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ANNUAL  
REPORT  
— OF THE —  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN,  
— WITH —  
REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
— AND —  
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,  
— OF THE —  
TOWN OF TOPSHAM

For the Year ending February 1st, 1886.

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# TOWN OFFICERS

For the municipal year beginning Feb. 1st, 1885, and ending Feb. 1st, 1886.

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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

U. A. JACK,

H. B. FISHER,

J. F. CHANEY.

Town Clerk,

CHARLES E. WHITE.

Town Treasurer,

CHARLES E. HASKELL.

Town Agent,

JAMES BARRON.

Collector,

CHARLES W. PURINTON.

Supervisor of Schools,

Rev. A. B. DREW.

Auditors,

F. C. WHITEHOUSE,

ISAAC P. TEBBETTS.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen of the town of Topsham submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the town for the year 1885, beginning February 1st, 1885 and ending February 1st, 1886, as follows:

The value of taxable property on the first day of April, 1885, is:

Real Estate,	\$467,091
Personal Estate,	121,998
Total,	\$589,089

Number of Polls taxed,	390
Tax assessed on each poll,	\$3.00
Rate of taxation, 17½ mills on the dollar.	

## APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1st, 1885,	\$79 63
Uncollected taxes due town, Feb. 1st, 1885,	\$16,369 74
State tax,	\$3,077 25
County tax,	1,195 46
Town tax,	6,900 00
Overlay,	306 37
Uncollected highway tax of 1884,	173 16
Non Resident " " " 1885,	133 54
Supplementary tax,	32 25
	\$11,818 03
Cash from State for Common Schools,	624 71
" " " " High School,	250 00
" " " " Railroad and telegraph tax,	31 20
" for interest on Town School Fund,	33 36
" from Towns for aid to paupers,	189 20
" " Individuals for highway taxes,	251 12
" " All other sources,	5 68
Outstanding orders Feb. 1st, 1886,	181 84
	\$29,834 51

## EXPENDITURES.

Outstanding orders, Feb. 1st, 1885,		15 92
State tax,	3,077 25	
County tax,	1,195 46	
	<hr/>	\$4,272 71
Paid Common Schools,		1,949 11
High School,		687 03
Poor out of the House,		444 98
Town Farm,		340 34
Highways and Bridges,		1,361 13
Abatements and Discounts,		712 15
Fire Department,		489 86
Notes,		1,000 00
Miscellaneous or Contingent,		825 47
Interest,		401 36
Coupons,		596 50
Due from uncollected taxes, J. F. Whitney,		64 24
" " " " C. H. Small,		12,777 90
" " " " C. W. Purinton,		1,997 06
Balance of cash in Treasury Feb. 1st, 1886,		1,898 75
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		\$29,834 51

The above named outstanding orders February 1st, 1886, will be revised for the next report on account of orders known to be lost and destroyed and will be rendered \$176 76 instead of \$181 84.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Balance due School,	\$152 56	
Appropriation for 1885,	500 00	
Received from State,	250 00	902 56
Due from State for year 1885,		125 00
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		\$1,027 56

## EXPENSES.

Paid F. P. Knight, for teaching,	\$384 30	
E. E. Sawyer " "	241 50	
A. B. Drew, Supervisor, services and expenses,	9 50	
W. Treat, setting glass, &c.,	1 75	
Olin Merryman, care of room,	5 10	
Mrs. J. Berry, cleaning room,	3 00	
Lucian H. White, care of room,	3 15	
John Pitman, repairs on house,	13 35	
David Work, wood,	23 00	
Adams & Uniacke, supplies and fitting,	2 38	687 03
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Balance,		\$340 53

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

Balance unexpended from last year,	\$989 66	
Appropriations for year 1885,	1,500 00	
Amount due from State for 1885,	633 04	
Interest on Town fund note,	33 36	3,156 06

## BILLS PAID OF 1884.

Mattie L. Tedford, for teaching,	42 50
Lizzie A. Williams, "	40 00
Nettie Alexander, "	43 00
W. G. Mallett, "	40 00
Abbie E. Hunter, "	48 00
E. J. Whitten, "	102 45
A. W. Townsend, supplies,	9 55
John Rolfe, "	3 22
David Work, wood,	25 00
Benjamin Barden, wood,	14 00
A. B. Drew, Supervisor, service and repairs,	41 27
T. O. Merryman, care of rooms,	10 40
A. D. Alexander, wood,	15 00
Aaron H. Goodwin, wood and cleaning house,	12 00

G. A. Meserve, cleaning and repairs,	4 12	
Edward Berry, labor,	2 00	
B. Reed, wood, year 1881,	5 00	
Thomas Rogers, wood,	7 75	
E. B. Earle, for tuition at Lisbon,	10 30	
Samuel Douglass, wood,	11 74	
A. Weymouth & A. Cornish, cleaning house,	2 00	
Given & Stone, joiner work,	18 15	
B. M. Patten, wood,	8 50	515 95

## BILLS PAID OF 1885.

E. J. Whitten, for teaching,	128 20
L. A. Williams, “	100 00
Nettie Alexander, “	100 75
Abbie E. Hunter, “	124 00
Sadie B. Robinson, “	95 00
Affie M. Drinkwater, “	107 50
Katie M. Cox, “	111 25
Carrie A. Williams, “	95 00
Minnie J. Merryman, “	88 00
Mary Tarbox, “	52 50
Jennie S. Graves, “	55 00
Susie H. Robinson, “	47 50
Gustia M. Pitman, “	47 50
Minnie B. Merrill, “	52 50
A. B. Drew, service and repairs made as Supervisor,	126 67
Mrs. J. Berry, cleaning rooms,	3 00
Adams & Uniacke, supplies,	15 26
John Pitman, cleaning house,	2 00
J. S. Drinkwater, wood for brick school house,	3 20
A. B. Drew, supervisor, cash for large atlas,	7 50
W. Treat, work done on school houses,	3 50
John Rolfe, brooms,	60
B. M. Patten, wood,	12 75
G. M. Graves, wood and supplies,	10 70

David Work, wood,	26 81	
A. W. Townsend, supplies,	4 47	
Rufus Thompson, building privy,	12 00	1,433 16
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		1,949 11
Balance due,		1,206 95

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

-Amount appropriated, \$500 00

## BILLS PAID OF 1884.

W. H. Mallett, surveyor, overwork,		35 24
E. B. Earle,	"	12 13
Elgin Hunter,	"	4 10
Frank Hunter,	" in 1880,	2 50
B. Reed,	"	4 15
Thos. H. Staples,	"	5 31
John O. Meserve,	"	32 89
David Crocker,	"	4 01
R. P. Whitney,	"	2 68
Joseph Whitney,	" in 1882,	5 88
Samuel Douglass,	"	7 43
H Mallett,	" to May 1st, 1885,	4 34
Charles P. Edgcomb,	"	10 00
Wm. E. Haley,	"	38 25
Aaron H. Goodwin,	"	12 75
Andrew Plummer, for lost order of 1881,		6 62
Bowdoin Paper Company, for ashes, &c.,		61 47
U. A. Jack, overwork for self and others,		12 92
Alvah J. Hildreth,	" "	26 28
Charles P. Edgcomb,	" "	45 96
John W. Preston,	" "	47 53
Jos S. Drinkwater,	" "	25 10
John W. Curtis,	" "	4 25
Thomas Rogers,	" "	39 00
Richard Tarr,	" "	15 10



Calvin Dyer,	“	“	14 57	
John Graves,	“	“	9 25	
George R. Powers,	“	“	3 02	
Aaron H. Goodwin,	“	“	17 93	
Alvah Mallett,	“	“	30 18	
B. M. Patten,	“	“	11 18	
John A. Fisher,	“	“	12 23	
Albion S. Jack,	“	“	22 79	
William H. Haley,	“	“	16 09	
George M. Patten,	“	“	5 38	
Charles T. Rackley,	“	“	9 11	
Joseph Whitney, surv’y,	“	“	11 46	
Otis F. Thompson,	“	“	12 42	
Horace Wilson, labor in 1880,			2 50	
Samuel P. Quint, overwork in 1883,			2 50	
A. D. Alexander, labor,			4 00	
Wellington Tedford, do on Cathance bridge,			18 00	
H. B. Fisher, lumber,			3 00	
Joseph Dufresne, iron scraper,			1 50	
Charles H. Colby, labor and material,			12 67	
Howland Brothers, lumber,			81 15	\$766 82

## BILLS PAID OF 1885.

B. Reed, building wall on Summer St.,	12 00
H. B. Cobb, blasting rocks on Main and Summer streets,	72 92
J. F. Chaney, cash for labor,	34 97
J. A. Fisher, 1 M pine plank,	15 00
Thos. H. Staples, labor,	21 00
Nathan Stuart, “	10 00
Samuel E. Curtis, “	9 44
Zina H. Noyes, stone for walls and crossings,	40 61
Charles H. Colby, lumber,	50 56
John Rolfe, nails,	2 92
Bowdoin Paper Company, ashes, &c.,	138 24
Horace M. Eaton, turf for roads,	11 09

Howland Brothers, lumber.	19 28	
U. A. Jack, plank and labor,	21 60	
E. Cornish, labor,	5 50	
W. J. Haley, "	3 14	
William E. Haley, labor and cash paid,	31 97	
Wellington Tedford, labor,	8 50	
Samuel Stockman, labor and turf,	5 85	
Mrs. Lizzie A. Williams, material,	2 60	
A. E. Tedford, labor,	6 00	
G. W. Thompson, labor,	22 58	
William H. Haley. " and material,	14 63	
Town of Brunswick, tile delivered to W. E. Haley,	4 00	
Adams & Uniacke, pick and handle and spikes,	3 91	
Elbridge Cornish, labor with team,	25 00	
Joseph Dufresne, sharpening drills,	1 00	594 31
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Total amount paid,		1,361 13

#### ENGINE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Amount of Appropriation for 1885,	\$300 00	
Balance overdrawn last year,	145 06	
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Resources for the present year,		\$154 94

#### BILLS PAID OF 1884.

U. A. Jack, 1 cord soft wood,	3 50	
Androscoggin Engine Co., meetings and fires to March 1st,	101 75	
E. Beaumont, cash on Engine account.	2 62	
Given & Stone, work done by them,	2 75	
Mrs. D. A. Haskell, ground rent,	10 00	\$120 62

#### BILLS PAID OF 1885.

Mrs. D. A. Haskell, ground rent balance to Nov. 20th,	5 56	
Androscoggin Engine Co., meetings and fires,	145 75	

J. F. Chaney, for coal,	18 48	
L. Larabee, set of handles for engine,	1 00	
Adams & Uniacke, Stove and fixings,	15 67	
Adams & Uniacke, oil and can,	2 50	
Alonzo Day, leather,	2 30	
M. O'Brien, painting and varnishing engine,	41 10	
M. P. Whitney, two lanterns,	2 00	
Thomas Eaton, chamois skin and sponge,	1 45	
A. Q. Goud, for oil,	3 94	234 75
Paid for moving Engine House as follows :		
R. P. Coombs,	32 82	
J. F. Mallett, labor on foundation,	10 00	
W. A. Groves, " on engine hall,	2 50	
S. Davis, " on foundation,	8 04	
H. B. Cobb, " on " "	58 13	
J. F. Chaney, cash to Coombs & Cobb,	28 00	134 49
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Total,		\$489 86
Excess of expense above present resources,		334 92

### MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

#### BILLS PAID OF 1884.

F. C. Whitehouse and I. P. Tebbetts auditing accounts,	10 00	
A. W. Townsend, supplies for office,	40	
G. L. Quint, furnishing horse for E. Cornish on police duty,	75	
U. A. Jack, service as Selectman,	6 00	
C. E. Haskell, Treasurer's salary,	50 00	
H. B. Fisher, service as Selectman,	25 00	
Collins P. Thompson, watering privilege,	3 00	
Charles W. Purinton, balance as Selectman,	5 25	
W. P. Walker, for getting up and arranging By-laws,	2 50	
E. Upton & Son of Bath, printing By-laws,	15 00	
Edward Berry, for posting copies of same,	50	118 40

## BILLS PAID OF 1885

John Dike, printing 350 town reports,	27 50	
Edward Berry, preparing hall for meeting,	2 00	
U. A. Jack, service as Selectman in part,	75 00	
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, one copy of year book,	1 50	
Charles H. Small, notifying surveyors,	6 80	
John L. Alexander, damage on highway,	5 00	
C. E. Haskell, services and supplies of wood, stationery, &c.	68 10	
R. P. Whitney, P. M., postal cards and stamps,	6 50	
H. B. Fisher, services as Selectman in part,	41 84	
J. F. Chaney, " " "	45 00	
Topsham Post office, box rent and stamps,	1 00	
Adams & Uniacke, stove pipe and wire for office,	1 36	
Isaac P. Tebbetts, lot of land for engine house,	150 00	
Byron Stevens, blank books for office,	6 95	
Zina H. Noyes, stone and covering cistern,	41 94	
Dr. M. V. Adams, for vaccination,	69 50	
William H. Haley, fencing old burying ground near his residence,	44 60	
H. B. Fisher, fencing old burying ground near Rogers' estate.	27 42	
Adams & Uniacke, fencing old burying ground near Rogers' estate	20	
A. W. Townsend, supplies for office,	12 41	
A. Q. Goud, bottle of mucilage,	20	
Harvey Stetson, repairing hearse,	3 50	
Charles E. White, service as Town clerk and express,	40 25	
Edward Berry, posting town warrants and pre- paring hall for town meeting,	3 50	
Treasurer of Ag. Hort. Society for rent of hall,	25 00	707 07

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 \$825 47

## NOTE ACCOUNT.

Amount of notes outstanding, Feb 1st, 1885.		\$9,267 28
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## NOTES PAID.

One-tenth of four Bridge notes,	\$400 00	
One demand note,	600 00	1,000 00
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Amount outstanding Feb. 1st, 1886,		\$8,267 28

## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount paid on notes,	\$401 36	
Coupons paid during the year,	596 50	
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Total,		\$1,497 86
Amount of cash paid by C. H. Small, Collector on taxes,		212 39
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Difference,		\$1,285 47

## POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

## BILLS PAID OF 1884.

John Rolfe, groceries to S. S. Rich, of Bath,	2 63	
U. A. Jack, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	4 25	
U. A. Jack, cash for supplies to H. A. Ward,	3 40	
Mary E. Flye, house rent to S. S. Rich,	12 00	
Jason S. Wallace, sawing wood for Mrs. Flagg,	2 25	
James C. Cox, wood for Mrs. Flagg,	1 75	
Insane Hospital, board of C. J. Colby,	29 00	
C. H. Colby, wood for Charles Viney, (alien)	2 25	57 53

## BILLS PAID OF 1885.

Jason S. Wallace, sawing wood for Mrs. Flagg,	75	
George M. Lee, M. D., services to Mrs. Pollard, and Charles Viney,	8 75	
U. A. Jack, wood for Mrs. Flagg and boots for Charles Viney,	7 00	

George Cripps, sawing wood for Mrs. Flagg,	75
J. F. Chaney, coal to Lyman Tripp, of Richmond,	7 00
groceries to Jonas Tebbetts, of	
Vienna,	1 11
boots for A. Ward's boy,	2 00
cash for cutting wood for Mrs.	
Flagg,	2 45
stove and coal for Mrs. Flagg,	15 80
coal, and wood sawing for Mrs.	
Flagg,	4 36
Insane Hospital, board of C. J. Colby,	96 36
F. Hunter, supplies to H. A. Ward and Jonas	
Tebbetts,	10 24
Dr. George M. Lee, attendance on Mrs. Meader,	10 65
C. H. Colby, wood for Mrs. Flagg,	15 12
I. E. Mallett, wood for Mrs. Flagg,	4 00
John Rolfe, groceries to George Cripps, of	
Brunswick,	7 00
Horace M. Eaton, digging grave, H. Thompson,	2 00
Ira Leland, attendance at funeral, H. Thompson,	2 63
Nathaniel Orr, house rent for Henry Cannon,	17 40
Dr. M. V. Adams, for vaccination,	2 00
U. A. Jack, trip to Lewiston on account of	
Wm. Doughty,	3 00
W. B. Purinton, house rent to George Cripps,	30 00
David Work, wood to Mrs. D. Flagg,	2 12
F. Berry, coffin for child of Jonas Tebbetts,	6 50
A. Q. Goud, bill of groceries delivered to A.	
Ward, \$15 00, E. Brawn, \$2 00, Jonas	
Tebbetts, \$5 00	22 00
H. Stetson, for coffin and box, (H. Thompson),	12 50
Town of Brunswick aid to C. H. Brawn, Mary	
Ward and G. A. Berry,	28 75
Charles E. White, wood to George Cripps,	2 00

City of Auburn, support of family of William Doughty,	68 21	387 45
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Total paid,		444 98

*Town of Topsham in account with G. E. Barnes.*

DR.

To supplies bought for Farm,	421 27	
Manager's salary,	250 00	
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		671 27

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By product sold from Farm by G. E. Barnes,	325 39	
Meals and accomodations to tramps,	21 00	
Increase in amount of supplies, stock, &c., on hand,	48 84	
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		395 23
Cost of running the Farm Feb. 1st, '85 to Feb. 1st, '86.		<hr/>
		276 04

TOWN FARM.

DR.

To inventory taken Jan. 31st, 1835, as follows :		
Stock,	\$229 00	
Utensils and furniture,	343 10	
Supplies,	319 75	891 85
Cash paid G. E. Barnes for services during the year,		307 67
Amount paid for supplies by manager according to farm book,		421 27
Balance unpaid by the same from last year,		5 77
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		1,626 56

## CR.

By inventory taken Jan. 29th, 1886, as follows :

Stock,	208 00	
Utensils and furniture,	339 10	
Supplies,	393 59	940 69
Amount of produce sold from farm accord- ing to farm book or manager's account,		325 39
Amount of supplies furnished tramps,		21 00
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		1,287 08
Balance,		339 48

We have made no change in the manager of the town farm, Mr. G. E. Barnes continuing in charge. No horse being owned by the town Mr. Barnes has kindly furnished his own to do the work of the farm without charge to the town.

The inmates of the almshouse for the past year have been :

Joseph Brown,  
Margery Doughty,  
Wildes O. Hunter,  
Humphrey Thompson, 27 weeks.  
Mary Pollard, 18 weeks.  
Annie Ward, 20 weeks.  
Mrs. Tebbetts, 25 weeks.

Making in all 246 weeks' board at an expense to the town of \$276 04.

Making the cost of board and clothing for the poor in the house, \$1 12½ per week.

## ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS.

Appropriation,		\$500 00
Ira Leland, for money not possessed by him, tax of '84,	6 00	
Joseph Russell, money, tax of '84,	2 00	
A. H. Merryman, money tax of '83 and '84,	19 50	
Betsy Morse's, estate over valuation '84,	2 00	



J. F. Whitney, Ex-collector for tax of James Andrews and Andrew Graves, taxes of '76,	4 50
W. P. Walker, money and securities not owned by him, tax of '84	60 00
C. H. Colby, for logs not taxable, tax of '84,	12 00
L. W. Tedford, over valuation, tax of '85,	1 75
Sarah Larrabee, piano, <i>non est inventus</i> , '85,	98
William Tate, Jr., minor for poll, '85,	3 00
George H. Ward, " " " "	3 00
Milbry Nowell, for highway tax transferred to Surveyor of highways '85,	7 50
Milbry Nowell, for same drawn by error '85,	7 50
Alvah J. Hildreth, money not owned '85,	5 25
William J. Wilson, non-resident, poll '85,	3 00
R. O. Hunter's estate mistake in valuation, '85,	1 75
Charles W. Purinton, Collector sundry persons as follows :	
M. C. Seco, was gone before April,	3 00
John York, sick and unable,	3 00
Charles H. Barnes, non-resident,	3 00
Adrian Allen, "	3 00
Alvin Woodward, "	3 00
William Anthoine, left town,	3 00
Warren N. Booker, non-resident,	3 00
Stanford Bonney, gone away,	3 00
George A. Crowley, " "	4 00
A. W. Dennett, home in New York,	3 00
John Given, home in Lewiston,	3 00
Clarence Ingraham, left for unknown parts,	3 44
John Leavitt, lives in Brunswick,	3 00
Charles C. Mountfort, left the State.	3 00
Horatio N. Orr, not a resident,	1 00
Woodbury Purinton, in California,	3 00
Frank G. Purinton, in Aroostook County,	3 80
Thomas R. Perkins, gone away,	3 00

Walter K. Purinton, not a resident,	1 00	
Rufus W. Ricker, left the State,	3 00	
Frank L. Robinson, cannot be found,	3 00	
John G. Russell, not in town,	1 00	
Wm. A. Stinson, out of the State,	3 00	
Francis A. Small, not to be found,	3 00	
Charles W. Purinton, collector discounts for early payment of taxes,	504 18	712 15
Amount paid more than Appropriation,		212 15

### COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

Due from J. F. Whitney, for taxes of 1876, Feb. 1st, 1885,	\$69 06	
Amount charged him for error,	5 68	
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	74 74	
Amount paid during the year,	10 50	
Balance,		\$64 24
Due from C. H. Small, Feb. 1st, 1885,	\$16,088 29	
Amount paid by him,	3,310 39	
Balance,		12,777 90
Due from C. W. Purinton, July 7th, 1885, being the amount committed,	7,545 32	
Amount paid by him,	5,548 26	
Balance,		1,997 06
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Total amount unpaid,		\$14,839 20

The accounts of Ex-collector Small are in process of careful examination over the space of eight consecutive years and will be reported as early as possible in detail, separated, showing each year by itself. This examination has been unexpectedly retarded by severe sickness of the collector, together with court duties as Deputy Sheriff which, occurring at the *wrong* time to suit our wants, has made it impossible to get through in time to insert, (as was the intention) in our regular annual report.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*C. E. Haskell in account with Town of Topsham.*

## DR.

To balance of cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1885,	\$79 63	
Towns for support of paupers,	189 20	
Individuals for highway taxes,	251 12	
State for common schools,	624 71	
State for free high school,	250 00	
State for railroad and telegraph tax,	31 20	
Interest on town school fund,	33 36	
J. F. Whitney, collector for 1876,	10 50	
C. H. Small, do from 1876 to 1885,	3,310 39	
C. H. Small, for interest,	212 39	
C. W. Purinton, taxes for 1885,	5,548 26	\$10,540 76

## CR.

By total amount of town orders paid,	8,045 51	
Amount of coupons of '67 paid,	256 50	
"    "    "    " '81    "	340 00	
Balance of cash on hand,	1,898 75	\$10,540 76
Total amount of interest paying debt,	\$21,677 28	
One year's interest will amount to	985 00	

CHARLES E. HASKELL, Treasurer.

TABLE

Showing the net debt of the town for the past ten years with the taxable Polls and rate for each year.

YEAR.	DEBT.	TAX ON \$1 00	POLLS.
1876	\$14,588 68	20 mills	361
1877	10,712 10	20 mills	348
1878	7,356 09	15 mills	381
1879	11,687 67	17½ mills	377
1880	9,046 91	22 mills	379
1881	13,219 26	18½ mills	375
1882	12,893 70	20 mills	357
1883	11,675 64	19 mills	371
1884	9,574 14	20 mills	375
1885	7,252 24	17½ mills	390
1886	6,489 11		

## TOWN LIABILITIES.

Old Bonds due in 1887,	\$4,950 00	
New " 10-20s due in 1891,	8,450 00	
Notes,	8,267 28	
Accrued interest, bonds and notes,	250 00	
Due schools,	1,422 48	
Due for unpaid orders on Treasurer,	181 84	
Bills outstanding estimated,	500 00	\$24,021 60

## TOWN RESOURCES.

Uncollected taxes,	14,839 20	
Due from state for common schools,	633 04	
“ “ “ “ High school,	125 00	
“ “ Town of Richmond,	7 00	
“ “ Town of Vienna,	27 50	
“ “ Town of Brunswick,	2 00	
“ Cash in Treasury,	1,898 75	17,532 49
Net debt of town,		6,489 11
Debt reduced,		763 13

**APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1886.**

For Common schools,	1,500 00
High school,	500 00
Poor and miscellaneous expenses,	1,500 00
Abatements and discounts,	1,000 00
Highways and bridges,	2,000 00
Debts and interest,	2,000 00
Fire Department,	500 00

URIAH A. JACK,	}	Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the poor of Topsham.
H. B. FISHER,		
J. F. CHANEY.		

The Auditors of the Town of Topsham have examined the accounts of receipts and expenditures presented by the Selectmen, as Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, for the year, to Feb. 1st, 1886, and with the exception of one bill for \$7.50 which it appears the Selectmen drew two orders for, by mistake, we find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

The accounts of the Treasurer, Charles E. Haskell have been examined and found correct. His statement shows in condensed form the transactions for the year.

F. C. WHITEHOUSE,	}	Auditors.
ISAAC P. TEBBETTS.		

Topsham, Feb. 9th, 1886.

# SCHOOL REPORT,

FEBRUARY 12, 1886.

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Resources for Common Schools,	\$3,156 06
Resources for High School,	777 56
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Total resources,	\$3,933 62
Wages for teaching the Common Schools from April 1 1885, to March 1, 1886,	\$1,849 00
Wages for teaching the High School from April 1 1885, to March 1, 1886,	608 00
Total wages for teaching from April 1, 1885, to March 1, 1886,	\$2,457 00

The incidental expenses of the schools will be found in the Selectmen's report.

There have been 30 weeks of school, including the winter term which has not yet closed, in each of the school houses except in No. 5, which had no summer school, and No. 6, which had only 6 weeks in the fall. The school had to stop on account of sickness among the scholars and of the teacher. The winter term will continue 12 weeks making 28 weeks.

All the school buildings need repairs. Several of them need quite extensive repairs. I intended to have repainted most of them last summer or fall. I consulted the Selectmen and they consented to take charge of the matter of painting, but when they were ready the weather was unsuitable, and the work has not been done.

The teachers employed during the year, with very few exceptions, have done a good work for their pupils both in discipline and in instruction, and all of them are worthy of commendation for the good work they have tried to do. We have reason to think well of our teachers as a whole, for the ability indicated in the method of teaching, and in the manner of discipline. The summer and winter terms have been a decided success.

I think if the town should raise the same amount for school purposes as last year, all necessary expenses can be defrayed, and give to each school at least 30 weeks and perhaps more, with judicious care, for another year.

Mr. F. P. Knight, Principal of the High school for the spring term did credit to himself and the school, and especially so in the training of the graduating class.

Mr. E. E. Sawyer, Principal for the fall and winter terms has labored hard for the school and has been successful in its management, and good advancement has been the result in the several branches pursued by the pupils.

Physiology has been introduced into all of the schools, and all the scholars have been taught either orally or from text books, and the teachers have already accomplished a noble work, and laid a foundation for the future teaching of Physiology.

The following is a summary of the schools for the year, as far as returns are given:

**RURAL SCHOOLS.** No. 1. Teacher, summer and fall terms, Mrs. Lizzie A. Williams; winter, Miss Mary Tarbox; Registered, summer and fall, 5; winter, 13; Average, 12.02. Wages per week, summer, \$5.00; fall, \$4.75; winter, \$5.25; Total wages, \$150.00

No. 2. Teacher, summer term, Affie M. Drinkwater; fall and winter, Kate M. Cox; Registered, summer, 21; fall 28; average, 23; winter, 26; wages per week, summer, \$5.25; fall, \$5.50; winter, \$5.75; Total wages, \$165.00

No. 3. Teacher, summer, fall and winter, Miss Nettie Alexander; Registered, summer, 14, average, 12.36 fall, 10, average 9; winter wages summer and fall, \$5.00 per week; winter, \$5.25 Total wages \$152.50.

No. 4. Teacher, summer term, Miss Jane S. Graves; fall Miss Minnie B. Merrill; winter, Miss Jane S. Graves. Registered summer, 30; average, 25; fall, 22; average, 18 2-5; winter, 28; wages per week, summer, \$5.50; fall, \$5.25; winter, \$5.75; total wages, \$165.00.

No. 5. No summer term; teacher, fall and winter, Miss Justia M. Pitman; registered 7; average, 6.25; fall and winter, 7;

wages, fall, \$4 75 per week; winter, \$5.25; total wages \$100.

No. 6. Teacher, summer and fall term, Miss Minnie J. Merriam; winter, John Mallett; registered, summer, 20; average, 15.26; fall, 21; winter, 22; wages, summer \$5.50; fall, \$5.50; winter, \$5.50 per week; total wages \$154.00.

No. 8. Teacher, summer, fall and winter terms, Miss Sadie B. Robinson; registered 8; summer, average 7; fall 8; average 8; winter, 10; wages per week summer and fall \$4.75; winter \$5.00; total wages \$147.

No. 9. Teacher, summer term, Kate M. Cox; fall and winter, Affie M. Drinkwater; registered, summer 22; average 19; fall 15; average 12; winter 15, wages summer term per week, \$5.50; fall \$5.00; winter \$5.75; total wages \$162.50.

No. 11. Teacher, summer and fall terms, Miss Carrie A. Williams; winter, Miss Addie Mallett; registered, summer 9; average, 8; fall 5, average, 4 1-2; winter, 7; wages per week, summer \$5.00; fall, \$4.75; winter, \$5.00; total wages \$142.50.

No. 12. Teacher, summer term, Miss Mary Tarbox; fall and winter, Miss Susie H. Robinson; registered, summer 13; average, 10 3-4; fall, 11, average 9; winter 10; wages summer, per week \$5.00; fall \$4.75; winter \$5.25; total wages, \$150.00.

#### VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

**HIGH SCHOOL.** Teacher, spring term Mr. F. P. Knight; fall and winter term, Mr. E. E. Sawyer; registered, spring term 41; average 33; fall 34; average 29; winter 35; wages spring term per week, \$20.00; fall and winter \$16.00; total wages for 35 weeks \$608.00.

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.** Teacher, Miss Abbie E. Hunter; registered, summer 32; average 28 3; fall 26, average 23; winter, 29; wages per week summer and fall, \$6.00; winter \$6.25; total wages \$182.50.

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS.** Teacher, Emily J. Whitten; registered summer 42, average 36; fall 44; winter 46; wages per week, \$6.00; total wages \$180.00.

The above is respectfully submitted,

A. B. DREW, *Supervisor.*

Topsham, Feb. 12, 1886.