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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

CASTINE, MAINE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1899.

ELLSWORTH, ME.:

HANCOCK COUNTY PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS.

1899.

TOWN OFFICERS,

1898-9.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

GEORGE A. WHEELER,

BENNETT D. PERKINS,

GEORGE WESCOTT.

TOWN CLERK, PHILIP J. HOOKE.

TREASURER, JOHN N. GARDNER.

COLLECTOR, JOHN N. GARDNER.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, ALFRED F. ADAMS.

AUDITOR, GEORGE H. WITHERLE.

> ROAD COMMISSIONER, JOHN M. VOGELL.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

CURTIS STEVENS,

EDWARD E. PHILBROOK,

SAMUEL J. WALLACE, Secretary.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:

JOHN M. VOGELL,

AUGUSTUS C. COOMBS,

CHARLES E. McCLUSKEY.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

W. A. WALKER,

E. E. PHILBROOK, NOAH BROOKS.

ELECTION AND BALLOT CLERKS:

GEORGE H. WITHERLE,

JOHN N. GARDNER.

REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

The annual report of the selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor is herewith respectfully submitted:

ASSESSORS' STATEMENT.

There has been an increase in valuation of resident real estate, as compared with that of the previous year, of \$10,512, and an increase of resident personal estate of \$3,473, making a total increase of resident property of \$13,985.

There has been a decrease, owing to losses by fire and other causes, of \$1,967 in the valuation of non-resident real estate, and a decrease of \$3,464 in the value of non-resident personal estate, making a total decrease in non-resident property of \$5,431. The total increase of valuation for the year is, therefore, \$8,554.

The taxable personal property is as follows:

_	horses, valued at	\$ 7,135
_	cows	2,600
	oxen	592
99	other live stock	701
119	carriages	4,432
38	bicycles	1,310
85	musical instruments	4,100
	R. R. stock	525
	Bank and trust companies' stock	12,800
	Other companies' stock	200
	Money at interest	.31,714
	Stock in trade	17,590
	Shipping	1,633
	Lumber	700-
	Wood	172
	Furniture	8,715
	Other personal property	9,536

The enumeration of poultry, not taxable, as required by a recent act of the legislature, resulted as follows:

Kind.	No.	Value of poultry produced.	Value of eggs.	Total value.
Hens,	2,476	\$619 00	\$1,857 00	\$2,476
Ducks,	42	16 80	23 20	42
Geese,	2	20	1 8o	2

DOGS LICENSED.

No. of male dogs, 47. No. of female dogs, 5. Amt. received for licenses, \$62.

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT.

Resident real estate.	\$204,584
" personal estate	97,377
Non-resident real "	90,275
personal estate	7,078
Total valuation	\$399,314
Assessed on estates at 18 3-10 mills on the dollar	\$7,307 75
268 polls at \$3 each	804 00

PURPOSES FOR WHICH TAXES WERE ASSESSED.

State lax	\$1,090 10
County tax	564 64
Support of common schools	1,200 00
Support of the poor	500 00
Payment of superintendent of schools	84 00
Free high school	400 00
Repairs of school buildings	250 00
Free text-books	100 00
Payment of town notes and interest	740 00
General repair of highways	800 00
Clearing roads of snow	300 00
Construction and repair of sidewalks	800 00
Improvement of public grounds	100 00
Maintenance of town library	100 00
Increase of town library, a sum equal to 35c. per poll,	94 15
Fire department	30.00
Street lighting	250 00
Memorial Day expenses	25 00
Deficiencies of the past year	34 93
Current and contingent expenses	300 00
Overlay	342 93

Total amount to be raised.....

\$8,111 75

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF TAX-PAYERS—RESIDENTS.

NAMES OF PROPERTY OWNERS.	VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE.	VALUATION OF PER- SONAL ESTATE.	TOTAL
Abbot, Margaret J	\$ 3,010	\$ 2,500	\$ 100 83
Adams, Alfred F	1,800	1,812	66 10
Bartram, Walter B		200	3 66
Bevan, Charles A			2 20
Bevan, William H	380	117	9 09
Blake, Daniel	300	20	5 86
Bowden, Austin		40	73
Bowden Brothers	1,515	486	36 61
Bowden, Joseph	300	20	5 86
Bowden, Joseph E		125	2 29
Bowden, Maria A	400		7 32
Bowden, William	100		1 83
Bowden, Wilson	350	85	7 97
Bridges, Elizabeth	250	15	4 85
Brooks, Noah	1,400	800	40 26
Brophy, Mrs. James	1,700	35	31 75
Brown, Rowland B	3,775	300	74 57
Brown, Walter S	1,300	280	28 91
Buker, Edson H	1,500	649	39 33
Burnham, Anna		300	5 49
Castine Water Co	1,200	3,500	86 oi
Cate, Jane E. (heirs)	2,150		39 35
Chamberlain, Aaron	700	335	18 94
Clark, Alfred W		4,025	153 17
Clark, Charles F	600	400	18 30
Clark, Matilda A	250		4 58
Clark, Melissa	175		3 20
Closson, Sarah A	800		14 64
Collins, John		_ 2	37 52
Collins, William	400	• • • • •	7 32
Colson, George F	500	20	9 52
Colson, John W	450	20	8 61
Colson, William	150		2 75
Conley, Lizzie A	800		14 64
Conner, Irving L		125	2 29
Conner, Joseph S. (estate)	650	65	13 09
Coombs, Augustus C	• • • • • •	15	27
Coombs, Frank J	350		6 41
Coombs, Mary	200	• • • •	3 66
Amounts carried forward,	\$33,970	\$16,289	\$919 78

Amounts brought forward,	\$33,970	\$16,289	\$919 78
Coombs, James	• • • • •	40	73
Coombs, Ned W	400	• • • • •	7 32
Cornwallis, Isadore	150		2 75
Cox, Sarah A	330	15	6 31
Crawford, Ida	1,200	15	22 23
Crockett, Elmer E		120	2 20
Crosgrove, Robert	900	30	17 02
Cunningham, Edward (estate),	700		1281
Cushman, John P		50	92
Darby, Eliza	600		10 98
Davies, Caroline	1,100		20 13
Davies, Edward F		700	1281
Dennett, John M. (estate)	1,850	668	46 08
Dennett, J. Millard		50	92
Devereux, Arthur M	6,150	519	122 05
Devereux, Ferdinand	1,480	135	29 55
Devereux, George A. (estate)	385	144	9 68
Devereux, Mrs. Willard	185		3 39
Dodge, Albert K	450	607	19 35
Dodge, Roland S	200	93	5 36
Douglass, Frank	750	20	14 10
Douglass, James B	200	20	4 03
Douglass, Solomon A	525		9 61
Dresser, Gardner & Sargent	200		3 66
Dresser, John W	5,400	11,071	301 42
Dresser, Mary M		1,561	28 57
Dunbar, Bennett	1,000	254	22 95
Dunbar, Samuel	1,100	649	32 01
Dunham, Frank B	300	90	7 14
Dunham, Frank W		75	1 37
Dyer, Robert	800		14 64
Emerson, George H	2,110	605	49 68
Emerson, Miss Frances	850		15 56
Foster, Fred W	1,400		25 62
Gardner, Isabella M	700	15	13 08
Gardner, Mrs. Jotham	475		8 69
Gardner, John N	1,500	470	36 05
Gardner, Mrs. Miles	300		5 49
Gott, Charles A		170	3 12
Grange, P. of H., No. 250	250		4 50
Gray & Harper		150	2 75
Amounts carried forward,	\$67,910	\$34,625	\$1,876 49

Arounts brought forward,	\$67,910		\$34,625	\$1,876 49
Gray, Charles L	100			1 83
Gray, Ella R			51	- 93
Gray, Ellis S	100	- 7.67		1 83
Gray Ernest	900		40	17 20
Gray. George W	1,100			20 13
Cray, Isaac	150		* • • • •	2 75
Gray, Napoleon B			15	27
Gray, Rodney		-	20	37
Gray, Rosa M	258			4 58
Griodle, Frank V			140	2 56
Grindle, Henry	1,450		320	32 40
Gandle, Sarah P	300		20	5 86
Hackett, Joseph	300			5 49
Haie, Thomas E	2,225		112	42 77
Hale, Thomas E, jr	• • • • •		390	7 14
Hanson, Devereux			40	73
Harding, Mrs. David	150			2 75
Harmon, Michael J	• • • • •		15	27
Harper, Charles W			140	2 56
Harper, Irving	• • • • •		. 25	46
Hatch, Jeremiah P	950		228	21 57
Hatch, Mrs. Jeanette	500		• • • • •	9 15
Hatch, Mark	1,050		258	23 94
Hatch, Mrs. Otis	650			11 90
Heath, Amos	• • • • •		15	27
Herrick, Orlando	900			16 47
Hibbert, John I	800			14 91
Hitchcock, David	300		245	9 97
Hodgkins, Eugene	• • • • •		50	92
Hooke, Frank J	250			4 58
Hooke, Mary W	1,300		15	24 06
Hooke, Lucy A	2,300		20	42 46
Hooper, Charles H	1,600		105	31 20
Hooper, Frank	1,000		365	24 98
Hooper, James F	• • • • • •		875	16 01
Hooper, William H	375		968	24 57
Hooper, William T. (estate)	600		553	21 10
Hutchings, Peter	275		• • • • • •	5 03
Hutchings, Isaac	1,300		15	24 06
Jarvis, Caroline	1,500		• • • • •	27 45
Jones, Fred C	1,500	4.	1,069	47 01
Amounts carried forward,	\$92,085		\$40,749	\$2,430 98

Amounts brought forward,	\$92,085	\$40,749	\$2,430 08
Lawrence, William M	450		8 24
Lewis, Frank E	4,850	1,560	117 31
McCluskey, Charles E	1,500	1,235	50 05
McKinnon, John W	50		92
McLaughlin, John	500		9 15
Macomber, George	25	• • • • •	46
Macomber, W. Scott	100		I 83
Martyn, Thomas		15	27
Massasoit Lodge, I.O.O.F	500	• • • • •	9 15
Mathers, John R	300		5 49
Mills, Roland A	75		r 37
Mills, William H	1,000		18 30
Moon, Lizzie	2,500	415	53 34
Moore, George D		200	3 66
Morey, Edward	100	4	I 83
Morey, George W	300	15	5 76
Morey, Otis	145		2 65
Morey, Sylvester	100		1 83
Morey, William H	305		5 58
Morgrage, Andrew J	875	299	21 48
Morgrage, Bradley		40	73
Morgrage, Frank C	50	314	6 67
Morgridge, William H	1,100	90	21 78
Morrill, Mrs. A. E		325	5 95
Norton, Jeremiah S	650	122	14 13
Noyes, Nelson P	1,500	100	29 28
Noyes, Samuel T. (heirs)	1,500	250	32 03
Nye, Howard E		274	5 01
Olsen, Oscar	• • • • •	40	73
Ordway, Edwin	950	99	19 20
Ordway, Mrs. James	100		1 83
Ordway, Wilbert E		40	73
Parker, J. Hatch (heirs)	2,000	50	37 52
Parker, Mrs. L. H	1,000		18 30
Parker, Rufus O	1,300	415	31 38
Patchin, David T	700		1281
Payson, Will S	1,150	305	26 63
Perkins, Augustus	1,500		27 45
Perkins & Bowden	• • • • •	130	2 38
Perkins, B. Franklin	1,200	145	24 61
Perkins, Elisha D. (heirs)	1,050		19 22
Amounts carried forward,	\$121,510	\$47,227	\$3,088 02

Amounts brought forward,	\$121,510	\$47,227	\$3,088 02
Perkins, Frank S		40	73
Perkins, Frederic A	450		8 24
Perkins, George W	1,480	580	37 69
Perkins, Jeremiah S	800	100	16 47
Perkins, Julius F	1,133	100	22 56
Perkins, Lydia M	2,500	150	48 50
Perkins, Mrs. Amos	150	20	3 12
Perkins, Mrs. Joel	1,250		22 88
Perkins, Mrs. Sewall	600		10 98
Philbrook, Edward E	1,700	160	34 04
Porter, Mabel G	9,000		164 70
Porter, William D		4,020	73 57
Raffnell, Arthur J	50	15	1 19
Rea, Frank E	1,400	985	43 65
Rea, John F	2,500	40	46 48
Redman, Ephraim	400	122	9 55
Richardson, Albert F		130	2 38
Richardson, Ella E	400	* • • • • •	7 32
Robinson, Mrs. A. A	1,300	15	24 06
Rowell, Clara	700	100	14 64
Sargent, William G	525	3,415	72 10
Sargent, William H	6,710	2,668	171 62
Sawyer, Charles L	75	• • • • •	1 37
Sawyer, Jeanetta P	300		5 49
Sawyer, Henry	15	40	1 00
Sawyer, Henrietta	12	* * * * * *	22
Sawyer, John G	200	27	4 15
Sawyer, John G., jr	310	• • • • •	5 67
Sawyer, Joshua	100	34	2 45
Sawyer, Walter	225	* * * * *	4 12
Shepherd, Hannah F	2,100	90	40 08
Shepherd, Myra B	1,200	75	23 33
Smallidge, Charles W	450	40	• 8 97
Smith, William	350	15	6 68
Snow, John S	480	287	14 03
Stevens, Curtis	2,250	220	45 21
Stevens, William G		700	12 82
Staples, Allard		100	1 83
Straw, Mrs. Robert	350	• • • • •	6 41
Surry, Joseph	750	15	14 00
Sylvester, Harlan P	2,380	82	45 05
Amounts carried forward,	\$166,105	\$61,612	\$4,167 37

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Amounts brought forward,	\$166,105	\$61,612	\$4,167 36
Thombs, Alice M	200	20	4 03
Thombs, Frank		15	27
Tilden, Sarah	2,625		48 04
Tilden, George E	,	100	1 83
Tilden, Russell	4 4 4	40	73
Turner, Jonas W	850	4. • • • •	15 56
Veazie, Charles H	500	142	11 75
Vogell, Alice	1,500	155	30 29
Vogell, John M	450	615	19 49
Walker, Edward P	*****	40	73
Walker, William A	500	770	23 24
Wallace, Lucy V	700		12 82
Wallace, Samuel J	700	825	27 91
Wardwell, Robert (estate)	500	40	9 88
Wardwell, Rowland B	50	6 4 0 - 0 0	92
Warren, George M	2,700	350	55 82
Warren, Mary	*****	74	1 35
Webster, Albert	450	107	10 20
Webster, David W	750	410	21 23
Webster, Eugene	350	61	7 53
Webster, Ira	490	* *****	8 97
Webster, James A	1,200	15	22 23
Webster, Merritt		50	92
Webster, Stephen W (estate)	1,200	. 15	22 23
Weeks, George H		20	37
Weeks, J. Walter	2,525	420	53 90
Weeks, Mrs. George H	500	15	9 42
Wescott, David W	1,100	172	23 28
Wescott, Franklin B		30	55
Wescott, George	1,350	604	35 76
Wescott, Henry B. (estate)	1,000	396	25 55
Wescott, Jeremiah	550	35	10 72
Wescott, Martha	500	2,100	47 58
Wescott, Rebecca H	1,200	95	23 70
Wescott, Samuel (heirs)	500	15	9 42
Wheeler, George A	2,600	810	62 40
Whiting, John P		2,399	43 90
Wilson, Althea	200	*****	3 66
Wilson, Charles	450	171	11 37
Wilson, Mary	200	• • • • •	3 66
Witham, Charles A	275	20	5 40
Amounts carried forward,	\$194,770	\$72,758	\$4,895 98

Amounts brought forward,	\$194,770	\$72,758	\$4,895 98
Witham, Frank E	284	48	6 07
Witherle, Charles B	1	40	73
Witherle, George H	4,130	14,165	334 80
Witherle, William H	5,350	10,281	286 05
Woods, Charles B		30	55
Woodward, Joseph W	50		92
Worcester, Aaron		40	73
Worcester, Joseph W	• • • • •	15	27
Total	\$204,584	\$97,377	\$5,526 10
	NON-RESIDENTS.		
Acadian Hotel, proprietors of,	7,000	375	134 96
Adams, George M	1,000		18 30
Ames, James Barr	4,280	721	91 52
Avery, John	100		1 83
Baldwin, Florence	2,000		36 60
Bates, Mrs. Charles F	850	• • • • •	15 56
Bean, Henry (or unknown)	25		46
Blake, Thomas D	3,300	500	69 54
Bolan, Albion K	6 250	2,650	162 88
Brastow, Martha	750	• • • • •	13 73
Buker, Caius (heirs)	25	* * * * *	46
Burr, Heman M	1,500	*****	27 45
Butler, Frederic H	20	• • • • •	37
Campbell, A. (estate)	1,761		32 23
Collins, Willard C. (estate)	4,200	• • • • •	76 86
Davenport, George	1,500	40	28 18
Drake, Emma	250		4 58
Domansky, E. R	100	• • • • •	1 83
Emerson, Isaac	675	• • • • •	12 35
Folsom, Mrs. A	625		11 44
Fuller, Arthur	4,000	*****	73 20
Gray, Sherman	25		46
Gray, John (estate)	150		2 75
Grindle, J. W	4,800	300	93 33
Grindle, Melvern	100	• • • • •	1 83
Harris, E. K	5,100	270	98 27
Hatch, Amanda	800	• • • • •	14 64
Hatch, Mary K	1,600	200	32 94
Ives, Alfred E	150	• • • • •	2 75
Johnston, Daniel	1,600		29 28
Amounts carried forward,	\$54,536	\$5,056	\$1,090 58

Amounts brought forward,	\$54,536	\$5,056	\$1,090 58
Joyce, Mrs. R. M. (heirs)	1,450		26 54
Keener, W. A	1,100	397	27 40
Leach, Mrs. Cyrus	100		1 83
Little, Arthur W	1,300		23 79
McConville, Pierre	200	* • * • •	3 66
McLaughlin, Henry	3,750	100	70 46
Mathews, Phebe	375		6 86
Morey, Edwin	8,800	925	177 97
Mason, Edw. B	600	4 ,	10 98
Parker, Bert P	600		10 98
Perkins, John K. (estate)	650		11 90
Perkins, Lucius	33		60
Perkins, Mary	33		60
Perkins, S. M	150		2 75
Poll, Bernhard	1,500		27 47
Randall, Charles E	100	*****	1 83
Ricker, Mrs. Willis A	800		14 64
Schenck, Miss C. C	600		10 98
Smith, John C. (heirs)	250		4 58
Tuttle, W. C	100	4	1 83
Veazie, John	1,500		27 45
Walker, E. P. (estate)	98		I 79
Ward, G. H	200		3 66
Williams, Henry C. (heirs)	150		2 75
Wilson, Mrs. C. G	3,000	450	63 14
Wilson, George S	50		92
Wilson, H. P. C. (estate)	500		9 15
Wing, William H	750		13 73
Wood, Frank P	7,000	150	130 85
Total non-resident		\$7,078	\$1,781 65
Total resident, as above		 	5,526 10
268 polls at \$3		 	804 00
Total assessment	d . d	 	\$8,111 75

Valuation of non-taxable property, \$25,100.

ABATEMENTS.

NAME.	AMOUNT.	CAUSE.
Adams, George, '98	\$ 3 00	non-resident
Ames, James B., '98	29	error in tax
Bevan, John R., '98	3 00	age and infirmity
Bowden, Joseph, '98	3 00	66
Bowden, William, '97 and '98,	6 84	town charge
Buker, Hudson H., '98	33	error in tax
Coombs, James H., '98	73	overvaluation
Courts, Joseph, '97	3 00	non-resident
Devereux, A. M., '97	12 06	error in valuation
Devereux, George, '97	3 00	deceased
Douglass, Frank, '98	1 10	overvaluation
Gray, Bainbridge, '96	I 20	non-resident
Gray, Oliver, '97	3 00	state pensioner
Hanson, Devereux, '98	73	error in tax
Harding, Mrs. David, '96	3 03	poverty
Hatch, Jacob D., '95	3 00	non-resident
Hatch, Mark, '98	33	error in tax
Hodgkins, Eugene, '98	3 92	non-resident
Howard, Erastus W.,	3 00	age and infirmity
Hussey, Jos. H., '96 and '97.	6 00	town charge
Hutchings, Frank, '97	3 00	non-resident
Lyons, Ulysses G., '97	4 71	deceased
McIntyre, Charles E., '97	3 00	non-resident
Macomber, Geo., '97 and '98,	6 66	town charge
Mathers, John R., '97	3 00	age and infirmity
Morse, Edw. L., '97	3 00	town charge
Norris, Henry, '98	3 00	non-resident
Patchin, David T., '98	3 00	age and infirmity
Thombs, Frank, '97 and '98	6 30	town charge
Webster, James A., '98	3 00	age and infirmity
Webster, Thomas H., '97	3 00	non-resident
Weeks, Wm. H., '97 and '98	6 00	age and infirmity
Wescott, George, '98	2 50	error in tax
Wilson, Althea, '98	3 66	infirmity
Wilson, Walter L., '98	3 00	non-resident

\$117 39

STATEMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Mr. William Bowden and wife, being unable, owing to age and infirmities, to longer support themselves, we have undertaken to care for them, receiving as compensation, in part, a deed of their homestead, which we have agreed in the name of the town they shall be allowed to occupy during the remainder of their lives.

The city of Bangor refusing to refund the money paid for the support of Joseph Hussey, and the town of Brooksville also refusing to refund that paid out for the support of Charles E. McIntyre, after mature deliberation, and acting upon legal advice, we have instructed the town agent to bring suit against both of these places. These suits are still pending.

Owing to sickness, deaths and unexpected occurrences, the expenses for the support of the poor have been much larger than usual, and there would necessarily have to be a deficiency in the fund this year outside of what has been expended for these parties.

The money for the support of Mrs. Morse and one child has been repaid by the town of Searsport. The expense of the other child comes legally upon the town of Castine.

Notwithstanding the large expense this year, we think the affairs of this department have been managed as prudently as possible. We have had thirty-seven paupers on our hands. The average cost of maintaining them has been a trifle over fifty cents each per week; or, for the time during which they have actually had assistance, about seventy cents each per week.

The money has been expended for the following purposes: Provisions and board, \$640 41; rent, \$78 70;

fuel, \$122 70; medical attendance (Drs. Wheeler, Wallace and Croxford), and medicine, \$106 57; nursing and care, \$27 88; funeral expenses, \$48 75; moving from and into town, \$18 87; boots, shoes and clothing, \$42 95; hardware and furniture, \$30 33.

We submit our financial report as follows:

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

		1
Unexpended balance of last year	\$235 25	
Amount raised for support of the poor	500 00	
		\$735 25.
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid for support of George Bowden and family	\$147 04	
William Bowden and wife	79 11	
Cordelia Finch and family (\$31		
in 1897)	247 79	
Alice Grindle (1897)	6 35	
Mrs. Reuben Grindle (1897)	47 25	
Martha Heath (1897)	5 00	
Abbie Howard	57 09	
Joseph Hussey	161 87	
George Macomber (\$5 in '97)	13 12	
Mrs. Morse's eldest child	30 58	
Charles Snowman	2 00	
Mrs. Frank Thombs and family	62 96	
Jane Witham	179 35	
George P. Hill	7 75	
George Weilman	1 00	
Frankie Brown	16 50	
rent of poor-house	60 00	
		\$1,124 76
Amount overdrawn		\$389 51

SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT.

GENERAL FUND.

RESOURCES.

RESOURCES.	
Taxes for 1897	\$1,240 58 8,111 75 1,292 32
	\$10,644 65
EXPENDITURES.	
Paid State tax	\$1,096 10
county tax	564 64
special funds as appropriated	7,306 79
	\$8,967 53
NOTE ACCOUNT—PRINCIPAL.	
RECEIPTS.	
Raised for payment of outstanding notes \$540	
Appropriated for payment of temporary loan 500	
	\$1,040
EXPENDITURES.	200
Paid D. W. Webster, note No. 1 of 1893 \$140	
Edw. C. Bowden, " 4 " 200	
J. W. Bowden, " 3 "	
F. E. Lewis, " 11 1887 100	
G. H. Witherle, " 1 1898 500	2
	\$1,040
NOTE ACCOUNT—INTEREST.	
RECEIPTS.	
Raised for payment of interest on notes	\$200 00
EXPENDITURES.	
Paid D. W. Webster on notes 1 of '93, 3 & 4 of '94, \$21 60	
Edw. C. Bowden "4, 5 '93, & 1 of '94 21 20	
J. W. Bowden " 3, 8 '93, & 2 of '94 12 64	
W. H. Hooper " 14 '87 4 00	
G. H. Witherle " 1 '98 295	
F. E. Lewis " 11 '87 4 00	
J. E. Bowden " 6 '93 (two years), 10 00	
W. M. Lawrence " 7 '93 5 00	
Mrs. Harry Soper " 6 '94 · · · · · 5 00	
J. F. Perkins "15 '87 4 00	4
trustees school fund, interest on school note. 50 00 F. E. Lewis on notes 12 & 13 of '87 8 00	
1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1	\$148 39
Balance to new account	\$51 61

LIST OF OUTSTANDING NOTES.

Date of No. To whom	Purpose.	Amount.	Rate	When
note. payable.		20000	per cent.	due.
'87, Mch. 22. I Trustees sch. fund,	school fund,	A LICENSE	4 1-2	0.20.2
'79, May 15. I Samuel Bowden,	for older note		4 1-2	111-25
'87, June 1. 12 Abbie H. Perkins,	monument,	100	4	1899
'87, June 1. 13 Abbie H. Perkins,	"	100	4	1900
'87, June 1. 14 J. F. Perkins,	"	100	4	1901
'87, June 1. 15 J. F. Perkins,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	100	4	1902
'93, May 3. 5 E. C. Bowden,	highways,	200	4	1900
'93, Sept. 18. 6 J. E. Bowden,	U. S. S. Cas	tine, 125	4	1901
'93, Sept. 7. 7 W. M. Lawrence,	66	125	4	1902
'93, Oct. 5. 8 J. W. Bowden,	• •	100	4	1903
'94, April I. I E. C. Bowden,	highways,	100	4	1906
'94, April I. 2 J. W. Bowden,	''	100	4	1905
'94, May I. 3 D. W. Webster,	((200	4	1906
'94, May 1. 4 D. W. Webster,	66	200	4	1907
		\$2,711		
HIGHWAY	ACCOUNT.			
HIGHWAVS	AND BRIDGES.			
Balance from last year	ceipts.	\$ 65		
Raised for general repairs		800		
Received from A. K. Bolan				
Received from A. R. Doran.		27		892 99
Exper	iditures.	1		
Paid for labor (\$25.95 in '97)		\$764	35	
for material		195	49	
			- 9	5959 84
Overdrawn	*********	• • •	9	66 85
SIDE	WALKS.			
<u> </u>	ceipts.			
Raised for construction and repair	•	\$800	00	
Received for last year's deficiency		200		
accounted for fast year s deflerency		23		8823 85
Exper	iditures.	~		3-3-3
Expended for labor		\$494	II	
material	• • • • • • • • • •	124	17	
Paid deficiency	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	23	85	
commissioner (general supervisio	n)	125		
				5767 13
Balance to new account.	4			F =6 ==
~alwing to mon account.			-	56 72

SNOW.

RECEIPTS.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance unexpended last year	\$ 35 82	
Raised for clearing roads	200 00	
for clearing sidewalks	100 00	
		\$335 82
EXPENDITURES.		
Expended in clearing roads	\$110 55	
in clearing sidewalks	28 00	
		\$138 55
Balance to new account	• •	\$197 27
Total receipts on highway account		\$2,052 66
Total expenditures on highway account		1,865 52
Total expenditures on ingilway account		1,003 32
Net balance to new account		\$187 14
SCHOOL ACCOUNT.		
RECEIPTS.		
Balance from last year	\$ 532 69	
Raised for support of schools	1,100 00	
apparatus, appliances, etc	100 00	
superintendent of schools	84 00	
Received from school fund	50 00	
State, bank and mill tax	692 73	
		\$2,559 41
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid for apparatus, appliances, &c. (\$2.10 in '97)	\$ 32 34	
care of school buildings (56.05 in '97)	156 31	
fuel	120 00	
teachers' salaries (\$191.09 in '97)	1,203 10	
superintendent of schools for 1897	84 00	
expenses (to be deducted from		
his bill) 1898	7 50	
for census	3 00	
		\$1,606 25
Balance to new account	• •	\$ 953 16
FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCO	UNT.	
RECEIPTS.	8	
Balance from last year	\$ 36 07	
Raised for support of school	400 00	
Received from State	233 50	
	33.3	\$669 57

EXPENDITURES.

EAFENDII ORES.		
Paid for fuel	\$ 56 97	
salaries	300 00	
appliances, etc. (from unexpended balance),	7 19	
care	8 25	
		\$372 41
Balance to new account	•	\$297 16
Dalaxioo to lion troto axiv to the		- 71
SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS ACCO	OUNT.	i.
RECEIPTS.		
Balance from last year	\$ 40 15	
Raised for repairs	250 00	\$290 15
EXPENDITURES.		1 / 3
	C	*
Paid for repairs	\$103 32	\$103 32
		Ψ103 32
Balance to new account	• b	\$186 83
ACCOUNT OF FREE TEXT-BC	OKS.	10
RECEIPTS.		
Balance from last year	\$101 91	
Raised for new books	100 00	
	2000	\$201 91
EXPENDITURES.		
Cost of new books		\$141 10
		Ψ141 10
Balance to new account		\$ 60 81
ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC GROUP	NDS.	
RECEIPTS.		
Balance from last year	\$ 87 73	
Raised for improvements	100 00	
•		\$187 73
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid for work at cemetery	\$81 18	
Madison park	35 55	i k
common	10 93	
superintendence	8 00	
A		Crar 66
		\$135 66
Balance to new account		\$ 52 07

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance from last year	\$30 43	
Raised for fire purposes	30 00	-
		\$60 43
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid for supplies for engines	\$21 03	
care of and work on engines	19 00	
reservoirs	85	6 . 0 0
		\$40 88
Balance to new account		\$19 55
LIBRARY ACCOUNT.		
RECEIPTS.		
Maintenance.		
Balance from last year	\$ 97	
Raised for maintenance	100 00	¢
		\$100 97
Increase.	2	
Raised for increase (35 cents per poll)	\$94 15	
Received from State	18 90	
Raised for last year's deficiency	11 08	\$124 13
		Ф124 19
		\$225 10
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid rent	\$ 30 00	
librarian	52 00	2
printing and binding	22 74	
for new books	124 75	C
		\$229 49
Overdrawn		\$ 4 39
Overdrawn on maintenance, \$3 77.		4
increase, 39 cents.		
STREET LIGHT ACCOUNT.		
RECEIPTS.		
Balance from last year	\$ 24 76	
Raised for lighting the streets	250 00	

\$274 76

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for lighting, 1897-8	\$ 49 37	
this year	174 00	
repairs	8 99	4.
new lamps	17 50	
Total		\$249 86
Balance to new account		\$24 90
TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.		
RECEIPTS.		
Received from rent of hall		\$69 00
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid for repairs	\$3 48	
supplies and trucking	10 05	
fuel (\$1 50 in '97)	6 00	
janitor's service	37 75	
to current expense account	11 72	
Total		\$69 00
CURRENT AND CONTINGENT EXPENSE	E ACCOUN	NT.
RECEIPTS.		
Balance from last year	\$155 99	
Raised for current expenses	300 00	
Appropriated from general fund	300 00	
Raised for Memorial Day expenses	25 00	
Received from State (R. R. & Tel. tax)	185 04	
overlay on taxes	342 93	
N. E. Telephone Co	2 65	
town hall—rental	11 72	
Total		\$1,323 33
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid abatement of taxes, C. H. Hooper, '97	\$ 10 23	
" W. G. Stevens, '97	55 28	*
" J. N. Gardner	51 88	4
ballot box and bulletin board	7 42	
blank books and stationery	21 37	
board of health, expenses of	17 00	
burial of stranger, order of coroner	29 00	32
care of town clock	27 00	
administering oaths	60	
Amount carried forward	\$219 78	

Amount brought forward	\$219 78	
Paid discounts on taxes	300 93	
damage to sheep by dogs	4 00	
fences, lamp and tel. poles, painting	65 10	à
ferry	2 50	
guide board	4 75	4
garbage team	13 00	+
legal advice	17 00	
Memorial Day expenses	24 67	
moving safe, freight and trucking	10 70	
pension papers	2 50	
police service	1980	
telephone	35	
postage and registered letters (for all town of-		
ficers)	9 62	
printing town report	39 00	
board of health report, extra	3 75	
note book	3 75	
repairs to fences, poles, etc	23 04	
reporting births and deaths	4 75	
Maine Register, 1898-9	1 50	
sketches for town hall	25 00	
interest not paid at settlement	93	
watering troughs	6 25	
water for schools	3 00	
Expenses, fees and salaries as follows:		
Paid George A. Wheeler, selectman	\$200 00	
Bennett D. Perkins, "	30 00	
George Wescott, "	30 00	
ballot clerks	4 00	
collector of taxes	96 74	
constables	5 00	
secretary of board of health	10 00	
town clerk	39 57	
treasurer	40 00	
truant officer	1 25	
expenses of treasurer, assessors and overseers of		
poor	3 85	
rent of town clerk's office	15 00	
		\$1,281 08
Balance to new account		\$42 25
Dalance to hew account.		442 23

HAWES FUND. INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Interest received		\$72 37
Paid Mrs. Matilda Clark	\$10 67	
Ann Grindle	10 33	1
James Ordway	10 34	
Amos Perkins	10 33	
Emily Sylvester	10 33	
Sarah Webster	20 37	C .
		\$72 37
BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS PAID THIS	YEAR.	
On account of poor		\$154 31
schools		249 24
highway		IOI
current and contingent expenses		43 15
other departments		158 95
		\$606 66
VITAL STATISTICS.		

Marriages, 10.

Births, 13.

Deaths, 12.

While most of the items in the foregoing accounts will be easily understood, there are a few in the current expense account which may need some explanation.

A part of the extra expense for blank-books is due to purchase of books for the road commissioner which the new law rendered necessary.

The new ballot-box was absolutely required, as experience had shown the inadequacy of the former one.

The expense of burial of a stranger, and also that for injury to sheep, will be repaid by the State.

The expense of painting the fences and lamp-posts has been large, but it was the unanimous opinion of the board that it would not only add to the appearance, but in the end would also prove more economical than white-washing.

The employment of a team during the summer months to remove garbage from the streets was done at the solicitation of summer residents. It is well worth all it costs. As the bill could not rightfully be paid by the road commissioner, it went to swell the current expense account.

The cost of making out pension papers is not a new item, but has heretofore appeared in the treasurer's account.

We would earnestly recommend the passage of the article in the warrant requiring householders to notify the selectmen of the arrival of all new residents, and of the permanent removal of citizens, in order that a record of the same may be kept. It would not only be of advantage in the assessing of taxes, but would also be of great assistance to the overseers of the poor, and of consequent benefit to the town.

We would recommend the following sums of money as, in our best judgment, necessary for the proper support of the several departments during the ensuing year:

For	support of the poor	\$ 650 00
	general repair of highways	900 00
	clearing roads and sidewalks of snow	200 00
	building and repair of sidewalks	600 00
	support of common schools	1,100 00
	free high school	400 00
	purchase of text-books	100 00
	repairs of schoolbuildings	200 00
	apparatus, appliances and supplies	100 00
	improvement of public grounds	100 00
	fire department	25 00
	maintenance of library	100 00
	increase of library (a sum equal to 35 cts. per poll).	
	lighting the streets	250 00
	payment of supervisor of schools	84 00
	town notes	300 00
	interest on notes	100 00
	current and contingent expenses	350 00
	(appropriated)	300 00
	deficiencies of past year	460 75

As nearly as can be estimated, the amount of outstanding bills will be about \$800, mostly for teachers.

George A. Wheeler, Selectmen,
Assessors
Bennett D. Perkins, and
Overseers of
George Wescott, the Poor.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

•	1897.			
	taxes due March 1, 1898			,718 48 1,240 58
Amount of	f taxes now due		\$	477 90
		W. G. STEVE		177
	1898.			for 1897.
Amount commi	itted for collection			\$8,111 75
	ed and paid treasurer			4.00
	ected March 1, 1896			\$8,111 75
Amount collect	ted on or before July 5			\$5,747 80
66	from July 6 to Sept. 6			541 59
		Іони N	I. GARDN	ER,
		•		Collector.
- 4-	TREASURER'S	REPOR	T.	
TOWN OF C	CASTINE			
	In account with JOI	HN N. GAI	RDNER,	TREASURER.
1898-9.	DR.		•	
		C.	2.666	
_	Chas. H. Hooper		246 66	
	State for dog license		49 74	
	in cemetery		10 00	
	porary loan		500 00	
	ense for bowling alley		10 00	
	K. Bolan, highway account		27 87	
	New England Telephone Co		2 65	
	State for town library		18 90	

19 90 town of Searsport, pauper account... 96 24 town clerk for dog licenses..... 61 00 State for pensions paid 300 00 R. R. and telegraph tax 185 04 school and mill tax..... 692 76 free high school 233 50 Geo. H. Witherle, int. on school fund, 50 00 rent of town hall 69 00 C. H. Hooper, collector for 1896.... 36 50 W. G. Stevens, 1897.... 1,240 58 J. N. Gardner, 1898.... 7,036.54 \$10,876 98 CR.

By paid State pensions	\$300 00	
treasurer, dog tax	61 00	*
bounty on seals	6 00	
State tax	1,096 10	4
county tax	564 64	
town orders, Nos. 1 to 365 inclusive	8,469 39	
cash in treasury to balance	379 85	
	4 3	\$10,876 98
LIABILITIES.		
Note held by trustee of school fund	\$1,114 00	
" Samuel Bowden	50 00	
Notes for soldiers' monument	400 00	
" loan of 1893-4	1,150 00	
Due teachers and janitors, about	700 00	
		\$3,411 00
ASSETS.		
Cash in hands of treasurer	\$ 379 45	
Uncollected taxes for 1897	477 90	
1898	1,075 21	
Due from State for bounty on seals	6 00	
	1 2 4	\$1,938 56

JOHN N. GARDNER,

CASTINE, ME., March 1, 1899.

Treasurer

I have examined the accompanying accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE H. WITHERLE,

Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

In accordance with law and precedent, the superintendent respectfully submits the following report:

TEACHERS.

We deem ourselves fortunate in retaining the entire corps of teachers who gave so good satisfaction in 1897. Their previous experience and thorough acquaintance with their pupils constitute a very valuable part of their equipment.

Miss Annie F. Shepherd, in the high school, is increasingly efficient, painstaking and faithful; and her work will prove a lasting benefit to the pupils and therefore to the town.

Miss Addie W. Dunbar has labored earnestly and constantly in the grammar school, which shows commendable progress. No teacher has worked harder or deserved more success. We trust the pupils will all pull with her, being assured that they will find their reward in accelerated progress.

The intermediate school, under Miss Ellen Brophy, is a very successful school. The teacher and pupils evidently pull together and therefore make very commendable progress. We wish especially to praise the prompt and audible answers of these pupils in recitation.

Miss Mary W. Hooke in the primary is as earnest and tactful as ever. She appears to take naturally to the little ones and of course they take naturally to her. The

promptness and accuracy of the answers of some of her little pupils in arithmetic are quite remarkable.

Misses Louise Cox, Georgianna Devereux and Josephine Dunbar are doing good work in the North Castine schools. They are capable and faithful, and their labors must show decided results in the rising generation.

We should congratulate ourselves that our teachers now are all natives of our fair town; a condition true for the first time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant; a condition chiefly due to our Normal School, which has graduated a goodly number of Castine pupils, fully equipped for a teacher's work.

TEXT-BOOKS.

We have supplied new books when needful to make up the requisite number, but have made no changes in the curriculum. We think it advisable to introduce some new books in place of those that are worn out and out of date. We trust that this can be done without an extra appropriation.

REPAIRS.

The paint on the woodwork of the schoolrooms in the village has not been renewed for many years, if ever. We advise that it be renewed, and that hardwood floors be laid in the high and primary schoolrooms.

THE ATTENDANCE

Has been as good as usual, but it ought to be very much better. The pupil who is occasionally absent, or even tardy, loses much, is liable to drop behind his class, and probably never recovers the lost ground. Will parents consider this point?

COMMITTEE.

Dr. Charles B. Witherle's term of office expires at this date, and we regret to say that we are to lose him from

the town. We trust you will elect a suitable member to fill the vacancy on the board.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We recommend the following appropriations for the support of schools for the year ensuing:

For support of common schools	\$1,100 00
apparatus and appliances	100 00
the support of a free high school	400 00
the purchase of text-books	100 00
general repairs	100 00
painting four schoolrooms	100 00

CONCLUSION.

The superintendent and committee have endeavored faithfully to attend to the instruction and discipline of the schools, and to furnish all needful appliances, and have visited them frequently and conferred with the teachers in regard to their interests. And if we can say a word that will interest the parents and friends of the pupils enough to induce them to visit the schools frequently and informally, we shall feel that our labor has not been in vain.

Such visits would be a great encouragement and inspiration to both teacher and pupil, and an incentive to more earnest and persistent effort on their part, and would practically double the efficiency of our schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED F. ADAMS,

Superintendent.

CHARLES B. WITHERLE, Superintending CHARLES E. McCluskey, School James Y. Perkins, Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Castine:

Your committee respectfully submit the following report:

The additions to the library for the year number 143 volumes. Of these 125 were bought at a cost of \$124 75. There have been donated the library 18 volumes, viz.:

From Noah Brooks	IO V	olumes
Mrs. W. H. H. Beebe	3	6 6
Mrs. Brannan	2	6 6
George S. Hatch	I	6 6
J. F. Hooper	1	4 6
Ex. Com. Me. Gettysburg Commission	I	" "

Mrs. Hunton also replaced, by gift, a wornout book. To all these, in the name of the town, we extend thanks.

We have had rebound thirty-six volumes at a cost of \$14 30. We have also replaced six wornout books by new ones at a cost of \$5 29. We again beg to call attention to the catalogue. We believe this, with the yearly lists of additions, to be of value. We wish a copy might be placed in every family. The librarian will furnish copies at five cents each.

We recommend for maintenance and increase, the same appropriation as last year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ŘECEIVED.		PAID.		
For Maintenance:	7.	For Maintenance:		
Balance from 1897	\$ 97	Salary of librarian	\$ 52	ОÔ
Raised by vote of town, '98,	100 00	Rent of library room	30	00
		Books to replace worn out		
		ones	5	29
		Rebinding books	14	30
		Printing supplementary cat-		
Amount overdrawn	3 77	alogue	3	15
	\$104 74		\$104	74
For Increase:		For Increase:		
Raised by vote of town	\$105 23	New books	\$124	75
Received from State	18 90			
Amount overdrawn	62			
	C	+	C -	
	\$124 75		\$124	75
	11			
Total amount received fro	om all sour	ces	\$225	10
paid for all	purposes.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	229	
Total amount ov	verdrawn		\$4	39

Noah Brooks,
W. A. Walker,
Edward E. Philbrook,

Library Committee.

COPY OF THE WARRANT

FOR THE

TOWN MEETING TO BE HOLDEN MARCH 20, 1899.

To Augustus C. Coombs, a Constable of the town of Castine, county of Hancock, greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Castine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in the town hall, in said town, on the twentieth day of March, A. D. 1899, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3. To hear the reports of town officers and to act upon the same.
- 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the plans for a new town hall recommended by their committee. This matter having been referred to this meeting by the special town meeting held in December, 1898.
- 6. To see if the town will vote to sell the engine house and the present town hall, one or both, and to determine the conditions of said sale.
- 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize its selectmen to withdraw the Hawes trust fund from the savings banks, and, if so, to direct how the same shall be invested.
- 8. To see how much money the town will vote for a new town hall and to determine how the same shall be raised.
- 9. To transact such other business in relation to a town hall as may be proper and necessary.
- 10. To see if the town will vote to build a sewer from the school buildings down Green street to low-water mark, and to determine how much money shall be raised for the same and by whom it shall be expended. This article having been referred to this meeting by the town at its last annual meeting.
- 11. To determine at what time taxes shall be due and what discount shall be allowed for earlier payment.
- 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the compensation of the superintendent of schools the past year.
- 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor.
- 14. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the support of common schools.
- 15. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for a free high school.

- 16. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for repairs of school buildings.
- 17. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for free text-books.
- 18. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for apparatus, appliances, etc.
- 19. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the general repair of high-ways.
- 20. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for clearing the roads and sidewalks of snow.
- 21. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk from School street across the foot of the common.
- 22. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the construction and repair of sidewalks.
- 23. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the improvement of public grounds.
- 24. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the maintenance of the public library.
- 25. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for increase of the library.
- 26. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for support of a fire department.
- 27. To hear the report of the committee on street lights and to act thereon.
- 28. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for lighting the streets.
- 29. To see what sum the town will vote to raise to defray the expenses of Memorial Day.
- 30. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for payment of town notes and interest.
- 31. To see what sum the town will vote to raise to pay deficiencies of the past year.
- 32. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for current and contingent expenses.
- 33. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to make a temporary loan of such an amount of money as may be needed to defray the ordinary expenses of the town until sufficient money shall be received from taxes.
- 34. To see if the town will vote to pass the following ordinance, viz.: "All householders are required to notify the assessors of the arrival in town of all new tenants or boarders, other than transient ones, within one month, and to give a notification likewise within one month of such tenants or boarders leaving town, and the assessors are hereby required to keep a record of the same."

To act upon any matter that may legally come before this meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the town hall, at half past 8 o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Castine, this tenth day of March, A. D. 1899.

GEORGE A. WHEELER, BENNETT D. PERKINS, of Castine.

NOTE.

As the warrant will not be given to the constable until March 11, it is probable additional articles may be inserted after this has gone to the printer.