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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

CASTINE, MAINE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1900.

ELLSWORTH, MAINE:

HANCOCK COUNTY PUBLISHING CO., PRINTERS.

1900.

TOWN OFFICERS.

1899-1900.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

GEORGE A. WHEELER,

BENNETT D. PERKINS.

GEORGE WESCOTT.

TOWN CLERK,

PHILIP J. HOOKE.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR,

JOHN N. GARDNER.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

C. E. McCLUSKEY,

W. A. WALKER,

PEARL DANFORTH.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

JAMES G. PERKINS.

AUDITOR,

GEORGE H. WITHERLE.

ROAD COMMISSIONER,

JOHN M. VOGEL.

BOARD OF HEALTH,

EDWARD E. PHILBROOK,

SAMUEL J. WALLACE, *Secretary*,

CURTIS STEVENS.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:

JOHN M. VOGEL,

AUGUSTUS C. COOMBS,

CHARLES E. McCLUSKEY.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

E. E. PHILBROOK,

W. A. WALKER.

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 since 1898 of \$6,741, and an increase in the valuation of non-resident real estate of \$1,950, making a total increase of real estate valuation of \$8,691.

There has been a decrease of \$930 in the valuation of resident personal estate. This decrease is due to undervaluation of stock in trade, and to there being no returns of money secured by mortgage. The non-resident personal valuation is increased \$416, making the total valuation of personal property \$514 less than last year. The total increase in valuation is, therefore, \$8,177.

The taxable personal property is as follows :

134 horses, valued at.....	\$ 6,330
173 cows and heifers.....	3,034
12 oxen.....	444
26 sheep and swine.....	157
124 carriages.....	4,787
41 bicycles.....	980
84 musical instruments.....	4,010
Railroad stock.....	525
Bank and trust companies' stock.....	12,800
Other companies' stock.....	200
Money at interest.....	32,464
Stock in trade.....	18,023
Shipping.....	1,100
Wood.....	172
Furniture.....	9,315
Other personal property.....	9,600

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT.

Resident real estate	\$ 211,325
" personal estate	96,447
Non-resident real " 	92,225
" personal estate.....	7,494
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Total valuation.....	\$407,491
Assessed on estates at 18 7-10 mills on the dollar.....	\$8,027 57
" 276 polls at \$3 00 each	828 00
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Total assessment.....	\$8,855 57

PURPOSES FOR WHICH TAXES WERE ASSESSED.

State tax	\$1,150 61
County tax.....	553 28
Support of common schools	1,100 00
Building and repair of sidewalks.....	900 00
General repair of highways.....	900 00
Support of poor	650 00
Current expenses.....	470 00
Deficiencies of last year	400 00
Free high school.....	400 00
Payment of town notes and interest.....	300 00
Building a drain or sewer.....	300 00
Lighting the streets	250 00
Repair of school builidings.....	200 00
Clearing roads and sidewalks of snow.....	200 00
Purchase of free text-books.....	150 00
School appliances and supplies.....	100 00
Improvement of public grounds.....	100 00
Town library, maintenance of	100 00
Increase of town library (a sum equal 35c. per poll),	96 60
Compensation of superintendent of schools, 1898...	98 00
Memorial Day, expenses of.....	75 00
Overlays.....	362 08
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Total amount to be raised.....	\$8,855 57

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF TAX-PAYERS—RESIDENTS.

NAMES OF PROPERTY- OWNERS.	VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE.	VALUATION OF PER- SONAL ESTATE.	TOTAL TAX.
Abbott, Margaret J.....	\$ 3,010	\$ 2,500	\$108 55
Adams, Alfred F.....	1,800	1,812	74 16
Bartram, Walter B.....	200	200	10 88
Bevan, William H.....	380	100	12 46
Blake, Daniel.....	300	40	9 70
Bowden, Austin.....	.....	30	3 59
Bowden Brothers.....	1,515	519	46 06
Bowden, Joseph.....	300	20	9 30
Bowden, Joseph E.....	650	125	18 27
Bowden, Maria A.....	400	.....	7 88
Bowden, Wilson.....	350	97	11 81
Bridges, Elizabeth.....	250	15	5 23
Brooks, Noah.....	1,700	800	52 23
Brophy, Mrs James.....	1,700	35	34 18
Brown, Roland B.....	3,225	300	72 43
Brown, Roland H.....	550	.....	13 84
Brown, Walter S.....	1,300	300	34 52
Buker, Edson H.....	1,500	584	44 05
Burnham, Anna.....	.....	324	6 38
Castine Aqueduct Company.....	200	.....	3 94
Castine Water Co.....	1,300	3,750	99 48
Cate, Jane E (heirs).....	2,200	.....	43 34
Chamberlain, Aaron.....	700	360	23 87
Clark, Alfred W.....	4,345	2,725	142 28
Clark, Charles F.....	600	427	23 23
Clark, Joseph T.....	50	.....	3 99
Clark, Matilda A.....	250	.....	4 93
Clark, Melissa.....	175	.....	3 45
Closson, Sarah A.....	800	.....	15 76
Collins, John.....	2,050	.....	43 39
Collins, William.....	400	.....	10 88
Colson, George F.....	500	20	13 24
Colson, John W.....	450	20	12 26
Colson, William.....	150	.....	5 96
Conley, Lizzie A.....	800	.....	15 74
Conner, Irving L.....	.....	124	5 44
Conner, Joseph S (estate).....	650	65	14 09
Coombs, Augustus C.....	.....	15	3 30
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<u>\$34,870</u>	<u>\$15,307</u>	<u>\$1,069 45</u>

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$34,870	\$15,307	\$1,069 45
Coombs, Frank J.....	350	.....	9 90
Coombs, Mary.....	200	.....	3 94
Coombs, Ned W.....	400	.....	10 88
Cornwallis, Isadore.....	150	.....	2 96
Cox, Sarah A.....	330	15	6 80
Crawford, Ida.....	1,200	15	23 92
Crosgrove, Robert.....	850	30	20 35
Cunningham, Edward (estate)...	700	.....	13 79
Cushman, John P.....	.....	50	3 99
Darby, Eliza.....	600	.....	11 82
Davies, Caroline.....	1,100	.....	21 65
Davies, Edward F.....	.....	648	15 77
Dennett, John M (estate).....	1,850	668	49 61
Dennett, J Millard.....	.....	50	3 99
Devereux, Arthur M.....	6,150	447	132 96
Devereux, Ferdinand.....	1,250	135	30 29
Devereux, Geo A (estate).....	385	94	9 43
Devereux, Mrs Willard.....	185	.....	3 64
Dodge, Albert K.....	450	818	27 97
Dodge, Roland S.....	200	75	8 42
Douglass, Frank.....	700	20	17 18
Douglass, James B.....	200	20	7 33
Douglas, Solomon A.....	525	.....	13 34
Dresser, John W.....	5,400	12,083	347 43
Dresser, Mary M.....	.....	1,561	30 75
Dunbar, Bennett.....	1,000	220	27 03
Dunbar, Samuel.....	1,100	587	36 23
Dunham, Frank B.....	300	90	10 67
Dunham, Frank W.....	.....	75	4 48
Dyer, Robert.....	800	.....	18 76
Emerson, George H.....	2,110	595	56 29
Emerson, Miss Frances.....	850	.....	16 75
Foster, Fred W.....	1,400	.....	30 58
Gardner, Isabella M.....	700	15	14 08
Gardner, Mrs J S (heirs).....	475	.....	9 36
Gardner, John C M.....	150	.....	5 96
Gardner, John N.....	1,500	428	40 98
Gardner, Mrs Miles.....	300	.....	5 91
Gott, Charles A.....	.....	325	9 40
Grange, P of H.....	250	.....	4 93
Gray, Charles L.....	100	.....	4 97
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$69,080	\$34,371	\$2,193 94

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$69,080	\$34,371	\$2,193 94
Gray, Ella R.....	.....	86	1 69
Gray, Ellis S.....	150	.....	5 96
Gray, Ernest.....	900	60	21 91
Gray, George W.....	1,100	.....	24 67
Gray, Isaac.....	150	.....	5 96
Gray, James B.....	300	.....	8 91
Gray, Rodney.....	.....	20	3 39
Grindle, Frank V.....	.....	125	5 46
Grindle, Henry.....	1,450	310	37 68
Grindle, Sarah P.....	300	20	6 29
Hackett, Joseph.....	300	.....	8 91
Hale, Thomas E.....	2,225	92	48 63
Hale, Thomas E jr.....	.....	390	10 68
Hanson, Devereux.....	.....	45	3 89
Harding, Mrs David.....	150	.....	2 96
Harmon, Michael J.....	.....	15	3 30
Harper, Sarah R.....	250	.....	4 93
Harper, Irving.....	.....	25	3 49
Hatch, Jeremiah P.....	950	232	26 29
Hatch, Mrs Jeannette.....	500	.....	9 85
Hatch, Mrs Otis.....	650	.....	12 81
Heath, Amos.....	.....	15	3 30
Herrick, Orlando.....	900	.....	20 72
Hibbert, John I.....	800	15	19 06
Hichcock, David.....	300	144	11 75
Hooke, Frank J.....	250	.....	7 92
Hooke, Lucy A.....	2,300	20	45 70
Hooke, Mary W.....	1,250	15	24 93
Hooper, Charles H.....	1,600	124	36 96
Hooper, Frank.....	1,200	366	33 85
Hooper, James F.....	.....	939	21 50
Hooper, William H.....	375	1,048	31 03
Hooper, William T (estate).....	600	584	23 32
Hutchings, Isabella.....	275	.....	5 42
Hutchinson, Isaac.....	1,300	15	28 91
Jarvis, Caroline.....	1,500	.....	29 55
Jarvis, William.....	.....	324	9 38
Jones, C Fred.....	1,600	1,133	56 82
Jordan, Hazen.....	.....	40	3 79
Lawrence, William M.....	450	.....	11 87
Lewis, Frank E.....	4,850	1,576	129 60
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$98,005	\$42,149	\$3,006 98

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$98,005	\$42,149	\$3,006 98
McCluskey, Charles E	1,600	1,323	60 57
McKinnon, John W.....	25	.....	3 49
McLaughlin, John	500	.....	12 85
Macomber, W Scott.....	100	.....	4 97
Martyn, Thomas.....	.....	15	3 30
Mathers, John R	300	.....	8 91
Mills, Roland A.....	75	.....	4 48
Moon, Lizzie.....	2,500	315	55 46
Moon, Roland H.....	.....	100	4 97
Moore, George D .....	.....	100	4 97
Morey, Edward	100	.....	4 97
Morey, George W.....	300	15	9 21
Morey, Otis.....	145	.....	5 86
Morey, Sylvester.....	100	.....	4 97
Morey, William H.....	305	.....	9 01
Morgrage, Andrew J.....	875	316	26 45
Morgrage, Frank C.....	550	.....	13 84
Morgridge, William H.....	1,100	105	26 73
Morrill, Mrs A E.....	.....	349	6 88
Norton, Jeremiah S.....	650	122	18 21
Noyes, Nelson P.....	1,500	100	34 52
Noyes, Sam'l T (heirs).....	1,600	250	36 44
Nye, T Howard.....	.....	90	4 77
Ordway, Edwin.....	950	105	23 79
Ordway, Mrs James.....	100	.....	1 97
Parker, Bert P.....	600	.....	14 82
Parker, J Hatch (heirs).....	2,000	35	40 09
Parker, Mrs L H.....	1,000	.....	19 70
Parker, Rufus O.....	1,300	415	36 79
Patchin, David T.....	700	.....	16 79
Patterson, Chas S.....	150	.....	5 96
Payson, Will S.....	3,150	297	70 90
Perkins, Angustus.....	1,500	.....	32 55
Perkins & Bowden.....	75	130	10 04
Perkins, B Franklin.....	1,200	140	29 39
Perkins, Elisha D (heirs)	1,050	.....	20 69
Perkins, Frank S .....	.....	40	3 79
Perkins, Frederic A.....	450	.....	11 87
Perkins, George W.....	1,480	506	42 13
Perkins, James Y	1,050	240	28 41
Perkins, Jeremiah S.....	800	100	20 72
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<u>\$127,885</u>	<u>\$47,357</u>	<u>\$3,803 21</u>

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$127,885	\$47,357	\$3,803 21
Perkins, Julius F.....	1,133	100	27 29
Perkins, Lydia M..	2,500	150	52 20
Perkins, Mrs Amos.....	150	20	3 35
Perkins, Mrs Joel	1,250	.....	24 63
Perkins, Mrs Sewall.....	600	.....	11 82
Philbrook, Edward E.....	1,700	150	39 45
Porter, Mabel G	9,000	2,930	235 00
Porter, William D.....	.....	1,000	22 70
Raffnell, Arthur J.....	50	15	4 29
Rea, Frank E.....	1,400	865	47 62
Rea, John F	2,500	40	53 04
Redman, Ephraim	630	96	17 30
Richardson, Albert F.....	.....	110	5 17
Richardson Ella E	400	.....	7 88
Ricker, Willis A.....	.....	182	6 59
Ricker, Mrs Willis.....	800	.....	15 76
Robinson, Mrs A A.....	1,300	15	25 91
Rowell, Clara.....	700	50	14 78
Sargent, William G	525	3,679	85 82
Sargent, William H.....	6,460	2,299	175 54
Sawyer, Charles L	75	.....	4 48
Sawyer, Henry	15	20	3 69
Sawyer, Henrietta	12	7	38
Sawyer, Jeannetta P	300	.....	5 91
Sawyer, John G	200	20	7 33
Sawyer, John G jr.....	310	.....	9 11
Sawyer, Joshua.....	100	45	5 86
Sawyer, Walter.....	225	.....	7 43
Shepherd, Hannah F.....	1,400	75	29 02
Shepherd, Myra B.....	1,200	75	25 12
Smallidge, Charles W	600	40	15 62
Smith, William.....	350	15	10 20
Snow, John S.....	480	236	17 12
Staples, Allard .....	.....	100	4 97
Stevens, Curtis	2,200	220	50 65
Stevens, William G.....	.....	766	18 09
Straw, Mrs Robert.....	350	.....	6 90
Surry, Joseph.....	750	15	18 08
Sylvester, Harlan P.....	2,380	72	51 30
Thombs, Alice M	300	20	6 30
Tilden, George E.....	.....	100	4 97
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<u>\$170,230</u>	<u>\$60,884</u>	<u>\$4,981 88</u>

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$170,230	\$60,884	\$4,981 88
Tilden, Sarah.....	2,800	.....	55 16
Turner, Jonas W.....	850	.....	19 75
Veazie, Charles H.....	500	128	15 37
Vogell, Alice.....	1,505	365	36 84
Vogell, John M.....	.....	615	15 12
Walker, William A.....	2,500	810	68 20
Wallace, Lucy V.....	700	.....	13 79
Wallace, Samuel J.....	700	885	34 22
Wardwell, Rob't (estate).....	500	68	11 19
Wardwell, Roland B.....	50	110	6 16
Warren, George M.....	2,700	375	63 58
Webster, Albert.....	450	85	13 54
Webster, David W.....	750	418	26 09
Webster, Eugene.....	350	105	11 97
Webster, Ira.....	490	.....	12 64
Webster, James A.....	1,200	15	26 94
Webster, Merritt.....	.....	75	4 48
Webster, Stephen W (estate)....	1,200	15	23 94
Weeks, J Walter.....	2,475	452	60 66
Weeks, Mrs George H.....	500	15	10 15
Wescott, David W.....	1,200	67	27 96
Wescott, George.....	1,350	420	37 87
Wescott, Henry B (estate).....	1,000	385	27 28
Wescott, Jeremiah.....	550	35	14 53
Wescott, Martha.....	500	2,100	51 22
Wescott, Rebecca H.....	1,200	95	25 50
Wescott, Samuel (heirs).....	500	15	10 16
Wheeler, George A	3,600	810	89 87
Whiting, John P.....	.....	2,384	49 96
Wilson, Althea (estate).....	200	.....	3 94
Wilson, Charles	450	217	16 14
Wilson, Mary	200	.....	3 95
Witham, Charles A.....	275	20	8 83
Witham, Frank E.....	270	48	9 27
Witherle, George H.....	4,180	14,100	363 12
Witherle, William H.....	5,350	10,175	308 85
Woods, Charles B .....	.....	65	4 28
Woodward, Joseph W.....	50	51	4 98
Worcester, Aaron.....	.....	25	3 51
Worcester, Joseph W	15	3 31
Total	<u>\$211,325</u>	<u>\$96,447</u>	<u>\$6,576 11</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY.

Vogell, John M	\$450	\$8 87
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NON-RESIDENT.

Acadian Hotel, proprietors.....	\$7,000	\$375	\$145 29
Adams, George M.....	1,000	19 70
Ames, James Barr	4,280	681	97 74
Avery, John.....	100	.....	1 97
Baldwin, Florence	2,500	100	51 22
Bates, Mrs. Charles F	850	.....	16 75
Bean, Henry.....	25	.....	49
Blake, Thomas D.....	3,300	500	74 85
Bolan, Albion K.....	6,250	2,650	175 32
Brastow, Martha.....	750	.....	14 78
Buker Caius (heirs)	25	.....	49
Burr, Heman M.....	1,525	.....	30 04
Butler, Frederic H.....	20	.....	39
Campbell, A (estate).....	1,861	.....	36 66
Collins, Willard C (estate)	4,500	.....	88 66
Davenport, George.....	1,500	40	30 34
Domanski, E R.....	100	.....	1 97
Drake, Emma.....	250	.....	4 93
Emerson, Isaac.....	25	.....	50
Folsom, Mrs A H.....	625	.....	12 30
Fuller, Arthur	4,000	.....	78 80
Gray, John (estate)	150	.....	2 96
Gray, Sherman.....	25	.....	50
Grindle, J W.....	4,800	450	103 43
Grindle, Melvern	100	.....	1 97
Harris, E K.....	5,100	270	105 76
Hatch, Amanda	800	.....	15 76
Hatch, Mary K.....	1,600	200	35 46
Ives, Alfred E.....	150	.....	2 96
Johnson, Daniel	1,600	.....	31 52
Joyce, Mrs R M (heirs).....	1,450	.....	28 57
Keener, W A	1,700	403	41 43
Leach, Mrs Cyrus.....	150	.....	2 96
Little, Arthur W.....	2,050	100	42 36
McConville, Pierre.....	200	.....	3 94
McLaughlin, Henry.....	3,750	100	75 85
Mason, Edw B.....	1,700	.....	33 48
Mathews, Phebe.....	375	.....	7 39
Morey, Edwin.....	8,500	925	185 67
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<u>\$74,686</u>	<u>\$6,794</u>	<u>\$1,605 15</u>

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$74,686	\$6,794	\$1,605 15
Perkins, John K (estate).....	650	.....	12 80
Perkins, Lucius.....	33	.....	65
Perkins, Mary.....	33	.....	65
Perkins, S M.....	150	.....	2 96
Pol Bernhard.....	1,500	100	31 51
Randall, Charles E.....	350	.....	6 90
Schenck, Miss C C.....	600	.....	11 82
Smith, John C (heirs).....	250	.....	4 93
Twining.....	200	.....	3 94
Tuttle, W C.....	100	.....	1 97
Veazie, John.....	1,500	.....	29 55
Walker, E P (estate).....	98	.....	1 93
Wilson, Mrs C G.....	3,800	450	83 73
Wilson, George S.....	25	.....	50
Wilson, H P C (estate).....	500	.....	9 85
Wing, William H.....	750	.....	14 78
Wood, Frank P.....	7,000	150	140 84
Total non-resident.....	<u>\$92,225</u>	<u>\$7,494</u>	<u>\$1,964 46</u>
Total resident, as above.....			6,576 11
105 polls at \$3 00.....			315 00
Total assessment.....			<u>\$8,855 57</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY.

Wing, William H.....	\$100	.....	\$ 1 97
Burr, Heman M.....	900	.....	17 73
			<u>\$19 70</u>
Resident, as above.....			8 87
Total supplementary assessment.....			<u>\$28 57</u>

ABATEMENTS.

NAME.	AMOUNT.	CAUSE.
Blake, Austin, '98.....	\$ 3 00	error in assessing.
Blake, Sherman, '99.....	3 00	non-resident.
Bowden, Joseph, '99.....	3 00	age and infirmity.
Dean, William, '99.....	3 00	residence unknown.
Frisby, John, '99.....	3 00	“ “
Grange, P of H, '99	1 48	overvaluation.
Gray, Bainbridge, '98.....	3 00	residence unknown.
Gott, Charles A, '99	99	overvaluation.
Harmon, Michael J, '99.....	3 30	non-resident.
Hatch, Mrs Otis, '99.....	3 00	age and poverty.
Hutchings, Joseph, '98.....	3 00	residence unknown.
Jarvis, William, '99.....	2 84	overvaluation.
Lowell, Reed, '99.....	3 00	non-resident.
Martin, Thomas, '98.....	3 27	out of State.
Mathers, John R, '98 and '99,	6 00	age and infirmity.
Morey, Joseph, '99	3 00	under 21.
Morrill, Mrs A E, '99.....	6 88	poverty.
Nason, Alfonzo, '99	3 00	residence unknown.
Neal, George, '99	3 00	“ “
Nye, Howard, '98 and '99..	12 78	death.
Patchin, David T, '99.....	3 00	age and infirmity.
Sawyer, Leon, '99.....	3 00	non-resident.
Swindell, Luke, '99.....	3 00	town charge.
Turner, James, '98	3 00	sickness and poverty.
Wallace, Charles, '98.....	3 00	residence unknown.
Webster, James A, '99.....	3 00	age and infirmity.
Witham, Frank E, '98.....	37	double taxation.
Wood, Frank P, '99.....	10 64	R. E. sold prior to April.
Worcester, Joseph, '98 - '99.	6 57	residence unknown.
	<hr/> \$109 12	

STATEMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We have again been obliged to exceed the appropriation, though not to such an extent as last year. The beginning of the year found us with three lawsuits on our hands. The town of Vinalhaven brought a suit against this town for the expense of burial of Mr. John Sylvester and son, residents of that town, whose bodies were found on the shore. Mr. Sylvester had a pauper settlement in this town, but was not, at the time of his death, or for a year or two previously, receiving aid from any source. We refused to pay the bill presented for several reasons: First, because it was an unreasonable and exorbitant one. Second, because there was no evidence submitted of any coroner's inquest having been held. Third, because we did not believe this town was liable under the pauper laws, as dead people cannot apply for aid, and we had the affidavit of the widow that she had not called for aid, and did not know that she was receiving it from the town. While we believed then, and still believe, that the equity of the case was with us, on account of the uncertainty of the ruling of the court on certain technical points, and the certainty that the expense to the town in any case would be greater than the amount of the bill, we compromised the matter by paying a part of the bill.

In the case of Castine vs. Brooksville for the support of Charles E. McIntyre we were defeated by reason of the false statements made to us by McIntyre's mother in regard to her son's age. She gave us a written statement as to the date of birth of her son, but gave a different year when the case came up for trial, and her last statement was corroborated by other testimony. It is needless to say

that had we known the truth we should not have brought the suit.

In the case of Castine vs. Bangor for the support of Joseph H. Hussey and family, the decision was in favor of this town.

We submit our financial report as follows:

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount raised for last year's deficiency.....	\$389 51	
“ “ support of the poor.....	650 00	
Rec'd from Mrs Thombs.....	34 42	
“ city of Bangor.....	172 04	
“ town of Searsport	85 91	
	<hr/>	\$1,331 88

EXPENDITURES.

Paid last year's deficiency	\$389 51	
support of George O Bowden.....	84 02	
William Bowden.....	125 22	
Mrs Finch and children.....	93 80	
Abbie Howard.....	56 16	
Joseph Hussey.....	86 97	
George Macomber.....	89 44	
Mrs Morse.....	142 16	
Mrs Morse's child.....	29 39	
Terence Riley.....	33 76	
Charles Snowman.....	1 80	
Luke Swindell.....	129 25	
Mrs Thombs and family.....	154 33	
James Turner.....	2 00	
rent of poor house (1 1-2 years).....	75 00	
expenses, Castine vs Bangor.....	53 38	
costs, Castine vs Brooksville.....	30 08	
costs, Vinalhaven vs Castine	51 62	
	<hr/>	\$1,615 64
Amount overdrawn.....		<hr/> \$283 76

SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT.

By recent legislation the road commissioner is required to make a detailed report each year. This report was sent in last year but was omitted in the printed report. This year's report of the commissioner is inserted with those of other town officers who are required to make reports.

A petition for a sewer from Court street to tide water, crossing Perkins street at the Raffnel bridge, was received by us and a sewer legally laid out. As the town at its last annual meeting voted to raise \$300 to construct this sewer, we deemed this equivalent to an acceptance of our doings in the matter and as rendering the trouble and expense of a special meeting of the town unnecessary and inexpedient. The cost of building has somewhat exceeded the amount appropriated, but it was deemed wiser to continue the work as far as Court street while the pipe was on the ground and men at work than to stop the minute the money was used up. Abutters are charged \$10 for entering the sewer, and if the charge is not paid before the next assessment it should be added to the tax.

The superintendent of public grounds has never been required to make a report, and consequently all the town knows in regard to his doings is contained in our report of the gross sum of money expended in each place under his supervision. We have serious doubts as to any expenditure of public funds by this officer being legal. The fact is, that there is no such officer known to the law. The statute provides that towns may choose, by ballot, park commissioners to hold office one, two and three years respectively, and after the first year choose annually a

commissioner for three years in place of the one whose term expires. We consider it proper to call the attention of the town to this matter, but in so doing mean not the slightest reflection on the present superintendent, with whose actions we are entirely satisfied.

From conversation with the engineers of the fire department, and from our own knowledge, we are satisfied that while our fire engines are in good working order, we have not sufficient hose. The recent fire would have proved much more disastrous than it did had it not been for hose which was loaned to the town. In our judgment there ought to be several hundred feet of new hose, smaller than that now on hand, and of proper size to attach to the hydrants without reducing couplings.

At the last annual meeting the selectmen were instructed to let out the lighting of the street lamps to parties living near the different lights, or, if this could not be done, to let out the lighting by sections. A call for bids was made for each of these ways, but no bids were ever sent in, and no persons could be found who would undertake to light them by either method. We had no choice, therefore, but to let the streets go unlighted, or to make a contract, as heretofore, with one person.

During the summer the U. S. S. "Texas" anchored off the mouth of the harbor. At the earnest solicitation of quite a number of resident citizens, as well as temporary sojourners, the selectmen made a visit in their official capacity upon the commander, and invited him to visit the town. He did so, and, with his officers, was given a buck-board ride about the town. The cost of this ride was charged to the town. While we are aware that the payment of this bill is not strictly legal, yet it is just as much so as it was in the case of the courtesies shown to the "Castine" or the "Columbia". If the town does not

sanction it, however, the amount will be refunded by the selectmen.

We submit our usual financial report as follows :

GENERAL FUND.

RESOURCES.

Taxes for 1897.....	\$ 477 90	
“ 1898.....	1,075 21	
“ 1899	8,855 57	
Receipts by treasurer from all other sources.....	2,402 50	
	<hr/>	\$12,811 18

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax	\$ 1,150 61	
county tax.....	553 28	
special funds as appropriated	10,536 29	
	<hr/>	\$12,240 18

NOTE ACCOUNT—PRINCIPAL.

RECEIPTS.

Raised for payment of outstanding notes.....	\$100 00	
Appropriated for payment of temporary loan.....	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$600 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid George H Witherle, temporary loan.....	\$500 00	
F E Lewis note 12 of 1887.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$600 00

NOTE ACCOUNT—INTEREST.

RECEIPTS.

Raised for payment of interest on notes	\$100 00	
Balance from last year.....	51 61	
	<hr/>	\$151 61

EXPENDITURES.

Paid D W Webster, on notes 3 and 4 of 1894.....	\$16 00	
W H Hooper, on note 14 of 1886.....	4 00	
J F Perkins, on note 15 of 1887	4 00	
George H Witherle, on note of 1899	5 00	
F E Lewis, on note 12 of 1887.....	4 00	
E C Bowden, on note 5 of '93, and of '94.....	12 00	
F E Lewis, on note 13 of 1887	4 00	
J W Bowden, on notes 2 and 8 of '93 and 12 of '94,	12 50	
W M Lawrence, on note 7 of 1893.....	5 00	
Mrs H Soper, on note 6 of 1893.....	5 00	
Trustees of school fund.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$121 50

Balance to new account..... \$30 11

LIST OF OUTSTANDING NOTES.

DATE OF NOTE.	NUM- BER.	TO WHOM PAYABLE.	PURPOSE.	AMT.	RATE.	WHEN DUE.
May 16,'79..	12 ..	Samuel Bowden..	Renewal	.. \$ 50 ..	4 1-2 ..	1888
1887						
Mch 22 ..	1 ..	Trustees	.. S F fund	.. 1,111 ..	4 1-2 ..	1888
July 1 ..	13 ..	Abbie Perkins	.. Monument	.. 100 ..	4 ..	1900
" 1 ..	14 ..	J F Perkins	.. "	.. 100 ..	4 ..	1901
" 1 ..	15 ..	J F Perkins	.. "	.. 100 ..	4 ..	1902
1893						
May 3 ..	5 ..	E C Bowden	.. Highways	.. 200 ..	4 ..	1900
Sept 7 ..	7 ..	W M Lawrence	.. U S S Castine	125 ..	4 ..	1902
" 18 ..	6 ..	J E Bowden	.. "	125 ..	4 ..	1901
Oct 5 ..	8 ..	J W Bowden	.. "	100 ..	4 ..	1903
1894						
April 1 ..	1 ..	E C Bowden	.. Highways	.. 100 ..	4 ..	1906
" 1 ..	2 ..	J W Bowden	.. "	.. 100 ..	4 ..	1905
May 1 ..	3 ..	D W Webster	.. "	.. 200 ..	4 ..	1906
" 1 ..	4 ..	D W Webster	.. "	.. 200 ..	4 ..	1907
				<hr/> \$2,611		

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Receipts.

Amount raised for general repairs.....	\$900 00	
last year's deficiency.....	66 85	
	<hr/>	\$966 85

Expenditures.

Paid for labor	\$812 55	
material	53 16	
last year's deficiency.....	66 85	
wharfage, freight, etc.....	4 60	
	<hr/>	\$937 16
Balance to new account.....		<hr/> \$ 29 69

SIDEWALKS.

Receipts.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 56 72	
Raised for construction and repair.....	900 00	
	<hr/>	\$956 72

Expenditures.

Paid for labor	\$329 74	
lumber	537 81	
freight	55 59	
nails	32 66	
gravel	12 30	
wharfage	5 91	
	<hr/>	\$974 01
Amount overdrawn		<hr/> \$ 17 29 <hr/>

SNOW.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	\$197 27	
Raised for removal of snow	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$397 27

Expenditures.

Paid for removal of snow from roads and sidewalks		\$121 15
Balance to new account		<hr/> \$276 12 <hr/>

SEWER.

Amount raised by town		\$300 00
Amount expended on sewer		388 14
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Amount overdrawn		\$88 14 <hr/>

Total receipts on highway account, including sewer \$2,670 84

Total expenditures on highway account 2,253 61

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$ 952 96	
Raised for support of schools	1,100 00	
apparatus, appliances, etc	100 00	
superintendent of schools, '98	98 00	
Rec'd from school fund	50 00	
State, bank and mill tax	697 10	
	<hr/>	\$2,998 06

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for apparatus, appliances, insurance, &c	186 69	
care of school buildings	161 35	
fuel	158 03	
teachers' salaries	1,515 49	
superintendent of schools, '98	90 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,112 06
Balance to new account		<hr/> \$886 00

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$297 16	
Raised for support of school.....	400 00	
Rec'd from State.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$847 16

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for fuel.....	\$ 55 80	
salaries	451 66	
	<hr/>	\$507 46

Balance to new account.....	<hr/>	\$339 70
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SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$186 83	
Raised for repairs.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$386 83

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for repairs.....		\$412 86
Amount overdrawn		<hr/>
		\$ 26 03

TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$ 60 81	
Raised for new books.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$160 81

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of new books.....		107 38
Balance to new account.....		<hr/>
		\$ 53 43

ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC GROUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 52 07	
Raised for improvements.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 152 07

EXPENDITURES.

In cemetery.....	\$ 95 84	
common.....	6 60	
park	2 00	
	<hr/>	104 44

Balance to new account	<hr/>	\$ 47 63
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FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 19 55
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid for care of engines.....	\$ 13 46	
reservoirs	1 85	
caps to hydrants	8 00	
services at fire	5 30	
	<hr/>	\$28 61
Amount overdrawn.....		<hr/> \$9 06 <hr/>

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Maintenance.

Raised for maintenance.....	\$ 100 00	
last year's deficiency.....	3 77	
	<hr/>	\$103 77

Increase.

Raised for increase (35 cents per poll).....	\$ 96 60	
last year's deficiency.....	62	
Received from State	19 40	
library committee.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$123 62

EXPENDITURES.

Maintenance.

Paid last year's deficiency	\$ 3 77	
printing	3 00	
rent.....	30 00	
librarian.....	52 00	
	<hr/>	\$88 77
Balance to new account.....		\$15 00

Increase.

Paid for last year's deficiency.....	\$ 62	
new books.....	121 17	
	<hr/>	\$121 79
Balance to new account.....		<hr/> \$1 83 <hr/>

STREET LIGHT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$24 90	
Raised for lighting the streets.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$274 90

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for lighting.....	\$227 75	
lamps, burners, etc.....	18 60	
painting posts.....	1 55	
	<hr/>	\$247 90
Balance to new account.....		<hr/> \$27 00 <hr/>

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Received from rent of hall.....	\$101 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid for lighting, fuel and repairs.....	\$24 94	
janitor	41 50	
	<hr/>	66 44
Balance to new account.....		<hr/> \$34 56 <hr/>

CURRENT AND CONTINGENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 42 25	
Raised for current expenses.....	470 00	
Appropriated from general fund.....	300 00	
Overlay on taxes.....	362 08	
Received from State (R R & Tel tax).....	176 38	
Raised for Memorial Day expenses	75 00	
Refunded by coroner.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,445 71

EXPENDITURES.

Paid abatement of taxes, 1898 and 1899	\$ 109 12
blank books and stationery.....	20 51
buckboard for officers of "Texas".....	5 00
care of town clock.....	26 50
changing hydrant.....	18 15
discounts on taxes.....	343 74
drain pipe for Sylvester (vote of town).....	3 84
ferry	18 46
fences and guide posts.....	3 55
garbage team.....	33 82
legal advice	3 00
Memorial Day expenses.....	42 15
police service.....	25 80
postage.....	3 94
printing town reports, '98-9.....	40 37

Paid reporting births and deaths.....	\$11 00
sketches for town hall, '98-9	25 00
survey of road.....	33 00
watering troughs.....	10 00

Expenses, fees and salaries, as follows:

Paid George A Wheeler, selectman.....	200 00	
B D Perkins, do.....	30 00	
George Wescott, do	30 00	
collector of taxes.....	105 00	
constables.....	8 00	
secretary of board of health.....	10 00	
town agent.....	41 70	
town clerk.....	27 49	
treasurer.. ..	40 00	
road commissioner....	125 00	
expenses of assessors.....	13 00	
expenses of board of health.....	30 25	
rent of town clerk's office.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,452 39
Amount overdrawn.....		<hr/> \$6 68 <hr/>

HAWES FUND. INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Interest received.....		\$69 82
Paid Mrs Matilda Clark.....	\$ 13 25	
Ann Grindle	11 75	
James Ordway.....	11 50	
Amos Perkins	11 64	
Emily Sylvester.....	10 00	
Sarah Webster	11 68	
	<hr/>	\$69 82 <hr/>

BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS PAID THIS YEAR.

On account of poor.....	\$ 64 49
schools	531 68
high school	150 00
highway	39 61
current and contingent expense.....	61 87
other departments	18 46
	<hr/> \$871 11 <hr/>

VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages, 9.

Births, 36.

Deaths, 26.

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

For support of common schools	\$1,100 00
free high school.....	400 00
purchase of text-books.....	200 00
repairs of school buildings	150 00
apparatus, appliances and supplies.....	100 00
support of poor.....	600 00
general repair of roads and bridges.....	900 00
clearing roads and sidewalks of snow.....	.....
building and repair of sidewalks.....	700 00
maintenance of library.....	100 00
increase of library (a sum equal to 35 cents per poll).	
lighting the streets.....	260 00
improvement of public grounds	100 00
fire department.....	100 00
payment of superintendent of schools	82 50
town notes.....	300 00
interest on notes.....	90 00
current and contingent expenses.....	400 00
	(appropriated)
deficiencies of the past year.....	300 00
	431 16

As nearly as we can estimate, the amount of outstanding bills will be about \$790 for schools and high school, and perhaps \$10 for other departments.

GEORGE A. WHEELER,

BENNETT D. PERKINS,

GEORGE WESCOTT,

*Selectmen, Assessors, and
Overseers of the Poor.*

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

To the Selectmen of Castine:

I hereby respectfully submit my annual report as road commissioner as follows:

ROAD ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised for 1899..... \$ 900 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Rea, Frank E,	labor.....	\$ 14 30
Sawyer, David,	"	69 31
Mills, R A,	"	14 48
Morey, H M,	"	4 20
Wheeler, G A, for Finch,	"	7 50
Grindle, Frank,	"	6 60
Hooper, William H,	"	52 60
Bevan, Charles,	"	60
Grindle, Henry,	"	155 60
Hatch, J P,	"	62 25
Hatch, James,	"	6 07
Witham, C R,	"	5 10
Witham, Frank,	"	12 75
Hale, T E, jr,	"	49 60
Ordway, Edw,	"	14 90
Wardwell, R B,	"	13 39
Emerson, George H,	"	89
Dodge, A K,	"	1 35
Ordway, Walter,	"	4 50
Colson, John W,	"	29 63
Sawyer, Henry,	"	10 65
Colson, William,	"	7 50
Clark, Joseph T,	"	34 92
Hooper, W P,	"	138 10
Douglass, J B,	"	7 87
Devereux, Mark, Morse's cove bridge.....		1 00
Hutchings, P F, labor		20 25
Witherle, W H, wharfage.....		2 50
Staples, Allard, repair road machine.....		3 60
Macomber, W S, labor.....		7 50

Paid Sch "Jane Brindle", freight	\$ 1 10	
Webster, Albert, lumber	4 97	
Hooper, C H, repair road machine.....	8 87	
Vogell, J M, lumber.....	39 90	
Perkins, George M, labor.....	13 60	
Vogell, J M, nails.....	2 70	
Hooper, W H, lumber.....	5 59	
Soper, H S, labor.....	19 85	
Morgrage, Bradley, "	3 75	
Wilson, Charles, "	5 02	
Devereux, Will, "	1 05	
Perkins, Edw, "	2 20	
Blake, L, "	2 20	
	<hr/>	\$870 31
Balance unexpended.....		<hr/> \$29 69 <hr/>

SIDEWALKS.

RESOURCES.

Amount overdrawn.....	\$ 17 29	
Balance from 1898.....	56 72	
Amount raised, 1899.....	900 00	
	<hr/>	\$974 01

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Rea, Frank E, labor.....	\$ 29 25
Grindle, Henry, "	6 80
Hatch, J P, lumber	38 50
Hale, T E, jr, "	20 48
Ordway, Edward, "	2 64
Colson, J W, labor.....	12 97
Hooper, W P, "	4 80
Douglass, J B, "	41 46
Witherle, W H, wharfage	5 91
Sch "Jane Brindle", freight.....	5 69
Patterson, Chas S, labor.....	6 70
Vogell, J M, lumber.....	473 00
Vogell, J M, nails.....	24 50
Douglass, S A, labor.....	112 89
Douglass, S A, nails.....	3 00
Sargent, W H, gravel.....	12 30
Morgrage, F C, lumber.....	3 19
Douglass, F A, labor.....	6 07
Stevens, W G, nails.....	5 16
Bowden, J W, labor	2 60
Perkins, F A, "	75

Paid Webster, E, freight.....	\$49 90	
Wood, Charles B, labor.....	17 55	
Howard, George, ".....	49 27	
Hooper, W H, ".....	38 63	
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Total expended.....		\$974 01

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

RESOURCES.

Balance from 1898.....	\$ 197 27	
Raised for 1899	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$397 27

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Webster, William, labor.....	\$ 30
Conner, Irving, ".....	2 93
Perkins, J Y, ".....	2 33
Bowden, Austin, ".....	90
Redman, E L, ".....	2 10
Redman, E, ".....	2 40
Devereux, Will, ".....	1 75
Blake, Lyman, ".....	60
Grant, H J, ".....	2 40
Soper, Harry, ".....	2 25
Mills, R A, ".....	53
Webster, Hillman, ".....	1 20
Perkins, George W, ".....	3 23
Wilson, Charles, ".....	3 97
Webster, Emery, ".....	2 02
Webster, Norris, ".....	45
Webster, Merritt, ".....	1 80
Hanson, D, ".....	1 28
Webster, L, ".....	90
Bowden Bros, ".....	2 70
Blake, D, ".....	3 60
Perkins, Archie, ".....	1 42
Morgrage, B, ".....	3 45
Dunbar, Bennett, ".....	90
Ordway, Edw, ".....	90
Ordway, Walter, ".....	90
Wardwell, R B, ".....	60
Witham, Frank, ".....	90
Hatch, J P, ".....	75
Hatch, James, ".....	37
Veazie, Charles, ".....	30
Hooper, W P, ".....	10 88

Dunham, F B,	"	.....	90
Mills, R H,	"	.....	68
Sawyer, Charles,	"	.....	45
Howard, E W,	"	.....	45
Day, John,	"	.....	71
McKinnon, William,	"	.....	60
Hooper, W H,	"	.....	5 35
McKinnon, J W,	"	.....	9 60
Wood, Chas B,	"	.....	2 10
Conner, Fred,	"	.....	1 98
Bevan, W H,	"	.....	93
Patterson, C S,	"	.....	6 87
Hutchings, P F,	"	.....	1 88
Bowden, Frank,	"	.....	67
Clark, Joseph T,	"	.....	1 72
Sawyer, David,	"	.....	2 25
Rea, Frank E,	"	.....	23 00

Total expended.....

\$121 15

Balance unexpended

276 12

\$397 27

JOHN M. VOGELL,

Road Commissioner.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

1897.

Total tax committed to me in 1897.....	\$8,625 54
Collected and paid to treasurer	8,284 21
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Uncollected taxes	\$ 341 33

W. G. STEVENS,

Collector of taxes for 1897.

1898.

Amount of uncollected taxes March 1, 1899.....	\$1,075 21
taxes collected and paid treasurer.....	894 91
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Uncollected March 1, 1900.....	\$ 180 30

1899.

Amount of taxes committed for collection.....	\$8,890 11
collected and paid treasurer.....	7,820 97
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Uncollected March 1, 1900.....	\$1,069 14
Amount collected on or before July 5	6,719 69
from July 6 to Sept 6	360 34
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	\$7,080 03

JOHN N. GARDNER,

Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF CASTINE

IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN N. GARDNER, TREASURER.

1899-1900.

DR.

To balance on hand March 1, 1899	\$ 379 85
cash from State for bounty on seals	6 00
county coroner	20 00
temporary loan	500 00
State for dog licenses.....	51 00
free high school	150 00

To cash from J Millard Dennett, license bowling alley	\$ 10 00	
State for free public library.....	19 40	
town clerk for dog licenses.....	56 00	
city of Bangor, on pauper account....	172 04	
State for pensions paid.....	192 00	
railroad and telegraph tax...	176 38	
school and mill tax.....	697 10	
selectmen on library account.....	7 00	
pauper account	14 42	
town of Searsport, "	85 91	
trustees of school fund, interest.....	50 00	
rent of town hall	101 00	
W G Stevens, collector, 1897.....	136 57	
J N Gardner, " 1898.....	894 91	
" " " 1899.....	7,820 97	
	<hr/>	\$11,541 51

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By paid State pensions.....	\$ 192 00	
treasurer, dog licenses	56 00	
tax	1,150 61	
county tax.....	553 28	
town orders, 1 to 295 inclusive	9,536 68	
cash in treasury to balance.....	52 94	
	<hr/>	\$11,541 51

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$ 52 94	
Uncollected taxes for 1897	341 33	
1898	180 30	
1899	1,069 14	
	<hr/>	\$1,643 71

JOHN N. GARDNER,
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.

The superintendent of schools respectfully submits to the selectmen and citizens of Castine the following report:

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

High School. The spring term was taught by Miss Annie Shepherd with her usual success. We graduated a class of three at the close of this term. Miss Shepherd having resigned, we were fortunate in securing Mr. Maurice Gray for the fall and winter terms. Mr. Gray is doing faithful work, and the school is making very marked progress. We are glad to see some increase in the number of pupils in this school.

Grammar School. Miss Addie W. Dunbar, who has labored faithfully in this school for some time, resigned at the close of the spring term, and Mr. Owen L. Flye was secured to take her place. Mr. Flye is a teacher of long experience, and is a most excellent instructor. We are glad to note the very decided improvement in discipline and general tone of the school, and we anticipate that this will soon be one of our very best schools.

Intermediate School. We were fortunate in retaining the services of Miss Ellen Brophy in this school. Too much cannot be said in praise of this school under the management of Miss Brophy. The pupils are under perfect control, and seem to be very much interested in

their work, which makes it one of the most successful schools in town.

Primary School. This school has been taught during the year by Mary W. Hooke, with the same success as formerly. Miss Hooke is a painstaking and earnest teacher, and, with her experience in primary work, we look for nothing else but success in this school.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

Changes have been made in all the rural schools during the year.

Number 2. The spring term was taught by Miss Josephine Dunbar, who gave up the school at the close of the term. Miss Dunbar was an excellent teacher, and we were sorry to lose her, but were fortunate in securing Miss Ida Morgrage, who has taught the fall and winter terms. Miss Morgrage is a thorough scholar and a faithful and earnest teacher, and the school is showing the effects of her instruction in very decided advancement.

Number 3. The spring term was taught by Miss Louise Cox who resigned at the close of the term, and Miss Ida Worcester was engaged for the balance of the year. Miss Worcester is making this one of the best schools in town. There seems to be a perfect understanding between teacher and pupils, and the natural result is a very excellent school.

Number 4. This school opened with Miss Georgianna Devereux. She resigned at the close of the spring term, and Miss Emma Austin, of Lamoine, was employed to fill the vacancy. Miss Austin is a teacher of experience, and is doing excellent work. The pupils are making very rapid progress under her instruction.

TEXT-BOOKS.

The text-books are getting badly worn, and we have been obliged to replace quite a good many with new

books, and we think that the coming year the introduction of new books will have to be quite general.

REPAIRS.

New floors have been laid in the high and primary school-rooms, and they were very much needed. Your committee, in order to complete the work, were obliged to overrun the appropriation, considering it, in their judgment, better to make one job of it. The furnace in this building needs a thorough repairing, for which your committee would recommend an additional \$50 to the general repair fund. We would also call your attention to the much-needed sewerage for both school buildings.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Charles E. McCluskey goes from the board at this time, and it is the earnest wish of the board that he be re-elected.

We are glad to report that in our judgment the schools this year have been unusually successful. The attendance has been better than the average. The teachers have been doing faithful work, and the general tone of the schools is excellent.

Your committee would respectfully recommend that the same amounts be raised as last year for the support of schools and high school.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Y. PERKINS,
Superintendent.

CHAS. E. MCCLUSKEY,
W. A. WALKER,
PEARL DANFORTH,

Superintending School Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of the Town of Castine:

Your committee respectfully submit their report as follows:

We have purchased of new books 120 volumes at a cost of \$121 52. There have been given to the library 10 volumes, viz.:

From Mr Noah Brooks.....	2 volumes
Dr C B Witherle.....	2 “
Miss Baldwin.....	1 “
Mrs W H H Beebe.....	1 “
Mrs James Crowe	1 “
Rev Edward B Mason	1 “
Rev A Allerton Murch.....	1 “
unknown	1 “

In January, 1900, the committee received and have catalogued and put in circulation 194 volumes, the gift of Mr. Edwin Morey, of Boston. To all these we extend the thanks of the citizens of our town. We also extend thanks to several of our summer visitors who gave \$7 00 for the purchase of new books.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIVED.

For Maintenance:

Vote of town, 1899 \$100 00

\$100 00*For Increase:*

Vote of town, 1899 \$ 96 60

Rec'd from State 19 40

summer visitors, 7 00

\$123 00

PAID.

For Maintenance:

Salary of librarian \$ 52 00

Rent of library room 30 00

Printing supplementary catalogue 3 00

Balance unexpended... 15 00

\$100 00*For Increase:*

For new books \$121 17

Balance unexpended... 1 83

\$123 00

Total amount received from all sources \$223 00

paid for all purposes 206 17

Total amount unexpended \$16 83

NOAH BROOKS,

W. A. WALKER,

EDWARD E. PHILBROOK,

Library Committee.

(Copy of Mr. Emerson's offer to the Town.)

I, Charles F. Emerson, of Dixon, in the county of Lee, and state of Illinois, hereby propose to give to the town of Castine in the State of Maine, the sum of ten thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting and building a town-house in said Castine for the use of the people of said town, and in memory of my father, Henry Emerson, a citizen of said town, upon the following conditions, namely:

1. That the legal voters or electors of said town, in open town meeting, regular or special, duly called and convened in said town, shall by majority vote agree, and shall thereby legally and firmly bind said town to pay to me or my order interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, annually, on said sum of ten thousand dollars, from the time the same is paid over to the trustees hereinafter named until the time of my death, whenever the same shall happen, and no longer.
2. That said town shall, at its cost and expense, purchase, procure or furnish a suitable lot of land with title in fee vested in said town on which to erect such building.
3. That such building, when erected, shall in some part bear a suitable inscription or memorial tablet, in memory of said Henry Emerson, with the date of his birth and death, and further reciting the fact that such building is the gift of his son, Charles F. Emerson, to said town of Castine.
4. That said sum of money shall be paid over to John N. Gardner, John W. Dresser and Wm. G. Sargent, of said town, who are hereby appointed trustees who shall receive, hold and disburse said fund.
5. That said trustees shall procure plans for such building, and submit the same to the electors of said town, either in open town meeting, or in such manner as the town may, in open town meeting, order and direct for approval or otherwise; and after such plans shall be so approved, said trustees shall proceed to erect such building in accordance therewith, and all questions as to further details, and all disbursements of money on account of such building shall be decided and made by said trustees or a majority of them, and in case of a vacancy in said board of trustees by death, resignation, or refusal to act, the remaining trustees may fill the vacancy by appointing a successor, and a certificate of such appointment shall be filed with the clerk of said town.

In case this proposal is not accepted by the electors of said town in its entirety, and subject to all the conditions hereinbefore set forth, within two months after the date hereof, the same shall be void and of no effect.

Witness my hand and seal this 6th day of February, A. D. 1900.

C. F. EMERSON. [SEAL.]

COPY OF THE WARRANT

FOR THE

TOWN MEETING TO BE HOLDEN MARCH 19, 1900.

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 nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1900, 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 a gift from Charles F. Emerson, of Dixon, Illinois, of \$10,000, for a new town-house—subject to the conditions mentioned in his proposal.
6. To see if the town will vote to pay Charles F. Emerson, of Dixon, Illinois, or to his order, the sum of \$500, annually, during said Charles F. Emerson's life, in consideration of the gift made to the town by him.
7. To see if the town will decide by vote how the plans for a town-house which are hereafter to be submitted by the trustees of Charles F. Emerson, shall be approved or rejected in behalf of the town.
8. To see if the town will vote to purchase either of the lots which the selectmen have made preliminary negotiations for, at the price named for the same, and to determine how the money shall be raised.
9. To see if the town will vote to sell the present town-house and the lot on which it stands, and to determine the conditions of said sale.
10. To see if the town will vote to sell the engine-house and lot, and to determine the conditions of said sale.
11. To see if the town will pass a vote of thanks to Mr. Charles F. Emerson for his munificent offer to the town and cause the same to be properly engrossed and presented.
12. To determine at what time taxes shall be payable and what discount shall be allowed for earlier payment.
13. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the support of poor.
14. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the compensation of the superintendent of schools the past year.
15. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the support of common schools.

16. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for a free high school.
17. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for repairs of school buildings.
18. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for free text-books.
19. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for apparatus, appliances, insurance and supplies.
20. To see if the town will vote to accept the road laid out by the selectmen from the vicinity of the North Castine post-office to the north corner of James Y. Perkins' land on the shore road.
21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for constructing the above road.
22. To see what sum the town will vote as compensation to the road commissioner for the ensuing year.
23. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges.
24. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the construction and repair of sidewalks.
25. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for clearing the roads and sidewalks of snow.
26. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the construction and repair of drains and sewers.
27. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the improvement of public grounds.
28. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the maintenance of the public library.
29. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the increase of the library.
30. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for support of a fire department.
31. To see if the town will authorize the placing of a street light on Main street near C. E. McCluskey's, and at any other place the voters may desire.
32. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for lighting the streets.
33. To see what sum the town will vote to raise to defray the expenses of Memorial Day.
34. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for the payment of town notes.
35. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for payment of interest on town notes.
36. To see what sum the town will vote to raise to pay the deficiencies of the past year.
37. To see what sum the town will vote to raise for current and contingent expenses.
38. 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.
39. To see if the town will vote to pay a bill of J. Walter Weeks which the selectmen have refused for want of proper approval.
40. To see if the town will vote to change the rate of rent of the town hall or will leave some discretionary power in the hands of the selectmen.
41. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors presented by the municipal officers, treasurer and clerk.

42. To see if the town will vote to change the time of holding its annual meetings.
43. To see if the town will vote to compensate Ellis S. Gray for loss incurred by him in lighting the streets.
44. To see if the town will pass a vote of thanks to Mr. Edwin Morey for his gift of 194 volumes to the town library and cause the same to be properly engrossed and presented.
45. To see if the town will vote to pay the Castine Water Co. for protection afforded against fire from April 15, 1895, to October 1, 1899—a bill for the same having been presented and payment thereof refused by the selectmen.
46. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the purpose mentioned in the preceding article, and to determine in what manner the same shall be raised.
47. To see if the town will accept an act of the legislature passed in 1889 and incorporated in the laws of 1889, chapter 285, entitled “An Act relating to Construction of Drains and Common Sewers”, as provided for in said act.
48. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer from the Adams and Abbott schoolhouses to low-water mark and to determine the route of the same and the amount of money it will raise to pay for the same. This and the two following articles being agreeable to the petition of W. A. Walker, C. E. McCluskey, J. G. Perkins and about twenty others.
49. To see if the town will vote to construct a cellar under the Adams schoolhouse, and to supply the Adams and Abbott schoolhouses with the necessary plumbing for the convenience of the teachers and scholars and the protection of the buildings from fire, and to see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay for said cellar and plumbing.
50. To see if the town will vote to instruct its selectmen, or a majority of them, to execute a contract with the Castine Water Company, on account of and in the name of the town, for the supply of water to the Adams and Abbot schoolhouses in said town, for the period of twenty years, and to pay said company for said supply of water during said twenty years each year such sum of money as shall equal the amount of tax that may be assessed upon the company's property for that year.
51. 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 ninth day of March, A. D. 1900.

GEORGE A. WHEELER,
BENNETT D. PERKINS,
GEORGE WESCOTT,

Selectmen of Castine.

NOTE.

As the warrant will not be given to the constable until March 9, it is possible additional articles may be inserted after this has gone to the printer.