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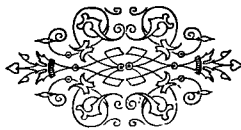
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Jay for the year ending February 19, 1892 is herewith presented.

Total Valuation for the year 1891, \$517 675. Number of Polls 392.

MONEY ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1891.

For State Tax,	1,808 06
County Tax,	1,113 62
Support of Schools,	1,250 00
Free High Schools	200 00
of Poor,	1,000 00
Town Expenses,	1,500 00
Unpaid Highway Tax,	29 68
Free Text Books,	200 00
Completing School House at Jay Bridge,	400 00
Overlayings,	375 68
Supplementary Tax,	43 75
Observance of Memorial Day,	20 00
Total amount money Assessed,	\$7940 79
Amount Voted for Roads and Bridges,	3000 00
Overlayings,	70 91
Total Amount for Roads and Bridges which we have apportioned among the several Districts,	3070 91
Rate of Money Tax 13 Mills ; Highway Tax 5½ Mills.	

ARMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Inventory of personal property at the Town Farm as appraised February 19, 1892.

2 Oxen	125 00
8 Cows	210 00
1 Yearling	12 00
Hay and Straw	160 00

2 Swine	12 00
25 Hens	12 50
Grain	64 00
200 lbs. Beef	10 00
375 lbs. Salt Pork	33 75
80 Gals. Vinegar	12 00
Potatoes and Apples	13 75
Vegetables	3 00
Provisions	19 87
Soap	50
Lumber and Wood	81 25
Cider Bbls and Kegs	3 00
4 Milk cans and Cheese Tub	4 50
Farming Tools	100 00
Butter Jars and Meat Tubs	4 25
Beds, Bedding, Furniture, etc.	140 00
Lot of Stoves	50 00
Clothes Wringer	2 50
Total	<u>1073 87</u>

EXPENSES OF ALMSHOUSE

Valuation of Town Farm February 17, 1891	2000 00
Hay Stock etc. on hand	1169 62
Interest on Farm and Personal Property	126 78
Paid Agent on Town Farm	300 00
Blacksmithing	6 05
Medicine and Medical attendance	15 90
3 Cows	53 00
1 Pair of Oxen	115 00
G. E. Look for Sawing Lumber	3 50
Supplies Furnished by Agent	100 63
Coffin and Robe for George Paine	16 50
Thompson Bros. for Meal, Phosphate etc,	83 94
S. H. Niles for Groceries	106 22
S. B. Farnum for Groceries	110 60
Total expenditures	<u>\$4207 74</u>

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RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

Valuation of Town Farm, Feb. 19, 1892,	\$2000 00
Hay, Stock, etc. on hand, " " "	1073 87
Received for Stock,	178 50
" " Eggs, Butter and Cheese,	32 98
Beef and Hide,	9 48
Cedar Posts,	8 80
Potatoes,	6 72
8 Flour Bbls.,	2 00
Ox Labor,	1 00
Hay and Straw Sold,	101 25
Beef and Produce sold S. B. Farnum,	116 49
Total Receipts,	<u>\$3531 09</u>

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Sarah J. Childs,	Aged 50	No. of weeks,	52
Bert Bryant,	" 30	" "	52
George Paine,	" 76	" "	39
Charlie Grose,	" 4	" "	25
Mrs. Simeon Foye,	" 73	" "	38
			<u>296</u>
Total Expenditures of Almshouse,			\$4207.74
" Receipts " "			<u>\$3531.09</u>
Expense above Receipts,			\$676 65

EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid, D. B. Macomber, Aid to Betsey Macomber	\$52 50
" Town of Scarborough, Aid to Mrs. Simeon Foye, in 1891,	118 80
City of Lewiston, Aid to J. W. Grose,	111 48
Aid to Frank Knowles' Family,	3 10
" Joseph Souries' Family,	2 10
" Wm. West,	15 00
" Joseph Cote's Family,	34 96
Expense of Moving Mrs. Simeon Foye from Scarborough,	20 40
Expense of getting Charlie Grose to Portland,	8 10
Aid to Charles Martin in 1890,	3 00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	1 75

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Total Expenses of Poor out of Almshouse,	\$371 19
Bal. against Almshouse.	676 65
Total Pauper Expenses,	\$1047 84
Bills Paid for Town Expenses for the Year Ending February 19, 1892.	
Paid for Repairs of Roads and Bridges	710 57
" H. D. Bean for Building Bridge on Island	300 00
" J. H. Nash for Building Road at Otis Falls	200 00
" for Baptist Church	500 00
" Town Officers Bills for 1890	327 86
Abatement of Taxes in 87-88-89-90	384 45
E. C. & W. L. Dow for Land Damage on Road	100 00
F. H. Whittemore " " " " "	25 00
J. H. Merritt for Books and services as Town Clerk	25 20
Witness fees in Phenig case	37 08
H. H. Allen for summoning witnesses in Phenig Case	9 50
Expenses of Selectmen at court in Phenig Case	13 55
Printing Town Reports in 1890	10 00
Office supplies in 90-91	14 75
H. H. Allen for Posting Warrants	9 00
J. C. Holman for Legal Services and disburse- ments in Gordon Hill Road Case for about 3 years	140 00
J. C. Holman for Legal Services in Record Hearing	25 00
J. C. Holman for Legal services on appeal of Reynolds and others in 1888	6 00
for Recording Deeds	1 00
Express Bill for Weights and Measures	1 55
Trustees of Ministerial and School Funds	11 00
for Observance of Memorial Day	20 00
Total	\$2871 51
Bills Paid for School Expenses for the Year Ending Feb. 19, 1892.	
Paid for Town Schools,	\$2191 02
" " Free High Schools,	260 00
" " School Books,	201 57

Paid for Completing School House at Jay Bridge.	\$377 50
“ “ School House Lot at Jay Bridge,	100 00
“ “ “ “ “ Otis Falls,	200 00
Total Expense for Schools,	\$3330 09
Town Officers Bills for the Year Ending March 7, 1892 by es- timation.	

SELECTMEN ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

V. White	77 00
G. W. Stone	63 00
H. A. Strout	62 00

SCHOOL BOARD

E. C. Dow	30 00
H. W. Ranger	30 00
A. D. Brown	30 00

TOWN TREASURER.

C. L. Macomber	36 00
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TOWN CLERK.

J. H. Merritt	9 40
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H. H. Allen Collector	250 00
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Trustees of Ministerial and School Fund	12 00
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LIABILITIES.

For Notes Outstanding	6555 50
Interest on above Notes	303 92
Selectmen, Assessors etc.	202 00
Superintending School Committee	90 00
H. H. Allen Collector	250 00
Trustees of Ministerial and School Fund	12 00
Unpaid School Bills by estimation	600 00
Unsettled Accounts “ “	250 00
Outstanding Orders	845 87
State Tax	1808 06
Total Liabilities	10917 35

RESOURCES.

Town Farm, valued Feb. 19, 1892	\$2,000 00
Personal Property “ “	1073 87
Due from State Treasurer's Mill Tax and Tax on Savings Banks	1021 68
Due from State for Free High School	83 63
Non-resident Taxes	84 15
Cash in Treasury	656 3 3
Due from H. H. Allen, Collector	6524 99
Road Machines	250 00

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Due from City of Lewiston for Aid to Joseph Cote's Family	\$ 34 96
Due from S. B. Farnum on Account	5 89
Total Resources	11735 50
Total Liabilities	10917 35
Balance in Favor of Town	<u>\$818 15</u>

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1892.

For Support of Schools	1250 00
Poor	1000 00
Town Expenses	1500 00

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

V. WHITE,	}	Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.
G. W. STONE.		
H. A. STROUT,		

JAY, FEB. 19, 1892.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF JAY :—The remarks that may be made from year to year upon the cause of education, and in reference to the schools in any town, of necessity, must be somewhat of a repetition of facts. The teachers during the past year have generally performed their work in a satisfactory manner. Excellent work has been done in some schools and good work in most of them.

There has been but little friction to mar the harmony and general advancement of any of the schools. While we are pleased that we can with sincerity make so encouraging a report, yet there are many things that might add to the efficiency of our schools.

A better attendance on the part of pupils would enable the teachers to perform their duties in a more satisfactory manner and make possible a greater advancement in the studies pursued. We would respectfully call the parents' attention to this fact as in their hands almost entirely rests the remedy. We know this to be a crying evil and a very great hinderance to the most effective work in the school-room. It is necessary for the pupils to be present at every session in order to obtain good and lasting results. One of the most important factors of a good school is local pride and interest, and we should be pleased to see the parents show their interest by visiting the schools in their respective locality, by being present at the close. The children who receive the most encouragement at home are the most interested and studious and give their teachers the least trouble.

Criticism of the teachers by the parents, especially in the presence of their children, is a source of much evil and causes the teacher much trouble. A few hours spent in the school-room each term with the teacher would give you a better idea of their cares and trials and you would be less liable to unjustly criticise their methods.

The Otis Falls Pulp Co. have built and furnished for the town, at Otis Falls, an elegant school-house with two rooms and seating capacity for about ninety pupils.

We append brief reports of the several schools :

There have been four Free High Schools in town the past year.

The High School at North Jay last fall was taught by J. L. Wilkins. Whole number of scholars, 41; average, 38. Mr. Wilkins is one of our most methodical, practical and earnest teachers.

Spring term of High School at Stone's Corner was taught by J. J. Hunt of Farmington. Whole number scholars, 26; average, 19. Mr. Hunt is a teacher of experience, having taught forty schools before this, and well adapted to meet the wants of the school.

The High School at Bean's Corner last fall was under the instruction of John Butterfield. Whole number of scholars, 19; average number of scholars, 17. Mr. Butterfield is a good teacher and the school should have been patronized by a large number of scholars.

Spring Term of High School at Jay Bridge was taught by R. B. Parsons who maintains his former reputation as a good teacher.

CLAY BROOK SCHOOL.—Spring Term taught by Belle Haskell. Whole number of pupils, 12; average number of pupils, 9. Winter Term taught by Addie S. French of Chesterville. Whole number of pupils, 13; average number of pupils, 9. Both of these teachers maintained good order and labored hard for their pupils and were rewarded with success.

BLAISDELL SCHOOL.—Spring Term taught by Eva M. York. Whole number of pupils, 9; average number of pupils 8. This was Miss York's second term of school and the examination at the close of school showed that thorough work had been done. Winter Term taught by Mrs. Cora M. A. Bean. Mrs. Bean is a first-class teacher and I hope this town will secure her services in the future.

NORTH JAY SCHOOL.—Spring Term taught by Mrs. Rosa Benjamin. Whole number of scholars, 29; average number of scholars, 21. This school was rated as very profitable by parents, scholars and Committee. Winter Term by M. J. West of Wilton. Whole number of scholars, 34; average number of scholars, 30. Mr. West is an experienced teacher this being his twenty-fifth

term. Good order and interest were maintained throughout the term.

INTERVALE SCHOOL.—Spring Term taught by Nellie Farrington. Whole number of pupils, 10; average number of Pupils, 9. Thorough work was done and we regard Miss Farrington as one of our best teachers. Winter Term taught by Mable Palmer. Whole number of scholars, 14; average number of scholars, 13. This was Miss Palmer's first school but we found in tact, discipline and ability to teach that she was equal to most of our older teachers.

BEAN'S CORNER.—Spring Term taught by Maud Searles.. Whole number of scholars, 21; average number of scholars, 18. Her school was appreciated by parents and scholars. Winter Term taught by Nettie Sewell. Whole number of scholars, 26; average number of scholars, 22. Miss Sewell is a fine lady and scholar but failed to get the good will of her scholars so not as much improvement was made as was desired.

CANADA CORNER.—Spring Term taught by Myrtle Dascomb. Whole number of scholars, 10; average number of scholars, 9. Winter Term taught by Sadie E. Allen. Whole number of scholars, 10; average number of scholars, $9\frac{1}{5}$. Both teachers labored earnestly for the welfare of the school and met with a good degree of success.

MORSE SCHOOL. —Spring Term taught by Florence Wilkins. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average number, 9. Winter Term taught by Blanche Wilkins. Whole number of scholars, 19. Average number, 17. Both teachers gave general satisfaction.

MACOMBER HILL.—Alice Jackson teacher. Whole number of scholars 17. Average number of scholars 16. It is enough for Miss Jackson to say that in her own district she succeeded to the satisfaction of every one. Not one instance of tardiness. Winter Term was taught by Lillian Ellis. Whole number of scholars 19. Average number of scholars 18. Miss Ellis started in finely but had to close at the end of the sixth week on account of ill health. We were fortunate in securing the service of Luman Gould who is now finishing out the term.

STONE'S CORNER.—Spring Term was taught by Vesta Record. Whole number of pupils, 11. Average number of pupils, 9. Miss Record's school was well organized but she was obliged to close at the end of the eighth week on account of ill health. Winter Term was taught by A. L. Moulton. Whole number of scholars, 16; average number of scholars, 15.

STUBBS' MILLS.—Spring Term was taught by Hattie E. Webber. Whole number of scholars, 7; average number, 6. This was Miss Webber's first attempt at teaching but was sufficient to show that she was faithful and successful in her work. Winter Term taught by Miss Isa M. Russell of Livermore. Whole number of pupils, 7. Average number, $5\frac{1}{2}$. Miss Russell labored hard in her school and rapid advancement was made.

JAY BEND.—Spring Term was taught by Algie Green. Whole number of scholars, 17; average, 15. The hearty co-operation of the parents with the teacher makes this one of the most profitable and easily taught schools in town. Winter Term, Nellie Farrington, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 19; average, 17.

LAKE SCHOOL.—Spring Term was taught by Celinda Bean. Whole number of scholars, 14; average, 11. Miss Bean's school made good progress in their studies. Winter Term was taught by Mrs. Rosa Benjamin. Whole number of scholars, 13; average, 11.

JAY BRIDGE — Spring and Fall Terms were taught by Miss S. M. Whittemore. Whole number of scholars, 44; average, 37. In our visits to this school we found it in successful operation, although some of the parents, who did not visit it, thought otherwise. The instruction in Hygiene was superior to anything we have seen in this town. Winter Terms in the Grammar Grade were taught by W. C. Allen, who is doing excellent work, and Algie Green in Primary Grade. Whole number of scholars, 26. Miss Green was earnest in her efforts and succeeded fairly well.

DAVIS SCHOOL.—Spring Term was taught by Mrs. Abbie Merchant. Whole number of scholars, 6; average, 5. Although the school was small the scholars improved very fast under Mrs. Merchant's instruction. Winter term was taught by H. W. Coburn.

Whole number of scholars, 6 ; average, 6. This was a model school.

School at Otis Falls began January 11, under the instruction of Miss S. M. Whittemore. This is Miss Whittemore's thirtieth school and at our first visit we found her getting them into line for the best possible work.

E. C. DOW, } *Supl'g School Com.*
A. D. Brown, } *of*
H. W. Ranger. } *Jay.*

