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**ANNUAL REPORT**

- OF THE -

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

- OF THE -

**TOWN OF POLAND**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

**FEBRUARY 20TH, A. D. 1892.**

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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CLERK & TREASURER,  
**ZENAS LANE.**

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,  
**J. G. DAVIS, E. W. JORDAN, W. E. BLAIR.**

TOWN AGENT,  
**J. G. DAVIS.**

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,  
**F. E. HANSCOM.**

COLLECTOR & CONSTABLE,  
**D. B. WATERHOUSE.**

**WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING**  
**MACH 14, 1892.**

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*To Dexter B. Waterhouse, Constable of the Town  
of Poland, in the County of Androscoggin.*

GREETING:— In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Poland, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town-house in said town on Monday the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1892, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:—

FIRST. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

THIRD. To hear reports of Town Officers and act thereon.

FOURTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of Common Schools.

FIFTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Free High School.

SIXTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to expend for Free High School.

SEVENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairing School-houses.

EIGHTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs of Roads and Bridges.

NINTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Support of Poor.

TENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Contingent Expenses.

ELEVENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Abatements and Collector's Commission.

TWELFTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of School Text-books.

THIRTEENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Railing Dangerous Places on the Highway.

FOURTEENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Erection of Guideboards.

FIFTEENTH. To see if the town will vote a Discount on Taxes paid at stated times.

SIXTEENTH. To see if the town will vote to Donate Twenty-five Dollars to A. A. Dwinal Post, G. A. R.

SEVENTEENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay Debts.

EIGHTEENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay Interest on Bonds and Orders.

NINETEENTH. To see what action the town will take in regard to certain property Deeded to the Town of Poland by Charles Thurlow.

TWENTIETH. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a School-house at Lower White Oak Hill.

TWENTY-FIRST. To see what action the town will take with reference to fixing a valuation, for purpose of taxation, upon certain improvements contemplated by the Poland Paper Co., upon its Plant at Mechanic Falls, for the Ten Years next ensuing.

TWENTY-SECOND. To see if the town will vote to dispose of its water pipes and other apparatus for fire purposes at Mechanic Falls to the Mc. Falls Village Corporation, of Poland, and fix the terms for a conveyance of the same.

TWENTY-THIRD. To see if the town will vote to pay N. Q. Pope \$64.05 for improvements on the Highways of White Oak Hill.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town House on the day of election, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of February A. D. 1892.

J. G. DAVIS, }  
E. W. JORDAN, } SELECTMEN  
W. E. BLAIR, } OF  
POLAND.

**REPORT OF SELECTMEN,  
ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.**

The annual report of the Appropriations and Expenditures of the Town of Poland for the year ending Feb. 20, 1892, is herewith presented.

**REPORT OF ASSESSORS.**

Valuation of property. Basis of 100 per cent.	
Resident Real Estates,	\$684,887.00
"    Personal Estates,	135,132.00
Non-resident Real Estates,	176,090.00
"    "    Personal Estates,	22,367.00
Total Valuation,	\$1,018,476.00

Agreeable to warrants from the State and County Treasurers, and a certificate from the Town Clerk; we assessed upon the Polls and Estates the following sums, to wit:—

State Tax,	\$3,123.24
County Tax,	1,571.08
By Vote of Town,	11,125.00
Overlay,	392.43
Supplemental Tax,	137.38
Total Assessment,	\$16,349.13
Delinquent Highway Tax, 1890	301.26
Committed to D. B. Waterhouse, Collector for 1891,	\$16,650.39
Highway Labor Tax, committed to Highway Surveyors,	\$2,500.00

**RATE OF TAXATION.**

*Money Tax, \$15.00 on \$1,000.00, Poll Tax, \$2.00  
Highway " \$1.90 " \$1,000.00, " " \$1.50  
Number of Polls, 536.*

## TOWN FARM.

## OVERSEER'S CASH ACCOUNT.

Received for 5 Cows,	\$154.00
“ “ 5 Calves,	36.00
“ “ Sweet Corn,	80.58
“ “ Apples,	50.00
“ “ Fowl,	12.00
“ “ Potatoes,	6.00
“ “ Hay,	15.00
“ “ 15 Pigs,	26.00
“ “ Pork,	5.00
“ “ Eggs,	17.83
“ “ Labor,	9.50
Total amount received,	<u>\$411.91</u>
Paid for 3 Cows,	\$67.00
“ “ Clothing for Paupers,	22.65
“ “ Blacksmith work,	6.27
“ “ Phosphate and Seed-corn,	14.40
“ “ Groceries, etc.,	186.96
Total amount paid out,	<u>\$297.28</u>
Amount due from Overseer,	\$114.63

## TOWN FARM, CR.

1 Yoke of Oxen,	\$145.00
5 Cows,	125.00
1 Horse,	135.00
3 Swine,	21.00
8 Hens,	3.00
Value of Farm Stock,	<u>\$429.00</u>
Due from Overseer,	\$114.63
Received for 1 Yoke of Oxen,	140.00
Cream Sold,	101.83
“ “to Feb. 20, '92, (estimated.)	35.00



1 Mowing Machine,	\$40.00
1 Ox-cart,	20.00
Overseer, work on road,	18.75
Ox Team, " " "	128.00
Total,	<u>\$598.21</u>

PRODUCE & GROCERIES ON FARM.

4 Tons Hay,	\$24.00
14 " "	140.00
1 Bag Cotton Seed,	1.40
2 " Corn Meal,	2.30
1 Bag Oats,	1.00
8 Bushels Barley,	8.00
3 " Beans,	7.50
½ " Sweet Corn,	1.50
40 " Potatoes,	20.00
1 Gallon Molasses,	.40
1 Box Salt,	.20
15 Pounds Sugar,	.75
1 " Tea,	.40
1 " Soda,	.06
300 " Pork,	27.00
45 " Dried Apples,	3.18
11 " Lard,	1.10
Spices,	.50
5 Gallons Oil,	.50
5 Barrels Apples,	5.00
7 Jars Fruit,	3.50
1 Pork Barrel	.50
	<u>\$248.79</u>
Total Farm Credit,	<u>\$1,276.00</u>

## TOWN FARM, DR.

To Stock and Groceries on hand	
Feb. 20, '91,	\$650.96
To Cash paid by Town as follows:—	
4 Oxen,	262.50
Bailey Brothers, Groceries,	285.08
“ “ Mowing Machine,	40.00
Blacksmith work,	4.26
Mrs. Mills, Butter,	9.16
L. N. Hayes, Ox-cart,	20.00
Building Fence on Old Farm,	14.05
Overseer, 7 months Salary,	175.00
Amount due Overseer Feb. 20, '92,	97.50
Total Farm Debit,	\$1,558.51
“ “ Credit,	1,276.00
Balance against the Farm,	\$282.51

## NAMES OF PAUPERS

WHO HAVE BEEN ON THE FARM DURING THE YEAR.

Samuel Gleason, Waldron Harris, Benj. Bragdon,  
 Adeline Cushman, Emma Cushman, Betsy Orr,  
 Child of Jonathan Tobie.

Average number for the year,—five.

Number at the present time,—seven.

## PAUPERS NOT ON THE FARM.

E. W. Record,	\$24.49
Chas. Woodsum,	80.10
Mary Snell, 1890 and '91,	100.00
D. S. Churchill,	160.85
George Walker,	65.15
Horace Walker,	74.70
Daniel Strout, 1890,	14.00
Levi Tripp,	72.20

Amos Harris,	\$83.63
Osgood Cole,	60.44
Simon Dyer, no settlement in State,	13.02
John Partridge,	11.35
Mrs. Jonathan Berry, Funeral,	21.75
Mrs. T. S. Holt,	8.84
Tim Berry, 1890 and '91,	116.00
E. F. Field, 1890,	20.00
Fred Bragdon,	13.01
S. M. Wilson, 1890,	6.00
Jonathan Tobie,	87.32
Waldron Harris,	20.29
Baby found at Mc. Falls,	12.20
Isaiah Hunnerwell,	43.18
Otis N. Haskell,	23.18
Tramps, 1890 and '91,	46.94
Augustus Bragdon, 1890,	1.50
John Strout, "	6.00
Wm. Tripp, "	4.98
George Tripp, "	13.75
Stanton Estes,	2.85
Chas. Thurlow,	15.00
Susan E. Everett, Insane Hospital,	196.61
Cost of Poor not on Farm,	\$1,419.33
Cost of Poor on the Farm,	282.51
Total Cost for support of Poor,	\$1,701.84
Appropriated,	1,200.00
Overdrawn,	\$501.84

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COST OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

C. H. Cotton, Woodstock,	\$9.40
J. B. Poland, Peru,	57.60
Wm. Chaplin, Otisfield,	1.35
Faustina Chase, Dixfield,	10.75

*POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.*

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C. G. Hawes, Leeds,	\$29.21
John J. Cannell, Gorham,	233.79
Silas May, Raymond,	20.50
Jesse May, “	14.50
C. R. Strout, “	3.00
Wesley Strout, New Gloucester,	15.00
Lewis Tripp, Gray,	5.00
Fred Edwards, Casco,	22.00
Richard Edwards, “	40.75
Eva Gallashan, Augusta,	20.25
Mrs. Andrews, State,	17.00
W. C. Bridge, Funeral Expenses, State,	35.00
Horace Walker, “ “ “	35.00
Mary Lane, Poland, Paid by J. Hanscom,	33.00
Tramps, Minot,	27.45
Dennet Cotton, Woodstock,	4.99
Faustina Chase, Dixfield,	5.00
Albert Brown, Bridgton,	7.00
George Fuller, Insane Hospital, Brunswick,	101.34
Warren Mills “ “ Estate,	93.50
Cost of Poor belonging to other Towns,	<u>\$842.38</u>

**ABATEMENTS & COLLECTORS' COMMISSIONS.**

Zenas Lane, Coll. Commission 1889,	\$218.15
“ “ Abatements “	269.75
D. B. Waterhouse, “ 1890,	112.74
“ “ “ “ 1891,	77.87
Total,	<u>\$678.51</u>
Appropriated,	500.00
Overdrawn,	<u>\$178.51</u>

## SNOW BILLS.

A. K. Damon,	\$17.70
Granville Herrick,	2.55
Orin G. Dyer,	14.65
J. W. Morse,	12.00
Reuben Dunn,	22.55
E. R. Cobb,	34.74
Wm. E. Blair,	24.20
A. B. Grady,	2.62
B. F. Cobb,	15.63
Daniel Tripp,	2.53
Geo. B. Tripp,	1.20
Owen Bryant,	1.20
Calvin Tripp,	3.50
E. J. Pulsifer,	13.90
Wm. Greenbanks,	13.20
Wm. Cole,	12.62
Elmer Everett,	6.69
Moses Archibald,	12.21
H. J. Jordan,	11.40
A. S. Carpenter,	6.26
George Carpenter,	12.00
Edmund Bailey,	2.10
Isaiah Thurlow,	3.00
Freeman & Mathew Berry,	26.13
Mathew Berry,	8.40
A. A. Keene,	58.86
Thomas S. Cobb,	4.81
E. G. Knight,	11.21
J. W. Mills,	5.62
F. P. Megquire,	49.22
J. K. Denning,	46.99
S. L. Harris,	12.15
R. S. Herrick,	3.00
S. Bailey,	2.77

J. W. & C. F. Morse,	\$4.95
Wm. S. Russell,	2.10
A. B. Cobb,	7.50
Dennis Bragdon,	7.65
E. H. Griffen,	9.75
Edgar Foster,	35.07
L. D. Edgecomb,	12.30
D. W. Pulsifer,	14.74
Sam. Carpenter,	7.39
A. G. Thurlow,	6.87
J. F. Wescott,	5.40
J. P. Grant,	32.40
I. H. Judkins,	3.00
L. Bryant,	1.95
F. B. Shackford,	5.67
Geo. O. Goodwin & Co.,	4.82
John Carpenter,	7.28
Poland Paper Co.,	130.00
C. E. Emery,	5.36
S. M. Carpenter,	1.95
O. S. Russell,	10.98
Total,	\$794.74

## ROAD REPAIRS.

Hawkes & Whitney, 1890,	\$32.41
G. O. Goodwin & Co., "	366.64
Charles Rowe, "	.30
Bailey Brothers, "	3.00
Poland Paper Co., Drain Pipe, '90,	127.98
Wm. Rowe, Watering-tub, '89- "	6.00
Patrons, Grange Hall, Watering-tub, 1889-'90,	6.00
Total, Bills of 1889-'90,	\$542.33
George Record, Labor,	\$10.00
A. K. Damon, "	10.38

Walter C. Frank, Labor,	\$39.45
E. M. Strout, " "	6.54
G. O. Goodwin & Co., Lumber,	205.08
E. W. Jordan, Mc. Falls Bridge,	3.00
Daniel Strout, Labor,	3.00
M. M. McKnight, " "	13.75
Charles Thurlow, " "	2.00
L. C. Herrick, Building Culverts,	16.00
Edgar Foster, " "	22.50
Wm. E. Blair, Garland's Meadows,	35.71
Town Farm Team, " "	14.00
D. B. Strout, Labor,	14.15
Orin Schellinger, Middle Pond Road,	21.00
W. E. Blair, " " "	58.62
Town Team, " " "	42.75
C. H. Cobb, Plank and Labor,	21.57
L. T. Allen, Watering-tub, Part '90,	4.75
Frank Strout, Labor,	13.25
Wadsworth Strout, " "	5.50
F. & M. Berry, " "	14.18
Hawkes & Whitney, Paint for Bridge at Mechanic Falls,	2.46
A. E. Libby, Plank,	11.46
Darius Jordan, Labor,	8.00
Wm. Rowe, " "	1.00
F. E. Mayberry, Watering-tub,	3.00
Hawkes & Whitney, Spikes for Bridge at Mechanic Falls,	5.08
Robert Haggett, Labor and Watering-tub,	5.00
C. M. Small, Painting Bridge at Mechanic Falls,	17.35
J. F. Strout, Labor,	1.35
J. Z. Waterman, " "	13.13
Total, Bills of 1891,	\$645.01

WORTHLEY BROOK BRIDGE.

Mousam Mfg. Co., Lumber,	\$69.54
Edwin Doten, Labor,	23.38
A. K. Damon, Hauling Lumber,	6.50
Bailey Brothers, Spikes,	1.80
G. O. Goodwin & Co., Plank etc.,	55.48
Total,	<u>\$156.70</u>

ROAD MACHINE.

Frank Brown, Tending,	\$75.00
H. S. Bonney, “	15.00
W. E. Blair, Labor and Cash,	122.68
Orin Schellinger, “	22.62
G. O. Goodwin & Co., Labor etc.,	101.46
S. A. Megquire, “	3.38
Megquire & Marcotte, Smith-work,	8.85
Bailey Brothers, Grain,	4.35
S. S. Waterhouse, “	3.63
Geo. Tyler & Co., Scraper,	8.50
Hawkes & Whitney, Chain,	1.18
Loring Edgecomb, Repairs,	4.50
Town Farm Team,	92.00
Total,	<u>\$463.15</u>

Total Amt. Expended on Roads,	\$2,601.93
Appropriated,	<u>2,000.00</u>
Overdrawn,	\$601.93

NEW ROAD ON BLACKCAT.

Freeman & M. Berry, for Building Road,	\$175.00
“ “ “ “ “ Land Damage,	<u>25.00</u>
Amount Expended,	\$200.00
Appropriated,	<u>          </u>
Overdrawn,	\$200.00



## NEW BRIDGE AT MOUSAM MILLS.

King Iron Bridge Co.,	\$950.00
Orin Schellinger, Labor,	41.18
Arthur Wight, " "	89.15
Howard Walker, " with Team,	60.75
Tolman White, " "	45.75
G. O. Goodwin & Co., Cement,	1.75
Mrs. Daniel Hackett, Stone,	2.00
W. E. Blair, Labor,	36.00
John Masse, " "	40.00
E. C. Doten, " "	6.00
Mousam Mfg. Co., Use of Derrick,	24.00
A. R. Giddins, Smith-work,	5.64
Town of Minot, Work on Pier,	15.06
Amount Expended,	\$1,317.28
Appropriated,	<u>1,000.00</u>
Overdrawn,	\$317.28

## BUILDING &amp; REPAIRING SCHOOL-HOUSES.

## SCHOOL-HOUSE AT TRIPP CITY.

Goodwin & Jordan, Building,	\$575.00
" " " Blinds,	11.77
G. T. R., Freight,	11.77
Poole Bros., Advertising,	2.00
Forest Walker, Plans,	5.00
John Carpenter, Labor on Lot,	26.64
Thomas Verrill, " " "	3.50
A. L. & E. F. Goss, Stove,	14.00
Total,	<u>\$649.68</u>

## SCHOOL-HOUSE AT EMPIRE.

C. K. Austin, Painting,	\$8.00
Bailey Brothers, Paint,	4.96
Total,	<u>\$12.96</u>
Bills Approved by F. E. Hanscom,	<u>273.05</u>
Total Amount Expended,	\$935.69
Appropriated,	<u>850.00</u>
Overdrawn,	\$85.69

**SCHOOL TEXT-BOOKS.**

Paid Bills Approved by F. E. Hanscom,	\$494.04
Amount Appropriated,	<u>100.00</u>
Overdrawn,	\$394.04

**RAILING DANGEROUS PLACES.**

P. R. Tileston, Cedar Posts,	\$43.65
Luther Thurlow, " "	50.00
G. O. Goodwin & Co., Lumber,	153.89
Poland Paper Co., Planing Lumber,	5.50
Hawkes & Whitney, Spikes,	55.72
Bailey Brothers, " "	2.20
W. E. Blair, Cash and Labor,	99.82
Orin Schellinger, " "	34.25
E. W. Jordan, Paid for " "	46.00
Total Amount Expended,	\$491.03
Appropriated,	<u>500.00</u>
Unexpended,	\$8.97

**MEMORIAL DAY.**

Paid A. A. Dwinal Post, G. A. R.,	\$25.00
Appropriated,	<u>25.00</u>

**CONTINGENT EXPENSES.**

J. I. Chipman, as per Bill,	\$5.21
J. G. Davis, " " "	78.75
E. W. Jordan, " " "	30.30
W. E. Blair, " " "	35.00
Zenas Lane, " " "	4.20
J. I. Chipman, Selectman, 1890,	117.50
J. G. Davis, " "	79.50
E. W. Jordan, " "	94.00
" " " " Part 1891,	75.00
F. E. Hanscom, Supervisor 1890,	297.00
Dr. E. F. Bradford, Board of Health '90,	40.50

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

S. L. Littlefield, Board of Health '90,	\$10.00
B. M. Fernald, " " " " '91,	20.00
Edwin Woodsum, Constable, 1890,	4.00
P. D. Herrick, " " " "	3.00
F. C. Chaplin, " " " "	5.00
Zenas Lane, Clerk and Treasurer 1890,	75.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, Town Books,	17.40
S. S. Waterhouse, Oil, etc.,	28.50
C. M. Austin, Lighting Lamps, Mc. Falls,	27.00
J. M. Libby, Professional Services,	34.00
Poole Bros., Printing Report,	83.50
Chas. Chipman, Repairing Town Buildings,	9.00
J. W. Boothby, " " " "	4.50
S. S. Waterhouse, Lime, " " " "	2.90
A. J. Weston, Lumber, " " " "	2.67
P. M. Austin, Brick, " " " "	6.40
C. E. Chipman, Labor, " " " "	10.00
Hawkes & Whitney, Paint, Maxwell House,	26.93
S. D. Jordan, Highway Tax '90, " " " "	1.92
Zenas Lane, Money Tax '89, " " " "	11.20
E. W. Jordan, Repairs, " " " "	49.33
Zenas Lane, Tax, J. B. Polland Property,	5.77
G. O. Goodwin, Wood for Office,	.90
Bailey Bros., Bottle Ink,	.20
Bridge & Smith, Order Blanks,	2.50
O. S. Kimball, Mortgage, Thurlow Farm,	150.00
Total Amount Expended,	\$1,448.58
Appropriated,	1,000.00
Overdrawn,	\$448.58

## SCHOOLS.

Appropriated by Town,	\$3,000.00
State School Fund,	1,554.04
Free High School, Town,	250.00
" " " State,	250.00

*SCHOOLS, RESOURCES.*

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Unexpended School Fund, 1890,	674.87
Due from Town of New Gloucester, est'd,	7.00
“ “ “ “ Minot, “	175.00
Total School Fund,	<u>\$5,910.91</u>
Orders Drawn on Bills Approved by F. E. Hanscom, Supervisor,	<u>\$5,372.59</u>
Amount Unexpended,	\$538.32

**RESOURCES.**

Due from Peru,	\$1.34
“ “ Dixfield,	41.50
“ “ Gorham,	89.50
“ “ Gray,	5.00
“ “ Leeds,	24.01
“ “ Casco,	40.25
“ “ Windham,	19.80
“ “ Brunswick,	228.77
“ “ Woodstock,	4.99
“ “ Minot,	60.52
“ “ Augusta,	23.35
“ “ State,	17.00
“ “ J. W. Mills Estate,	93.50
“ “ M. Maxwell “	365.64
“ “ D. B. Waterhouse, Coll. '90,	2,944.01
“ “ “ “ “ “ '91,	13,242.34
“ “ Resident Taxes sold to Town,	198.80
“ “ Non-resident Taxes Due,	551.46
Old Town Farm,	1,500.00
8-10ths. Martha Maxwell Property,	800.00
Charles Thurlow Property,	150.00
Cash in Treasury,	462.58
Tuition due from New Gloucester, est'd,	15.00
“ “ “ “ Minot, “	175.00
Rent of Maxwell Property to Mch. 1, '92,	20.00
Total Resources,	<u>\$21,074.36</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders at 4	
and 5 per cent,	\$24,000.00
Outstanding Orders not on Interest,	132.39
Town Bonds,	10,000.00
Unexpended School Fund,	538.32
Town Officers Bills, estimated,	700.00
Due Norway, Pauper bill '90,	102.00
“ Minot, Gray, and New	
Gloucester, Pauper Bills, est'd,	200.00
Dr. Jason Walker, Town Doctor,	75.00
Charles Rowe, Pauper Bill,	26.00
Banner Clothing House, Pauper Bill,	9.00
S. L. Littlefield, Board of Health,	10.00
W. & R. P. Rounds, Pauper Bill,	93.95
Other Bills, estimated,	200.00
Total Liabilities,	<u>\$36,086.66</u>
Total Resources,	<u>21,074.36</u>
Net Indebtedness,	15,012.30

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1891.

The first column shows the purpose for which the Appropriations were made, the second column the amounts appropriated for 1891, the third column the amounts expended for 1891, and we would recommend that the amounts given in the fourth column, be appropriated for 1892.

PURPOSE.	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.	RECOMMENDED.
<i>Schools,</i>	\$5,910.91	\$5,372.59	\$3,000.00
<i>Support of Poor,</i>	1,200.00	1,701.84	1,500.00
<i>Roads &amp; Bridges,</i>	2,000.00	2,601.93	4,000.00
<i>Contingent,</i>	1,000.00	1,448.58	1,000.00
<i>Abatements &amp; Commissions,</i>	500.00	678.51	600.00
<i>School-houses,</i>	850.00	935.69	.....
<i>A. A. Dwinial Post,</i>	25.00	25.00	25.00
<i>School Books,</i>	100.00	494.04	.....
<i>Railing Dangerous Places,</i>	500.00	491.03	300.00
<i>Bridge at Hackett's Mills,</i>	1,000.00	1,317.28	.....
<i>Interest on Bonds &amp; Orders,</i>	700.00	1,408.93	1,700.00
<i>New Road on Blackcat,</i>	.....	200.00	.....
<i>Overlay,</i>	392.43	.....	.....
<i>Supplemental Tax,</i>	137.38	.....	.....
<i>Delinquent Highway Tax '90,</i>	301.26	.....	.....
<i>To Pay Debts,</i>	.....	.....	3,000.00
<i>Guide-boards,</i>	.....	.....	300.00

Totals, \$15,425.00

\$16,675.42

\$14,616.98

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in 1891:-- \$2,058.44

## REMARKS.

The Town has one suit pending, against the Town of Brunswick for support of Geo. Fuller: an offer of settlement has been made by Brunswick but not accepted.

In regard to the Maxwell property, we had an Administrator appointed but the Estate is not yet settled; the property is rented and pays a good rate of interest.

The Town Farm has been under the management of A. E. Thurlow and wife; we are satisfied that they have worked hard for the interests of Poland, but owing to the low prices of produce sold, and the high prices of grain and feed which had to be bought, the Farm has not made as good a showing as in some previous years. We have visited the Farm often and always found the house and inmates, in a neat and tidy condition.

We wish to call the attention of the Citizens of Poland, to the fact that the Town for the last three years (at least) has been increasing its debt from ten to twelve hundred dollars a year. Also, that the Town Officers are obliged to take care of the poor, keep the roads in a safe and passable condition, and to contract many other necessary bills.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. DAVIS, }  
E. W. JORDAN, } SELECTMEN  
W. E. BLAIR, } OF  
POLAND.

Mechanic Falls. March 19. 92  
Dear Sir:

I send you a copy  
of our Town Report. I don't  
know why the sum 427.37  
was sent us as you do not state,  
I suppose 250<sup>00</sup> was the Free High  
School money but cannot guess  
about the rest 227.37.

Yours very respectfully  
Zenas Lane  
Treas. of Poland.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Town Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of money received and paid out during the year ending Feb. 20th, 1892.

## ZENAS LANE, DR.

To Cash received from the following sources:—

Balance from last Year,	\$1,412.20
Zenas Lane, Collector 1889,	1,897.44
D. B. Waterhouse, " 1890,	9,104.00
" " " " 1891,	3,400.28
State School Fund, 1891,	1,554.04
State <del>paid by Town</del> ,	477.37
Minot,	366.95
Leeds,	1.70
Casco,	42.80
Peru,	316.45
New Gloucester,	30.00
Lincoln,	10.00
Gorham,	252.07
Otisfield,	263.75
Raymond,	48.00
Woodstock,	45.40
Bridgton,	7.00
Cream Checks,	109.79
Oxen sold from Farm,	140.00
From Farm,	146.75
Resident Taxes sold,	331.12
Non-resident Taxes paid,	241.64
L. T. Brown, Collector 1888,	315.25
Estate of Sylvanus Gleason,	337.29
Rent of Martha Maxwell House,	70.00
Zenas Lane, Error 1890,	24.25
Dr. Jason Walker, to correct Error,	5.00
Interest on Deposits,	6.80

State Aid for Soldiers,	\$455.00
State Crow Bounty, 1890,	6.40
Highway Tax, Mrs. Deosci,	1.68
J. G. Davis, Old Plank,	1.50
Geo. Harmon, Book,	.90
Winslow Frank, "	.90
J. F. Greenlief, Confiscated Jug,	.20
J. Hanscom, Support of Mary Lane,	33.00
Cash-book returned,	2.00
Loans,	10,129.80
Error in sale of Taxes,	4.00
Total Amount Received,	\$31,592.72

ZENAS LANE, CR.

By Cash Paid out as follows:-	
Town Orders, Not bearing Interest,	\$15,812.94
" " " "	5,985.77
Interest on the same,	248.29
" " Outstanding Orders,	430.25
Treasurer's Notes,	1,300.00
Interest on the same,	36.39
" " No. 14, 1890,	6.00
Bonds Nos. 135 to 140 inclusive,	600.00
Interest on Bonds,	688.00
Support of Mary Lane,	33.00
State Aid, Mrs. W. C. Bridge,	96.00
" " " Lydia E. Babb,	48.00
" " W. Horace Walker,	96.00
" " E. D. Chandler,	48.00
" " James B. Rand,	48.00
" " Levi A. Tripp,	36.00
" " David Woodsum,	24.00
" " Mark A. Herrick,	24.00
Funeral Benefit, W. C. Bridge,	35.00
" " W. H. Walker,	35.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

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State and County Taxes 1891,	\$4,694.32
L. T. Brown, Coll. Commission '88,	307.19
Zenas Lane, " " '89,	218.15
Towns,	222.69
Cost of Tax Sale,	4.00
Crow Bounty due Treas. last year,	6.40
Record Book,	17.50
Memorial Day,	25.00
Recording Deeds, and Postage,	4.25
Total Amount Paid out,	\$31,130.14
Cash in Treasury Feb. 20th, '92,	462.58
Total,	\$31,592.72

ZENAS LANE, TREASURER OF POLAND.

**REFERENCE TABLE.**

*Perhaps it may be interesting to compare the yearly Appropriations and Expenditures from 1878 to 1892, bearing in mind that the Net Debt of the Town is increased the same amount that Appropriations are Overdrawn.*

	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.	OVERDRAWN.
1878	\$11,832.63	\$12,474.81	\$642.18
1879	11,154.83	12,733.40	1,578.57
1880	15,207.68	16,251.05	1,043.37
1881	12,937.91	12,571.75	
1882	13,979.96	15,012.41	1,032.45
1883	11,991.85	13,509.88	1,518.03
1884	14,152.98	14,129.82	
1885	11,820.27	12,334.39	514.12
1886	14,325.54	15,681.27	1,355.73
1887	17,350.46	19,167.80	1,817.34
1888	20,751.07	23,057.92	2,306.85
1889	17,317.56	18,067.95	750.39
1890	19,122.14	19,980.98	858.84
1891	14,616.98	16,686.42	2,068.44

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF —

THE SUPERVISOR

OF SCHOOLS.

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**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.**

## FELLOW CITIZENS :

A law of the State imposes upon the Supervisor of Schools, the duty of making a report of the condition of our schools during the past year, the progress made by the pupils, and the success attending the instruction and government by the teachers employed. Having attended to these duties, your Supervisor now presents the following report for your careful consideration :

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Whole number of pupils in town,	685
Whole number attending summer schools,	403
Average " " " "	348
Whole " " fall "	397
Average " " " "	350
Whole " " winter "	439
Average " " " "	380
Number of terms taught by male teachers	7
" " " female teachers	54
Number of teachers retained two or more terms in same school,	16
Wages of male teachers per month, excluding board,	\$42 29
Wages of female teachers per week, excluding board,	4 25
Average price of board per week for male teachers,	2 78
" " " " female "	2 16

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

## RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for Common Schools,	\$3,000 00
Received from State " " "	1,554 04
Town appropriation for High School,	250 00
Received from State " "	250 00
Raised by Village Corporation and expended at Mechanic Falls,	200 00
Amount unexpended 1890,	107 33
Amount due from Minot for tuition,	194 60
Amount due from Casco for tuition,	12 00
Amount due from New Gloucester for tuition,	6 95
Total,	<u>\$5,574 92</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid for summer schools,	\$1,302 15
Paid for fall schools,	1,417 25
Paid for winter schools,	1,937 00
Paid for wood and coal,	399 95
Paid Raymond for tuition,	19 77
Paid for all other expenses,	459 98
Unexpended balance,	38 82
Total,	<u>\$5,574 92</u>

## SCHOOL BOOK FUND.

Amount raised by town for purchase of books,	\$100 00
Amount unexpended 1890,	14 00
Amount due from Minot for use of books,	24 00
Received for books sold and destroyed,	2 82
Total,	<u>\$140 82</u>
Amount expended for purchase of books,	\$198 23

**TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS, Summer Term.**

No. of School.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Attendance.				Wages per week, excluding board.	Price of board per week.	Total cost of Term.
		No. of Weeks.	No. of Pupils.	Average	Not absent 1/2 day.			
1	Ella L. Dunn.....	10	8	6	1 23	\$3 00	\$2 00	\$50 00
2	Lena A. Shackford.....	12	21	14	0 26	3 00	1 75	57 00
3	Miss E. L. Carville.....	10	26	23	8 28	4 50	2 50	70 00
4	Mary W. Gowell.....	10	22	19	4 25	3 00	1 75	47 50
5	Lena G. Perkins.....	10	9	8	4 22	2 75	2 25	50 00
6	Maude Knowlton.....	9	17	15	1 28	3 50	1 85	48 15
8	Minnie C. Jumper, G. S.....	10	25	23	3 18	5 00	2 50	75 00
8	Inez A. Scribner, P. S.....	10	27	24	0 20	4 00	2 50	65 00
9	Sadie J. Cobb.....	10	21	16	2 27	3 00	1 75	47 50
11	Laura S. Snell.....	10	17	12	0 20	2 75	2 00	47 50
14	Ada M. Merrill.....	10	10	8	1 25	2 50	2 00	45 00
15	Eva M. Aldrich.....	10	9	7	2 26	3 25	1 75	50 00
16	Myrtie A. Hatch.....	10	11	10	5 18	2 75	1 75	45 00
18	Nellie F. Rounds.....	10	14	12	4 20	3 50	2 00	55 00
20	F. P. Knight, Prin. H. S.....	10	38	34	11 16	15 25	3 50	187 50
20	Ella R. Davis, Asst. H. S.....	..	..	..	..	5 50	2 50	80 00
20	Alice P. Grey, G. S.....	10	38	35	7 24	5 50	3 00	85 00
20	Isabella A. Gray, Pri. S.....	10	55	51	28 24	6 00	2 50	85 00
22	Althea O. Carville.....	10	25	23	9 24	4 50	2 50	70 00
25	Venia M. Millett.....	10	10	8	1 17	2 50	1 70	42 00
Total cost of summer schools.....								\$1,302 15

**TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS, Fall Term.**

No. of School.	NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of Weeks.		No. of Pupils.		Average Attendance.		Not absent ½ day.	Daily Recitations.	Wages per week, excluding board.	Price of board per week.	Total cost of Term.
2	Lena A. Shackford.....	11	18	12	0	27	\$3 00	\$2 00	\$55 00			
3	Carrie M. Walton.....	9	25	23	7	29	6 00	2 50	76 50			
4	Edna V. Foster.....	9	23	21	3	28	3 25	2 00	47 25			
5	Ina G. Rounds.....	9	14	13	5	18	3 50	2 25	51 75			
6	Flora B. Webber.....	9	17	15	1	24	6 00	2 00	72 00			
8	R. J. Everett, G. S.....	9	24	21	3	14	8 00	2 00	90 00			
8	Inez A. Scribner, P. S.....	9	26	24	12	23	4 50	2 50	63 00			
9	Ella F. Moses.....	9	21	17	4	24	4 50	2 25	60 75			
11	Fannie E. Wells.....	9	12	8	0	22	3 00	1 75	42 75			
14	Mary W. Gowell.....	9	10	9	0	24	3 25	2 00	47 25			
16	Myrtie A. Hatch.....	9	8	7	0	22	3 00	1 75	42 75			
18	Nellie F. Rounds.....	10	13	12	3	20	3 50	2 00	55 00			
20	F. P. Knight, Prin. H. S ...	13	43	41	9	19	15 25	3 50	243 75			
20	Ella R. Davis, Asst. H. S....	..	..	..	..	..	5 50	2 50	104 00			
20	Maud L. Le Grow, G. S.....	13	42	39	12	12	5 50	3 00	110 50			
20	Isabella A. Gray, Pri. S.....	10	52	45	6	24	6 00	2 50	85 00			
21	Nellie M. Pulsifer.....	10	8	7	6	23	4 00	1 75	57 50			
22	Althea O. Carville.....	9	25	22	6	28	5 25	2 25	67 50			
25	Viola V. Burnham.....	9	16	14	8	22	3 25	1 75	45 00			
Total cost of fall schools,.....										\$1,417 25		



**TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS, Winter Term.**

No. of School.	NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of Weeks.		No. of Pupils.		Ave. Attendance.	Not absent 1/2 day.	Daily Recitat'ns.	Wages per week, excluding board.	Price of board per week.	Total Cost of Term.
		No. of Weeks.	No. of Pupils.	No. of Pupils.	No. of Pupils.						
1	Lizzie Strout,.....	11	9	7	1	24			\$4 00	\$2 00	\$66 00
2	Frank T. McCann,.....	7	21	17	5	23			5 25	2 50	54 25
3	Carrie M. Walton,.....	11	27	23	1	28			6 00	2 50	93 50
4	Lizzie O. Lasselle,.....	11	22	18	1	24			4 50	2 25	74 25
5	Ina G. Rounds,.....	11	10	9	2	18			4 00	2 25	68 75
6	Flora B. Webber,.....	12	16	14	4	21			6 00	2 25	99 00
8	R. J. Everett, G. S.....	11	30	27	4	15			10 00	2 50	137 50
8	Annie G. Hall, P. S.....	11	27	24	6	20			5 50	2 50	88 00
9	Susie E. Fisher,.....	11	11	10	3	23			4 00	2 25	68 75
10	Myrtie A. Hatch,.....	11	12	10	3	25			3 75	2 00	63 25
11	Fannie E. Wells,.....	11	14	12	0	23			3 75	1 75	60 50
14	Mary W. Gowell,.....	11	11	9	1	22			3 75	2 00	63 25
15	Sadie O. Johnson,.....	11	18	14	1	24			4 00	2 00	66 00
16	Edna V. Foster,.....	11	11	8	1	23			3 75	2 00	63 25
18	Nellie F. Rounds,.....	10	15	14	7	24			4 25	2 25	65 00
20	F. P. Knight, Prin. H. S....	13	49	44	10	22			15 25	3 50	243 75
20	Ella R. Davis, Asst. H. S....								5 50	2 50	104 00
20	Maud L. Legrow, } Mildred F. Millett, } G. S....	13	43	38	14	13			5 50	3 00	110 50
20	Isabella A. Gray, Pri. S....	10	50	43	8	20			6 00	2 50	85 00
21	Nellie M. Pulsifer,.....	15	8	8	5	24			4 50	2 00	97 50
22	Althea O. Carville,.....	11	23	21	4	26			5 50	2 50	88 00
25	C. E. Haskell,.....	11	12	10	1	23			5 00	2 00	77 00
Total cost of winter schools,.....											\$1,937 00

## SCHOOL NO 1. RANGE HILL.

The summer term was taught by Ella L. Dunn, a teacher of some experience and good qualifications. The closing examination was entirely satisfactory.

During the fall term, a conveyance was furnished at expense of town to carry these pupils to School No. 5.

Winter term taught by Lizzie Strout, an experienced teacher. She secured the respect of her pupils, and maintained a good degree of interest throughout the term.

## SCHOOL NO. 2.—BLACKCAT.

Summer and fall terms were successfully taught by Lena A. Shackford. The closing examinations gave evidence of honest work on the part of both teacher and pupils.

Frank T. McCann taught the winter term. Mr. McCann labored faithfully, and was rewarded by an increased interest, and a better attendance than I have ever before known in this school. The improvement in penmanship was especially commendable.

## SCHOOL NO 3.—WEST POLAND.

Summer term, taught by Miss E. L. Carville, was regularly attended. The pupils made very good advancement.

Fall and winter terms were conducted by Carrie M. Walton, an accomplished, energetic teacher, who has had the great advantage of seeing modern methods in practical use. These were very profitable terms.

## SCHOOL NO. 4.—WHITE OAK HILL.

Mary W. Gowell taught the summer term and gave good satisfaction. The pupils attended regularly and made good advancement.

Fall term was successfully taught by Edna V. Foster. The closing examination gave evidence of thorough instruction. The work performed by the arithmetic classes deserves special mention.

Lizzie O. Lasselle was placed in charge of the winter term and succeeded in maintaining a good degree of interest. An average amount of work was performed.

## SCHOOL NO. 5.—POLAND SPRINGS.

Lena G. Perkins, a former teacher, taught the school in summer and gave perfect satisfaction.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Ina G. Rounds, one of our very best teachers. Miss Rounds spared no pains to promote the best interests of her pupils. The classes were unusually prompt and accurate in all their recitations. We hope this school may be so fortunate as to have the same teacher for coming terms.

## SCHOOL NO. 6.—EMPIRE.

Summer term, begun by Edna V. Foster, who was obliged to resign, after one week, on account of sickness, was finished by Miss Maude Knowlton of Minot. Some of the classes made very good advancement, but the order, the importance of which young teachers are apt to undervalue, was not up to the standard necessary to secure the best results.

Miss Flora B. Webber taught the fall and winter terms. Miss Webber came highly recommended and performed well the duties for which she came. She is thorough and practical in all her work. The examinations gave evidence of faithful instruction.

SCHOOL NO. 8.—MINOT CORNER.

*GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.*

Summer term was placed in charge of Minnie C. Jumper, a teacher of experience. The school was regularly attended, and appeared well at each visit. Much was done to improve the appearance of the school-room and render it more homelike and attractive.

R. J. Everett conducted the fall and winter terms. Having taught the school before, and understanding its requirements, he was placed in an excellent position to advance its interests. Mr. Everett inspires his pupils with confidence in their ability to improve, governs them kindly, and at the same time governs them well. The progress of the school was marked, and gratifying to all concerned.

*PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.*

Summer term was begun by Miss Lizzie Johnson, who was obliged to resign on account of sickness. Miss Inez A. Scribner was engaged to finish the school, and to teach the fall term. Some of the classes made a very good showing at the closing examination.

Miss Annie G. Hall taught the winter term and succeeded admirably. Her methods of instruction are superior. For hard work, thoroughness and ability in discipline, she has few equals. With such a teacher, it is

needless to say that a large amount of work was thoroughly performed.

#### SCHOOL NO. 9—BAILEY HILL.

During the summer term, Miss Sadie J. Cobb, a student at the Gorham Normal School, obtained her first experience and acquitted herself very creditably.

Fall term, under the instruction of Ella F. Moses, was in every way a profitable one. The teacher early secured the confidence of her pupils, and a good degree of interest was well sustained throughout the term.

Susie E. Fisher, in winter, taught a good school. Miss Fisher possesses marked ability as an instructress. The school was very orderly, the term's work thoroughly performed.

#### SCHOOL NO. 10.—HARRIS HILL.

During the summer and fall, the pupils of this school were transported to No. 9, at expense of town.

Miss Myrtie A. Hatch taught the winter term with fidelity and thoroughness. The pupils were active and enthusiastic. The final visit found them able to express in a practical manner, the result of their term's work.

#### SCHOOL NO. 11.—PIGEON HILL.

Miss Laura Snell taught the summer term, and, for a beginner, did very well indeed. With experience, and attendance at some good school to gain a more thorough knowledge of the more advanced branches, Miss Snell would succeed well in a larger and more advanced school.

Fall and winter terms were well taught by Fannie E. Wells, a graduate of the Gorham Normal School. Miss Wells is thoroughly in earnest, is active and enthusiastic. With experience she will rank with the first.

SCHOOL NO. 14.—LOWER OAK HILL.

Miss Ada Merrill taught the summer term. Owing to a misunderstanding as to the date of closing, this school was visited but once. I am informed, however, that Miss Merrill's work was very satisfactory to the district.

Mary W. Gowell had charge of the fall and winter terms, and succeeded in maintaining a good degree of interest. The looked-for results were obtained.

SCHOOL NO. 15.—HERRICK VALLEY.

Summer term was taught by Eva M. Aldrich, whose duties were performed in an easy, able manner. Her school was in every respect a success.

During the fall, the pupils of this school were carried to No. 25 at expense of town.

Miss Sadie O. Johnson in winter performed satisfactory work. Miss Johnson possesses excellent qualifications, and, with experience, will rank well.

SCHOOL NO. 16.—JOHNSON HILL.

Summer and fall terms were taught by Myrtie A. Hatch, an excellent teacher. She labored faithfully for the advancement of her pupils, and insisted upon careful, thorough work.

Edna V. Foster taught the winter term. This school was visited but once. Everything was moving quietly and harmoniously, and I have reason to think a fair amount of work was accomplished.

## SCHOOL NO. 18.—HARDSCRABBLE.

This school has been taught during the entire year by Miss Nellie F. Rounds of Danville, a patient, painstaking teacher. Miss Rounds has an easy, efficient manner in conducting recitations, is much interested in her work, and has the entire confidence of her pupils. Her school was, in every way, a profitable one.

## SCHOOL NO. 20.—MECHANIC FALLS.

*HIGH SCHOOL.*

Frank P. Knight has been retained in charge of this department during the entire year, and has worked with commendable earnestness for the success of the school. He is thorough and practical in his methods, and requires good work of his pupils. A gradual change for the better in the condition of the school has been apparent during Mr. Knight's administration.

In his efforts to advance the interests of the school, the Principal has been ably seconded by the Assistant, Miss Ella Davis, who has presided over the class-room in a quiet, lady-like manner, winning the respect of all, and arousing her pupils to earnest work.

*GRAMMAR SCHOOL.*

Summer term was taught by Miss Alice P. Grey, a teacher of successful experience, exact in method and discipline, and thorough in recitation.

Maud L. LeGrow taught the fall term, and began the winter term, but, on account of sickness, was obliged to resign at the end of the sixth week. Miss LeGrow had done good work in this department, and her resignation

was much regretted. Miss Mildred F. Millett, a Normal graduate, was engaged to finish the term. When visited, during the ninth week, the school was moving harmoniously, the pupils orderly, and attentive. The school is in session at the time of making this report.

*PRIMARY SCHOOL.*

Miss I. A. Gray, who has had charge of this school for several years, still continues to retain the love and good will of her pupils, the confidence and respect of parents and friends. Manifesting that same interest and parental regard for all, Miss Gray has reason to be proud of her pupils, as they are, justly, of their teacher. Those interested in the school are to be congratulated in having so devoted and accomplished a teacher, so acceptable to all.

*SCHOOL NO. 21.—POLAND CITY.*

Owing to the building of a new house, this district had no school in summer, and the winter school was lengthened to make up, in part, the loss of the summer term. Both terms were taught by Nellie M. Pulsifer, who had previously taught several terms in this school with the best of success. Her former reputation was well sustained. During the winter term, the attendance was nearer perfect, than in any other school in town.

*SCHOOL NO. 22.—POLAND CORNER.*

Miss Althea O. Carville conducted this school during the year. The smaller pupils, as well as the more advanced made marked progress in all their studies. The order was good, the methods of instruction well approved. Miss Carville is one of our best teachers.



## SCHOOL NO. 25.—PROMISED LAND.

Miss Venia M. Millett taught the summer term, and, for a beginner, did very well.

Fall term was taught by Viola V. Burnham, who was very zealous in her efforts to succeed. The fact that eight, of the fourteen pupils in attendance, were not absent during the term, is a sufficient proof of her success.

Winter term was conducted by C. E. Haskell, whose ability as a teacher is well known. The school was well disciplined and thoroughly instructed.

## REMARKS.

During the year which closes to-day, our schools have been generally successful. Some have not been what we could wish in every respect, but their failure to reach the desired standard has been, to a great extent, the result of local circumstances.

The attendance has been fully up to the average, and compares favorably with that of other towns, yet it has not been what it ought to be, nor what it might be if every parent would see that his or her children are promptly and regularly at school.

Pupils seldom appreciate the value of an education, until they enter upon life's active duties, and then it is too late to recall wasted opportunities. At the present time, the noblest and most sacred duty parents owe to their children, is to give them a good education. You can give them nothing of more lasting value, nothing for which they will be more grateful in after life.

The Course of Study, introduced last year, is working successfully. It seems to stimulate the ambition of the pupils, and gives them something to strive for and look forward to. That it will have a tendency to keep them

longer in our schools there can be little doubt. Ten pupils completed the Course during the past year, and received the diploma of the town. The graduating exercises occurred at Congregational Church, Poland, Friday evening, Feb 5. Following was the

## ORDER OF EXERCISES.

## MUSIC.

Prayer.

Salutatory—Civics..... F. A. Cook  
 Essay—Words.....Edith Goodall  
 Oration—Work..... C. E. Storer

## MUSIC.

Essay—Housework.....Laura Burnham  
 Oration—American History.....L. D. Cobb  
 Essay—Regret .... Fannie Waterhouse

## MUSIC.

Essay—Importance of Perseverance..... Millie Hutchins  
 Oration—Danger from Catholics ..... A. L. Chipman

## MUSIC.

Essay—True Politeness.....Mabel Estes  
 Valedictory—Stepping Stones ..... Eva M. Aldrich

## MUSIC.

Conferring of Diplomas.  
 Benediction.

The parts were carefully prepared, well delivered, and reflected credit on all who participated. Poland may well be proud of her first graduating class.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

It will be necessary to raise more money for repairs than last year. Two or three houses need shingling, several need painting, one needs plastering, and the Primary school-room at Mechanic Falls *must have* new seats. Would recommend that \$400 be raised to meet these requirements.

Would again call attention to condition of house in No. 14. No repairs have been made during the year, as it seems a waste of money. Some action should be taken, at our next annual meeting, to provide suitable school-buildings for this school.

Would advise the same appropriation for Common Schools as last year, and would recommend that \$250 additional be raised for Free High School, and that \$150 be raised for the purchase of school-books.

#### CONCLUSION.

In bringing this report to a close, I would thank pupils, teachers and citizens for their kind cooperation. It is no small responsibility to have the care of the schools of this town. I appreciate the confidence of my townsmen in electing me to this office, and I have endeavored to make the best possible use of the means at my disposal, in building up and advancing the interests of our schools. If, at times, I have failed to meet the public requirements, I trust it may be considered an error of judgment, rather than from any desire to shirk a duty. Our teachers, as a rule, have been competent and faithful, and if parents would take a more active interest in the school and the studies pursued there, if they would learn by observation what is being done in the school-room, instead of trusting to hearsay, our schools would be better appreciated, and much less would be found to criticize and condemn.

Respectfully submitted,

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