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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF POLAND.  
February 24,  
1898.

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A. L. CHIPMAN, PRINTER,  
SABBATHDAY LAKE, ME.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

J. I. CHIPMAN,                      W. W. DENNEN,  
E. G. KNIGHT,

### Town Agent.

J. I. CHIPMAN.

### Clerk & Treasurer.

F. A. PULSIFER.

### School Board.

F. B. SHACKFORD, SUPERVISOR,  
F. E. HANSCOM,      S. L. LITTLEFIELD,  
C. L. PULSIFER,                      M. C. DAVIS.

### Collector & Constable.

L. T. BROWN.

### Board of Health.

JASON WALKER M. D., SEC'Y.,  
C. E. HASKELL,                      J. S. BRIGGS JR.

## ANNUAL REPORTS.

The annual reports of the town officers of Poland for the year ending Feb. 24, 1898 are herewith submitted.

Valuation of resident property,	\$577,700.
Valuation of non-resident property,	143,900.
Total valuation	<u>\$721,600.</u>

## INVENTORY OF LIVE STOCK, APRIL 1, 1897.

	No.	Av. value.	Total value.
Horses	502	\$50.00	\$25,555
Colts, 3 to 4 years old	29	80.00	2,325
Colts, 2 to 3 years old	17	52.50	895
Colts under 2 years	31	34.00	1,050
Oxen	8	39.00	310
Cows	688	22.30	15,362
Three years old	65	17.00	1,115
Two years old	124	13.50	1,614
One year old	146	5.20	769
Sheep	50	2.00	100
Swine	129	3.75	507
Total value of live stock			<u>49,603</u>

## RATE OF TAXATION.

Money tax	\$17.50 on \$1000.	Poll tax 2.00
Highway tax	4.50 on 1000.	Poll tax 1.50
	Number of Polls 375	

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,	\$2198.56
County tax,	1121.01
	—————\$3319.57
Support of Schools	2000.00
Free High School	250.00
School Text Books	200.00
Repairs of School Property	150.00
Repairs of Roads and Bridges	900.00
Collector's Commission and Abatements	500.00
Support of Poor	1000.00
Contingent Expenses	1500.00
To pay interest	900.00
To pay Bonds	2000.00
Memorial Day	20.00
Unpaid highway tax	217.22
Overlay in assessing	618.89
	—————10,256.11
Committed to collector	\$13,575.68

Highway tax	3500.00
Overlay in assessing	64.00
Committed to highway surveyors	—————\$3,564.80

### Town Farm.

To cash paid for supplies etc.	
Bailey Bros., grain and groceries	\$64.67
Fitting wood for schools, 1896	8.00
Charles Rowe, phosphate and groceries	51.79
Warren Strout, salary as Overseer	250.00
W. H. Storer, repairs 1896	.50
Paid for cows	55.00
Joseph Woodsom, work in haying	17.75
F. A. Pulsifer, repairs 1896	1.97
John Hanscom, rent of farm	37.25
S. O. Russell, beef	8.00
J. S. Briggs, supplies and saw bill	24.84
Stock on hand Feb. 24, 1897	431.00
Hay, Grain, groceries on hand Feb. 24, '97	217.22
Paid by Overseer for supplies	405.08
Total debit	—————\$1573.07

TOWN FARM.	CR.
By rent of old farm	\$25.00
Wood furnished schools	40.00
Cream sold	175.38
Cows sold	114.50
Produce sold	168.52
4 1/2 M shingles	9.00
Produce on hand	
15 tons hay	150.00
2 1-2 tons bedding	12.50
30 bush. potatoes	25.00
25 " carrots	7.50
2 " turnips	.60
5 gal. vinegar	.75
100 lbs. pork	8.00
1 1-4 bbl. flour	7.50
Sugar	1.25
1 lb. tea	.45
1 lb. coffee	.17
Soap	.25
Washing powder	.40
Spices and lard	2.20
Kerosene	.20
Eggs	.40
3 lbs. butter	.60
1 gal. Molasses	.35
4 lbs. rice	.20
300 lbs. C S Meal	3.60
200 " Bran	1.90
5 bush. Meal	2.00
1 bag Feed flour	1.30
6 bush. beans	9.00
Northern corn	5.00
8 barrels	1.20
	—————\$774.72
NEAT STOCK ON HAND.	
2 horses	125.00
4 cows	140.00
4 heifers	120.00

By 1 calf	5.00
3 shoats	15.00
1 breeding sow	15.00
50 hens	25.00
	<hr/> \$ 445.00
Total credit	1219.72
Total amount paid out for farm	\$1573.07
Total amt. of credit	1219.72
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Balance against farm	353.35

PAUPERS WHO HAVE BEEN ON FARM DURING THE YEAR.

Mary Snell, Betsy Orr, Bert Estes, Charles Thurlow (died), Charles Bonnett, Waldron Harris, Lydia Harris and the four Winslow children. Number at present time 5. Average for year 4.

We have furnished lodging and "grub" for 42 tramps.

The farm has been under care of Warren Strout and wife as Overseer and Matron. They have labored for the best interest of the town; we find everything indoors and out in first-class shape. Mr. Strout, by hard work, raised plenty of potatoes and other vegetables, beans, etc. needed on the farm; also a good crop of yellow corn and carrots to feed the stock. It will be necessary to purchase a wagon and harness the present year, also some furniture for the house, probably amounting in all to \$150.

Cost of Poor off of Farm.

Dexter Taylor	\$2.00
John Strout, Doctor's bill	17.50
Charles Thurlow, sickness and burial expense	47.25
Amos Harris, wife and Waldron Harris	136.75
Augustus Bragdon, sickness	22.95
A. M Andrews	5.00
Edgar Wheeler, no settlement in state	18.00
Alex. Blake, " " "	3.00
Mrs. Ruby, " " "	43.00
Fred Bragdon	6.25
Esther Bowtelle	93.20
E. H Field, paid Raymond	89.97
Lewis Walker	1.75

Joseph Strout's children	4.00
Winslow Children	7.12
Daniel S. Tripp	20.00
Calvin Tripp	5.00
Freeman Smith	10.00
Otis N. Haskell	58.30
Hannah Walker	25.00
Mrs. Wash Strout, Doctor's bill	18.00
Bert Estes	2.60
Betsy Orr, Doctor's bill	27.50
Charles Woodsom	43.91
	<hr/> \$708.05
Dependent soldiers	368.45
Balance against farm	353.35
	<hr/> \$1229.85

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

I. E. Bonney	83.75
G W Walker	94.35
L A Tripp	41.50
Tim Berry	83.00
Wesley Herrick, paid city of Westbrook	65.85
	<hr/> \$368.45
Paid burial expense of Erastus Thurlow	\$35.00
Received from State	35.00
Paid Insane Hospital for J. W. Mills	\$201.54
Due from Estate	201.54

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Thomas Andrews, soldier Buckfield	\$77.25
Richard Edwards, Casco	17.00
Geo. Polland, Peru	5.00
E W Record, Mechanic Falls soldier	19.52
Lucy Edgecomb, " "	59.93
S A Cox, Hebron	8.00
J W May, Raymond	98.00
C R Strout "	29.62
Herbert May "	36.00
Wm Cash "	20.00

Algernon Cox, Hebron	25.00
Susan Carpenter, New Gloucester	10.00
Alphonso Hodgkins, Gray	10.00
Elisha Hodgkins, "	2.50
Mrs. David French, Bath	10.00
	<hr/> \$407.82
Amt. of above bills unpaid	232.70

### Abatements and Collector's Commissions.

L. T. Brown commission on tax of 1896	\$244.01
L. T. Brown collector, abatements 1895	8.90
L. T. Brown " " 1896	117.13
Sundry persons, abatement tax of 1895	5.30
Sundry persons, " " 1896	102.18
Sundry persons, " " 1897	15.00
	<hr/> \$492.72

### Schools.

Appropriated by town	\$2000.00
Received from State	947.62
Free High School, Town	250.00
Free High School, State	269.75
Towns of Minot and Casco, tuition	222.00
Unexpended Feb. 24, 1897	73.30
	<hr/> \$3762.67
Orders drawn on Supervisor's approved bills	3502.50
Unexpended Feb. 24, 1898	260.17

### TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriated by town	\$200.00
Unexpended Feb. 24, 1897	88.26
Total book fund	<hr/> 288.26
Orders drawn on Supervisor's approved bills	141.78
Unexpended Feb. 24, 1898	146.48

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Appropriated by town	\$150.00
Unexpended Feb. 24, 1897	254.16
Total repair fund	<u>404.16</u>
Orders drawn on Supervisor's approved bills	183.31
Unexpended Feb. 24, 1898	<u>220.85</u>

Road Repairs.

Paid for stone pipe	\$239.00
O. W. Thurston, labor	11.30
J. H. McCann,	5.29
W. L. Boothby,	2.00
A. W. Farr, smith work	.95
Joseph Sampson, labor	5.00
V P Waterhouse,	6.00
Henry Sampson,	2.00
H J Brown,	3.00
Edgar Foster,	28.78
Jonas Edwards	24.34
J H McCann	13.05
O H Guptill	5.25
Ward Strout	1.50
Mathew Berry	2.25
Reuben Dunn	13.99
J W Morse	4.06
Thomas Verrill	4.35
Edgar Foster	6.00
J I Chipman, cash paid for work	9.63
Clayton Felker, labor	3.78
B F Schillenger	3.50
F E Brown, smith work	3.75
E L Dudley, labor	12.10
Ernest Archibald, labor	27.13
G W Blair	1.49
Mont Blair	3.75
Fred Bragdon	5.25
Dennis Bragdon	2.23
L N Hayes	5.00

Mellen Mills labor	\$7.30
Orin Schillenger	56.25
W H Storer	17.38
C M Jordan	39.91
I E Bonney	1.50
F C Wescott	15.79
W H Storer smith work	3.23
E L Dudley labor	7.00
Road Machine Repairs	9.25
E A Libby, plank	19.02
V H Yeaton, labor	14.22
Clayton Felker	5.05
Edwin Woodsom	1.30
F E Brown, smith work	2.00
Wm. Greenbanks labor	4.50
O C Stinchfield plank	32.92
L B Grant labor	5.25
R J Strout	2.25
S O Keene and others	66.75
Clayton Felker and others	59.17
B A Carpenter	10.00
Freeman Berry	19.12
J P Grant moving stone wall	25.00
L N Hayes labor	25.00
G O Goodwin & Co.	4.50
Ernest Archibald	20.25
W S Mills	5.06
C E Emery	1.43
Warren Strout	3.50
A M Andrews	2.05
Frank Estes	5.55
Clinton Ray	3.50
Charles Rowe	3.55
Lorenzo Bailey	1.40
V H Yeaton	13.00
R B Taylor	21.82
O H Guptill	10.20
John Stone	3.37
F P Megquier	31.25

Edwin Johnson	\$15.96
John Hanscom, lumber	7.17
Elmer Tripp, labor	2.50
Almon Chaplin	2.56
S O Keene	3.75
Thomas Verrill	11.26
E L Dudley	3.50
Frank Strout	12.40
	—————\$1094.41

GRADING GOWELL HILL.

Geo. Walker labor	\$7.82
A. E. Wight	30.00
T. T. Marston, smith work	12.06
M. W. McKnight, labor and cash paid	37.22
Bailey Bros., cash paid for labor	30.89
	————— 117.99

WATERING TUBS.

A. E. Wight	\$3.00
Robert Haggett	5.00
Denis Bragdon	3.00
Geo. Carpenter	3.00
Excelsior Grange	3.00
F. Storer	3.00
	————— 20.00

SNOW BILLS.

M. L. Mills	\$4.25
O H Guphill	5.02
Sam'l Taylor	4.29
Freeman Strout	3.30
Freeman Berry	2.85
Frank Strout	1.80
O A Schillenger	7.25
G W Strout	5.70
D S Tripp, Bryant and Blackcat Dists.	14.10
John Strout	4.80
W Verrill, Bryant Dist.	2.74
Augustus Bragdon	4.50

Frank Strout	\$6.60
Elmer Tripp, Bryant Dist.	2.70
Warren Strout, town farm	25.00
D S Tripp	9.00
	<hr/> \$103.90
Total	\$1336.30

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### Cost of Vault.

F. J. Barton	labor	\$1.20
Mellen Mills		6.00
Town Farm, man and team		14.00
P. & R. F. Ry., freight on brick		25.03
Carleton Bros. & Co., lime and cement		22.10
T. J. Willett, brick		94.00
C. E. Chipman, lumber		15.37
Lorenzo Bailey, labor		22.87
A M Andrews		12.25
H D Lerry, stone work		59.52
Hodgkins, Foss & Adams		1.40
P. & R. F. Ry., freight		1.26
Arthur B. Curtis, vault doors		100.00
Charles Rowe, labor		4.00
E G Knight, material		5.05
C G Morrell, mason work		32.40
C W Chipman,		32.40
C W Chipman, paid for nails		.23
P. & R. F. Ry., steel rails		10.75
Jordan, Frost & Co., lumber		31.06
Otis H. Campbell, carpenter work		27.19
John Harper, painting and material		7.40
P. & R. F. Ry, freight on lumber		1.29
Elms & Hall, hardware		4.06
John S. Briggs, material		1.74
		<hr/> \$532.57

## Contingent Expenses.

W. H. Weeks, printing report 1896	\$28.00
J. I. Chipman, selectman 1896	134.00
W. W. Dennen, selectman 1896	56.50
F. A. Pulsifer, treasurer 1896	75.00
R. J. Everett, supervisor of schools	209.00
John A. Morrill, legal services	15.75
J. I. Chipman, postage, car fare and justice fees	38.96
L. T. Brown, calling town meetings 1896-'97	6.00
J. C. Berry, wood for town house	2.25
Disinfectants for Board of Health	.65
Loring, Short & Harmon, books and stationery	19.56
F. A. Pulsifer, postage	3.75
Repairs on town house	3.40
J. Walker M D, record of births	1.50
L. H. Poore M D, record of births and deaths	2.00
W. W. Dennen, justice fees	.50
O. W. Thurston, wood for town house	2.25
J. I. Chipman, selectman 1897 (in part)	50.00
	—————\$649.07

## Resources.

Due from L. T. Brown, collector 1897	\$10,713.50
taxes sold 1896	175.83
town of Buckfield	77.25
town of Casco	17.00
town of Peru	5.00
town of Mechanic Falls	71.63
town of Raymond	85.62
town of Hebron	33.00
town of New Gloucester	10.00
city of Bath	10.00
estate of J W Mills	201.54
Minot and Casco, tuition	222.00
C. H. Brown woodlot	200.00
Cash in treasury	301.87
	—————\$12,124.24

## Liabilities.

4 per ct Coupon Bonds (\$2000. due Sept. 1, '98)	\$16000.00
4 per ct bonds old issue, due July 1, 1899	500.00
5 per ct bonds old issue, due July 1, 1899	300.00
5 per ct town orders on demand	2000.00
4 per ct town orders on demand	1100.00
Outstanding orders not on interest	467.08
Town officers bills for 1897 due	506.00
Due on County tax of 1897	921.01
Total liabilities Feb. 24, 1898	<u>\$21,794.09</u>

### TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

Selectmen	261.50
Treasurer	100.00
Supervisor of Schools	144.50
Board of Health, estimated	50.00
	<u>556.00</u>

Fifty dollars of above bills paid.

## Appropriations and Expenditures.

	Appropriated.	Expended.
School fund	\$3762.67	\$3502.50
Text book and repair fund	692.42	325.09
Repairs of highways	900.00	1336.30
Abatements and collector's com.	500.00	492.72
To pay bonds	2000.00	2000.00
To pay interest	900.00	796.69
Memorial Day	20.00	20.00
Support of Poor	1000.00	1229.85
Balance against farm		353.35
Cost of vault		532.57
Contingent 1500.00 }	2118.89	649.07
Overlay 618.89 }		
Unpaid highway tax	217.22	
	<u>12,111.20</u>	<u>11,238.14</u>
Unexpended		\$873.06

## Recommendations.

We would respectfully recommend the following appropriations for 1898,—

Repairs of roads and bridges,	\$2000.00
Support of Poor,	1200.00
Contingent expenses,	1500.00
To pay interest,	900.00
To pay bonds,	2000.00
Collector's com. and abatements	500.00
Memorial Day,	20.00

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One suit is pending against the town of Mechanic Falls for supplies furnished Lucy Edgecomb.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. CHIPMAN,	} Selectmen	
W. W. DENNEN,		of
E. G. KNIGHT,		} 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 24, 1898.

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Cash in treasury Feb. 24, 1897	\$2959.25
From L. T. Brown collector, 1896	3204.84
L. T. Brown       "       1897	3262.18
Selectmen's orders of 1897	3350.00
State Treasurer. school fund and mill tax	947.62
State Treasurer, for Free High School 1896	211.50
State Treasurer,       "       "       "       1897	269.75
State Treasurer, dog license ref'd on state tax	132.61
State Treasurer, soldier's state pension	264.00
State Treasurer, for burial of soldier	35.00
State Treasurer, on railroad and telegraph tax	.28
Town of Minot, school tuition 1896	200.00
Town of Minot, school tuition 1897	200.00
Town of Casco,       "       "       1896	16.00
Town Clerk, dog license	141.00
J. I. Chipman, on rent of old town farm	17.25
V. P. Waterhouse, guardian of J. W. Mills	196.63
C. S. Strout, road tax collected	33.06
J. A. Turner, empty beer kegs	7.25
Moses P. Johnson, peddler's license	6.00
George Nason, non-resident tax 1896	38.25
Llewellyn Bryant, tax of 1896	12.73
T. J. Strout,       "       1892	19.00
L. N Hayes,       "       1896	6.75
Town of Peru, pauper bill	37.00
Town of Gray,	12.50
Town of Raymond, pauper bill	224.96
Town of Yarmouth,	15.00
Town of Casco,	5.00
Town of Mechanic Falls,	19.52
	\$15,844.93

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By cash paid out.

Town orders not bearing interest	\$9642.81
Town orders bearing interest	300.00
Interest on orders	29.69
Bonds	2000.00
Interest on bonds	767.00
State Treasurer, state tax	2198.56
State Treasurer, dog license	141.00
County Treasurer, on county tax	200.00
Aid to soldiers,	264.00
Cash in treasury	301.87
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	\$15,844.93

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 8, 1897, Clarence E. Haskell was chosen Chairman, and Jason Walker, Sec'y. John S. Briggs Jr., the new member, was present. The second quarterly meeting was held Aug. 21; the third Nov. 27 and the last Feb. 12, 1898. All members were present at each meeting.

Diphtheria has been reported to me three times during the year; each time only a single case. In the last two cases I disinfected the houses with the new disinfectant, Formaldehyde, which is far more effective, and much less disagreeable to the family than fumigating with sulphur. No case of typhoid or scarlet fever has been reported. There have been several cases of measles but only one case was reported. I will call your attention to the following,—

“Householders and physicians are required by law to report cases of the following diseases to the local Board of Health: Diphtheria, Membranous Croup, Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Measles, Whooping Cough, Cerebro-spinal Meningitis, Small Pox, Cholera, Typhus Fever, Pulmonary Tuberculosis or Consumption.”

There were 35 deaths in Poland during the year 1897 and the number of births in the same time was 24.

Respectfully submitted,  
JASON WALKER M. D., Sec'y.,  
Board of Health.

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### NOTICE.

The law requires that the Board of Health shall annually in March provide for free vaccination, with cow-pox, of all 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 Poland Board of Health requests that the head of each family notify the Sec., Dr. Jason Walker, at the annual town meeting if they wish to have any member or members of their family vaccinated this spring. 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,—

The Superintendent of Schools herewith presents the following statement of the condition, progress and expenditures of your schools for the year ending March 1, 1898:

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Whole number of pupils in town	391
Whole number attending Summer schools	296
Average " " " "	251
Whole number attending Fall schools	281
Average " " " "	239
Whole number attending Winter schools	287
Average " " " "	243
Whole number of different pupils attending school	342
Number of terms taught by male teachers	12
Number of terms taught by female teachers	40
Av. wages of male teachers per month excl'd'g. board	\$24.66 2-3
Av. wages of female teachers per week excl'd'g. board	4.41 7-8
Av. price of board per week for male teachers	2.41 2-3
Av. price of board per week for female teachers	2.22 1-2

## RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for common schools	\$2000.00
Received from State for common schools	947.62
Town appropriation for Free High School	250.00
Received from State for Free High School	269.75
Due from town of Minot for tuition	200.00
Due from town of Casco	22.00
Unexpended balance	62.11
Total	\$3751.48

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Summer schools	\$1169.00
Fall schools	992.00
Winter schools	901.25
Fuel	161.97
Care of schoolrooms	114.45
Cleaning schoolrooms	33.50
Conveyance of pupils	35.00

Incidentals	14.69
Town of New Gloucester tuition	6.50
Total	<u>\$3428.36</u>

Unexpended balance 323.12

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Appropriated by Town	150.00
Expended	167.98
Overdrawn	<u>17.98</u>

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriated by Town	\$200.00
Expended	142.07
Unexpended balance	<u>57.93</u>

Tabular Statement.

SUMMER TERM.

No. of school.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Av. attendance.	Not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day.	Daily recitations.	Wages per week excluding board.	Price of board per week.	Total cost of term.
1	Gertrude Cummings	10	11	9	1	24	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$45.00
2	Jennie Latham	10	20	17	7	26	4.00	2.00	60.00
3	Vivian Howard	1					4.50	2.50	
3	Clarence Haskell	9	21	18	6	26	5.50	2.50	79.00
4	Laura S Snell	10	22	18	2	30	5.00	2.00	70.00
5	Emma J Merrill	10	26	22	2	27	6.00	2.25	82.50
6	Mary L Bickford	10	25	22	5	30	5.00	2.00	70.00
7	Isabelle S Jordan	10	19	17	3	26	4.00	2.50	65.00
8	R J Everett (High School)	10	22	18	3	18	10.00	2.50	125.00
8	Iva M Russell (Primary)	10	22	19	2	20	5.00	2.50	75.00
9	Lizzie Strout	10	10	8	0	30	3.50	2.25	57.50
10	Rose Storer	10	9	8	2	29	4.00	2.00	60.00
14	Nettie C Merrill	10	11	9	0	24	4.00	2.25	62.50
16	Sadie M Russell	10	14	10	3	30	4.00	2.00	60.00
18	Alma Sawyer	10	11	10	5	21	4.00	2.00	60.00
21	Grace C Dunn	10	7	6	3	12	3.00	2.25	52.50
22	Annie B Crooker	10	30	27	4	31	6.00	2.50	85.00
25	Herman Haskell	10	16	13	2	27	4.00	2.00	60.00
									<u>\$1169.00</u>

FALL TERM.

No. of school.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Av. attendance.	Not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day.	Daily recitations.	Wages per week excluding board.	Price of board per week.	Total cost of term.
1	Laura S. Snell	8	10	9	4	24	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$48.00
2	Jennie Latham	8	20	17	5	28	4.00	2.50	52.00
3	Grace Bartlett	8	23	22	15	20	5.00	2.50	60.00
4	W W McCann	8	24	20	4	26	5.50	2.50	64.00
5	Emma J Merrill	8	26	21	3	30	6.00	2.25	66.00
6	Mary L Bickford	8	20	18	6	28	5.00	2.00	56.00
7	Isabelle S Jordan	8	16	14	3	28	4.00	2.50	60.00
8	R J Everett (High School)	8	24	19	1	18	10.00	2.50	100.00
8	Iva M Russell (Primary)	8	22	19	3	18	5.50	2.50	54.00
9	E R Cobb	8	9	8	4	25	5.00	2.50	60.00
10	Grace E Bumpus	8	10	9	2	35	4.00	2.50	52.00
14	Rose Storer	8	11	9	0	27	4.00	2.00	48.00
15	C E Haskell	8	8	7	6	30	5.00	2.50	60.00
16	Evelyn A Dunn	8	11	8	2	26	3.50	1.75	42.00
18	Alma Sawyer	8	10	7	1	23	4.00	2.00	48.00
21	Phill Everett	8	10	7	2	18	3.50	2.00	44.00
22	Annie B Crooker	8	27	25	7	33	6.00	2.50	68.00
									\$992.00

WINTER TERM.

1	Laura S. Snell	7	13	13	7	30	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$42.00
2	Jennie Latham	7	15	13	4	33	4.00	2.50	45.50
3	Grace Bartlett	7	25	23	10	30	5.00	2.50	52.50
4	W W McCann	7	24	17	7	25	5.50	2.50	56.00
5	Emma J Merrill	7	24	21	1	30	6.00	2.50	59.50
6	Mary L Bickford	7	20	16	0	29	5.00	2.00	49.00
7	Isabelle S Jordan	7	14	13	3	28	4.00	2.50	45.50
8	R J Everett (High School)	7	28	24	2	17	10.00	2.50	87.50
8	Iva M Russell (Primary)	7	20	16	6	20	5.50	2.50	56.00
9	Harriet Cole	7	9	8	7	30	3.00	2.00	35.00
10	Grace E Bumpus	7	10	9	6	34	4.00	2.50	45.50
14	Rose Storer	7	11	10	4	30	4.00	2.00	42.00
15	C E Haskell	7	7	6	1	20	5.00	2.50	52.50
16	Nettie C Merrill	7	11	8	2	37	3.50	2.00	38.50
18	E R Cobb	7	11	9	6	26	5.00	2.50	52.50
21	Evelyn A Dunn	7	7	5	2	21	3.75	2.00	40.25
22	Annie B Crooker	7	28	25	0	30	6.00	2.50	59.50
25	Grace C Dunn	7	10	9	5	24	4.00	2.00	42.00
									\$901.25

## Remarks.

Entering upon the duties as Superintendent of Schools without experience I did not think it expedient to depart from the usual course pursued by my predecessors. I have endeavored to retain as many as possible of the teachers who have been associated with our schools in the past. The work done in our schools the past year, with a few exceptions, is all that could be expected. It is unjust, as it is unwise, to select any school for commendation or reproof. A model school is found only when the teacher has a peculiar knack and fitness for the work.

Morals and manners, habits of neatness, a regard for the tidy appearance of the schoolroom and the care of school books are subjects that should be forcibly presented to the pupils and kept constantly in mind. No teacher however well qualified can accomplish this alone; they need our aid and support as parents. Therefore it behooves us to instruct our children that our public schools are for a purpose; that our schoolhouses and school books are expensive necessities and not to be defaced or destroyed.

Some of our districts, by the efforts of teacher and pupils, have beautified and adorned the walls of the schoolroom with pictures. This is a step in the right direction. The schoolroom should be a representation of the refined and homelike appearance of the sitting room rather than the shop.

Free High Schools have been maintained at No. 8, Minot Corner, and No. 3, West Poland, through the year.

Consolidation of schools is a subject that has been brought before you for consideration in former reports. I believe it can not be successfully done until suitable carriages are purchased for transportation of pupils.

The blackboards in several schools are in poor condition and will need to be replaced by new ones. There have not been any repairs made on the schoolhouses in districts No. 15 and 25; both houses need to be replastered, and in No. 15 the underpinning reset. One school properly located would accommodate both districts. I believe steps should be taken to bring this about.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For common schools	\$2500.00
Free High School	250.00
text books	200.00
repairs	200.00

Respectfully submitted,  
F. B. SHACKFORD,  
Sup't. of Schools.

S. L. LITTLEFIELD, Ch'rm'n.,  
F. E. HANSCOM,  
C. L. PULSIFER,  
M. C. DAVIS,  
Members of School Board.

## Warrant.

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 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 14th 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 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 repairs of roads and bridges.

NINTH.- To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor.

TENTH.- To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.

ELEVENTH.- To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on bonds and orders.

TWELFTH.- To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay bonds maturing September 1, 1898.

THIRTEENTH.- To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay collector's commission and abatements.

FOURTEENTH.- To see what sum of money the town will vote to donate to help defray the expense of Memorial Day.

FIFTEENTH.- To see if the town will vote to purchase horses, harness and all necessary machines, tools, and carts for building and repairing their roads summer and winter, and to see what sum of money they will vote to raise for that purpose.

SIXTEENTH.- To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to hire money not exceeding \$2000.00 on demand in anticipation of taxes.

SEVENTEENTH.- To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the town clerk and selectmen.

EIGHTEENTH.- To see if the town will vote to instruct the treasurer to pay no town orders to citizens of the town who owe the town taxes or other bills.

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 26th day of February, A. D., 1898.

J. I. CHIPMAN, } Selectmen  
W. W. DENNEN, } of  
E. G. KNIGHT, } Poland.