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Town Officers, 1903, 1904.

Moderator,
DAVID S. GLIDDEN.

Clerk,
ALEX. FARNHAM.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Fish
Committee,
A. A. HALL, F. IRVING CARNEY, W. H. DECKER.

Road Commissioners,
C. E. HALL, HAYWARD PACKARD,
J. B. PARSONS.

Treasurer,
J. M. TUKEY.

Superintending School Committee,
W. W. DODGE, JONATHAN DODGE,
W. B. ERSKINE.

Superintendent of Schools,
F. V. NORCROSS.

Auditor,
EDWARD M. ROBINSON.

Collector of Taxes,
LEANDER M. CLARK.

Jurors drawn through year as follows,

- GEORGE A. HOPKINS, U. S. Juror, (Petit Juror)
Sept. term, 1903, at Portland.
NATHANIEL B. WATERS, U. S. Juror, (Petit Juror)
Sept. term, 1903, at Portland.
D. S. MCKENNEY, Traverse Juror, April term, 1903.
LEONARD P. BOYD, Traverse Juror, April term, 1903.
J. A. JONES, Traverse Juror, October term, 1903.
ALBERT J. WOOD, Traverse Juror, October term, 1903.
J. L. CLIFFORD, Grand Juror, October term, 1903.
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Board of Health,

- SAMUEL D. WYMAN, for one year.
EBEN. HAGGETT, for two years.
D. S. GLIDDEN, for three years.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.

1903

Feb. 17.	To the wife of Frank Wyman, a daughter.
Mar. 25.	“ Norman N. Campbell, a daughter.
Apr. 20.	“ Peter B. Dyer, a son.
July 7.	“ Nelson Francis, a son.
10.	“ Francis E. Pearson, a daughter.
18.	“ Horace Marsh, a daughter.
19.	“ S. F. Farnsworth, a son.
Aug. 8.	“ Wilder W. Dodge, a daughter.
10.	“ Byron Merry, a daughter.
18.	“ George Cothran, a son.
Sept. 15.	“ F. Irving Carney, a daughter.
24.	“ Arthur Erskine, a daughter.
Dec. 2.	“ Wilbert R. Averill, a son.
8.	“ Herbert Harrington, a daughter.
11.	“ Everett A. Schroeder, a son.

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Jan. 6.	“ Fred S. Dodge, a daughter.
15.	“ Walton B. Erskine, a daughter.
17.	“ Frank Lewis, a daughter.
Feb. 7.	“ John Reay, a daughter.
12.	“ Charles H. Gove, a son.
17.	“ Woodbury A. Smith, a son.
18.	“ Edward Gross, a son.

MARRIAGES.

1903

- Apr. 14. William Hiscock of Newcastle and Florence Ripley of Alna.
- June 7. William W. Garfield of Newcastle and Mattie Studley of Bremen.
- July 20. Henry W. Clifford of Newcastle and Susan A. Glidden of Newcastle.
- Oct. 21. Lon Jewett of Alna and Amy C. Wood of Newcastle.
- Nov. 11. Emile B. Hall of Newcastle and Nettie M. Genthner of Nobleboro.

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- Jan. 13. Frank A. Lailer of Bremen and Ellie R. Yates of Bremen.
16. John L. Libby of Alna and Hattie L. Hodgman of Newcastle.

DEATHS.

1903

- Feb. 20. Enoch Dodge, aged 76 years, 2 months, 14 days.
- Mar. 7. James E. Osgood, aged 69 years, 10 months, 5 days.
- Apr. 1. Clara A. Lamson, aged 55 years.
Emeline Kennedy, aged 79 years, 3 months, 24 days.
- May 30. John Vannah, aged 86 years, 4 months.
- July 12. Charles E. Light, aged 20 years.
7. Eliza G. White, aged 83 years, 8 months, 25 days.
- Aug. 28. Chauncy McKinney, aged 79 years, 6 months, 9 days.
- Sept. 24. Addison Austin, aged 77 years, 11 months, 3 days.

28. Sarah T. Preble, aged 66 years, 4 months, 3 days.
- Nov. 3. B. F. Ford, aged 79 years.
- Dec. 11. Defranshaw Lewis, aged 67 years.
15. Infant, Herbert Harrington.
- 1904
- Jan. 5. Henry C. Robinson, aged 72 years, 15 days.
6. Alexander S. Teague, aged 52 years, 5 months, 12 days.
15. John S. McNear, aged 64 years, 4 months, 15 days.
28. Almira E. Dodge, aged 73 years, 7 months, 16 days.
- Feb. 14. Sewall Chism, aged 69 years.
18. Artis Hall, aged 84 years.

Auditor's Report.

FISH ACCOUNT.

Fish sold for domestic purposes, 280000....	\$ 979 72
“ given to widows and poor, 21600.	
“ sold to Nickerson Bros., 1936 bbls. at \$1.55.....	3,000 80
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Gross receipts.....	\$3,980 52
Less expenses.....	643 71
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	\$3,336 81
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One-half to Town of Newcastle.	\$1,668 405
Paid Newcastle 1-2 of 40 needy orders more than Nobleboro.....	14 00
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Total balance to Newcastle... ..	\$1,682 405
Nobleboro receives.....	\$1,654 405

EXPENSES.

Paid A. A. Hall, agent for Newcastle.....	\$70 00
Clarence M. Jones, agent for Nobleboro..	70 00
Ruel T. York, accountant.....	70 00
E. W. Nash, for book, ink and paper....	91
D. W. Chapman & Son, for insurance... ..	15 00
W. W. Keene & Son, for stove and fixtures.....	6 30
J. L. Clifford, for picks and twine.....	1 75

Paid Mrs. George Jones, for nets.....	\$ 5 00
J. W. Haggett, for lock, etc.....	1 23
" " nails, etc.....	61
Abiel McCurda, watching nights.....	39 15
R. M. Webster, repairing stream.....	1 50
J. R. Lewis, for digging fish.....	40
Maurice Mulligan, watching nights.....	15 00
J. E. Mulligan, watching bay.....	25 50
" repairing stream.....	7 50
Loren Waltz, for labor.....	58 00
Frank L. Sherman, repairing nets.....	85
Horace Jones, for labor.....	7 50
S. F. Tomlinson, nails, etc.....	4 79
O. E. Sidelinger, for labor.....	37 50
John Reeves, " 	49 50
Chas. Sherman, " 	57 00
Harry York, " 	31 50
Sewell Clifford, " 	6 00
Joseph Hopkins, " 	1 50
Horace Rice, " 	7 90
B. A. White, for lumber.....	26 37
L. P. Boynton, tending water.....	3 00
Ira Waltz, for labor.....	20
Elmore Waltz, " 	3 50
John Hodgkins, " 	60
John Waltz, " 	4 10
Walter Harris, " 	2 40
George Singer, for printing.....	1 50
A. R. Nickerson, for labor furnished.....	1 50
Walter Sidelinger, " 	1 50
B. A. White, for lumber.....	1 15
N. J. Hanna, for watching bay.....	6 00
Total expenses.....	<hr/> \$643 71

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax.....	\$1,901 62
County tax.....	936 24
Schools.....	1,500 00
Support of poor...	600 00
Town officers.....	500 00
Incidentals.....	200 00
Engine.....	200 00
Roads and bridges..	3,000 00
State road.....	100 00
Sidewalks.....	400 00
Repairs on schoolhouse.....	200 00
Text books.....	75 00
Town indebtedness.....	500 00
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	\$10,112 86
Overlay.....	337 12
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Total commitment.....	\$10,449 98
245 poll taxes at \$3.00.....	\$735 00
Rate of taxation, 14 1-2 mills.	

VALUATION, 1903.

Real estate, resident.....	\$336,905 00	
" non-resident.....	60,645 00	
Total real estate....	<hr/>	\$397,550 00
Personal estate, resident.....	\$260,289 00	
Personal estate, non-resident..	12,190 00	
Total personal estate	<hr/>	272,479 00
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Grand total.....		\$670,029 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.**ACCOUNT OF C. E. HALL, COMMISSIONER.**

Paid month of March, 1903.....	€ 33 80
“ April, 1903.....	102 11
“ May, 1903.....	304 47
“ June, 1903.....	118 93
“ July, August and Sept., 1903..	72 76
“ October and November, 1903..	50 10
“ Dec. 1st, 1903 to July 20, 1904	36 74
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Total.....	€718 91

ACCOUNT OF T. H. PACKARD, COMMISSIONER.

Paid month of March and April, 1903.....	€100 38
“ May, 1903.....	148 85
“ June, July and August, 1903..	347 26
“ Sept. 1st, 1903 to Dec. 1st, 1903	118 49
“ Dec. 1st, 1903 to Feb. 17, 1904	96 25
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Total.....	€811 23

ACCOUNT OF J. B. PARSONS, COMMISSIONER.

Paid month of March and April, 1903.....	€204 35
“ May, 1903.....	227 24
“ June, 1903.....	201 15
“ July, 1903.....	59 65
“ August, 1903.....	114 94
“ September, 1903.....	97 84
“ October, 1903, Feb. 20, 1904..	113 77
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Total.....	\$1,018 94

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation.....		\$3,000 00
Expended, to C. E. Hall.....	\$ 718 91	
“ T. H. Packard.....	811 23	
“ J. B. Parsons.....	1,018 94	
“ New road to Short- well’s Island.....	440 00	
	<hr/>	2,989 08
Unexpended.....		<hr/> \$10 92

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Appropriation.....		\$400 00
Expended, to C. E. Hall.....	\$380 84	
“ T. H. Packard.....	79 75	
“ J. B. Parsons.....	193 11	
	<hr/>	653 70
Overdrawn.....		<hr/> \$253 70

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation.....		\$600 00
Enos Jones, insane hospital.....	\$138 89	
Wm. Kuayman.....	200 20	
Lyman Dodge.....	100 00	
Mrs. Hutchins.....	183 00	
	<hr/>	622 09
Overdrawn.....		<hr/> \$22 09

TANISCOT FIRE CO.

Appropriation.....		\$200 00
Expended, for hose.....	\$114 35	
“ to treasurer of Fire Co.	85 65	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

REPAIRS ON ENGINE HOUSE.

Balance from 1902.....	\$48 82
Expended.....	37 72
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Balance.....	\$11 10

STATE ROAD ACCOUNT.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00
Expended.....	\$459 19

SEPARATE ITEMS

No appropriation.

Building cemetery fence at Sheepscot.....	\$ 16 57
Paid Mrs. M. J. Savage, per vote of town.....	100 00
Watching and fighting fire.....	47 03
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	\$163 60

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation.....	\$1,500 00
State mill tax.....	734 69
Tuition from Damariscotta.....	8 40
Balance due from 1902.....	55 78
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	\$2,298 87

Paid for transportation.....	\$ 253 00
Teaching school.....	1,777 30
Janitor service.....	108 50
Fuel.....	120 51
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	\$2,259 31

Unexpended.....	\$39 56
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REPAIRS, LABOR, INSURANCE, WATER, ETC.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Expended.....	275 96
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Overdrawn.....	\$75 96

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation	\$75 00
Expended.....	83 63
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Overdrawn	\$8 63

TOWN OFFICERS.

F. V. Norcross, supt. of schools.....	\$ 75 00
A. H. Lailer, dog constable....	10 00
W. W. Dodge, school committee.....	8 00
Jno. Dodge, " "	8 00
W. B. Erskine, " "	8 00
Manfred Wyman, truant officer	5 00
A. A. Hall, selectman, overseer of poor, etc..	100 00
F. Irving Carney, " " " " ..	75 00
W. H. Decker, " " " " ..	65 00
J. M. Tukey, treasurer.....	40 00
Alex Farnham, town clerk.....	37 20
E. M. Robinson, auditor.....	10 00
Leander Clark, commission on taxes 1902....	42 46
" " " 1903.....	115 38
" constable	10 00
" services in Energson case....	2 00
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Total	\$611 04

REPORTING BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Paid E. F. Stetson, years 1901, 1902, 1903. . .	\$9 50
W. H. Parsons, " " " " ..	7 25
J. M. King, " " " " ..	75
A. M. Card, " " " " ..	2 00
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	\$19 50

FREE VACCINATION.

Paid E. F. Stetson, years 1901, '02, '03.....	\$42 00
W. H. Parsons, '02.....	30 00
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	\$72 00

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid F. M. Kavanagh.....	\$ 9 00
W. S. Hatch.....	12 00
Mrs. S. A. Clark.....	18 00
J. B. Cushman.....	3 00
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	\$42 00

FREE TUITION AT LINCOLN ACADEMY.

Paid G. H. Larrabee.....	\$315 50
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Paid town of Nobleboro, tax on fishhouse, 1902	14 56
A. W. Glidden, stamps, envelopes and dis- tributing town reports.....	1 50
G. W. Singer, printing town reports....	33 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books....	9 85
Mrs. Bradford Merry, damage for new road.....	5 00
John Murphy, watchman, July 3rd and 4th.....	4 00
J. M. King, services in Energson case....	3 00
Wm. Perkins, services as watchman.....	7 00
A. D. Kennedy, road machine edges.....	7 75
W. H. Hilton, services in Energson case..	2 25
J. L. Clifford, repairs on road machine and steel.....	11 82
E. F. Stetson, service in Energson case..	4 00

Paid Town of Nobleboro, tax on fishhouse, 1903	\$12 11
W. H. Decker, repair on road machine..	19 25
J. M. Tukey, stationery.....	4 05
F. I. Carney, expenses out of town.....	12 00
A. A. Hall, " ".....	18 70
G. W. Cothran, labor in 1901.....	1 65
Robt. Hull, use of horse.....	2 00
Sundries for selectmen's office.....	2 15
Total.....	<hr/> \$175 64
Unexpended.....	\$24 36

LIST OF ABATEMENTS TO LEANDER CLARK 1902.

David Boyd Est., error in assessing.....	\$ 7 50
Joseph Emerson, inability.....	10 50
N. B. Glidden, ".....	6 00
Alfred Elliott Est., ".....	3 00
Arthur Haggett, non- resident.....	7 86
Howard Lincoln, inability.....	12 90
Albert McCurda, ".....	6 15
Jos. Paine Est., ".....	4 05
Geo. C. Jones, over valuation.....	5 94
Fred Matthews, non-resident.....	3 00
Jos. H. Patterson, ".....	3 00
A. O. Butler, ".....	3 00
Walter Sidelinger, ".....	3 00
Percy Bryant, ".....	3 00
Arthur H. Dodge, ".....	3 00
A. B. Erskine, over valuation.....	16 85
Newell Trask, non- resident.....	3 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$101 75
To W. A. Smith for one-half highway year 1902-'03.....	8 40
	<hr/> \$110 15

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash from 1902.....	\$ 352 54
By sale of alewives.....	1,682 40
Dog licenses 1902 refunded by state.....	51 64
A. Farnham, clerk for dog licenses.....	77 00
Railroad and telegraph tax.....	40 23
School fund and mill tax.....	734 69
Tuition from Damariscotta to District No. 5..	8 40
Rec'd from a person who had been assisted....	26 00
Leander Clark, tax in full for 1902.....	2,831 18
" " part for 1903.	7,692 38
From note in Damariscotta Bank....	700 00
Received for sheep killed.....	42 00
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	\$14,238 46

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Paid interest on loans.	\$ 259 17
F. I. Carney's note.....	700 00
Dog licenses	77 00
County tax.....	736 24
Seal and porcupine noses..	2 25
State tax	1,901 62
Note at 1st Nat'l Bank, Damariscotta.....	1,000 00
Interest on Huston fund.	60 00
Town orders	9,089 13

STATE PENSIONS.

T. R. Perkins.....	24 00
Elijah Cunningham.....	24 00
Loren Waltz.....	48 00
Harriet Henry.....	48 00
James Dray.....	24 00
Wm. Rankins.....	48 00
Sarah A. Trask....	24 00

Paid N. B. Waters.....	\$ 48 00
Balance on hand.....	125 05
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	\$14,238 46

The interest on the A. C. Huston fund has been paid according to directions of will and copy of same is on file at Town Clerk's office.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding town notes.....	\$5,730 00
Accrued interest on same at 4 per cent.....	270 00
Commission on uncollected taxes...	41 36
Balance due school districts.....	39 56
A. C. Huston fund.....	1,000 00
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	\$7,080 92

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury.....	\$ 125 05
Uncollected taxes.....	2,757 60
Dog licenses due from State, estimated.....	60 00
Due from State on State road.....	100 00
“ “ free tuition....	157 75
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	\$3,200 40
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Indebtedness.....	\$3,880 52

SELECTMEN'S ESTIMATES FOR 1094.

Roads and bridges.....	\$2,500 00
State roads.....	400 00
Support of poor.....	600 00
Town officers.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	200 00
Repairs on sidewalks.....	500 00
Schools.....	1,300 00
Free tuition.....	400 00
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	\$6,500 00

J. B. Parsons' road account for months of March and April should read ~~\$177 07~~, making total expended on roads \$2,989 10. *204.37*

For support of poor Mrs. Hutchins was paid \$182 00 making total expended for support of poor \$621 09.

These errors not discovered until that part of report had been printed.

I certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and supported by the proper vouchers.

E. M. ROBINSON, Auditor.

TABLE

Showing Valuation, Rate per cent. on \$100 and Taxes for 46 Years

YEAR.	VALU- ATION	ON \$ 100	SALE	COUNTY.	TOWN	TOTAL	YEAR
1857	704.621	0.78	78.9 04	522 53	4 623 31	5 934 78	1857
1858	717 152	0.72	789 04	646 46	1 136 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 89	5 565 47	1860
1861	646 342	0.80	1 018 19	1 208 20	3 281 94	5 580 33	1861
1862	646 141	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	3 350 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	6 14 921	2.30	4 871 57	837 24	9 333 33	15 042 19	1866
1867	583 175	1.90	3 838 03	830 83	7 423 16	12 212 14	1867
1868	598 600	1.59	3 249 10	830 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	956 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	1.59	2 629 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 01	8 947 42	12 655 90	1878
1879	647 128	2.20	2 795 44	511 26	11 719 12	15 328 89	1879
1880	640 891	2.25	3 493 42	814 26	11 377 83	15 685 51	1880
1881	633 309	2.30	3 725 96	1 145 93	10 827 91	15 693 77	1881
1882	621 681	1.95	3 725 95	1 109 51	8 391 23	13 226 75	1882
1883	631 630	1.72	3 312 40	1 122 03	7 487 04	11 890 52	1883
1884	592 950	2.00	3 312 40	1 122 00	8 435 83	12 870 28	1884
1885	575 429	1.70	3 015 63	1 059 60	6 630 65	10 735 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	10 853 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
1902	659 540	1.50	1 819 39	901 87	7 943 30 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 667 56 $\frac{1}{2}$	1902
1903	670 029	1.45	1 901 62	936 24	7 612 12	10 449 98	1903

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

School Committee's Report.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Transportation of scholars \$116 00

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid Gertrude Dunbar teaching spring term, 10
weeks, \$9. \$90 00
Gertrude Dunbar, teaching fall term, 10
weeks, \$9 90 00
Gertrude Dunbar, teaching winter term, 9
weeks, \$9 81 00
Janitor, 3 terms. 21 75
Fuel bill. 24 94

\$307 69

REPAIRS.

Paid for broom, .30; 1 pr. brackets book case, .25 55
Toilet paper, .20; glass and putty, .25;
crayon, .35. 80
2 dippers, .20; tin collar funnel, .10; school
notices, 2.00. 2 30
Setting glass and repairs, .30 ; repairing
lead pipe, .70 1 00
Water tax. 12 00

\$16 65

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid Marian Walcott, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$5.50.....	\$55 00
Iva May Russell, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$5.50.....	55 00
Iva May Russell, teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$6.. ..	54 00
Janitors, 3 terms.....	9 00
Fuel.....	12 13
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	185 13
Transportation to District No. 5.....	87 00
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	\$272 13

REPAIRS.

Cleaning schoolhouse	\$ 2 00
Paid W. W. Keene & Son for stove, zinc and funnel	12 85
For paper school room.....	4 50
For labor.....	4 00
J. L. Clifford's bill, 2 78; crayon, .10....	2 88
J. W. Hagggett's bill.	1 26
L. Wilson's bill.....	1 50
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	\$28 99

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid Jennie Hall, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$6.75.....	\$67 50
Marian Walcott, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$5.50.....	55 00
Marian Walcott, teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$6.00.....	54 00
Janitors, 3 terms.....	9 00
Fuel bill.....	13 62
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	\$199 12

REPAIRS.

Paid cleaning schoolhouse.....	\$2 75
W. B. Erskine, labor and material.....	6 19
J. W. Haggett's bill.....	1 43
Charles Bartlett bill, \$1.00, crayon, .30..	1 30
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	\$11 67

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid Elizabeth Mitchell, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$8.00....	\$80 00
Elizabeth Mitchell, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$8.00.....	80 00
Elizabeth Mitchell, teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$8.00.....	72 00
Janitor, 3 terms.....	21 75
Fuel bill.....	20 69
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	\$274 44

REPAIRS.

Paid for broom and curtain rod, .40; staining book case, .40.....	80
For two curtain rollers, .50; toilet paper, .30; repairs, .15.....	95
For repairing clock, .25; 1 doz. clothes hooks, .15.....	40
For 2 wooden chairs, \$1.25; glass and putty, .25.....	1 50
For 1 dipper, .10; setting glass, .10.....	20
For repairs on closet, .60; crayon, .10....	70
For water.....	12 00
For cleaning and washing desks, \$1.05; book case, \$2.00.....	3 05
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	\$19 60

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid Mildred A. Dodge, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$6.00	\$60 00
Sunie Hodgkins, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$7.00	70 00
Sunie Hodgkins, teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$7.00	63 00
Janitor, 3 terms	9 50
Fuel bill	10 25
	\$212 75

REPAIRS.

Paid for labor, .25, crayon, .10	\$ 35
For 2 pails	50
For lock	75
For cleaning schoolhouse	2 50
	\$4 10

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid Ethel Whitehouse, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$7.00	\$70 00
Ethel Whitehouse, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$7.00	70 00
Ethel Whitehouse, teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$7.50	67 50
Janitor, 3 terms	9 50
Fuel bill	9 75
	\$226 75

REPAIRS.

Paid for glass, putty and labor	\$1 00
For lumber banking boards	3 00
For making and fitting same	2 00
For broom	25

Paid For window.....	\$ 50
For lock, paper and curtains.....	1 82
For cleaning and papering school room...	2 50
For crayon and erasers.....	40
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	\$11 47

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Paid Blanche M. Albee, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$7.00.....	\$70 00
Blanche M. Albee, teaching fall term, 9 2-5 weeks, \$7.00.....	65 80
Blanche M. Albee, teaching winter term, 9 3-5 weeks, \$7.50.....	72 00
Janitor, 3 terms.....	9 50
Fuel bill.....	7 75
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	\$225 05

REPAIRS.

Paid Jonathan Dodge for labor.....	\$20 00
Vermont School Seat Co.....	66 60
Freight on seats.....	7 54
For setting up seats.....	4 00
W. A. Gray, labor.....	4 57
Lumber, etc., for banking boards.....	3 00
For making same.....	2 00
Glass, .25, crayon and erasers, .50.....	75
J. L. Clifford's bill.....	18 67
Austin Hall's bill.....	31 09
Cleaning schoolhouse.....	2 00
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	\$160 22

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Paid Alden Hodgkins, teaching short term, 6 weeks, \$8.00.....	\$48 00
Alden Hodgkins, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$8.00.....	80 90

Winter term in session, Sarah L. Flye, teacher,
unpaid.

Paid janitors 3 terms.....	\$ 9 50
Fuel bill.....	10 13
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	\$147 63

REPAIRS.

Paid crayon and erasers.....	\$ 60
Cleaning schoolroom and vault.....	4 00
W. B. Erskine, labor.....	3 00
J. W. Haggett, bill.....	1 61
Norman Carney, ".....	2 00
J. L. Clifford, ".....	50
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	\$11 71

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Paid Harriet Harlow, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, 7.00.....	\$ 70 00
Harriet Harlow, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, 7.00.....	70 00
Harriet Harlow, teaching winter term, 9 weeks, 7.50.....	67 50
Janitors, 3 terms.....	9 00
Fuel bills.....	11 25
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	\$227 75

Paid transportation to District No. 10.....	50 00
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	277 75

REPAIRS.

Cleaning school room.....	\$ 2 00
W. B. Erskine, labor.....	6 00
J. L. Clifford, bill.....	1 50
T. S. Hodgkins, bill.....	1 55
Crayon and erasers.....	50
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	\$11 55

STATEMENT.

Paid teachers.....		\$1,777 30
For transportation of scholars		253 00
For janitors.....		108 50
Fuel.....		120 51
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		\$2,259 31
Bal. due school Acct. from last year	\$ 55 78	
Town appropriation.....	1,500 00	
State mill tax.....	734 69	
Tuition scholar, Dist. No. 5.....	8 40	
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Whole amount available.....	\$2,298 87	
Amount expended....	2,259 31	
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Balance due schools...	\$39 56	
Amount expended for repairs.....		\$275 96
Town appropriation.....		200 00
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Overdrawn.....		\$75 96

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For schools.....	\$1,500 00
Repairs.....	200 00
Books and supplies.....	100 00
Free tuition.....	400 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. DODGE,	} School Board.
JONATHAN DODGE,	
W. B. ERSKINE.	

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF NEWCASTLE:

Having been chosen by your suffrages at the last annual meeting to fill the office of Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year without any solicitation on my part, I with some reluctance accepted the position and engaged in the work and duties of the office, and I have discharged them to the best of my ability. Only an imperfect outline of what has been done in our schools during the year can be given in a brief report of this kind. Aided by the advice and hearty cooperation of your very efficient School Committee I am able to report a very successful school year. Almost without exception our teachers have in all respects been well qualified for their work and very efficient in the discharge of their duties and are to be congratulated on account of the good work they have done, and the conscientious manner in which they have labored. When teachers are active and earnest in the school room; when they review the lessons they are expecting to hear recited and have them all fresh in their own minds; when they have their scholars well classified and the time fixed for every recitation, giving to each its proper share; when they open and close school on time; when they are conscientious in all their work, and encourage and require the best possible work on the part of all their pupils, there will be very little danger of any difficulty or disorder. Everything will move on like clock work, and the children will partake of the enthusiasm of their teachers and success will be assured.

Every teacher should be a lover of children, an enthusiast in the calling, and should never be satisfied till conscientiously assured of having done the best possible work for the school and that the scholars have done the best possible for themselves. These characteristics, I am happy to say, have been largely manifested on the part of our teachers. If there has been a failure on the part of any one of them, that one is probably conscious of it; others have observed it and there is no necessity for any specification. I am also happy to say that with but very few exceptions the pupils have seemed to realize in a good degree the importance of the privileges they have enjoyed, have honestly and heartily cooperated with their teachers and in many instances have exhibited real enthusiasm in their studies. All of our schools, I can say to the credit of both teachers and scholars, have been orderly, the pupils studious, and there have been only a few cases that required discipline. It has been necessary to call in the services of the truant officer but once during the year. In that case after a kind and faithful talk with the boy on the part of the superintendent, he promised to change his course and has been constant in his attendance and generally correct in his conduct and attentive to his studies ever since. Further than this, with the exception of one or two little episodes of which there is no need of speaking, no disorder of any kind worthy of mention has occurred.

Some degree of interest on the part of parents and others has been manifested during the year, but not in all the schools the same. Perhaps it is a fact worth noticing that as a rule, where the parents have shown the most real interest and have most heartily cooperated with the teachers the schools have been most successful. But parents and all others who have the good of our schools at heart should remember that severe criticism of the schools or teachers in

the presence of the children is not a good way to help or improve them. I am glad to say that but very little of this has come to my knowledge; on the contrary much has been said in commendation of them,—It has been the earnest endeavor on the part of your School Board to see that our schoolhouses are comfortable and kept in good repair, and that they are furnished with such appliances in the way of maps, charts, globes, etc., as our means will allow and are necessary for the best instruction. All our schoolhouses are now in good condition. The house in No. 8 has been furnished with new seats during the year. More maps and globes are needed. While the most of our school books are in good condition, and in the hands of efficient teachers answer well their purpose, some of them have become badly dilapidated and need change or renewal. The children must have books, and I would recommend a liberal appropriation that what are necessary may be supplied. Many of the books are bound very poorly and this makes their destruction easy.

A few things seem to be necessary in order that our schools may be most efficient, and of these I speak plainly:

First, liberal appropriations for their support. Your School Board recommend as large appropriations in all respect as last year. It is a poor place to begin to practice economy with the schooling of the children. By the strictest economy in the use of our funds we have secured 29 weeks of schooling. We ought to have 30 weeks at least. With the same amount of money as last year, we hope to secure 30 weeks the coming year. This is none too much. We have comfortable schoolhouses—we may well be proud of the one in the village. We have books and other necessary appliances. Why not occupy and use them for the good of the rising generation? Can we make a better use of a portion of our money? The children will be

educated in some way and some where. Shall it be in our schoolhouses under the care of capable and conscientious teachers, or in the streets and shops of the towns? With the long vacations when we have 30 weeks of schooling, they will get full enough of the latter kind of education.

Secondly, we want conscientious teachers who love children and love their work, and who are thoroughly qualified. Such teachers everywhere command good wages. Cheaper teachers may perhaps be found, but they are not profitable. We cannot afford to employ them.

Thirdly, we want the hearty co-operation of the School Board, of parents, of teachers, of pupils, and of all the community in this essential and all important work of education. With these all working together, there can be no doubt of complete success. In all my visits to the schools—and I have visited all the schools twice or more each term—it has been my object to see that all the scholars were well supplied with books, that they were properly classified, that the teachers were faithful in their work, and that the pupils were obedient and studious. It has also been my object to encourage both teachers and scholars in their work, and to help them in all possible ways. I have tried to impress the importance of education upon the children, and at the same time to make them feel that a pure and noble character is of still greater importance; that it is better to be good than to be learned, and that the best of all is to be both good and learned, if possible:—“For the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.”

Here I might close my report, but there is a matter with which we have had to do to some extent as a School Board during the year, and shall probably have more to do with it in the future. In the interest of all concerned it seems best that something should be said about it in this report. A new law was enacted by the Legislature of our State, last winter,

entitled, "An act for the better education of Youth." The following is a copy of the law which I give her so that every citizen may know what the law is and judge of it for themselves.

SECTION 1. "Any youth who resides with parent or guardian in any town which does not support and maintain a free high school giving at least one four year's course properly equipped and teaching such subjects as are taught in secondary schools of standard grade in this state, may, when he shall be prepared to pursue such four years' course, attend any school in this state which does have such a four years' course and to which he may gain entrance by permission of those having charge thereof, provided said youth shall attend a school or schools of standard grade which are approved by the State Superintendent of Public Schools. In such case the tuition of such youth, not to exceed thirty dollars annually for any one youth, shall be paid by the town in which he resides, as aforesaid, and towns are hereby authorized and required to raise, annually, as other school moneys are raised, a sum sufficient to pay such tuition charges.

"SECTION 2. When any town shall have been required to pay and has paid tuition, as aforesaid, the Superintending School Committee of such town shall make a return under oath to the State Superintendent of Public Schools stating the name of each youth for whom tuition has been paid, the amount paid for each, and the name and location of the school which each has attended and thereupon shall be paid annually in the month of December from the State treasury, out of the appropriation for the support of free high schools, to each town paying tuition and making return as aforesaid, a sum equal to one-half the amount thus paid by such town not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars."

This law was called for by our educators in order to make our public schools as near as possible a full and perfect system of education and free instruction and to place it within the reach of every child in the State. Several States have

such school systems; that is, they have the primary, the grammar, the high school and the State university. Every child in the State has the privilege of passing through this regular system of schooling, if he desires.

Now, as many small towns in our state had no free high school, the children in those towns were placed at a disadvantage. If they went out of town to school they had their tuition to pay, a bill which had to be paid in money and was often difficult for the poorer ones to raise. But by this law all the children are furnished with free instruction at the public expense in some free high school or academy, if they desire it. In our own case, if our pupils attend the Academy takes the place of a free high school to us, and we receive back from the State one-half of what we pay out, limited to two hundred and fifty dollars; that is, if the town should pay out three hundred dollars, the State would refund one hundred and fifty, and so on up to two hundred and fifty.

In accordance with the provisions of this law your School Board have examined and granted certificates to 36 pupils. Of these 21 were already or had previously been members of the Academy during three terms or more and on this account and in accordance with the direction of the State Superintendent were granted certificates without an examination. Of the others, 15 in number, one at least, is still attending town school; some others are not attending any school; and 5 have graduated or left school entirely. So there will not be over 25 in all, and perhaps not over 20 for whose tuition the town will have to provide.

SUMMARY.

Total number of pupils between the ages of four and twenty-one years, on the first day of April, 1903, 263.

Number of pupils attending spring term, 162; average, 132

“ “ fall “ 165; “ 139

“ “ winter “ 145; “ 111

Whole number of weeks of schooling during the year, 251.

Number of different teachers employed, 72.

Average weekly wages, \$7.21.

Respectfully submitted,

F. V. NORCROSS, Supt.

Town Warrant.

TO LEANDER CLARK, ESQ., a constable in 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 required 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 fourteenth day of March, A. D., 1904, 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 ensuing year.
- ART. 4. To choose assessors for ensuing year.
- ART. 5. To choose overseers of the poor for ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To choose a fish committee to act with Nobleboro fish committee.
- ART. 7. To choose a treasurer for ensuing year.
- ART. 8. To choose three road commissioners for the ensuing year and to fix compensation for the same.
- ART. 9. To choose a superintending school committee to act three years.
- ART. 10. To see what method the town will adopt for collecting taxes, and fix compensation for the same.
- ART. 11. To choose a collector of taxes for ensuing year.

- ART. 12. To choose an auditor of accounts for ensuing year.
- ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for schools for the ensuing year.
- ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of poor for the ensuing year.
- ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town officers for ensuing year.
- ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for incidental expenses for the ensuing year.
- ART. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for State road.
- 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 raise two hundred dollars for the Taniscot Engine Company, provided the Company will purchase one hundred feet of best of hose.
- ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to pay Alonzo H. Reed thirty-five dollars for damage to horse on the highway on Feb. 5, 1904.
- ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise fifteen dollars for Memorial purposes for Harlow Dunbar Post, G. A. R. for the ensuing year.

- ART. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town indebtedness.
- ART. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay free tuitions for the ensuing year.
- ART. 27. To choose all other necessary town officers.
- ART. 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen will be in session at the Town House, on Monday, the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of revising the voting list.

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

Given under our hands this second day of March, A. D. 1904.

A. A. HALL,	}	Selectmen
F. IRVING CARNEY,		of
W. H. DECKER.		Newcastle.

A true copy attest:

LEANDER CLARK, Constable of Newcastle.

