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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

TREASURER,

AND

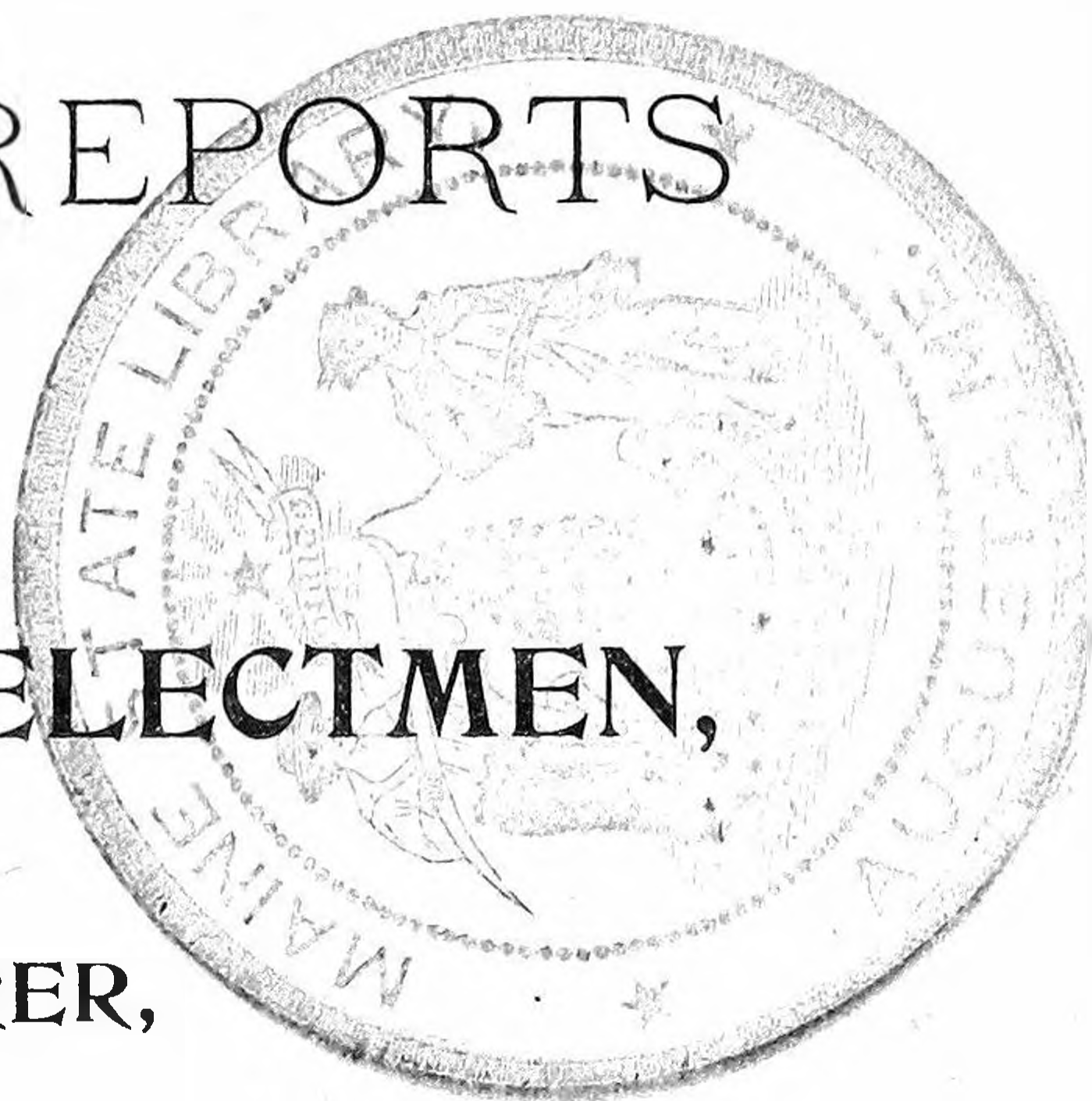
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF POLAND,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 24,

1897.



LEWISTON
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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

J. I. CHIPMAN,

W. W. DENNEN,

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. RICHER,

F. E. HANSCOM,

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.

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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, 1897, is herewith presented.

Valuation of resident real estate,	\$465,453	
Valuation of non-resident real estate,	120,546	
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Total real estate,		\$585,999
Valuation of personal estate, resident,	\$80,003	
Valuation of personal estate, non-resident,	16,954	
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Total personal estate,		\$96,957
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Total valuation,		\$682,956

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,	\$1,811 33	
County tax,	997 23	
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		\$2,808 56

ASSESSED BY VOTE OF TOWN.

Support of Common Schools,	\$2,500 00	
Support of Free High School,	250 00	
Repairs of School Property,	250 00	
Text books,	200 00	
Roads and bridges,	3,000 00	
Support of poor,	1,000 00	
Contingent expenses,	1,000 00	
Interest on debt,	1,000 00	
Principal of debt,	3,000 00	
Collector's commission and abatements,	500 00	
For Memorial Day,	20 00	
To re-imburse Centennial Committee,	77 10	
For overlay in assessing,	464 48	
Unpaid highway tax,	180 79	

Supplemental tax,	16 60	
Committed to L. T. Brown, Collector,		\$16,267 53
Highway tax,	\$3,000 00	
Overlay in assessing,	90 76	
Committed to highway surveyors,		\$3,090 76

RATE OF TAXATION.

Money tax, \$22.00 on \$1,000.00. Poll tax, \$2.00.
 Highway tax, \$3.80 on \$1,000.00. Poll tax, \$1.50.
 Number of Polls, 378.

TOWN FARM.

DR.

To Farm stock on hand Feb. 24, 1896,	\$473 00	
Hay, grain and groceries on hand Feb. 24, '96,	235 00	
		\$708 00
Paid for cow by Overseer,	\$35 00	
Help in haying, by Overseer,	17 90	
Grain and groceries, by Overseer,	336 30	
Salary of Overseer for 1896,	350 00	
Balance of salary of Overseer, 1895,	50 00	
C. R. Strout, for work,	1 50	
O. C. Stinchfield, saw bill,	37 30	
Charles Rowe, by Town order, supplies,	8 47	
Bailey Bros., by Town order, supplies,	92 15	
Emery & Hodsdon, painting buildings,	45 00	
J. W. Dunn, for supplies,	5 00	
John Hanscom, for use of farm,	32 48	
Bailey Bros., for grain, etc.,	13 29	
L. N. Hayes, for farm cart,	50 00	
Charles Rowe, for groceries,	15 90	
A. K. Damon, groceries,	2 27	
		\$1,800 56

TOWN FARM.

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BY FARM STOCK ON HAND FEB. 24TH, 1897.

7 cows at \$35.00	\$245 00
2 horses	150 00

4 shoats at \$5.00	20 00	
40 hens at 40 cts.	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$431 00
10 tons hay at \$14.00	140 00	
2 tons bedding at \$5.00	10 00	
25 pounds nails	1 12	
5 bushels meal	1 62	
2 bushels cracked corn	65	
200 pounds shorts	1 40	
10 bushels beans	10 00	
½ barrel flour	2 75	
5 bushels potatoes	2 50	
400 pounds salt pork at 8 cents	32 00	
6 barrels apples	4 50	
20 pounds sugar	1 00	
½ pound tea	25	
2 pounds coffee	40	
6 bars soap	25	
Spices and soda	50	
35 pounds lard	3 15	
3 gallons kerosene	36	
6 pounds butter	1 20	
20 gallons vinegar	3 00	
3 pounds raisins	25	
2 dozen eggs	32	
Farm cart	50 00	
Cream sold	200 38	
Sweet corn sold	31 00	
Calf sold	5 00	
Hogs sold	41 00	
2 cows sold	95 00	
Board of G. W. Whitney	15 38	
Received from O. A. Schillenger	30 00	
Received from Isaac Cole	3 50	
Cash received for shingles and barrels	8 05	
38 M. shingles at \$2.00	76 00	
Cash paid by Overseer	9 00	
Wood furnished schools	78 00	
Work on roads	24 00	
Due for cream to Feb. 24th estimated	40 00	
Received of J. Schellinger for calf	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,286 53
John S. Briggs saw bill of 1894	9 30	
Charles Rowe grocery bill of 1894	61	
	<hr/>	\$9 91

The farm should be credited by work done by
 J. W. Dunn as selectman \$54 00

NAMES OF PAUPERS ON THE FARM.

Mary Snell, Betsy Orr, Emma Cushman and Geo. W. Whitney.
 Average number for year 3

Like all other farms during the past year the Town Farm has failed to pay running expenses; there is, however, some other excuse for a part of it. Painting and shingling buildings has made quite an addition to the usual expense, and another item which is a loss to the farm was in the sickness of Geo. W. Whitney and the amount of bedding we were obliged to burn.

COST OF POOR NOT ON THE FARM.

C. H. Field, bill of 1895	\$37 00	
Dexter Taylor, bill of 1895	27 00	
½ of G. W. Whitney's bill, sickness and burial expense	93 12	
Amos Harris, wife and Waldron Harris	115 50	
Rhoda Strout, doctor's bill 1895	3 50	
Edwin Reed, doctor's bill 1895	7 50	
Lewis Walker, doctor's bill paid town of Cum- berland	22 50	
Esther Boutelle, supplies	7 97	
Charles Woodsom, paid town of Oxford	38 41	
Jessie Cobb, sickness	64 50	
Fred Bragdon, sickness	12 73	
Otis N. Haskell and wife paid town of Hartford	86 01	
A. M. Andrews, groceries	5 00	
Tramps	8 50	
Jason Walker, M. D., Town Doctor	44 00	
Mrs. Timothy Berry, doctor's bill	20 00	
	—————	\$593 24

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Wesley C. Herrick, supplies,	\$41 71	
L. A. Tripp, supplies and rent,	80 80	
I. E. Bonney, supplies,	80 50	
Tim. Berry, supplies,	69 25	
Tim Berry, sickness,	68 75	
G. W. Walker, rent and supplies,	108 10	
Simon Dyer, no settlement in State,	155 20	
	—————	604 31

COST OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

G. W. Whitney, Phillips pauper,	\$93 13	
Abner Trip, Gray pauper,	2 70	
Alphonzo Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	15 43	
Elisha Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	18 00	
Dwinal Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	6 87	
John Robbins, Gray pauper,	62 00	
James May, Raymond pauper,	26 50	
C. R. Strout, Raymond pauper,	100 45	
Silas Edwards, Casco pauper,	5 00	
Hattie Chase, Dixfield pauper,	4 00	
Horace Chase, Dixfield pauper,	7 42	
George Polland, Peru pauper,	37 00	
Lucy Edgecomb, Mechanic Falls pauper,	15 00	
A. T. Ruby, Yarmouth pauper,	15 00	
Mrs. A. T. Ruby, doctor's bill, Town of Yarmouth,	73 50	
	<hr/>	\$482 00
Paid Insane Hospital for J. W. Mills,		\$196 63
Due from estate of J. W. Mills,		196 63

ABATEMENTS AND COLLECTOR'S COMMISSIONS.

Sidney Daicey, Collector of 1893,	\$ 35 04	
L. T. Brown, commission tax of 1895,	213 83	
L. T. Brown, commission tax of 1894,	134 45	
L. T. Brown, Collector abatement tax of 1894,	15 89	
L. T. Brown, Collector abatement tax of 1895,	84 60	
Sundry persons, abatement tax of 1895,	40 60	
Sundry persons, abatement tax of 1896,	37 69	
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Amount expended,		\$562 10
Amount appropriated,		500 00
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Overdrawn,		\$62 10

The 6 per cent. discount on Taxes of 1896, amounts to \$788.35, for which an order has been given to the Collector, with no provision to make up the deficiency.

SCHOOLS.

Appropriated by Town,	\$2,500 00
Received from State,	971 23
Free High School, Town,	250 00
Free High School, State,	250 00
Town of Minot tuition,	200 00
Unexpended, Feb. 24, 1896,	132 43

Total School fund for 1896,	\$4,303 66
Orders drawn on bills approved by R. J. Everett, Supervisor,	4,230 36
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Unexpended Balance, Feb. 24, 1897,	\$73 30

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriated by Town,	\$200 00
Unexpended Feb. 24, 1896,	99 00
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Total text book fund,	\$299 00
Orders drawn on bills approved by Supervisor,	210 74
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Unexpended Feb. 24, 1897,	\$88 26

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Appropriated by Town,	\$250 00
Unexpended Feb. 24, 1896,	85 50
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Total repair fund,	\$335 50
Orders drawn on bills approved by Supervisor,	181 34
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Unexpended,	\$254 16

SNOW BILLS, WINTER OF 1896.

Frank Strout,	\$7 59
O. H. Guptill,	3 45
O. A. Taylor,	1 75
Samuel Taylor,	2 35
J. H. McCann,	7 55
L. N. Hayes,	5 37
Freeman Smith,	2 15
Daniel Strout,	3 37
Forest Emery,	1 50
N. D. Haskell,	1 20
J. S. Briggs, Jr.,	1 50
John Strout,	6 60
Charles Emery,	2 27
Ernest Archibald,	15 25
Ed. Woodsom,	1 35
O. A. Schellinger,	9 50
Isaac Cole,	1 75
Lester Strout,	3 45
J. A. Doughty,	26 70
Otis W. Thurston,	7 39

O. H. Guptill,	7 65	
Freeman Berry,	3 45	
Wm. M. Megquier,	6 35	
I. W. Ellenwood,	29 05	
Geo. O. Goodwin & Co.,	8 15	
	<hr/>	\$166 60

SNOW BILLS, WINTER OF 1897.

Ward Strout,	\$1 75	
Frank Strout,	4 25	
Llewellyn Bryant,	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$8 10

WATERING TUBS.

Arthur Wright, for 1895,	\$3 00	
Dennis Bragdon, for 1895,	2 00	
R. S. Herrick, for 1895,	3 00	
Robert Haggett, for 1896,	5 00	
Dennis Bragdon, 1896,	3 00	
Excelsior Grange, 1896,	3 00	
George Carpenter, 1896,	3 00	
Mrs. R. S. Herrick, 1896,	3 00	
F. Storer, 1896,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$28 00

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Freeman Strout,	\$2 50
Augustus Bragdon,	4 57
Charles Carpenter,	14 45
George Carpenter,	14 34
I. A. Johnson,	8 50
Wm. M. Megquier, smith work,	6 35
A. A. Keene,	13 00
Daniel Strout,	3 00
I. E. Bonney,	2 00
George Carpenter,	4 65
Charles Carpenter,	3 45
John Ayer, bill of 1894 and 1895,	10 00
J. G. Davis,	7 30
B. F. Schellinger,	1 25
L. N. Hayes,	8 00
A. T. Ruby,	2 00
I. H. & E. A. Keene,	7 75
Jonas Edwards,	8 05
Bailey Bros., powder and fuse,	87
Mellen Mills,	4 40

Chester Chipman, for plank,	5 00	
D. G. Waterhouse,	4 09	
L. B. Grant,	1 50	
Daniel Strout,	4 71	
Harry Estes,	5 00	
C. H. Cobb, bill of 1895,	24 00	
C. H. Cobb, painting and repairing road machine,	11 25	
C. H. Cobb, for plank, 1895,	18 70	
Ward Strout,	1 35	
O. A. Schellinger,	14 64	
L. B. Grant,	3 50	
Mellen Mills,	7 50	
Wm. Megquire,	19 85	
Ernest Archibald,	27 25	
Bailey Bros.,	2 87	
Orin G. Dyer,	19 64	
J. L. Brown,	6 40	
F. H. Yetton,	2 00	
Fred Wescott, Bryant District,	9 80	
F. A. Edwards,	7 70	
Freeman Strout,	6 00	
Silas Strout,	5 25	
Augustus Bragdon,	3 75	
G. W. Strout, Jr.,	13 75	
Frank Strout,	14 75	
Llewellyn Bryant,	41 88	
F. B. Shackford, Bryant District,	8 48	
Ward Strout,	6 00	
Robert B. Taylor,	13 63	
Wm. Greenbanks,	9 96	
L. T. Auger, bill of 1895,	26 35	
O. A. & B. F. Schellinger,	10 50	
Thomas Verrill,	10 50	
J. I. Chipman, paid for work,	30	
J. H. McCann,	14 02	
Robert Moore, freight on pipe,	5 49	
E. L. Dudley,	10 50	
O. S. Keene,	2 25	
Mellen Mills,	2 25	
O. H. Guptill,	5 83	
Frank Strout,	11 25	
John S. Briggs, plank,	11 38	
E. C. Doten, bill of 1892,	5 22	
Plank, Minot Corner Bridge bill of 1895,	29 70	
Lumber for bridge near Noble place,	135 53	
Total for repairs of roads and bridges,	—————	\$742 95
Southern pine on hand,		\$18 36

EXPENSE TO TOWN BY REASON OF LAST MARCH FLOOD.

MOUSAM MILLS BRIDGE.

Paid for stone abutment,	\$100 00	
Carleton Bros., for cement,	30 00	
Freight on cement,	6 00	
D. H. Larry, stone work,	107 00	
F. H. Stone & Sons, stone work,	78 75	
John Harris, stone work,	9 00	
Fred Thurston,	9 00	
Charles Rose,	9 00	
Wm. Greenbanks,	42 00	
John Masseur,	36 75	
C. M. Jordan, hauling stone,	15 00	
Elmer Haskell, hauling stone,	9 00	
Clarence Damon, work,	42 00	
Use of derrick,	15 00	
Berlin Iron Bridge Co., for ½ of bridge,	1,415 00	
Planking	39 46	
Southern pine floor timber,	48 35	
	-----	\$2,011 31

CITY WASHOUT.

Paid A. T. Ruby, for labor,	\$7 50	
Daniel Strout, labor,	23 55	
E. J. Pulsifer, labor,	25 88	
Fred Wescot, labor,	14 00	
Frank Dyer, labor,	75	
	-----	\$71 68

MINOT CORNER BRIDGE.

Paid E. C. Dunning, replacing bridge,	\$305 00	
G. B. Thurston, labor,	14 62	
Arthur Wight, labor,	15 00	
C. M. Jordan, labor,	12 75	
Mark Haskell, labor,	20 50	
D. H. Larry, labor,	17 50	
F. H. Stone & Sons, labor,	11 37	
Jordan, Frost & Co., lumber,	5 86	
Lumber,	13 00	
	-----	\$415 60

Total cost by reason of last March flood, \$2,498 59

CONTINGENT.

C. E. Haskell, Board of Health, 1896,	\$10 00
F. B. Shackford, Board of Health, 1895,	10 00

F. B. Shackford, Board of Health 1896,	10 00
N. D. Haskell, Board of Health; 1895,	10 00
Jason Walker, M. D., Board of Health, 1895,	25 00
J. I. Chipman, expense in Berry case,	21 14
F. A. Pulsifer, balance of salary as Treasurer 1895,	50 00
W. H. Weeks, printing reports year 1895,	28 00
R. J. Everett, supervisor, bill for year 1895,	218 50
J. I. Chipman, balance of bill as Selectman 1895,	124 95
R. S. Herrick, balance of bill as Selectman 1895,	53 37
J. W. Dunn, as Selectman 1895,	9 00
R. S. Herrick, cash paid out for town,	13 15
Loring, Short & Harmon, books and stationery,	30 53
J. I. Chipman, cash paid out for town,	7 25
F. A. Pulsifer, postage,	4 50
Freeman's supplement to revised statutes,	5 00
O. W. Hawkes, damage to hearse, defective road,	5 10
J. G. Davis, services as committee on debt 1895,	6 00
Jason Walker, M. D., vaccinating,	10 00
E. O. Cobb, M. D., certificates of births and deaths,	5 50
L. H. Poore, M. D., certificates of births and deaths,	1 00
N. B. Haskell, M. D., certificates of births and deaths,	3 25
Jason Walker, M. D., certificates of births and deaths,	1 50
Emery & Hodsdon, painting Town House,	20 50
Charles Brown, wood lot,	200 00
I. E. Bonney, burying offal by order of Board of Health,	5 00
Geo. Kimball, hens killed by dogs,	6 00
Robert Haggett, hens killed by dogs,	6 30
F. H. Shackford, election clerk,	4 00
J. S. Briggs, Jr., election clerk,	4 00
C. J. Cheney, ballot clerk,	4 00
H. A. Gerry, ballot clerk,	4 00
Geo. W. Kimball, gate tender,	4 00
E. W. Chipman, gate tender,	4 00
F. A. Pulsifer, advertising tax,	15 00
F. A. Pulsifer, stamps and stationery,	8 65
J. I. Chipman, expense in road matter,	2 85
Elmer Durgin, damage to horse on road,	15 00
J. I. Chipman, expense in surveying town line between Raymond and Poland,	4 75
Forest Walker, surveying town line,	10 00
J. A. Jones, survey of Auburn and Poland line in 1895,	8 00
Freeland Howe, insurance premium on farm buildings,	32 40

W. W. Dennen, expense to Portland,	2 35	
O. S. Keene, land damage, Winter road,	5 00	
F. A. Pulsifer, recording marriages,	9 00	
John A. Morrill, legal services in Berry case,	35 00	
John A. Morrill, legal services for the town,	15 62	
Lewiston Journal, advertising,	5 50	
F. A. Pulsifer, recording births, deaths and marriages,	13 74	
J. I. Chipman, postage, justice fees and car fare,	26 30	
J. I. Chipman, part of salary as Selectman 1896,	55 00	
F. A. Pulsifer; part of salary as Treasurer 1896,	25 00	
Jason Walker, M. D., Sec'y. Board of Health 1895,	50 00	
	————	\$1,263 70
Appropriated by Town,	1,000 00	
Overlay in assessing tax,	464 48	
Received of Raymond for Town line survey,	5 00	
	————	\$1,469 48

RESOURCES.

Due from L. T. Brown, collector, 1896,	\$3,204 84	
resident and non-resident taxes sold for 1895,	79 58	
town of Yarmouth,	88 50	
town of Raymond,	126 95	
town of Casco,	5 00	
town of Peru,	37 00	
town of Mechanic Falls,	19 50	
estate of J. W. Mills,	196 63	
estate of Susan E. Everett,	138 73	
town of Minot, tuition,	200 00	
Southern Pine Lumber,	18 36	
C. H. Brown, woodlot,	200 00	
resident and non-resident taxes sold prior to 1895,	110 15	
cash in treasury, Feb 24, 1897,	2,959 25	
	————	
Total resources, Feb. 24, 1897,		\$7,384 49

LIABILITIES.

New issue of Bonds dated September 1, 1895, at 4 per cent, \$2,000.00 maturing Sept. 1, of each year until paid, commencing with Sept. 1, 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 on Demand at 4 per cent,	90 00	
Interest bearing debt, Feb. 24, 1897,	-----	19,090 00
Interest bearing debt Feb. 24, 1896, \$22,190.20		
Due town of Raymond pauper bill,	\$ 73 97	
Due Town Officers' Bills,	475 50	
All other bills outstanding estimated,	250 00	
Outstanding orders not on interest reported as paid in this report but not yet presented to Treasurer,	1,001 34	
	-----	1,800 81
Total liabilities of Town, Feb. 24, 1897,		\$20,890 81

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

	APPROPRIATED.	EXPENDED.
School fund,	\$4,303 66	\$4,230 36
Text book and repair fund,	634 50	392 08
Repairs of highways,	3,000 00	3,444 24
Abatements and Collector's Com.,	500 00	527 06
To pay debts,	3,000 00	3,100 20
Interest on debt,	1,000 00	948 32
For Memorial Day,	20 00	20 00
For support of poor,	1,000 00	1,133 55
Balance against Farm,		514 03
Contingent expense, \$1,000.00		
From town of Raymond, 5.00	1,469 48	1,263 70
Overlay, 464 48		
Unpaid highway tax,	180 79	
Supplemented tax,	16 60	
To reimburse Centennial Com.,	77 10	77 10
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	\$15,202 13	\$15,650 64
Overdrawn,		\$448 51
6 per cent discount on taxes,		788 35

		\$ 1,236 86

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1896.

Selectmen,	\$246 50	
Board of Health,	70 00	
Town Treasurer,	100 00	
Supervisor of Schools,	209 00	
	-----	\$625 50
Of these bills there has been paid this year, \$150.00		

Some of the tax payers in town have complained that since the town was divided we had no Committee on Accounts until last year and they did not know what the Town Officers' Bills were for each year. For their benefit we give the following figures:—

Selectmen's Bills for 1893,	\$334 75
" " " 1894,	356 40
" " " 1895,	290 00
" " " 1896,	246 50
Supervisor of Schools, 1893,	190 00
" " " 1894,	223 75
" " " 1895,	218 50
" " " 1896,	209 00

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Leaving the School appropriations for the School Board, for other Town charges we would respectfully recommend the following appropriations:

Repairs of roads and bridges,	\$1,000 00
Support of poor,	1,000 00
Contingent expenses,	1,000 00
To pay interest,	900 00
To pay interest bearing debt,	2,000 00
Collector's commission and abatements,	500 00
Memorial Day,	20 00

And if you vote a discount, make some provisions to take care of it.

REMARKS.

Claussa Berry vs. Town of Poland was tried at the April term of Court. Mrs. Berry sued the Town for \$2,000.00 for injury on Highway. The case was decided in favor of the Town.

With the damage to our roads and bridges by reason of last March flood staring us in the face, we felt quite discouraged about meeting the current expenses of the Town and paying the \$3,000.00 voted last Spring to pay on principal of interest bearing debt. With every thing we have had to contend with for the past year, it is a pleasure to us, "and no doubt a relief to you" to be able to report a reduction in our interest bearing debt of \$3,100.20.

Last year the town voted the sum of \$12,797.10. This should be reduced this year at least \$3,000.00. Then with the rise we are sure to get in State and County tax, there is no doubt but you will get all the tax you will feel like paying.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. CHIPMAN,

W. W. DENNEN,

J. W. DUNN,

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 23, 1897.

DR.

Cash in treasury, February 26, 1896,	\$ 1,021 25
From Sidney Daicy, collector, 1893,	377 00
L. T. Brown, collector, 1895,	5,948 19
L. T. Brown, collector, 1896,	13,062 69
Non-resident taxes for the year 1893,	3 40
Non-resident taxes for the year 1894,	21 26
Selectmen's orders for the year of 1896,	2,650 00
State Treasurer, dog license refunded on State tax,	120 97
State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax,	971 23
State Treasurer, soldiers' State pension,	168 00
State Treasurer, re-imbusement, domestic animals killed by dogs,	2 50
Guardian of J. W. Mills,	169 42
Town of Minot, school tuition,	200 00
Dennis Bragdon for Chas. Thurlow Place,	200 00
Town Clerk, on dog license for 1896,	148 00
National Fibre Co., for lumber,	122 08
Town of Minot, for lumber,	120 49
Liquor Deputies, for empty liquor vessels,	76 25
Town of Raymond, pauper bill,	12 65
Town of Lincoln, pauper bill,	36 50
Town of Gray,	199 61
Town of Bridgton, pauper bill,	5 13
Town of Casco, pauper bill,	29 78
Town of Phillips,	93 13
Town of Dixfield,	11 42
J. G. Davis, on J. S. Sanborn's road tax,	45 92
Bank, on deposit,	28 49
J. I. Chipman, for shingles and barrels,	8 05
Town of Raymond, on running Town line,	5 00
	\$25,858 41

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BY CASH PAID OUT.

Town orders not bearing interest,	\$12,643 91
Town orders bearing interest,	6,182 70
Interest on orders,	233 32
Interest on bonds,	715 00
State Treasurer, State tax for 1896,	1,811 00
State Treasurer, on dog license,	148 00
County Treasurer, county tax for 1896,	997 23
Aid to soldiers,	168 00
Cash in treasury,	2,959 25
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	\$25,858 41

F. A. PULSIFER,
Treasurer of Poland

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH:

TO THE CITIZENS OF POLAND:—

As Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board, I have the pleasure to present the following report:

At the annual meeting held May 9, 1896, Clarence E. Haskell was chosen Chairman, and Jason Walker, Secretary. The second quarterly meeting was held Aug. 8th; the third, Dec. 12; and the last quarterly meeting, Feb. 6, 1897.

I have always, on being notified of a contagious disease, or even a suspicion of a case of the same in any part of the Town, visited the house the same day or the next and investigated the case. April 21st, I was notified of a suspected case of scarlet fever in the family of Norris Strout at Poland Corner. I went to Mr. Strout's but did not find scarlet fever.

Last Autumn, scarlet fever in a mild form made its appearance at Hardscrabble. The first cases were so mild that a physician was not called and was not recognized as scarlet fever.

My first knowledge of the existence of scarlet fever in Poland was when asked by Dr. Cobb to see a case with him at William Mixer's, Oct. 9th. I there learned that three children of Joseph Rondeau, a neighbor, had been ill with a rash, two of which had recovered and entered school. The Rondeau boy was taken ill while daily visiting Lewiston on a milk cart. Scarlet fever cards were put on the door of the houses of Mixer and Rondeau, and the usual instructions were given as to the restrictions of each and every member of both families. The school was ordered to be closed and the school house to be disinfected in that district, which order was promptly obeyed. I learned two days later that Joseph Samson's family had visited at Rondeau's the day before the scarlet fever card was put on the door. I then required Samson's children to be kept from school. Oct. 20th, I was informed by a neighbor that Mr. Samson's children had scarlet fever. I called at once and found Mr. Samson's four children all ill with scarlet fever. I put a card on the door and very carefully gave full instructions as to the management so as to prevent spreading the disease. These cases were mild and a physician was not in attendance, so I made several visits to this house and when I was sure by personal inspection that the period of desquamation had passed, I directed the manner in which the house should be disinfected, and I believe that the disinfecting was effectually done. There were three cases in Mixer's family. The next case in town was that of

Ralph Emerson, taken ill Nov. 30th, who evidently received his infection from a case in Minot. The next case was that of Charles Harris, taken ill while working in Minot and his source of infection was probably from Minot. This case was carried to his home in Poland and four more cases occurred in this family, one of which proved fatal. Two cases were reported at J. P. Grant's, but which ten days after the card was put on the door was declared by the attending physician not to be scarlet fever.

Two cases of scarlet fever were reported by the attending physician at Thomas Strout's, on White Oak Hill, and the scarlet fever card placed on the door of his house. Five weeks after the last child was taken ill the house was fumigated. The above reported cases of scarlet fever are all that have come to my knowledge. No case of typhoid fever has been reported, and only one case of diphtheria. One case of consumption has been reported, and two have died of that disease. One death from membranous croup has been reported. One or more cases of measles and several of whooping cough have occurred in town, but have not been reported as the law requires. There has been an epidemic of tonsilitis in town which was quite general on White Oak Hill. Most of the cases were mild. Whole number of deaths in 1896 were twenty-five.

The only nuisances reported to the Board related to the school buildings; and to these the attention of the Superintendent of Schools was called.

In the execution of my duties, I have tried to keep in mind the spirit of the law as well as its letter, and in the enforcement of the law have tried to avoid all needless distress and annoyance.

Respectfully submitted,

JASON WALKER, M. D., SEC.

Board of Health.

NOTICE!

The law now requires that the Board of Health shall annually in March provide for the free vaccination with cow-pox of all the inhabitants in their town over two years of age. In order to make the expense to the town as small as possible in complying with the law, the Board of Health of Poland requests that the head of each family in town shall notify the Sec., Dr. Jason Walker, at the annual town meeting if they wish to have any member or members of their family vaccinated. If requested to do so, Dr. Walker will visit any part of the town to vaccinate.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the School Committee and Citizens of Poland:

Following will be found the Superintendent's Annual Statement of the expenditures, progress and condition of schools for the year ending March 1, 1897:

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Whole number of pupils in town,	399
Whole number of different pupils attending school through the year,	352
Whole number attending Summer schools,	295
Average number attending Summer schools,	252
Whole number attending Fall schools,	280
Average number attending Fall schools,	248
Whole number attending Winter schools,	286
Average number attending Winter schools,	231
Number of terms taught by male teachers,	8
Number of terms taught by female teachers,	42
Average wages of male teachers per month excluding board,	\$26 75
Average wages of female teachers per week excluding board,	\$4 52
Average price of board per week for male teachers,	\$2 62½
Average price of board per week for female teachers,	\$2 28

RESOURCES.

Appropriated by town for common schools,	\$2,500 00
Appropriated by town for Free High School,	250 00
Due from State for Free High School,	250 00
State Mill tax and school fund,	971 23
Due from town of Minot, tuition,	200 00
Due from town of Casco, tuition,	20 00
Unexpended balance,	132 43
	\$4,323 66

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Summer schools,	\$1,081 15
Fall schools,	1,087 30
Winter schools,	1,419 75
Fuel,	340 60
Care of schoolhouses,	125 80

Conveyance of pupils,
Incidentals,

110 00
96 95

\$4,261 55

Unexpended balance,

\$62 11

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 term.
1	Sadie M Russell	10	8	7	4	28	\$3.25	\$2.00	\$52.50
2	Rose F. Storer	10	17	13	1	30	4.00	2.25	62.50
3	Myrtie A. Hatch	10	18	17	0	25	4.50	2.50	70.00
4	Mattie Hanscom	10	23	20	5	36	5.50	2.25	77.50
5	Ina G. Rounds	10	25	21	7	18	6.00	2.50	85.00
6	Grace E. Bumpus	10	23	19	13	34	4.50	2.25	67.50
7	Pauline R. Marston	9	20	17	7	19	3.75	2.50	56.25
8	R. J. Everett (High School)	10	24	21	3	18	10 00	2.50	125 00
8	Iva M. Russell (Primary)	10	25	21	4	24	5.00	2.50	75.00
10	Ella W. McCann	10	21	18	7	26	4.00	2.00	60.00
14	Isabelle Jordan	10	15	14	2	25	4.00	2.50	65.00
15	Laura S. Snell	10	14	13	3	25	4.25	1.75	60.00
16	Grace C. Dunn	10	11	9	3	23	2.50	1.75	42.50
18	Lida H. Waterhouse	9	11	11	6	22	4.00	2.10	54.90
21	Evelyn Dunn	10	8	8	1	26	2.50	1.75	42.50
22	Annie B. Crooker	10	32	27	3	30	6.00	2.50	85.00

\$1081.15

FALL 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 term.
1	Sadie M. Russell	10	9	8	4	26	\$3.75	\$2.00	\$57.50
2	Rose F. Storer	9	20	16	5	32	4.50	2.50	63.00
3	Myrtie A. Hatch	9	20	18	10	25	5.00	2.50	67.50
4	Lou M. Maxwell	10	24	20	4	37	5.50	2.25	77.50
5	Ella F. Rounds	10	25	20	5	22	6.00	2.50	85.00
6	May L. Bickford	10	24	22	12	30	5.00	2.25	72.50
7	Hortense Bradford	9	18	16	2	28	4.00	2.50	58.50
8	O. H. Toothaker (High School)	8	30	22	2	20	9.50	3.00	100.00
8	Iva M. Russell (Primary)	8	20	17	2	25	5.00	2.50	60.00
10	Grace E. Bumpus	10	16	13	1	26	5.00	2.25	72.50
14	L. Perintha Luce	10	15	14	4	25	4.00	2.50	65.00
15	Laura S. Snell	10	17	15	7	28	4.50	2.00	65.00
16	Grace C. Dunn	10	10	8	2	24	3.50	1.75	52.50
18	Alma Sawyer	9	16	7	0	20	4.00	2.20	55.80
21	Evelyn Dunn	10	7	5	1	30	3.00	2.00	50.00
22	Annie B. Crooker	10	29	27	9	30	6.00	2.50	85.00

\$1097.30

WINTER TERM.

1	Rose F. Storer	10	10	9	4	25	\$3.75	\$2.25	\$60.00
2	Herman Haskell	11	17	12	2	32	5.00	2.75	85.25
3	Myrtie A. Hatch	11	18	16	4	25	5.25	2.50	85.25
4	Lou M. Maxwell	9	20	13	0	23	5.50	2.50	72.00
5	Ella F. Rounds	10	24	20	5	22	6.00	2.50	85.00
6	May L. Bickford	10	21	18	0	30	6.00	2.50	85.00
7	Alma Sawyer	11	18	13	1	36	4.00	2.25	68.75
8	R. J. Everett (High School)	12	30	26	5	18	9.50	3.00	150.00
8	Iva M. Russell (Primary)	12	20	15	1	20	5.50	2.50	96.00
9	Chas. L. Pulsifer	10	12	10	0	30	5.00	2.50	75.00
10	Grace E. Bumpus	10	10	8	3	28	4.00	2.50	65.00
14	L. Perintha Luce	10	14	12	1	25	4.50	2.50	70.00
15	C. E. Haskell	10	11	9	1	27	5.00	2.75	77.50
16	Grace C. Dunn	10	7	6	0	23	3.75	2.00	57.50
18	E. R. Cobb	11	13	9	5	25	5.00	2.50	82.50
21	Evelyn Dunn	10	7	5	2	20	3.50	2.00	55.00
22	Annie B. Crooker	10	31	27	4	29	6.00	2.50	85.00
25	C. W. Herrick	10	10	9	0	20	4.00	2.50	65.00

\$1419.75

It has been decided to omit from the present annual report special mention of the different schools.

While it is always gratifying to report progress and a profitable term, it is equally distasteful and unsatisfactory to state that work has failed to come up to the required standard. This however should be no *reason* for withholding such a report. If our teachers were aided—our people enlightened or our schools improved by the customary special reports we should deem it our duty to continue them. But outside of a feeling of personal satisfaction to those whose work receives praise, we doubt if they serve a particularly useful purpose.

Teachers in the main are what their vocation demands—earnest, faithful and painstaking in their work; and when, instead of desired success, disastrous failure crowns their efforts usually it would be the part of charity if not good judgment to look elsewhere for at least a *part* of the fault.

It has been our aim to place in your schools only those whose past work, known to us either personally or through reliable recommendations had been such as to make us reasonably certain of their fitness for the place.

While, as a rule, we believe it better to employ teachers of experience we think that occasionally one of our own graduates should be given an opportunity to make a beginning. Miss Evelyn Dunn, a graduate of the class of '95, and Miss Grace C. Dunn of the class of '96, were given schools at the beginning of the Summer term. Both by their tact and energy in the discharge of their duties proved that no mistake had been made in employing them. They were retained in the same school through the year.

Unfortunately, we have had to contend with much sickness, more than for many years. Several cases of scarlet fever in different parts of the Town with the consequent fears that the appearance of this disease excites, have tended to lower the school average in some of the Fall and Winter terms, and so impair somewhat the efficiency of the work.

While I am painfully aware that we all do not see the same side of the "shield," I can confidently say that our schools have taken no backward step during the year just closed; on the contrary, I am well pleased with the general progress that has been made.

In only a few instances have our teachers failed to fully satisfy my expectations. As a whole, they have been able, faithful and successful. Pupils and parents have heartily seconded their efforts and where sickness has not interfered commendable progress has been made.

Our school year has consisted of the usual thirty weeks closing Feb. 11th, with graduating exercises as follows:

PROGRAMME.

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PRAYER.

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| 1. Salutatory—Our Schools, | Ansel C. Dennen |
| 2. The Triumph of Patience, | Bertha M. Sawyer |
| 3. Our Lives are What we Make Them, | William F. Harrigan |

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| 4. Woman and Her Influence, | Alta E. Chase |
| 5. Success in Life, | Roy E. Chipman |
| 6. Class Prophecy, | Alice A. Burnham |

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| 7. Life's Ladder, | Emma A. Verrill |
| 8. Our Noblest Birthright, | Bennie L. Cobb |
| 9. No Rose Without Its Thorn, | Edith E. Walker |
| 10. Valedictory—True Heroism, | Edna L. Waterhouse |

MUSIC.

CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS.

MUSIC.

BENEDICTION.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

During the year schools No. 8, Minot Corner and No. 22, Poland have been made free High Schools. It has not been found necessary to make very much change in the course of study in the school in No. 22, but at Minot several studies have been added to accommodate pupils and make the work conform to the requirements of this grade of school.

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS.

This subject has become a sort of "chestnut," but I feel that it is none the less worth your consideration. In former reports I have called attention to some of the advantages of consolidation—to the saving in expense and to what is far more important—the greater efficiency of larger, better equipped and better disciplined schools.

Were this an untried project, it might be considered visionary and I should not wonder at the opposition we invariably encounter whenever a school is temporarily suspended.

Union of schools, even where transportation is necessary, long ago passed the experimental stage, and wherever it has been tried long enough for parents to become dispossessed of the notion that their children can be safely cared for only at home, greater interest in

school work, more rapid progress and more general satisfaction in the appropriation and expenditure of money have resulted.

I would recommend that this matter receive careful consideration. I believe it to be essential to your future welfare and prosperity, and I venture the prediction that the end of the next decade will find the number of schools in Poland reduced one half, and their influence and efficiency at least twice as great as today.

CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

At the close of this year the outside of all school houses is in good repair, considerable inside work should be done the coming year to add to the appearance and comfort of the rooms.

A new floor is needed in No. 18, new floor and desks in Primary room in No. 8, and repairs on floor in No's. 9 and 10.

One or two new sills must be placed under house at West Poland, and underpinning reset.

For this and incidental repairs your committee recommend an appropriation of \$300.00.

OUR FLAG.

It is typical of our Nation! "It is because it represents all, that all gaze at it in delight and reverence."

Are we, fellow citizens, directing sufficiently the attention of our children to this symbol of our freedom? Have we done our duty when even one school house remains over which does not float this starry emblem of our liberty?

Through the kindly efforts of Mr. I. P. Davis and Dwinal Post of the G. A. R., a beautiful flag was presented to the school in No. 7 during the Summer term. During the past Winter, through the efforts of Miss Bumpus, teacher in school No. 10, money was raised to purchase a flag for that school. Still a few others are without the national colors. Should not some effort be made to supply this need?

TEXT BOOKS.

It will be found absolutely necessary to replace some of the old books the coming year. A large part of our histories are unfit for use and I am of the opinion that an entire change would be profitable. Many of the Fourth and Fifth readers are badly worn and probably your committee, another year, will deem it proper to change these books. Many of the other books also should be replaced by new ones.

To meet necessary expenses your committee recommend an appropriation of \$325.00.

They also respectfully recommend the following appropriations	
For support of Common Schools,	\$2,700 00
For support of free High schools,	250 00
For repairs,	300 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. EVERETT,

Supt. of Schools.

S. L. LITTLEFIELD,

H. W. RICKER,

F. B. SHACKFORD,

F. E. HANSCOM,

R. J. EVERETT,

Members of School Board.

EAST POLAND, FEB. 26, 1897.

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 8th 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 the committee on accounts.

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 and bridges.

NINTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of roads to be paid in labor.

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 the debt.

THIRTEENTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay bonds maturing September 1, 1897.

FOURTEENTH.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay collector's 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 a discount on taxes paid at stated times.

SEVENTEENTH.—To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing one or more of the road breaking machines of J. L. Holden's.

EIGHTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to hire money, not exceeding \$2000.00 in anticipation of taxes.

NINETEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to lease or sell an acre of land on the old town farm to Frank Estes.

TWENTIETH.—To see if the Town will instruct and authorize the Treasurer to execute a quit claim deed in behalf of the Town releasing any claim the Town may have upon the Jacob Rowe farm "so called" by virtue of a tax deed, dated Feb. 10th, 1885, recorded Androscoggin Registry of Deeds, Book 120, Page 175.

TWENTY-FIRST.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to taxing Town bonds.

TWENTY-SECOND.—To see if the Town will vote to purchase pipe and hydrants to connect with J. S. Briggs' Fire pump for fire protection at Poland Corner, and to see what sum of money they will vote to raise for the same.

TWENTY-THIRD.—To see if the Town will vote to accept a piece of road near the New Gloucester Shakers' Hill as located and built by the Selectmen in 1887. Also another piece connecting the New Gloucester and Portland roads as built by the Shakers about thirty years ago.

TWENTY-FOURTH.—To see if the Town will vote to reimburse G. B. Thurston to the amount of \$7.00 for taxes paid prior to 1893 upon land he claims he did not own.

TWENTY-FIFTH.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to a title to land occupied by the school house on Johnson Hill.

TWENTY-SIXTH.—To see if the Town will vote to unite permanently schools No. 15 and 25, and what action they will take in regard to the present school houses.

TWENTY-SEVENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to draw no town orders to pay bills only when in session the last Saturday in each month, except school bills approved by the Supervisor.

TWENTY EIGHTH.—To see if the Town will vote to let the Town Hall and fix the price to be paid, also to see if they will hire a janitor and vote his compensation.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town House the day of said meeting at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of revising the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Poland, this 23d day of February, A. D., 1897.

J. I. CHIPMAN, } *Selectmen*
W. W. DENNEN, } *of*
J. W. DUNN, } *Poland.*