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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF POLAND

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 24, 1895.

LEWISTON:
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1895.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,
J. I. CHIPMAN, R. S. HERRICK,
J. M. MILLS.

TOWN AGENT,
J. I. CHIPMAN.

CLERK AND TREASURER,
F. A. PULSIFER.

SCHOOL BOARD,
R. J. EVERETT, SUPERVISOR,
F. B. SHACKFORD, HIRAM W. RICKER,
C. L. KEENE, S. L. LITTLEFIELD.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE,
L. T. BROWN.

BOARD OF HEALTH,
JASON WALKER, M. D., B. M. FERNALD,
F. B. SHACKFORD.

REPORT OF
SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS,
AND
OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the Town of Poland for the year ending February 24, 1895, is herewith presented.

Valuation of resident real estate,	\$508,135
Valuation of non-resident real estate,	86,120
Valuation of resident personal estate,	83,908
Valuation of non-resident personal estate,	5,490
	\$683,653
Total valuation,	\$683,653

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:—

State tax,	\$1,831 15
County tax,	872 61
	\$2,703 76

ASSESSED BY VOTE OF TOWN.

Support of Common Schools,	\$2,000 00
Support of Free High School,	250 00
School text books,	100 00
Repairs on school property,	100 00
Repairs of highways,	1,000 00
Support of poor,	1,000 00
Abatements and Collector's commission,	500 00
To pay interest on debts,	1,000 00
To build road around Cobb's Hill,	250 00
For Memorial Day,	25 00
Contingent expenses,	1,000 00
Unpaid highway tax,	119 23
Overlay,	293 94
	\$7,638 17

Committed to L. T. Brown, Collector,	\$10,341 93
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Highway labor tax,	\$3,000 00
Overlay,	80 71
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Committed to highway surveyors,	\$3,080 71

RATE OF TAXATION.

Money tax, \$13.80 on \$1,000.00. Poll tax, \$2.50.
 Highway tax, \$4.00 on \$1,000.00. Poll tax, \$1.50.
 Number of Polls, 346.

TOWN FARM.

Dr.

To stock of groceries, etc., on hand March 1, 1894,	\$676 02
Paid by Overseer for groceries, etc.,	138 07
Bailey Brothers, for groceries and grain,	385 72
G. O. Goodwin & Co., phosphate, etc.,	24 47
For cows,	207 50
Wm. Megquier, blacksmith work,	14 17
J. S. Briggs, saw bill,	7 34
For 12 barrels flour,	45 00
For double harnesses,	40 00
Jonas Edwards, for horse,	125 00
For fence wire,	1 78
On division of fence,	1 00
For rubber blankets,	4 50
L. N. Hayes, for mowing machine,	47 00
F. A. Pulsifer, carriage work,	1 90
O. A. Taylor, for wheel barrow,	5 00
C. W. Chipman, mason work,	13 00
E. W. Chipman, for work,	2 00
For labor on Farm,	117 20
For repairs,	29 23
For clothing,	5 72
Salary of Overseer to Feb. 20, 1895,	263 00
For supplies,	12 12
Balance of salary for 1893, Overseer,	30 86
	<hr/> \$2,197 60

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2 horses,	\$200 00	
12 cows,	360 00	
3 shoats,	24 00	
1 breeding sow,	15 00	
38 hens,	19 00	
1 calf,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$623 00

PRODUCE AND GROCERIES ON HAND.

6 barrels apples,	\$12 00	
40 bushels potatoes,	20 00	
400 pounds pork,	40 00	
Vegetables,	2 00	
5 barrels flour,	18 75	
12½ bushels beans,	25 00	
Spices,	1 25	
20 pounds sugar,	1 00	
2 pounds coffee,	56	
1 pound tea,	40	
7 bars soap,	35	
2 pounds soda,	15	
200 crackers,	50	
Salt,	35	
Lard,	48	
Extracts, etc.,	1 50	
Matches,	20	
Kerosene,	36	
1080 pounds shorts,	10 80	
1400 pounds cotton seed meal,	14 70	
100 pounds cracked corn,	1 05	
Corn and wheat,	1 75	
13 tons hay at \$10. 00,	130 00	
3 tons poor hay at \$5.00,	15 00	
Mowing machine,	47 00	
1 set harnesses,	40 00	
Due from C. H. Nevins, for pasture,	6 00	
Due from Mrs. Lorenzo Thurston, on line fence,	6 00	
Due from G. E. Chipman, for mowing machine,	20 00	
Due for cream to Feb. 20, estimated,	44 00	
Received for stock sold,	226 21	
Received for cream sold,	216 12	
Received for all other produce sold,	18 34	
By board of Mrs. Merriam,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,560 82

SAVED TO THE TOWN.

By board of Osgood Cole,	\$100 00	
By work on highway,	10 00	
	_____	\$110 00
Total farm credit,		\$1,670 82
Total farm debit,		2,197 60

Balance against farm,		\$526 78

NAMES OF PAUPERS

WHO HAVE BEEN ON FARM ALL THE YEAR.

Betsy Orr and Adeline Cushman.

PART OF THE YEAR.

Waldron Harris, Charles Bonnett, Mrs. Amos Harris, Amos Harris, Jennie D. Merriam, Emma Cushman, Benj. Bragdon, Albert Blavon, Mary Snell, Alice Trip, and occasionally tramps.

Number at present time, 4.

Osgood Cole, Jennie Merriam and Benj. Bragdon have died during the year on the farm.

COST OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

B. Bragdon, funeral expenses,	\$20 00	
John Strout, sickness,	15 45	
Joseph Tripp, bill of 1892,	2 20	
Charles E. Knight, sickness,	255 54	
Henry Berry, sickness and funeral charges,	92 00	
Amos Harris and wife, and Waldron Harris,	72 35	
Mary Snell, sickness,	70 31	
Charles Thurlow,	22 70	
Otis Haskell and wife,	44 22	
Edwin M. Reed, Doctor's bill, 1892,	10 00	
Geo. H. Tripp, Doctor's bill, 1892,	2 00	
Grace Hunnewell, paid under protest, bill of 1893,	41 00	
Charles Woodsom, bill of 1892,	17 90	
Charles Woodsom, bill of 1893,	130 30	
Charles Woodsom, bill of 1894,	48 70	
Dexter Taylor, sickness,	30 69	
Daniel Tripp,	19 50	
Joseph Strout, sickness of children,	28 00	
E. H. Field,	3 00	
Paid Dr. Walker, salary up to March 11, 1895,	30 00	
Paid Dr. Walker, salary of 1893,	60 00	
	_____	\$1,015 86

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Timothy Berry,	\$83 44	
George W. Walker,	19 00	
Levi A. Tripp,	30 70	
Osgood Cole, sickness and funeral charges,	117 50	
	<hr/>	\$250 64
The State paid of the above bill,		31 00
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		\$219 64
Paid Insane Hospital bill of J. W. Mills,		\$171 14

COST OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Faustina Chase, Dixfield pauper,	\$33 25	
James Hodgkins, dependent soldier of Gray,	77 00	
Alfonzo Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	48 50	
Elisha Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	13 42	
Henry Plummer, Gray pauper,	10 00	
Charles Morey, Oxford pauper,	6 00	
C. R. Strout, Raymond pauper,	52 00	
Silas May, Jr., Raymond pauper,	5 00	
Jennie D. Merriam, Denneysville pauper,	71 25	
Richard Edwards, Casco pauper,	19 85	
	<hr/>	\$336 27

ABATEMENTS AND COLLECTOR'S COMMISSION.

O. A. & B. F. Schellinger, tax of 1892, by reason of support of Addie Schellinger,	\$ 15 75	
James S. Sanborn, error in assessing tax, 1893,	140 00	
Arceneth Carsley, tax of 1893,	4 60	
Frank Dyer, poll and personal tax of 1893, sick,	3 45	
Dexter Skinner, overtaxed, 1893,	5 75	
Stephen Fogg, overtaxed, 1893,	3 00	
Heirs of Joseph Libby, overtaxed, 1893,	4 60	
Heirs of Joseph Libby, overtaxed, 1894,	2 76	
Heirs of Samuel Nay, overtaxed, 1893,	2 30	
E. A. Storer, overtaxed, 1894,	2 76	
To Zenas Lane, Collector of 1892,	148 40	
To Zenas Lane, Collector of 1892, commission,	30 00	
To L. T. Brown, Collector of 1894,	46 10	
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Amount expended,		\$409 37
Amount appropriated,		500 00
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Balance in favor of Town,		\$ 90 63

SCHOOLS.

Appropriated by Town,	\$2,000 00	
Received from State,	1,062 78	
Free High School, Town,	250 00	
Free High School, State,	250 00	
Unexpended February 24, 1894,	82 87	
Due from Minot, tuition,	108 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,753 65
Orders drawn on bills approved by R. J. Everett, Supervisor,		3,360 20
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Unexpended balance,		\$ 393 45

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriated by Town,	\$100 00	
Unexpended Feb. 24, 1894,	133 76	
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Total book fund,		\$233 76
Expended up to Feb. 24, 1895,		111 69
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Unexpended up to date,		\$122 07

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriated by Town,	\$100 00	
Unexpended Feb. 24, 1894,	181 10	
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Total fund for repairs,		\$281 10
Expended for repairing houses,	\$103 15	
Expended for building fence and material for same in No. 8,	37 98	
	<hr/>	\$141 13
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Unexpended up to date,		\$139 97

SNOW BILL OF 1893.

S. A. Megquier,	\$ 2 55
Charles Strout,	2 70
G. A. Hanscom,	2 32
Sumner Gowell,	11 00
Moses Archibald,	13 47
Llewellyn Bryant,	32 00
J. H. McCann,	10 70
Frank Barton,	9 19

Augustus Bragdon,	90
John Goodall,	2 40
R. S. Herrick,	1 95
L. A. Wescott,	12 18
G. W. Strout,	5 77
Freeman Berry,	28 30
Harry Estes,	5 10
Ward Strout,	5 10
Silas Strout,	6 90
C. L. Keene,	9 52
O. A. Schellinger,	3 50
Wm. Verrill,	5 10
J. W. Dunn,	7 92
Reuben Dunn,	6 84
Orin Dyer,	12 82
J. W. & C. F. Morse,	14 95
O. S. Keene,	42 60
Frank Nason,	7 05
E. L. Dudley,	8 01
Edwin Emery,	2 73
Geo. D. Russell,	4 13
W. H. Storer,	14 25
Thomas Verrill,	5 66
Jonas Edwards,	15 00
O. A. Taylor,	1 80
J. H. McCann,	7 20
W. S. Mills,	10 07
C. F. King,	5 14
E. G. Knight,	6 00
H. J. Brown,	5 59
Elmer Everett,	4 05
Heirs of Luther Perkins,	29 47
W. L. Bailey,	1 35
C. M. Jordan,	30 20
D. R. Everett,	3 42
Edgar Foster,	9 30
F. M. Blair,	33 72
A. S. Bray, bill of 1892,	3 50
Wm. Dumont,	8 76
J. S. Schellinger,	4 65

\$476 83

ROAD BILLS FOR SUMMER OF 1894.

Daniel Strout, cutting bushes,	\$ 6 00
Calvin Tripp, cutting bushes,	2 25
George Tyler & Co., repairs for machine,	10 00
James Goodall,	2 25
American Express Co., express on machine repairs,	1 05
L. B. Grant, labor,	1 75
G. B. Brooks, tools for road work,	7 50
Daniel Tripp, labor,	2 00
American Express Co., express on road tools,	55
Fred Bragdon, cutting bushes,	1 88
Lester Strout, cutting bushes,	1 88
Geo. Tyler & Co., machine repairs,	8 30
M. M. Burnham, repairs on machine,	2 50
Geo. B. Brooks, iron for bridge rail,	5 00
Sidney Daicey, labor,	2 10
Hawkes & Merrill, plank,	27 97
Elmer Everett, tending machine,	6 50
O. A. Schellinger, on Garland Meadow,	13 50
John S. Dunn,	2 25
Fred Wescott,	3 00
Mark Haskell, building road by vote of Town,	25 00
O. A. Schellinger,	8 00
Ward Strout,	6 36
Chester Strout,	5 25
J. M. Mills, repairs on Middle Range Bridge,	17 25
Silas Strout,	6 40
Freeman Strout,	7 50
Frank Strout,	10 10
Silas Strout, Jr.,	6 00
C. E. Emery,	3 50
O. A. Schellinger,	17 75
Mathew Berry,	23 83
Augustus Bragdon,	5 05
G. W. Strout,	11 36
Robert Haggett, cutting bushes,	10 00
E. M. Strout, fencing old road,	1 50
C. W. Dunn,	6 50
E. W. Chipman, bridge rails,	2 00
W. H. Hodgdon,	5 85
G. O. Goodwin & Co.,	3 13
Dennis Bragdon,	2 24
Freight on guide boards,	1 25
J. I. Chipman, cash paid for work,	3 05
Megquier & Farr, repairs,	1 20
Orin Taylor cutting bushes,	3 00
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	\$301 30

CUTTING DOWN COBBLE HILL ON EMPIRE ROAD.

Paid C. H. Nevins,	\$70 00	
Due from County,	50 00	
	<u> </u>	\$20 00
C. H. Nevins, building road around Cobb's Hill,		\$270 00

CUTTING AND CLAYING HILL NEAR POLAND CORNER.

Paid C. H. Nevins and others, for work,	\$148 27	
Due from County,	100 00	
	<u> </u>	\$48 27
Paid for work on Bailey Hill road,		\$54 52
Paid L. B. Grant, for building County Road near Middle Pond,		\$224 00

WATERING TUBS.

Paid Robert Haggett,	\$5 00	
Excelsior Grange,	3 00	
A. E. Wight,	3 00	
Dennis Bragdon,	3 00	
O. W. Thurston, two-thirds of year,	2 00	
	<u> </u>	\$16 00

SNOW BILL FOR WINTER OF 1894 AND 1895.

U. G. Field,	\$ 6 82	
G. O. Goodwin & Co.,	17 24	
Elmer Everett and others,	19 95	
	<u> </u>	\$44 01

Total amount paid for road work, Summer and Winter, including new roads and cut- ting down hills,		\$1,560 92
Appropriated for repairs,	\$1,000 00	
Appropriated for Cobb's Hill,	250 00	
Due from County,	150 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,400 00
Overdrawn,		\$160 92

By building the County road near Middle Pond at a cost of \$224.00, we got the road across Allen Meadow discontinued and saved the Town a large amount of repairs on Meadow Road.

CONTINGENT.

W. H. Weeks, printing reports of 1893,	\$ 32 00
V. P. Waterhouse, balance of salary as Selectman, 1893,	115 00
S. P. Strickland, M. D., certificate of births,	1 00
L. T. Brown, salary as Selectman, 1893,	83 75
F. A. Pulsifer, salary as Treasurer, 1893,	100 00
R. J. Everett, salary as Supervisor, 1893,	190 00
R. S. Herrick, salary as Selectman, 1893,	111 00
F. B. Shackford, Board of Health, 1893,	10 00
Jason Walker, M. D., Board of Health, 1893,	25 00
R. S. Herrick, cash paid out as shown in bill, 1893,	6 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, books and stationery,	17 88
Jason Walker, M. D., disinfectants,	2 25
Jason Walker, M. D., certificates of births and deaths,	2 50
Jonathan Lane, hens killed by dogs,	6 00
Jonas Edwards, for damage on road,	10 00
Paid commission one-half of expense in division of paupers between Poland and McFalls,	67 90
Loring, Short and Harmon, order books and blanks,	7 80
Jason Walker, M. D., vaccinating,	50 00
W. W. Dennen, for Memorial Day.	25 00
L. T. Brown, constable,	7 00
F. P. Megquier, sexton of cemetery,	5 00
G. W. Blair, constable, July 4,	4 00
E. A. McCollister, M. D., certificates of births and deaths,	2 50
E. J. Pulsifer, Constable, July 4th,	4 00
J. I. Chipman, for cash paid for witnesses, etc., in Pope tax hearing,	13 69
W. H. Weeks, printing voting lists,	5 00
Constable badges,	3 04
F. B. Shackford, ballot clerk,	2 00
C. J. Cheney, ballot clerk,	2 00
H. A. Gerry, ballot clerk,	2 00
J. S. Briggs, Jr., ballot clerk,	2 00
I. E. Bonney, gate tender,	2 00
Fred Rowe, gate tender,	2 00
J. I. Chipman, as Selectman, etc., 1894,	130 00
Guide boards,	3 50
M. W. McKnight, sheep killed by dogs,	6 00

O. S. Keene, damage, Winter road,	5 00
R. S. Herrick, cash paid at Pope hearing,	10 01
R. S. Herrick, cash paid Bisbee & Ricker road hearing,	9 00
Witness fees, Bisbee & Ricker road hearing,	30 75
J. I. Chipman, cash paid Bisbee & Ricker road hearing,	6 00
J. A. Morrill, legal services, Bisbee & Ricker road hearing,	60 75
F. A. Pulsifer, postage,	8 41
F. A. Pulsifer, advertising non-resident taxes,	4 00
J. M. Mills, as Selectman, etc., 1894,	67 50
J. M. Mills, expense, Bisbee & Ricker road hearing,	4 45
J. G. Davis, witness fee Penney case,	2 25
F. A. Pulsifer, witness fee Penney case,	2 70
J. A. Morrill, legal services Penney case,	15 00
J. A. Morrill, legal services Pope hearing,	25 00
J. A. Morrill, legal services pauper case,	10 00
J. A. Morrill, legal services, advise to Selectmen,	4 00
B. M. Fernald, Board of Health, 1894,	10 00
F. B. Shackford, Board of Health, 1894,	10 00
Jason Walker, certificate of births and deaths,	2 00
F. A. Pulsifer, recording births and deaths,	11 90
F. A. Pulsifer, for tax deeds,	8 04
J. I. Chipman, postage, registered letters and Justice fees,	16 40
J. I. Chipman, as shown by bill,	16 52
J. M. Mills, as shown by bill,	4 40
	————— \$1,403 64

RESOURCES.

Due from Sidney Daicey, collector, 1893,	\$4,043 35
L. T. Brown, collector, 1894,	4,060 00
State, Free High School money,	138 15
State, dog licenses,	141 00
Resident and non-resident taxes sold,	205 30
Cash in treasury,	578 79
T. J. Strout, bill of 1892,	26 00
O. A. & B. F. Schellinger,	15 10
Arthur Thurlow,	5 00
Estate of J. W. Mills,	188 44
Susan E. Everett,	138 73
	————— \$9,539 86

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders at 4½ per cent,	\$ 3,000 00
Outstanding orders at 4 per cent,	10,381 56
Outstanding Town Bonds at 4 and 5 per cent,	7,500 00
Town officers' bills estimated,	500 00
Due Jason Walker, M. D., Board of Health,	25 00
Pauper bills estimated,	100 00
Highway bills estimated,	100 00
Outstanding orders not on interest,	397 61
Total liabilities,	<u> </u> \$22,004 17
Total resources,	<u> </u> 9,539 86
Debt less resources,	\$12,464 31

The Town is now paying interest on bonds and orders to the amount of \$20,881.56.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.
School fund,	\$3,753 60	Expended, \$3,360 20
Support of poor,	1,000 00	Expended, 1,542 64
Repairs of roads, } To build new road, } Due from County, }	1,400 00	Expended, 1,560 92
Text book fund,	233 76	Expended, 111 69
Repairs of school houses,	281 10	Expended, 141 13
Abatements and Collector's Com.,	500 00	Expended, 409 37
To pay interest,	1,000 00	Expended, 1,061 24
For Memorial Day,	25 00	Expended, 25 00
Contingent,	1,000 00	Expended, 1,403 64
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$9,193 46	\$9,515 83
Paid for dependent soldiers,		\$219 64
Overdrawn,		322 37
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Total overdrawn,		\$542 01

An order of \$370.87 was drawn to pay the 6 per cent. discount on taxes.

REMARKS.

There has been a large amount of sickness among the poor of the Town and the expense has been quite large for them. There have been two entirely helpless on the Farm all the year, making the work hard for the people there. Mr. Thurlow and wife we hired as Overseer and Matron of the Farm at a salary of \$300, and we feel satisfied that

they have labored for the interests of the Town. We find the stock and everything about the Farm in good condition. There are some 22 cords of wood at the house and all but 5 cords fitted and in the shed. There has been quite a loss to the Town by reason of injury to an ox that had to be sold at a loss, and the complete failure of the sweet corn crop.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. CHIPMAN,
R. S. HERRICK,
J. M. MILLS,

Selectmen of Poland.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Town of Poland:—

I herewith present my account as Town Treasurer for the financial year ending February 26, 1895.

DR.

Cash in the treasury, February 27, 1894.	\$ 926 78
From Zenas Lane, collector, 1892,	1,921 69
Sidney Daicy, collector, 1893,	4,642 33
L. T. Brown, collector, 1894,	6,281 93
Selectmen's orders,	3,472 00
J. H. DeCoster, treasurer, McFalls State tax, 1893,	1,355 34
J. H. DeCoster, treasurer, McFalls State tax, 1894,	1,232 38
State treasurer, school fund and mill tax, 1893,	946 87
State treasurer, school fund and mill tax, 1894,	1,062 78
J. H. DeCoster, treasurer, County tax, 1894,	587 28
Non-resident tax from 1888 to 1893,	198 28
Portland & R. F. R. R. Co., injury to J. Edwards,	223 00
Dog license, from Town clerk, 1894,	153 00
J. I. Chipman, sale oxen,	122 98
State treasurer, for free high school,	111 85
State treasurer, for aid to soldiers,	36 00
State treasurer for re-imbusement on sheep,	12 00
C. S. Strout, surveyor in district No. 11,	10 90
J. H. DeCoster, fine, cruelty to animals,	10 00
State treasurer, on dog license refunded,	259 92
Guy Ward, tuition, Minot school, 1894,	4 00
Interest on bank account,	38 20
Check returned by R. S. Herrick,	28 00
State treasurer, burial of Osgood Cole,	31 00
J. M. Mills,	50
Town of Casco, pauper bill,	19 85
Town of Dixfield, pauper bill,	73 05
Town of Denneysville, pauper bill,	71 25
Town of Gray, pauper bill,	211 77
Town of Raymond, pauper bill,	47 00
	\$24,091 93

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BY CASH PAID OUT.

Orders bearing interest,	\$ 5,199 00
Orders not bearing interest,	11,064 52
Interest on orders,	738 24
Interest on bonds,	323 00
Paid State treasurer, on State tax, 1893 and 1894,	4,421 89
State treasurer, dog license,	153 00
County tax,	1,461 37
Aid to soldiers,	36 00
J. H. DeCoster, dog license,	116 12
Cash in treasury,	578 79
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	\$24,091 93

F. A. PULSIFER,

Treasurer of Poland.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the School Committee and Citizens of Poland:

The Supervisor of schools herewith presents the following statement of the condition, progress and expenditures of your schools for the municipal year ending March 1, 1895.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Whole number of pupils in town,	426
Whole number attending Summer schools,	285
Average number attending Summer schools,	238
Whole number attending Fall schools,	287
Average number attending Fall schools,	246
Whole number attending Winter schools,	286
Average number attending Winter schools,	242
Whole number of different pupils attending school,	379
Number of terms taught by male teachers,	10
Number of terms taught by female teachers,	40
Average wages of male teachers per month excluding board,	\$21 10
Average wages of female teachers per week excluding board,	\$4 03
Average price of board per week for male teachers,	\$2 37½
Average price of board per week for female teachers,	\$2 25

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for common schools,	\$2,000 00
Received from State for common schools,	1,062 78
Town appropriation for Free High school,	250 00
Amount from State for Free High school,	250 00
Due from town of Minot for tuition,	104 86
Received from Guy Ward,	4 00
Due from town of Oxford for tuition, 1894,	21 00
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Total,	\$3,692 64

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Summer schools,	\$861 50
Fall schools,	859 75
Winter schools,	1,354 50
Fuel,	253 44

Town of Raymond for tuition,	21 92
All other expenses,	279 11

Total,	\$3,630 22
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Amount unexpended,	\$62 42
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SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Amount expended,	91 11

Balance,	\$8 89
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TABULAR STATEMENT.

SUMMER TERM.

No. of school.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Not absent ½ day.	Daily Recitations.	Wages per week excluding board.	Price of board per week.	Total cost of the term.
1	Amy Newport	9	11	8	5	24	\$2.50	\$2.25	\$45.00
2	Herman Haskell	9	23	16	0	30	4.00	2.00	54.00
3	Grace E. Bumpus	9	14	12	5	30	5.00	2.50	67.50
4	Mrs. Hannah Waterhouse	8	28	27	12	30	4.25	2.00	50.00
5	Ina G. Rounds	9	19	17	5	16	5.00	2.25	65.25
6	Carrie M. Jewett	9	23	20	6	28	4.50	2.00	58.50
7	Addie O. Denning	9	16	11	0	12	4.00	2.00	54.00
8	E. L. Carville (High)	9	20	16	2	20	5.00	2.25	65.25
8	Lillian I. Carville (Primary)	9	24	22	5	23	3.50	2.25	51.75
9	Lizzie S. Hodgkins	9	13	11	4	28	4.00	2.25	56.25
14	Carrie A. Rice	7	11	10	6	23	3.75	2.25	42.00
16	Sadie Russell	9	12	7	0	30	2.75	1.75	40.50
18	Alma S. Sawyer	9	10	9	4	27	3.00	2.00	45.00
21	Mary W. Gowell	9	11	9	2	32	3.25	2.00	47.25
22	Alice H. Hodgkins	9	27	22	0	27	5.00	2.25	65.25
25	Bertie M. Phillips	9	23	21	13	22	4.00	2.00	54.00
Total Cost of Summer Term,									\$861.50

FALL TERM.

No. of school.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day.	Daily Recitations.	Wages per week excluding board.	Price of board per week.	Total cost of the term.
1	Laura S. Snell	8	11	10	5	22	\$3.25	\$2.00	\$42.00
2	N. D. Haskell	8	21	16	0	22	5.00	2.00	56.00
3	Grace E. Bumpus	8	15	14	6	22	5.00	2.50	60.00
4	Lida H. Merrill	9	24	23	9	29	5.00	2.25	65.25
5	Ina G. Rounds	8	21	19	6	18	5.00	2.00	58.00
6	Mabelle M. Wilkins	8	22	20	1	23	4.50	2.25	54.00
7	Hortense Bradford	8	16	13	0	16	3.00	2.25	42.00
8	Clinton L. Small (High)	8	24	19	5	18	6.50	2.50	72.00
8	Lillian I. Carville (Primary)	8	21	19	4	23	3.75	2.25	48.00
10	Hattie H. Dunbar	8	21	18	0	28	4.50	2.50	56.00
14	L. Perintha Luce	9	11	10	1	28	4.00	2.50	58.50
16	Herman Haskell	8	10	8	2	21	3.50	2.00	44.00
18	Amy B. Newport	8	16	15	3	17	3.25	2.00	42.00
21	Mary W. Gowell	8	10	5	1	30	3.75	2.00	46.00
22	Lizzie N. Freeman	8	27	24	3	27	6.00	2.50	68.00
25	Bertie M. Phillips	8	18	15	6	18	4.00	2.00	48.00
Total Cost of Fall Term,									\$859.75

WINTER TERM.

1	Laura S. Snell	10	9	8	2	22	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$60.00
2	N. D. Haskell	10	14	10	0	22	5.50	2.50	80.00
3	Annie B. Crooker	10	13	12	4	30	5.50	2.50	80.00
4	Lida H. Merrill	10	25	23	2	29	6.00	2.50	85.00
5	Ina G. Rounds	10	20	18	9	18	5.00	2.50	75.00
6	Mabelle M. Wilkins	10	22	17	2	18	5.00	2.50	75.00
7	Hortense Bradford	10	12	10	2	14	3.75	2.25	60.00
8	Clinton L. Small (High)	10	26	23	0	18	8.75	2.50	112.50
8	Rachel M. Beals (Primary)	10	18	13	3	22	4.50	2.50	70.00
9	Chas. L. Pulsifer	10	13	12	4	29	5.50	2.50	80.00
10	Clarence W. Herrick	10	11	6	0	20	3.50	2.75	62.50
14	L. Perintha Luce	11	11	10	2	26	4.50	2.50	77.00
15	Clarence E. Haskell	10	11	9	1	20	5.50	2.50	80.00
16	Mamie P. Blake	10	13	11	4	17	3.50	2.00	55.00
18	Herman Haskell	10	15	14	1	29	5.00	2.50	75.00
21	Mary W. Gowell	10	7	6	0	23	4.00	2.50	65.00
22	Lizzie N. Freeman	10	29	23	2	24	6.00	2.75	87.50
25	Bertie M. Phillips	10	17	16	9	18	5.00	2.50	75.00
Total Cost of Winter Term,									\$1,354.50

SCHOOL No. 1, RANGE HILL.

Summer term was under the instruction of Miss Amy B. Newport of Mechanic Falls, who discharged her duties in a faithful and profitable manner.

The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Laura Snell of this town. Miss Snell is one of our energetic and rising teachers. She has an easy way in securing obedience to her wishes so that good order and rapid progress was characteristic of these terms.

SCHOOL No. 2. BLACKCAT.

Mr. Herman Haskell, a former teacher in this school, was placed in charge of the Summer term.

The first weeks of this school were in my opinion very successful, for I have never seen the school in better condition than at a visit made about the sixth week.

During the last weeks the efforts of the teacher did not receive proper support from certain of the pupils, thus impairing somewhat the efficiency of the term's work.

During the Fall and Winter terms the school was under the tuition of Mr. N. D. Haskell. Mr. Haskell has had a large and varied experience in the school room and was capable and ready to meet all emergencies. Discipline was good, instruction thorough.

SCHOOL No. 3, WEST POLAND.

Miss Grace E. Bumpus of Hebron conducted the Summer and Fall terms. Miss Bumpus is well known to us through former work in our schools as an energetic and faithful teacher. Her former reputation was well sustained during these terms.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Annie Crooker of West Minot. Miss Crooker believes in doing a full day's work, and in doing it every day.

The examinations gave evidence of thorough and systematic instruction.

SCHOOL No. 4, WHITE OAK HILL.

Mrs. Hannah Waterhouse again accepted the position as teacher in this school. Although the work was more than she should have attempted, love for her pupils and a zealous desire to do fully and well all that devolves upon the teacher made her forgetful of her own failing health, thoughtful only of the advancement and welfare of her scholars. Seldom have I seen a more pleasant and home-like school.

The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Lida Merrill of Hartford. The Fall examinations were a credit to the pupils and to the ability and energy of the teacher. At visits made during the first

weeks of the Winter term there seemed to be the same earnestness on the part of teacher and pupils that had made the Fall term a success. I regret to say that I was unable to attend the closing examinations.

SCHOOL No. 5, POLAND SPRINGS.

This school has been favored through the year with the services of Miss Ina G. Rounds, who is unquestionably the right teacher in the right place. Fully competent for the duties she assumes, her rare devotion to her calling makes failure impossible, success assured. The work has been thorough, and progress continuous throughout the year, pupils and parents giving to the teacher their warmest sympathy and support.

SCHOOL No. 6, EMPIRE.

Instruction during the Summer term was by Miss Carrie M. Jewett of Westport. Miss Jewett came to us well recommended, and the manner in which she conducted this school fully satisfied our expectations.

Miss Mabelle M. Wilkins of Wilton taught the Fall and Winter terms. Very good order was maintained, and the examinations showed that practical and thorough instruction had been given.

SCHOOL No. 7, MOUSAM.

The classes in this school during this year have been confined to the Primary grade and good progress has been made. Much to the regret of all Miss Addie Denning resigned her position at the close of the Summer term.

Miss Hortense Bradford of Mechanic Falls was engaged for the Fall term and continued in charge of the school through the remainder of the year.

Miss Bradford has a love for the children and their improvement that insured success from the first. Her services were appreciated by pupils and parents.

SCHOOL No. 8, MINOT CORNER.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Miss E. L. Carville was employed for this school and taught the Summer term. Miss Carville has taught many successful terms in Poland and her labors were well received here. It was with regret that her resignation was received at the close of the term. Systematic instruction allied to good order made this a profitable school. Mr. Clinton L. Small of Auburn took charge of the school during the remainder of the year. Mr. Small has proved himself an efficient teacher, discipline and instruction were of a high order and pupils made commendable progress under his tuition.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

During the Summer and Fall terms Miss Lillian Carville of Lewiston had charge of this room. Although coming to this school without experience in teaching Miss Carville conducted her classes in a manner that would have been creditable to a teacher of considerable practice in school work.

Miss Rachel M. Beals of Turner accepted the Winter term. Her thoroughness and devotion to the work made this one of our most profitable schools.

SCHOOL No. 9, BAILEY HILL.

Summer term, taught by Miss Lizzie Hodgkins of North Chester-ville, a teacher of much experience and ability. Her conscientious efforts for the advancement of her pupils made this term what all should be, home-like, progressive, profitable.

During the fall this school was united with No. 10. In the winter the work of the summer was continued in an able manner by Mr. C. L. Pulsifer of East Poland. Mr. Pulsifer has the happy faculty of making pupils feel the necessity of relying upon themselves more than upon the teacher. The results of this term were very satisfactory to all parties.

SCHOOL No. 10, HARRIS HILL.

Pupils of this school were conveyed during the Summer term to No. 9.

Miss Hattie Dunbar of Castine was employed for the Fall term. Her methods of instruction were well adapted to the pupils in her charge and very good progress was made. Winter term, Mr. Clarence W. Herrick of West Poland. This was Mr. Herrick's first attempt in teaching, and I believe that he worked hard to make the school a success. The attendance was somewhat irregular, thus making the labors of the teacher more arduous and also detracting from the success of the term.

SCHOOL No. 14, LOWER OAK HILL.

Miss Carrie Rice, teacher of the three preceding terms, was retained during the Summer term. This term was in my opinion a profitable one. Good progress was made by the different classes.

Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss L. Perintha Luce of New Portland. Miss Luce has a quiet but earnest way that makes her popular in the school room and her work profitable.

SCHOOL No. 15, HERRICK VALLEY.

During the summer and fall this school was united with No. 25. The Winter term had as instructor Mr. Clarence E. Haskell. Mr.

Haskell conducted the school with that same tact and ability which he has shown during many successful terms taught in this town.

SCHOOL No. 16, JOHNSON HILL.

Miss Sadie Russell taught the Summer term, gaining her first experience in teaching in this school. Miss Russell is a graduate of our Public School Course, having taken high rank in her studies. The irregularity of attendance interfered with her earnest endeavors for the advancement of her pupils.

Mr. Herman Haskell had charge of the Fall term and did good work. His various ways and methods of interesting and instructing the little ones are equalled only by our best teachers.

Miss Mamie Blake of Oxford, and a graduate of the Oxford High School, class of '95, taught the Winter term with good results. Miss Blake has the elements of the true teacher.

SCHOOL No. 18, HARDCRABBLE.

Summer term, Miss Alma Sawyer of Auburn, teacher. Good order, regular attendance and diligence on the part of both teacher and pupils made this a profitable term.

Miss Sawyer resigning her position at the close of the Summer term, Miss Amy Newport accepted the place and taught the Fall term in a very creditable manner.

This school was continued through the winter by Mr. Herman Haskell with much profit to pupils. The close of the year finds this school in a prosperous condition.

SCHOOL No. 21, POLAND CITY.

This school has been under the instruction of Miss Mary Gowell during the year. The number of pupils has been small, yet as much or perhaps more tact, energy and hard labor has been required to make these terms successful, as is needed in larger and more advanced schools. Much credit is due for the thorough manner in which these terms have been conducted.

SCHOOL No. 22, POLAND CORNER.

Miss Alice H. Hodgkins, a teacher of ability and experience, took charge of the Summer term, working diligently for the advancement of her pupils.

At the beginning of the Fall term Miss Lizzie N. Freeman of Pittsfield was elected to this school for the remainder of the year. No more faithful and experienced teacher has been employed during the year, but unhappily for the efforts of Miss Freeman and the highest interests of the school, there did not exist that entire sympathy between pupils and teacher nor was there that support from parents

necessary for the best results. While the entire work was progressive and much was accomplished, yet the totality failed to be satisfactory to either teacher or supervisor.

SCHOOL No. 25, PROMISED LAND.

This school was fortunate in retaining Miss Bertie Phillips as teacher through the year.

The popularity of Miss Phillips in this district makes comment almost unnecessary. The winter makes the fifth consecutive term that she has taught this school, and in a manner much to her credit as a teacher.

REMARKS.

Considering the shortened school year, consequent upon the limited appropriations, I am able to report your schools as having made good progress and continuous improvement through the year. In general there has been a marked interest manifested by teachers and pupils and an advancement commensurate with the interest shown. Had our means been such as to allow the usual length of terms, I am confident that a much better showing would have been made. It will be seen from the preceding tabular report that we have had three terms as usual, but with an average of only nine weeks, a loss of three weeks from our usual school year. (Here one exception should be mentioned. Through the interest and generosity of the Messrs. Ricker, the school at South Poland actually had its ten weeks term.) Now when it is remembered by those who have given the matter of school work careful attention that one week in the last half of a well organized school is worth nearly or quite as much to the pupils as *two weeks* in the first half of the term, it will be seen that the real loss to the present school year must be set down as considerably more than is shown by figures which indicate a loss of simply three weeks. From my own observation and experience, I feel confident in saying that thirty weeks constitute a school year fairly adapted to the strength and ability of our children. At least the fact that, in nearly all cities and towns where means are at the disposal of the School Board, the school year is in excess of thirty weeks rather than less, should strengthen our conviction that this number is not too *long* a school year. In this connection I wish to add that this matter was thoroughly considered by your School Board and that this number of weeks, together with the amount of money asked for hereafter in the appropriations received the hearty indorsement of every member.

GRADUATION.

The class graduated the present year was smaller than usual owing to several causes; among which we might mention the shorter time given this year for accomplishing the required amount of work. The junior class is the largest since the inauguration of the present school course and I see no reason why the next graduating class may not be a large one.

Following is the programme of the graduating class of 1895:

PROGRAMME.

MUSIC—ORCHESTRA.

PRAYER.

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| 1. MUSIC—Waiting, | Mrs. W. S. Norcross |
| 2. Salutatory—Our Heroes, | Phil. R. Everett |
| 3. Ornamental Education, | Brucie A. M. Dunn |
| 4. Commerce, | Arthur C. Brown |
| 5. MUSIC—Anchored, | Rev. Frederick Newport |
| 6. No Victory Without a Battle, | Mabelle A. Thurston |
| 7. Progress, | Clarence S. Pulsifer |
| 8. MUSIC—Maid of Dundee, | Mrs. W. S. Norcross |
| 9. The Possibilities of Agriculture in Maine, | Clarence W. Herrick |
| 10. Valedictory—An Aim in Life, | Evelyn A. Dunn |

MUSIC—ORCHESTRA.

CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS.

MUSIC—ORCHESTRA.

BENEDICTION.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Owing to the locality and accommodations it seemed advisable to locate the Free High Schools at Minot Corner and Poland Corner. Therefore these have been conducted through the year as Free High Schools.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION.

It will be remembered that in a former report I urged at considerable length the necessity of more thorough school supervision. I wish simply to call your attention again to what I consider almost a necessity for the proper care^{of} and faithful and continuous progress of your schools. The law requires your supervisor to visit each school twice during each term. While this has^{been} done, and more, I have not felt that you yet *required* more than does the law of our State. I am confident, however, that more time should be required and given by the Supervisor of Schools.

INSURANCE.

I wish simply to call the attention of tax payers to the fact that no insurance is being carried upon our school property. If this is satisfactory to you it should be to all others; otherwise some action should be taken to have some or all of the property insured.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In order to supply first-class, experienced teachers, and to give every school three terms of ten weeks each, your committee unanimously voted to recommend an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250,) for Free High School, and twenty-seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,750,) for the support of Common schools.

Our school houses are much in need of repairs. While it will be seen that a slight overdraw of the appropriation for repairs has been made, yet only those positively necessary have been made and many of these in only a temporary manner. Parsimony is not economy, neither is it economy to *delay* needed repairs. Ten, at least, of our schools houses need painting the coming year. Many of our out-buildings are in bad condition. Taking into consideration the many incidental repairs that cannot be strictly enumerated at the present time, I think at least four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450,) should be appropriated for this purpose.

An appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150,) should be made for books.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. EVERETT,

Supervisor of Schools.

S. L. LITTLEFIELD,

F. B. SHACKFORD,

C. L. KEENE,

H. W. RICKER,

R. J. EVERETT,

Members of School Board.

EAST POLAND, FEB. 26, 1895.

To L. T. Brown, a constable in 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 town of Poland qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said town, on Monday, the 11th day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- FIRST.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- SECOND.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- THIRD.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of common schools.
- FOURTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Free High school.
- FIFTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school text books.
- SIXTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of school property.
- SEVENTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of roads and bridges.
- EIGHTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of roads to be paid in labor.
- NINTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the 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 to pay interest on bonds and orders.
- TWELFTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay debts.
- THIRTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of five hundred dollars to repair the Town House.
- FOURTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to donate the sum of twenty-five dollars to help defray the expense of Memorial Day.
- FIFTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote a discount on taxes paid at stated times.
- SIXTEENTH.—To see what instructions the town will give its Selectmen in regard to bonding the interest-bearing debt.

SEVENTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to build a bridge over the outlet of Middle Range Pond, and to see what sum of money they will vote to raise for the same.

EIGHTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to purchase one or more of the road breaking machines of J. L. Holden's.

NINETEENTH.—To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to locate a road from the present highway on Blackcat to the summit of Blackcat Hill. "By request."

TWENTIETH.—To see what action the town will take in regard to celebrating its one hundredth anniversary.

TWENTY-FIRST.—To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to draw no orders to pay bills, excepting those approved by the Supervisor of Schools, unless the full board be in session or the bill be approved by each member of the board.

TWENTY-SECOND.—To see if the town will vote to pay F. J. Barton for watering tub.

TWENTY-THIRD.—To see what action the town will take on the recommendation of the Superintending School Committee in regard to uniting with the town of Minot in support of a union school at Minot Corner.

TWENTY-FOURTH.—To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$542.01 to make up the amount overdrawn on appropriations for the year 1894.

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

Given under our hands at Poland, this 26th day of February, A. D., 1895.

J. I. CHIPMAN, } *Selectmen*
R. S. HERRICK, } *of*
J. M. MILLS, } *Poland.*