

Tax Collector's Report

TAXES OF 1913.

Balance to be collected, Dec. 31, 1914.....	\$209.12
Paid Treasurer.....	209.12
Interest collected and paid Treasurer, \$22.23	

TAXES OF 1914.

Balance to be collected.....	\$1,854.75
Added assessment.....	2.00
	<hr/>
	\$1,856.75
Paid Treasurer.....	1,273.57
	<hr/>
Balance uncollected.....	\$583.18
Interest collected and paid Treasurer, \$30.57	

TAXES OF 1915.

Committed for collection.....	\$7,495.04
Paid Treasurer.....	3,932.10
	<hr/>
Balance uncollected.....	\$3,562.94
Interest collected and paid Treasurer, \$1.32	

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. WHITAKER, *Collector.*

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

OLD CEMETERY

J. W. Mulroney, Old Cemetery, labor,.....	\$28.00
John Gordon, Old Cemetery, labor,.....	23.00
Eli Deyo, Old Cemetery, labor,.....	8.00
Paid for lawn mower,.....	4.00
Paid for grass seed,.....	2.75
Paid for 300 lbs. fertilizer,.....	6.00
Paid Eli Deyo, mowing,.....	5.00
Mowing Cemetery 2d time:—	
J. W. Mulroney,.....	8.00
John Gordon,.....	6.00
F. Malchowski,.....	8.00
	<hr/>
	\$98.75
Available from Cemetery funds,.....	\$98.75
J. W. Mulroney, for mowing Prospect Hill Cemetery	\$12.00

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

Cemetery Commissioners.

Librarian's Report

Total circulation of books.....	4,551
Total circulation of magazines.....	863
Book borrowers.....	334
Books purchased.....	61
Books donated.....	55
Volumes in Library.....	2,861
Magazines purchased, 10; magazines donated, 5.	

DONORS OF BOOKS: Mrs. Alice Bolter, 4; Suffrage League, Hampden, 1; Smithsonian Institute, Washington, 2; trustees of Mary Baker Eddy, 2; Public Library Commission, 46.

DONOR OF MAGAZINES: Atlantic Monthly, covering four years, Mrs. Louise O. Smith.

Pamphlets received, 45.

Fifty discarded books of fiction from City Library, Springfield.

Nine books from County Improvement League, Springfield, through the Commission of Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN Q. ADAMS,

Librarian, Free Public Library.

Hampden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1915.

Library Trustees' Report

Appropriation,	\$125.00
Available from Joanna Holt fund.	31.00
	<hr/>
Total fund available.	\$156.00

Expended for:—

Librarian.	\$50.00
Rent.	40.00
Books.	57.20
Magazines.	13.45
Incidentals.	1.50
	<hr/>

Total expenditures 162.15

Expended above appropriation, \$6.15

The Trustees were notified that, by will of Morton L. Day, the public library of Hampden, becomes the recipient of the income of \$500.00 to be expended for copies of current numbers of the "Christian Herald."

We recommend for library \$125.00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. J. SESSIONS, *Secretary.*
CHARLES S. SHUTE,
KENIA M. CAREW,

Trustees.

Hampden, Mass., December 31, 1915.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1914-15

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee of the Town of Hampden.

GENTLEMEN:—As my term of service in your town has covered only the last six months of the year, it is quite probable that this report will be marked by sins of omission as well as of commission.

The records handed over to me showed that your schools had been in very competent hands indeed. This was verified at my first visit to your town after the opening of schools in August. It has been verified still more strongly since by the reports of the first term's work done by the pupils from your town in the Springfield high schools. These reports have shown that the judgment of the teachers in the elementary school, who recommended the graduation of these pupils, was in every respect accurate.

I found in your teachers an earnestness of purpose, an admirable energy and enthusiasm, and a desire to co-operate with me for the growth and progress of the children under their care, as well as a desire for their own professional improvement. With open minds, in co-operation with me, they have experimented thoughtfully with varied programs, new time allotments, and other pedagogical questions, and we hope eventually to be able to crystallize the results of these experiments into a Course of Study that will be in accordance with our individual needs as well as with the requirements of the various high schools and academies in which our

boys and girls usually continue their studies after their graduation from our schools.

Much that I might say in regard to the physical condition of the schools was said by the State Inspector at his recent visit. The typewritten report of his visit is, at his request, filed in my office. Much pleasure and profit have been derived from the playground physical efficiency equipment that has been installed upon the grounds of each of your schools. This consists, in each school, of a chinning bar and a football for the use of the boys, and a balance beam and basketball for the girls. If the use of these should happen to become reversed, who shall say that either the boy or the girl so involved is any the worse for the use of the paraphernalia supposed to be the distinctive property of the other? In fact, it has, in one of your schools, given me much pleasure to observe the skill displayed by some of the girls in the use of the chinning bar.

I cannot refrain from expressing my regret that, in a town where consolidation seems so logically the thing needed, it was not provided when the new school building was erected. Under a consolidation plan, four, or, in case of need, three teachers could do the work of the present six, and it could be done much more efficiently than the six can do it, because of the closer grading and more equal opportunities in a room of two grades than in one of the four, five, six, or seven, that appear in the various individual rooms of your town at present.

Your attendance is better than the other towns of the district, but, even so, it might with one exception be improved. One of your schools, the Newell School, in the month of November, experienced the proud distinction of securing one hundred per cent of attendance. I doubt if this has ever been accomplished by any school before

in the entire district. I hope that the good record will be many times repeated before the school year is ended.

Respectfully submitted,

LEANORA E. TAFT,

Superintendent of Schools.

Ninth Grade Graduates, June, 1915

Entering high school in September.

Esther C. Burleigh.

Amelia Witkop.

Carl C. Howlett.

Earl Howlett.

Axel Larson.

Clifton Thresher.

Present Corps of Teachers

Center Grammar, Miss Alice N. May.

Center Primary, Miss Grace M. Pease.

West Side Grammar, Miss Jennette Varnum.

West Side Primary, Miss Rose Speight.

Scantic, Miss Florence Williams.

Newell, Miss Inez Burleigh.

Report of the Supervisor of Music

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

Last year's report was a brief summary of the principles of tune and time, as taught throughout the grades. It might be of interest, at this time, to consider the aims and results of the Music Course.

AIMS.

First, the safe use of the singing voice in all the grades; second, power to get thought from the representation, which is the ability to think, read, and write the music language; third, the ability to sing artistically and with good quality of tone; fourth, the appreciation and love of good music.

RESULTS.

First, upon completion of the ninth grade the pupil should have the ability to render a song of moderate difficulty with artistic interpretation and good quality of tone; second, the pupil should be able to sing, at sight, an eight-measure phrase, without words, in any key, with any time signature, using one, two, three, or four tones to the beat and with the chromatic tones in common use; third, the pupil should be able to express in notation the fundamental principles of time, note values, measure structure, and signatures, and be able to represent the chromatic tones, using the five chromatic characters intelligently.

With the allotted time given to music, these results are possible in every community, where intelligent, sympathetic, and co-operative effort is made by all who are connected in any way with the interests of school music.

Respectfully submitted,

PHOEBE HOOPER,

Music Supervisor.

December 22, 1915.

Report of the Supervisor of Drawing

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

The spring and fall terms are devoted to Nature work, which calls for color as well as design. The work is started in Grade One with colored crayons for typical colors, working up through the grades to actual colors and growth to perspective appearance, rendered in water color, and the suggestiveness as material for design. From these flower forms the Design Course is worked out, in which one obtains a knowledge of unity, color, form, balance, and rhythm. Following this is the object drawing, printing, and illustrative sketching, the latter teaching the child to think in form and color.

HERMINE T. COWLES,

Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1914-15

Report of the School Committee

School Committee

A. B. NEWELL, Term expires 1916.
W. E. KENDALL, Term expires 1917.
M. S. BEEBE, Term expires 1918.

Organization

A. B. NEWELL, Chairman. M. S. BEEBE, Secretary.

Truant Officers

MATTHIAS CASEY, J. W. MULRONEY.

School Physician

H. F. CURTIS, M.D.

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

Schools.....	\$1,500.00
Dog Fund.....	107.04
School supplies.....	200.00
Permanent repairs.....	200.00
Supplies sold.....	.95
Music.....	100.00
Manual arts.....	100.00
Superintendent.....	75.00
School Physician.....	20.00
Total from the Town.....	\$2,302.99

•

Received from State school fund.	\$1,271.62	
State Board of Charity	184.50	
Superintendent of Schools	208.33	
High School tuition	950.00	
	<hr/>	
Total from the State		\$2,614.45
		<hr/>
Available for school purposes		\$4,917.44

EXPENDITURES—TEACHERS' SALARIES

School No. 1

Primary

Miss Grace M. Pease \$443.13

Advanced

Miss Alice N. May \$538.89

School No. 2

Primary

Miss Jenny Rosenburg \$253.00

Miss Rosetta M. Speight 138.33

\$391.33

Advanced

Miss Jennette Varnum \$513.00

School No. 3

Miss Laura Fisher \$348.89

School No. 4

Miss Inez Burleigh \$380.00

Total wages of teachers \$2,615.24

INCIDENTALS

School No. 1

J. W. Mulroney, coal, work, etc...	\$107.02	
W. S. Beebe, janitor work, materials	96.80	
M. S. Beebe, janitor, work	12.80	
A. A. Jones, brush, expressage	1.90	
E. C. Chaffee, drawing wood	1.00	
E. P. Lyons, stepladder, supplies	3.50	
H. W. Carter Paper Co., Dustbane	1.75	
L. O. Howlett, work	9.00	
C. H. Annable, lumber	1.75	
Wm. Gardner, painting, materials	3.35	
Hampden County Improvement League, basketball	2.25	
N. M. Carew, sundries as per bill	19.00	
Oliver & Howland Co., work, materials56	
P. C. Fitzpatrick, electric batteries for bell50	
W. M. Pease, nails40	
A. G. Corey, sundries	15.23	
Total	—————	\$276.81

School No. 2

J. W. Mulroney, coal, work	\$49.25
W. S. Beebe, work	6.58
D. O'Brien, janitor work	26.00
W. E. Kendall, locks, repairs	9.48
T. Woodworth, repairs	4.35
Frank Kibbe, janitor	16.25
E. P. Lyons, flag	1.60
Alfred Kibbe, janitor	13.00
Forbes & Wallace, wire mats	2.70

Mrs. E. Deyo, washing school-rooms	\$3.50	
C. H. Annable, lumber	1.75	
Hampden County Improvement League, basketball	2.25	
W. M. Pease, sundries	1.30	
Oliver & Howland Co., work, materials56	
Simpson Clark, grate bar	2.00	
N. M. Carew, sundries	17.50	
A. G. Corey, sundries	6.17	
Total	—————	\$164.24

School No. 3

H. E. Temple, janitor	\$14.75	
E. H. Temple, wood	19.00	
C. H. Annable, lumber	1.75	
Wm. Gardner, painting	1.65	
Hampden County Improvement League, basketball	2.25	
E. A. Ricard, janitor	7.00	
Oliver & Howland Co., work, materials56	
R. H. Pease, repairs	4.25	
A. G. Corey, sundries65	
Total	—————	\$51.86

School No. 4

C. J. Patric, janitor	\$19.25
C. N. Whitaker, wood	23.50
G. A. Patric, work	2.00
Mrs. M. L. Mills, washing school-room	3.50

E. G. Newcomb, work.....	\$1.00	
A. G. Corey, sundries.....	1.62	
Total.....	<u> </u>	\$50.87
Total cost of incidentals.....		<u> </u>
		\$543.78

CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS

L. E. Laird, carrying pupils to No. 2.....		\$179.99
---	--	----------

PERMANENT REPAIRS

School No. 1

P. C. Fitzpatrick, sundries as per bill.....	\$11.85	
W. S. Beebe, putting in sink, work, materials.....	32.10	
Forbes & Wallace, flag.....	6.30	
F. Malachowski, work.....	1.12	
Emile J. Pare, furnace grates.....	8.00	
Oliver & Howland Co., sundries...	21.91	
Total.....	<u> </u>	\$81.28

School No. 2

Simpson Clark, work, materials, new pipe.....	\$64.03	
Witkop Bros., painting interior schoolrooms.....	45.00	
Total.....	<u> </u>	\$109.03

School No. 4

C. I. Burleigh, plastering.....	\$2.65	
N. M. Carew, shingles.....	4.00	
Total.....	<u> </u>	\$6.65
Total cost of permanent repairs.....		\$196.96
Appropriation.....		<u>200.00</u>
Unexpended.....		\$3.04

MUSIC

Miss Phoebe Hooper.....		\$117.31
Appropriation.....		<u>100.00</u>
Deficit.....		\$17.31

MANUAL ARTS

Miss Hermine T. Cowles.....		\$80.00
Appropriation.....		<u>100.00</u>
Unexpended.....		\$20.00

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCE

Miss Mary L. Poland, salary and expenses.....	\$139.18	
Miss Leanora E. Taft, salary and expenses.....	137.36	
M. S. Beebe, expense meeting Joint Committee.....	3.35	
Wilbraham, expense of Joint District.....	12.46	
Total.....	<u> </u>	\$292.35

Received from State for Superintendent.	\$208.33
Net cost.	\$84.02
Appropriation.	75.00
Deficit.	\$9.02

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. H. F. Curtis.	\$20.00
Vaccination.	5.00
	\$25.00
Appropriation.	20.00
Deficit.	\$5.00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Edward E. Babb & Co, books, supplies.	\$180.00	
A. A. Jones, expressage.	5.55	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., sun- dries.	2.24	
F. J. Kenworthy, flags, expressage.	8.40	
Forbes & Wallace, books, flags.	13.95	
Mary E. Coburn, books.	17.60	
A. S. Barnes Co., music books.64	
Laura E. Shute, care of school supplies.	32.00	
Total.		\$260.38
Appropriation.		200.00
Deficit.		\$60.38

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

City of Springfield.....	\$1,490.00
Which will be reimbursed by the State.	

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

M. P. Carmody.....	\$40.50
F. J. Kenworthy.....	189.30
E. P. Lyons.....	224.10
A. F. Ballard.....	159.00
M. Witkop.....	9.60
	<hr/>
Total.....	\$622.50

One half will be reimbursed by the State.

RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

E. S. Cogswell, in favor of	
Miss Alice N. May.....	\$31.11
Miss Laura Fisher.....	31.11
Miss Grace M. Pease.....	11.67
Miss M. Rosetta Speight.....	11.67
	<hr/>
	\$85.56

Town of Hampden in account with Laura E. Shute for care of schoolbooks and supplies for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915:—

By inventory.....	\$105.16
Books and supplies of Babb & Co.	180.00
Forbes & Wallace.....	13.95
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.....	2.24
	<hr/>
	\$301.35

To books and supplies furnished schools:—

No. 1 Advanced	\$43.91	
No. 1 Primary	38.46	
No. 2 Advanced	46.00	
No. 2 Primary	27.91	
No. 3	38.91	
No. 4	9.09	
	<hr/>	
	\$204.28	
Supplies sold95	
	<hr/>	
	\$205.23	
Inventory of stock on hand and in the hands of teachers	96.12	
	<hr/>	
		\$301.35

TRUANT OFFICER

Matthias Casey	\$3.00
--------------------------	--------

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Appropriated and Available

From the Town	\$2,302.99	
From the State	2,614.45	
	<hr/>	
Available		\$4,917.44

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries	\$2,615.24
Incidentals	543.78
Conveyance of pupils	179.99
Permanent repairs	196.96

Music.....	\$117.31
Manual Arts.....	80.00
School superintendence.....	292.35
School supplies.....	260.38
School Physician.....	25.00
High School tuition.....	1,490.00
High School transportation.....	622.50
Retirement association.....	85.56
Truant officer.....	3.00
	<hr/>
Total expense.....	\$6,512.07
	<hr/>
Deficit.....	\$1,594.63

There is due from the State for High School tuition \$1,490.00 and for reimbursement \$311.25 for transportation which wipes out the deficit and leaves a balance of \$206.62 due the Town from the State.

Appliances for the training of the pupils in athletics in accordance with the suggestions of the Hampden County Improvement League have been put in the grounds of Nos. 1, 2 and 3, as the pupils in those schools generally agreed to carry out their suggestions in regard to raising poultry, planting and caring for potatoes, corn, vegetables, and fruits.

The several kinds of work undertaken by school children under the direction of the Hampden County Improvement League, such as gardening, home economics, and poultry raising, require supervision during vacations as well as in term time, and we recommend an appropriation of \$50.00 to pay some suitable person for supervision.

That there may be a better understanding of the High School transportation law so far as it relates to the payment of transportation and reimbursement by the

State we quote the latter part of Section 1, Chapter 396, Acts of 1913.

“A town which has expended for support of the public schools for the preceding year from the proceeds of local taxation an amount not less than four and less than five dollars per thousand dollars of valuation, shall receive from the treasury of the Commonwealth one half of the amount actually expended for transportation, under the provisions of this act; and a town which has expended from the proceeds of local taxation for the support of its schools for the preceding year an amount equal to at least five dollars per thousand of valuation shall receive from the treasury of the Commonwealth the whole transportation under provision of this act.”

The expenditures of the Town were less than five dollars, so we shall receive only one half of the sum expended for transportation; thus far we have had nothing this year.

Your committee wrote to the Commissioner of Education inquiring the reason and received the following reply, that “the money appropriated by the State to reimburse the towns for transportation of their pupils to High School was all expended and Hampden among some other towns had not received its share, but a deficiency bill will be introduced into the present legislature to raise the money required and we should receive our share in February or March.”

The law says that each pupil shall receive one dollar and fifty cents per week for the time they are *actually* attending school, and most bills have been made out on that basis; a few have overcharged and the committee have made the needed deductions.

One bill was made out for a time two weeks longer than any other and even *one* week longer than the school year; the length of the high school in Springfield is forty

weeks but the bill charged for forty-one weeks. The Commissioner of Education, replying to a letter of inquiry, said five days made a week and the number of weeks could be found by dividing the number of transportation days by five which evidently was not done in the bill where forty-one weeks were charged when the session of school was only forty weeks.

The blank form for transportation sent to the committee to be filled and returned to the State requires the name of each pupil, the high school he attends, the time he begins, the time he ends, the number of weeks he attends, counting five days a week, the total of his bill, the total of all the bills in town as a basis of determining the amount of reimbursement the town shall receive.

Hence, it is important that each bill presented to the committee should clearly state the items and for the committee to carefully examine each bill, in order that the Town shall receive its just reimbursement. It would seem wise for the Town to raise for the support of its schools an amount equal to five dollars of its valuation, so that it may receive as reimbursement the *whole* instead of one half of the money expended for the transportation of its pupils.

According to the assessors' report the valuation of the Town in 1914 was \$475,153; on this amount \$5.00 per thousand is \$2,375.77, the sum necessary to be raised to receive the whole instead of half the reimbursement. The Town raised last year \$2,302.99 or \$72.78 less than we should have raised to receive the whole reimbursement.

We trust the Town will deem it wise this year to raise and appropriate the various sums recommended by your committee which will be sufficient to secure the whole reimbursement.

Two of our former teachers have taken other schools,

so we have two new teachers filling the vacancies, and we trust they will prove to be skillful and efficient.

We believe our teachers during the past year have been faithful and efficient, securing good results not only in studies taught, but also in the upbuilding of a true and noble character among their pupils.

For a more detailed account of the schools see the reports of the Superintendent and Supervisors of Music and the Manual Arts.

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

For schools, the dog fund and	\$1,600.00
For books and supplies	275.00
Permanent repairs	200.00
Music	125.00
Manual Arts	100.00
Superintendent	85.00
School Physician	20.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

School Committee.