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Town Officers, 1904, 1905.

Moderator,
P. H. GAY.

Clerk,
ALEX FARNHAM.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Fish
Committee.

A. A. HALL, H. v. B. NASH, W. H. DECKER.

Road Commissioners,
C. E. HALL, T. H. PACKARD, J. B. PARSONS.

Treasurer,
J. M. TUKEY.

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

Superintendent of Schools,
F. V. NORCROSS.

Auditor,
EDWARD M. ROBINSON.

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE

Collector of Taxes,
JONATHAN DODGE.

Jurors drawn through year,
FRED W. HALL, Traverse Juror, April term, 1904.
FRANK KAVANAGH, Traverse Juror, April term, 1904.
GEORGE PINKHAM, Traverse Juror, October term, 1904
JOHN M. PERKINS, Grand Juror, October term, 1904.

Board of Health,
EBEN HAGGETT, for one year.
D. S. GLIDDEN, for two years.
S. D. WYMAN, for three years.

Fire Wardens,
P. H. GAY, JAS. F. HALL, STEPHEN N. HALL.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.

1904.

Mar.	30.	To the wife of William Weaver, a daughter.
Apr.	10.	“ Fred F. Nadeau, a daughter.
	16.	“ George N. Lewis, a son.
	26.	“ Charles W. Parsons, a daughter.
May	11.	“ William Hiscock, a daughter.
	20.	“ Alvin J. Gross, a daughter.
	24.	“ Henry W. Clifford, a son.
July	7.	“ Charles B. Rollins, a daughter.
	20.	“ Frank H. Dodge, a son.
	23.	“ Wilbur C. Towne, a son.
Aug.	12.	“ Frank W. Clark, a daughter.
Sept.	17.	“ Frank F. Dodge, a son.
	21.	“ James F. Hall, a daughter.
	23.	“ Solomon F. Farnsworth, a son
Dec.	6.	“ Horace Marsh, a son.
	11.	“ Frank Weeks, a daughter.
	19.	“ Norman N. Campbell, a son.
	21.	“ Nelson Francis, a son.

MARRIAGES.

1904.

Mar.	30.	Charles Burnham of Damariscotta and Mary Campbell of Newcastle.
Apr.	6.	Edwin L. Plummer of Alna and Irene A. Ayer of Alna.

- June 22. Kelsey S. Ordway of Medford, Mass., and M. Corinna Thompson of Newcastle.
- July. 20. Lee Edward Perkins of Damariscotta and Elizabeth Dora Malcolm of Newcastle.
- Aug. 14. John M. Richardson of Newcastle and Mae Ellen Curtis of Damariscotta.
- Sept. 13. Franklin P. Chaney of Bremen and Ada M. McNear of Newcastle.
- Oct. 5. John Joseph Connor of Boston, Mass., and Abigail Webber Boyd of Newcastle.
25. Roscoe Dodge of Newcastle and Mary Wyman of Newcastle.
28. Woodbury J. Oliver of Nobleboro and Fannie H. Thurston of Newcastle.
- Nov. 30. John Dove of Andover, Mass., and Marie W. Trimble of Newcastle.
30. John Z. Gowen of Portland and Laura Ella Flint of Newcastle.
23. William A. Havener of Damariscotta and Clara R. Sidelinger of Bristol.
- Dec. 14. Henry W. Averill of Jefferson and Gertrude E. Averill of Alna.
25. Arthur Eugene Dodge of Newcastle and Rosie May Dodge of Newcastle.
26. Charles Glidden Willard of Newcastle and Sara May Locke of Fryeburg.
- 1905.
- Jan. 4. Samuel J. Kelsey of Damariscotta and Lillian Mabel Hassen of Newcastle.

DEATHS

1904.

- March 3. Sally C. Barstow, aged 84 years.
- Apr. 10. Stephen W. Shortwell, aged 50 years, 10 days.

- May 22. Amaziah R. Conary, aged 76 years, 10 months,
23 days.
5. Lillian M. Rundlett, aged 7 days.
23. Angella Hall, aged 69 years, 3 months, 27 days.
- Aug. 23. Emily Lewis, aged 70 years, 3 months, 11 days.
- Sept. 20. Samuel W. Clark.
- Oct. 11. James Hall, aged 71 years, 6 months, 4 days.
- Nov. 7. Edmond Madigan, aged 69 years, 2 months,
3 days.
25. Joseph A. Plummer, aged 89 years, 5 months,
26 days.
- Dec. 21. Infant child of Nelson Francis.
Catharine Somes, aged 82 years, 10 months, 1
day.
- 1905.
- Jan. 11. Caroline Hutchings, aged 90 years, 1 month,
27 days.
14. Marion E. Weeks, 1 month, 8 days.

Auditor's Report.

FISH ACCOUNT.

SEASON 1904.

Fish given to widows and poor, 18,800.

Fish sold for domestic purposes, 191,210 at 35c
per 100..... \$ 669 24

Fish sold to Messrs. Nickerson Bros.,
3,184 10-19 bbls. at \$1.55 per bbl. 4,936 00

\$5,605 24

Less expenses. 792 36

\$4,812 88

One-half to town of Newcastle. \$2,406 44

Paid Newcastle 1-2 of 18 needy orders more
than Nobleboro. 6 30

\$2,412 74

Paid town of Nobleboro \$2,400 14

EXPENSES.

Paid A. A. Hall, agent, Newcastle..... \$40 00

W. H. Decker, agent, Newcastle..... 50 00

R. T. York, agent, Nobleboro..... 70 00

H. v. B. Nash, accountant..... 50 00

Paid Insurance, D. W. Chapman & Son.....	15 00
Stationery.....	50
Lumber, B. A. White.....	79 27
Tools, phone, messengers.....	2 20
Twine.....	50
Printing, G. W. Singer.....	2 00
Nails, S. F. Tomlinson.....	4 79
Dipnet bows, O. G. Oliver.....	6 00
Wire, W. W. Keene & Son.....	1 10
Eel grass, Ephraim Bryant.....	1 00
Postage.....	18
Dipnet, Loren Waltz.....	50
Suppers (over time).....	7 27
Gravel, Mrs. Bennett.....	80
Elmore Waltz.....	25 95
John Reeves.....	47 80
Augustus Jones.....	9 00
Geo. A. Tomlinson.....	11 40
Loren Waltz.....	49 60
Ira Waltz.....	6 15
Eugene Sidelinger.....	49 80
Chas. Sherman.....	49 05
Horace Rice.....	41 50
Wm. Rankin.....	21 40
Biel McCurda.....	40 50
Jas. Ridley.....	18 00
J. S. Harris.....	4 50
Walter Harris.....	21 60
John Hodgkins.....	2 60
Herbert York.....	7 20
Will Barnes.....	1 80
Bert Hilton.....	20
John Waltz.....	14 40

Paid Bert Plummer.....	8 00
Willis Clark.....	1 80
Herbert Benner.....	60
Frank Sherman.....	2 00
Herman Linscott.....	1 10
Walter Boynton.....	2 00
R. T. York.....	22 70
Biel McCurda, piling lumber.....	60

Total expenses... .. \$792 36

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax... ..	\$1,901 62
County tax.....	936 24
Schools.....	1,500 00
Poor.....	600 00
Town officers.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	200 00
Roads and bridges.....	2,500 00
State road.....	400 00
Sidewalks.....	500 00
Repair of schoolhouses.....	200 00
School text books.....	100 00
Taniscot Engine Company.....	200 00
Alonzo H. Reed, damage to horse.....	35 00
Harlow Dunbar Post.....	15 00
Free tuition.....	400 00

\$10,087 86

Overlay..... 385 76

Total commitment..... \$10,473 62

240 poll taxes at \$3.00..... \$720 00

Rate of taxation, 14 1-2 mills.

VALUATION.

Real estate, resident.....	\$335,125 00	
" non-resident.....	53,675 00	
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Total real estate		\$388,800 00
Personal estate, resident....	\$253,448 00	
" non-resident.	30,420 00	
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Total personal estate.....		283,868 00
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Total Valuation.....		\$672,668 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

ACCOUNT OF C. E. HALL, COMMISSIONER.

Paid to May 9, 1904.....	\$ 51 74
" June 1, 1904.....	164 50
" July 1, 1904.....	219 64
" August 1, 1904.....	117 55
" Sept. 1, 1904.....	52 39
" Dec. 9, 1904.....	73 88
" Feb. 20, 1905.....	97 45
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Total.....	\$777 15

ACCOUNT OF T. H. PACKARD, COMMISSIONER.

Paid to May 9, 1904.....	\$ 78 44
" July 2, 1904.....	353 36
" Sept. 1, 1904.....	196 38
" Feb. 22, 1905.....	304 41
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Total.....	\$932 59

ACCOUNT OF J. B. PARSONS, COMMISSIONER.

Paid to May 14, 1904.....	\$ 78 02
“ May 31, 1904.....	156 75
“ July 6, 1904.....	245 60
“ “	39 90
“ Aug. 1, 1904.....	142 70
“ Sept. 1, 1904.....	58 65
“ Feb. 20, 1905	203 60
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	\$925 22

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation.		\$2,500 00
Expended to C. E. Hall.	\$777 15	
“ T. H. Packard...	932 59	
“ J. B. Parsons.. . . .	925 22	
	<hr/>	2,634 96
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Overdrawn.....		\$134 96

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended to C. E. Hall.	\$477 60	
“ T. H. Packard	42 89	
“ J. B. Parsons.	83 85	
	<hr/>	\$604 34
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Overdrawn.		\$104 34

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation		\$600 00
Enos Jones, insane hospital... . .	\$142 32	
Wm. Knapman.	193 00	
Lyman Dodge.....	100 00	
Mrs. Hutchins.....	254 25	

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Shirley Russell(industrial school)..	22 50	
Lizzie B. Hall, Insane hospittal....	79 34	
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		\$791 41

Overdrawn.....		\$191 41
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TANISCOT FIRE CO.

Appropriation.....		\$200 00
Paid Herbert Chase, Treasurer....	\$200 00	
“ for 100 ft. extra hose.....	35 00	
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		\$235 00

Overdrawn.		\$35 00
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REPAIRS ON ENGINE HOUSE.

Balance from 1903		\$11 10
Expended.....		22 35
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Overdrawn.....		\$11 25
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STATE ROAD.

Appropriation.		\$400 00
Expended.....		115 00
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Unexpended.....		\$285 00
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SEPARATE ITEMS.

Appropriated to Alonzo H. Reed..		\$35 00
Paid “ “ “ ..		35 00

SCHOOLS

Appropriation.....	\$1,500 00	
State mill tax.....	739 71	
Balance from 1903.....	39 56	
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Total.....		\$2,279 27

Expended for transportation.....	\$ 277 50	
“ teaching.....	1,793 10	
“ janitors.....	99 00	
“ fuel.....	121 00	
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Total.....		2,290 60
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Overdrawn.....		\$11 33

REPAIRS, LABOR, INSURANCE, WATER, ETC

Appropriation.....		\$200 00
Expended.....		182 14
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Unexpended.....		\$17 86

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation.....		\$100 00
Expended.....		113 31
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Overdrawn.....		\$13 31

REPORTING BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Paid J. M. King.....		\$2 75
A. M. Card.....		2 00
E. F. Stetson.....		2 25
W. H. Parsons.....		2 50
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Total.....		\$9 50

Sheep killed by dogs.

Paid W. S. Hatch.....		\$24 00
F. N. Kavanagh.....		12 00
G. W. Cothran.....		18 00
S. D. Wyman.....		6 00
J. M. Perkins.....		12 00
W. N. Chapman.....		3 00
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		\$75 00

FREE TUITION AT LINCOLN ACADEMY.

Appropriation.		\$400 00
Paid Heb on Academy.	\$ 30 00	
" F. I. Carney.	60 00	
" G. H. Larrabee.	369 00	
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		\$459 00
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Overdrawn		\$59 00

Grand Army.

Appropriation	\$15 00
Paid Harlow Dunbar Post.	15 00

Town Officers.

Appropriation.	\$600 00
F. V. Norcross, Supt. of schools.	75 00
A. H. Lailer, Dog Constable.	12 00
W. B. Erskine, school committee.	8 00
W. W. Dodge, "	8 00
Jas. Dodge, "	8 00
Alex Farnham, town clerk.	37 20
A. A. Hall selectman, etc.	100 00
H. v. B. Nash, selectman, etc. and (stationery).	75 38
W. H. Decker, selectman, etc.	65 00
E. M. Robinson, Auditor.	15 00
Jno. Dodge, Constable.	7 50
T. S. Hodgkins, Justice of Peace work.	1 62
J. M. Tukey, Treasurer.	40 00
Leander Clark, Commission on taxes, 1903.	40 90
Jno. Dodge, " " 1904.	101 94
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Total.	\$595 54

Ballot Clerks.

F. N. Wade.....	\$4 00
L. H. Sidelinger.....	4 00
Albert T. Austin.....	4 00
B. A. Woodbridge.....	4 00
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	\$16 00

Incidental Expenses.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Paid G. W. Singer, printing.....	39 00
A. W. Glidden, postage.....	2 56
Loring, Short & Harmon, stationery....	6 13
John Murphy, watchman, July 3, 4.....	6 00
Wm. Perkins, " ".....	6 00
H. v. B. Nash, cleaning town house.....	1 00
W. H. Hilton, legal service.....	13 00
Sawyer Vinal, sawing wood for office....	90
A. A. Hall, lumber on bridge.....	22 38
Gilman Moody, water trough.....	3 00
M. H. Follansbee, roads, 1903.....	8 92
H. E. Webster, shoveling snow.....	9 88
A. A. Hall, repairs on bridge.....	9 76
W. W. Keene & Son, stove for office....	16 00
W. H. Decker, repairs on road machine..	20 25
E. W. Nash, stationery.....	35
J. M. Tukey.....	3 85
L. M. Jones, wood for office.....	3 78
Expenses repairing fish stream.....	164 13
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	\$336 89
Overdrawn.....	\$136 89

Abatements

To W. A. Smith, one-half road tax.....	\$ 3 75
Geo. C. Jones, error in assessment.....	7 98
Gilman Moody, sickness.....	3 62
Leander Clark, for year 1903.....	91 89
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	\$107 24

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Brought forward from last year.....	\$125 05
March 9, 1904, Refunded on account of state road.....	50 00
April 16, 1904, Refunded from dog licences, 1903.....	60 57
May 6, 1904, Refunded from state account of Free Tuition, 1903.....	157 75
July 5, 1904, By sale of alewives.....	2,412 74
July 14, 1904, Alex Farnham, account of dog tax.....	95 00
July 22, 1904, Refunded from state account of seal noses.....	1 00
Sept. 30, 1904, Mary A. Dray for land.....	10 00
Jan. 30, 1905, Refunded from state account of sheep killed.....	75 00
Jan. 3, 1905, Railroad and Telegraph tax.....	42 28
Jan. 6, 1905, State Road, 1904.....	57 50
Jan 16, 1905, School fund and mill tax.....	739 71
Jan. 5, 1905, Pension money.....	240 00
Leander Clark, taxes 1903.....	2,726 89
Jno. Dodge, taxes 1904.....	6,796 11
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	\$13,589 60

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March, Interest on outstanding debt.....	\$261 20
July 1 and Dec. 31, 1904, State pensions....	240 00
July 20, Dog licences.....	95 00
Aug. 3, 1904, County tax, 1904.....	936 24
Aug. 22, 1904, Note at Damariscotta Bank....	700 00
Aug. 22, 1904, Interest 8 months, 20 days, at 4 per cent on same.....	20 21
Sept. 29, Writing deed for Mary A. Dray ..	1 00
Jan. 1905, State tax, 1904.....	1,903 62
Jan. 1905, Interest on A. C. Huston fund.....	60 00
Town orders.....	8,620 43
Balance in treasury	751 90
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	\$13,589 60

The interest on the A. C. Huston fund has been paid according to the directions of the will to the needy poor of the town.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes.....	\$5,030 00
Accrued interest on same, 4 per cent.....	201 20
Commission on uncollected taxes..	57 62
Repairing schoolhouses, unexpended	17 86
A. C. Huston fund.....	1,000 00
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	\$6,306 68

RESOURCES.

Uncollected taxes.....	\$3,841 24
Cash in treasury.....	751 90
Dog licenses, estimated.....	80 00
Free tuition.....	229 50
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	4,902 64

Indebtedness.....	<hr/>	\$1,404 04
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Selectmen's Estimates for 1905

Roads and bridges.....	\$2,500 00
State roads.....	400 00
Poor.....	600 00
Town officers.....	500 00
Incidentals.....	200 00
Sidewalks.....	500 00
Schools.....	1,500 00
Free tuition.....	400 00
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	\$6,600 00

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	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 89	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	1 015 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	15 683 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 96	1 109 51	8 391 25	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	10 853 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	7 946 30 ¹ / ₂	10 667 56 ¹ / ₂	1902
1903	670 029	1 47	1 901 62	936 24	7 612 12	10 449 98	1903
1904	672 668	1 45	1 901 62	936 24	7 635 76	10 472 62	1904

*\$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.....	\$120 50
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DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid Gertrude Dunbar teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$9.....	\$90 00
Gertrude Dunbar teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$9.....	90 00
Lydia Keene teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$8.50.....	76 50
Janitor bill, 3 terms.....	20 50
Fuel bill.....	27 00

\$304 00

REPAIRS.

Paid cleaning school room.....	\$ 1 25
Lamson & Chapman, painting and putty- ing windows.....	7 31
Water bill.....	12 00
Soap and soapine, 15c: glass and putty, basement, 33c.....	48
Repairs on water pipe, 25c; repairs on clock, 25c.....	50

Wire for window, 12c; W. W. Keene bill, \$1.45.....	1 57
Crayon, 20c; sponge, 5c; toilet paper and holders, 45c.....	70
J. L. Clifford's bill..	4 91
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	\$28 72

DISTRICT NO 3

Paid Iva M. Russell, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$6.	60 00
Iva M. Russell, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$6 50.	65 00
Iva M. Russell, teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$6 50... ..	58 50
Janitor bill.....	9 00
Wood bill....	9 90
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	\$201 50

REPAIRS

Paid George Pinkham, labor	10 20
Joseph Pinkham, "	11 10
S. Wilson, building chimney	10 50
Nathaniel Bryant, brick... ..	6 89
George Trask, lumber.....	9 15
B. A. White, "	85
J. W. Haggett, bill.....	4 44
W. B. Eiskine, labor and lumber... ..	16 00
Abbie Lincoln, cleaning schoolhouse.. . .	4 00
Crayon.....	30
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	\$73 47

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid Sunie Hodgkins, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$6 50.....	\$65 00
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Paid Sunie Hodgkins, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$6 50.....	\$ 65 00
Sunie Hodgkins, teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$6 50.....	58 50
Janitor bill.....	9 00
Wood bill.....	11 75
Board of three scholars.....	27 00
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	236 25

REPAIRS

Paid Abbie Lincoln, cleaning.....	2 00
W. B. Erskine, labor.....	2 00
Charles Bartlett, ".....	1 00
Crayon.....	10
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	5 10

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid Elizabeth Mitchell teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$8.....	80 00
Elizabeth Mitchell teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$8.....	80 00
Elizabeth Mitchell teaching winter term, 9 week, \$8.....	72 00
Janitor bill, 3 terms.....	20 50
Fuel bill.....	26 00
Transportation.....	70 00
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	348 50

REPAIRS.

Paid cleaning school room.....	1 25
Desks for school room.....	16 20
Water bill.....	12 00

TOWN OF NEWCASTLE

Water pail, 15c; freight on seats, \$1.52..	\$ 1 67
Setting up seats, 75c; putty, 5c; fly paper, 15c.....	95
Digging up water pipe and thawing same	3 35
One curtain roller, 25c; toilet paper and holder, 45c.....	70
Crayon.....	10
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DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid Helen W. Erskine, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$6.....	60 00
Helen W. Erskine, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$6.50.....	65 00
Helen W. Erskine, teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$6.50.....	58 50
Janitor, 3 terms.....	9 50
Fuel bill.....	8 50
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	201 50

REPAIRS.

Paid Water pail, .25; glass, .10; hook, .05...	40
Cementing wall.....	50
Cleaning school room.....	2 00
Crayon.	30
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DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid Lena Cothran teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$6.....	60 00
Ethel Whitehouse, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$7.....	70 00

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Paid Ethel Whitehouse teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$7.50.....	\$ 67 50
Janitor service.....	9 50
Wood bill.....	9 00
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	216 00

REPAIRS.

Paid cleaning school room.....	2 00
One light glass.....	05
For putty.....	10
For one bunch clapboards.....	55
For one pail.....	25
For 5 1-2 gallons paint.....	8 25
For labor, painting schoolhouse.....	7 00
Crayon, 10c; cleaning school room, \$1.50	1 60
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	19 80

DISTRICT NO. 8

Paid Annie Plumbstead, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$7.....	70 00
Mary D. Weeks. teaching fall term, 9 weeks, \$6.50.....	58 50
Mary D. Weeks, teaching winter term, 8 weeks, \$7.....	56 00
Janitor service.....	9 00
Wood.....	8 50
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	202 00

REPAIRS

Paid For cleaning.....	2 00
For broom.....	25
For Crayon.....	30
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	2 55

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Paid Sarah L. Flye teaching winter term, 9 weeks, \$8.....	\$72 00
Mrs. Keene teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$7.50.	75 00
Mabel Farrar teaching winter term, 2 weeks, \$7.50.	15 00
Janitor bill	3 00
Wood bill.. . . .	10 50
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	\$175 60

REPAIRS

Paid Joseph Hall, labor	25
W. B. Erskine, labor.	2 00
Crayon.. . . .	10
T. S. Hodgkins' bill.. . . .	1 63
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	\$3 98

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Paid Edith Boynton, teaching spring term, 10 weeks, \$7...	70 00
Gertrude Parsons, teaching fall term, 10 weeks, \$7.50.....	75 00
Mabel Farrar, teaching winter term, 8 weeks, \$7.50.....	60 00
Janitor bill.	9 00
Fuel bill.	10 75
Transportation from 11 to 10, 20 weeks at \$3.....	60 00
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	\$284 75

REPAIRS.

Paid Abbie Lincoln, cleaning.....	2 00
W. B. Erskine, labor.....	2 00

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Crayon.....	30
W. W. Keene, bill.....	1 73
J. L. Clifford, bill.....	3 11
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	\$9 14

STATEMENT

Paid Teachers	\$1,793 10
Transportation of scholars.....	277 50
Janitors.....	99 00
Fuel.....	121 00
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	\$2,290 60
Balance due school account..	39 56
Town appropriation.	1,500 00
State school fund.	739 71
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Whole amount available.....	\$2,279 27
Whole amount expended for school.. . . .	\$2,290 60
“ available.....	2,279 27
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Overdrawn.....	\$11 33
Amount appropriated for repairs.....	\$200 00
“ expended “	182 14
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Unexpended.....	\$17 86

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For Schools.....	\$1,500 00
Repairs.....	200 00
Books and supplies.....	125 00
Free tuition.....	400 00

Respectfully submitted,

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

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF NEWCASTLE:

Time in its rapid flight has brought us to the season when we are expected to present a report of the progress made in our schools during the past year. I am very happy to say that a good degree of success has been secured; that if we have not in every school attained to the high standard of excellence at which we aimed, no one has been a failure; that while some have been better than others, which is to be expected, conditions and environment being different, all have been fairly good. The teachers have all seemed efficient and earnest, faithful and conscientious in their work; the pupils who have been regular in their attendance and diligent in their studies have made rapid progress. No serious disturbance of any kind has occurred, and as a whole the schools have been under excellent discipline, and both scholars and teachers have labored well together. In many instances the parents have manifested a good degree of interest in the schools with excellent results. This is as it should be. When parents, children and teachers all cooperate in working for a good school success is assured. But I am sorry to say that this has not always been done. In looking over the school registers I have found several instances in which scholars have been absent one-fourth or

even one-half the time. In the cases of small children, or of sickness, there may be an excuse for absence, but where three or four children in one family thus absent themselves, there must be a sad indifference to the welfare of the children. Some of these cases have been reported to me by the teachers, and I have visited and labored with the parents, and secured from them the promise that their children should attend school. In one case the truant officer had to be notified. It is very astonishing that any parent should be so indifferent to the welfare of a child as to permit school privileges to pass unimproved.

The intense cold, severe storms and drifted roads have decreased the attendance in some of the schools during the winter term; the prevalence of severe colds has also had a similar effect in other schools. The above remarks apply to a few of the schools during the winter term. With these exceptions the attendance has been good and constant and the interest unabated.

In three of our schools, Nos. 2, 5 and 8, School Improvement Leagues have been organized and added considerable to the interest of the schools. I wish they might find a place in all our schools.

Through the efforts of your efficient School Committee all needed repairs for the year have been made on our school houses and they all seem to be in a very comfortable condition. More work will be needed during the coming year to keep them in good condition. There are several things that require special mention in this report.

1. **SCHOOL BOOKS.** The law of the state requires the towns to furnish suitable text books for the children. For this purpose an annual appropriation is generally made. The money appropriated for this purpose last year has been very carefully expended, and some more might have been

used to good advantage. The books wear out very fast. In spite of all possible care on the part of the superintendent and teachers, they sometime get handled very roughly and badly injured. Parents can help very much in the care of the books if they enjoin upon their children the necessity of taking good care of them. No book should be doubled back until the covers come together. It is not the place for the elbows in the book, neither is the book designed to lie down or loll upon. No pupil should write in his school book either with pen or pencil. But with all possible care the books will soon wear out. The paper now used in making books is not so good as the paper used to be when made of rags. The wood pulp paper tears easily and does not wear so well.

Some of our school books have been in use a number of years, and I am sorry to say, are quite dilapidated. No one likes to read or study a dirty and ragged book. The children are as fond of a good, whole, clean book as any mature person and will be more likely to take good care of it.

A good, clean school house with pleasant surrounding, a pleasant and tidy school room adorned with maps and pictures and good, whole and clean books have an elevating effect upon the lives and characters of the children. Do not begrudge the money that is necessarily expended in furnishing the children with suitable books.

2. PARENTAL INTEREST. I have already alluded to this, but there is much more that ought to be said. Parents ought to see to it that their children are up and ready for school in good season. "Johnny" may not like study and school very well, and it would not be strange if some morning he should have a headache and beg to stay at home. But watch him and the chances are that before ten

o'clock he will be as well as ever and out on the hill-side with his sled or on the meadow with his skates. I do not mean by this that Johny has intentionally told a fib; he may have had a pain in his head brought on by bad air in his sleeping room, but a run to school in the pure outdoor air will be sure to cure it. All the children are not angels, and we don't want them to be just at present. We hope that after the discipline and development of their life, of which the school days furnish an important part, they will be prepared for the society of angels. But the very best have their faults and sometimes require admonition by the teacher. Parents hearing of this will severely criticise the teacher in the presence of the child. Whatever of good the child might have received from the correction is thus lost, the teachers influence is weakened just when and where it ought to be strengthened. If the matter is one of any importance, how much better it would be to confer kindly with the teacher and adopt that course which would be most like to promote the welfare of the child.—Parents can do much for the schools by visiting them and taking an interest in their children's studies. What boy or girl is there who, if they knew their mother might at any time appear in the school room, would not study hard so as to make a good recitation for mother's sake.

Parents do generally feel a deep interest in the schooling of their children, but they do not always manifest it. One mother has been so much interested for her boy during the year that she has sent to me for books to study herself, saying, "I am bound to keep ahead of my boy so that I can help him if he needs." If all parents were as earnestly seeking the welfare of their children, what a help it would be to them and what an advantage to the schools!

TEACHERS AND THEIR DUTIES. Probably a copy of

this report will find its way into every household in town and all our teachers and all who intend to teach will have an opportunity of reading what I have to say upon this subject. It is specially for them that I write these words. I may say nothing new, nothing that you do not endeavor to practice in all your work of teaching. If so, what I say will do you no harm, but will perhaps strengthen your good purpose. A teacher should be a lover of children and an enthusiast in the work. The matter while teaching should be, "This one thing I do." No labor or amusement which uses up the strength or overtaxes the nerves should occupy the time out of school hours. The teachers time and strength all belong to the school. This does not exclude healthy outdoor exercise nor any essential labor, or recreation. One of the best teachers I ever knew was careful to take sufficient outdoor exercise and she also went over by herself all the lessons she had assigned before she heard them recited. In regard to the propriety—the right or the wrong of certain kinds of amusements, I have nothing to say here. Let every one act conscientiously in regard to these and all other things: but I do say this, A teacher cannot play at cards or dance half or three-fourths of the night and be in a condition either physically or mentally to teach school the next day.

As a rule all our teachers have been well qualified for their work and have performed it in a creditable manner. But the teaching of the "three R's" and all other brouches of knowledge is not all. There are other things of the greatest importance, which should never be overlooked. The pupils should all be taught and required to practice kindness and politeness toward one another, and toward all persons, and never wantonly to inquire any living creature. Their duties in this respect are so clearly set forth in the Revised Statutes of Maine that I will quote from them: "All instructors of youth, in public or private institutions, shall use

their best endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of morality and justice, and a sacred regard for truth; love of country, humanity and a universal benevolence, sobriety, industry and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and all other virtues which ornament human society; and to lead those under their care, as their ages and capacities admit, into a practice and understanding of the tendency of such virtues to preserve and perfect a Republican constitution, secure the blessings of liberty and promote their future happiness; and the tendency of the opposite vices of slavery, degredation and ruin."

Next to the parent the teacher has the greatest influence over the child. How important that the influence of these two should be one, and that the best possible!

And so while the body is developed and strengthened by athletic sports and useful labor; while the mind is trained by study and thought, let the moral and spiritual nature of the child also be cultivated in those elements that produce a noble character of honor and usefulness among men and secure the favor of God. Without such a character, however great the intellectual attainment or high the social position, life will be a failure.

SUMMARY.

Total number of pupils in town between the ages of five and twenty-one years, on the first day of April, 1904, 266.

Number attending spring term, 171; average, 135.

“ fall “ 162; “ 136.

“ winter “ 149; “ 129.

Whole number of weeks schooling during the year, 254.

Number of different teachers employed, 17.

Average weekly wages, \$7.35.

Respectfully submitted,

F. V. NORCROSS, Supt.

Town Warrant.

STATE OF MAINE.

LINCOLN SS.

To Jonathan Dodge, Esq., a constable in the Town of Newcastle, in said county, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Newcastle, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House, in said town, on the thirteenth day of March, 1935, 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 see if town will accept the auditor's report.
- ART. 4. To choose selectmen for the ensuing year.
- ART. 5. To choose assessors for ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To choose overseers of the poor for ensuing year.
- ART. 7. To choose a fish committee to act with the Nobleboro fish committee.
- ART. 8. To choose a Treasurer for ensuing year.
- ART. 9. To choose three road commissioners for ensuing year and to fix compensation for same.
- ART. 10. To choose a superintending school committee to act three years.
- ART. 11. To see what method the town will adopt for collecting taxes and fix compensation for same.
- ART. 12. To choose a collector of taxes for ensuing year.
- ART. 13. To choose an Auditor of accounts for ensuing year.

- ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of schools for ensuing year.
- ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of poor for ensuing year.
- ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town officers for ensuing year.
- ART. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for incidental expenses for ensuing year.
- ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for roads and bridges for ensuing year.
- ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for state road.
- ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair sidewalks for ensuing year.
- ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote to repair schoolhouses for ensuing year.
- ART. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school text books for ensuing year.
- ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred and fifty dollars for the Taniscot Engine Company.
- ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise two hundred dollars for necessary repairs to the Engine house and the purchase of hose.
- ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise fifteen dollars for Memorial purposes for Harlow Post G. A. R. for ensuing year.
- ART. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay for free tuition for the ensuing year.
- ART. 27. To choose all other necessary town officers.
- ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to act with the Nobleboro selectmen to sell the surplus alewives for a term of years, the selectmen to reject any or all bids at their discretion.

- ART. 29. To see if the town will permit the selectmen to draw town orders for those furnishing labor or materials for highways, only for such balance as may be due them after payment of taxes due the town.
- ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to let Joseph Dow work out his highway tax on his private way, said way being seventy six rods.
- ART. 31. To see if the town of Newcastle will accept the use of the Skidompha Library for its citizens for the ensuing year and to see what sum of money the town will raise for the necessary running expenses of the Library for the ensuing year.
- ART. 32. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to take the necessary steps to exterminate the Tent caterpillars as they may appear in the town.
- ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, Feb. 28th, 1904.
- ART, 34. 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 thirteenth day of March A. D., 1905, at 9.30 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 the first day of March A. D., 1905.

(Signed)

A. A. HALL,	} Selectmen
H. v. B. NASH,	
W. H. DECKER,	
	} of
	} Newcastle.

