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EVERETT W. NEEDHAM,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT OF THE WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION.

The war has made it impossible to obtain help, and consequently we have tried to carry on the routine work with only the few regular men. It has also been our endeavor to do considerable along agricultural lines.

It is to be hoped that the coming year will see an improvement in the help situation so that we may be able to go on with our general line of improvement.

The Commission has presented a bill to the Legislature asking for a special appropriation to build a State road from Princeton to Holden. This would complete a good road from Worcester to the summit of Wachusett, and is most essential for the welfare of the reservation.

The Legislature passed favorably on the bill presented last year for the purchase of a small parcel of land, with cottage house, adjoining the reservation. Eight hundred dollars was appropriated. The property has been purchased and is now under our control.

For a more detailed report please refer to the superintendent's report.

JOHN T. BURNETT,
T. L. HARLOW,
FRANK C. SMITH, JR.,
Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission.

GENTLEMEN:—The regular work on the reservation was carried on in the usual manner. Work was continued on a small scale in clearing for the proposed pond on the north side of the mountain. I hope to be able to finish this up soon if we are able to get the prisoners. Twenty-five cords of the wood obtained here was sold in Worcester at a good price, and the remainder used on the reservation. Twenty-five cords of wood were cut on the road to the summit for use at the hotel. This opens up the view as one drives up the mountain.

In the spring 25 gallons of maple syrup were made from a sugar bush on the south side of the reservation.

A survey was made of taking No. 14, comprising 1.6 acres of land with a cottage house. Extensive repairs were made to the cottage.

A tea room was built into the large piazza on the south side of the Summit House. It makes a neat and necessary addition to the hotel. A small addition was made to the barn at headquarters.

In the line of crops, 250 bushels of corn on the cob, 250 bushels of potatoes, 30 bushels of oats, 40 bushels of wheat, 30 bushels of carrots, 20 bushels of beets, and most of the vegetables used at the hotel, were raised.

The broken stone left handy to the crusher was run through and spread on the road to Princeton, as the county wished to borrow the crusher. Some blasting was done on the unfinished section of this road, making it ready for a coating of gravel.

About 500 feet of the west and north roads on the reservation received a heavy coat of gravel.

For a detailed account of expenditures, please refer to county treasurer's report.

Very truly yours,

EVERETT W. NEEDHAM,

Superintendent.

