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Town Officers for 1917.

TOWN CLERK.
Edward A. Hewett.

TOWN TREASURER.
Charles H. Bixby.

SELECTMEN.
Ernest Leach, 1916
Roland M. Keith, 1917
Frederic K. Bonney, 1915

ASSESSORS.
Ernest Leach, 1916
Roland M. Keith, 1917
Frederic K. Bonney, 1915

OVERSEERS OF POOR.
Ernest Leach, Roland M. Keith, Frederic K. Bonney.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.
John Mayo.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Elected. Term Expires.
George W. Cutler, 1915 1918
Georgianna M. Cook, 1915 1918
*Ralph W. E. Sizer, 1917 1918
Albert F. Hunt, 1916 1919
John H. Ball, 1917 1920
Harlan P. Shaw, 1917 1920
*Appointed in place of Katherine C. Prophett, resigned.

TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY.

Elected. Term Expires.
William D. Jackson, 1915 1918
H. Agnes Leonard, 1915 1918
Elsie Laughney Carr, 1915 1918
H. Loring Jenkins, 1916 1919
Flora T. Little, 1916 1919
Calvin Pratt, 1916 1919
Brenelle Hunt, 1917 1920
George W. Cutler, 1917 1920
Gustavus Pratt, 1917 1920

AUDITORS.

Elected. Term Expires.
Edward F. McHugh, 1915 1918
Edwin Keith, 1916 1919
Richard Pickett, 1917 1920

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Elected. Term Expires.
Charles R. Smith, 1915 1918
Albert F. Hunt, 1916 1919
Charles F. Jordan, 1917 1920
OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN.

TOWN PHYSICIAN.
Dr. William E. Hunt.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.
J. Herbert Leonard.

CHIEF OF POLICE.
Michael E. Stewart.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.
Robert J. McNeeland.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.
Henry A. Keith, William S. Beatty,
Joseph W. Keith.

FIELD DRIVERS.
Benjamin F. Ellis, J. Herbert Leonard,
Bert G. Brown.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN.
Francis C. Worthen.

NIGHT PATROL.
E. Frank LeBaron.
SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER.
  L. Melvin Leach,  Benjamin F. Ellis,
  Thomas E. Tinsley,  Edward E. Keith,
  Almore I. Nash,  Wayne S. Atwood,
  Edward M. Swift,  Wendell P. Hutchinson,
  Donald MacRae,  Rosario Wood.

FENCE VIEWERS.
  Henry A. Barker,  Frederic K. Bonney,
                   Marcus A. Pierce.

TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.
  Ernest Leach,  Roland M. Keith,  Frederic K. Bonney.

INSPECTOR OF OIL AND VINEGAR.
  W. Frank Case.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
  J. Anderson Otis.

SEWER COMMISSIONER.
  Joseph Brennan,
  Term expires March, 1918.

SUPERINTENDENT OF TOWN FARM.
  Bert G. Brown.

DOG OFFICER.
  Henry A. Gow.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
  John E. Flynn, Eben Perkins, for 1 year.
  William H. Bassett, Richard J. Casey, for 2 years.
  Allston M. Sinnott, Herman D. King, for 3 years.
REPORT.

Condensed Report of Town Meeting of the Town of Bridgewater, March 5, 1917.

Edward A. MacMaster, Moderator.

Balloting for Town Officers resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes cast 459. Male vote 447, Female 12.

TOWN CLERK.
Edward A. Hewett had 395 votes and was declared elected.

TOWN TREASURER.
Edwin Keith had 133 votes; Charles H. Bixby had 299 votes and was declared elected.

SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS.
James R. Callahan had 105 votes; Roland M. Keith had 328 votes and was declared elected.

ASSessor FOR THREE YEARS.
James R. Callahan had 108; Roland M. Keith had 317 votes and was declared elected.
OVERSEER OF POOR FOR THREE YEARS.

James R. Callahan had 105 votes; Roland M. Keith had 318 votes and was declared elected.

TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS.

George W. Cutler had 323 votes, Brenelle Hunt had 326 votes, Gustavus Pratt had 342 and were each declared elected.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS.

George M. Garney had 149 votes, Arthur H. Willis had 174 votes, John H. Ball had 203 votes, Harlan P. Shaw had 236 votes. The two last named were each elected.

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS.

Joseph Brennan had 172 votes; Charles F. Jordan had 263 votes and was declared elected.

AUDITOR FOR THREE YEARS.

Richard Pickett had 340 votes and was declared elected.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

John Mayo had 368 votes and was declared elected.

TREE WARDEN.

Robert J. McNeeland had 324 votes and was declared elected.

CONSTABLES.

Robert A. Carroll had 199 votes; Benjamin F. Bowles had 201 votes and was declared elected.
LIQUOR LICENSE.
Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?
Yes, 132; No, 282; Blanks, 33.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 10, 1917.

Voted, —To accept reports of Town Officers as printed in Town Report.

On motion of Roland M. Keith, Esq.:
Voted, —That a committee of five be appointed to bring the question of allowing the Bay State Street Railway to cross the tracks of N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. at the present grade on Broad Street to the attention of the Public Service Commission at as early a date as possible and urge them to grant the same. The following were appointed as this committee: Roland M. Keith, Joseph Brennan, Thomas H. Hourahan, Allston M. Sinnott, Robert W. McLean.

Voted, —That the report of the Sewerage Committee be accepted as printed in the Town Report and that this committee be discharged.

Voted, —That the report of Superintendent of Streets on Guide Boards in town be accepted as printed in the Town Report.

Voted, —That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and is hereby 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 shall be paid from the revenue of said financial year, or by a renewal note or notes payable from said revenues.
Voted,—To raise and appropriate for celebrating Memorial Day $185.00.

Voted,—To raise and appropriate for the
Support of Poor, $5,000 00
Roads and Bridges, 5,000 00
Street Lighting, 3,700 00
Moth Department, 1,782 25
Police Department, 3,600 00
Town Incidentals, 2,000 00
Tree Warden, 450 00
Town Officers, 5,000 00
Soldiers' Aid, 600 00
Interest, 1,500 00
Printing and Advertising, 700 00
Town Library, 1,800 00
Insurance Revenue Fund, 720 00
Board of Health, 600 00
$100.00 of this sum to be expended on the Public Dump.
Support of Schools, 42,000 00
Fire Department, 4,600 00
District Nurse Association, 200 00

Voted,—That the Collector use all means for collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed a collector. Taxes shall be payable on or before Oct. 1, 1917, and interest will be charged from that date on all taxes which remain unpaid at the close of business on Oct. 15, 1917 at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, to be computed on the sixteenth of each and every month thereafter until paid.

It shall be the duty of the Collector to issue summons to each delinquent in cases where taxes are not paid before the first day of November, and proceed to collect the same according to law.
Provided, however, that the poll taxes which are committed to the Collector of Taxes for collection, under the provisions of Chap. 679 of the Acts of 1913, being an "Act Relative to the Collection of Poll Taxes," shall be due and payable thirty days after the same are committed to the Collector. It shall be the duty of the Collector to issue summons to each delinquent in cases where such poll taxes are not paid when due, and to proceed to collect the same with the interest thereon from the date of the summons, according to law.

Voted,—To change the name of the highway known as Spring Hill Avenue, from Bedford Street to Spring Hill Avenue Extension, to Maple Avenue.

Voted,—To accept the highway known as Spring Hill Avenue Extension as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate for the same $150.00, provided all land damages are waived.

Voted,—To raise and appropriate $300.00 to build a highway from Spring Hill Avenue Extension to Bedford Street, provided all damages are waived by the abutters.

Voted,—To accept the highway known as Sanger Street as laid out by the Selectmen and raise and appropriate $250.00 for the same, provided all damages are waived by land owners.

Voted,—To accept as a public highway the new street known as Hammond Street, and raise and appropriate $815.00 to defray the cost of same, provided the abutters waive all damages, and, provided further, that the owner of the triangular shaped piece of land between Hammond Street and a portion of the land bought by A. H. Hobart from Francis A. Hammond shall convey to said A. H. Hobart without charge said triangular piece of land.
Voted,—That the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to confer with the County Commissioners with reference to rebuilding the bridge over Taunton river on Plymouth Street near Prattown, and if deemed desirable, petition the County Commissioners to build the same and report thereon at a future meeting.

Voted,—That all of the town laborers be granted an increase of twenty-five cents per day and also Saturday afternoon off without loss of pay from June 1st to Oct. 1st.

Voted,—That the town accept the Act of 1916, Chap. 298, in relation to licensing motor vehicles under the Jitney Act, so-called.

Voted,—That the town authorize the Fire Engineers to purchase 1000 feet of fire hose, the money to be taken from the regular fire appropriation.

Voted,—To raise and appropriate $3,000.00, provided the Highway Commission will raise $1,500.00 towards building Pleasant Street, under the Small Town Act.

Voted,—That the consideration of installing sewage system on Ball Avenue and westerly side of Broad Street be referred to the Sewer Commissioners to be chosen.

Voted,—That the town raise and appropriate $100.00 for the improvement of the Forest Fire Look-out in Middleboro.

Voted.—To raise and appropriate $13.00 to reimburse Dr. A. W. Carr for services rendered the Fire Department.

Voted.—That the matter of increased school accommodations and all other matters relating thereto be left in the hands of a committee of six,—one member of the Board of Selectmen, two members of the School Committee, two members of the new Finance Committee and the Moderator of this meeting. This committee to investigate the situation and to report at an adjourned meeting.
Voted, — That action in regard to remodeling the Lock-up be left in the hands of the Finance Committee with power to investigate and report to the town.

Mr. Roland M. Keith offered the following resolution of confidence in the President of the United States, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

The citizens of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the two hundred and sixtieth Annual Meeting of said Town assembled, desire to express to the President of the United States and all associated in authority under him, their appreciation of the difficulties surrounding the present situation with respect to the relations now existing between our country and its enemies at home and abroad.

We extend to the President and through him to all the officers of our Government, an expression of our approval of any action which may be taken for the maintenance of the right of American citizens to travel on land and sea without let or hindrance from any nation.

We deplore the fact that any Senator of the United States or any Representative in Congress has failed to give to the President that loyal support in matters affecting our relations with foreign nations to which he is entitled. We express our utmost approval of the action of the Senators and Representatives from Massachusetts in standing with the President in this time of stress and strain.

While we shall regret exceedingly the necessity for a recourse to arms, if such necessity shall arise we pledge our support to our Government to the end that the principles for which our country has stood through peace and war during its national existence shall be maintained.

Voted, — That this Resolution be accepted by a rising
vote and that a copy of the vote be forwarded to the President of the United States. Unanimous vote.

Voted,—That the Town raise and appropriate and vote into a tax upon the polls and estates according to law the sum of $88,000.00.

Voted,—That the meeting now adjourn to April 7th, four weeks from today at 1.30 o’clock in the afternoon.

The following was this day received: March 21, 1917.

The White House,  
Washington.

To Town Clerk, Bridgewater, Mass.:  
The President thanks you cordially for the good will which prompted your kind message, which has helped to reassure him and keep him in heart.

Constitutional Convention Election Primary,  
Tuesday, April 3, 1917.

Delegates for 8th Plymouth Representative District.  
Robert Orr Harris of East Bridgewater, had 46 votes.  
Orvis F. Kinney of West Bridgewater, had 33 votes.  
Edward A. MacMaster of Bridgewater, had 202 votes.
Adjourned Town Meeting, April 7, 1917.

Voted,—That the Town raise and appropriate $500.00 for the use of the Finance Committee, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen by the Committee of Safety.

Voted,—That the Selectmen and Board of Health, sitting jointly, appoint someone to have charge of the sewers in this part of the town until such time as the town elects commissioners for this purpose.

Voted,—That at the Annual Meeting of the Town to be held March 4, 1918, there shall be elected three Sewer Commissioners whose term of office shall expire as follows: one in 1919, one in 1920, one in 1921, and each year thereafter one shall be elected to serve three years.

Voted,—That the Town employ through its Auditors Certified Accountants to audit all books of the town annually.

Report of Special Committee on increased school accommodations. A partial report was made with the request that more time be given them which was granted by vote of the town.

Voted,—To raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for making alterations and to install three steel cages in the town lock-up.
Constitutional Convention Election,
May 1, 1917.

Election of Delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

Delegates, Eighth Plymouth Representative District:
Orvis F. Kinney of West Bridgewater had one hundred eight votes.
Edward A. MacMaster of Bridgewater had three hundred forty votes.


Voted,—That the Town of Bridgewater raise and appropriate the sum of $7,250.00 for the purpose of constructing a new bridge over the Taunton River on Plymouth Street in that part of the Town of Bridgewater commonly called Pratttown, according to the plans submitted and approved by the Massachusetts State Highway Commission.

Voted,—That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow not in excess of $7,250.00, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor payable in or within four years of the date thereof.

Voted,—That the supervision of the building of this bridge be left with the Selectmen.
State Primary, Sept. 25, 1917.

Whole number of ballots cast, 123. By Democratic party, 11; by Republican party, 112.

**GOVERNOR.**

Grafton D. Cushing, Rep., 16
Samuel W. McCall, Rep., 95
Frederick W. Mansfield, Dem., 11

**LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**

Calvin Coolidge, Rep., 105
Matthew Hale, Dem., 3
John F. Fitzgerald, Dem., 1

**SECRETARY.**

Albert P. Langtry, Rep., 104

**TREASURER.**

Charles L. Burrill, Rep., 101

**AUDITOR.**

Charles Bruce, Rep., 31
Alonzo B. Cook, Rep., 69

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL.**

Henry C. Attwill, Rep., 92
Conrad W. Crooker, Rep., 10
Josiah Quincy, Dem., 2
COUNCILLOR.
Andrew J. Jennings, Rep., 20
David L. Parker, Rep., 80

SENIOR PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.
Edward N. Dahlborg, Rep., 80
J. Edwin Mabury, Rep., 24
E. Gerry Brown, Dem., 7

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.
Eighth Plymouth District.
Eddy P. Dunbar, Rep., 98
James Gorman, Dem., 1

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.
A. Webster Butler, Rep., 23
Jere B. Howard, Rep., 76
Joseph D. Poitras, Rep., 5
Edward P. Boynton, Dem., 9

STATE COMMITTEE.
Plymouth District.
C. Chester Eaton, Rep., 93
Bartholomew Flynn, Dem., 1
Thomas Cagney, 1

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION,—Elected.
Joseph W. Keith, Roland M. Keith, H. Loring Jenkins, William Bassett. Cornelius O'Leary, Dem., 2; Bartholomew Flynn, Dem., 2.
REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE,—Elected.

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE,—Elected.
John E. Flynn and Thomas Cagney each had 2 votes.

Town Meeting Sept. 27, 1917.

Voted,—That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the equipment of the Bridgewater Company of the Massachusetts State Guard, to be expended under the direction of the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Herman D. King, Chairman, made report for committee on new school building.

Voted,—That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $85,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a lot of land in or near the center of the town and building and equipping thereon a Junior High School Building.

Voted,—That the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow $85,000.00 for the purchasing of land and constructing and equipping a new school-house thereon, and to issue notes of the town therefor, said notes to be payable in accordance with Section 14, Chapter 719, of the Acts of 1913 as amended, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from
the date of issue of the first note, or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

Voted,—That the Committee appointed at the annual meeting of the town in March, 1917, to consider the building of a new school-house be and hereby is continued in office with full power and authority to purchase in the name and behalf of the town of Bridgewater a suitable lot of land situate in or near the center of the town. That said Committee be further authorized and instructed to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract in the name and behalf of the town of Bridgewater for the erection and equipment of a new school building according to the plans prepared by the Frank Irving Cooper Corporation.

Voted,—That the Town sell the South Street school-house building and the Selectmen are hereby authorized and instructed to make, execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town all necessary and proper papers in connection therewith.

Town Meeting, October 11, 1917.

Voted,—To give permission to Mr. Robert S. Weeks of Boston to address the meeting in regard to the importance of the purchase of a Liberty Bond by every citizen.

Motion was made to rescind the vote whereby the Town voted at the meeting held Sept. 27, 1917, to raise $85,000.00 to build a new High School building. After discussing the manner of counting the vote it was
Voted,—To adjourn to October 18, at 6 p.m., the check list to be used, also to vote by ballot, using the ballot box. Polls to open at 6 and close at 10 o’clock.

Adjourned Meeting, October 18, 1917.

Whole number of ballots, 464.

"Shall we rescind the vote whereby the Town voted Sept. 27, 1917, the sum of $85,000.00, to build a Junior High School Building?" Yes, 267; No, 196. Blanks, 1.

After announcing the vote to the meeting the Moderator declared that the vote whereby the Town voted to raise $85,000.00 to build a Junior High School building was rescinded.

On motion of Mr. King:

Voted,—That the Committee having had this matter in charge be now discharged.

State Election, Nov. 6, 1917.

Whole number of ballots 617.

GOVERNOR.

James Hayes of Plymouth, S. L., 8
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston, Proh., 6
Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston, Dem., 140
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, Rep., 397
John McCarty of Abington, Soc., 56
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<td>Calvin Coolidge of Northampton, Rep.</td>
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<td>Matthew Hale of Boston, Dem., Proh., Prog.</td>
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<td>Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown, Soc.</td>
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<td>Albert P. Langtry of Springfield, Rep.</td>
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<td>Arthur B. Reed of Abington, Dem.</td>
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<td>TREASURER.</td>
<td>Charles L. Burrill of Boston, Rep.</td>
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<td>Humphry O'Sullivan of Lowell, Dem.</td>
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<td>AUDITOR.</td>
<td>Elzear H. Choquette of New Bedford, Dem.</td>
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<td>Alonzo B. Cook of Boston, Rep.</td>
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<td>Walter S. Peck of Stockbridge, Soc.</td>
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<td>Henry C. Attwill of Lynn, Rep.</td>
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<td>Josiah Quincy of Boston, Dem.</td>
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COUNCILLOR, FIRST DISTRICT.
Norman D. Gillespie of Whitman, Soc., 103
David L. Parker of New Bedford, Rep., 397

SENATOR, PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.
E. Gerry Brown of Brockton, Dem., 144
Edward N. Dahlborg of Brockton, Rep., 371
Zoel Thibadeau of Brockton, Soc., 56

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT, EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.
John H. Ball of Bridgewater, Soc., 218
Eddy P. Dunbar of West Bridgewater, Rep., 339
Elmer Kimball, 1

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PLYMOUTH.
Edward P. Boynton of Abington, Dem., 145
Jere B. Howard of Brockton, Rep., 349
Robert A. Nutting of Brockton, Soc., 56

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.
"Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to absentee voting, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?"
Yes, 370; No, 90; Blanks, 157.

In place of Article 18, Amendment of the Constitution, "Shall the following Article of Constitution relative to appropriations for educational and benevolent purposes submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?"
Yes, 360; No, 176; Blank, 81.
"Shall the following Article of Amendment relative to the taking and distribution by the Commonwealth and its municipalities of the common necessaries of life, submitted by the Constitutional Convention, be approved and ratified?"
Yes, 403; No, 73; Blank, 141.

**VOTE IN EIGHTH PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT**

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Whole number of ballots in district, 1,163. Blanks, 112.

**Town Meeting, December 4, 1917.**

Voted, —That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $85,000.00 for the purpose of buying a lot of land in or near the center of the town, building thereon a Junior High School Building according to the plans prepared by the Frank Irving Cooper Corp. and equipping the same ready for school work. The following citizens are constituted a committee in charge: H. D. King, Fred K. Bonney, George W. Cutler, H. P. Shaw, Robt. W. McLean, Ralph W. E. Sizer, with full power and authority to purchase a suitable lot of land, to enter into a contract or contracts for the erection of the building, to purchase equipment therefor and generally to do and perform all things which are necessary and proper in order to complete the project.
And that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of $85,000.00 for the purchasing of land and constructing and equipping a new schoolhouse thereon, and to issue notes of the town therefor, said notes to be payable in accordance with Section 14, Chapter 719, of the Acts of 1913 as amended, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first note, or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine. Unanimous vote, 71 in affirmative, none in negative.

EDWARD A. HEWETT,
Town Clerk.
Report of Selectmen.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation, $5,000 00

Paid Charles H. Bixby, treasurer, $525 00
   Edwin Keith, auditor, 31 70
   Richard Pickett, auditor, 21 70
   Edward F. McHugh, auditor, 21 70
   E. A. Hewett, town clerk, 400 00
   E. A. Hewett, recording births, marriages,
       deaths and registrar meetings, 235 85
   John Mayo, collector 1915, 617 57
   John Mayo, collector 1916, 400 00
   Henry A. Keith, registrar of voters, 29 50
   Joseph W. Keith, registrar of voters, 25 00
   Wm. S. Beatty, registrar of voters, 23 25
   Albert F. Hunt, board of health, 175 70
   C. R. Smith, board of health, 159 50
   Joseph Brennan, board of health, 11 00
   Ernest Leach, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor, 600 00
   Roland M. Keith, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor, 542 68
   Frederic K. Bonney, selectman, assessor
       and overseer of poor, 502 35
J. Anderson Otis, sealer of weights and measures, 200 00
Expenses election officers, March 5th, 33 50
Expenses election officers, April 3d, 23 00
Expenses election officers, May 1, 31 50
Expenses election officers, State Primary, 18 00
Expenses election officers, State Election, 42 00
Unexpended, 329 50

$5,000 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.
Appropriation, $600 00
Paid for abatement of taxes, 1915, $39 65
For abatement of taxes, 1916, 490 15
For abatement of taxes, 1917, 56 14
Unexpended, 14 06

$600 00

STREET LIGHTING.
Appropriation, $3,700 00
Paid Edison Electric Ill. Co., $3,706 49
Overdrawn, 6 49

INTEREST.
Appropriation, $1,500 00
Received interest on deposit, 526 24
Received interest on taxes, 748 70

$2,774 94

Paid interest on notes, $3,692 10
Overdrawn, $917 16
TOWN HALL RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

Receipts of Hall, $732 75
Deficit, 12 04

$744 79

Paid Edison Electric Ill. Co., $122 44
Brockton Gas Light Co., 5 35
C. F. Jordan, 48 92
R. M. Keith, 25 00
L. H. Washburn, 55
C. B. Dolge Co., 7 50
H. A. Gow, janitor, 242 00
S. Ward Washburn, 1 80
E. M. Swift, 22 50
Piano fund, 12 00
Bowman’s Express, 1 04
Marcus Pierce, 2 00
John Rountry, 3 00
R. J. Marshall, 2 00
Inspecting Boiler, 2 00
H. L. Jordan, 50
A. H. Willis, 4 50
J. H. Fairbanks Co., 55 00
H. M. Hooper, 27 99
C. P. Lewis Co., 157 70
Miscellaneous items, 1 00

$744 79

CONTINGENT DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation for Incidentals, $2,000 00
Taxes paid after abatement, 4 52
Sale of refuse, 1 25
Circus permit, 5 00
Claim under bond of C. A. Wilbar, 1,677 74
Sale of South Street School, 206 60
Fees collected by Sealer, 62 14
Reimbursement from the State, tuitions to vocational schools 1916, 372 50
Account of tuitions to vocational school,
Accounts receivable, 505 75
Reimbursements on account of forest fires, 50 93
Town Hall, rentals, 732 75

$5,619 18

Paid bills for Incidentals, $1,798 84
Sewer construction, 563 78
Forest fires, 258 13
Town Hall, 744 79
Care of cemetery, 2 00
Contingent expenses, 2,364 99

$5,732 53

Overdrawn, $113 35

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation, $2,000 00

Paid City of Quincy, vocational school tuition, $434 00
Hobbs & Warren, 3 40
H. T. Burrill & Son, team for Sealer of Weights, 15 00
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies for Sealer of Weights, 52 23
Wm. S. Prophett, return of deaths,  20 25
E. W. Prescott, assisting Assessors,      5 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.,                  31 54
R. M. Keith, cash paid Bureau of Statistics,  2 00
Frank Williams,                        14 50
Bureau of Statistics,                  16 00
Lewis G. Lowe & Son, Collector’s and Treasurer’s bonds, 200 00
Thomas Groom Co.,                      34 50
A. W. Carr, returning births,           31 50
Geo. J. Alcott, meals for election officers,  22 90
Post Office Dept.,                     47 36
Charles M. Hickey, returning deaths,    1 50
Walter E. Rhoades, distributing reports, 14 00
O. B. Cole,                            20 29
County Commissions,                    3 00
A. W. Brownell,                         2 00
R. M. Keith, affidavits,                75
H. A. Wheeler & Co., flag,              20 00
County of Plymouth, truant school,      29 42
F. L. Warren, returning births,         3 75
Library Bureau,                        1 25
J. Hooper Leach, team for Assessors,    6 00
J. L. Fairbanks Co., books,             36 53
Adams Express,                         79
Bowman’s Express,                      1 15
Mrs. E. M. LeBaron, repairing flag,     7 25
B. G. Brown, opening grave,             3 00
Todd Protectograph Sales Co.,           29 40
Matthew Bender & Co.,                  10 50
Joseph Wages,                          2 00
Albert F. Hunt, returning births,       29 75
Joseph Brennan,                        12 00
John B. Washburn,                      41 00
Little, Brown & Co.,                   4 95
A. H. Willis, 36 25
Bridgewater Water Co., 3 75
C. H. Bixby, supplies, 3 50
Charles B. Carpenter, tax reimbursed, 2 20
J. E. Cross, 65
Geo. W. Stetson, tax reimbursed, 21 40
J. H. Fairbanks Co., 50
Beulah H. Matteson, 20 00
Carter's Ink Co., 63
E. A. MacMaster, 100 00
School Dept., Quincy Avocational School, 399 50

$1,798 84

Unexpended, 201 16

$2,000 00

FOREST FIRES.

Paid N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., $24 05
F. C. Worthen, Supt., 10 58
Hooper & Co., 81
J. H. Fairbanks Co., 2 88
American La France Engine Co., 1 80
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 40 35
C. H. Bixby, Treas., pay roll, 177 06
Adams Express, 60

$258 13

AUDITING TOWN TREASURER'S BOOKS.

Paid Augustus Nickerson Corporation, $1,331 20
TAX SALES.

Paid John Mayo, Collector, $481 00

LIABILITY INSURANCE RESERVE FUND.

Balance June 30, 1917, $1,434 15

BUILDING SEWER.

Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1917, $461 41
Paid John E. Palmer, $563 78
Overdrawn, $102 37

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation, $85,000 00
Gift from L. Q. White, 8,000 00
$93,000 00

Paid Mrs. Abbie R. Bartlett, lot, $3,000 00
Mrs. Ruth B. Stetson, lot, 8,000 00
$11,000 00

Unexpended, 82,000 00

$93,000 00

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

Appropriation, $700 00
Reimbursements, 90

$700 90
Paid A. H. Willis, $484.85
Bridgewater Independent, 75.50
Item Press, 16.90
Davol Printing House, 4.15
Dorr's Print Shop, 67.50

Unexpended, $52.00

$648.90

TREE WARDEN.

Appropriation, $450.00

Paid C. F. Scotton, $57.00
F. C. Worthen, pay roll, 71.27
J. H. Fairbanks Co, 1.42
Moth Department, 239.38
W. P. Hutchinson, 1.10
C. H. Bixby, treasurer pay roll, 47.24

Unexpended, 89.02

$360.98

$450.00

PRATTOWN BRIDGE.

Appropriation, $7,250.00

Paid Boston Globe, $9.60
Boston Publishing Co., 9.00
Boston Evening Transcript, 6.75
Samuel B. Horton, 6,445.95

$6,471.30

Unexpended, $778.70
MIDDLEBORO OBSERVATION STATION.

Appropriation, $100 00
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, $100 00

DR. A. W. CARR.

Appropriation, $13 00
Paid Dr. A. W. Carr, for services, $13 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation, $185 00
Paid F. H. Kirmayer, Adj. for G. A. R., $185 00

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION.

Appropriation, $200 00
Paid Visiting Nurse Association, $200 00

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Appropriation, $500 00
Paid R. M. Keith, $1 25
A. H. Willis, 1 50
Brockton City Marshal, 116 00
A. H. Whitman, 50 00
E. A. MacMaster, 30 25
Bridgewater Independent, 2 00
Iver Johnson Co., 19 35
J. H. Dickinson, 4 50

Unexpended, $224 85

$500 00

**STATE GUARD EQUIPMENT.**

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Unexpended, $2,000 00

**POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

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Overdrawn, $4,990 52
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C. H. King, 7 84  
The Malcolm Co., 12 06  
Taunton River Boat House, 1 35  
City Garage, 1 95  
W. S. Prophett, 16 00  
Thos. H. Hourahan, 20 00  
E. A. MacMaster, 170 00  

$4,990 52

SPECIAL—REMODELING LOCK-UP.

Appropriation, $400 00  
Paid Town of Stoneham, steel cages, $100 00  
S. Ward Washburn, 17 72  
John H. Ball, 307 97  
Bowman’s Express, 24 00  

$449 69

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $4,600 00  
Overdrawn, 228 49  

$4,828 49

Paid Eagan & Williams, $15 00  
Bridgewater Ice & Coal Co., 34 25  
Robt. J. Marshall, 122 25  
W. H. Bassett Co., 139 48  
M. A. Godwin, 1 50  
Edison Electric Ill. Co., 48 62  
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$4,828.49
## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

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<td>Sale of wood</td>
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<td>Sale of junk, etc.</td>
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### Accounts receivable:

- S. H. Horton, crushed stone, 168 88

**Total Accounts Receivable:** $11,830 46

Paid bills approved by R. J. McNeeland, superintendent, $15,927 33

**Overdrawn:** $4,096 87

By error an order for $69.75 was drawn on 1917 which should have been drawn on 1918.

## PLEASANT STREET.

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**Total:** $4,495 64

Paid bills approved by R. J. McNeeland, superintendent, $4,486 90

**Unexpended:** 8 74

**Total Unexpended:** $4,495 64
BROAD STREET, STATE HIGHWAY.

Received from the State, $10,178.02
Accounts receivable, due from the State, 1,000.00

$11,178.02

Paid in 1916 in excess of appropriation, $634.23
In 1917 in excess of appropriation, 8,930.22

$9,564.45

Surplus balance, 1,613.57

$11,178.02

SANGER STREET.

Appropriation, $250.00
Paid bills approved by R. J. McNeeland, $219.95
Unexpended, 30.05

$250.00

SPRING HILL AVENUE EXTENSION.

Appropriation, $150.00
Paid bills approved by R. J. McNeeland, $149.18
Unexpended, 82

$150.00

WORCESTER STREET.

Appropriation, $300.00
Paid bills approved by R. J. McNeeland, $299.50
Unexpended, 50

$300.00
### HAMMOND STREET.

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### STATE AID.

Paid State Aid under Chap. 468, Acts of 1909, to be reimbursed by State, $2,204 66

### SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

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P. B. Bragdon, 2 00
A. I. Simmons Co., 50
F. A. MacFarlin & Son, 5 00
Eagan & Williams, 92 39
J. E. Cross, 1 15
P. E. Sargent, 2 25
Dorr's Print Shop, 2 25
E. A. Merrian, 1 10
W. W. Snow, 4 50
Unexpended, 15 56

$2,524 59

SCHOOLS.

Paid bills approved by School Committee, $44,670 53

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation, $600 00
Received from all sources, 252 50
Overdrawn, 201 33

$1,053 83

Paid George N. Garney, inspector slaughter houses, $64 60
Thomas Gibney, labor at dump, 17 50
John Reardon, sewer cart work, 249 75
Life Saving Device Co., lung motor, 135 00
John J. Joyce, plumbing inspector, 24 00
Joseph Brennan, plumbing inspector, 42 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., 27 85
C. B. Dolge Co., supplies, 30 00
Bridgewater Inn Garage, 1 75
J. H. Fairbanks Co., 7 27
A. H. Willis, 17 50
Bridgewater Independent, 20 75
Bowman’s Express, 1 20
Dorr’s Print Shop, 14 00
Lakeville State Sanitarium, 104 57
Continental Gin Co., 2 58
Harry L. Jordan, 1 50
O. B. Cole, 95
Frank Harlow, 18 03
N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R., 10 90
A. I. Simmons, 4 00
C. R. Smith, expenses, 14 05
Wm. H. Bassett Co., 15 83
C. F. Jordan, 38 19
Albert F. Hunt, expenses, 9 06
J. Rountree & Son, 5 00
Studebaker Corporation, garbage cart, 176 00

$1,053 83

**Cemetery Funds.**

Benjamin Washburn Fund.

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Paid Ansel Smith, care of lot, 1 00

Balance Jan. 1, 1918, 128 74

$129 74
Albion K. Washburn Fund.

Balance Jan. 1, 1917, $106 38
Received interest to Oct. 1, 1917, 4 28

$110 66

Paid W. B. McCrillis, care of lot, $ 2 00
Balance Jan. 1, 1918, 108 66

$110 66

Vernon Street Cemetery Fund.

Balance Jan. 1, 1917, $639 02
Received interest to Oct. 1, 1917, 25 80

$664 82

Paid F. K. Bonney, care of cemetery, $ 9 69
Balance Jan. 1, 1918, 655 13

$664 82

Avery F. Hooper Fund.

Balance Jan. 1, 1917, $105 32
Received interest to Oct. 1, 1917, 4 24

$109 56

Paid South Street Burial Ground Association, care of lot, $ 2 00
Balance Jan. 1, 1918, 107 56

$109 56

Lucretia M. Oldham Fund.

Balance Jan. 1, 1917, $105 55
Received interest to Oct. 1, 1917, 4 24

$109 79
Paid Scotland Cemetery Association,
care of lot,
Balance Jan. 1, 1918, $2 00
107 79
$109 79

Catherine Killoran Fund.
Balance Jan. 1, 1917, $106 24
Received interest to Oct. 1, 1917, 4 28
$110 52

Paid Wm. Gorman, care of lot,
Balance Jan. 1, 1918, $1 50
109 02
$110 52

Susan L. Cushman Fund,
For Care of Alden Hayward Lot, South Street Cemetery.
One Liberty Bond, No. 9717, par
value, $100 00
Deposited in Bridgewater Savings
Bank, 2 83
Total amount Jan. 1, 1918, $102 83

FREDERIC K. BONNEY,
Agent for Selectmen.

ERNEST LEACH,
ROLAND M. KEITH,
FREDERIC K. BONNEY,
Selectmen.
Report of Assessors.

We respectfully submit the following report of real and personal property assessed in the Town of Bridgewater for the year 1917.

Rate of taxation per $1,000—$21.80.

Value of real estate, $3,562,272 00
Value of personal estate, 928,845 00

Total value of real and personal estate, $4,491,117 00

Increase value of real estate, $61,370 00
Less value of personal estate, 17,940 00
Value of buildings exclusive of land, 2,574,386 00
Value of land exclusive of buildings, 987,886 00
Number of polls assessed, 2,379

Total tax assessed for State, County and Town purposes including overlayings, and committed to Collector, $102,664 81

Street Railway excise tax, $2,957 48

Number of horses assessed, 270
Number of cows assessed, 407
Number of cattle other than cows assessed, 108
Number of swine assessed, 29
Number of dwelling houses assessed, 1,261
Number of acres of land assessed, 14,920
Number of fowl assessed, 6,535
Number of sheep assessed, 4
Exempted property under Chap. 12, Sec. 5, $104,950.00
  Unmarried females and minors, 7,225.00
  Soldiers, soldiers' wives and widows, 26,350.00

ERNEST LEACH,  
ROLAND M. KEITH,  
FREDERIC K. BONNEY.  
Assessors of Bridgewater.
Report of the Overseers of Poor.

The Overseers of Poor in presenting their Annual Report desire to call the attention of the Town to the fact that notwithstanding a world war is in progress and the price of all commodities that enter into the expense of living have largely increased in cost and some not obtainable at any price, the expenditures in this Department have been less than last year by six hundred thirty-three dollars ($633.00), but with the termination of the present calamity the Poor Department is liable to be called upon to render aid unlooked for at the present time, but we shall ask for less money than last year by five hundred dollars.

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Receipts and Expenditures.

Paid poor aided outside Town Home, $219 49
Paid poor aided in other towns, settlement here, 620 41
Paid poor here, State cases, 290 44
Paid poor here, settlement in other towns, 439 10
Aid under Mother’s Dependent Law, to be reimbursed by State, 247 75
Aid paid by Town, 96 00
For support of Town Home, 2,786 82
Town Physicians, salary and expenses, 218 71
Board of Health cases drawn on Poor Book and miscellaneous, 490 30

$5,409 02

Credit by cash on hand at Town Farm, $20 58
Amount charged to State, 290 44
Amount charged to other towns, 439 10

$750 12

Products sold from Town Farm, 506 00

$1,256 12

Summary.
Total of all orders drawn on Poor Dept. $5,409 02
Credit by amounts due and received, 1,256 12

$4,152 90

Credit by amounts drawn for Board of Health, 490 30

$3,662 60

Salary of Overseers of Poor, 300 00

$3,962 60

Credit by medical aid charged to other towns, 27 50

Total cost of Poor Dept. $3,935 10

TOWN HOME.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1917, $ 30 62
Paid for Coal, 115 36
Groceries, 1,029 92
Repairs, 35 00
Clothing, 29 43
Superintendent's salary, 500 05
Grain, 706 69
Miscellaneous, 358 17
Boots and shoes, 5 70
Medicine, 6 50
Town Physician, 50 00

$2,867 44

Cr.
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1918, $ 20 58
Products sold, 506 00
Increase in valuation and inventory, 900 00

1,426 58

Total cost of maintainance, $1,440 86

PRODUCTS OF THE TOWN FARM.

210 bu. Potatoes.
12 bu. Onions.
12 bu. Carrots.
15 bu. Beets.
6 tons Hay.
2 tons Corn Fodder.
10 bu. Corn.
3 bu. Beans.
1 ton Squash.
200 head Cabbage.
2 fat Hogs.
3 Pigs.
INMATES AT TOWN HOME, 1917.

Number during year, 5  
Died, 1  
Present number, 4  
And some transients during the year, average 4½.

PERSONS AIDED OUTSIDE TOWN HOME.

Adults, 22  
Children, 28  

Settlement Elsewhere.

 Adults, 16  
Children, 23  

An error of $10.15 in the account of Town Home on page 52 was discovered after that page was printed. The Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1917, should read $20.47; total should be $2,857.29; and total cost of maintenance, $1,430.71.

ERNEST LEACH,  
ROLAND M. KEITH,  
FREDERIC K. BONNEY,  
Overseers of Poor.

Bridgewater, December 31, 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1917.

Number herds inspected, 181
Number of neat cattle, 918
Number of swine, 525
Number of sheep, 9
Number of goats, 5

This inspection shows 50 more cattle than last year. I have killed 6 cows; all had tuberculosis.

The suggestions made by this department for better sanitation in places where cows are kept has been effective in most cases. There are, however, a few places where much more cleanliness is required before a wholesome product can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HERBERT LEONARD.
Inspector of Animals.
Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.


To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917:

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<td>7</td>
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J. A. OTIS,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.
Bridgewater, Jan. 28, 1918.
Hunters' License, 1917.

Number of Resident Hunters' Licenses issued for the year ending December 31, 1917, one hundred and seventy-seven (177).

177 Licenses @ $1.00, $177 00
Less Clerk's fees @ 15 cents, 26 55
Paid Fish and Game Commissioners, $150 45

EDWARD A. HEWETT,
Town Clerk.
Dogs, 1917.

Number of dogs returned by the Assessors:
Males, 227; Females, 53; total, 280

Number of dogs licensed from Dec. 1, 1916 to Dec. 1, 1917:
Males, 321; Females, 62; total, 383

321 Males @ $2.00, $642.00
62 Females @ $5.00, 310.00

Less Clerk’s fees $952.00

$875.40

June 1, 1917, paid County Treasurer, $387.60
December 1, paid County Treasurer, 487.80

$875.40

EDWARD A. HEWETT,
Town Clerk.
### Tax Collector’s Report.

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<td>By amount paid Treasurer</td>
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<td>By amount abated</td>
<td>39 65</td>
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<td>By amount paid Treasurer</td>
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<td>By amount abated</td>
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<td>$9,224 86</td>
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To amount Moth Tax uncollected, $56 03

By amount paid Treasurer, $56 03
1917.

To amount committed, $97,906 81
To amount added, 2,957 48
To amount interest collected, 52 08

--- $100,916 37

By amount paid Treasurer, $86,845 49
By amount abated, 56 14
By amount uncollected, 14,014 74

$100,916 37

To amount Poll Tax committed, $4,758 00
To amount added, 14 00
To amount interest collected, 1 27

$4,773 27

By amount paid Treasurer, $4,319 27
By amount uncollected, 454 00

$4,773 27

To amount Curbing Tax committed, $432 48
By amount paid Treasurer, $383 56
By amount uncollected, 48 92

$432 48

To amount Moth Tax committed, $673 32
By amount paid Treasurer, $637 87
By amount abated, 4 65
By amount uncollected, 30 80

$673 32

JOHN MAYO,
Collector of Taxes for
Town of Bridgewater.
Report of Superintendent of Streets.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1917.

The accounts of money drawn for permanent work, general repairs and care of snow, and the amount spent on each street, are here given.

Credits.

Appropriation, $5,000 00
From Street Railway excise tax for 1916, 2,821 04
   Street Railway corporation tax for 1916, 1,877 37
   Selectmen for use of horses by Fire Dept., 300 00
   Selectmen Poor Dept., for manure, 20 00
   Work by town teams on state highway, 906 00
   Work by town teams on Spring Hill ave., 60 00
   Work by town teams on Worcester Street, 6 00
   Work by town teams on Pleasant Street, 120 00
   Work by town teams on Hammond Street, 432 00
   I. A. Herman, junk, 13 00
   Bay State Street Railway, teaming snow, 51 00
   Bridgewater Brick Co., wood, 12 37
   E. A. Hewett, teaming, 2 00
Profit on building state highway, Broad St., 1,613 57
I. A. Herman, junk, 20 80
Theodore Leonard, wheels, 20 00

$13,275 15

Bills Receivable:
S. B. Horton, 96¼ tons crushed stone delivered at Paper Mill Bridge, @ $1.75 ton, 168 88

$13,444 03

SUMMARY.
Expended, $15,927 33
Total amount available, 13,444 03

Overdrawn, $2,483 30

This overdraw was caused by extra work necessary on South street.
This stretch of road, ¾ of a mile long, was in very bad condition.
We had a great deal of trouble with it last spring when the frost was coming out. Autos and teams could not pass over it.
After taking the matter up with the Board of Selectmen it was decided to build this section of the road.
Also the pay roll ending January 5, 1918, was drawn on this account.

EXPENDED.

Cleaning streets and sidewalks of snow and sanding walks in 1917, $885 33
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<td>Pratt's Bridge,</td>
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<td>Labor,</td>
<td>6 00</td>
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<td>$30 28</td>
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<td>Titicut Bridge, South Street.</td>
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<td>Iron Works Bridge.</td>
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<td>$5 26</td>
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<td>3 00</td>
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<td>$8 26</td>
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<td>Hayward Street Bridge.</td>
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<td>Labor,</td>
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<td>$3 77</td>
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Oak Street.
Building gutter with crushed stone and tarvia.
Material, $40.00
Labor, 22.00
--- $62.00

Oak Street.
Building crossing corner of Oak and High Streets with crushed stone and tarvia.
Material, $65.00
Labor, 25.50
--- $90.50

High Street.
Resurfacing with crushed stone.
Labor, 124.80

Flowers for vase on Common,
Labor, 2.50

Centre Street.
Gravelling.
Labor, 106.75

Central Square.
Mowing Commons, cleaning and repairs.
Material, $29.05
Labor, 159.50
--- 188.55

Screening gravel.
Labor, 291.28

Old Cemetery.
Mowing, cleaning and repairs.
Labor, 11.50
Sidewalks.
  Repairing walk, Main Street.
    Labor, 26 00

Oak Street.
  Coating with crushed stone, 15 25

South Street.
  Gravelling.
    Labor, 14 20

Printing, 6 00

Cross Street.
  Gravelling.
    Labor, 20 00

Bridgewater Water Co.
  Water for drinking troughs on South, Plymouth, Pleasant and Summer Streets, $54 00
  Water for crusher, 5 00
  Pipe, 15 20
    __________  74 20

Patching streets.
  With crushed stone and tarvia.
    Material, $67 55
    Labor, 35 00
    __________ 102 55

Main Street.
  Rebuilding section near car barn.
    Material, $208.40
    Labor, 436 75
    __________ 645 15

Cleaning out catch basins.
  Labor, 65 00
Swift Avenue.
  Repairing with cinders, 15 37
  Inspection of boiler on steam roller, 5 00
  Carting coal for crusher and roller, 25 00
  Guide boards, 2 10.
  Repairs on crusher and roller, 622 80
  Tools bought, 120 00

Pleasant Street.
  Digging up, picking stone and rolling.
    Labor, 85 50

South Street.
  Grading and building ¾ mile with crushed stone and penetrated with tarvia.
    Material, 2,656 06
    Labor, 1,718 80
    _______  4,074 86

Oiling streets.
  Oiling and sanding streets.
    Material, 2,408 22
    Labor, 800 10
    _______  3,208 31

Support of Town teams, 3,261 99
R. J. McNeeland from Jan. 1, 1917 to Jan. 1, 1918, 1,000 00
Use of horse for season, 150 00

Expended, $15,927 33
## Account of Money Drawn by Street Department and Bills Paid by Same

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McNeeland Bros., men and team, 841 47
Ames Iron Works, 3 65
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., 26 50
John Dorsey and team, 22 20
Adams Express, 3 22
Joseph A. Bowman, 112 00
Martin Pratt and team, 15 20
James Sheehan, 183 12
J. E. Cross, 188 50
Daniel Crimmins, 154 37
George Copeland and team, 427 50
Peter Prunier and team, 16 50
Chester Keith and team, 151 50
William Doble, 32 00
J. H. Fairbanks, 101 84
Ames Plow Co., 24 03
Bridgewater Water Co., 74 20
Bowman’s Express, 3 00
W. W. Snow and team, 41 60
H. I. Dallman Co., 7 50
The Buffalo Springfield Roller Co., 8 55
Sarah, Hannah and Mary Dolan, 20 00
Elvil Canfield and team, 17 11
William Copeland and team, 77 86
Walworth M’fg. Co., 6 71
The Garlock Packing Co., 5 68
The Studebaker Co., 165 00
J. K. Mason, 8 00
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George Vining, $26.25
Universal Road Machinery Co., $2.31
Mrs. Emila VanSteenbergh, man and team, $72.90
Edwin D. Bryant, $2.00
I. Garber and team, $47.42
H. L. Butterfield and team, $49.00
Chandler Construction Co., $1.88
William H. Taylor and team, $29.40
Albert Brouillard, $8.26
Fred T. LeBaron, $9.00
Martin Sturtevant, $34.50
R. J. McNeeland, from Jan. 1, 1917, to Jan. 1, 1918, $1,000.00
Use of horse for season, $150.00

$15,927.33

RECEIVED FOR WORK PERFORMED BY TOWN TEAMS

OUTSIDE STREET DEPARTMENT.

From Selectmen for horses for Fire Department, $300.00
Poor Department, manure, $20.00
Work on State Highway, $906.00
Work on Spring High Avenue, $60.00
Work on Worcester Street, $6.00
Work on Pleasant Street, $120.00
Work on Hammond Street, $432.00
Work on Street Railway, snow, $51.00

$1,895.00
Work on carting crushed stone for Paper Mill Bridge, 168 88

RUNNING EXPENSES OF TOWN TEAMS.

Paid Charles Sample, teamster, 10 weeks @ $15.00 per week, $150 00
Charles Sample, 43 weeks @ $16.50 per week, 709 50
Richard O‘Donnell, teamster, 10 weeks @ $15.00 per week, 150 00
Richard O‘Donnell, 43 weeks @ $16.50 per week, 709 50
Frank Harlow, blacksmith, 123 00
Eastern Grain Co., hay and grain, 790 45
O. B. Cole, medicine, 2 34
Charles Perkins, hay, 39 00
Joseph A. Bowman, rent for stable, 112 00
William Doble, blacksmith, 32 00
J. K. Mason, fixing horses teeth, 8 00
The Studebaker Corp. cart, 165 00
Albert E. Drake, hay, 62 12
Henry A. Barker, hay, 44 06
Isaac Hall, repairing cart, 23 50
H. D. Packard, hay, 45 15
Ray’s Shoe Hospital, repairing harness, 7 25
J. C. Keith, collar and repairing harness, 8 25
E. F. Fisk, hay, 48 23
W. S. Prophett, hay, 32 70

$3,261 99
ACCOUNT OF WORK ON STREETS BY TOWN TEAMS.

Clearing snow from sidewalks and sanding walks, $315.75
Sidewalks, 275.00
Carting stone to crusher, 66.00
Spring Hill Avenue, 60.00
Centre Street, 252.00
Patching street, 60.00
Street cleaning and scraping, 261.00
Oiling streets and carting sand, 298.00
South Street, 408.00
Cross Street, 12.00
Burrill Avenue, 12.00
Main Street, 156.00
State Highway, 906.00
Hammond Street, 372.00
Pleasant Street, 120.00
Worcester Street, 6.00

$3,579.75

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Pleasant Street.

Appropriation by Town, $3,000.00
State Highway Commission, 1,500.00

$4,500.00

Expended, $4,486.90
Unexpended, 13 10

$4,500.00
Hammond Street.

Appropriation, $815 00
Expended, $772 25
Unexpended, 42 75
$815 00

Sanger Street.

Appropriation, $250 00
Expended, $219 95
Unexpended, 30 05
$250 00

Spring Hill Avenue.

Appropriation, $150 00
Expended, $149 18
Unexpended, 82
$150 00

Worcester Street.

Appropriation, $300 00
Expended, $299 50
Unexpended, 50
$300 00

BUILDING STATE HIGHWAY ON BROAD STREET PER CONTRACT.

Received from State Highway Commission, $11,178 02
Expended in 1916, $ 634 23
Expended in 1917, 8,930 22
9,564 45

Profit to the Town, $1,613 57
INVENTORY OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

2 pair horses.
2 sets double harness.
2 drop bottom carts.
2 dump carts.
1 two horse wagon.
1 road scraper.
1 road drag.
1 harrow.
1 steam road roller.
1 portable crusher, engine, boiler and bins.
12 shovels.
12 picks.
2 grub hoes.
2 iron bars.
10 lanterns and rods.
2 heavy chains.
4 sledge hammers.
6 iron rakes.
2 hand rollers.
1 tar kettle.
2 sand driers.
1 oil wagon.
1 street sprinkler.
1 stationary crusher and bin.
1 tar ladle.
6 gravel and sand screens.
2 road plows.
1 bush scythe.
1 push cart.
3 paving rammers.
1 tool box.
1 evener.
2 iron wheelbarrows.
1 cross-cut saw.
4 water pails.
2 curry combs and brushes.
4 stable blankets.
4 halters.
4 street blankets.
16 snow ploughs.
2 gutter plows.
6 stone forks.

R. J. McNEELAND,
Supt. of Streets.
Guide Boards in Bridgewater.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS RESPECTING THE GUIDE BOARDS IN BRIDGEWATER.

During the past year there has been paid for painting signs and repairs, $2.10.

Guide Boards at the following places:
One at junction of Main and Broad Streets.
South and Pleasant Streets.
Centre and Pleasant Streets.
Birch and Pleasant Streets.
North and Pleasant Streets.
Vernon and Pleasant Streets.
Elm and Pleasant Streets.
Lakeside and Pleasant Streets.
Pine and Pleasant Streets.
Spruce and Pine Streets.
Raynham line and Spruce Streets.
Spruce and Vernon Streets.
Vernon and Beach Streets.
Vernon and Green Streets.
Green and South Streets.
Forest and South Streets.
Winter and Bedford Streets.
Flagg and Bedford Streets.
Flagg and Conant Streets.
Conant and Titicut Streets.
South and Winter Streets.
South and Crescent Streets.
Forest and Vernon Streets.
Titicut and Summer Streets.
Winter and Conant Streets.
Summer and Conant Streets.
Summer and Flagg Streets.
Bedford and School Streets.
Summer and Plymouth Streets.
Main and High Streets.
High and Hayward Streets.
High and Mill Streets.
High and Plymouth Streets.
Plymouth and Pond Streets.
Robert and Pond Streets.
Plymouth and East Streets.
Plymouth and Walnut Streets.
Walnut and Cherry Streets.
Auburn and Short Streets.
Plain and High Streets.
Plymouth and Mill Streets.
Whitman and Plymouth Streets.
Whitman and Hayward Streets.
Plymouth and Hayward Streets.
Broad and High Streets.
Plymouth and Water Streets.
One at North end of East Street.

R. J. McNEELAND,
Supt. of Streets.
Tree Warden's Report.

EXPENDED.

Paid J. H. Fairbanks Co., bit brace, pail and brushes, $1 42
W. P. Hutchinson, lumber and labor, 1 10
C. F. Scotton, cloth and duck, 57
F. C. Worthen and men, spraying, labor and material, 239 38
F. C. Worthen and men, planting, trimming, bolting and labor, 118 51

$360 98

SUMMARY.

Appropriation, $450 00
Expended, $360 98
Unexpended, 89 02

$450 00

R. J. McNEELAND,
Tree Warden.
To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Ernest Leach, Chairman,
Bridgewater, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Bridgewater, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 192 of the General Acts of 1917, and a petition of the selectmen. This report is in the form of a report to me from Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Bureau, who was placed in charge of the work.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES F. GETTEMY,
Director.
REPORT.

Mr. Charles F. Gettemy,
Director, Bureau of Statistics,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the accounts of the Town of Bridgewater for the financial year 1917, as petitioned for by the Selectmen, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 192 of the General Acts of 1917.

The receipts from all departments collecting money due the town were checked to the treasurer’s cash book and to the ledger. The payments were proved by checking the orders drawn by the Selectmen to the order book, treasurer’s cash book, and to the appropriation accounts in the ledger. A trial balance was taken from the ledger, and a balance sheet was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1917, which is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were checked in detail, cash on hand December 26 and December 31 was verified by actual count, and bank balances were reconciled. A table reconciling the treasurer’s cash of December 31, 1917, is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were checked, the commitments of the years 1915, 1916, and 1917 were proved, and the totals of the lists were compared with the warrants.

The collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer as shown by the treasurer’s books, abatements with the records of abatements granted, and outstanding accounts were listed.
Verification notices were sent to fifty persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town; as many replied acknowledging the account to be correct, and none replied claiming to have paid the amounts stated, I am satisfied that the accounts are correct. Tables summarizing the tax and assessment accounts are appended to this report.

The accounts of the town home were examined and checked. It has been the custom to pay certain incidental expenses from the sums received, without an order of the Selectmen.

The table appended gives the receipts and payments by months, as shown by the superintendent’s cash book.

The trust funds were verified by checking the securities held as investments, and by examining the several savings bank books representing the several funds. Tables showing a total of the funds, together with the receipts and payments, are appended to this report.

The accounts in the treasurer’s office have been changed in many respects and show that much time and thought have been given to this work.

It is difficult to keep in a single department the information that should be kept relative to the several departments, without having a general co-ordinating accounting system. Such a system would simplify the work, improve the reporting, and furnish the administrative officers with valuable information for their guidance in conducting town affairs; it would also give to the interested public complete information relative to the cost of the different departments, as well as information concerning the financial condition of the town.

The accounts of all departments should be arranged so as to show the costs of the several activities. The appropriations for the use of the several departments should be fixed by the vote of the town, and all receipts should be turned into the town treasury, so that the assessors can take them into account in fixing the tax rate.
Where a certain sum together with receipts is appropriated, the department official never knows the amount available for his use until the close of the year, hence he cannot systematically plan his work.

All moneys received for service and sales by departments should be turned into the town treasury, and all bills for service or materials supplied should be paid by the town treasurer.

The balance sheet appended clearly shows that information concerning the exact condition of the appropriations was not available at all times, as a large number of appropriation accounts are overdrawn at the end of the year. The statutes have placed a great deal of authority and responsibility on the Selectmen, who should see to it that the greatest amount of service possible is obtained with the means at hand; should the town fail to provide sufficient funds for a proper maintenance of the several departments, the responsibility should be placed where it belongs,—namely, on the town.

While engaged in making the audit, I received the hearty co-operation of every department official, and I wish, on behalf of my assistant and myself, to express to them my appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FENTON,
Chief Accountant.
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH.

Balance December 31, 1917, in bank, $23,871 34
Cash and checks received too late for deposit, per detailed list, 8,798 80 $32,670 14
Balance, per cash book, $14,114 00
Outstanding checks, per detailed list, 18,556 14 $32,670 14

TAXES 1915.

Outstanding January 1, 1917, $3,288 06
Correction of warrant, 66 16 $3,354 22
Collections, $3,314 57
Abatements, 39 65 $3,354 22

TAXES 1916.

Outstanding January 1, 1917, $8,828 80
List in excess of warrant, 7 93 $8,836 73
Collections, $8,276 03
Abatements, 490 15
Outstanding, 70 55 $8,836 73

TAXES 1917.

Commitment, $102,664 81
Additional commitment, 14 00
Moth assessment credited in error, 1 92 $102,680 73
Collections, $91,113 33
Abatements, 56 14
Outstanding, 11,511 26 $102,680 73
MOTH ASSESSMENTS 1916.
Outstanding January 1, 1917, $56 03
Collections, $56 03

MOTH ASSESSMENTS 1917.
Commitment, $673 32
Additional commitment, 25 66 $698 98
Collections, $635 95
Credited to taxes in error, 1 92
Abatements, 4 65
Outstanding, 56 46 $698 98

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS 1917.
Commitment, $432 48
Collections, $383 56
Outstanding, 48 92 $432 48

STREET RAILWAY AND EXCISE TAX.
Commitment, $2,957 48
Outstanding, $2,957 48

TOWN HOME.
Cash on hand January 1, 1917, $20 47
Receipts:
January, $34 26
February, 39 41
March, 78 48
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1917, 20 58  **$768 33**
### SCHOOL FUNDS.

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Receipts. Payments.

Income earned, $724 59 Deposited in savings bank, $1,000 00
Bequest, 1,000 00
Income withdrawn, 724 59

Total, $1,724 59

Ellen Markham Fund, $1,000 00
Harriet M. Gilbert Fund, 5,562 50
Theodore F. Wright Fund, 2,162 50
Mary H. Wilbar Fund, 500 00
Francis A. Parker Fund, 1,000 00
Lewis G. Lowe Fund, 1,000 00
Sarah L. Alden Fund, 500 00
Sarah T. Bates Fund, 500 00
Susan A. Goodrich Fund, 1,000 00
Mary A. M. Dunbar Fund, 500 00
Lorin Keith Fund, 1,000 00
Anna C. Thompson Fund, 1,000 00
Samuel P. Gates Fund, 3,000 00

Amount Dec. 31, 1917.
### Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

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**Receipts**

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**Payments**

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### Liability Insurance Reserve Fund

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**Receipts**

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**Payments**

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**BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1917.**

**GENERAL ACCOUNTS.**

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# Debt Accounts

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<td>Junior High School Loan (Anticipation Bond Issue)</td>
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<td>McElwain School Loan</td>
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# Trust and Special Funds

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Report of Town Treasurer.

I. CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand January 1, 1917, $5,133 47
Cash found in safe, 183 77

From the Collector of Taxes:
    Taxes, 1917, 91,111 41
    Taxes, 1916, 8,346 58
    Taxes, 1915, 3,314 57
    Moth Assessments, 1917, 637 87
    Moth Assessments, 1916, 56 03
    Sidewalk and Curbing Assessments, 1917, 383 56
    Interest on deferred taxes, 748 70

From the Commonwealth:
    Bank and Corporation Taxes, 7,645 91
    Income Tax, 3,047 00
    Reimbursement for loss of taxes on land used for public purposes, 868 55
    Soldiers’ Exemptions, 141 61
    Highway Construction, 1916 account, 634 23
    Highway Construction, 1917 accounts, 11,089 43
    Reimbursements for Mothers’ Aid, account 1916, 159 42
    Reimbursements for Mothers’ Aid, account 1917, 75 00
Reimbursements for relief given to poor, 26.98
Tuition of State Wards, 308.84
Services of Moth Department, 86.78
Tuition of pupils in State Aided Vocational School, 372.50
State Aid, 1,874.00

From the County:
Dog Dividend, 1916, 796.01

From Other Towns and Cities:
Reimbursements for relief given to poor, account 1916, 158.64
Reimbursements for relief given to poor, account 1917, 179.40
Tuition and transportation of school children, 834.00

Departmental:
Use of town teams on construction and other work, 1,826.00
Removal of ice and snow, 73.00
Income from Town Farm, 506.00
Public Library fines, 121.00
Town Hall rentals, 1916, 3.50
Town Hall rentals, 1917, 732.75
Cesspool work, 238.50
Licenses granted by Health Dept., 14.00
Evening School, 121.31
Services of Moth Dept., 263.30
Reimbursements for extinguishing forest fires, 44.30
Sale of material and sundry receipts, 109.34
Refunds and transfers, 103.85

Gifts and bequests:
Loring Q. White, for land for Junior High School Building, 8,000.00
Lorin Keith Public Library Fund, 1,000.00
Lorin Keith High School Prize Fund, 1,000.00
Perpetual care funds, 100 00
Income from funds:
  School, 658 66
  Library, 724 59
Cemetery funds withdrawn for use, 18 19
Loans:
  Temporary, revenue, 65,000 00
  Temporary, in anticipation of serial issue, 12,000 00
  Bridge, 7,250 00
All Other:
  Police Court and House of Correction fines, 776 68
  Redemption of Tax Title, 120 24
  Licenses and permits, 254 00
  Interest on bank deposits, 526 24
  Sale of South Street School House and belongings, 206 60
  Fees collected by Sealer of Weights and Measures, 62 14
  Taxes paid after abatement, 4 52
  Settlement of claim under bond of C. A. Wilbar, 1,677 74

Total, $241,700 71

PAYMENTS.

Departmental expenses, paid on Selectmen's orders:
  Town Officers, $4,670 50
  Street Lighting, 3,706 49
  Printing and Advertising, 648 90
  Public Library, 2,630 03
  Health Dept., 1,036 33
  Care of Dump, 17 50
  Fire Dept., 4,829 48
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Maturing Notes:
Temporary Loans, 55,000 00
McElwain School, 5,000 00
Sewer, 6,300 00
Highway, 2,000 00
Investment of Funds:
Bridgewater Savings Bank, 2,002 83
U. S. Liberty Bond, 97 17
Refunds, 2 03

$227,586 71

Cash on hand December 31, 1917, 14,114 00

Total, 241,700 71

II. REVENUE AND EXPENSE, 1917.
(General Revenue and Department Accounts.)

GENERAL REVENUE.

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Soldiers' Exemptions, 141 61
Street Railway Corporation Tax, 1,237 46
Street Railway Excise Tax, 2,957 48

Appropriations for current expenses, $87,565 85
State Tax, 11,000 00
County Tax, 6,060 60
State Highway Tax, 694 00

Expended for Highway purposes:
  Street Railway Corp. Tax, 1916, 1,877 37
  Street Railway Excise Tax, 1916, 2,821 04
Maturing notes, 13,300 00

$119,191 41

Deficit, $4,127 45

SIDEWALK AND CURBING ASSESSMENT.

Assessment, $432 48
Work done by Highway Dept., 1916, 432 46

Surplus, $ 02

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation, $600 00
Abated Taxes of 1915, $ 39 65
Abated Taxes of 1916, 490 15
Abated Taxes of 1917, 56 14
Moth Assessments, 4 65

$590 59

Surplus, $ 9 41
Moth Assessment.

Assessment, $673.32
Work done on private property, 1916, $26.06
Work done on private property, 1917, 647.26

Interest.

Appropriation, $1,500.00
Receipts:
Bank deposits, 526.24
Deferred taxes, 748.70

Payments:
Temporary loans, revenue, $1,692.69
Temporary loan, Junior High School, 615.41
McElwain School notes, 800.00
Sewer notes, 464.00
Highway notes, 120.00

Deficit, $917.16

Public Library.

Appropriation, $1,800.00
Income from funds, 724.59
Fines, 121.00

Selectmen’s orders, 2,630.03

Surplus, $15.56
## TOWN OFFICERS.

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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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<td><strong>Surplus</strong></td>
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CARE OF DUMP.

Appropriation, $100 00
Selectmen's orders, 17 50
Surplus, $82 50

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation, $600 00
Selectmen's orders, 514 75
Surplus, $85 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $4,600 00
Selectmen's orders, 4,829 48
Deficit, $229 48

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $3,600 00
Fines, 776 68
$4,376 68
Selectmen's orders, 4,390 52
Deficit, $613 84

IMPROVEMENT OF TOWN LOCKUP.

Appropriation, $400 00
Selectmen's orders, 449 69
Deficit, $49 69
CONTINGENT DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation for incidentals, $2,000.00

Receipts:
- Town Hall rentals, 732.75
- Reimbursements on account of forest fires, 50.93
- Reimbursements from the State on account of tuition to Vocational School, 1916, 372.50
- Taxes paid after abatement, 4.52
- Sale of Refuse, 1.25
- Circus permit, 5.00
- Sale of South Street School House and belongings, 206.60
- Fees collected by Sealer of Weights and Measures, 62.14
- Settlement of claim under bond of C. A. Wilbar, 1,677.74

Accounts Receivable:
- Account of tuition to State Aided Vocational School, 1917, 505.75

Total: $5,619.18

Selectmen’s orders:
- Town Hall, $744.79
- Forest Fires, 258.13
- Tuition to State Aided Vocational School, 1,011.50
- Sewer construction, 1,116.47
- Incidentals, 2,601.64

Total: $5,732.53

Deficit, $113.35
POOR DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $5,000 00
Income from Town Farm, 506 00
Reimbursements:
  From the State, for Mothers' Aid, 75 00
  From the State, for relief given, 26 98
  From other towns and cities, for relief, 179 40
  $5,787 38
Selectmen's orders, 5,409 02
Surplus, $378 36

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $42,000 00
Income from funds, 658 66
Dog Dividend, 1916, 796 01
Evening School, fees forfeited, etc., 121 31
From the State, tuition of State wards, 308 84
From other towns and cities, for tuition and transportation of pupils, 834 00
Miscellaneous receipts, 8 70
Refund, 93 95
  $44,821 47
Selectmen's orders, 44,271 03
Surplus, $550 44

MOTh DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $1,782 85
Receipts:
  From the State, for creosoting, 7 62
From the State, acct. of Blister Rust, 79 16
Services to Tree Warden’s Dept., 239 38
For work in cemetery, 23 92
Sale of material, etc., 13 22
For work done on private property, 672 92
Accounts Receivable:
Work done on private property, 1917, 45 58
Refund, 34
$2,864 99
Selectmen’s orders, 2,840 23

Surplus, $24 76

TREE WARDEN’S DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $450 00
Selectmen’s orders, 360 98

Surplus, $89 02

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, $5,000 00
Street Railway Corp. Tax, 1916, 1,877 37
Street Railway Excise Tax, 1916, 2,821 04

Receipts:
From the State, account of State Construction, 10,178 02
Use of town teams on construction work, 1,524 00
Use of town teams on private work, 2 00
Use of town teams by Fire Dept., 300 00
Removal of ice and snow, 51 00
Sale of wood and junk, 66 17
Sale of manure, 20 00

Accounts Receivable,
Sale of crushed stone, 168 88
Due from the State on State construction, 1,000 00

$23,008 48

Selectmen’s orders:
For maintenance and repairs, $15,927 33
State construction, Broad Street, 8,930 22
Paid on State construction in 1916, in excess of appropriation, 634 23

$25,491 78

Deficit,
$2,483 30

**HIGHWAY SPECIAL.**

Pleasant Street:
Appropriation, $3,000 00
From the State, under small towns act, 1,495 64
Selectmen’s orders, 4,486 90

Surplus, $8 74

Hammond Street:
Appropriation, $815 00
Selectmen’s orders, 772 25

Surplus, $42 75
Sanger Street:
Appropriation, $250 00
Selectmen’s orders, 219 95
Surplus, $30 05

Spring Hill Avenue Extension:
Appropriation, $150 00
Selectmen’s orders, 149 18
Surplus, $ 82

Worcester Street:
Appropriation, $300 00
Selectmen’s orders, 299 50
Surplus, $ 50

Prattown Bridge;
Appropriation, $7,250 00
Selectmen’s orders, 6,471 30
Balance carried forward, $778 70

PUBLIC SAFETY.
Appropriation, $500 00
Selectmen’s orders, 224 85
Surplus, $275 15

MILITARY EQUIPMENT.
Appropriation, $2,000 00
Selectmen’s orders, 1,707 67
Surplus, $292 33
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Appropriation, $85,000 00
Gift of L. Q. White, 8,000 00
Selectmen's orders, 11,000 00

Balance carried forward, $82,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

Memorial Day, $185 00
Visiting Nurse Association, 200 00
Liability Insurance Reserve Fund, 720 00
Dr. Carr, for services, 13 00
Forest Fire Lookout, 100 00

Selectmen's orders, $1,218 00

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

Deficit and Surplus.

Deficit Balances:
General Revenue, $4,127 45
Interest, 917 16
Street Lighting, 6 49
Health Dept., 283 83
Fire Dept., 229 48
Police Dept., 613 84
Improvement of Town Lockup, 49 69
Contingent Dept., 113 35
Highway Dept., 2,483 30

$8,824 59
Surplus Balances:
Sidewalk and Curbing Assessment, $  02
Abatement of Taxes,  9  41
Public Library,  15  56
Town Officers Dept.,  329  50
Care of Dump,  82  50
Soldiers’ Relief,  85  25
Printing and Advertising,  52  00
Poor Dept.,  378  36
School Dept.,  550  44
Moth Dept.,  24  76
Tree Warden’s Dept.,  89  02
Pleasant Street,  8  74
Hammond Street,  42  75
Sanger Street,  30  05
Spring Hill Avenue Extension,  82
Worcester Street,  50
Public Safety,  275  15
Military Equipment,  292  33

Net current deficit, $6,267  43
Previous Surplus,  21,119  27

Net Surplus, $14,561  84

Balances Carried Forward.
Prattown Bridge,  $778  70
Junior High School Building,  82,000  00

$82,778  70
III. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Cash, $14,114 00

Uncollected Taxes:
- Poll Taxes, 1917, $454 00
- Property Taxes, 1917, 11,057 26
- Street Railway Excise Tax, 2,957 48
- Sidewalk and Curbing Assessments, 48 92
- Moth Assessments, 56 46

$14,574 12

Due from the State:
- Balance of Corporation Tax, 1917, $245 35
- Street Railway Corporation Tax, 1,237 46
- Broad Street Construction, 1,000 00
- State Aid, 1917, 2,204 66
- Acct. of Tuitions in Vocational School, 505 75

$5,193 22

Departmental Accounts Receivable:
- Highway Dept., $328 88
- Public Library, 50 00
- Poor Dept., 34 74
- Moth Dept., 45 58

$459 20

Authorized Loans, 73,000 00

Securities and Savings Bank Deposits, 38,987 42

$146,327 96
LIABILITIES.

Temporary Loan, $10,000 00
Unexpended Balances:
  Prattown Bridge, $ 778 70
  Junior High School Building, 82,000 00
  ----------------------------- $82,778 70

Public Trust Funds:
  School, $17,472 50
  Library, 18,725 00
  Cemetery, 1,319 73
  ----------------------------- $37,517 23

Insurance Liability Reserve Fund,
  Surplus, 1,470 19
  14,561 84
  ----------------------------- $146,327 96

BONDED DEBT.

Junior High School Building:
  Temporary Loan in anticipation of serial issue, $12,000 00

Notes maturing 1918:
  McElwain School, Dec. 1, $5,000 00
  Sewer Construction, Nov. 1, 2,000 00
  Sewer Construction, Dec. 1, 3,300 00
  Highway Construction, Nov. 1, 1,000 00
  Bridge, Dec. 26, 2,000 00
  ----------------------------- 13,300 00

Notes maturing 1919:
  McElwain School, Dec. 1, $5,000 00
  Bridge, Dec. 26, 2,000 00
  ----------------------------- 7,000 00
Notes maturing 1920:
  McElwain School, Dec. 1, $5,000 00
  Bridge, Dec. 26, 2,000 00
  ——— 7,000 00

Notes maturing 1921:
  Bridge, Dec. 26, 1,250 00

Total Bonded Debt, $40,550 00
Loans Authorized, 73,000 00

$113,550 00

A detailed statement of Public Trust Funds is not given in this report, since a complete statement is contained in the report of the audit made by the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics.

CHAS. H. BIXBY,
Town Treasurer.
The Auditors have examined the accounts of all officers and committees of the Town who are intrusted with the receipt, custody and expenditure of money and as far as possible all original vouchers on which money has been paid from the Treasury and find the accounts correctly kept and properly vouched.

We find that at the close of business, of the year 1917, the balance in the hands of the Treasurer should be $14,114.00, which amount was made up as follows: Balance in Bridgewater Trust Co. of $14,114.00.

On Monday, January 21, the Auditor's examined the Trust Funds and Securities kept at the vault of the Bridgewater Trust Co. and found them as follows:

Daniel Dyer School Fund,
Four Lake Shore & Michigan Southern R. R. Bonds, 4s, due in Sept., 1928, $4,000 00
Two Am. Tel. & Tel. Bonds, 4s, due July 1929, 2,000 00
Deposit in Bridgewater Savings Bank, 162 50
Total, $6,162 50
Edson School Fund.
  Deposit in Bridgewater Savings Bank, $300 00

Samuel P. Gates School Fund,
  In Mass. Trust Co., $5,000 00
  In Rockland Trust Co., 5,000 00

  $10,000 00

The Lorin Keith High School Prize Fund.
  In Bridgewater Savings Bank, $1,000 00
  Unexpended interest, 10 00

  $1,010 00

Liability Insurance Reserve Fund.
  In Bridgewater Savings Bank, $742 99
  In East Bridgewater Savings Bank, 727 20

  $1,470 19

LIBRARY FUNDS.

Samuel P. Gates Fund.
  In Massachusetts Trust Co., $3,000 00

Susan A. Goodrich Fund.
  In Bridgewater Savings Bank, 1,000 00

Mary H. Wilbar Fund.
  In Bridgewater Savings Bank, 500 00

Frances A. Parker Fund.
  In Bridgewater Savings Bank, 1,000 00

Lewis G. Lowe Fund.
  In Bridgewater Savings Bank, 1,000 00
Sarah L. Alden Fund.
   In Bridgewater Savings Bank,  500 00

Sarah T. Bates Fund.
   In Bridgewater Savings Bank,  500 00

Anna C. Thompson Fund.
   In East Bridgewater Savings Bank,  1,000 00

Ellen Markham Fund.
   In Abington Savings Bank,  1,000 00

Theodore F. Wright Fund.
   Two American Tel. & Tel. bonds,
      4's, due July 1929,  $2,000 00
   In Bridgewater Savings Bank,  162 50
   --------------------------  2,162 50

Harriet M. Gilbert Fund.
   Five N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. bonds,
      4's, due May 1956,  $5,000 00
   In Bridgewater Savings Bank,  562 50
   --------------------------  5,562 50

Mary A. M. Dunbar Fund.
   In Bridgewater Savings Bank,  500 00

Lorin Keith Fund.
   In Bridgewater Savings Bank,  1,000 00

CEMETERY FUNDS.

Benjamin Washburn Fund,  $100 00
   Unexpended income,  28 74
   In Bridgewater Savings Bank,  $128 74
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Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN KEITH,
RICHARD PICKETT,
Auditors of Accounts.
Report of Moth Department.

For the Year 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

All trees along highways have had egg clusters treated with creosote, and spraying has been done where needed. Orchards and private property around dwellings have received about the same treatment.

Road-sides where thinning operations have been carried on have all been gone over with bush scythes. Additional thinnings have been made along Cherry, Elm and Bridge streets.

Moths have increased alarmingly in the woodlands in spite of parasites and disease.

The coming year will probably show a large amount of stripping there. Many of these moths will find their way into orchards and the residential parts of the town. The Department requests the co-operation of all citizens in destroying the egg clusters, caterpillars, pupae and moths, and will appreciate information giving the location of any bad infestation outside of the woodlands.

Brown tails and tent caterpillars have not been noticeable.
Appropriation, $1,782.85
Received from private property, 719.74
Received from Elm beetle spraying, 239.38
Received from State Highway, 7.62
Received from State Acct. of Blister Rust, 79.16
Received from Mt. Prospect Cemetery, 23.92
Received from return of empty drum, 10.00
Received from sale of empty case, 50

$2,863.17

PAY ROLL.

Paid Barr, Ernest, $ 39.08
Beals, Leon, 20.01
Bromley, Edward J., 106.80
Brownell, Charles, 57.87
Burrill, Henry, 112.99
Canfield, Elwin, 194.27
Corbett, Windsor, 26.26
Cummings, James, 57.18
Dory, Harold, 2.50
Dyer, O. W., 39.39
Farnum, Luther, 35.02
Farnum, Stanley, 32.04
Friedlander, Joseph, 5.63
Higgins, Charles, 44.55
Higgins, James, 6.41
Howard, Walter, 6.10
Kilbridge, John, 119.56
Leach, J. H., 1.56
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<td>Worthen, F. C.</td>
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$2,437 62

**Schedule of Bills.**

- Paid Adam’s Express Co. $2 41
- Wm. H. Bassett Co., cylinder oil, 1 25
- Bridgewater Inn Garage, labor, 75
- Bowman’s Express, 75
- Burrill, Henry, truck hire, 18 38
- Elwin Canfield, horse hire, 81 85
- Central Square Stable, horse hire, 175 51
- Cole, O. B., stationery, 30
- Corbett, Windsor, horse hire, 1 50
- Dorr’s Print, poison notices, 2 75
- Eastern Grain Co., lime and sulphur, 7 68
- J. H. Fairbanks, hardware, 9 25
- Grasselli Chemical Co., lime and sulphur, 22 30
- Hooper, H. M., painting sprayer, 12 00
- Harlow, Frank, jobbing, 3 49
- Jordan, Harry, lettering, 2 00
- N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight, 2 91
- Pierce, Vernon, tape, 15
- Raymond Purnelle, wrench, 50
- Tinkham, A. R., chalk, 20
Turner, Wm., horse hire, 10 95
Wall, J. M., storing sprayer, 10 00
Whitcomb, Geo. W., gasoline, 29 10
F. C. Worthen, car fare and postage, 4 14

$ 400 12

Pay roll, 2,437 62

$2,837 74

Unexpended, $25.43

Received from State Forester’s Office for financing work in Dec., 1916, $158 79

PAY ROLL FOR DECEMBER, 1916,

Paid Bromley, Edward J., $ 4 50
Sample, Everett, 54 57
Willey, C. P., 25 32
Worthen, F. C., 71 45

$155 84

Schedule of bills, 2 95

$158 79

F. C. WORTHEN,
Superintendent.
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bridgewater, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Fire Engineers of the Bridgewater Fire Department submit their annual report of the condition and operation of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1917.

The condition of the apparatus and other property owned by the town and under the supervision of the Fire Engineers, the additions made during the year, and the recommendations for the coming year are as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department consists of a Chief Engineer, two Assistant Engineers, and the following companies: Combination Company No. 1, 10 men; Bridgewater Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, 10 men; Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, 10 men; Scotland Hand Chemical Company No. 1, 10 men.

BUILDINGS.

The headquarters of the Department is a two-story brick building, with one-story addition and hose tower, situated on School street.
Scotland Hand Chemical Co. No. 1 is quartered in a one-story wooden building on Prospect street in Scotland, while all other companies run from headquarters on School street.

**APPARATUS.**

The apparatus consists of one auto combination chemical and hose truck, one Silsby fire engine (5th size), one hook and ladder truck, one hose wagon, one hose sled, one chemical wagon, one hand hose reel, 4,000 feet 2½ inch fire hose in good condition and 1,000 feet in fair condition, together with such other small appliances as are required by statute law.

**HYDRANTS.**

There are 78 hydrants in good condition.

**CISTERNS.**

There are two cisterns in the center of the town available for service. Both cisterns are now full of water.

**FIRE ALARM.**

The electric fire alarm system consists of 27 signal boxes, (one private), 1 school signal box, 13 miles of wire, 1 bell and bell striker on hose tower, 1 8-inch steam chime gong and whistle blowing machine on the L. Q. White Shoe Co. factory, and 1 5-circuit switch-board and electric storage battery at headquarters. The system is in good condition.
FIRES.

There have been 19 box alarms during the year, and 6 still alarms have been cared for without calling out the companies.

REMARKS.

As it is about six years since the fire engine was rebuilt, (with a new boiler, etc.,) and adding the time which will elapse before any new apparatus could be procured, it would seem by that time that the present engine would be condemned by the State Inspector of Boilers as being unsafe owing to age.

We therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to look into the matter of the purchase of a combination pump and hose truck and report at the annual meeting to be held in 1919.

We again warn the citizens of this town of the deplorable state of the water supply for the extinguishment of fires. We do not have a sufficient amount of water, with or without pressure, to care for only the very ordinary fire. If a fire of any size should occur we would be unable to cope with it with our present means.

We wish to extend our thanks to you and the citizens for the support given us the past year.

FREDERIC WAITE,
CHARLES E. MARSHALL,
JOHN MAYO,
Board of Engineers.
Report of Trustees of Public Library.

The present Trustees are Mrs. Elsie Laughney Carr, William D. Jackson, and Mrs. H. Agnes Leonard, whose terms expire in 1918, H. Loring Jenkins, Mrs. Flora T. Little, and Dr. Calvin Pratt, whose terms expire in 1919, and Dr. George W. Cutler, Brenelle Hunt, and Gustavus Pratt, whose terms expire in 1920.

We have found it necessary to expend a considerable amount for repairs during the year. The fireplaces in the reading and reference rooms, which had settled badly, have been put in good condition, the chimneys have been re-topped and pointed, the stone trimmings have been pointed, missing tiles have been replaced, and some other small repairs made. New mats have been placed in the vestibule and outside the door, and signs have been put up for the protection of the grass.

There have been no radical changes in the work of the Library since our last report. The amount of work done in co-operation with the schools has increased, as has also the use of the reference room by students and others in pursuit of useful information. We have added to our reference books, "The Circle of Knowledge, Essential Facts of Everyday Interest," and "Our Wonder World, a Library of Knowledge," in ten volumes. Some changes have been made in the magazines taken. The value of the magazines is increas-
ed by "The Reader's Guide," which aids in systematic reading upon any desired subject. Children as well as adults are learning to make use of this help.

Farmers' Bulletins relating to various phases of the preparation and conservation of food have been received from Washington for distribution. Many pamphlets relating to the War have been received and placed in the reading room. Three boxes of books and magazines, given by friends in town, have been sent to Camp Devens. A total of $236.21 was collected for the Library War Council Fund, and forwarded to the national headquarters at Washington.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of gifts from the Armenian Community, James M. Beck, LL. D., Mr. Charles K. Bolton, Mr. W. W. Bryant, Miss Eleanor Burroughs, The National Canners Association, Mr. J. H. Dickinson, Prof. W. Macneile Dixon, George H. Doran, Publisher, Mrs. F. C. Gammons, Mr. Wales Hayward, Houghton-Mifflin Company, Mrs. Charles M. Keith, New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., Sir Gilbert Parker, Dr. Calvin Pratt, Mrs. W. P. Prophett, The Free Public Library Commission, Miss Clara S. Washburn, Miss Sara Wilbar, Mr. A. H. Willis and the Woman's Relief Corps.

From the last named giver we received a beautiful flag for the Children's Room for which we would give especial thanks. The issue of books in this room has increased materially during the year.

The statistics:

| Books in Library, | 19,310 |
| Days open, | 254 |
| Cards issued, | 486 |
| Books issued, of which 11,482 in Children's Room, | 38,172 |
| Per cent. of fiction, | 66 |
| Readers, of whom 5,763 in Children's Room, | 12,846 |

It seems probable now that it may be necessary to curtail
in some way the time that the Library is kept open, on account of the fuel shortage. Whether that proves to be the case will probably be known before this report appears.

We feel that the time is at hand when the appropriation for the Library should be increased. The increase in the amount available for the Library, including both the appropriation and the income from invested funds, has not kept pace with the amounts expended in other departments. In view of the many calls for money, upon the town and upon individuals, we are reluctant to ask for an increased appropriation at this time, but we hope that the time will come soon when the town can give us such an increase.

We ask for an appropriation of $1,800 for the running expenses of the Library for the ensuing year, the same amount as for several years past.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JACKSON, President,
GEORGE W. CUTLER, Vice-President,
FLORA T. LITTLE, Secretary,
GUSTAVUS PRATT, Treasurer,
ELSIE LAUGHNEY CARR,
BRENELLE HUNT,
H. LORING JENKINS,
H. AGNES LEONARD,
CALVIN PRATT,

Trustees of Public Library.

Report of Treasurer of Town Library for 1917.

Receipts.
Cash from fines, $121 00

Credit.
Paid Town Treasurer, $121 00
Sundry bills approved and sent Selectmen for payment, $2,630 03

GUSTAVUS PRATT,
Treasurer.

Approved:
CALVIN PRATT,
GEORGE W. CUTLER,
H. LORING JENKINS,
Auditing Committee.
Report of the Board of Health.

The Board of Health submits the following report for the year 1917:

**CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.**

The following is a list of contagious diseases reported to the Board of Health during the year:

- Chicken Pox, 11
- Diphtheria, 15
- German Measles, 24
- Ophthalmia Neonatorum, 1
- Suppurative Conjunctivitis, 1
- Measles, 5
- Mumps, 49
- Scarlet Fever, 15
- Tuberculosis, (all forms), 13
- Typhoid, 3
- Whooping Cough, 19
- Infantile Paralysis, 1
- Lobar Pneumonia, 4

Four of the cases of tuberculosis and one of the cases of typhoid fever were reported from the State Farm.

The following list of diseases are declared to be dangerous to the public health and therefore reportable:
Actinomycosis.
Anterior poliomyelitis.
Anthrax.
Asiatic Cholera.
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis.
Chicken Pox.
Diphtheria.
Dog Bite (requiring anti-rabic treatment).
Dysentery.
  a. Amebic.
  b. Bacillary.
German Measles.
Glanders.
Hookworm disease.
Infectious diseases of the Eye:
  a. Ophthalmia Neonatorum.
  b. Suppurative conjunctivitis.
  c. Trachoma.
Leprosy.
Lobar Pneumonia.
Malaria.
Measles.
Mumps.
Pellagra.
Plague.
Scarlet Fever.
Septic Sore Throat.
Small Pox.
Tetanus.
Trichinosis.
Tuberculosis (all forms.)
Typhoid Fever.
Typhus Fever.
Whooping-cough.
Yellow fever.
Parents should remember that they are required by law to report cases of contagious disease when no physician is in attendance.

**NUISANCES.**

Fifty complaints of nuisances were received by the Board. Each complaint was promptly investigated.

**INSPECTOR’S REPORT.**

The report of the Inspector of Slaughtering shows that the following number of animals were inspected:

- Hogs, 124
- Cattle, 4
- Calves, 15

The Plumbing Inspector reports 59 inspections and 12 sewer connections.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

- Number of deaths in town, 74
- Number of deaths at State Farm, 156
- Number of births recorded, 232
- Number of houses quarantined, 19
- Number of houses fumigated, 24
- Number of milk licenses granted, 18
- Number of slaughter house licenses granted, 3
- Number of massage licenses granted, 1
- Number of chiropodist licenses granted, 1

ALBERT F. HUNT, M. D.,
CHARLES R. SMITH,
CHARLES F. JORDAN,
Board of Health.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Town Physician from Jan. 1, 1917, to date, I have attended the following cases:

- Acute Alcoholism 4.
- Bronchitis 4.
- La Grippe 2.
- Rheumatism 2.
- Erysipelas 2.
- Mitral insufficiency.
- Septic finger.
- Septic hand.
- Laceration of finger.
- Syphilis 1.
- Hesper Facialis.
- Exposure.
- Infected wound of nares.
- Tuberculosis (pulmonary).
- Neuritis.
- Contusion of foot.
- Prostatitis.
- Foreign body in eye.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. HUNT,
Town Physician.
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report of the Police Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917:

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<td>Bicycle riding on sidewalk</td>
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<td>Being present where gaming implements were found</td>
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<td>Being present at game on Lord’s Day</td>
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<td>Carrying loaded revolver</td>
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<td>Disturbance of peace</td>
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Number of arrests, 175

Males, 161
Females, 7
Juveniles, 7

Total, 175

CAUSE OF ARREST.
Desertion—family, 1
Drunkenness, 70
Delinquent children, 5
Forgery, 1
False certificate for alcohol, 3
Failure to observe traffic signals, 2
Failure to stop when signalled by officer, 1
Gaming on Lord’s Day, 10
Liquor—Illegal transportation of, 1
  Exposing and keeping, 15
  Nuisance, 2
  Illegal sale of, 1
Larceny, 11
Neglect to provide support of family, 4
Operating auto recklessly, 1
Operating auto, not being licensed, 2
Rape, 1
Sale of firearms without permit, 1
Sale of watered milk, 1
Trespass, 1
Tramp, 2
Trespass, allowing fowl to, 2
Violation of probation—capias, 1

Total, 175

**DISPOSITIONS.**

Custody of father, 1
Defaulted, 3
Dismissed, 3
Fined, 82
Filed, 26
Held for Grand Jury, 5
Not guilty, 8
Pending, 4
Released at station house, 12
Placed on probation, 7
State Board of Charity, turned over to, 1
Turned over to other police departments, 7
Sentenced to House of Correction, 9
Sentenced to House of Correction and fined, 2
Sentenced to State Farm, 3
Sentenced to Shirley School, 2

175

Amount of fines imposed by Police Court, $1,347 00

Disposition as follows:
Amount appealed, $300 00
Amount paid Police Court, credit to town, 764 18
Payment defaulted, sent to jail, 60 00
Paid to State (auto cases), 80 00
Suspended to be paid, 1918, 90 00
Returns from County, credit to town, 12 50
Fees paid officers in Police Court, 40 32

$1,347 00

IN GENERAL.

It is recommended that the appropriation for police work be substantially increased over the amount of last year.

It now appears that the town is to change its system of applying the receipts from the police court fines, plus the appropriation, to defray current expenses, hence the necessity of an increase in the appropriation.

While the receipts from police court appear to be much less than in 1916, this should not be considered as an unfavor-
able criterion of the police department, but is rather to their credit, for efficiency in the department means a lessening of crime and a consequent falling off of receipts.

The automobile purchased by your honorable board for the use of the department has been a valuable asset and has been a means of accomplishing a great deal of work, and I feel has justified the expense.

With the first cost paid and a better knowledge of operating, repairing and caring for the machine, the cost of upkeep and supplies should be materially reduced the coming year.

The repairs and alterations made during the year have greatly improved conditions at the lock-up.

I should recommend the purchase of blankets for the beds in cell-rooms.

The rounding up of persons concerned in the larceny of fowl in the outskirts was the result of a great deal of hard consistent work by the officers, and a source of general satisfaction.

The violations of the liquor laws have diminished to a marked degree, yet I am free to admit that much remains to be done in this line.

We welcome information from well-intentioned people that will assist us in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

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Whole number of Births, 228. Males, 116; Females, 112.
Marriages Recorded in Bridgewater in 1917.

Jan.
1. Frank Edward Smith, Jr., of Bridgewater and Yvonne Houle of Brockton.
11. Charles Bourne Willis of Brockton and Clara Winslow Sherman (Hathaway), of Bridgewater.
14. Stanislaw Straczynski and Olimpia Stannlewicz, both of Bridgewater.
21. Franczak Mackewicz and Antosa Maconka, both of Bridgewater.

Feb.
7. John Tolvaisa and Nellie Pelescka, both of Bridgewater.
25. Hagop Sirkes Kasarjian and Lucy Nazaret Panjarjian, both of Bridgewater.

March 1. Alfred Henry Macomber of Bridgewater and Celia Frances Holyoke of West Bridgewater.

April 7. Frederick William Brown and Marion May Ripley, both of Bridgewater.
10. William Joseph O'Donnell of Bridgewater and Mary Alice Hannigan of Brockton.
25. James Joseph Long and Margaret Hannah Pitchforth, both of Bridgewater.
29. Charles Zenkewicz and Julia Baginskaiti, both of Bridgewater.

May 19. Leslie Peter Reed of Bridgewater and Dora Merrill Lunt of Bridgewater.
26. Vittorio Corima and Agatha Naveroli, both of Bridgewater.
27. Ralph Rennels Hartling and Hilda Ann Uloth, both of Bridgewater.
June
2. Gilford Austin Hartling and Winifred Moriarty, both of Bridgewater.

2. George Edward Carver and Mabel Relief Doble, both of Bridgewater.

2. George Franklin Thompson of Brockton and Louise Legarde of Bridgewater.

6. Chester Clement Wood and Julia Agnes Sullivan, both of Bridgewater.

9. Fred Whowell and Bertha Hindle, both of Taunton.

11. Leonidas Boulangier of Bridgewater and Odena Marie Louise Loiselle of New Bedford.

12. Alva Burton Outerbridge Hartling of Bridgewater and Mary Olive Weaver of Middleboro.

23. John Albert Waite and Marjorie Augusta Fitch, both of Bridgewater.

23. Gitarno Joseph Sala and Susie Malagute, both of Bridgewater.

28. Charles Greeneau of Fitchburg and Jenney Irene Harvey (Porter), of Bridgewater.

30. Andreas Olson of Brockton and Asta Louise Karlsen of Bridgewater.

July
8. Wendell Y. McIntire and Susie Carey, both of Westboro.

8. Frank Ernest Lynch and Mary Elizabeth Ryder (Frizzell), both of Bridgewater.


12. Frank Saunders Geddes of E. Mansfield and Albina Frances Sisson of Bridgewater.
29. William James Cleary of Bridgewater and Florence Elizabeth Welch of Franklin.

August 7. Bernard Norman Corcoran and Catherine MacKay Dowling, both of Bridgewater.


29. Everett Clark Sample of Bridgewater and Alice Melvina Shepard of East Bridgewater.


29. Stephen Skech and Helen Eva Kurcivicz, both of Bridgewater.

Oct. 3. Orien Leroy Desnoyer and Dorothy Goodnough, both of Bridgewater.


11. Herbert Joseph Collins and Bridget Christina Gallen, both of Bridgewater.


Nov. 3. Edward Harry Shute and Fannie Mae Villars, both of Bridgewater.
3. Murdock George Hartling and Mildred Jennett Russell, both of Bridgewater.
11. Kazimerus Deksnis and Waronika Chuoponaite, both of Bridgewater.
12. Wilfred Joseph Bois and Dora Ida Shepard, both of Bridgewater.
14. Glen Stanley Matteson of Sandy Creek, N. Y., and Beulah Hopkins of Bridgewater.
24. Vincent Pluszkevicz and Elzbieta Tomulonis, both of Bridgewater.
28. John B. Chenette of Lawrence and Clara A. Fellows of Manchester, N. H.

Dec. 1. George Franklin Adams and Anna Duesbury Gregson, both of Bridgewater.
7. Foster Joseph Rand of Bridgewater and Mary Elizabeth Rix (Henderson), of East Bridgewater.
22. John Church and Beulah May Broulett, both of Bridgewater.
22. Nels William Pearson and Salma Johnson, both of Bridgewater.

Number of licenses issued, 64.
Number of marriages recorded, 68.
# Deaths Recorded in Bridgewater in 1917

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## Deaths Recorded in Bridgewater in 1917—Continued.

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<td>Tubo-paresis</td>
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Whole number of Deaths recorded, 253. In Town, 100; State Farm, 153.

EDWARD A. HEWETT,
Town Clerk.
ABSTRACT FROM CHAPTER 99 OF THE REVISED LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Sec. 3. Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a notice stating the date and place of the birth, giving the street number if any, color and the family name. They 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, stating the date and place, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, and the names, ages, places of birth, occupations and residences of the parents, giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in a city, the maiden name of the mother, if the full return is not made within forty-eight hours.

The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so recorded. A physician or midwife who neglects to report each birth within forty-eight hours or fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

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

The facts required for record, as stated in section 3 shall so far as known or obtainable, be included in every notice given under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8. A parent, or other persons, who by section 6 is required to give, or cause to be given, notice of a birth or death, who neglects to do so for ten days after the time
limited therefore, shall forfeit not less than five dollars for each offense.

Sec. 24. The Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives who apply therefore.

EDWARD A. HEWETT,
Town Clerk.
Names of Bridgewater Men in the War Service of the United States.

Following is a list of names of Bridgewater men who have enlisted and been drafted into the war service of the United States.

The list of drafted men is complete to Feb. 1, 1918, as given out by the Exemption Board of District 38.

The list of volunteers is not complete but contains all the names obtainable from different sources. It is the earnest desire of Selectman Roland M. Keith that any names which may be omitted here be reported to him, as he is desirous of making a complete list.

Volunteers.

Emery May, Av. Corps
George E. Hall, Med. Corps
Alfred T. Cushman, Cav.
John E. Gorman, Inf.
William Gorman, N. G.
Warren Randall, Coast Art.
Fred Marshall, Coast Art.
Sydney Shaw, Inf.
George Sala, Navy
Homer Shields, Navy

Perley Smith, Navy
Harry K. LeBaron, Navy
Ernest Jones, Av. Corps
Alexander Lunan, Navy
Murray Day, Navy
Richard Ash, Av. Corps
Guy Bozajian, Fr. Amb. Corps
Austin Chamberlain, Navy
Harold Carver, Navy
Thomas Sheehan, Cav.
David Richmond, Navy  
Lester Wood, Navy  
Archie Eames, N. G.  
Robert Farren, Inf.  
Charles Farren, Navy  
Robert McLean, Eng. Corps  
Walter Turner, Inf.  
Charles Moore, Navy  
Ralph Anderson, Cav.  
Malcolm H. Ames, Med. Corps  
Donald B. Ames, Art.  
Daniel Cameron, Inf.  
Walter Dyer, Navy  
Loring White, Navy  
Wilfred Thomas, Cav.  
Howard Pratt, Med. Corps  
Dr. A. W. Carr, Med. Corps  
Dr. A. V. Whelan, Med. Corps  
Arthur Sample, Art.  
John M. Farren, Jr., Inf.  
Frank Thompson, Navy  
James Caswell  
Harold Hunt  
Edward F. McHugh  
James Cummings  
John Dowd  
Albert Hayward  
John Bevis Jr.  
——— Hathaway

Everett E. Perry, Inf.  
Edwin Hayward, Army  
Charles F. Wrightington, Navy  
Henry Bissonette, Navy  
Wilfred Bois, Marine Corps  
Charles Donetti, Navy  
Etol Fabrie, Inf.  
Douglas Eames, N. G.  
Clarence Farnum, Cav.  
Thomas Hanson, Av. Corps  
William McAnaugh, N. G.  
Felton C. Perkins, N. G.  
Carle Soule, N. G.  
Chas. P. Willey, Jr., Av. Corps  
William Gerard, Coast Art.  
Augustus Reed, Coast Art.  
Michael Sweeney, Navy  
Reginald Leach, Army  
Wm. McFarland, Plattsburg  
Patrick McGuinness  
Martin Dolan  
Reginald Hunt  
John Pickett  
Lester Sprague  
Francis Lynch  
Thomas Kilbridge  
C. Walter Smith  
Daniel Sullivan  
Paul O. Clark, 2d

LIST OF DRAFTED MEN.

Julian W. Pollard  
Arthur E. Pratt  
Michael J. Lynch

Harry Anderson  
Hyman Carll  
Aldor L. Legarde
John Rudis  Joseph P. Mulligan
Joseph Green  Edward F. Pickett
Walter P. Churchill  Percival Keith
Charles F. Brennan  Everett Sample
Albert Atkinson  Robert H. Carroll
Percy R. Jones  James B. Pappos
Rosario Wood  William T. Higgins
Charles A. Reynolds  John F. Kilbridge
Tony Unfornak  George Rivelet
Edward T. Buckley  William Boucher
Mendo Morrissey  Edwin T. Edward
Lester Copeland  Harry Cooper
Thomas G. McCauley  Alfred W. Copeland
Joseph F. O'Brien  Fred Waterhouse
Forrest Tibbetts  William McIlwraith
Henry Imhoff  Frank Forcier
Vernon H. Pierce  John J. Beatty
Anthony Kopcych  Lawrence D. Costa
William A. Sweeney  Warren E. Atkinson
William H. Blinn  Emil Boulanger
Luman M. Eno  Leroy Keith
REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE TOWN OF
BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1917.

A. H. WILLIS, PRINTER,
BRIDGEWATER, MASS.
1918.
Organization.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

George W. Cutler, Chairman, 1918
Albert F. Hunt, Vice-Chairman, 1919
Harlan P. Shaw, Financial Secretary, 1920
Mrs. Georgiana M. Cook, 1918
Ralph W. E. Sizer, 1919
John H. Ball, 1920
John E. DeMeyer, Recording Secretary.

Regular monthly meeting of the Committee second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Complaints,—George W. Cutler, Georgiana M. Cook, John H. Ball.

Evening School,—Georgiana M. Cook, Ralph W. E. Sizer, Harlan P. Shaw.

Fuel, Repairs and Incidentals,—Harlan P. Shaw, John H. Ball, George W. Cutler.


Transportation,—John H. Ball, Albert F. Hunt, George W. Cutler.

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

John E. DeMeyer.

Resigned February 1, 1918.
Report of the School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BRIDGEWATER: —

The school season of the fall and winter of 1917 has been one of irregularity, uncertainty and almost of hardship for many of those concerned. In the report for 1916 overcrowding in the schools was forecast for 1917.

This prophecy has been fulfilled to the letter. The history of this school congestion and of the efforts of the authorities to overcome it has been placed before the public so thoroughly as to need no recasting here.

Then the shortage of coal supervened, entailing serious interruptions to school work, threatening, indeed, at times to terminate school activities entirely. What the remainder of the winter will develop is still uncertain. Difficulties with transportation of pupils have also occurred through curtailment of car service on the street car lines.

The school children are housed, however, after a fashion, and with the completion of the new Junior High School building next fall, that problem should be eliminated for a time.

It seems pertinent at this point to reprint a letter received by the School Board from Mr. Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education for the State of Massachusetts. It is as follows: —
To the Members of the School Committee:

With the approach of the annual town meetings, when the question of appropriations is to be taken up, our people should give thoughtful attention to the unusual conditions confronting the schools. Increased costs in every direction bring the towns and cities face to face with the necessity of increasing school appropriations for the coming year. The schools have never before required more thoughtful attention to their needs, and it will not be safe to handicap them with a policy of retrenchment.

It is worthy the attention of the American people that, in spite of enormous expenditures for war purposes, France is giving unprecedented attention to her public schools, and England, for the current year, increased her expenditures for public education 30 per cent. over that for any preceding year.

In the school year 1915–16 Massachusetts expended approximately $27,000,000 for public education. This amount was increased to $28,500,000 for the school year 1916–17. This increase of approximately 6 per cent. shows the serious intention of our people to maintain a vigorous educational policy. In view of the present situation, Massachusetts cannot afford to relax in any degree her efforts to carry on her schools at highest efficiency.

Education is a long-time investment. Its purpose is to protect democracy through the right training of the youth. Even temporary interference with this purpose, through inadequate financial support,
may seriously impair the quality of our future citizenship. In the present crisis, it is imperative that towns and cities give careful consideration to the needs of the schools.

Sincerely yours,

PAYSON SMITH,
Commissioner of Education.

In accordance with custom we give the enrollment of pupils on Oct. 1, 1917, as compared with the enrollment on Oct. 1, for several previous seasons:

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The outstanding feature in the school field is the decision by the voters to authorize the town officials to raise and appropriate the sum of $85,000 with which to purchase a suitable lot of land and to erect thereon and equip a Junior High School building. A committee consisting of Herman King, chairman, with Frederic Bonney, Harlan P. Shaw, Ralph Sizer, Robert McLean and George Cutler, was appointed with full power to carry out the undertaking. This committee has purchased what is known as the Stetson lot, or that portion of it bordering on School street, and has contracted for the building and contents, completion of this building being set for about the middle of November, 1918. This building will relieve the congestion in the High and McElwain schools and will render the operation of the school system of Bridgewater more efficient and complete.
FINANCIAL REPORT.

Names of parties whose bills have been approved during 1917, the total amount of such bills, and the accounts under which they are entered:

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REPORT OF EVENING SCHOOL.

Mr. John E. DeMeyer, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

The courses offered by the Evening School this year are the same as last.

The classes are small, therefore those attending receive much individual attention and do excellent work.

It seems to me that one needs a knowledge of French, German and other languages more at the present time than at any other time during the world’s history. There is also a great demand for, and excellent positions are offered to those proficient in the subjects taught in the commercial course, therefore I regret that more have not taken advantage of the opportunity to pursue those studies offered by the Evening School.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA S. KNIGHT,
Principal.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. J. E. DeMeyer, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to submit to you my annual report as Supervisor of Music the past year. Please allow me in the beginning to quote from Robert C. Ingersoll’s reply to the toast “Music, Noblest of Arts.”

“Music expresses feeling and thought, without language.
GRADUATES, CLASS OF 1917.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Ruth Elizabeth Benson,  
Anna Mildred Beatty,  
Lucy Agnes Beatty,  
Eileen Reilly Buckley,  
Alice Rice Cook,  
Araxie Grace Depoyan,  
Beulah Adeline Snow,  
Otto O. Tibbetts,  
Margaret Shaw.

GENERAL COURSE.

Edna May Bassett,  
Sylvanus Francis Bourne,  
Mary Louise Buckley,  
Bessie Leach Carroll,  
Richard Grant Casey,  
Agnes Copeland,  
Francis John Flynn,  
Charlotte Merretta Jones,  
John Peter Malinsky,  
Emery May,  
Edna Frances McNeeland,  
Helen Travis Milliken,  
Francis Edward Moore,  
Bessie Louise Waite,  
Dana Milton Hart.

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Merton Adelbert Briggs,  
Marian Louise Carver,  
Charles Houghton Copp,  
Ruth Lillian Glenn,  
Florence Louise Hall,  
Carrie Berenice Hall,  
Mildred Elizabeth Jones,  
Charlotte Austin Randall.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. BLAKE,  
Principal.
bined Class Day and Graduation into one exercise, held in the Assembly Hall of the High School Building. The money thus saved they turned over to patriotic purposes. They bought a Liberty Bond to be given as a prize to a member of the class graduating when the bond matures. The remainder of the money in their treasury they gave to local organizations for war work. Also, with a few exceptions, they carried out a program of simplicity in dress. I trust that other classes will follow their example even after the war ends.

I give below the Commencement Program of the Class of 1917:

Class History, — Miss Bessie Waite.

Croon, Croon, Croon, — Girls' Trio.

Class Gifts, — Charles Copp.

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\text{Solo, } & \begin{cases} 
\text{a. "'Until,'" } \\
\text{b. "'Thou Art So Like a Flower,'" } \\
\text{c. "'Because,'"}
\end{cases} \\
\text{Charles Copp.}
\end{align*}

Presentation of Class Gift, — Francis Moore.

June, — Semi-Chorus.

Presentation of Diplomas, — Supt. J. E. DeMeyer.
Inez W. Packard takes the place left vacant by the resigna-
tion of Miss Mildred K. Inman. Miss A. Claire Bowman has
been added to our force as Assistant in English. I have only
the highest words of praise for all these new teachers.

It may be of interest to note the disposition of our pupils
in the matter of courses. We have four courses in the High
School, Classical, Scientific, General and Commercial. The
pupils are distributed in the courses as follows: Commer-
cial 41%, Classical 24%, General 23%, Scientific 12%. I think
the number in the Scientific Course too low. I am trying to
encourage more boys to take the Scientific Course rather than
the Commercial. I believe the training in the Scientific Course
is better for a boy, even if he does not go to college, than
some of the work he gets in the Commercial Course. More-
over, I have observed that few boys, after graduation, make
much use of the commercial subjects which they have taken
in high school.

I wish to call your attention, and that of the School Com-
mittee, to our Agricultural Club. For the past two years we
have had a club of about twenty members. The club was
started by a pupil and has been run entirely by the members.
I have encouraged the club by allowing diploma points for
work done, and have helped their case along in other ways as
best I could. They have not had a regular supervisor or any
financial assistance. Yet they have done a good deal of work
and won some local and state prizes. This year I have secur-
ed one of the lady teachers to take charge of the Household
Economics department of the club. This will help a little.
But I feel that some financial provision should be made and
some sort of supervision provided. The possibilities of a club
like this are very great, and, in these times, it is decidedly
worth while to promote things Agricultural.

Last Spring the Senior Class showed a very fine spirit by
voting to make their graduation as simple as possible. They
reduced their dance expenses as much as possible and com-
advantage would probably not be as great. But allowing such a discount, it is evident that our standard is above that set by the college. From our survey we also made other observations useful to the teachers. We plan to repeat this survey for this year.

Our enrolment this year is 204, greater than ever before, but not as large as we expected. Doubtless owing to war conditions, more pupils dropped out between the grammar and high school, and also between the classes in the high school. Our membership at present is as follows: Seniors, 26; Juniors, 29; Sophomores, 68; Freshmen, 63. Since September a larger number than usual has dropped out of school. A large proportion of this loss has been due to families moving out of town. Our loss from other causes has not been greater than usual.

The disadvantages of the "Two Platoon" system, under which we are working this year, are considerable. The hardship falls not so much upon the teachers as upon the pupils. The three upper classes attend from 8.00 to 12.25, thus losing a half-hour each day. The Freshmen attend from 12.40 to 4.25, which makes a loss to them of one hour and fifteen minutes per day. All periods are shorter than formerly by five minutes, with a resulting loss to recitations and to study. One result has shown itself very quickly in the case of the backward pupil. Formerly, all teachers called back in the afternoon considerable numbers of pupils for study and personal attention. Under our present arrangement it is possible to do very little of this kind of work. As a result we are bound to have an increased number of failures this year.

No changes have been made in the curriculum since my last report. I feel it is best to allow plenty of time for the working out of a number of changes made not long ago.

We have had two changes in the teaching force this year and one teacher added to the corps. Mrs. Amy C. Guilford takes the place of Miss Mary Dailey, resigned, and Miss
REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

To Supt. J. E. DeMeyer:

I present for your consideration my eighth annual report for Bridgewater High School.

Last spring, following mid-year examinations, we made a survey of the school to discover what we could in regard to our standing in scholarship. We compared our findings with the figures published by one of the colleges which had made a survey of a large number of preparatory schools. From its statistics the college estimated the grades which should be maintained by a standard high school. I give below the estimated grades as compiled by the college, and, in comparison, the grades as found by our survey of the Bridgewater High School:

Estimated Grades for Standard High School.

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Grades in Bridgewater High.

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Owing to certain circumstances the above comparison is, I think, more favorable to us than it should be. If we were to carry the comparison over a larger period of time our
ity that educators have ever known to teach man's relationship, one with another, to teach citizenship in its best sense of the word, to teach thrift in public and private expenditures, as well as many other equally important lessons. It would be absurd to allow the opportunities thus afforded to pass by and to require our boys and girls a few years later to learn the facts regarding this present struggle from a text book, when it could be much better taught today as a result of actual experience. Our courses in History and Geography, in Civics and in Reading have been modified that we might include such material from current history as would help to enrich the subject under consideration.

In conclusion I wish to call the attention of the Committee to the statistics in the appendix of this report and to the reports of the special teachers. I also take the opportunity to express my appreciation of and gratitude for the hearty co-operation which I have received from all those with whom I have been associated.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. DeMEYER.
their energies along lines that did not count for the greatest good. All sorts of charitable organizations appealed to the public schools for support. In fact practically all organizations that appealed to the community, either charitable or otherwise, applied also to the schools. The Commissioner of Education of this state very wisely grasped the dangers in the situation and immediately sought to establish some definite program by which the schools could be of maximum assistance, and at the same time be protected from possible exploitation. A committee was appointed and that committee is still at work attempting to concentrate the efforts of the schools upon such programs as would prove effective. They have recommended, among other things, that the Junior Red Cross be the only charitable organization allowed in the public schools, that only such campaigns as are authorized by the national government be allowed in the public schools. The committee is also attempting to put forth a constructive program showing how the schools can so modify their course of study as to prove of greatest benefit to the community in this time of stress, and also to get the maximum amount of educational returns. I strongly recommend that this committee follow so far as it is possible the recommendations of the committee appointed by the State Board of Education on war activities. If we wish to be helpful we must maintain a sane and well-balanced line of procedure, one that can be put into effect and will yield the maximum returns.

**Courses of Study as Affected by the War.**

The present world crisis is having its effect upon every phase of life and is helping to shape public opinion as well as all activities. The effect of the shortage of food and of coal and various other commodities, is brought home to every pupil throughout the world. It offers the greatest opportun-
at the request of the national government, undertook to increase the food production by stimulating the interest in home gardens. The schools of Bridgewater responded splendidly as they have in the past, and a number of very excellent gardens were planted and cared for throughout the summer. A committee from the Parent-Teacher Association served as volunteer garden inspectors, and did very excellent work. Much of the success of the home gardens in town was due to their efforts. The Bridgewater Grange offered a series of prizes that also proved a stimulus to the work. Those of the townspeople who saw the exhibit in September invariably expressed their appreciation of the amount and quality of the work done. It is unquestionably true that the children have in the past year contributed liberally to the supply of vegetables necessary for home consumption, and at the same time they have learned the very valuable lesson that they are able to contribute their bit toward the successful prosecution of the war and the ultimate triumph of democratic principles.

ACTIVITIES DUE DIRECTLY TO THE WAR.

Immediately after the declaration of war upon Germany, there was a frantic attempt on the part of every American to do his bit, and all sorts of appeals went out and met with a greater or less response. Every American institution was immediately affected, the schools among the rest. The demands placed upon the public schools during the past year have been large, and in some instances unjustified, as shown by later experiences. The public schools of America have always stood ready to fulfill their mission and to do their part in any crisis that might arise, and it is not surprising that, with the somewhat chaotic conditions immediately following the declaration of war, they found themselves expending
After three years and a half of war France and England have decided the public schools are their second line trenches, and must be kept up to a standard at whatever cost. These countries are expending today on public education larger sums than ever before, in spite of the terrible drain the past three and a half years have put on their resources. Surely if France and England, out of the bitter experiences which they have undergone, realize the necessity of proper maintenance of public schools, this country with its resources cannot afford not to profit by their example.

**EVENING SCHOOL.**

The work in the Evening School for the past year has not proven quite as successful as in former years. I think the conditions can be easily explained as due to increased industrial activities which have taken many of the men who formerly attended the Evening School, out of town, or have kept them away at times when the school was in session. Many of the girls formerly attending the Evening School have been busily engaged in war activities, such as the Red Cross, etc. The pupils who have attended for the past few months, have had unusual advantages so far as individual attention is concerned, and although the results for the present year, if taken as a whole, have been somewhat discouraging, I do not feel that the town should curtail its Evening School appropriation in the least, and I believe that in another year conditions will be much more normal and the School will be quite as active as formerly.

**HOME GARDENS.**

Last spring the local Public Safety Committee, in conjunction with the Public Safety Committee of the State, and
INCREASING COSTS.

It is evident that an efficient school system must cost more money as time goes on. Every addition to the system, with a view to increasing its efficiency, means additional expenditure. In every American city or town, the school system is constantly calling for increased funds, if it is trying to keep up with the progress of American education. It is not necessarily true that an expensive school system is efficient, but as Professor Gubberly has said, "A cheap school system cannot be an efficient school system, viewed from the larger community point of view. The only way to make better schools is to spend in an intelligent manner a constantly increasing amount of money. If a school is run on cheap lines, it cannot be efficient. Either its teachers or professors will lack in grasp and give inefficient service, or if these happen to be efficient in spite of the low compensation paid, the system will be inefficient in that it will minister to only a limited extent to the larger community needs. The administration of public education cannot be made a money saving process. If it were, it would be best to turn education over entirely to private agencies and thus save the entire expense. On the contrary the proper administration of public education with us today, calls for the intelligent expenditure of as large an amount of public money as a community can afford."

The real problem in every community is to determine that it gets value received for all money expended in its school system. That problem becomes particularly serious at this time when the country is in a state of war and all public and private expenses are increasing with leaps and bounds. Every department should consider with greatest care, the budgets for the ensuing year, but the most serious mistake that a community could make would be to so reduce the amount of money available for the school department as to hamper the work to the extent of lowering its efficiency.
and Prospect districts, pupils in the grammar grades have had the benefit of the centralized schools, with one teacher to a grade, a modified form of Junior High School work with departmental teaching, has been introduced. Together with all this, salaries have been increased substantially, until today the town is on a par with other communities of similar size. The result has been that teachers have found Bridgewater a desirable town; and now we lose very few teachers by their seeking more attractive positions elsewhere. The long continued service of many of the teachers has proven one of the greatest factors for good in the school system of the town. These teachers have become acquainted with the needs and ideals of the community and the school officials. The result has been that each succeeding year we have been able to build upon the foundations of the previous year without interruptions.

In September, 1917, the town granted an increase of $50 to the various teachers. While this increase appears to the tax-payers as being somewhat large, it has not equalled the increased cost of living during the past two years. It has, however, served to assure the teachers of a willingness on the part of the community, to recognize the added needs of the teachers, and to grant them so far as able. I recommend that an increase of $50 be granted in 1918. When one realizes that the teacher is obliged, if she wishes to progress, to take a position in the community out of proportion to the salary she actually receives, the need of further increases due to the present cost of living is apparent. The educational and professional preparation required of clerks, dress-makers, milliners, carpenters, brick-layers, hod-carriers, trainmen, and motormen is not comparable with that required of the public school teachers, and yet each one of these trades is better paid than is the school teacher.
One of the most common abuses of transportation is the over-crowding of barges or carriages to such an extent that they are not only decidedly uncomfortable, but in some instances actually dangerous.

The regulations governing the transportation problem in this town have been in force for a good many years, and conditions have changed materially since they were adopted. Doubtless some modifications would be found advisable should such a survey of actual conditions be made. Complaints come to the office from time to time, and as this matter is entirely in the hands of a sub-committee, which committee changes from year to year, this office has no adequate information on which to base anything like a fair judgment. I believe the transportation problem at the present time is being handled as well as it can be without a very definite and careful survey of the whole situation being taken, and while the present cost of transportation seems large it is not equal to the cost of maintaining schools in the outside districts. The cost question is not so vital as to know that we are getting the best possible service at a reasonable cost.

TEACHERS.

When I came into the service of the town eight and one-half years ago, the salaries paid to the teachers was very low, and consequently there was a constant changing of teachers. In fact Bridgewater was at that time little more than a training school for adjoining cities and towns. It was necessary for the girls from the Normal School to get experience somewhere, and Bridgewater offered a favorable opportunity. During the past eight and one-half years these conditions have been changed very materially. The schools have been centralized, the McElwain School established, the upper grades removed from the Pratt, Blackstone, Scotland,
that is now under the process of construction was the result. The Committee has selected a lot on School street, between the High and the Normal Schools. It was recognized very early in the consideration of the plans that the location of the building was a vital factor in the whole scheme. With the building located on the new lot it will be possible to interchange classes and teachers, and to add courses in domestic science and shop work to the High School curriculum, to provide for Commercial and Science courses in the Junior High School. The pupils of the Junior High School will use the laboratories and commercial equipment of the Senior High School, and the pupils of the Senior High School will use Domestic Science and Drawing equipment in the Junior High School, and so on. The only unusual features which the Committee claim for this building is that it fits the peculiar needs of Bridgewater in that it provides for the use of all equipment now in the schools more hours per week, thus reducing the cost per pupil, and supplements that equipment by making provisions for courses which we have been unable to introduce under existing conditions.

TRANSPORTATION.

The transportation problem in Bridgewater is a serious one and should receive the careful consideration of the Committee. The possibility of further curtailment of the car service by the Bay State Street Railway presents new problems which the Committee should be prepared to meet. A careful survey of all the transportation in town should be made and placed on file at the office of the Superintendent of Schools. Such a survey should give the route of each man, the number of pupils transported, the condition of the road over which they are transported, the time of starting in the morning, and a description of the kind of conveyance used.
and to make suggestions for possible relief. That committee, after careful consideration, reported to the town the necessity of an additional building. The committee was continued with instructions to submit plans and specifications, and estimated costs of such a building, to the town at a later meeting. The Building Committee then called the Superintendent of Schools into consultation and the problem was approached as follows: The Committee attempted to present a plan that would give the maximum room and efficiency at a minimum cost and, at the same time, avoid so far as possible, the duplication of such equipment as the town already had. A survey was taken of existing buildings with the following questions in mind: How much additional room is absolutely essential to relieve the situation? What buildings and equipment are now at the disposal of the schools? Where could a new building be located to allow for the maximum efficiency, with a minimum cost in construction and equipment? What courses are needed in the present High School to develop a modern, up-to-date school that will best serve the needs of Bridgewater? Would it be possible to provide for such courses in a new building? Shall the town continue the eight-four plan of grading its pupils or shall the town adopt the Junior High plan of organization?

After considering the situation with the above questions in mind, it was agreed that a building located within easy access of the High School and the Model School, containing a good sized assembly hall, administration offices, domestic science rooms, and drawing rooms besides the regular class rooms, would allow for the re-organization of the upper grammar grades and of the first year in the High School into a Junior High School. Such a building would relieve the Senior High School and the grade buildings without additional transportation, and would materially strengthen the school system as a whole. The problem was presented to Mr. Frank I. Cooper, architect, and the plan of the Junior High School
be a "model" school in any sense of the word because of over-crowded conditions. A little later another meeting was called by citizens of the town and the former vote rescinded, leaving the condition without any definite hope of betterment. The Normal School authorities immediately notified the Committee to take from the Model School enough pupils to reduce their number to a normal condition. As the town had made no provision to care for these children and the Committee had no appropriation for such purpose, the only course left was to place the first four grades in the McElwain School on half time, and transfer pupils from the Model district to the McElwain district. Such an arrangement was decidedly unsatisfactory to the parents, school authorities, and to all concerned. Later the parents called a meeting of the citizens of the town, at which meeting it was voted to build the building originally planned. The State authorities then allowed us one room at the Model School on condition that the town furnish the teacher. An additional teacher was placed in the McElwain School to help relieve the congestion. These changes of plans on the part of the town will cost during the current school year not less than $1,300 above the cost had the town adhered to its original plan, while the results, from an educational point of view, have been anything but desirable. It is not possible to transfer pupils from one building to another, and from one teacher to another three times within four months, to say nothing of shortening their school day, without a serious effect upon their work. It is unquestionably true that some of these pupils will fail to be promoted as a result, and that all of them will suffer from the interruption of the work.

**NEW BUILDING.**

At the March meeting the town authorized the appointment of a committee to investigate school accommodations
TO THE BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I herewith submit my ninth annual report of the schools of Bridgewater for your consideration. In this report I propose to give a brief résumé of conditions during the past year, and suggestions for the consideration of your Committee with respect to future work.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

For more than two years the school accommodations have been taxed to capacity and during the year 1917 became acute and demanded immediate relief. When school opened in September there were approximately ninety pupils more in town than during the previous year. It was necessary to place part of the children of the Model School on half time. Practically every grade in town was over-crowded. Pending the report of the Building Committee the State authorities co-operated very generously with the town and made arrangements to care for the pupils as best they could. At a town meeting held in September it was voted to erect a new building. The Model School authorities, on the strength of this assurance that relief was in sight, very generously agreed to continue the arrangement pending the erection of the new building in spite of the fact that their school had ceased to
ESTIMATES FOR 1917.

Teachers' Salaries:
- High School, $8,850.00
- Elementary School, 21,464.00
- Special Teachers, 1,050.00
- Supt. of Schools, 1,200.00

Total Teachers' Salaries: $32,564.00

Janitors, $2,300.00
Fuel and Lighting, 2,850.00
Repairs, 1,500.00
Incidentals, 1,300.00
Transportation, 3,200.00
Textbooks and Supplies, 2,200.00
Rent, 1,500.00
Medical Inspection, 100.00
Evening School, 750.00

Total Expenses: $15,700.00

Estimated Income:
- Dog Tax, $785.00
- Interest, 650.00
- Tuition from State, 200.00
- Other Tuition, 500.00

Total Estimated Income: $2,135.00

Total Appropriation Request: $46,129.00

We ask for an appropriation of $46,100 for 1918.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CUTLER, Chairman,
HARLAN P. SHAW,
GEORGIANA M. COOK,
ALBERT F. HUNT,
JOHN H. BALL,
RALPH SIZER,
School Committee.
Evening School, 384 00
Unexpended balance, $44,271 03
Total, 550 44

$44,821 47

RECEIPTS.
Interest, $658 66
Dog Tax, 796 01
Miscellaneous, 8 70
Evening School, fees forfeited and books sold, 121 31
State, tuition, 308 84
City of Boston, tuition, 9 00
Other tuition, 825 00

$2,727 52

Refund, 93 95
Appropriation, 42,000 00

Total, $44,821 47

The school department has to its credit at the end of 1917 a balance of $550.40. This is accounted for to the extent of $276.00 by a decline in attendance at, and consequently in the expense of, operating the evening school, said decline resulting from disturbed industrial conditions.

Also the Medical Inspector enlisted in June and no successor was chosen. This resulted in a balance of $50.00 to the credit of that department.

Receipts also amounted to approximately $700.00 more than was anticipated. If receipts had not exceeded expectations we should have shown a deficit in spite of the savings in two departments.

We recommend an increase of $50.00 in the salary of all town teachers in accordance with the spirit and necessity of the time.
Trustees of Bridgewater Academy, rent, 1,500.00
The University Publishing Co., incidentals, 3.00
L. H. Washburn, incidentals, 1.38
Anne Wells, salary, 342.00
Grace Whiting, salary, 620.00
Mildred Whitman, salary, 670.00
W. J. Whitmore, incidentals, 7.46
E. T. Wood, incidentals, 6.29
Arthur H. Willis, printing, 31.75
World Book Co., supplies, 22.80

$44,271.03

Refund on Fuel Account, 93.95

$44,177.08

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1917.

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries:
High School, 7,978.50
Elementary Schools, 19,681.10
Drawing, 500.00
Music, 400.00
Superintendent, 1,158.30

$29,717.90

Care of Buildings, 2,086.59
Repairs, 1,613.41
Fuel and Lighting, 2,659.53
Incidentals, 1,315.16
Transportation, 2,831.00
Text Books and Supplies, 2,113.44
Rent, 1,500.00
Medical Inspection, 50.00
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Sarah Keith, salary, 670.00
Neva Lockwood, salary, 342.00
Lewis G. Lowe & Son, insurance, 51.00
Flora P. Little, salary, 509.10
Frank LeBaron, truant officer, 50.00
Chas. P. Lewis Co., fuel, 608.75
Luce & Co., incidentals, 5.29
Little, Brown & Co., books, 40.70
F. A. Mellen, salary and incidentals, 751.25
Ruth Moodie, salary, 342.00
Bertha Metcalf, salary, 342.00
Chas. E. Merrill Co., books, 37.84
J. C. Mullin, incidentals, 2.50
Manifold Manufacturing Co., incidentals, 39.20
Russell Mack, substituting, 16.00
The MacMillan Co., books, 65.06
J. Meisse, supplies, 5.00
F. A. MacFarlin, salary, 731.70
W. B. McCrillis, salary and transportation, 102.47
Mrs. H. B. McFadden, salary, 96.00
McNeeland Bros., incidentals, 4.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., transportation, 522.00
Lillian Ness, salary, 570.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., incidentals, 58.45
C. W. H. Moulton Co., incidentals, 5.00
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Rose O’Donnell, salary, 720.00
Elizabeth Pope, salary, 387.50
Mary G. L. Pickett, salary, 830.00
Frank L. Pitts, salary, 50.00
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Fred N. Gassett, incidentals, 1 50
Mary Galvin, salary, 670 00
Amelia Gaffney, salary, 446 25
Herman Goldberger, supplies, 15 70
Ginn & Co., books, 80 08
Amy Guilford, salary, 300 00
Estella Gummow, incidentals, 22 70
E. A. Hewett, repairs, 19 50
W. P. Hutchinson, repairs, 54 53
Brenelle Hunt, salary and incidentals, 1,000 00
D. C. Heath & Co., books, 46 96
Doris Hartwell, salary, 360 00
Isabel Hicks, salary, 670 00
C. Bernice Hall, office work, 26 00
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies, 68 01
Bertha Hinckley, salary, 736 50
Robert J. Hanlon, incidentals, 3 00
Frank Harlow, incidentals, 40
H. M. Hooper, repairs, 78 00
A. H. Hooper & Co., incidentals, 2 64
Henry A. Hopkins, repairs, 76 40
Evelyn A. Howard, salary, 280 00
Austin M. Howard, salary, 400 00
Houghton, Mifflin Co., books, 109 76
C. P. Holmes, 98 63
Imperial Brush Co., incidentals, 12 00
Bridgewater Independent, incidentals, 1 00
Mildred Inman, salary, 450 00
Elvin M. Jackson, substituting, 3 75
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It was below and before and it is above and beyond all words. Beneath the waves is the sea—above the clouds is the sky.

Before man found a name for any thought, or thing, he had hopes and fears and passions, and these were rudely expressed in tones.

Of one thing, however, I am certain, and that is, that music was born of love. Had there never been any human affection there never could have been uttered a strain of music. Possibly some mother, looking in the eyes of her babe, gave the first melody to the enraptured air.

Language is not subtle enough, tender enough, to express all that we feel; and when language fails, the highest and deepest longings are translated into music. Music is the sunshine—the climate—of the soul, and it floods the heart with a perfect June.

I am also satisfied that the greatest music is the most marvelous mingling of love and death. Love is the greatest of all passions, and death is its shadow. Death gets all its terror from love, and love gets its intensity, its radiance, its glory, and its rapture, from the darkness of death. Love is a flower that grows on the edge of the grave.”

So far as I can see the music in our schools is in a very satisfactory condition. Our school buildings are so much improved and the schools so much better graded that the work should advance very rapidly. Owing to the increase, I am unable to visit each school once in two weeks as I did in years ago. Now I visit each room in the larger buildings once in three weeks, the outside schools once each month and the High School twice each week, meeting the three upper classes at eight o’clock and the Freshmen at twelve forty. They never did better work.

We have good teachers (and the success of any special teacher lies wholly in the hands of the regular teacher). All personal feeling laid aside, and what is best for the boy or girl under our care ought to be our first consideration. I
thank the teachers, school board, and superintendent for their kindness, patience, and help in placing this branch of our school work upon a safe and sure foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN M. HOWARD,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

MR. J. E. DeMEYER, Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

In September, pending the organization of Junior Red Cross work, the drawing supervisor suggested the use of a portion of the time allowed for drawing in all the grades, outside the Model School, for definite hospital or camp projects. The first three grades collected rags and snipped material for 42 fracture pillows. The fourth, fifth, and sixth grades collected interesting pictures and postcards, which were trimmed, mounted, and assembled into scrap-books, the covers for which were made in grades seven and eight. 27 fine scrap-books and 12 postcard booklets were thus made. In addition, about 20 knitted wash clothes, and 30 trench candles were made in these grades of the town schools. All these things reached the proper destinations through the local Service Unit. Grades seven and eight of the McElwain and Model Schools designed and made greeting cards and wall cards, the best of which were sent to the men of Bridgewater who were on December 15, recorded as serving in the Army or Navy of the United States. The Freshman Class of the High School designed two books of Rebuses, one of names
of States, one of cities, many of them clever, which were gratefully accepted by the Red Triangle officials at Camp Devens.

Various grades have been interested to draw and color the flags of the allied nations, and High School classes are studying national symbols, heraldic and otherwise. These High School classes are larger than ever, and they are learning that drawing plays an important part in industry, and in the useful arts, as well as in the fine arts; that it has its technique and ideals in the exactness of machine and architectural drawing, in the "dash" of commercial design, as well as in the different forms of illustration. In the grades, every picture-making exercise has to do with some story the children are studying or with some phase of history or geography; the things they construct are practical things for use in school, or at home, or as gifts; while their problems in color or decoration have to do with the articles they make, with costume, and with home interiors.

Our consistent endeavor is to make the drawing vital, since training in skill of hand, and growth in good taste, and in the appreciation of good workmanship, are essential factors in good citizenship. Our country needs today, as never before, trained art workers with industries, if it would have adequate place commercially; it also needs a public which is not satisfied with the shoddy and imperfect article, but knows and demands things of good design, well made, "made in America."

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA TOWNSEND LITTLE,
Supervisor of Drawing.
### Appendix.

**COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.**

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Enrollment</th>
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<th>Average Attendance</th>
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ENROLLMENT IN BRIDGEWATER SCHOOLS, JANUARY, 1918.

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## Retardation Table

| Ages | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | Total |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Grade 1 | 62 | 105 | 30 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   | 621 |
|     2 | 29 | 92  | 32 | 7 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 160 |
|     3 | 13 | 33  | 63 | 36 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 142 |
|     4 | 3  | 39  | 51 | 33 | 12 | 6 | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 48  |
|     5 | 1  | 44  | 43 | 16 | 10 | 6 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 39  |
|     6 | 9  | 33  | 37 | 29 | 8  | 5 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 33  |
|     7 | 18 | 21  | 44 | 23 | 9  | 8 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 55  |
|     8 | 5  | 27  | 36 | 26 | 7  | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 13  |
|     9 | 1  | 20  | 26 | 17 | 5  | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 26  |
|     10| 4  | 26  | 20 | 15 | 9  | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 55  |
|     11| 1  | 4   | 11 | 13 | 2  | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 26  |
|     12| 1  | 4   | 14 | 6  | 2  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 26  |
|     13|   |     |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     | 1330 |

**Totals:** 62 | 147 | 150 | 142 | 140 | 141 | 95 | 111 | 103 | 94 | 58 | 38 | 37 | 10 | 3 | 1330
## GENERAL STATISTICS,

### FOR YEAR OF 1916 AND 1917.

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### Elementary

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<td>Aggregate Attendance</td>
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TEACHERS.

High School.

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Janitor, F. A. MacFarlin. Salary, $750.

High School Session: 8:00 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.

High School Session: 12:45 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. for Freshmen.

Tuition for non-resident pupils in High School, $50.00 per year.

WM. H. McELWAIN SCHOOL.

Tel. 83-2.

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<td>Edith Cagney</td>
<td>Grade V</td>
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Katherine O'Donnell, Grades V and VI, 1913 700
Helen Thompson, Grade IV, 1912 750
Bertha Hinckley, Grade III, 1912 750
Lillian Currie, Grade II, 1916 650
Ilene Sweeney, Grade I, 1915 750


PROSPECT SCHOOL.

Ella Knight, Principal, Grades IV, V and VI, 1911 $900
Mary Callahan, Grades II and III, 1903 750
Rose O'Donnell, Grade I, 1905 750
Lena Tripp, ungraded, 1911 750

Janitor, Harold Cleary. Salary, $250.

PRATT SCHOOL.

Sarah A. Williams, Grades III, IV and V, 1918 $600
Lorette W. Quinlan, Grades I and II, 1918 600

Janitor, Wm. McCrillis. Salary, $2.00 per week.

FLAGG SCHOOL.

Mildred Whitman, Grades I, II, III and IV, 1911 $750

Janitor, Horace Stearns. Salary, $1.50 per week.

BLACKSTONE SCHOOL.

Amelia Gaffney, Grades IV, V, and VI, 1916 $600
Mary Galvin, Grades I, II, and III, 1906 750

Janitor, Wm. E. Temple. Salary, $2 per week.
DYER SCHOOL.
Sarah Keith, Grades I, II, III, and IV, 1906 $750
Janitress, Mrs. H. B. McFadden. Salary, $1 per week.

MODEL SCHOOL.
Brenelle Hunt, Principal, 1899 $1000
Elizabeth Pope, Grade IX, 1914 380
Martha Burnell, Grade VIII, 1895 380
Bertha Davis, Grade VII, 1912 380
Nellie Bennett, Grade VI, 1897 380
Jennie Bennett, Grade V, 1898 380
Bertha Metcalf, Grade IV, 1908 342
Ruth M. Moodie, Grade III, 1914 342
Neva Lockwood, Grade II, 1907 342
Flora Stuart, Grade I, 1890 342
Ruth Davis, Grade I, 1911 342
Frances Keyes, Kindergarten, 1895 342
Anne Wells, Kindergarten, 1893 342
Bernice Barrows, 1914 380
Lillian Ness, Grades II and IV, 1916 600

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.
Austin M. Howard, Address, Middleboro, $400
Tel., 349-M, Middleboro.

SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.
Miss Flora Little. Tel., 48-2, $500

TRUANT OFFICER.
E. Frank LeBaron. Tel., 153-5.
NO SCHOOL SIGNALS.

No school for grades:
7:45 a.m. no school in morning.
11:45 a.m. no school in afternoon.
Signal: Two blasts reported four times (- - - - ·- - - - )
There is no signal for closing High School.

AGE OF ENTERING FIRST GRADE.

Pupils must be five years old on or before March 1st, preceding opening of school in September, to be eligible to first grade.

AGE OF ENTERING KINDERGARTEN.

Pupils must be four years old on or before March 1st, preceding opening of school in September, to be eligible to kindergarten.

REGULATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

No pupils shall be transported to Kindergartens at the town’s expense.

All pupils living more than one and one-half miles from the school which they are required to attend shall be transported until they have completed the Grammar Course or leave school to go to work.

All pupils attending High School who are under 14 years of age and who live more than one and one-half miles from school shall be furnished car tickets provided they can utilize the railroads for transportation.
No pupils over 14 years of age shall receive transportation to the High School.

Car tickets shall be given out by the room teacher who has the record of the pupil's attendance—and proper deductions shall be made for all absences from school for any causes whatsoever.

Pupils living on streets not covered by the barge routes as laid out by the Committee shall be required to walk to the nearest point of said routes to meet the barge.
CALENDAR 1918.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Winter Term closes March 22, 1918.
Spring Term April 2—June 26.
Fall Term September 3—December 20.
Winter Term opens January 2, 1919.

TOWN SCHOOLS.

Winter Term closes March 22, 1918.
Spring Term April 9—June 19.
Fall Term September 3—December 20.
Winter Term opens January 2, 1919.

MODEL SCHOOL.

Winter Term closes March 13, 1918.
Spring Term April 2—June 18.
Fall Term September 3—December 21.
Winter Term opens January 2, 1919.

HOLIDAYS.

October 12.
Tuesday of Brockton Fair Week.
The afternoons of first two days of Bridgewater Fair.
Day of Plymouth County Teacher's Convention.
From Tuesday night of Thanksgiving week to the following Monday.
February 22.
April 19.
May 30.
Articles in Town Warrant.

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To choose one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Overseer of Poor for three years, two School Committee for three years, one School Committee for one year, one Board of Health for three years, three Trustees of Public Library for three years, one Auditor for three years, one Collector of Taxes, one Constable, one Tree Warden, and all minor Town Officers for the year ensuing. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town? Poll will be open at 6.00 a. m., and unless otherwise determined by the meeting will close at 2.00 p. m.

3. To hear and act upon the report of the Auditors of Accounts, School Committee, Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Superintendent of Streets, Trustees of Public Library and Board of Health.

4. To hear and act on the report of any Committee chosen by the Town.

5. To hear and act upon the report of the Superintendent of Streets respecting the Guide Boards in Town.

6. To raise, appropriate, and vote into a tax to be assessed upon the polls and estates according to law such sums
of money as may be thought necessary for the support of Poor, support of Schools, Town Library, repairs of roads and bridges, lighting the streets, water hydrants, Superintendent of Schools, patrolling the streets, Police Department, Fire Department, rental of Academy, Tree Warden, Town Officers and for incidental expenses of the Town for the year ensuing.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the revenues of the current financial year.

8. To see if the Town will appropriate money for celebrating Memorial Day.

9. To see what action the Town will take in relation to instructing the Collector of Taxes, and to determine the rate of interest to be collected on all unpaid taxes.

10. To see what action the Town will take in regard to increasing the salary of the Assessors.

11. To see if the Town will appropriate $3,000 provided the State Highway Commission will assist in building Pleasant street, under the Small Town Act.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the District Nurse Association.

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to complete re-building the Prattown bridge.

14. To see if the Town will vote to lay out and accept as a town way that part of Burrill Avenue extending in a south-easterly direction about one hundred seventy-five feet from the portion of Burrill Avenue which is now a town-way, and to raise and appropriate money to defray the cost of the same. By petition.
15. To see if the Town will take out insurance on all Town Buildings and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Committee on Public Safety.

17. To see if the Town will extend the sewer on Plymouth Street, up Summer Street, to a point opposite the First Parish driveway, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

18. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of purchasing a motor truck for the Highway Department. Such committee to report at a special or future Town meeting. By Request.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise the wages of all laborers on the Street Department to three dollars a day, and also the teamsters of the two town teams twenty dollars a week. By request.

20. To see if the Town will vote to build a sewer on Ball Avenue, and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Plymouth County Farm Bureau, Inc., the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75), and act thereon.

22. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Accountant in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1910 and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

23. If the vote on the preceding article is in the affirmative, then to see what action the Town will take with respect to establishing the salary of the Town Accountant and to raise and appropriate money for the same.
24. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the office of the Town Auditors and to see if the Town will enact a by-law to adopt a periodic audit by the Bureau of Statistics.

25. To see if the Town will request the State Bureau of Statistics to install a system of accounting.

26. To see what action the Town will take with respect to the water supply in the Town.

27. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to look into the matter of purchasing a combination Pump and Hose Truck, and report at the next annual meeting.

28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $400 for the purchase of a new excavator wagon.

29. To see if the Town will purchase a sprayer and pump for the use of the Tree Warden and raise and appropriate the sum of $175 for the same.

30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $700 for removing snow and sanding the sidewalks.