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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,

1896.

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# TOWN OFFICERS.

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SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

J. I. CHIPMAN,

R. S. HERRICK,

J. W. DUNN.

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,

LORENZO T. BROWN.

BOARD OF HEALTH,

JASON WALKER, M. D., SECRETARY,

F. B. SHACKFORD,

CLARENCE E. HASKELL.

TRUANT OFFICERS,

HIRAM W. RICKER,

WILLARD STONE.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Poland for the year ending February 24, 1896, is herewith presented.

Valuation of resident real estate,	\$488.694	
Valuation of non-resident real estate,	85,135	
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Total real estate,		\$573,829
Valuation of resident personal estate,	\$86,215	
Valuation of non-resident personal estate,	7,041	
	_____	
Total personal estate,		\$93,256
Total valuation,		\$667,085

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,	\$2,012,21	
County tax,	997,23	
	_____	\$3,009 44

### ASSESSED BY VOTE OF TOWN.

Support of Common Schools,	\$2,500 00	
Support of Free High School,	250 00	
For repairs of school houses,	450 00	
For text books,	150 00	
Repairs of roads and bridges,	1,000 00	
Support of poor,	1,000 00	
Contingent expenses,	1,000 00	
To pay interest on bonds and orders,	950 00	
To pay interest bearing debt,	2,000 00	
To repair town house,	500 00	
For Memorial Day,	25 00	
For bridge at Middle Pond,	200 00	
For centennial of town,	500 00	
For overlay in assessing,	543 12	
Unpaid highway tax,	129 85	
Supplemental tax,	47 92	
	_____	\$11, 245 89
		_____
Committed to L. T. Brown, Collector,		\$14,255 33

Highway labor tax,	\$3,000 00
Overlay in assessing,	143 13

Committed to highway surveyors,	\$3,143 13
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## RATE OF TAXATION.

Money tax, \$20.00 on 1000.00. Poll tax, \$2.00.

Highway tax, \$1 00 on \$1000.00. Poll tax, \$1.50

Number of Polls, 318.

## TOWN FARM.

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Stock on hand Feb. 24, 1896,

8 cows,	\$280 00	
2 horses,	200 00	
5 shoats,	25 00	
37 hens,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$523 00
10 tons hay, at \$12.00,	\$120 00	
3 bedding, at \$5.00,	15 00	
1 bag cracked corn,	80	
1 bag meal,	80	
200 pounds shorts,	1 90	
12½ bushels beans,	20 70	
25 bushels northern corn,	15 00	
3½ barrels flour,	15 00	
75 bushels potatoes,	25 25	
½ bushel onions,	40	
300 pounds pork,	27 00	
1 barrel apples,	1 50	
1 bushel beets,	40	
18 pounds sugar,	1 00	
½ barrel crackers,	1 12	
½ pound tea,	25	
2 pounds coffee,	56	
6 bars soap,	25	
Spices and soda,	50	
10 pounds lard,	90	
5 gallons kerosene,	70	
4 pounds butter,	80	
1 pound raisins,	10	
3 dozen eggs,	48	
1 bushel salt,	50	
Board of horse of J. W. Dunn, up to date,	7 80	
Horse collars and pads,	6 90	

Horse sleds,	10 00	
Pump,	7 00	
Wood sold,	71 00	
Stock sold by overseer,	120 00	
Credit by work on roads,	23 27	
Cream sold up to Jan. 1, 1896,	237 65	
Cream estimated up to Feb. 24,	45 15	
Rec'd of George Chipman for mowing machine,	20 00	
veal calves sold,	26 00	
pigs sold,	42 22	
cows sold,	163 50	
for cream sold H. Ricker & Sons,	2 55	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,556 95

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To stock on hand March 16, 1895,	\$614 80	
groceries, hay and grain on hand March 16, 1895,	259 76	
stock bought by overseer,	95 00	
hired help paid by overseer,	33 30	
groceries, grain, etc, bought by overseer,	387 92	
Paid Bailey Bros. for grain by town order,	54 09	
H. Ricker & Sons for flour and sugar by town order,	35 13	
I. W. Ellenwood, balance on cow by town order,	13 00	
O. A. Schillenger, for cow by town order,	20 00	
J. W. Dunn, on salary as overseer,	60 38	
Due J. W. Dunn, on salary as overseer to Feb. 24,	239 62	
J. W. Dunn, on account,	8 80	
Paid Lester Strout, cutting wood,	8 00	
Debit,	<u>          </u>	\$1,829 80
Credit,		1,556 95
		<u>          </u>
Balance against farm,		\$ 272 85

## BILLS AGAINST TOWN FARM

CONTRACTED IN 1894, AND PAID THIS YEAR.

To Bailey Brothers for groceries and grain,	\$72 62	
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	3 78	
D. J. Estes, harness work,	1 75	
L. N. Hayes, for use of stock animal,	1 50	
J. S. Briggs, saw bill,	20 25	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 99 90

## NAMES OF PAUPERS

WHO HAVE BEEN ON FARM ALL THE YEAR.

Mary Snell and Betsy Orr.

PART OF THE YEAR.

Adeline Cushman, Alice Tripp, Albert Blavon, Emma Cushman,  
Waldron Harris, Mrs. Amos Harris, Charles Bonnett, Charles Thurlow.

Average number for the year, 4.

One pauper, Adeline Cushman, died on the farm.

## COST OF POOR NOT ON THE FARM.

Dexter Taylor, sickness and supplies,	\$116 25
Amos Harris, wife, and Waldron Harris,	132 25
Waldron Harris,	6 30
Charles E. Knight, bill of 1894, sickness and funeral charges,	163 75
E. F. Field, Doctor's bill, 1894,	6 00
E. H. Field, Doctor's bill, 1894,	15 50
Augustus Bragdon, Doctor's bill,	3 00
Alonzo Strout, Paid town of Gray, bill of 1894, sickness,	59 00
Daniel S. Tripp,	22 51
Rhoda Strout,	1 50
Almon Chaplin, Doctor's bill,	5 00
Charles Woodsom,	54 71
A. Duclos, no settlement in State,	5 00
Charles Thurlow,	5 00
Fred Walker,	5 00
Ezra Drew, no settlement in State, sickness,	31 75
Fred Bragdon,	7 70
Calvin Tripp,	4 00
Sarah E. Tripp,	3 00
Esther Bowtelle,	45 10
Frank Herrick,	5 00
Otis N. Haskell and wife,	50 05
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	\$ 747 37

## DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Timothy Berry, sickness and supplies,	\$115 50
I. E. Bonney,	15 00
Simon Dyer, no settlement in State, sickness,	52 37
Geo. W. Walker, house rent and supplies,	55 00
Wesley Herrick, sickness and supplies,	138 29
Levi A. Tripp, house rent and supplies,	63 90
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	\$440 06

Amount expended,		\$1,187 43
Amount appropriated,		1,000 00
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Overdrawn,		\$187 43
Paid bill of J. W. Mills, insane hospital,	\$137 09	
Due from guardian of J. W. Mills,	137 09	
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#### COST OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Faustina Chase, Dixfield pauper,	\$2 00	
Albert Brown, Bridgton pauper,	5 13	
Alonzo Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	45 78	
Elisha Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	73 42	
James Hodgkins, Gray, dependent soldier,	145 60	
Dwindal Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	3 00	
Tom Kneeland, Lincoln pauper,	36 50	
Mrs. I. S. Hunnewell, Mechanic Falls,	3 00	
Percy Smith, Fayette pauper,	30 69	
Mrs. W. Cash Lewiston pauper,	10 80	
Richard Edwards, Casco pauper,	29 78	
Ellen Reed, Oxford pauper,	10 00	
C. R. Strout, Raymond pauper,	12 65	
	<hr/>	\$408 35

#### ABATEMENTS AND COLLECTOR'S COMMISSIONS.

To L. T. Brown Collector, 1894,	\$116 99	
To Sidney Daicey Collector, 1893,	94 61	
To Sundry persons tax of 1893,	48 46	
To Sundry persons, tax of 1894,	50 57	
To Sundry persons, tax of 1895,	27 20	
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Amount of abatements,		\$337 83
To paid Sidney Daicey, commission on tax of 1893,		288 00
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		\$625 83

No appropriation made.

#### SCHOOLS.

Appropriated by Town,	\$2,500 00	
Received from State,	1,003 93	
Free High School Town,	250 00	
Free High School State,	250 00	
Received from Minot tuition,	200 00	
Unexpended February 24, 1895,	393 45	
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Orders drawn on bills approved by R. J. Everett, Supervisor,	4,464 95
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Unexpended balance,	<u>\$132 43</u>
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## TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriated by Town,	\$150 00
Unexpended February 24, 1895,	122 07

Total text book fund,	\$272 07
Orders drawn on bills approved by Supervisor,	<u>173 07</u>

Unexpended balance,	\$99 00
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## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Appropriated by Town,	\$450 00
Unexpended February 24, 1895,	139 97

Total repair fund,	\$589 97
Orders drawn on bills approved by Supervisor,	<u>504 47</u>

Unexpended balance.	\$85 50
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## SNOW BILLS OF 1894 AND 1895.

F. P. Megquier, bill of 1894,	\$1 87
M. M. Burnham, bill of 1894,	15 75
R. W. Hanscom, bill of 1894,	3 30
Llewellyn Bryant, bill of 1894,	9 15
E. A. Faunce, bill of 1893,	15 50
G. O. Goodwin & Co., bill of 1894,	21 81
Geo. D. Russell, bill of 1894,	5 47
John Murry, bill of 1894,	1 15
L. N. Hayes, bill of 1895,	5 00
Clinton Ray, bill of 1894,	11 25
Wm. Megquier,	9 60
J. H. McCann and others, 1894,	40 00
E. L. Dudley, 1894	10 00
D. B. Strout, 1894,	17 45
R. W. Hanscom, 1894,	5 05
G. W. Strout, Jr. 1894,	5 25
Jonathan Berry, 1894,	4 60
Mathew Berry, 1894,	20 70
Geo. Carpenter, bill of 1894,	9 95
Frank Strout, bill of 1894,	2 00
Silas Strout, bill of 1894,	1 50
Silas Strout, Jr. bill of 1894,	4 50
Ward Strout, bill of 1894	2 40

O. A. Schillenger, bill of 1894,	16 41	
I. H. and E. A. Keene, bill of 1894,	8 91	
R. A. Keene, Bill of 1894,	3 93	
	<hr/>	\$253 14

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

John F. Chamberlain,	\$3 00
Calvin Tripp,	1 30
Wm. M. Megquier,	12 25
Frank Nason,	4 50
Jonas Edwards and others,	26 90
Orin G. Dyer and others,	31 35
Leander Edwards,	2 00
Mathew Berry,	4 00
Wm. M. Megquier,	28 69
David G. Waterhouse,	6 07
Elmer Everett,	9 97
J. H. McCann,	12 00
Ernest Archibald and others,	31 13
W. L. Boothby,	2 97
H. W. Thurlow,	10 53
Thomas Verrill,	6 00
O. A. Schillenger,	9 93
I. W. Ellenwood and others,	37 48
C. C. Russell,	7 50
Rollin A. Keene,	5 45
Mellen Mills,	3 00
A. W. Farr,	4 57
Frank Austin, for plank,	4 80
F. M. Blair,	11 36
J. S. Briggs,	1 84
Heirs of Luther Perkins, bill of 1892,	15 00
Wm. E. Blair,	1 92
W. H. Storer,	9 11
L. C. Herrick,	6 00
Forrest Emery,	4 38
Clayton Falkor,	17 50
Isaac Cole,	6 25
Freeman Strout,	2 50
Wm. M. Megquier,	19 45
L. B. Grant,	6 00
Bailey Bros.,	6 23
F. S. Keene,	14 12
Ernest Dudley,	7 00
Daniel S. Tripp,	8 00

J. I. Chipman, cash paid for work,	2 50	
I. W. Ellenwood,	20 42	
Charles Emery,	5 25	
Freeman Berry, cutting bushes,	12 00	
R. T. Frank, iron for bridge,	4 25	
O. A. Schillenger,	21 60	
G. W. Strout,	8 70	
Joshua Bryant, cutting bushes,	6 20	
Ward Strout,	3 75	
Mellen Mills,	3 25	
G. O. Goodwin & Co.,	13 21	
Geo. D. Russell,	2 55	
Augustus Bragdon,	7 63	
J. W. Whitman, blacksmith work,	11 75	
W. Jordan & Co., plank for Worthley Brook Bridge,	29 72	
Frank Strout,	15 50	
Freeman Berry,	13 75	
A. R. Bunker,	15 00	
W. Jordan and Company, for plank,	8 82	
L. N. Hayes,	5 50	
F. A. Pulsifer,	75	
Wm. Greenbanks,	4 54	
J. S. Briggs,	97	
G. O. Goodwin and Company,	56	
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Total paid for repairs of roads,		\$620 22
Snow bills,		253 14
Watering tubs,		9 75
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Amount expended,		\$883 11
Appropriated by town,		1000 00
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Unexpended,		\$116 89

## WATERING TUBS.

R. S. Herrick,	\$2 75	
Excelsior Grange,	3 00	
Otis Thurston 1894,	2 00	
Otis Thurston 1895,	2 00	
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		\$9 75

## MIDDLE RANGE BRIDGE.

Appropriated by town,	\$200 00
Paid H. Ricker and Sons for building same,	200 00
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## REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

Paid A. E. Libby, labor and material,	\$700 00	
A. L. & E. F. Goss, for stove and etc.,	20 53	
Bradford & Conant, for settees,	97 69	
Bradford & Conant, for curtains,	3 85	
Emery & Hodsdon, painting settees,	31 60	
J. L. Kimball, building fence and putting in settees,	4 00	
J. S. Briggs, lumber for fence,	3 43	
Forest Walker, for plans,	7 00	
Amount expended,	-----	\$868 37
Appropriated by town,		500 00
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		\$368 37

## CONTINGENT EXPENSE.

W. H. Weeks, printing town reports,	\$29 00
J. P. Grant, wood for Town House,	1 00
J. I. Chipman, balance of salary for 1894,	58 00
J. M. Mills, balance of salary for 1894,	15 15
F. A. Pulsifer, salary as Treasurer 1894,	100 00
F. A. Pulsifer, postage and stationery,	5 25
R. J. Everett, as Supervisor,	223 75
E. F. Bradford, M. D., certificates of births,	1 50
Loring, Short and Harmon, books and stationery,	14 95
R. S. Herrick, as selectman 1894,	85 75
R. S. Herrick, cash paid out,	2 00
R. S. Herrick, as selectman in part 1895,	25 00
L. T. Brown, calling town meetings,	6 00
John O. Rice, auditing town accounts,	169 55
J. I. Chipman, as selectman in part 1895,	75 00
S. L. Littlefield, as town committee,	6 00
Jason Walker, M. D., Board of Health,	25 00
Loring, Short and Harmon, Treasurers books,	13 50
Loring, Short and Harmon, Maine Register,	1 50
Charles Emery, sheep killed by dog,	2 00
Lakeside Press, printing bonds,	22 50
F. A. Pulsifer, advertising non-resident taxes,	2 32
Harry Fielding, error in sale of real estate,	28 00
Lewiston Journal, advertising bonds,	3 75
F. A. Pulsifer, as Treasurer in part for 1895,	50 00
Jason Walker, M. D. certificate of births and deaths,	3 00
John A. Morrill, legal services,	19 75
F. A. Pulsifer, recording births and deaths,	6 10
J. I. Chipman, cash paid out for town,	12 80
J. I. Chipman, reg. letters, postage, justice fees,	25 47

F. A. Pulsifer, postage and stationery,	4 00
Expense in Berry case,	23 45
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Amount expended,	\$1,061 76
Appropriated by town,	1,000 00
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Overdrawn,	\$61 76

## RESOURCES.

Due from Sidney Daicey, collector, 1893,	\$ 377 00
L. T. Brown, collector, 1895,	5,948 19
Resident and non-resident taxes sold,	270 54
Town of Dixfield,	5 50
Bridgton,	5 13
Casco,	29 78
Raymond,	12 65
Lincoln,	36 50
Gray,	94 61
Oxford,	10 00
City of Lewiston,	10 80
Charles Nevins,	6 00
O. A. & B. F. Schillenger,	15 10
T. J. Strout,	26 00
Arthur Thurlow,	5 00
Estate of Susan E. Everett,	138 73
Estate of J. W. Mills,	137 09
Charles Thurlow Farm,	300 00
Cash in treasury Feb. 24, 1896,	1,021 25
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	\$8,449 87

## LIABILITIES.

New issue of Bonds dated September 1, 1895, at 4 per cent, \$2,000.00 maturing September 1st of each year until paid commencing with 1897,	\$18,000 00
Old issue of Bonds due July 1, 1895 at 4 per cent,	200 00
Old issue of Bonds due July 1, 1899 at 4 per cent,	500 00
Old issue of Bonds due July 1, 1899 at 5 per cent,	300 00
Outstanding orders due Dec. 24, 1896 at 4½ per cent,	3,000 00
Outstanding orders on demand at 4 per cent,	190 20
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Interest bearing debt Feb. 24, 1896,	\$22,190 20
Due Town of Raymond, pauper bill,	22 00
Outstanding orders not on interest,	45 60
Town Officers' bills, estimated,	500 00
Due W. B. Haskell, M. D., town doctor, medical attendance for paupers,	30 00
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Total Liabilities,	\$22,787 80

## APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.
School fund,	\$4,597 38	\$4,464 95
Text book and repair fund,	862 04	677 54
Repairs of highways,	1,000 00	883 11
Abate.ments and col. com.,		625 83
Middle Range Bridge,	200 00	200 00
Repairs of Town house,	500 00	868 37
To pay debts,	2,000 00	844 85
To pay interest,	950 00	1,376 57
For Memorial Day,	25 00	25 00
For Centennial,	500 00	500 00
For support of poor,	1,000 00	1,187 43
Balance against farm,		272 85
Contingent expense, \$1,000.00\	1,543 12	1,061 76
Overlay, 543.12\		
6 per cent discount on taxes,		498 42
Unpaid highway tax,	129 85	
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	\$13,307 39	\$13,486 68
Amount overdrawn,		\$179 29

## REMARKS.

By the recommendation of the committee appointed by the town at the last annual meeting to investigate and ascertain the true indebtedness of the town, we employed Mr. John O. Rice, accountant, of Portland to audit the books of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer. He reports to the committee that the interest bearing debt of the town was, June 1, 1895, \$23,034.05. At the last annual meeting the sum of \$2,950.00 was raised to pay interest on bonds and orders and the overdraw of 1894 amounting to \$542.01, and what balance remained to be paid on the principal of the debt. In paying the old interest bearing orders, we found many of them had not been presented for from three to five years, thereby requiring the large sum of \$1,376.57 to pay interest. After paying the above sums out of amount appropriated to pay debts, we have been able, thus far, to pay \$844.43 on the principal of the debt, leaving \$186.57 of the appropriation now in the bank ready to pay the orders on demand as soon as they are presented. The \$200.00 bond due July 1, 1895, has not been presented for payment of interest or principal; in fact we do not know where it is. It was issued to M. B. Martin. As the town has never voted to extend the time on any of these bonds, no interest can be collected after maturity. The holder of this bond cannot collect interest after July 1, 1895. The refunding of the debt has made a large amount of extra work for the Town Treasurer. We find his books in

first class shape and vouchers for every dollar he has handled. The Clarissa Berry case is assigned for April. This is for injury on the highway. We do not consider the town liable for various reasons, and decided to let the court settle the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. CHIPMAN.

R. S. HERRICK,

J. W. DUNN,

*Selectmen of Poland.*

POLAND, MAINE, June 3, 1895,

MR. HIRAM W. RICKER,  
MR. FOREST WALKER,  
MR. J. G. DAVIS,  
MR. S. L. LITTLEFIELD, } *Committee.*

*Gentlemen:*

I respectfully report having examined the accounts of the town of Poland covering the period designated by you from 1887 to June 1, 1895. I submit herewith a statement of the town's liabilities outstanding June 1, 1895. In my examination I have rechecked all the town orders drawn by the selectmen and compared the same with the record of the cash of the town treasurer, and report the same correct (with the exception of a few small clerical errors) indicting both accuracy and faithfulness on the part of your town officials. At the annual town meeting March 11, 1895, provision was made for the paying of the interest on bonds and orders; also to liquidate the debt of the town to the extent of \$2,000, which will leave about twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000) as the liability of the town to be refunded.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN O. RICE, *Accountant.*



# TREASURER'S REPORT.

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Poland:*

GENTLEMEN:

I herewith present my account as town treasurer for the financial year ending February 25, 1896.

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To cash in treasury Feb. 27, 1895,	\$ 578 79
from Sidney Daicy, collector for 1893,	3,666 35
L. T. Brown, collector for 1894,	3,870 97
L. T. Brown, collector for 1895,	8,307 14
State treasurer school mill tax,	1,003 93
State treasurer for aid to soldiers,	120 00
State treasurer for free High School,	294 10
State treasurer for dog license refunded,	143 83
State treasurer, over pay on State tax,	143 83
town clerk for dog license, 1895,	137 00
non-resident taxes for the year 1892,	57 95
non-resident taxes for the year 1893,	92 70
non-resident taxes for the year 1894,	180 94
W. W. McCann, for cows from farm,	100 00
V. P. Waterhouse, guard. for J. W. Mills,	188 00
selectmen's orders before bonds were issued,	3,308 20
town of Minot, tuition, Minot school district,	213 78
town of Oxford, tuition to district No. 12,	18 00
county treasurer, land damage on cobble hill.	150 00
bonds, (new issue),	18,000 00
interest on new bonds,	39 74
town of Gray, pauper supplies,	173 38
town of Mechanic Falls, pauper supplies,	3 00
town of Fayette, pauper supplies,	30 69
J. W. Dunn, from farm,	20 00
J. I. Chipman, not used on order No. 602,	8 25
First National bank interest allowed on deposit,	22 90
	\$40,873,47

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BY CASH PAID OUT.

By cash paid town orders not bearing interest,	\$13,702 78
paid town orders bearing interest,	14,639 85
interest on orders,	982 74

for bonds (old issue)	6,700 00
interest on bonds,	393 82
State treasurer, tax for 1895,	2,156 04
State treasurer, dog license, 1895,	137 00
county treasurer, tax for 1895,	997 23
State, aid to soldiers,	120 00
L. T. Brown, on tax deeds,	2 50
First Congregational Parish, balance on check, in treasury Feb. 25, 1896,	20 26
	1,021 25
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	\$40,873 47

F. A. PULSIFER,  
*Treasurer of Poland.*

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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*To the School Committee and Citizens of Poland:*

The supervisor of schools herewith presents his annual statement of the progress, condition and expenditures of your schools for the year ending March 1, 1896:

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Whole number of pupils in town,	404
Whole number of different pupils attending through year,	367
Whole number attending summer schools,	292
Average number attending summer schools,	247
Whole number attending fall schools,	305
Average number attending fall schools,	253
Whole number, winter schools,	293
Average number, winter schools,	239
Number of terms taught by male teachers,	11
Number of terms taught by female teachers,	41
Average wages of male teachers per month, excluding board,	\$25 09
Average wages of female teachers per week, excluding board,	4 62
Average price of board per week, for male teachers,	2 52
Average price of board per week, for female teachers,	2 28

## RESOURCES,

Town appropriation for common schools,	\$2,500 00
Town appropriation for free High schools,	250 00
State appropriation for free High Schools,	250 00
State mill tax and school fund,	1,003 93
Received from town of Minot for tuition,	200 00
Due from town of Oxford for tuition, 1895,	17 50
Due from town of Casco for tuition, 1894-5,	41 00
Unexpended balance,	145 29
	\$4,407 72

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid for summer schools,	\$1,167 00
fall schools,	1,195 25
winter schools,	1,445 25
fuel,	169 06



## FALL TERM.

Schools.	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	Sadie M. Russell	10	12	9	3	3	\$3.50	\$2.00	\$55.00
2	N. D. Haskell	10	24	16	0	2	5.50	2.50	80.00
3	Bertie M. Phillips	9	15	14	7	2	5.00	2.50	67.50
4	Mattie Hanscom	10	25	21	4	3	6.00	2.25	82.50
5	Ina G. Rounds	9	19	17	7	1	6.00	2.50	76.50
6	Grace E. Bumpus	11	23	19	11	30	5.00	2.25	79.75
7	Hortense Bradford	10	14	11	1	1	4.00	2.25	62.50
8	W. W. Walton (High)	9	22	17	0	18	9.50	3.00	112.50
8	Rachel M. Beals (Primary)	10	29	24	1	19	5.00	2.25	72.50
9	Pauline R. Marston	10	11	10	4	30	4.50	2.40	69.00
10	Rose F. Storer	10	11	8	2	25	3.00	2.25	52.50
14	L. Perintha Luce	10	11	8	1	28	4.00	2.50	65.00
16	Herman Haskell	10	15	14	10	29	3.50	2.00	55.00
18	Isabelle S. Jordan	10	15	14	4	25	4.50	2.00	65.00
21	Amy B. Newport	10	16	10	2	24	3.50	2.00	55.00
22	Annie B. Crooker	10	25	23	3	30	6.00	2.50	85.00
25	Laura S. Snell	10	18	17	9	31	4.00	2.00	60.00
									\$1,195.25

## WINTER TERM.

1	Mary W. Gowell	10	6	5	5	25	\$4.00	\$2.25	\$62.50
2	N. D. Haskell	10	21	16	3	21	6.00	2.50	85.00
3	Lida H. Waterhouse	11	15	14	4	25	5.25	2.50	85.25
4	Mattie Hanscom	10	21	18	2	40	6.00	2.50	85.00
5	Ina G. Rounds	11	19	18	4	18	6.00	2.50	93.50
6	Grace E. Bumpus	11	25	20	8	30	6.00	2.50	93.50
7	Pauline R. Marston	10	14	10	3	15	4.00	2.50	65.00
8	P. W. Brackett (High)	11	23	17	0	18	9.50	3.00	137.50
8	Rachel M. Beals (Primary)	11	30	23	2	20	5.50	2.50	88.00
9	Chas. L. Pulsifer	10	10	9	2	30	5.50	2.50	80.00
10	Rose F. Storer	10	9	6	1	25	3.75	2.50	62.50
14	L. Perintha Luce	10	14	13	1	26	4.50	2.50	70.00
15	C. E. Haskell	10	12	9	2	18	5.50	2.50	80.00
16	Hermon Haskell	10	13	8	0	20	5.00	2.50	75.00
18	Isabelle S. Jordan	10	14	11	3		4.50	2.00	65.00
21	Amy B. Newport	10	6	5	0	20	3.75	2.00	57.50
22	Annie B. Crooker	10	26	24	8	30	6.00	2.50	85.00
25	Bertie M. Phillips	10	15	13	8	16	5.00	2.50	75.00
									\$1,445.25

## SCHOOL No. 1, RANGE HILL.

Miss Melvina Winslow of Gorham, Me., was employed for summer term of this school. A graduate of the Normal School, we had reason to expect thorough and systematic work. Examinations however, failed to show the progress looked for.

The Fall term, under the instruction of Miss Sadie M. Russell of this town, was a profitable one.

Miss Mary Gowell of the winter term, discharged her duties in her usual faithful and effective manner.

## SCHOOL No. 2, BLACKCAT.

Mr. N. D. Haskell was hired for the year. Mr. H. brought to his work in this school a large experience by which I believe the pupils profited.

More regular attendance, better discipline and closer application were marked features during the year. At the close of the seventh week—Winter term—a desirable position being offered Mr. H. he was released from his engagement and Mr. C. W. Herrick took his place, finishing the term in a satisfactory manner.

## SCHOOL No. 3, WEST POLAND.

Miss Bertie M. Phillips of Oxford, a teacher of much ability and ready resource in school work had charge of the Summer and Fall terms. Examinations showed that creditable progress had been made.

The Winter term was under the instruction of Mrs. Lida Waterhouse. Natural adaptability, aided by a course of Normal training and followed by considerable experience in school work thoroughly qualified Mrs. W. for the duties she assumes. Although small, I consider this one of our pleasantest schools where the teacher finds a ready response to well directed effort. Examinations indicated this term a successful one; classes in drawing being especially noticeable.

## SCHOOL No. 4, OAK HILL.

This school has been fortunate in securing and retaining through the year the services of Miss Mattie Hanscom of Lewiston. Untiring efforts of the teacher have been faithfully seconded by pupils and parents and for the year's work we have none but words of praise.

## SCHOOL No. 5, POLAND SPRING.

I am pleased to report this school still under the tuition of Miss Ina G. Rounds of Auburn. Up to date in methods, systematic in her work, combining with her teaching ability, firm and wholesome discipline, Miss Rounds has been able to accomplish results highly satisfactory to pupils, parents and supervisor.

## SCHOOL No. 6, EMPIRE.

At the beginning of the year Miss Grace E Bumpus, was employed for this school. At the end of the fourth week sickness obliged her to give up the work, and Miss Fannie Jose of Dexter, continued the school for four weeks when the best interests of the school seemed to call for her resignation; the term closed with but eight weeks of school. Miss Bumpus was able to resume her duties at the beginning of the fall term, and continued the work, in a faithful and profitable manner till the end of the year.

## SCHOOL No. 7, MOUSAM.

Instruction during Summer and Fall terms was by Miss Hortense Bradford of Mechanic Falls. Much interest during these terms was manifested both by teacher and pupils, and it was with much regret that Miss Bradford's resignation was accepted at the close of the Fall term.

Miss Pauline R. Marston of Brownfield was employed for the Winter term. Pupils, during this term made good progress, and ready obedience seemed to be rendered to the requirements of the teacher.

## SCHOOL No. 8, MINOT CORNER.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. F. M. Shaw of Gorham, a graduate of Bowdoin College, was employed for the Summer term. Mr. Shaw's labors were well received in this school. His pleasing and gentlemanly address at once gained for him friends, while his conscientious devotion to the needs of his pupils resulted in one of the most successful terms of the year.

The Fall term was under the instruction of Mr. W. W. Walton of Wayne. While Mr. W. is a young man of good attainments and has been very successful in teaching elsewhere, he failed, here, to get that hearty coöperation of his pupils so necessary to success in the school room. The term was unsatisfactory.

Winter term under the tuition of Mr. P. W. Brackett of Bates College, was characterized by good order, close application, and thorough instruction—resulting of necessity in a profitable term.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Much to the satisfaction of all parties, Miss Rachel Beals of Turner has been retained in this department throughout the year. Fully realizing the importance of her work and thoroughly devoted to her calling Miss Beals has spared no efforts to make her school a success. We hope that another year may find her connected with this school.

## SCHOOL NO. 9, BAILEY HILL.

Pupils of this school were conveyed during the Summer term to No. 10.

Miss Pauline Marston taught the Fall term. Failing in proper discipline this school was not so profitable as it should have been.

The Winter term was under the instruction of Mr. C. L. Pulsifer of East Poland. Although a small school Mr. Pulsifer found here ample opportunity for work and by patient perseverance and strict adherence to what he considered duty, made this one of our successful schools.

## SCHOOL NO. 10, HARRIS HILL.

Miss Lida Merrill of Hartford taught the Summer term. Pupils from No. 9 being united with this school made classification somewhat difficult, yet Miss Merrill succeeded admirably in her endeavors to make the term profitable to all.

Fall and Winter terms were instructed by Miss Rose F. Storer, West Poland. Diligence on the part of teacher and pupils made these exceedingly profitable terms.

## SCHOOL NO. 14, LOWER OAK HILL.

Summer term, Mr. Herman W. Haskell, teacher. Mr. Haskell worked earnestly for the advancement of his pupils. The results of the term were hardly commensurate with his endeavors.

Miss L. Perintha Luce of New Portland taught Fall and Winter terms. Miss Luce has an easy way in the control of her pupils that has aided materially in making her work a success.

## SCHOOL NO. 15, HERRICK VALLEY.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Sadie M. Russell. Miss R. showed much tact and ability in the discharge of her duties in this school.

During the fall, pupils were conveyed to No. 25.

The Winter term was under the instruction of Mr. C. E. Haskell, a former and highly appreciated teacher in this school. The examinations at the close of the term reflected credit upon both teacher and pupils.

## SCHOOL NO. 16, JOHNSON HILL.

This school, during the Summer term, was under the instruction of Miss Amy B. Newport of Mechanic Falls. Miss Newport labors faithfully for the best interests of her pupils, but here irregular attendance impaired somewhat the success of the term.

Mr. Herman Haskell taught the Fall and Winter terms in a creditable manner, unusual tact being shown in the management of some of his classes.



## SCHOOL No. 18, HARDCRABBLE.

Miss Isabelle S. Jordan of New Gloucester was employed for this school for the entire year. Miss Jordan's normal training, supplemented by several years experience in teaching places her among our best teachers. The work of the year has been well accomplished.

## SCHOOL No. 21, POLAND CITY.

For the Summer term, Miss Mary Gowell was employed. Miss Gowell has given to us many terms of faithful school service. Her work here was not an exception.

The Fall and Winter terms were conducted by Miss Amy Newport in a manner decidedly profitable to her pupils.

## SCHOOL No. 22, POLAND.

This school has been favored through the year with the services of Miss Annie B. Crooker, who is unquestionably a teacher whom any school board would be fortunate to secure. Well qualified by a high conception of a teacher's duty and fitted by experience to reduce theory to practice, Miss Crooker has given service highly satisfactory to all parties connected with this school.

## SCHOOL No. 25, PROMISED LAND.

Miss Laura S. Snell of this town was in charge of this school during Summer and Fall terms. Miss Snell discharged the duties devolving upon her with ready tact and energy. Good order was maintained; instruction, thorough and practical.

Winter term was under the instruction of Miss Bertie M. Phillips who has taught many profitable terms in this district. Miss Phillips is an earnest worker, ever anxious for better means to interest and instruct her pupils.

## REMARKS.

In presenting my third annual report of your schools, it gives me pleasure to state that I consider the school work on a thorough basis and continuous progress to have been made through the year. While I cannot say that I am fully satisfied, in all cases, with the quality and amount of instruction imparted by teachers or with the improvement made by pupils, I do feel that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the present prosperous condition of our schools, and should have no regret for expense of time and money so generously contributed for their support.

That condition of apathy which at one time clung so tenaciously to our school life as to handicap and make almost ineffective every effort to increase the efficiency of our schools has passed and I believe that we are more generally receiving the hearty support of an interested and appreciative public.

Our school system is as susceptible to the influence of circumstances and the general trend of public opinions as society of which it is an outgrowth and from which its growth must be nourished or vitality sapped. It therefore lies with us as individuals to see that our schools are not only guarded from every appearance of evil but protected by right influence and strengthened and intensified by the best teaching ability that our means will afford. By the united efforts of *all*, and *only* in this way can our schools ever reach that higher level of efficiency so much desired and so impatiently awaited by every good citizen.

### GRADUATION.

As will be seen from the appended program, a class of sixteen members was graduated this year from our Public School Course. The members of this class were from the different schools as follows:—Five pupils from No. 8, three from No. 9, two from No. 22, three from No. 4, one each from No's. 3, 10 and 15.

Following is the program of the graduating exercises:

### PROGRAMME.

#### PRAYER.

#### MUSIC—ORCHESTRA.

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|---|------------------------|
| 1. SALUTATORY—Power of Habit,           | George Alton Mason     |
| 2. Selecting an Occupation,             | Elsie L. Robinson      |
| 3. Birthday of American Independence,   | Flint B. Mills         |
| MUSIC—Asthore,                          | Miss Hortense Bradford |
| 4. True Success,                        | Ethel H. Ayer          |
| 5. John G. Whittier,                    | Vergie A. Waterhouse   |
| 6. Influence of Books,                  | Ernest W. Everett      |
| MUSIC—Do Not Forget Me,                 | Miss Amy Newport       |
| 7. Footprints,                          | Blanche E. Waterhouse  |
| 8. The Nobility of Labor,               | Guy M. Cobb            |
| 9. By Their Fruits You Shall Know Them, | Eva M. Record          |

#### MUSIC—ORCHESTRA.

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| 10. State of Maine,                        | Ernest L. Strout       |
| 11. China and the Chinese,                 | Abbie S. Pulsifer      |
| 12. Progress of Agriculture,               | Ralph E. Cobb          |
| MUSIC—Ho For The Sea!                      | Rev. Frederick Newport |
| 13. The Purpose of Life,                   | Myra M. Wight          |
| 14. We Build the Ladder by Which We Climb, | Herman W. Haskell      |
| MUSIC,                                     | Mrs. W. S. Norcross    |
| 15. Then and Now,                          | M. Mabelle Norton      |
| 16. VALEDICTORY—Treasures by the Wayside,  | Grace C. Dunn          |

#### MUSIC—ORCHESTRA.

#### CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS.

#### MUSIC—ORCHESTRA.

#### SINGING CLASS ODE.

#### BENEDICTION.

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Free High Schools have been located the same as last year, namely at Minot Conner and Poland; these schools seeming to be the most suitable for the expenditure of the Free High School money.

## SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS.

Three years ago when such a radical change was made in our school laws and the "district system" was abolished throughout the state, one of the chief aims of the new law was the suspension and final abandonment of many small and unprofitable schools.

How tenaciously, however, the people have clung to their school house we well know by examples in our own town; generally, every individual thinking that it is "the other district" that should be suspended. Now, dropping personal desire and prejudice, I think that as a unit we should consider carefully the advantages of larger schools, with better teachers, more modern buildings and better instructions. While the state law leaves this matter in the discretion of the School Board, I believe that the union of schools can never be a success without the sanction of the people; and for one while I am firmly of the opinion that this is a step in the right direction, I am perfectly willing to leave the decision to their candid judgment.

## CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Barring incidentals, the appropriation for repairs has been expended on the following school houses. Houses in No's 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 14, 18, 21, 22, have been repainted, out side. No's. 2 and 25, painted inside, closet built for 22. Yard graded in No. 6. Shutters for windows and heavy door placed on house in No. 2, and house in No. 10, replastered. Repairs are needed on houses in Nos. 15, 25 and 18; on out buildings in Nos. 16 and 18.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

The School Committee respectfully recommend the following appropriations:

For support of common schools,	\$2,700 00
Support of Free High School,	250 00
Repairs,	250 00
Text books,	200 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. Everett, *Supervisor of Schools.*

F. B. SHACKFORD,  
C. L. KEENE,  
H. W. RICKER,  
R. J. EVERETT,  
S. L. LITTLEFIELD,

*Members of School Board.*

EAST POLAND, ME., FEB. 26, 1896.

*To Lorenzo 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 9th 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 hear and act upon Reports of Town Officers and all committees heretofore appointed by the town.
- THIRD.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- FOURTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the 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 raise for school text books.
- SEVENTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs of school property.
- 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 repairs of roads and bridges.
- TENTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor.
- ELEVENTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.
- TWELFTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on debt.
- THIRTEENTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest bearing debt, maturing in 1896.
- FOURTEENTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay collectors' commission and abatements.
- FIFTEENTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to donate to help defray the expense of Memorial Day.
- SIXTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$77.10 to reimburse the Centennial committee.
- SEVENTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote a discount on taxes paid at stated times.
- EIGHTEENTH.—To see what instructions the town will give the Selectmen in regard to letting the Town House for various purposes.

NINETEENTH.—To see if the town will instruct the assessors to assess a poll tax upon all male citizens of town between the age of 21 and 70 years, except paupers, regardless of their disabilities.

TWENTIETH.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes by issuing town orders not exceeding the amount appropriated to pay debts.

TWENTY-FIRST.—To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to provide an apparatus for breaking roads for each Highway district like the one used at West Poland.

TWENTY-SECOND.—To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to sell the Charles Thurlow place and give deed for the same for the town.

TWENTY-THIRD.—To see if the town will vote to instruct its School Committee to suspend temporarily such schools as in their judgment are too small to be profitable and convey, when necessary, the pupils of schools so suspended to other schools and to provide by purchase or otherwise carriages suitable for such conveyance.

TWENTY-FOURTH.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to destroy all paid and cancelled Town Bonds and Orders.

TWENTY-FIFTH.—To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and Town Clerk.

TWENTY-SIXTH.—To see if the town will vote to hire an auditor to audit accounts at the close of municipal year.

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

Given under our hands at Poland, this 25th day of February, A. D., 1896.

J. I. CHIPMAN, } *Selectmen*  
R. S. HERRICK, } *of*  
J. W. DUNN, } *Poland.*