unexpected and difficult vacancies with such teachers as we could secure and at such salaries as we were compelled to pay. A graduated schedule looks good at a distance, but unless it be large enough all along the line to make it possible for a superintendent to secure teachers at its fixed rates, he had better be left free to make the best bargain possible in the markets. Thus, while we have not adopted any schedule, we have followed the trend of recent state laws as guiding principles, preferring to have principles to guide us than rules to govern us. When the situation becomes normal and teachers' salaries settled somewhat into definite standards, a wise program of graduated salaries rising to an attractive maximum will tend to encourage and hold teachers as nothing else will.

I am convinced, after long experience in district supervision, that at least two things are necessary to bring about the results expected under supervision. There should be a supervisor for the first six grades, devoting all her time to the work throughout the district, under the direction of the superintendent; and an agent for the district to see that all repairs on buildings and furniture are promptly made, to assist janitors in the performance of their duties, to act as attendance officer, and as supply agent to the extent of insuring prompt delivery and distribution of books and supplies.

Please keep in mind that the statistics published elsewhere cover a year in which the schools were closed for five weeks by reason of the influenza epidemic.

The teachers speak in terms of approval of the work of the town nurse. Her approach is businesslike, her stay brief, her work skilfully done; the schools are scarcely interrupted by her visits. I hope to include her report with those of the several supervisors usually submitted.

In closing this, my last report, I wish to thank you for your many kindnesses during the last nine years. Without them I should have found my task difficult indeed. To the citizens and teachers also I wish to express my appreciation for sympathetic and loyal co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Report of Westford Academy.

January 1, 1920.

To Mr. F. H. Hill,
Superintendent of Schools.

The following is the seventh annual report which has been submitted by me as principal of the Academy.

There are sixty-four pupils enrolled at the present writing, thirty-five boys and twenty-nine girls, a rather unusual excess of boys over girls. According to residence this attendance is divided as follows:

Westford Center and Parkerville	34
Forge Village	11
Graniteville	11
Brookside	7
Tyngsboro	1
	64

It will be remembered that a year ago in September the Academy was closed till late in October owing to the influenza epidemic. That interfered somewhat with the progress of the work, and yet during the year we made up largely for the lost time. This year an interruption of another sort occurred when the principal was called out September 10th to perform State Guard duty in Boston. He was unable to resume regular work until October 27th. For a time his classes were directed by various students under the supervision of Mrs. H. W. Hildreth, who acted as vice-principal.

On October 7th Miss Carolyn Thorndike of Boston was engaged as a substitute teacher in Latin and French, and continued in this capacity until the return of the principal.

Two teachers resigned in October, viz., Miss Bernice Staples, teacher of drawing, who left October 7th, and Miss Libby Cohen, the Commercial teacher, who resigned October 24th. The school is still without a drawing teacher, but after a lapse of two weeks Miss Mary Connors was secured to take charge of the Commercial department. Miss Etta Crane began

her teaching at the opening of the year, September 2nd, and we are fortunate in having the services of Mrs. H. W. Hildreth as teacher of English for three periods of the day. This helps to relieve the pressure of a heavy program which under the present system is unavoidable. Mrs. Hildreth gave full time to the school during the absence of the principal, and in this capacity served most acceptably.

Miss Beatrice Hosmer, who graduated here two years ago and has since attended the Lowell Normal School, made a visit to the Academy November 21st for the purpose of interesting girls in the teaching profession. Miss Hosmer met and talked with members of the different classes, and plans to have certain girls visit the Normal School to meet the teachers in conference.

Certain changes in transportation of Academy pupils were made necessary this winter by the discontinuance of the electric car, and a consequent change in school hours has resulted. School opens at 8.45 A. M. and closes at 1.55 P. M., and this schedule will continue until the March vacation, when we return to the old hours, 8.30 to 1.40.

The Domestic Science classes are continued this year, meeting every Tuesday under the direction of Miss Judge. The total receipts from the noon lunches served during the year, January 1, 1919, to January 1, 1920, were \$64.26. Allied to the work of this course is that directed by the Middlesex County Farm Bureau, which has organized a Canning Club among the Academy girls. This club finished with a record of achievement of 100 per cent., i. e., every member finished what she agreed to do in the club work. For the boys, the work of Gordon Seavey received special commendation because he raised the prize pig among 500 competitors in the county. Mr. R. P. Trask of Waltham, the Boys' and Girls' Club leader for Middlesex County, presented a banner for achievement, and Mr. George L. Farley, State Club leader, and Mr. A. L. Deane, Poultry Club organizer, addressed the school on March 6th.

Several entertainments have been given during the year, among them a dance given by the Junior class January 1, 1919, and a whist party and dance January 10, which netted \$21.50 for the Senior class. Other similar affairs were those of April 11th, May 16th, and October 31st. The school observed "Roosevelt Day," February 7th, by appropriate exercises consisting of readings by several students and remarks by the principal.

On March 19, 1919, during the spring vacation, the Senior class, accompanied by the principal, went to Boston to see George Arliss at the Hollis Street Theatre in "The Mollusc," and "A Well-Remembered Voice." Besides attending the theatre the class visited the Public Library and State House. It rained nearly all day, which made sight-seeing somewhat difficult.

Mrs. Hildreth and Miss Cohen went to the Lowell Normal School on "visiting day," March 28th, while the principal attended the schoolmasters' convention in Boston, which was held at Harvard on Friday, the 28th, and at the City Club the following day.

April 22, 1919, was the day set for the grand review of the "Yankee Division" at Camp Devens prior to its demobilization. The opportunity was one in a life time to see some 15,000 of our overseas soldiers on parade, and school was dismissed for the day to permit the many who wished to go to Devens to do so. The time was assuredly well spent.

The Academy played several baseball games last spring, winning two and losing four. The opposing teams were Littleton, Ayer, Chelmsford, and Bromfield School of Harvard.

The class in Commercial Geography, in charge of Miss Cohen, took May 22nd and 23rd to visit the Sargent Company Mills in Graniteville for a practical lesson in the study of machinery and its uses. Excursions of this sort help to enliven any subject which the school equipment cannot furnish.

We were favored by a visit from Hon. Frederic A. Fisher on June 13th, who addressed the school. Judge Fisher is one of the loyal alumni whom we should like to see more often as a school visitor.

Following the custom now for the fourth year, two Senior girls, Mildred Precious and Yvonne Anctil, were this year recommended for membership in the Tadmuck Club.

The graduating class of 1919 presented an especially acceptable gift to the school in the form of the "World Book," a general encyclopedia of ten volumes, which is proving of great value. We have long been in need of just such a set of books.

Numbers of students are owners of War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps bought with money earned during vacation. We have contributed this year to the Salvation Army fund and also to the French Restoration fund, this latter being a cam-

paign among schools of the United States to contribute toward rebuilding French schools destroyed by the war.

As a part of our report we can always include the graduation program, but as this is printed in full elsewhere it is not necessary to repeat it here. We wish, in closing, to state the plan under which the twenty-five dollars in prizes will be awarded this year, since it differs materially from any previous plan. The hope is entertained that a very general effort may be made to improve in scholarship under this incentive.

PRIZES FOR 1919-20.

1. A prize of five dollars to that member of the Freshman class who obtains the highest average rank in all subjects during the year.
2. A prize of ten dollars to that member of the Senior, Junior or Sophomore class who makes the highest percentage or improvement over his average rank for the year 1918-1919.
3. Two prizes of five dollars each to those members of the Senior, Junior or Sophomore class who rank second and third respectively in percentage of improvement over the year 1918-1919.
4. Deportment will be considered in awarding above prizes.
5. The prizes will be awarded at the graduation exercise in June, 1920.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. ROUDENBUSH,
Principal Westford Academy.

Graduation Exercises of Westford Academy.

AT THE TOWN HALL, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1919.

Program

March with Overture

TITANIA ORCHESTRA

Invocation

REV. O. L. BROWNSLEY

Salutatory

MORTON RICE SEAVEY

Chorus by School

(a) Song of Deliverance

Cooleridge-Taylor

(b) Stars in Heaven

Rheinberger

Demobilization of the Service Flag

RUTH MERLE SARGENT

Presentation of Class Gift

ETHEL MINERVA RIPLEY

Acceptance of Class Gift

FORREST WHITE, '20

Girls' Chorus—"Laddie in Khaki"

Novello

Address

PRINCIPAL JOHN G. THOMPSON
State Normal School, Fitchburg

Girls' Chorus

(a) "Deep River"

Fisher

(b) "Mother Machree"

Olcott

Valedictory

ETHEL MARJORIE COLLINS

Presentation of Prizes and Diplomas

HON. H. E. FLETCHER

Class Poem (Tune of "Fair Harvard")

SCHOOL AND AUDIENCE

Class Motto—"Carry On."

Class Colors—Old Rose and Gray.

Class Flower—Ophelia Rose.

Graduates

*ETHEL MARJORIE COLLINS

ETHEL MINERVA RIPLEY

RUTH MERLE SARGENT**

*MORTON RICE SEAVEY**

*Names starred are graduates in the Academic Course.

**Of equal rank for second honors.

Winners of Prizes

Given by the Academy Trustees

HISTORICAL ESSAY WITH WATER COLOR MAP

Upper School (Third and Fourth Year)

First Prize—Ruth Merle Sargent, '19. Five Dollars.

Second Prize—Ethel Marjorie Collins, '19. Two and One-half Dollars.

Honorable Mention—Dorothy Shugrue, '20.

Lower School (First and Second Year)

First Prize—Helen Kimball, '22. Five Dollars.

Second Prize—Marjorie Bell, '21. Two and One-half Dollars.

Honorable Mention—Francis Daley, '21.

TYPEWRITING

Advanced Class

First Prize—Julia Donnelly, '20. Five Dollars.

Second Prize—Ethel Marjorie Collins, '19. Two and One-Half Dollars.

Honorable Mention—Ethel Minerva Ripley, '19.

Beginners' Class

Prize—Gertrude Strandberg, '21. Two and One-half Dollars.

Honorable Mention—E. Pamela Precious, '20.

Hattie Simpson, '21.

CLASS POEM

Dear friends, and dear schoolmates, we greet you today,
 With a mingling of joy and regret,
 With fair hopes for the future, but love ever true
 For the school we can never forget.
 Oh, classes to follow, we give unto you
 Our place in this well-loved school,
 And we'll follow our motto with loyalty true,
 "Carry on," evermore, "carry on!"

Farewell! may thy future be happy and bright!
 To thy pupils still give of thy best,
 With courage to work, and with faith to achieve,
 And with joy, may they labor with zest!
 Let mem'ry of thee and of thy high ideals
 Cheer us on though the road may be long;
 Then with spirit so dauntless and courage so high
 "Carry on," evermore, "carry on!"

ETHEL MARJORIE COLLINS.

Note:—Reception to the graduating class in the lower hall following these exercises. Luncheon served. After the reception the Academy Alumni Association will meet in the upper hall. Graduation dance at 8 P. M.

Roll of Honor.

Not absent during the year
Frances Wilson, Frost School.

Report of School Physician.

Gentlemen of the Committee:

On my examinations of the school children during the last year ending December 31st, 1919, I found some improvement over other years in the ready response to notices sent home in having medical attention to enlarged tonsils, adenoids, glasses, etc., as practically all the children had them attended to at once.

The public health nurse, Miss Lord, has been of great assistance in the school work and the follow up work at the homes.

There has been quite a run of measles, chicken pox and diphtheria in the town during the year, but they did not get into the schools so as to cause an epidemic.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. C. A. BLANEY,
School Physician.

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS

School	No. of pupils Examined	Defective Eyesight	Defective Hearing	Parents Notified
Wm. E. Frost	153	3	1	4
Sargent	162	17	3	19
Cameron	143	26	1	27
Parkerville	20	1	0	1
	<hr/> 478	<hr/> 47	<hr/> 5	<hr/> 51

Report of Cooking Teacher.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I submit herewith a brief outline of the plan followed in the work of the cooking class (Grades 7 and 8) during the school year of 1918-19.

Abbreviations of measurements.

Measurements of dry material.

Abbreviations.

The meaning of food and water in their relationship to the human system.

Methods of cooking.

Dishwashing.

Care of dish towels and cloth.

Composition of foods.

The food value of every article cooked.

Articles of food:—Cooking cereals, puddings, bread and starchy products. Plain toast, cream toast, white sauces, soft boiled eggs, cocoa, ginger bread, drop cookies and muffins.

FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

Review.

Methods of mixing doughs and batters.

Proportions for doughs and batters.

Method of making cake containing butter.

Setting table.

Sewing.

Canning and preserving.

Articles made:—Scalloped salmon, potato, etc., chowders, soups, biscuits, fishballs, croquettes, fritters, custards, pies, cake, cake filling, salads and salad dressing.

In the cooking class this year we have made many experiments in order to show each student why certain methods are followed and different combinations made, as the reason for

using soda with mixtures where sour milk is used, etc., and so that each may understand why certain materials are used in the composition of stated articles of food.

Students who take Domestic Science for at least two years in the High School will have a good working knowledge of the methods employed in practical plain cooking.

The maintenance of a lunch counter has given greater opportunity for teaching practical methods and ideas relating to the cooking, because we have been able to do a larger variety of work with economy of materials and teaching effort because the girls have worked together instead of in groups.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE C. JUDGE,
Cooking Teacher.

Report of Music Supervisor.

December 18, 1919.

Mr. Frank H. Hill,
Superintendent of Schools,
Westford, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hill:

My report of the Music Department of the Westford schools I shall make as brief as possible.

I feel that the work is steadily improving. It has been a long, hard pull in some of the schools—how hard only the faithful teachers who have worked with me know—but we are certainly forging ahead. This year I have spent much time on sight reading and the singing of words and music at sight, also song interpretation. With the help of the Victrolas I have endeavored to arouse in the pupils an appreciation of the beautiful in music. This work the children have enjoyed exceedingly. The study of the folk songs and the use and tone color of the instruments of the orchestra and band have been included in the course. Music has such a far reaching influence that we cannot afford to slight any phase of the subject that will interest the children and be an inspiration to them, and through them a help in the homes.

I spend about two hours a week in each school, with one forty minute period in the Academy, where the time is too short to do anything but chorus work. I regret this as there is much I would like to do there, but at present it seems impossible to get anything more into a program already overcrowded.

Sincerely yours,

MARY B. RAYNES.

WESTFORD—STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1918—1919

SCHOOL	GRADES	Enrollment Including Supplementary List	Enrollment Exclusive of Supplementary List	Average Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Aggregate Attendance	Number under 5		Number between 5 and 7		Number between 7 and 14		Number between 14 and 16		Number over 16		
							Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
Academy Wm. E. Frost	IX—XII I—II III—IV V—VI VII—VIII	67	67	62.60	57.47	10,009.00	0	0	0	0	7	5	14	11	8	17	
		52	50	43.58	34.30	5,773.00	0	0	9	11	12	18	0	0	0	0	0
		40	34	33.00	30.10	5,057.50	0	0	0	0	16	18	0	0	0	0	0
		40	37	35.02	30.75	5,167.00	0	0	0	0	19	18	0	0	0	0	0
		25	24	21.86	18.81	3,142.00	0	0	0	0	10	7	3	4	0	0	0
		37	36	36.95	32.48	5,424.50	0	0	8	14	8	6	0	0	0	0	0
Sargent	I—III IV—V VI—VII—VIII	49	40	39.63	35.09	6,031.00	0	0	2	1	19	18	0	0	0	0	
		48	44	38.41	34.81	5,822.00	0	0	0	0	22	19	3	0	0	0	
		44	41	32.33	29.51	4,881.50	0	0	0	0	9	23	4	5	0	0	
		42	42	39.00	35.99	5,978.00	0	0	7	13	8	6	0	0	0	0	
Cameron	I—III IV—V VI—VII—VIII	44	44	42.35	37.04	5,902.00	0	0	0	0	19	25	0	0	0	0	
		55	55	45.00	39.79	6,582.50	0	0	0	0	18	25	0	1	0	0	
		38	38	27.80	24.86	4,130.00	0	0	0	0	9	3	2	2	0	0	
Parkerville	I—VIII	20	18	18.53	17.60	2,861.50	0	0	0	0	7	6	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL		601	570	517.26	468.60	76,761.50	0	0	26	42	183	197	26	23	8	17	

ANNUAL REPORT

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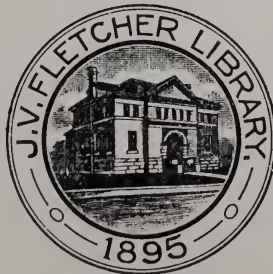
J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

OF THE

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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919



Lowell, Mass.
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS
1920

Library Report.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit their annual report for 1919, together with the report of the Librarian, and the List of Books added in 1919.

The Trustees ask for the following appropriations, viz:

1. The unexpended balances as shown by the financial statement.
2. The sum of thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300) to meet current expenses.
3. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1919.

JULIAN A. CAMERON, Chairman,
JOHN P. WRIGHT, Secretary,
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$1,300.00
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EXPENDITURES.

May E. Day, Librarian.....	\$ 420.00	
A. M. Howard, Substitute.....	15.00	..
Chas. H. Pickering, Janitor.....	249.96	
Fuel	234.66	
Telephone	18.48	
Electric Lights	27.43	
Water Rates	28.00	
Cleaning	13.19	
Supplies	6.88	
Express	11.67	
H. S. Stiles, repairs.....	23.27	
Thos. Brown, repairs.....	55.95	
	<hr/>	\$1,104.49

Balance on hand January 1, 1920.....	\$ 195.51
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AMOUNT OF FUNDS.

Legacy of Stephen S. Stone.....	\$1,000.00	
Legacy of Augustus K. Fletcher.....	1,000.00	
Legacy of Mary A. Henarie, Laws Fund.	1,000.00	
Legacy of John M. Osgood.....	1,000.00	
Legacy of Jennie Reed Wilkins.....	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,150.00

BOOK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1, 1919.....	\$ 70.36	
From Dog Licenses.....	378.10	
Income from Funds.....	180.00	
		\$628.46

EXPENDITURES.

Old Corner Book Store.....	\$168.23	
F. J. Barnard & Co.....	18.67	
Thomas Nelson & Sons.....	2.50	
The Frontier Press Co.....	12.50	
Book Shop for Boys and Girls.....	16.58	
The Cornhill Co.....	1.79	
H. W. Wilson Co.....	11.25	
Herman Goldberger.....	88.59	
Huntley S. Turner.....	2.35	
L. A. Wells.....	29.38	
		\$351.84
Balance on hand January 1, 1920...		\$276.62

Report of Librarian.

To the Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library :

The report of the Library for the year ending December 31, 1919, is herewith presented. No important changes in the work of the Library have taken place during the past year. We have fortunately escaped any epidemics of contagious diseases, such as hindered the work last year.

As in former years Mr. Julian A. Cameron has added much to the pleasure of the readers by presenting sixty-three volumes, mostly current fiction, to the Library.

The number of books loaned during the past year has increased over that of the previous year. This increase, however, has been only at the Center. A number of the people in the villages who have been regular readers have moved away and others, principally pupils of the High School, now get their books at the Library. A fresh interest, however, has been awakened this past month through the schools so that the number of readers is again on the increase. About one-third of the whole number of books circulated is in the Children's Department.

Several curios have been loaned to the Library during the past year. One of the most interesting is an old Bible, published in England in 1690, which belonged to an ancestor of Mr. Abiel J. Abbot.

Miss Sarah L. Wood of Keene, N. H., has presented to the Library a useful volume entitled, "Biographical Encyclopædia of Massachusetts of the 19th Century."

While the State Guard was doing duty in Boston, some books and magazines were sent to the men.

The past month, four sets of geographical pictures, published by the National Geographical Society, have been purchased for use in the schools. The titles are as follows: "Eskimo Life," "Sahara Life," "The Land, Water, and Air," and "The United States."

The Red Cross used the Library Hall till they completed their work in March. Since then the Tadmuck Club has used it for their sewing and millinery classes as well as their regular meetings.

The circulation of the magazines has been greater than that of any previous year, over twenty-five hundred copies having been taken out for home use. A few changes have been made

in the list of periodicals. All except current numbers may be borrowed and the list for the coming year is as follows:

WEEKLIES.

Independent	Scientific American
Leslie's Weekly	Westford Wardsman
Littell's Living Age	Youth's Companion
Saturday Evening Post	

MONTHLIES.

A. L. A. Booklist	Needlecraft
American	Normal Instructor
Annals	North American Review
Atlantic Monthly	Pictorial Review
Book Review Digest	Popular Mechanics
Boy's Life	Popular Science Monthly
Century	Public Libraries
Delineator	Readers' Guide
Forecast	Review of Reviews
Garden Magazine	Saint Nicholas
Good Housekeeping	Scientific Monthly
Harper's Monthly	Scribner's
House Beautiful	Today's Housewife
John Martin's Book	Travel
Life	Woman's Home Companion
Literary Digest	World Outlook
Little Folks	World's Work
Munsey	

PERIODICALS GIVEN.

Christian Herald	From Mr. Emory J. Whitney
Christian Register	From The Woman's Alliance
Congressional Record	From Mr. Sherman H. Fletcher
Illustrated Milliner	From a Member of the Tadmuck Club
International Conciliation	From American Association of
Ladies' Home Journal	From Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler
Mexican Review	From the Publishers
National Geographic	From Mrs. E. G. Smead, Los Angeles
National Grange Monthly	From the Westford Grange
Our Dumb Animals	From the Publishers
Outlook	From Mr. Charles O. Prescott.
Scientific American Supplement	From Mr. Julian A. Cameron
The Starry Cross	From the Publishers

NAMES OF DONORS, 1919.

Abbot, Mr. Abiel J., twenty volumes.
 Cameron, Mr. Julian A., sixty-three volumes.
 Dixon, Prof. W. M., one volume.
 Dryden, Mr. F. F., one volume.
 Fisher, Mr. E., a curio.
 Frost, Mr. Francis, twelve volumes.
 League to Enforce Peace, one volume.
 Manufacturers' Aircraft Association, one volume.
 National War Garden Commission, one volume.
 O'Connell, Mrs. John, one volume.
 Woman's Educational Association, three volumes.
 Wood, Miss Sarah L., one volume.

CIRCULATION.

Total circulation of bound volumes.....	10,051
Volumes lent at the Library.....	8,086
Volumes sent to Graniteville.....	874
Volumes sent to Forge Village.....	506
Volumes sent to Parkerville.....	585
Circulation in Children's Department.....	3,122
Volumes lent through the schools.....	360
Periodicals lent	2,544

ACCESSIONS.

Volumes added by purchase.....	143
Volumes added by gift.....	84
Volumes received from the State.....	9
Volumes received from the United States.....	6
Volumes added by periodicals bound.....	46
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Total number of volumes added.....	288
Number of volumes discarded.....	8
Number of volumes in the Library.....	17,034

FINES.

Cash on hand from last year.....	\$27.68
Fines received	29.05
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	\$56.73
Paid for supplies	13.96
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Balance	\$42.77

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED, 1919.

BOOKS ABOUT THE WAR.

- Aldrich, Mildred—When Johnny Comes Marching
 Home 940.9-A5
- Armour, J. Ogden—Business Problems of the War..... 338-A
- Barrie, James M.—Echoes of the War..... 822-B2
- Benwell, Harry A.—History of the Yankee Division. .940.9-B17
- Bond, Alexander R.—Inventions of the Great War..... 623-B
- Buffin, Camille—Brave Belgians..... 940.9-B16
- Cosmos (pseud)—Basis of Durable Peace..... 940.9-C6
- Deportation of Women and Girls from Lille..... 940.9-D4
- Frantzius, Fritz von—Book of Truth and Facts..... 940.9-F
- Gauss, Christian—Why We went to War..... 940.9-G6
- Gibbs, Philip—Soul of the War..... 940.9-G5
- Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Jan—Luck of Thirteen..... 940.9-G4
- Hall, James N.—High Adventure..... 940.9-H8
- Headlam, James W.—Issue..... 940.9-H7
- Jones, John P. and Hollister, Paul M.—German Secret
 Service in America, 1914-1918..... 940.9-J1
- Lauder, Harry—A Minstrel in France..... 940.9-L2
- Odyssey of a Torpedoed Transport..... 940.9-O3
- Palmer, Major Frederick—America in France..... 940.9-P7
- Poole, Ernest—The Village, Russian Impressions..... 914.7-P1
- Rihbany, Abraham M.—Militant America and Jesus
 Christ 940.9-R3
 America, Save the Near East..... 956.9-R1
- Smith, Annie Swan—An Englishwoman's Home..... 940.9-S1
- Speare, Morris E. and Norris, W. B.—World War
 Issues and Ideals..... 940.9-S2
- Whitlock, Brand—Belgium—A Personal Narrative, 2
 vols. 949.3-W
- Win the War for Permanent Peace..... 940.9-W10
- Yapp, Arthur K.—Romance of the Red Triangle..... 940.9-Y

OTHER CLASSIFIED BOOKS.

- Austin, Mary H.—The Man Jesus..... 232-A1
 American College 378-A
 Adams, Henry—Education of Henry Adams..... B-A213
 Barrie, James M.—What Every Woman Knows..... 822-B1
 Balch, Edwin S.—North Pole and Bradley Land..... 919.8-B1
 Benson, Arthur C.—Life and Letters of Maggie Benson. B-B4743
 Betts, George H.—Fathers and Mothers..... 173-B1
 Beveridge, Albert J.—Life of John Marshall, 4 vols.... B-M368.1
 Bishop, Joseph B., ed.—Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to
 His Children B-R781.6
 Bitting, A. W. and K. G.—Canning and How to Use
 Canned Goods 641-B3
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 Blackstone, Wm. E.—Jesus is Coming..... 232.6-B
 Bobbitt, Franklin—The Curriculum..... 375-B
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 Chapman, John J.—Greek Genius..... 814-C12
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 Herself B-F242
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 2 vols. 823-F
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Burgess, Thornton W.—Burgess Bird Book for Children	j598.2-B3
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Gilchrist, Beth B.—Cinderella's Granddaughter.....	j2038
Gray, Joslyn—Elsie Marley, Honey.....	j2039
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