
Mechanic Falls (Me.)
Thirteenth Annual Report

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Clerk and Treasurer,
C. M. HUTCHINS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,
ERNEST K. HOLBROOK, TILLSON WATERMAN,
JOHN E. SAUNDERS.

Collector,
F. EDWIN DWINAL.

Town Agent.
J. M. LIBBY.

Superintendent of Schools,
J. M. LIBBY.

School Committee,
F. L. WATERMAN, J. W. WAYNE, A. H. BRIGGS.

Trustees Public Library,
LFZZIE J. BUTLER, C. B. RANKIN, J. M. LIBBY.

Librarian,
NETTIE P. GRANT.

Board of Health,
A. V. HATHAWAY, LEROY SPILLER, C. B. RANKIN.

Auditor,
ELMER Z. LANE.

Town Physician.
LEROY O. COBB.

Chief Engineer,
E. E. JORDAN.

1st Assistant Engineer,
H. L. JEWETT.

2d Assistant Engineer.
M. A. JORDAN.

Road Commissioner,
E. A. FAUNCE.

Constables,
L. W. MASON, DENNIS S. PERKINS, B. F. HASKELL,
TILLSON WATERMAN, F. EDWIN DWINAL,
J. A. CROOKER, F. J. FARRIS.
Report of Selectmen.

To the Citizens of Mechanic Falls:

The municipal officers of the town for the fiscal year ending Feb. 28, 1906, respectfully submit the following reports under their appropriate heads for your information and consideration.

Assessors' Report.

For the Year 1905.

Valuation of property and number of polls as taken April 1st, 1905.

Amount of real estate of resident owners, $439,090 00
Amount of real estate of non-resident owners, 305,070 00

Total valuation of real estate, $744,160 00

Amount of personal property of resident owners, $60,323 00
Amount of personal property of non-resident owners, 20,207 00

Total valuation of personal property, $80,530 00

Grand total of property, $824,690 00

Rate of taxation $21.75 per $1,000.
Poll tax rate $3.00.
Number of polls taxed, 454.
Number of polls untaxed, 70.
## Assessments

For State tax, $2,165 77
- County tax, 1,033 97
- Common schools, 2,000 00
- Free high school, 800 00
- Support of poor, 1,000 00
- Contingent fund, 600 00
- Officers’ salaries, 700 00
- Sinking fund, 700 00
- Payment of interest, 600 00
- Collectors’ commissions and abatements, 400 00
- Lighting streets, 1,264 00
- Hydrant rental, 1,680 00
- Support of fire department, 400 00
- Support of public library, 200 00
- Repair of highways and bridges, 2,000 00
- Text books, 300 00
- Apparatus and school furnishings, 200 00
- Repair of school houses, 800 00
- Graduating exercises high school, 25 00
- State roads, 200 00
- Memorial Day observance, 50 00
- Deficiency in highway account, 189 28
- Deficiency in pauper account, 653 28
- Lewiston St. gully, stone work and fill, 1,074 12

Total amount committed to F. Edwin Dwinal for collection, $19,300 34
EXTRACTS FROM TOWN ASSESSORS’ REPORT TO STATE ASSESSORS.

No. | Average Value
---|------------------
Horses, | 233 | $71.24
Three-year-old colts, | 2 | 65.00
Two-year-old colts, | 5 | 46.00
One-year-old colts, | 3 | 30.00
Cows, | 246 | 22.75
Oxen, | 2 | 57.50
Three-year-olds, | 49 | 19.80
Two-year-olds, | 67 | 13.39
One-year-olds, | 57 | 7.65
Sheep, | 33 | 2.79
Swine, | 48 | 9.69

Abatements Allowed.

**TAXES OF 1900.**

John Seal, deceased, | $4.13

**TAXES OF 1901.**

Lewis J. Morton, physical disability, | $3.00
John Seal, deceased, | 4.12

**TAXES OF 1902.**

Thomas W. Broad, deceased, | $3.00
John Q. Noyes, inability to pay, | 3.00
John Z. Waterman, keeping highway in repair, | 18.38
John Seal, deceased, | 4.29

$28.67
**Taxes of 1903.**

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<td>Thomas W. Broad, deceased</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Anna B. Merrill, inability to pay</td>
<td>1.02</td>
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<td>D. M. Needham, paid in Hebron</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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**Total:** $7.02

**Taxes of 1904.**

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<td>$3.00</td>
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<td>William Cash, deceased</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Herbert B. Duran, paid in Auburn</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Frederick C. Keston, deceased</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mechanic Falls Water Co., by contract</td>
<td>18.27</td>
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<td>Freeman Strout, paid in Somerville, Mass.</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td>Mechanic Falls Mfg. Co., by vote of town</td>
<td>40.60</td>
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<td>Melintha Thayer, by agreement</td>
<td>13.19</td>
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**Total:** $87.06

**Taxes of 1905.**

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<td>Dennett Cotton, error in listing</td>
<td>5.00</td>
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**Total:** $19.14

**Report of Overseers of the Poor.**

Town’s poor assisted as follows:

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<td>E. W. Record</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paid Cyrus W. Cobb, board</td>
<td></td>
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<td>P. D. Hunt, board</td>
<td>36.00</td>
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<td>E. W. Record, on account of board</td>
<td>18.00</td>
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<td>F. F. McCann, rent</td>
<td>12.00</td>
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W. G. Pulsifer, medicine, 45
Merrill & Denning, 1 60

$71 05

E. E. McKenney.
Paid Frank H. Allard, board, $105 00

W. S. Gookin.
Paid State Insane Asylum, board, $147 51
" " " supplies, 55
S. L. Hawley, supplies, 2 29
E. K. Holbrook, express on clothing, 25

$150 60

J. B. Rand.
Paid State Insane Asylum, board, $130 36
" " " supplies, 19 12

$149 48

Herbert Chute.
Paid G. O. Goodwin & Co., wood, $ 2 63
I. E. McCann & Co., supplies, 18 13

$20 76

Blanch Woodsum and Child.
Paid City of Bath, rent, clothing, fuel, supplies and medical attendance, $241 91

Harriett Bancroft.
Paid G. O. Goodwin & Co., wood, $ 5 75
A. V. Hathaway, wood, 3 25
C. H. Burns, 14 63

$23 63
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<td>Clinton Poland</td>
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<td>$91.55</td>
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<td>Paid F. I. Dwinal</td>
<td>supplies</td>
<td>$1.66</td>
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<td>Margarett Carleton</td>
<td>nurse</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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<td>I. A. Denison</td>
<td>supplies</td>
<td>$4.47</td>
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<td>H. R. Farris, M. D.</td>
<td>medical attendance</td>
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<td>W. D. Towne</td>
<td>supplies</td>
<td>$1.17</td>
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<td>Town of Oxford</td>
<td></td>
<td>$4.06</td>
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<td>I. F. McCann &amp; Co.</td>
<td>supplies</td>
<td>$3.75</td>
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<td>Merrill &amp; Denning</td>
<td>medicine</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
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<td>John Bicknell</td>
<td></td>
<td>$48.95</td>
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<td>Paid L. J. Morton</td>
<td>milk and butter</td>
<td>$2.34</td>
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<td>A. V. Hathaway</td>
<td>sawing wood</td>
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<td>Mary A. Cobb</td>
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<td>Leroy Spiller</td>
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<td>Harry L. Rogers</td>
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<td>A. G. Tinkham</td>
<td>rent</td>
<td>$84.00</td>
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<td>A. G. Tinkham</td>
<td>damage to rent</td>
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<td>E. L. Charles</td>
<td>milk</td>
<td>$5.60</td>
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FRED IRELAND.

Paid C. B. Rankin, M. D., medical examination, $2 00
L. A. Denison, supplies, 19 00
L. J. Morton, drawing wood, 50

$21 50

SAM KNIGHT.

Paid Dennett Cotton, board and rent, $118 33
A. E. Morris, barber work, 75
S. L. Hawley, clothing, 5 60
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine and medical supplies, 2 00
Merrill & Denning, medicine, 65

$127 33

MELINTHA THAYER.

Paid A. V. Hathaway, wood, $9 75
L. J. Morton, wood, 2 25
I. A. Denison, supplies, 90
S. L. Hawley, supplies, 1 59
Spiller & Bridgham, supplies, 13 72
Geo. B. Crooker, wood, 3 00
Geo. D. Bridgham, supplies, 38 85
F. I. Dwinal, supplies, 1 02
G. O. Goodwin & Co., supplies and wood, 10 61
Mary A. Cobb, care, 30 75
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine, 80
C. H. Burns, wood, 10 60
A. A. Woodsum, wood, 5 50
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<td>W. D. Towne</td>
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<td>Mrs. L. D. Simpson</td>
<td>washings</td>
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<td>L. W. Thurston</td>
<td>milk</td>
<td>7.63</td>
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<td>Merrill &amp; Denning</td>
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<td>5.25</td>
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<td>Alfred Waterhouse</td>
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<td>Paid Mrs. A. B. Emery</td>
<td>board</td>
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<td>S. L. Hawley</td>
<td>clothing</td>
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<td>Mrs. Alta E. Files</td>
<td>board</td>
<td>110.00</td>
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<td>Wm. Smith</td>
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<td>$122.50</td>
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<td>Paid L. O. Cobb, M. D., and wife</td>
<td>assistance in removing Mary E. Smith to State Insane Asylum</td>
<td>$9.00</td>
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<td>L. O. Cobb, M. D.</td>
<td>1 dress suit case</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<td>2.00</td>
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<td>Maine Insane Hospital</td>
<td>board</td>
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<td>S. L. Hawley</td>
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<td>Maine Insane Hospital</td>
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<td>G. O. Goodwin &amp; Co.</td>
<td>wood</td>
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<td>C. E. Storer</td>
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<td>W. G. Pulsifer</td>
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<td>45</td>
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<td>E. K. Holbrook</td>
<td>cash, expense taking</td>
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<td>Mary E. Smith to Maine Insane Asylum</td>
<td>19.10</td>
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<td>L. H. Poor, M. D.</td>
<td>medical attendance</td>
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Edward McCarron.

Paid S. E. Davis, board and care, $10 00
Frederick Strout, board and care, 15 00
Mrs. C. A. Foster, washing and pressing pants, 25
P. T. Murray, cleaning and pressing coat, 50
Leroy Spiller, funeral expense, 29 00
E. K. Holbrook, R. R. fare and expense to Portland, 1 85

James Tooley.

Paid Charles Duran, board, $156 44
C. B. Rankin, M. D., medical attendance, 5 00
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine, 2 65
A. A. Woodsum, clothing, 1 00
Merrill & Denning, medicine, 1 95

Mrs. O. D. Holt.

Paid F. A. Golderman, agent, rent, $54 35
Albion Little, trustee, 10 50

$156 67
$56 60
$167 04
$64 85
### C. A. Foster.

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<td>Paid C. E. Jordan, milk,</td>
<td>$2 38</td>
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<td>J. E. Keene, milk,</td>
<td>8 02</td>
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<td>Mechanic Falls Water Co., water rental,</td>
<td>8 00</td>
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<td>G. O. Goodwin &amp; Co., wood,</td>
<td>2 75</td>
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<td>W. G. Pulsifer, medicine,</td>
<td>1 60</td>
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<td>T. B. Soule, rent,</td>
<td>48 00</td>
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<td>A. V. Hathaway, wood,</td>
<td>3 25</td>
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<td>C. B. Rankin, M. D., medical attendance,</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<td>6 70</td>
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**Total:** $83 70

### J. L. Tobie.

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<td>Paid W. B. Haskell, M. D., medical attendance,</td>
<td>$11 00</td>
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<td>Merrill &amp; Denning, medicine,</td>
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**Total:** $12 90

### Wm. F. Thurber.

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<td>Paid E. K. Holbrook, R. R. fare Rumford Falls,</td>
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<td>Mrs. Jennie M. Davis, dinner,</td>
<td>25</td>
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**Total:** $1 55

### Tramps.

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<td>Paid F. J. Farris care and supplies,</td>
<td>$3 50</td>
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<td>F. P. Wyman, care and supplies,</td>
<td>20 00</td>
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**Total:** $23 50
Mrs. Lorison W. Chase.
Paid F. A. Millett railroad fare to Lisbon and return, $1.00

Total expense for poor of the town, $1,999.92
Overdraft, year 1904, 653.28

$2,653.20

Appropriation, $1,000.00
Received from estate of Edward McCarron, 6.45

$1,006.45
Appropriation, deficiency 1904, 653.28

$1,659.73
Overdrawn, 993.47

$2,653.20

Paid for Poor of Other Towns.

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<td>Gray</td>
<td>Mary E. Crooker,</td>
<td>$43.73</td>
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<td>Rumford,</td>
<td>Mrs. J. K. P. Simpson,</td>
<td>60.00</td>
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<td>Oxford,</td>
<td>J. M. Abbott,</td>
<td>75.75</td>
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<td>City of Auburn,</td>
<td>E. H. Strout,</td>
<td>11.48</td>
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<tr>
<td>City of Gardiner,</td>
<td>Mrs. Fannie L. Thurrell,</td>
<td>1.63</td>
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<tr>
<td>Greene,</td>
<td>Henry H. Tibbetts.</td>
<td>6.50</td>
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$190.09
Received for Poor of Other Towns.

Town of Gray, $65 35
Town of Oxford, 77 00
City of Gardiner, 1 63
Town of Raymond, 3 20

$147 18

Highway Account.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Appropriation for the year 1905, $2,000 00
Appropriation for deficiency, 1904, 189 28

$2,189 28

Overdrawn, 65 07

$2,254 35

EXPENDITURES.

Overdraft for year 1904, $189 28
Silas Spiller, labor, 47 25
H. J. Jordan, 6 20
William L. Knight, sand for sidewalk, 6 40
David Woodsum, labor, 15 00
Saunders Brothers, sharpening and repairing tools, 7 50
I. L. Meserve, labor and cash paid for sand, 22 30
Geo. W. Tobie, labor and material for fence removed, 7 61
E. A. Faunce, labor, 685 50
Horace Moore, 52.71
John Fessenden, 7.50
James Campbell, 1.50
C. B. Cummings & Sons, lime, 2.86
A. S. Bray, labor, 1904, 32.25
I. H. Judkins, labor, 24.15
L. E. Faunce, 262.00
M. W. Morrill, 103.50
Winfield Tilton, 29.70
Edgar A. Hall, painting road machine, 5.00
Edgar Faunce, labor, 75
Poland Packing and Mfg. Co., for plank, 256.10
John H. King, labor, 2.95
Francis Mains, 7.00
Bert L. Bangs, 1.50
J. W. Story, sharpening and repairing tools, 41.70
George Meggett, labor, 10.50
E. D. Dudley, for dynamite, 2.30
Geo. A. Goodwin, labor, 39.00
Fred W. Pierce, 40.00
Joseph Gould, 52.65
D. F. Bray, 3.65
A. E. Harlow, 43.50
Chas. A. Scribner, 10.50
Sherman Churchill, 2.50
Geo. E. Moore, 18.12
W. J. Morton, 23.25
Geo. N. Stowe, 6.00
Simeon Harris, 5.00
A. A. Woodsum, labor and salt, 6.61
F. F. Dresser, 2.25
Frank Grant, 1.50
J. P. Grant, 5.25
Poland Paper Co., repairing road machine, 35
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<td>Geo. O. Goodwin &amp; Co., lumber</td>
<td>14 00</td>
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<td>J. K. &amp; C. K. Denning, labor</td>
<td>11 90</td>
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<td>A. B. Black, Agent, cutting edge for road machine</td>
<td>8 00</td>
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<td>Hawkes &amp; Whitney, material</td>
<td>26 44</td>
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<td>Frank Haskell</td>
<td>21 00</td>
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<td>Walter Leach</td>
<td>15 00</td>
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<td>C. B. Rankin, stone for highway</td>
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<td>7 87</td>
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<td>Fred J. Farris, labor, 1904</td>
<td>10 15</td>
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<td>Harry S. Rogers, labor</td>
<td>2 25</td>
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$2,254 35

State Roads.

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EXPENDITURES.

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<td>A. E. Harlow, labor</td>
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<td>L. E. Faunce</td>
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G. A. Goodwin, 8 25
L. J. Morton, 7 50
Wm. E. Morton, 11 25
Joseph Gould, 8 25
Geo. E. Moore, 6 88
J. G. Noyes, 3 00
Chas. F. Rich, 7 50
E. A. Faunce, 114 20
Fred Pierce, 7 50
E. D. Cole, 1 50
M. W. Morrill, 29 25
Thomas Prince, lanterns and oil, 1 90
J. K. & C. K. Denning, hay, 3 00
Walter Leach, labor, 24 00
Silas Spiller, 6 00
Sherman Grant, 14 00
Horace Moore, 9 00

$327 36

Fire Department.

Appropriation, $400 00
Unexpended 1904, 39 86
Cash from P. & R. F. Ry. Co., 23 00

$462 86

EXPENDITURES.

E. E. Jordan, chief engineer, salary, $25 00
H. L. Jewett, first assistant engineer, salary, 15 00
M. A. Jordan, second assistant engineer, salary, 15 00
Hook and Ladder Co., fire and practice, 73 85
Hose Co., No. 1, fire and practice, 119 00
Fred Ireland, cleaning out vault, 1 00
E. Z. Lane, labor and electrical supplies, 3 00
J. W. Penney & Sons Co., repairs on hose, 3 90
M. A. Jordan, labor repairing apparatus, 8 00
A. J. Weston, coal, 22 50
Geo. O. Goodwin & Co., oil, 65
J. W. Penney & Sons Co., material for repairs, 2 50
Henry K. Barnes, supplies, 1 05
Hawkes & Whitney, supplies, 5 73
Mechanic Falls W. E. L. & P. Co., electric lights, 24 00
E. E. Jordan, cash paid for supplies, 3 10
Saunders Bros., labor on repairs of apparatus, 1 85
Merrill & Denning, supplies, 1 30

$326 43

Unexpended, $136 43

We have had but two fires during the past year but quite a number of calls on account of chimney-fires.

I would recommend the purchasing of 300 or 400 feet of new hose each year from now on, in order to keep our equipment in first-class condition.

We hope to be reimbursed by the G. T. Ry. in the sum of $36.00 for services rendered during the summer in fighting grass fires near the residence of G. R. Bancroft.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. JORDAN,
Chief Engineer.
Officers' Salaries.

Unexpended, 1904, $ 19 00
Appropriation, $700 00

$719 00

EXPENDITURES.

F. A. Millett, moderator, $ 5 00
C. M. Hutchins, clerk, 2 00
E. K. Holbrook, selectman, 150 00
Tillson Waterman, selectman, 80 00
J. E. Saunders, selectman, 70 00
C. M. Hutchins, treasurer, 75 00
C. B. Rankin, board of health, 15 00
A. V. Hathaway, board of health, 10 00
Leroy Spiller, board of health, 5 00
L. O. Cobb, town physician, 30 00
J. M. Libby, superintendent of schools, 100 00
J. M. Libby, town agent, 35 00
E. Z. Lane, auditor, 15 00
Francis Mains, truant officer, 10 00

$602 00

Unexpended, $117 00

$719 00

Memorial Day.

Appropriation, $50 00
Paid A. A. Dwinal Post, No. 3, G. A. R. $50 00
Lock-Up Account.

- Geo. O. Goodwin & Co., wood, $2 75
- Mechanic Falls W. & E. L. & P. Co., lighting, 6 11

Amount to contingent fund, $8 86

Commissions and Abatements.

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<td>L. W. Mason, collector’s commission</td>
<td>$ 29 20</td>
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<td>F. Edwin Dwinal, collector’s commission</td>
<td>196 46</td>
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Hydrant Rental.

- Appropriation, $1,680 00
- Paid Mechanic Falls Water Co., for use of water July 1, '05 to July 1, '06, $1,680 00

Street Lighting.

- Unexpended, 1904, $ 144 02
- Appropriation, 1,264 00
- $1,408 02
Public Library.

Unexpended, 1904, $177.87
Appropriation, 200.00
Received from state, 20.88
Received from trustees, fines, 9.55

$408.30

EXPENDITURES.

Mechanic Falls W. & E. L. & P. Co., lights, $25.08
Mrs. L. D. Simpson, cleaning, 1.70
Library Bureau, cards, 3.25
E. D. Cole, janitor, 6.00
J. A. Bucknam & Co., insurance, 15.04
Samuel B. Waterman, wood, 3.25
F. Harold Goldermann, janitor, 4.20
G. O. Goodwin & Co., wood, 1.57
Loring, Short & Harmon, books, 55.75
Merrill & Denning, supplies, 1.30
Nettie P. Grant, librarian, 35.00

$155.14

$408.30

Unexpended, 253.16

$408.30
Common Schools.

Unexpended, 1904, $115.01
Appropriation, $2,000.00
Mill tax, $1,109.58

Overdrawn,

|$3,224.59
$255.75

|$3,480.34

EXPENDITURES.

Susie L. Fitz, teaching, $154.00
Hattie Spiller, teaching, 360.00
Henrietta Douglass, teaching, 288.00
Lucinda A. Field, teaching, 220.00
Agnes L. Jordan, teaching, 281.00
Annie Pulsifer, teaching, 288.00
Josephine Hayford, teaching, 216.00
Charlotte C. Bridge, teaching, 288.00
Lillian E. Haskell, teaching, 216.00
Jordan & Saunders, transportation, 216.00
Daniel F. Bray, transportation, 342.00
H. N. Whittle, janitor, 144.00
Francis Mains, janitor, 144.00
A. J. Weston, fuel, 247.34
Fred J. Farris, fuel, 19.00
I. F. McCann & Co., 40.00
Francis Mains, fitting wood, 8.75
H. N. Whittle, fitting wood, 8.25

|$3,480.34
Repairs.

Unexpended, 1904, $147.47
Appropriation, 800.00

EXPENDITURES.

J. W. Penney & Sons Co., material and labor on repairs, $58.32
J. M. Abbott, repairing locks, etc., 3.75
Jerry Berry, labor putting on storm windows, 5.60
David Rand, labor, 4.05
Elie Roy, mason work, 2.00
F. & C. B. Nash Co., heating apparatus brick school house, 358.00
Heman N. Whittle, labor on repairs brick school house, 9.50
Geo. A. Benjamin, labor on boiler, brick school house, 7.44
Poland Paper Co., lime and cement, 1.75
I. L. Meserve, trucking, 55
Francis Mains, labor, 5.70
Hawkes & Whitney, labor and material, 3.18
A. J. Weston, material, 1.08

Unexpended, 486.55

Total $974.47
Incidentials.

No appropriation.

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<td>Geo. W. Hardy, inspecting electric light system</td>
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<td>Fred Ireland, cleaning vaults</td>
<td>4 00</td>
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<td>S. L. Hawley, cambric, thread and cloth</td>
<td>1 95</td>
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<td>Mrs. L. D. Simpson, cleaning school houses</td>
<td>11 50</td>
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<td>Atkinson, Mentzer &amp; Grover, supplies</td>
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<td>F. H. Waterhouse, trucking rubbish</td>
<td>1 00</td>
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<td>Harry Fielding, repairing organ</td>
<td>1 00</td>
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<td>Ledger Publishing Co., printing promotion cards</td>
<td>2 00</td>
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<td>E. A. Hammond, cleaning clock</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>A. A. Woodsum, oil</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Hawkes &amp; Whitney, axe-handle, basin, etc.</td>
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<td>J. M. Libby, cash paid for express and use of telephone</td>
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**Text Books.**

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EXPENDITURES.

J. Q. Adams & Co., $10.00
Little, Brown & Co., 2.00

Unexpended, $12.00

417.55

$429.55

Furnishings.

Unexpended, 1904, $12.64
Appropriation, 200.00

$212.64

EXPENDITURES.

Mechanic Falls W. & E. L. & P. Co.,
electrical furnishings, $1.40
Theodore C. Strout, labor and material
wiring school house, 40.00
City of Lewiston, desks, 17.50
Howard & Brown, diplomas, 5.70
A. H. Andrews & Co., supplies, 13.35
Poland Paper Co., paper, 8.00
W. G. Pulsifer, supplies, 21.49
Merrill & Denning, supplies, 93.90

$201.34

Unexpended, 11.30

$212.64
High School.

Appropriation, $800 00
Received from state, 250 00

Overdrawn, $1,050 00

Expeditures.

Overdrawn, 1904, $50 00
Paid P. E. Graffam, teaching, 702 50
Gertrude Moody, teaching, 140 00
Maud L. Thurston, teaching, 206 00
Grace M. Peabody, teaching, 6 00

$1,104 50

Graduating Expenses, High School.

Appropriation, $25 00
Paid, 25 00

Shoe-Factory Account.

Paid F. E. Tufts, mortgage, $1,200 00
F. E. Tufts, interest on mortgage, 80 00
A. J. Weston, flint roofing for roof, 190 40
A. J. Weston, supplies and labor on repairs, 84 64
L. J. Morton, labor cleaning up rubbish, 13 50
Frank W. Milliken, labor on pipes and engine, 4 00
Wendell E. Richardson and David T. Montague, receivers Chase, Merritt Co., personal property in factory, 1,100 00
Geo. A. Benjamin, labor and material for repairs on pipes, 7 08
J. A. Bucknam & Co., insurance, 78 65

$2,758 27

Contingent Fund.

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<td>License fees collected</td>
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<td>Grass sold</td>
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<td>J. A. Crooker, services as constable July 3 and 4 and Labor Day, 1904</td>
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<td>Ledger Publishing Co., printing town report, warrant and notice</td>
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<td>A. V. Hathaway, wood, selectmen's office</td>
<td>7 00</td>
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<td>Mechanic Falls W. &amp; E. L. &amp; P. Co., lighting selectmen's office and 1 lamp</td>
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<td>L. W. Mason, services as constable, making and posting warrants</td>
<td>2 66</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ledger Publishing Co., printing dog tax blanks</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<td>F. H. Cobb and H. C. Day, assignees, land, for gravel pit</td>
<td>175 00</td>
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I). S. Perkins, rent of hall for special town meeting, 7 50
D. S. Perkins, rent of selectmen’s office, 22 50
Fred Ireland, burying dead horse by order of Board of Health, 5 00
E. D. Dudley, 1 cot bed and express, 1 40
W. B. Beals, registering deeds, 13 00
F. R. Harmon, services as constable July 3 and 4, 4 00
John Fessenden, cleaning up dumping-ground, 3 75
Jordan & Saunders, team hire Board of Health, 1 00
L. W. Mason, overpaid on taxes collected, 2 53
Fred J. Farris, services as constable July 3 and 4, Labor Day, 1904, killing and burying dog, 7 00
Hollis E. Dennen, crossing field, winter, 1904, 5 00
Hawkes & Whitney, fumigator, Board of Health, 4 00
John W. Colley, use of dumping ground 1905, 5 00
J. A. Crooker, services as constable July 3 and 4, 1905, 4 00
H. J. Jordan, use of watering tub, 1905, 3 00
Merrill & Denning, blank books, stationery, etc., 27 73
Hawkes & Whitney, sprinkler for office, repairing water gauge, 1 05
Ernest K. Holbrook, cash paid postage, envelopes, etc., 5 41
A. S. Bray, use of watering tub, season 1905, 3 00
C. M. Hutchins, administering oaths, postage, express, recording marriages, births and deaths, 17 65
C. M. Hutchins, Treas., paid physicians reporting births and deaths, 11 00
Lock-up supplies, 8 86

$425 09
Interest.

Unexpended, 1904, $131.88
Appropriation, 600.00
On taxes collected by L. W. Mason, 95.97
On taxes collected by F. Edwin Dwinal, 111.85

Paid interest on town bonds, Series B, $70.00
Interest on town bonds, Series C, 525.00
Interest on temporary loans, 120.00

$715.00

Unexpended, $224.70

$939.70

Sinking Fund.

Amount deposited in L. T. & S. D. Co., $897.18
Interest on deposits, 26.23
Paid for bond and interest on same, 502.82

$1,426.23
Financial Standing.

**LIABILITIES.**

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<td>Outstanding town order</td>
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**RESOURCES.**

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<td>Due from town of Gray</td>
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<td>Town of Rumford</td>
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<td>Town of Greene</td>
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<td>City of Auburn</td>
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<td>F. Edwin Dwinal, col. taxes, 1899</td>
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<td>State, account of state paupers</td>
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<td>Balance against town</td>
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I have examined the accounts, vouchers and cash of the selectmen and find them to be correct.

E. Z. LANE, Auditor.

**Recommendations.**

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**Remarks.**

In summing up the year's work we find that there are several items which have been overdrawn, notably the pauper account, but we have endeavored to do the best that we could. We were well aware at the last annual meeting that the amount appropriated would be inadequate to meet the demands for assistance. Three of our needy ones have died during the year.
which will materially lessen the expense another year.

While we regret to report an overdraft in the highway account it is a well known fact that a large amount of work was done in the summer and fall in cleaning up the streets, carting gravel and cleaning out catch-basins.

The overdraft in the account of common schools was occasioned by a reduction of $200 in the appropriation and the payment of wages to the teachers, etc., for two weeks longer than in previous year.

In the incidental account there was no appropriation, consequently there is an unbalanced account.

Near the close of the year a party holding a $500 town bond wished to convert it into money and we deemed it advisable to take up the same, thereby reducing the bonded indebtedness, as shown in the financial statement.

During the summer Mr. L. W. Mason, on account of ill health, was obliged to resign his position as collector and his resignation was accepted. Mr. F. Edwin Dwinal was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The changing of collectors necessitated a large amount of work to transfer the unpaid taxes onto a new book, consequently it was late when they were turned over to Mr. Dwinal. We feel that he has made a very creditable showing in the amount of taxes collected and he has taken steps toward collecting the back amounts.

In closing we will say that for the items of Edward McCarron and Mrs. Lorison Chase, in the pauper account we are in hopes to be reimbursed by the State as they are evidently State paupers.

You will note that there is a substantial sum of unexpended balances.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST K. HOLBROOK,
TILLSON WATERMAN,
JOHN E. SAUNDERS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.
Town Agent's Report.

To the Town of Mechanic Falls:

I herewith submit my report as Town Agent for the year ending February 28th, 1906.

The town has been very fortunate in avoiding law suits and litigation during the past year, all matters referred to me by the municipal officers for action or opinion have been attended to and decided. No cases are pending in any of the courts by or against the town, and so far as known no litigation is impending. Steps have been taken to foreclose the mortgage held by the town upon the shoe factory property.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LIBBY,
Town Agent.

Vital Statistics.

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Board of Health.

To the Selectmen of the town of Mechanic Falls:

We would call the attention of the house-holders of the town to the state law, requiring them to report the following diseases to the local Board of Health: Diphtheria or membranous croup, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, measles, whooping cough, cerebro spinal meningitis, small pox, cholera, typhus fever, pulmonary tuberculosis or consumption. The only contagious disease reported to the board the past year was measles, of which there were but two cases.

Early in the spring our attention was called to a dead dog and two dead horses, that had been killed during the winter and left without being buried. We found the owner of the dog and one of the horses and ordered them to bury the same, which they did. We were obliged to bury the other horse at the expense of the town.

A. V. HATHAWAY,
LEROY SPILLER,
C. B. RANKIN, M. D.

Librarian's Report.

Your librarian is pleased to report that a good degree of interest still continues in the Free Public Library. Certainly the patronage it receives indicates that it is much appreciated by the people of the town.

At the last report, the library contained 1905 volumes. To this number during the past year, 180 volumes have been added, making a total of 2085 volumes. Of this number 240 belong to the juvenile department and are much enjoyed by the young people.
The list of borrowers now numbers 1252.

Fines have been collected to the amount of $9.55 which sum has been placed in the hands of the trustees of the library. This money is generally used for the purchase of new books.

The library has been open on Saturday of each week during the year. On the days when the librarian was unable to present, her place has been acceptably filled by Miss Kate Denison. Through the kindness of the editors, another bound volume of the Mechanic Falls Ledger has been added to the library, this being the fourth volume received.

Thanks are also due Mr. David Woodsum, who has donated three volumes of Kipling's works.

No books have been lost during the year and none burned on account of contagious diseases.

It will be necessary, however, at the beginning of another year, to remove many books which are too much worn for further service; and there are others, which, before they are again put in circulation, must have necessary repairs.

One thing much needed in the library is more shelf-room.

As new books are added from time to time, some departments become so crowded as to interfere greatly with the proper arrangement of the books.

In closing this report, the librarian would take this opportunity to express her appreciation to the former librarian, Mrs. Lizzie Jewett Butler, for assistance rendered which has helped to fit her, in some measure, to carry on the work so well begun.

Respectfully submitted,

NETTIE P. GRANT,

Librarian.
Treasurer's Report.

C. M. Hutchins, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Mechanic Falls.

DR.

To Balance on hand, March 1, 1905, $ 1,509 68
L. W. Mason, collector, on account taxes, 1899, 14 27
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State, account free high school, 250 00
" " Mill tax, 1,109 58
" " Public Library, 20 88
" " Dog licenses refunded, 120 88
" " Sheep, etc., killed by dogs, 5 00
" " State pensions, 444 00
" " Burial soldiers, 70 00
" " State roads, 100 00
Temporary loans, 5,500 00
Town clerk, dog licenses, 151 00
County Androscoggin, 30 10
Tax deeds, etc., 465 07
P. & R. F. Ry., 23 00
Rose C. Green, 45.71
Town of Gray, 65.35
City of Lewiston, 54.57
Town of Rumford by Lydia Simpson, 17.00
Town of Oxford, 77.00
Town of Raymond, 3.20
City of Gardiner, 1.63
Trustees Public Library, fines received, 9.55
E. K. Holbrook, licenses issued, 26.00
E. K. Holbrook, grass sold, 3.50
Interest on taxes overdue, 207.82
E. K. Holbrook, account Edward McCarron, 6.45

$28,872.81

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By paid town orders, $27,494.08

" State pensions, 444.00
" State Treasurer, dog licenses, 151.00
Balance on hand, 783.73

$28,872.81

I have examined the accounts, vouchers and cash of the treasurer, C. M. Hutchins, and find them to be correct.

E. Z. LANE, Auditor.

Superintendent's Report.

To the Town of Mechanic Falls:

I submit herewith my report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending February 28th, 1906.

Taken as a whole, our schools have experienced an unusual degree of prosperity and success throughout the year. This
town certainly has secured and retained for the past year the services of a corps of able, active, competent and conscientious instructors. In the past we have been much hampered by being unable to retain, for any considerable time, our teachers, especially in the High School. The greater remuneration which their services would command in other states, especially Massachusetts, has proved too great a temptation, and they have left us for richer fields. In our common grades we have been able to offset in a measure this disparity in wages, by employing teachers belonging in our own, or nearby towns, thus taking advantage of the home-loving instinct, and at the same time obtaining the services of the very best instructors. While the compensation paid teachers by this town is in no case large, the average wages paid in our common school grades is greater than the average paid through the state for similar schools. While we would be glad to see teachers receive a higher rate of compensation, did our financial condition warrant it, it is a source of some gratification to know that we are doing better in this respect than some of our neighbors. According to a report of the committee on teachers' salaries, of the Maine Teachers' Association for 1905, we find but one town in this county pays higher average weekly wages for its common school teachers than ours. So long as this state of affairs continues and first-class local teachers can be found, we shall have little difficulty in holding, permanently, or for long terms of service, our best instructors. It is in the higher grades that we have experienced most difficulty in retaining our teachers for long service. We have seldom been able to hold the services of principals of the High School for more than two consecutive years. This has resulted from no other cause than the difference between salaries which we are able to pay, and which their services would command elsewhere, and while our school has at times been injuriously affected by the loss of a successful and experienced teacher, there seems to be no way of avoiding it.
During the past year, good fellowship and friendly relations have seemed to prevail, not only among the teachers of the different grades, but also among the pupils, and all have endeavored to work for the best interest, not alone of their departments but for the general good of all the schools. The parents of the children have also displayed a lively interest in school affairs, and many of them have by visiting the schools kept in close touch with school work. Nothing is more conducive to the best interest of our schools than these frequent visitations by the town's people. It demonstrates to the teachers that their efforts are being appreciated and supplies the pupils with an incentive to better work. Our schools have received visits from many prominent educational men of the state, whose expressed appreciation of the work of our teachers and scholars, in all grades, has been highly complimentary to both.

**HIGH SCHOOL.**

Mr. Perley E. Graffam is now upon his second year as principal of the High School, and we trust that his services may be secured for a further term. Mr. Graffam has proved himself to be not only a teacher of culture and successful methods of imparting instruction, but by his unfailing courtesy and affability has won for himself a warm place in the regard not only of his pupils, but of the community at large. The school has been doing high grade work throughout the year. Miss Moody, who was assistant in this school, in 1904, was reelected at the beginning of the school year, but before the opening of the fall term, she received a call to a better paying position. To fill the vacancy, caused by Miss Moody's resignation, the school board secured the services of Miss Maud Thurston, of Bethel, Maine. Miss Thurston is a studious, scholarly and efficient teacher and her work has been most helpful, thorough and satisfactory. We hope that her services may be retained for another year.
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school has continued under the instruction of the same teachers as last year, Mrs. Hattie Spiller, as principal, and Miss Henrietta Douglass as assistant. It is no more than a deserved compliment to say that these teachers have continued through the year the same earnest, conscientious and efficient work which has always characterized their labors in this school. The school is under excellent discipline, the pupils are obedient, faithful and ambitious students, and the progress made for the year has been highly satisfactory.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Beginning with the term of September, 1905, Miss Lucinda Field has been principal and Miss Agnes Jordan assistant. This is the largest of all our schools in point of numbers, and for this reason as well as the youthful age of the pupils, this is the most difficult and laborious for the teachers. The discipline maintained in this school has been admirable. The work of the teachers in matters of instruction has been thorough, efficient and successful. On the whole, the pupils of this school, are bright, docile and ambitious workers and strive to maintain their school at its best.

WATER STREET PRIMARY.

Mrs. Annie M. Pulsifer has been in charge of this school during the year, and has maintained its usual high standard of excellence. Mrs. Pulsifer is peculiarly adapted for the work in these grades. Miss Josephine Hayford has been serving her second year as assistant in this school with most excellent satisfaction. She has proved herself a faithful and competent teacher in these grades.
ELM STREET PRIMARY.

Miss Charlotte Bridge has been principal with Miss Lil­lian Haskell as assistant, the same as last year. Miss Bridge has continued to maintain the high standard of work which she has given to this school for several years past. Excellent dis­cipline has been maintained and the work of the school has been above criticism. Both teachers are entitled to the high­est commendation for their constant and faithful devotion to the best interests of their pupils.

SUMMARY.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Number graduated last year, 6
Number in graduating class this year, 7
Largest enrollment for the year, 38
Average attendance for the year, 30

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Largest enrollment for the year, 64
Average attendance for the year, 60

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Largest enrollment for the year, 87
Average attendance for the year, 73

WATER STREET PRIMARY.

Largest enrollment for the year, 70
Average attendance for the year, 54

ELM STREET PRIMARY.

Largest enrollment for the year, 51
Average attendance for the year, 43
Total enrollment of all the common schools for the year, 268
Average daily attendance in these schools, 230
Total enrollment of all the schools (including high) 306
Average attendance in all the schools (including high) 260
Number of terms of each school for the year, 3
Length of weeks of each term, 12

Average weekly wages paid teachers in common school grades, $8 00
Highest weekly wages paid teachers in common school grades, $10 00
Lowest weekly wages paid teachers in common school grades, $6 00
Monthly salary of principal of High School, $80 00
Monthly salary of assistant of High School, $40 00

Cost of transporting scholars per week, $15 50
Cost of janitor service per week, $8 00

Remarks.

The closing of the shoe-factory and the consequent removal of people from the town, has resulted in reducing somewhat the number of scholars attending our schools, a condition which we hope may not be long continued.

The Board of Health has cooperated with the School Board in well directed efforts to reduce to the minimum the dangers of contagious, infectious and epidemic diseases, and as a result, we have been unusually free from the same.

The members of the school committee have at all times, been devoted to the highest demands of the educational interests of the community and are entitled to the sincere appreciation of all our citizens, for their loyal, although gratuitous services.
My personal thanks are hereby publicly tendered each of them for their faithful and unstinted efforts to sustain and advance the standard of our schools.

We renew our remarks of last year in regard to the need of better sanitary conditions about our school houses.

We feel to repeat the suggestion made in our last report, that some fair share of the support of our High School, should be voluntarily contributed by our neighboring towns, Poland and Minot, whose scholars constitute, at least one-third, and sometimes more, of the total number of scholars enrolled therein. Our neighbors should, we believe, abandon the idea of maintaining free high schools in their respective towns, as impracticable, and should each raise a small sum yearly, to be used for paying the tuition of such scholars as may attend schools of proper grade in other places.

This contribution from our neighbors would be a light burden upon them (as under the present law, the state will reimburse them to the extent of one-half their expenditure,) and would enable us to furnish many and better facilities for all the young people who attend this school. We have faithfully attended to our duty in maintaining this school, for the twelve years last past, and the time has come when our neighbors should demonstrate their appreciation, not alone by sending their pupils, but by rendering some material assistance for the common good of all.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LIBBY,

Superintendent of Schools.
## IN MEMORIAM.

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Died in other Towns and States and buried in Mechanic Falls:

| Feb. 28 '05  | Drusilla P. Fuller    | Minot              | 67 11 19            | Married      |
| Mar. 13      | Betsey Thurlow        | Auburn             | 86                 | Widow        |
| May 13       | Richard E. Edwards    | Minot              | 4 11 13            | Single       |
| June 28      | Barbara E. Greenleaf  | Brockton, Mass.   | 3 3                | "           |
| July 18      | Elizabeth Briggs      | Rumford Falls      | 87 5 12            | Widow       |
| Nov. 8       | Nancy Marshall        | Norway             | 83 8               | Married      |
| " 11         | Albert Q. Dwinal      | Tewksbury Mass     | 57 9 12            | Single       |
| " 12         | Nathaniel Lufkin      | Minot              | 70                 | Widower     |
| " 20         | Edwin G. Parsons      | Wareham, Mass.    | 63 11              | Married      |
| " 27         | Edward McCarron       | Poland             | 64 9 26            | "           |
| Dec. 10      | Virginia M. Elwell    | Portland           | 38                 | "           |
| " 15         | Bertram M. Jordan     | New York City      | 31 4 30            | "           |
| " 22         | Edwin Libby           | Lewiston           | 62 8 15            | "           |
| " 28         | Frances A. Bailey     | Otisfield          | 63 5               | "           |
| Feb. 18 '06  | Amelia F. Jordan      | Oxford             | 72 7 23            | Widow       |
| " 23         | John Stevens          | Minot              | 93 7 11            | Married      |
Warrant for Town Meeting.

To F. Edwin Dwinnal, a constable of the town of Mechanic Falls in the County of Androscoggin and State of Maine,

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Mechanic Falls, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Perkins Hall, in said town, on the nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1906, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To act on the report of the town officers.

Art. 4. To choose a board of selectmen, assessors, overseers of the poor, a town treasurer, town agent, member of board of school committee, one trustee of the public library, a truant officer, a road commissioner, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for support of common schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of a free high school for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to expend for a free high school for the ensuing year. $1,000

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the repair of highways and bridges for the ensuing year.
Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the contingent fund for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for town officers' salaries for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the sinking fund for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the payment of interest for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for abatements and collector's commissions for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the observance of Memorial Day for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to contract with the Mechanic Falls Water & Electric Light & Power Co. for electric street lights at the expiration of the present contract, Sept. 1, 1906.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for lighting streets for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of $1,680.00 for hydrant rental for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the public library and purchase of books for the ensuing year.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purchase of text-books, apparatus and furnishings for schools for the ensuing year.
Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the repair of school houses for the ensuing year.

Art. 23. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of twenty-five dollars to defray the expense of graduating exercises of the high school for the ensuing year.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to determine the time when the commitment of taxes shall be made and at what time taxes shall be payable and that interest shall be collected from and after such time.

Art. 25. To see if the town will agree on an abatement to those who voluntarily pay their taxes to the collector or treasurer at certain periods and the times within which they shall be so entitled.

Art. 26. To choose a collector of taxes and fix his compensation.

Art. 27. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to have two additional street lights along Marshall St., one at the entrance to Maple Grove Cemetery and one near residence of Asaph Richardson (By request).

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to build a fireproof vault for the preservation of town books and papers, as required by law and raise money to pay for same.

Art. 30. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of $255.75 to liquidate the deficiency in common schools account; $39.30 to liquidate the deficiency in incidentals (school) account; $54.50 to liquidate the deficiency in the high school account; $993.47 to liquidate the deficiency in pauper account; $65.07 to liquidate the deficiency in highway account.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to purchase or rent land and buildings to be used as a town farm or almshouse.
Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of Chapter 148 of the Public Laws of 1905 of the State of Maine, entitled "An act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to regulation and conduct of elections," and which provides in substance that the voting shelves or compartments used at all elections shall be provided with wooden swing doors.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to dispose of the unused school buildings on Pigeon Hill and Pleasant St.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to make and execute a quit-claim deed in behalf of the town, releasing its right in and to real estate held by it by tax deed upon payment of taxes, interest and costs.

Art. 35. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of $200.00 for a state road as provided by Chapter 285 of the Public Laws of 1901.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to put a telephone in the firemen's building.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to purchase 300 feet of new hose for the fire department.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hearing and deciding on applications claiming the right to have their names entered upon said list at the Selectmen's office, at two o'clock in the afternoon, Saturday, March 17, A. D. 1906, also at eight o'clock on day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Mechanic Falls, this tenth day of March, A. D. 1906.

ERNEST K. HOLBROOK.
TILLSON WATERMAN.
JOHN E. SAUNDERS.

Selectmen of Mechanic Falls.