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Town Officers, 1901 and 1902.

Moderator,
DAVID S. GLIDDEN.

Clerk,
ALEX FARNHAM.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Fish Committee,
EBEN'R HAGGETT, JONATHAN DODGE, B. F. VANNAH.

Treasurer,
S. D. WYMAN.

Superintending School Committee,
W. B. ERSKINE, F. I. CARNEY, W. W. DODGE.

Superintendent of Schools,
S. W. CLARK.

Auditor,
A. W. GLIDDEN.

Collector of Taxes,
LEANDER CLARK.

Jurors drawn during the year as follows:

WALTON B. ERSKINE, Grand Juror,

WM. W. LAMSON, Traverse Juror.

WM. D. LYNCH, Traverse Juror.

Board of Health,
FRANK SMITHWICK,
D. S. GLIDDEN,
S. D. WYMAN.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.

1901		
Feb.	25	To the wife of Frank Wyman, a daughter.
Apr.	5	“ Nelson Francis, a son.
	20	“ Daniel Campbell, a daughter.
May	14	“ George L. Erskine, a daughter.
	23	“ Charles E. Thomas, a daughter.
	29	“ Fred F. Madeau, a son.
June	5	“ W. H. Decker, a son.
	17	“ George Cothran, a son.
July	17	“ Joseph R. Jones, a daughter.
Sept.	15	“ John Ray, a son.
	22	“ William D. Lynch, a son.
Oct.	10	“ Verdell Munsey, a daughter.
	17	“ Norman H. Campbell, a son.
Nov.	15	“ Moses A. Bragdon, a daughter.
Dec.	24	“ Frank H. Dodge, a son.
1902		
Jan.	8	“ William Weaver, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

1901		
Mar.	1	Walter S. Benner of Rockland and Florence M. York of Rockland.
Apr.	2	Allen L. Shaw of Damariscotta and Florence L. Lamson of Newcastle.
	24	Edward Adolphus Akhurst of Coaticook, P. Q., and Edith Emma Grant of Newcastle.

- Apr. 27 Frank Lewis of Newcastle and Edith R. York of Newcastle.
- May 5 Daniel B. Dempster of Boston and Mary Anna Wright of Newcastle.
- 26 Horace B. Marsh of Newcastle and Iva C. Averill of Jefferson.
- June 19 Leonard Hassen of Newcastle and Lester Brown of Gardiner.
- Frank H. Dodge of Newcastle and Mary Canfield of Newcastle.
- Oct. 23 James H. Hall of Newcastle and Catharine Weeks of Bristol.
- 31 Solomon Farnsworth of Newcastle and Winifred G. Hassen of Newcastle.
- Dec. 18 Charles M. Cunningham of Newcastle and Bessie Blanchard of Damariscotta.
- 25 Ormand Stanly Symonds of Newcastle and Etta Cora
- 1902
- Jan. 30 Byron L. Merry of Newcastle and Addie E. Tibbetts of Boothbay.
- Feb. 4 Charles C. Webster of Newcastle and Ella M. Sidelinger of Newcastle.
- 13 Bradford Merry of Newcastle and Rupee McKenney of Newcastle.

DEATHS.

1901

- Mar. 1 James C. Smithwick, aged 49 years, 2 days.
- 3 Susan F. Bartlett, aged 80 years, 3 months.
- 15 Nathan Rideout, aged 72 years.
- Apr. 3 Susan P. Erskine, aged 87 years, 8 months.
- 9 Mary T. Wharff, aged 77 years, 6 months.
- 9 Mary Borland, aged 76 years, 8 days.
- May 24 Charles A. Clark, aged 50 years.
- June 8 Phoebe A. Clark, aged 73 years, 2 months.
- 22 Lottie B. Libby, aged 25 years.
- July 23 William Chase, aged 79 years, 5 months.

- July 29 Mary L. Kavanagh, aged 24 years, 7 months, 18 days.
24 Margaret W. Hodgkins, aged 79 years, 3 months, 4 days.
- Sept. 8 Stephen Weeks, aged 81 years.
15 Abegail Glidden, aged 79 years, 10 months, 22 days.
- Oct. 7 Rachael C. Gove, 4 months, 7 days.
- Nov. 15 Sadie M. Bragdon, aged 2 hours.
24 Emma L. Hussey, aged 52 years, 22 days.
- Dec. 8 Jane H. Choate, 85 years, 7 months.
18 Warren Teague, 45 years.
- 1902
- Jan. 10 Mary Ann Cunningham, 70 years.
11 Ada M. Glidden, aged 14 years.
11 John Lynch, aged 77 years.
18 Sumner Smithwick.
30 Angeline C. Ames, 72 years, 5 month, 23 days.
31 Oscar A. Hall, aged 20 years, 4 months, 20 days.
31 Harriet Follansbee, aged 86 years, 8 months, 13 days.

Auditor's Report.

THE ALEWIVE FISHERY FOR 1901.

Number of orders issued.....	407
Number of fish sold for domestic purposes.....	258,447
Number of fish free on needy orders.....	17,800
Total amount received for fish for domestic purposes.....	\$905 17
Received for shingles sold.....	25
	\$905 42
Newcastle one-half part of above.....	\$452 71
Received from A. R. Nickerson.....	568 07
	\$1020 78
One-half expenditures as per items.....	314 02
	\$706 76

EXPENDITURES AT FISHERY.

Horace Reeves, dipping.....	\$ 9 00
James Tomlinson, watching.....	18 50
Augustus Jones, "	10 50
William Rankin, dipping	9 00
J. C. Hopkins, watching.....	18 50
James Tomlinson, "	18 50
J. C. Hopkins, "	12 00
Abiel McCurda, "	9 00
O. E. Sidelinger, watching and dipping.....	10 50

William Hiscock, watching.....	\$ 1 50
B. F. Vannah, barrels and watching.....	2 05
Lester Ripley, dipping.....	10
Loring Waltz, watching.....	10 50
James Barnes, dipping	15
Augustus Jones, watching.....	3 00
Abiel McCurda, "	3 00
Joseph Hopkins, "	1 50
Horace Rice, dipping.....	6 75
John Reeves, "	5 25
O. E. Sidelinger, "	4 50
Loring Waltz, watching.....	3 00
Ruel York, "	8 00
C. D. Hall, agent for Nobleboro.....	70 00
B. A. White, lumber.....	27 74
T. L. Clark, watching.....	3 00
Abiel McCurda, "	1 50
William Rankin, dipping.....	4 50
John Reeves, "	9 75
William Rankin, "	9 00
Charles E. Sherman, watching.....	6 00
C. D. Hall, repairing stream.....	10 10
Frank Ripley, "	7 80
O. E. Sidelinger, repairing and dipping.....	15 15
Geo. W. Oliver, fish bows and handles.....	10 00
Loring Waltz, repairing and watching.....	10 20
Thos. J. Berce, repairing stream.....	4 15
Horace Rice, "	7 05
W. Scott York, "	5 77
Elmer F. York, "	4 00
Horace Rice, dipping.....	11 25
D. W. Chapman & Son, insurance.....	12 00
C. D. Hall, watching.....	1 50
S. F. Tomlinson, nails, broom and hammer.....	3 47
Jonathan Dodge, repairing stream.....	1 50
O. E. Sidelinger, dipping.....	10 50

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William Rankin, dipping.....	\$ 7 50
John Reeves, ".....	7 50
John Waltz, watching.....	1 50
Augustus Jones, ".....	3 00
Abiel McCurda, ".....	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, order book.....	6 00
Loring Waltz, watching.....	7 50
Edward Jones, repairing and watching.....	3 90
G. F. Barnes, watching.....	1 50
Horace Rice, dipping.....	9 00
William Hodgkins, ".....	83
O. E. Sidelinger, ".....	6 00
Horace Rice, ".....	9 75
Gardner Waltz, watching.....	3 00
William Rankin, dipping.....	4 50
James Tomlinson, watching.....	1 50
Horace Rice, dipping.....	7 50
William Rankin, ".....	3 00
Eben Haggett, agent for Newcastle.....	70 00
William Rankin, work on stream.....	1 50
John Reeves, ".....	4 12
S. F. Tomlinson, nails.....	22
Jonathan Dodge, accountant.....	70 00
Total expenditures.....	\$628 05

APPROPRIATIONS.

Public Schools.....	\$1,300 00
Poor.....	600 00
Town officers.....	500 00
Incidental.....	200 00
Roads and bridges.....	2,000 00
Sidewalks.....	300 00
Schoolhouses.....	200 00
Text books.....	50
	\$5,150 00

VALUATION.

Real Estate, Resident.....	\$349,236 00	
" Non-Resident.....	42,136 00	
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Total Real Estate.....		\$391,372 00
Personal Estate, Resident,.....	\$214,389 00	
" Non-Resident.....	9,900 00	
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Total amount Personal Estate....		224,289 00
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		\$615,661 00

ASSESSMENT.**RATE 12 MILLS.**

Amount assessed for State tax.....		\$1,819 39
" County tax.....		901 89
" Town purposes.....		5,150 00
" Overlay.....		271 47
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Total assessment and commitment.....	8142.75	\$8,151 68
Polls, 294 @ \$3.00.....		\$882 00

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriated.....	\$2,000 00
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EBEN HAGGETT'S DISTRICT.

Paid Nathaniel Bryant, men and team.....	\$33 75
J. W. Chapman, labor.....	4 57
Daniel Linscott, ".....	6 45
Martin Bergquist, ".....	3 75
S. H. Vinal, ".....	50
W. A. Knight, ".....	2 77
Wm. Rankin, ".....	75
W. C. Teague, ".....	2 00
Stephen Hall, ".....	2 93
W. W. Keene, repairs for road machine.....	9 50
Walter Carlisle, labor.....	11 62

Paid Orlando Hall with team.....	\$16 50
John M. Perkins, labor.....	1 80
Frank Light, ".....	3 75
Mary A. Dodge, man and team.....	10 35
F. G. Wyman with team.....	9 00
Robert Hull, labor.....	2 25
Chas. E. Hall with team.....	12 75
D. J. Campbell, labor.....	6 15
Fred Fish, ".....	1 50
S. W. Place, ".....	15 74
Wm. Perkins, ".....	4 70
Orlando Hall with team.....	24 00
William Perkins, labor.....	17 62
Frank Linscott, ".....	1 50
Virdell Munsey labor with team.....	7 50
C. E. Hall, " ".....	17 25
Richard Nutter, labor.....	98
Elijah Cunningham, ".....	1 05
Geo. Cunningham, ".....	1 43
Loring Waltz, ".....	1 05
S. H. Vinal, ".....	6 00
Frank Linscott, ".....	2 25
Frank Vinal, ".....	3 75
D. J. Campbell, ".....	9 82
William Rankin, ".....	5 25
Sawyer Vinal, ".....	2 25
J. W. Chapman, ".....	4 50
A. H. Lailer, ".....	5 04
Robert Hull, ".....	27 75
G. M. Sykes, ".....	2 10
J. W. Haggett, pipe for culvert.....	25 04
William Lamson, labor.....	2 25
C. E. Hall, labor with team....	58 00
Robert Hull, labor.....	25 00
W. E. Otis.....	1 30
D. D. Chapman, for gravel.....	2 40

Paid C. E. Hall, labor with team.....	\$16 50
L. P. Boyd, labor	1 89
C. E. Hall, labor with team.	57 12
Jacob Francis, " "	77
Nelson Francis, labor... ..	5 71
Nelson Francis, water trough 2 years ...	6 00
William Rankin, labor	3 00
F. P. Tibbetts & Son, repairs on road machine ..	4 15
Robert Hull, labor	21 75
H. E. Webster, "	9 75
W. A. Knight, "	1 50
A. A. Hall, labor with team	1 50
W. A. Knight, labor	6 00
Frank Vinal, "	3 50
Daniel Linscott, "	1 35
E. B. Sprague, "	85
J. L. Clifford.	3 37
Eben'r Haggett, labor.	34 50
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	\$607 31

JONATHAN DODGE'S DISTRICT.

Paid Frank H. Dodge, labor	\$ 4 87
Manfred C. Dodge, "	60
A. Patterson, "	5 90
Ormond Symonds, "	2 48
Maine Central R. R., freight on drain pipe	4 00
Geo. N. Lewis, labor	1 58
Alden Sherman, "	3 00
W. A. Smith, labor with team	19 30
Maine Central R. R., freight on drain pipe	2 40
M. A. Malcolm, labor	3 00
William D. Cunningham, "	1 00
Walter Carlisle, "	2 10
" "	3 00
Frank H. Dodge, labor with team	7 00
" labor..	3 00
" "	6 00

Paid W. G. Shattuck, lumber.....	\$ 2 90
Frank Lewis, labor with team	6 00
J. D. Sidelinger, labor.....	2 25
Roscoe H. Dodge, "	3 00
Defranshaw Lewis, "	4 50
" "	6 00
F. S. Dodge, "	33 05
A. Patterson, "	13 90
J. W. Haggett, drain pipe.....	42 00
Frank Lewis, labor.....	3 50
J. D. Sidelinger, "	9 45
Wm. H. Patterson. "	6 52
Warren Hatch, "	4 50
Chas. B. Dodge, "	40 19
A. Patterson, "	5 00
Joseph Dow, "	3 45
T. H. Packard, labor with team.....	34 70
F. S. Dodge, labor.....	4 50
S. C. Cunningham, "	2 03
Ward L. Shattuck, "	14 10
J. B. Shattuck, "	3 00
F. G. Wyman, "	5 50
W. S. Hatch, "	9 97
T. V. Munsey, labor with team.	15 00
F. G. Wyman, "	15 75
O. S. Symonds labor.....	3 75
Frank Lewis, "	11 85
Roscoe H. Dodge, "	3 00
Frank H. Dodge, "	4 20
Walter S. Carlisle, "	1 35
Manfred C. Dodge, "	3 00
Jonathan Dodge, "	11 30
J. P. Cushman, "	4 50
T. H. Packard, "	3 90
G. W. Cothran, "	10 45
S. F. Somies, "	7 90

Paid Bert E. Dodge,	labor.....	\$ 9 15
John Lynch,	“	10 60
T. Dodge,	“	5 85
J. P. Cushman,	“	60
W. S. Davidson,	“	3 00
Augustus Rice,	“	2 25
Edward Rice,	“	60
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		\$457 29

B. F. VANNAH'S DISTRICT.

Paid Henry J. Trask,	labor.....	\$27 30
Ernest Chapman,	“	13 27
Estate of J. C. Smithwick, team.....		7 50
F. Flye.....		1 70
J. L. Libby, tending draw of bridge, &c.....		4 90
A. W. Kennedy,	“	6 00
Theo. L. Clarke,	labor.....	5 40
P. O. Reed,	“	4 05
A. H. Simonton,	“	4 59
W. F. Geyer,	“	9 22
Moses Bragdon,	“	1 50
W. H. Emerson,	“	1 39
Geo. F. Pinkham,	“	4 50
Guy Wilson,	“	3 60
Harry Pinkham,	“	4 65
Wilbur Hopkins,	“	8 25
Walter E. Vannah,	“	4 50
William F. Geyer, labor with team.....		35 55
Chas. Goudy	labor.....	6 00
J. F. Moody,	“	1 50
Warren York,	“	12 45
George Vannah,	“	3 15
Chas. Hassen,	“	13 50
Wm. Hiscock,	“	49 24
Albert Whitehouse,	“	4 50
Albert Whitehouse,	“	4 50

Paid W. E. Vannah, labor.....	\$ 4 28
P. O. Reed, "	6 68
Gilman Moody, "	28 35
Gilman Moody, labor with team.....	9 00
Clarence M. Hunt, labor.....	1 65
Wm. Geyer and other, labor.....	68 36
Harry M. Pinkham, "	4 72
Wm. Emerson, "	15 15
Guy Wilson, "	12 22
Steven Shortwell, "	2 70
M. H. Follansbee, "	5 40
Geo. Campbell, "	7 50
Gilman Moody, "	13 05
Edward Harrison, "	3 60
Alphonso Hatch, "	3 30
Geo. N. Pinkham, "	2 40
Harry E. Hall, "	4 50
Harrison Flye, "	15 00
Almond Hall, "	9 00
Edward Harrison, "	3 45
Guy Tuttle, "	3 60
C. A. Clark, "	31 27
Edward Harrison, "	90
Harry Pinkham, "	3 00
S. C. Cunningham, "	27 62
W. F. Geyer self and others, labor.....	30 45
Everett Whitehouse, labor.....	3 00
Warren York, "	10 70
C. W. Hassen, "	18 15
Guy Tuttle, "	12 75
Wm. F. Geyer, and others, labor.....	43 86
O. E. Sidelinger, labor.....	8 63
C. C. Webster, "	4 88
Warren N. Chapman, "	17 47
J. B. Parsons, labor and lumber	30 66
Lincoln Hall, labor.....	17 25

Paid T. L. Clark,	labor.....	\$ 15 00
Norman Clark,	“	4 50
M. H. Follansbee,	“	3 20
Murray Ryder,	labor with team.....	23 80
L. W. Erskine,	“	132 85
A. W. Kennedy,	“	28 35
Chas. E. Keene,	labor.....	2 64
George Vannah,	“	1 15
Katie M. Bennett,	gravel.....	2 40
Wesley Whitehouse,	labor.....	4 40
Everett Trask,	“	8 00
Wesley Whitehouse,	“	1 50
P. O. Reed,	“	21 61
Alvin Hunt,	“	6 60
Elwell C. Lowell,	“	11 25
Gilman Moody,	“	2 00
“	“	2 48
“	“	6 50
J. B. Parsons,	“	1 05
Henry E. Palmer,	“	4 50
Chas. E. Keene,	“	6 75
W. L. Haywood,	“	7 50
Warren Gray,	“	1 35
F. W. Hall,	“	10 70
Edwin Flye,	labor with team.....	20 55
C. E. Keene,	labor.....	3 00
Edwin Flye,	“	3 00
S. C. Cunningham,	“	1 35
P. O. Reed,	“	6 60
Kate Madigan,	gravel.....	10 65
J. W. Haggett,	nails and powder.....	39
Elwell Lowell,	labor.....	1 50
Ernest Chapman,	“	2 77
B. F. Vannah	“	3 28
J. C. Hopkins,	“	7 07
J. T. Webster,	“	6 45

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Paid W. B. Erskine, labor.....	\$ 1 50
W. H. Emerson, "	10 36
B. F. Vannah, cash paid out.....	9 12
A. B. Erskine, lumber.....	44 23
A. B. Erskine, "	81 08
W. B. Erskine, labor.....	12 17
B. W. Campbell, "	2 03
Moses Bragdon, "	5 59
Leander Clark, "	7 50
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	\$1,277 48
Total expenditures on highways.....	\$2,332 09
Overdrawn.....	\$332 09

OLD HIGHWAY BILLS.

Paid Ernest Chapman.....	\$ 1 20
Edward Kavanaugh.....	5 55
Byron L. Merry.....	2 25
B. W. Campbell.....	6 00
Horace Jones.....	3 00
Everett Whitehouse.....	4 08
M. A. Malcolm.....	6 75
Alden E. Sherman.....	6 00
George Hassen.....	1 88
C. Y. Hassen.....	1 50
W. H. Decker.....	13 40
John Fuller.....	1 20
W. H. Decker.....	4 80
Seward Smith.....	3 00
Harrison Flye.....	12 75
Geo. A. Clark.....	3 00
W. N. Chapman.....	11 10
Leander Clark.....	12 90
C. H. Bartlett.....	5 25
Bert E. Dodge.....	6 01
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	\$97 95

REPAIRS OF SIDEWALKS, ETC.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00
Paid J. W. Chapman, labor.....	\$ 2 70
W. A. Knight, "	4 57
B. A. White, lumber.....	10 05
J. B. Parsons, "	11 69
W. A. Knight, labor... ..	6 83
J. W. Chapman, "	2 32
Frank Vinal, "	2 53
F. M. Wade, "	1 05
W. W. Lamson, "	3 90
S. H. Vinal, "	13 50
Frank Vinal, . "	2 24
F. M. Wade, "	3 00
William Rankin, "	67
Lawrence Hall, "	2 10
William Rankin, "	90
L. H. Sidelinger, "	90
John Thompson, "	4 13
James Dray, "	29 50
Walter S. Carlisle, "	6 00
L. H. Sidelinger, "	25 07
F. M. Wade, "	1 50
A. A. Hall, lumber.....	50 63
N. Bryant, "	54 79
A. A. Hall, "	3 90
William Rankin, labor.....	1 05
James Dray, "	5 25
Elijah Cunningham, "	2 25
W. W. Lamson, "	60
Herbert Chase, "	75
Wm. Rankin, "	75
Robert Hull, "	4 50
Frank Linscott, "	5 32
S. D. Wyman.....	15 75
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	\$280 69
Balance unexpended.....	19 31
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	\$300 00

**TOWN OF NEWCASTLE IN ACCOUNT WITH
NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.**

1901			
Aug.	2	To proceeds of note Newcastle Bank	\$980 00
Oct.	30	" " "	980 00
Nov.	23	To proceeds of note Damariscotta Bank	980 00
Dec.	28	To cash from D. S. Glidden for old house and lot	200 00
		To cash from E. Haggett for old house and lot.....	150 00
		To cash received for lumber sold, etc.	165 39
			\$3455 39

EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS, VIZ.

1901			
July	18	Lawrence Bros., lumber.....	\$411 58
Aug.	2	William Perkins, 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ days @ \$1 50	45 38
	8	So. Gardiner Lumber Co., lumber....	209 72
	15	A. A. Partridge, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ day @ \$3 00.....	29 25
	26	Elijah Cunningham, 8 days @ \$1 50	4 50
	27	Wm. Rankin, lathing.....	90
		" 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days @ \$.50.....	1 75
Sept.	2	Thos. Dray, 32 days @ \$2 00.....	64 00
	4	Robert Hull, 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ days @ \$1 50.....	51 74
	7	F. S. Dodge, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ days @ \$1 75.....	25 27
	12	L. K. Bonney, lathing.....	8 90
	14	Moses Coombs, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ days @ \$2 25.....	61 75
	16	Everett Knight, lathing.....	1 20
	18	E. P. Gamage, sand.....	8 00
	20	Dwight Hussey, cloth.....	50
	27	Jacob Rankin, sand.....	12 00
Oct.	1	A. A. Hall, lumber.....	27 68
	6	Geo. E. Trask "	55 98
	7	Sawyer Vinal, 67 $\frac{3}{4}$ days @ \$1. 50.....	101 62
	9	George E. Trask, lumber.....	13 00

Oct.	9	Oakland Mfg. Co., lumber.....	\$238 15
	16	Flint & Stetson, grass seed.....	3 25
	21	Orlando Hall, 48½ days with team....	130 50
	30	E. F. Metcalf, lime, cement, and hair	189 10
	30	Oakland Mfg. Co.....	61 09
Nov.	1	“ “	32 67
	3	F. S. Dodge, 6 days @ \$2.00.....	12 00
	6	Chas. E. Hall, 17 days with teams @ \$3.00.....	51 00
Nov.	12	William Erskine, 57½ days @ \$2.50	142 87
	23	E. S. Harrington, 27 9-10 days @ \$2.00	55 80
		Robert Hull, job work.....	13 97
		Sawyer Vinal, “	16 85
		“ lathing.....	6 90
	25	Frank Vinal, 7½ days @ \$1.50.....	11 25
	27	B. A. White, lumber.....	5 01
	29	Wm. H. Glover, “	11 25
	30	Chandler Wilson, 37 days @ \$2.50....	92 50
		Chas. H. Gove, 11 days @ \$2.50.....	28 75
		“ 13 hours @ \$.25.....	3 25
Dec.	1	Maine Central R. R., freight bills.....	78 52
	2	William Erskine, 77½ days @ \$2.75	213 12
	7	Bradford & Connant, slate.....	31 92
		William Rankin, 4½ days @ \$1.50...	6 75
	8	John Clifford, hardware, paint, etc...	162 64
		W. W. Keene & Son, furnace, pipe, labor, etc.....	470 00
	14	William Erskine, setting slate, chairs, etc.....	5 00
		Joseph Gammons, 5 days @ \$2.00.	10 00
	16	A. W. Fuller, trucking.....	6 50
		Twin Village Water Co., laying water pipe, etc.....	20 60
	9	Austin Hall, lumber.....	92 29
	24	J. B. Sherman, 48 1-10 days @ \$3.25	156 13

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Dec. 26	Vermont School Seat Co., furniture	\$203 70	
31	F. P. Tibbetts & Son, blacksmithing	3 25	
1902			
Jan. 20	Nathaniel Bryant, brick and sand.....	194 55	
	A. W. Glidden, 1 sample seat and ex- penses to Lewiston.....	5 17	
	Wm. Rankin, 4 days on cellar @ \$1.50	6 00	
	“ 9 “ “	13 50	
	P. H. Gay, coal.....	3 25	
		— — —	\$3,913 67

DEDUCT FOR LUMBER SOLD ETC., AS FOLLOWS VIZ.

July 16	Sixty thousand shingles to E. Haggett (So. Gardiner bill).....	\$112 50	
	Discount on school furniture bill.....	9 33	
	100 clapboards sold @ \$32.....	3 20	
	285 ft. pine boards sold @ \$15.....	4 25	
	243 ft. spruce boards sold @ \$13.....	3 22	
	203 ft. hard wood floor boards @ \$32	6 49	
	To lime and cement sold.....	1 40	
	Cash from A. Austin connecting drain pipe.....	15 00	
	Cash from F. D. March, connecting drain pipe.....	10 00	
		— — —	\$165 39
	Net cost.....		\$3,748 28

**THE TOTAL COST AS NEAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED
MAY BE SUBDIVIDED AS FOLLOWS, VIZ.**

Cost of house from basement up.....	\$1,929 82
Cost of furniture, slate, furnace, soil pipe, plumbing, etc.....	705 14
Cost of fence and walk.....	138 41
Cost of foundation, basement, grading, etc.....	974 91
Total.....	— — — \$3,748 28
Due Eben Haggett on account of cash paid John L. Clifford, for lot.....	350 00
Due Eben Haggett cash advanced to pay bills	270 14

ABATEMENTS.**BILLS COMMITTED TO F. I. CARNEY, 1899.**

Arthur C. Erskine.....	\$ 1 86
Nath'l. Glidden.....	4 96
Andrew Huey.....	10 33
J. M. Hodgkins.....	1 67
Isaac C. Stetson.....	1 94
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	\$20 76

BILLS COMMITTED TO D. S. GLIDDEN, 1900.

Elijah Cunningham, poll tax.....	\$ 3 00
Howard Dodge, ".....	3 00
A. W. Erskine, ".....	3 00
John R. Main, ".....	3 00
Geo. Shattuck. ".....	3 00
Willis Trask, error in assessment poll tax,.....	3 00
Geo. Wood, poll tax.....	3 00
Melzar McCurdy, ".....	3 00
Mrs. Alfred Elliott, real estate.....	3 15
Nath'l. Glidden, ".....	5 04
Chas. H. Gove, poll and personal.....	4 76
Howard Lincoln estate, real and personal.....	11 02
Albert McCurdy, real estate.....	5 23
Joseph Paine Est., ".....	3 40
G. A. R. Post Hall, ".....	3 78
David Shattuck Est., error.....	94
Warren Tomlinson, ".....	27
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	\$61 59

BILLS COMMITTED TO LEANDER CLARK, 1901.

Amos Jones, real estate not owned.....	\$ 1 08
Albert McCurdy, " ".....	3 60
J. F. Merrill, " ".....	3 60
John Trussell Est., taxed in two places.....	4 80
Sarah Mulligan, did not own property taxed...	1 80
Ephraim Jones Est., " ".....	4 20
Ella F. Genthner, " ".....	1 20

Geo. Perkins Est., error.....	\$ 3 60	
Arthur Perkins, not resident.....	3 00	
Melzar McCurdy, "	3 00	
Chas. Lee, poll tax.....	3 00	
Howard Lincoln, Est, unable to pay.....	10 30	
Edward Lincoln, "	2 40	
Howard Dodge, poll tax.....	3 00	
T. M. Cunningham, "	3 00	
Geo. F. Pinkham, unable to pay, sickness.....	9 43	
Murry Cunningham, Est., error.....	1 08	
Joseph Paine, Est., inability.....	3 24	
Alfred Elliott, Est, "	3 00	
Geo. Hassen, "	3 00	
Daniel Campbell, account of sickness.....	3 67	
Warren Tomlinson, account of road across field	2 64	
Elijah Cunningham, poll tax.....	3 00	
Alden Sherman, "	3 00	
Woodbury A. Smith, $\frac{1}{2}$ highway tax.....	2 57	
Joseph Cunningham, highway tax.....	2 83	
Horatio Dodge, "	3 66	
D. S. McKenney, "	3 90	
Alonzo H. Dodge, "	57	
Geo. Shattuck, poll tax.....	3 00	
Geo. C. Jones, over valuation.....	3 90	
	<hr/>	\$104 07
Total abatements.....		<hr/> \$186 42

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriated.....		\$200 00
Paid P. O. Reed, damage to horse on highway	\$20 00	
D. S. Glidden, surveying road at South Newcastle.....		5 00
Leander Clark, postage and stationery.....		2 00
Dr. J. M. King, vaccination.....		4 50
" reporting births and deaths.....		2 00

Paid William Hiscock, injury on sidewalk.....	\$ 75 00	
Geo. W. Singer, printing.....	5 75	
Wm. Perkins, for watching, night, July 3	2 00	
John Murphy, " "	2 00	
F. M. Sproul, collecting taxes in Nobleboro	14 35	
J. M. Perkins, expenses to Boothbay and Lewiston.....	9 52	
Hilton & Hilton, services as attorney.....	6 00	
S. D. Wyman, postage, registry, etc.....	5 00	
G. W. Singer, printing reports and notices.....	43 00	
A. M. Card, reporting births and deaths...	3 25	
F. W. Sproul, tax on fish house for 1900....	11 20	
Loring, Short & Harmon, books for town officers.....	9 00	
Frank Vannah, services at funeral Robt. Gammon.....	3 00	
E. F. Stetson, reporting births, deaths and vaccination.....	8 25	
W. H. Parsons, care of Wm. Hiscock..	5 00	
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		\$235 82
Overdrawn.....		<hr/>
		\$35 82

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation.....		\$600 00
Paid Enos Jones, at Insane Hospital.....	\$139 51	
Martin Hisler, account of Mrs. Hutchins	189 00	
S. M. Simonton, account of Wm. Knatman	174 10	
S. M. Simonton, account of Robt. Gammon	26 75	
J. M. King, medical attendance Lincoln child.....	3 00	
J. M. King medical attendance Gove child.....	2 00	
A. M. Card, medical attendance Wm. Knatman.....	50 85	

Paid Wm. H. Parsons, medical attendance		
Lincoln boy.....	\$ 25 00	
W. W. Dodge, account of Wm. Knatman	1 75	
E. F. Stetson, medical services.....	20 75	
S. D. Wyman, burying Gove child.....	12 00	
Otis Dodge, account Lyman Dodge.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$744 71
Overdrawn.....		\$144 71

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Appropriated.....		\$200 00
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EXPENDED.

Repairs, labor, lumber, etc.....	\$257 09	
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Overdrawn.....		\$57 09

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriated.....		\$50 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid S. W. Clark, bill for books..	\$39 44	
Express on above.....	1 25	
Bill on books bought last year.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$42 19
Unexpended.....		7 81

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Appropriated by town.....	\$1,300 00	
Received from State mill tax.....	753 68	
Unexpended last year, as per report.....	243 53	
	<hr/>	\$2,297 21

EXPENDED.

Teachers.....	\$1,865 50	
Transportation of scholars.....	194 75	
Janitors.....	93 75	
Wood and coal.....	117 55	
Board of scholar.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	2,286 55
Unexpended.....		\$10 66

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid J. M. Glidden, five sheep @ \$3.00..... \$15 00

LEANDER CLARK, COLLECTOR.

DR.

To commitment 1901..... \$8,174 05

OR,

By tax in part, 1901..... \$6,366 30
 Balance due..... 1,807 75
 ----- 8,174 05

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Appropriated.....	\$500 00
Eben Haggett, Chairman Selectmen.....	\$100 00
Eben Haggett, services at school house.....	75 00
Jonathan Dodge, Selectman.....	65 00
B. F. Vannah, ".....	65 00
S. D. Wyman, Treasurer.....	40 00
Alex. Farnham, Clerk.....	38 85
S. W. Clark, Supt. Schools.....	85 00
F. I. Carney, School Committee.....	8 00
W. B. Erskine, ".....	8 00
W. W. Dodge, ".....	8 00
A. W. Glidden, Auditor.....	10 00
J. M. Hodgkins, dog constable.....	7 00
F. I. Carney, Com. as collector taxes.....	6 30
D. S. Glidden, " ".....	39 41
D. S. Glidden, services as constable.....	5 00
Leander Clark, Com. on tax collected.....	95 49
Leander Clark, services as constable.....	5 00

 \$661 05

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Amount on hand.....	\$	5 93
State refunded for dog licenses.....		60 08
" Seals Noses.....		4 00
Albert C. Huston fund.....		1,000 00
Mrs. H. Lincoln cash returned for bill paid.....		25 00
Received from fish.....		706 75
Railroad and telegraph tax.....		36 25
School fund and mill tax.....		753 68
A. Farnham dog licenses.....		54 00
State pensions.....		216 00
D. S. Glidden in full tax 1900.....		2,342 69
F. I. Carney " 1898 and 1899.....		420 00
Leander Clark part tax 1901.....		6,366 30
		<hr/> \$11,990 68

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State Pension, James Dray.....	\$	24 00
Elijah Cunningham.....		24 00
Wm. Rankin.		48 00
Loring Waltz.....		48 00
Sarah Trask.....		24 00
Harriet Henry.....		48 00
Dog licenses.....		54 00
County tax.....		901 87
State tax.....		1,819 39
Coupons cancelled.....		225 00
Bonds cancelled and accrued interest.....		1,235 00
Orders paid.		7,347 51
Balance on hand.....		191 91
		<hr/> \$11,990 68

LIABILITIES.

Commission on uncollected taxes.....	\$ 27 11	
Railroad 6 per cent bonds.....	3,500 00	
Bank notes on schoolhouse account.....	3,000 00	
Due Eben Haggett on schoolhouse.....	620 14	
Albert C. Huston fund.....	1,000 00	
Balance due school account.....	10 66	
	<hr/>	\$8,157 91

RESOURCES.

Balance cash in treasury.....	\$ 191 91	
Uncollected taxes.....	1,807 75	
Due from state on account of dog tax.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,099 66
Indebtedness.....		\$6,058 25

SELECTMEN'S ESTIMATES FOR 1902.

Roads & Bridges.....	\$2500 00
Schools.....	1500 00
Support of Poor.....	600 00
Town Officers' Bills.....	600 00
Incidental Expenses.....	200 00
Repairs on Sidewalks.....	300 00
Repairs on School Houses.....	100 00
Text Books.....	50 00
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	\$5850 00

Respectfully Submitted,

A. W. GLIDDEN, Auditor.

TABLE

Showing Valuation, Rate per cent. on \$100, and Taxes for 45 Years

YEAR.	VALU- ATION.	ON \$ 100	STATE.	COUNTY.	TOWN.	TOTAL.	YEAR
1857	704,621	0 78	789 04	522 53	4 623 30	5 934 78	1857
1858	717 152	0 72	789 04	646 46	4 136 25	5 571 75	1858
1859	704 347	0 68	789 04	570 07	4 713 26	6 072 37	1859
1860	704 183	0 75	815 38	1 039 29	3 710 80	5 565 47	1860
1861	646 342	0 80	1 018 19	1 208 20	3 281 94	5 580 33	1861
1862	646 144	0 85	1 626 62	1 155 68	3 035 24	5 817 54	1862
1863	657 782	1 00	1 951 11	1 575 92	3 330 79	6 852 82	1863
1864		1 00	5 196 07	840 49	6 349 57	12 386 13	1864
1865		2 45	9 739 00	787 96	6 656 24	16 183 20	1865
1866	604 921	2 30	4 871 57	837 24	9 333 38	15 042 19	1866
1867	589 175	1 90	3 898 09	890 80	7 423 16	12 212 14	1867
1868	598 600	1 50	3 249 10	890 89	5 839 03	9 979 02	1868
1869	599 883	1 85	4 547 08	834 49	6 744 40	12 125 97	1869
1870	578 046	1 43	4 191 41	916 04	4 156 87	9 264 32	1870
1871	598 605	1 50	3 493 42	814 26	5 563 68	9 871 36	1871
1872		1 60	4 016 91	966 94	5 376 46	10 360 31	1872
1873	607 810	1 65	3 493 42	1 017 82	6 465 59	10 976 83	1873
1874	602 151	1 40	3 493 42	1 018 82	5 300 67	9 811 91	1874
1875	644 145	1 00	2 795 44	916 04	3 711 94	7 323 42	1875
1876	639 142	1 50	2 620 97	1 017 82	7 275 72	10 914 51	1876
1877	651 046	1 70	2 097 46	916 04	9 123 93	12 137 43	1877
1878	668 037	1 70	2 795 44	916 04	8 947 42	12 658 90	1878
1879	647 128	2 20	2 795 44	814 26	11 719 12	15 328 80	1879
1880	640 891	2 25	3 493 42	814 26	11 377 83	15 635 51	1880
1881	633 309	2 30	3 725 96	1 145 90	10 827 91	15 699 77	1881
1882	621 681	1 95	3 725 95	1 109 51	8 391 28	13 226 75	1882
1883	631 630	1 72	3 312 40	1 122 00	7 487 04	11 890 52	1883
1884	592 950	2 00	3 312 40	1,122 00	8 435 88	12 870 28	1884
1885	575 429	1 70	3 015 63	1 059 60	6 630 65	10 795 90	1885
1886	565 633	1 70	3 015 63	1 009 70	6 546 56	10 661 89	1886
1887	563 826	1 65	2 278 50	1 009 70	7 028 02	10 316 24	1887
1888	546 791	1 80	2 278 50	1 000 80	6 050 00	10 353 24	1888
1889	609 601	1 50	2 278 52	1 146 01	6 818 12	10 243 55	1889
1890	606 509	1 45	1 864 96	1 146 91	6 755 76	9 747 63	1890
1891	612 933	1 25	2 130 90	928 20	5 600 97	8 660 07	1891
1892	607 961	1 10	2 130 90	928 20	4 640 72	7 699 82	1892
1893	592 445	1 10	2 126 85	985 96	4 306 96	7 419 77	1893
1894	585 478	1 60	1 938 78	985 96		*9 990 52	1894
1895	595 362	1 15	1 869 75	935 99	4 630 92	7 436 66	1895
1896	592 200	1 20	1 683 10	935 99	5 066 09	7 685 18	1896
1897	586 285	1 10	1 933 82	934 24	4 154 86	7 022 92	1897
1898	603 515	1 50	1 933 82	934 24	6 951 00	9 937 27	1898
1899	617 000	1 24	1 856 48	920 09	5 450 00	8 527 14	1899
1900	606 454	1 26	1 856 48	920 09	5 400 00	8 415 32	1900
1901	615 661	1 20	1 819 39	901 89	5 421 47	8 137 93	1901

*\$9,990 52 less the rebate of \$3,000 for sale of schoolhouses equals \$6,990 25.

School Committee's Report.

DIST. NO. 1.

Transportation of scholars.....	\$108 25
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DIST. NO. 2.

L. D. Ide, teaching spring term, 10 weeks.....	\$80 00
Gertrude Dunbar, " fall term, 10 weeks.....	80 00
" " winter term, 9 weeks.....	76 50
Janitor, three terms.....	11 75
Wood and coal.....	21 75

\$270 00

REPAIRS.

Cleaning school room.....	\$2 50
Blackening stove, glass and putty.....	38
Crayon, 40c., broom, 25c.....	65
Dust brush, 25c., halyards for flag, 25c.....	50
Wash dish, 12c., glass and putty, 15c.....	27
Toilet paper, 25c., ink, 40c.....	65
Pens and pen holders.....	90
Nine curtains, (new schoolhouse).....	9 00

\$14 85

DIST. NO. 3.

Lena Clark, teaching summer term, 10 weeks.....	\$60 00
" " fall term, 10 weeks.....	60 00
" " winter term, 9 weeks.....	58 50
Janitor, three terms.	9 25
Wood.....	9 38
Transportation of scholars.....	72 50

\$269 63

REPAIRS.

W. B. Erskine, labor.....	\$ 2 10
J. W. Haggett, bill.....	70
J. C. Hopkins, bill for labor.....	9 70
J. B. Parsons, bill for lumber.....	15 46
T. S. Hodgkins, bill.....	1 98
W. W. Dodge, bill.....	90
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	\$30 79

DIST. NO. 4.

Alden Hodgkins, teaching summer term, 10 weeks.....	\$75 00
" " fall term, 10 weeks.....	75 00
" " winter term, 9 weeks.....	67 50
Janitor, three terms.....	9 00
Wood	9 00
Board of scholar.....	15 00
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	\$250 50

REPAIRS.

Harry & Oscar Pinkham, bill labor.....	\$11 00
J. W. Haggett, " 	4 36
Cleaning school room.....	2 00
A. B. Erskine, bill for lumber.....	7 95
W. B. Erskine, " labor.....	8,40
John Maddox, cedar posts.....	3 75
W. W. Dodge.....	40
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	\$37 86

DIST. NO. 5.

Ethel Whitehouse teaching spring term, 10 weeks.....	\$75 00
" " fall term, 10 weeks	75 00
" " winter term, 10 weeks.....	67 50
Janitor, three terms.....	11 75
Wood and coal.....	21 75
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	\$251 00

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE

REPAIRS.

Cleaning schoolroom.....	\$2 00
Erasers 40c., broom 25c.....	65
Hinges etc., 16c., broom 30c.....	46
Coal sifter 35c., toilet paper 20c.....	55
Glass and putty 25c., crayon 10c.....	35
9 curtains (new schoolhouse).....	9 00
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	\$13 01

DIST. NO. 6.

Alfie York, teaching spring term, 10 weeks.....	\$60 00
“ “ fall term, 10 weeks.....	65 00
“ “ winter term, 9 weeks.....	63 00
Janitor, 3 term.....	9 50
Wood	7 70
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	\$205 20

REPAIRS.

Cleaning schoolroom and repairs.....	\$ 4 75
Brackets to put under chimney.....	75
Pail, 25c., crayon, 20c.....	45
Damper, 10c., dipper, 5c.....	15
Erasers, 25c.....	25
Lampson and Chapman, painting.....	7 00
J. L. Clifford, bill.....	14 74
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	\$28 09

DIST. NO. 7.

Florence Boynton, teaching summer term, 10 weeks.....	\$65 00
“ “ fall term, 10 weeks.....	80 00
“ “ winter term, 9 weeks.....	72 00
Janitor, summer and fall term.....	5 00
Janitor, winter term	4 50
Wood.....	14 37
W. A. Smith, janitor, summer and fall term, 1901.....	5 00
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	\$245 87

REPAIRS.

Geo. E. Trask, lumber	\$25 97
J. L. Clifford, nails.....	2 89
Hinges, zinc and screws.....	1 48
Austin Hall, two windows.....	80.
Four and one-half thousand shingles.....	9 00
Paint and painting.....	2 00
Ernest Bragdon, 10 days' labor.....	20 00
Jos. T. Hall, 10 days' labor.....	15 00
Bert E. Dodge, hauling lumber	6 00
M. A. Malcolm, one day.. ..	1 25
F. I. Carney and team.....	2 00
Broom, glass and crayon.....	43
Cleaning school room.....	2 00
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	\$88 82

DIST. NO. 8.

Sunie Hodgkins, teaching summer term, 10 weeks.....	\$65 00
Mary Hilton, " fall term, 10 weeks.. ..	70 00
Blanche Albee, " winter term, 9 weeks.....	63 00
Janitor, summer and fall terms.	5 00
Janitor, winter term	4 50
Janitor, extra work.....	2 50
Wood	11 60
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	\$221 60

REPAIRS.

Two blackboards for schoolroom.	\$4 00
Pail and dipper.....	40
Crayon and broom.....	65
Stove funnel.....	75
Getting stove and setting up same.....	1 00
Hinges, etc.....	25
Cleaning schoolroom.....	2 00
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	\$9 05

DIST. NO. 9.

Ethel Whitehouse, teaching spring term, 6 weeks.....	\$48 00
Stella M. Drew, " summer term, 10 weeks.....	75 00
" " winter term, 9 weeks..... ..	72 00
Janitor, three terms.....	10 00
Wood	11 25
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	\$216 25

REPAIRS.

Paint & Painting..	\$27 12
Cleaning School room.....	2 00
Crayon.....	30
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	\$29 42

DIST. NO. 10.

Sara A. Erskine, teaching summer term, 10 weeks.....	\$75 00
Lulu Stahl, " fall term, 10 weeks.....	75 00
" " winter term, 9 weeks.....	67 50
Janitor, 3 terms.....	8 50
Wood.....	10 75
Transportation of scholars.....	14 00
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	\$250 75

REPAIRS.

T. S. Hodgkins, bill.....	90
Cleaning schoolroom.....	2 50
W. B. Erskine, labor.....	1 50
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	\$4 90

STATEMENT.

Paid teachers.....	\$1,865 50
Transportation.....	194 75
Janitors.....	93 75
Wood and coal.....	117 55
Board of scholar.....	15 00
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	\$2,286 55

Town appropriation.....	\$1,300 00	
State mill tax.....	753 68	
Unexpended 1901.....	230 93	
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Whole amount available.....	\$2,284 61	
Overdrawn.....	1 94	
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		\$2,286 55

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For schools.....	\$1,500 00
School books..	100 00
Repairs.....	200 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. CARNEY,	} Superintending School Committee,
W. B. ERSKINE,	
W. W. DODGE,	

Superintendent's Report.

CITIZENS:

Our schools during the past year have been reasonably prosperous and profitable. Much good work has been done, and some of course of an indifferent character. The larger part of the pupils have been interested in their work, and have made commendable progress. The teachers have been faithful and assiduous in their efforts to advance their pupils, and, if their endeavors have not always been crowned with complete success, this can in no degree be attributed to lack of zeal on their part, but rather to lack of experience.

One of the principal obstacles which confront teachers of district schools and one which they have no adequate means of controlling, is the indifference and heedlessness of a class of pupils who appear to have no ambition to advance beyond the merest rudiments of education. These pupils remain nearly at a stand still so far as real progress is concerned. If they have any appreciation of the value of education, they manifest great disinclination to pursue the only course necessary to its attainment. I find them in higher readers, but reading no better; in higher geographies, but with the same misty, indefinite knowledge; in arithmetic, farther along in the book, "doing sums," "getting the answer," but with no adequate knowledge of the principles involved; in grammar, giving the same indefinite, and, in many cases, absurd answers. Their favorite method of answering questions is, either guessing outright, or questioning the teacher, which is only another form of guessing. But they are by no means the only pupils who indulge in this habit. The best as well as the poorest are ready enough to guess whenever hard pressed. So infectious is this pernicious habit that schools in which it is permitted soon degenerate into little more than mere guessing schools. It is not of recent origin; nor is it confined to any particular locality. It existed in our fathers' school days, and exists still, in schools of all sorts and grades, wherever allowed. Hard work and thinking are so troublesome and vexatious, while guessing is so extremely simple and easy, and requires so slight an expenditure of brain tissues, that one can hardly wonder at the popularity of this mode of answering questions.

Take a single illustration of this guessing habit: The teacher asks a pupil to name the capital of Russia. The pupil, who ought to know, but doesn't, answers, or rather asks, "Berlin?" Receiving a negative answer from the teacher, he again asks, "Vienna?" Being told that this answer (guess) is wrong, he is not in the least disconcerted, but asks, "Isn't it St. Petersburg?" It will be seen that the pupil has not answered at all, but, on the contrary, has

simply guessed three times. Nevertheless, he is apt to take his seat after this exhibition of ignorance with a smile of triumph, as if he thought himself worthy of commendation.

The above is simply an illustration, and applies to other branches as well as to geography. If this guessing, interrogative or otherwise, is allowed, it will readily be seen that much real and accurate knowledge is out of the question.

It is of course unreasonable to expect pupils to answer correctly all questions that may be put to them even on the most familiar subjects, but it certainly is reasonable to expect them to have some definite knowledge of these subjects, and to show this by their answers.

I do not mean to imply in the least degree that I consider that the teacher has done her full duty, or that the pupil's work is done when he has recited his lesson correctly. Recitation is of course necessary, but it should always be a means, not an end. Without the skillful cross examination of the expert teacher it almost always degenerates into a mere repeating of words.

The simple truth is, that teachers, no less than poets, are born, not made. Almost anybody can hold a book in hand and see whether the pupil recites the text correctly. But this is far from being good teaching. If this be the only requisite, any person who possesses the faculty of "keeping order," and has a fair knowledge of the rudiments of education, may become a successful teacher without any further preparation. The real teacher, on the contrary, is a person who is not only able to maintain discipline, but who has a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the subjects to be taught, and the faculty of imparting this knowledge to the pupil in such a way as to stimulate his latent powers, and teach him independence of thought. For, after all, education is only systematized and classified knowledge, combined with the power of accurate thought. If it can only be acquired slowly, and by means of hard and constant labor, it must be remembered that its rewards are superb.

It is perfectly safe to say that no person ever became a thorough, or even a passable scholar without strenuous and persistent effort. "No royal road to learning" is as true and wise an apothegm as was ever written.

If, therefore, parents desire their children to obtain the inestimable blessing of a thorough education, and certainly they can have no more noble or worthy ambition, they must do their full duty. Simply to send their children to school is not enough; they should encourage them in all possible ways, keeping constantly before their minds the many and various advantages of the educated over the

uneducated. Moreover, parents should refrain from criticising teachers in the presence of their children. Incalculable mischief often results from this practice. It can scarcely be expected that pupils will have much respect for the teacher whom they constantly hear condemned at home. Granting that the teacher is not in all respects what she should be as a teacher, surely parents ought to realize the injury they are doing their children by indulging in this practice.

The town of Newcastle is acting in a very liberal manner by her children, furnishing them thirty weeks' schooling a year. This is fifty per cent. more than the minimum requirement of the law. Still the committee are of the opinion (in which opinion I concur) that the schools should be at least three weeks longer, making them thirty-three weeks a year. I refrain from argument on this point, but think the reasonableness of the suggestion will be patent to all.

The beautiful and commodious schoolhouse which has been built at the Bridge village during the past year, does great credit to the town. The site which it occupies is eligible and convenient, and the school rooms are all that can be desired. But it should be constantly borne in mind that, in order to reap the full benefits afforded by this fine school building, the cooperation of parents, teachers and pupils is necessary.

In closing this report I have again to thank parents, teachers and pupils for their uniform courtesy and kindness. My connection with the schools has been pleasant, and I hope, in some degree profitable to pupils and teachers.

The schools of the year are over, and whatever their merits or defects, they are now a thing of the past. It behooves parents to remember that opportunities neglected can never be recalled, and that, if they wish to equip their children in the best manner possible for the duties of life they must firmly resolve to give them the best education within their power. Pupils should also remember that a good education can be obtained only by constant and persistent labor.

SUMMARY.

Total number of pupils between the ages of four and twenty-one years, on the first day of April, 1901, 284.

Number of pupils attending spring term, 159: average, 134.

Number of pupils attending fall term, 152: average, 133.

Number of pupils attending winter term, 156: average, 132.

Whole number of weeks of schools during the year, 261.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. CLARKE,

Superintendent of Schools.

Town Warrant.

TO LEANDER CLARK, ESQ., a constable of the town of Newcastle in the county of Lincoln and state of Maine, Greeting:

In the name of the state of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Newcastle qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House, in said town, on the third day of March, A D., 1902, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit;

- ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
- ART. 3. To choose selectmen for the ensuing year.
- ART. 4. To choose assessors for the ensuing year.
- ART. 5. To choose overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To choose a fish committee to act with Nobleboro's committee.
- ART. 7. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ART. 8. To choose a road commissioner or commissioners for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the same.
- ART. 9. To choose a member of the superintending school committee, to serve three years.
- ART. 10. To choose a superintendent of schools for the ensuing year, and fix his compensation.
- ART. 11. To see what method the town will adopt for collecting taxes, and fix the compensation of same.
- ART. 12. To choose a collector of taxes for the ensuing year.
- ART. 13. To choose an auditor of accounts for the ensuing year.
- ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for schools for the ensuing year.
- ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of poor for the ensuing year.
- ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town officers for the ensuing year.
- ART. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for incidental expenses for the ensuing year.

- ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair sidewalks for the ensuing year.
- ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair schoolhouses for the ensuing year.
- ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school text books for the ensuing year.
- ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to instruct the fish committee to deepen the channel between the bridge and fish locks, also deepen the channel below the bridge.
- ART. 23. To see if the town will accept a road as laid out by the selectmen leading from the main road on to the Island formerly known as Shortwell Island.
- ART. 24. To see what action the town will take on the auditor's report and fix a time for holding the annual town meeting.
- ART. 25. To see what action the town will take in regard to the town indebtedness.
- ART. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs on the town house.
- ART. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for taking care of Taniscot fire engine and provide a steward for the same.
- ART. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Grand Army Memorial service.
- ART. 29. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
- ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant and your proceedings thereon at time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hand this twenty-second day of February, A. D., 1902.

The selectmen will be in session at the town house on Monday the third day of March, A. D., 1902, at nine o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of revising the voting list.

EBEN'R HAGGETT,	} Selectmen of Newcastle.
JONATHAN DODGE,	
B. F. VANNAH,	

A true copy attest:

LEANDER CLARKE, Constable of Newcastle.



