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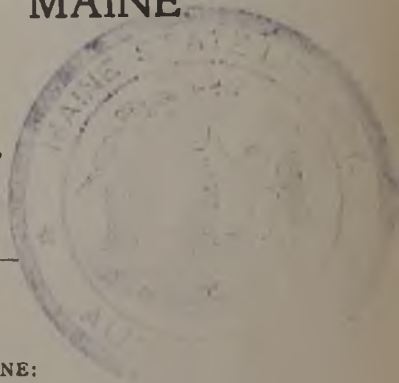
OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

GOULDSBORO, MAINE

1910---11.



ELLSWORTH, MAINE:

CAMPBELL PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS,

1911

JUL 30 1912

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

JAMES W. BUNKER, STEPHEN C. COLE,
CHARLES L. TRACY.

Town Clerk—FRANK P. NOYES.

Superintending School Committee.

BYRON MOORE, CHAS. L. TRACY,
JAS. A. HILL.

Superintendent of Schools, (Union Towns)

A. W. GORDON.

Road Commissioners,

FRANK L. ROLF, C. C. TRACY
S. E. COFFIN.

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Report of Assessors.

VALUATION,

Real estate, resident,	\$ 222,372 00	
Real estate, non-resident,	82,199 00	
		\$304,571 00
Personal estate, resident,	\$ 47,423 00	
Personal estate, non-resident,	7,476 00	
		\$54,899 00
 Total valuation,		 \$359,470 00
No. of polls taxed,	387	
No. of polls not taxed,	67	

454

Poll tax rate \$3.00. Rate of taxation, .0165.

AMOUNT ASSESSED FOR 1910.

For contingent fund,	\$ 450 00	
support of schools,	1,200 00	
support of poor,	300 00	
text books, etc.,	150 00	
repair school property,	300 00	
repair roads,	1,000 00	
repair bridges,	300 00	
blasting on roads,	300 00	
State road,	200 00	
Memorial Day,	25 00	
Supt. of schools,	150 00	
State tax,	1,752 76	
county tax,	629 70	
Int. on school fund,	14 25	
overlay,	417 54	
Fractional gain,	2 31	
		\$7,091 56

Respectfully submitted,
 JAMES W. BUNKER,
 STEPHEN COLE,
 CHAS. L. TRACY,
Assessors.

Report of Selectmen.

CONTINGENT FUND.

DR.

To balance unexpended Feb. 15, 1910,	\$949 60
balance in treasury, less amounts due various appropriations Feb. 15, 1910,	521 84
appropriation,	450 00
appropriation, Memorial Day,	25 00
appropriation, Supt. of schools,	150 00
overlay, assessment,	417 54
fractional gain assessment,	2 31
J. A. Hill, balance 1908 tax,	65 22
Ernest Rice, collector 1910, interest on taxes,	24 80
State treasurer, dog license refunded,	52 99
rent town house,	6 60
State treasurer, account sheep fund,	243 50
interest paid to treasurer,	4 23
interest paid to treasurer, bank account,	25 17
S. L. Kingsley, tax,	36 50
E. P. Parker, rent Corea schoolhouse,	14 50
Mrs. Andrew Joy, tax,	8 46
Simeon Sargent, tax,	4 43

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\$3,001 89

CR.

By John Bridges, sheep killed by dogs,	\$15 00
G. P. Bunker, board health,	3 20
O. L. Tracy, balance services selectman, 1909,	3 80
R. E. Tracy, legal services sup't, asst., etc.,	52 00
S. R. Bunker, posting warrants,	3 00
J. W. Bunker, telephone charges, etc.,	5 28
Campbell Publishing Co., town reports,	18 50

By F. J. Bunker, housing road machine,	\$ 2 50
J. D. Wood, moderator,	7 00
Byron Moore, services S. S. committee,	10 95
Fannie Sargent, board O. L. Tracy on ass't taxes,	7 00
Henry Bunker, board Stephen Cole on ass't taxes,	8 00
Stephen Cole, balance services, 1909,	6 85
Stephen Cole, services selectman, 1910,	65 85
O. L. Tracy, services selectman, 1910,	61 00
J. W. Bunker, services selectman, 1910,	130 00
O. L. Tracy and S. E. Coffin, expenses to State road convention,	4 60
Loring, Short & Harman, town books,	18 70
Loring, Short & Harmon, dog license and record book,	4 35
D. A. Thear Post, G. A. R., for Memorial Day,	25 00
O. L. Tracy, freight on castings,	99
C. M. Conant Co., castings for road ma- chine,	2 40
Ernest Rice, abatement, error on E. H. Young tax,	2 35
J. A. Hill, services, etc., S. S. Com.,	13 25
Ernest Rice, services truant officer,	5 00
Ernest Rice, col., abatement Jason Sar- gent full tax,	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, stationery, etc.,	7 00
A. W. Gordan, Supt. of schools,	142 29
O. L. Tracy, Horace Guptill and G. H. Perry, shingling town house,	25 00
Ernest Rice, col., discount on taxes paid before July 1,	202 83
S. P. Bunker, board of health,	2 50
W. F. Hutchings, shingles for town house,	44 25
C. M. Conant Co., repair road machine,	69
S. P. Bunker, posting Sept. warrants,	3 00
S. E. Coffin and others, fighting fire,	20 00
Ernest Rice, services and supplies, act. board of health,	60 25

By C. L. Tracy, services S. S. com ,	\$ 16 60
F. A. Patten, deputy sheriff, services,	2 00
R. D. Guptill, sheep killed by dogs, in 1909 and 1910,	18 00
H. O. Guptill, sheep killed by dogs in 1909 and 1910,	42 00
E. S. Traov, sheep killed by dogs in 1909,	12 00
Henry Crane, sheep killed by dogs in 1909,	15 00
Jerard C. Crane, sheep killed by dogs in 1909,	15 00
Wm. Stevens, note and int. 1 year,	312 00
Geo. Joy, and others, fighting fire,	20 25
Henry Tracy, watching E. H. Young fire,	2 00
F. P. Sargent, services ballot clerk,	3 00
R. D. Guptill, services ballot clerk,	3 00
A. R. Joy, services ballot clerk,	3 00
Oecil Rosebrooks, services ballot clerk,	3 00
L. S. Ray, supplies for board health,	7 06
O. O. Larrabee, birth and death certificates,	7 25
A. E. Small, birth and death certificates,	6 00
A. E. Small, disinfectant and call for board health,	6 25
D. W. Joy for public watering place,	3 00
Amasa Young for public watering place,	3 00
Pearl Bunker for public watering place,	3 00
Mrs. J. W. Bunker, note and interest,	346 47
J. W. Bunker, note and interest,	236 63
C. F. Jacobs, office rent,	5 50
Ernest Rice, abatement Wm. Fernald tax,	6 66
Byron Moore, telephones, etc., S. S. Com.,	3 30
L. P. Cole, commission treasurer, 1910-11,	101 30
L. P. Cole, town supplies,	5 25
J. A. Hill, abatement taxes, 1908,	23 56
Ernest Rice, stationery,	3 14
Ernest Rice, collector, abatements, 1910,	63 74
Ernest Rice, commission, 1910 tax,	177 29
J. A. Hill, truant officer,	2 00
J. A. Hill, teams and telephones, S. S. committee,	5 75

By E. K. Merritt, care town house,	\$ 2 50	
F. P. Noyes, stage boards and carting for town house,	6 75	
J. W. Bunker, telephones, stationery, etc.,	11 91	
	<hr/>	\$2,491 54
Balance unexpended,		510 35
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		\$3,001 89

STATE ROAD FUND.

DR.

To appropriation,	\$200 00	
State aid received,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

CR.

By overdraw, 1909,	\$ 25 99	
U. T. Hooper & Son, rendrock,	31 00	
Edgar Handy, grading and blasting,	37 24	
Geo. Joy, grading and blasting,	35 94	
Lee Coffin, grading and blasting,	20 37	
Harry Coffin, grading and blasting,	21 43	
Geo. Perry, grading and blasting,	21 25	
Horace Guptill, grading and blasting,	22 66	
Ambros Young, grading and blasting,	33 94	
M. W. Hooper, foreman blasting and sharpening,	36 56	
C. L. Tracy, blasting,	17 50	
Alfred Young, grading,	7 87	
S. E. Coffin, foreman, team and material,	121 47	
	<hr/>	\$433 22
Overdraw,		\$33 22

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DR.

To appropriation, roads,	\$1,000 00	
bridges,	300 00	
blasting,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

CR.

By allotment to F. L. Rolf, Dist. No. 1,	\$533 33	
S. E. Coffin, Dist. No. 2,	533 33	
O. O. Tracy, Dist. No. 3,	533 34	
	<hr/>	\$1,600 00

REPORT OF

F. L. ROLF, COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 1.

DR.

To amount allotted,	\$533 33
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CR.

By F. L. Rolf, labor,	\$56 00
B. H. Rolf, labor,	49 89
L. M. Orcutt, labor,	26 25
L. M. Orcutt, team,	8 25
Elmer Rolf, labor,	55 47
E. O. Hammond, rendrock,	7 00
N. W. Bunker,	38 84
F. L. Rolf, team,	25 50
John Tracy,	1 75
H. C. Bunker, boarding team,	1 46
Mahlon Witham,	5 25
F. L. Rolf,	32 00
F. P. Noyes, plank and nails,	29 76
Fred Ashe, plank,	1 16
Henry Bunker, boarding team and men,	13 28
G. O. Gouldshoro, sharpening drills,	3 70
Asa Stevens, use of drills,	3 00
George Sargent, labor,	14 88
snow bill,	6 32
Lewis Bunker, labor,	88
Calvin Lawrence, labor, team and board,	65 30
Ira Guptill, labor and team,	45 00
Ezra Butler,	1 75
George Sargent,	5 25
F. L. Rolf,	6 00
Elmer Rolf,	5 25
N. W. Bunker,	88
F. L. Rolf, team,	3 00

By F. P. Noyes, plank and nails,	\$ 1 50	
	<hr/>	\$514 57
Balance unexpended,		18 76
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		\$533.30

REPORT OF
S. E. COFFIN, COMMISSIONER, DIST. NO. 2.

DR

To amount allotted,	\$533 33	
John Whitaker and others, plank,	9 20	
	<hr/>	\$542 53

CR

By S. E. Coffin, for labor,	\$55 00
S. E. Coffin, for horses,	49 34
Leigh Coffin,	41 95
Ohas. Tracy,	15 51
Edgar Handy,	29 06
George Joy,	29 94
George Perry,	4 00
Alvah Dyer, iron work,	5 60
Fred Coffin, for plank,	27 00
Ira Guptill, labor,	20 00
Ira Guptill, horses,	24 50
Lester Spurling,	7 88
Ernest Whitaker,	7 88
John Whitaker,	18 00
Jason L. Tracy,	4 88
Ohas. Young,	2 63
Horace Guptill,	1 75
Ed. Hammond, blasting material,	4 00
Brewer Spurling, horse,	2 00
T. S. Duniver,	87
Alfred Young,	30 23
E. F. Whitaker,	1 75
J. S. Young,	87
Jason Tracy,	28 45
Frank Libby,	24 50
Horses,	27 00
Harry-Coffin,	20 14

IO

By W. L. Tracy, gravel,	\$ 1 60	
Wm. Hutchings, gravel,	2 20	
H. E. Whitaker, gravel,	1 20	
M. Johnson, gravel,	6 50	
Wm. Sowle,	7 00	
Fred Coffin, plank,	4 16	
S. E. Coffin, cedar poles,	1 50	
S. E. Coffin, gravel,	1 90	
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Balance unexpended,		\$510 79
		31 74
		<hr/>
		\$542 53

REPORT OF

O. U. TRACY, COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 3.

DR.

To allotment, \$533 34

CR.

By O. O. Tracy, labor,	\$ 83 00
O. O. Tracy, team,	34 00
Elmer Rice and team,	57 00
Fay Tracy, labor,	58 19
Wiley Tracy, labor,	28 88
Wiley Tracy and team,	44 00
Elisha Young, labor,	47 35
Ray Stover, labor,	28 88
Marcellus Tracy, labor,	35 01
Carl Peters, labor,	14 44
Chas. Vansaw, dunnage,	2 00
Chas. Vansaw, labor,	3 12
Wm. Young, labor,	12 25
Irving Whitaker and team,	12 25
Aaron Rice, labor,	89
Henry Crane and team,	47 00
Lester Fitzgerald, labor,	2 89
Lee Willey and team,	24 38
Austin Tracy, labor,	6 13
Edgar Handy, labor,	28 00

By Ambrose Young, labor	\$ 28 00	
Frank Shaw and team,	75	
Frank Shaw, labor,	90	
board of teams,	26 35	
plank,	11 96	
gravel,	9 33	
nails and iron and other material,	6 82	
blasting material,	26 20	
sharpening drills,	5 68	
cement,	2 80	
	<hr/>	\$688 45
Oyerdrawn,		\$155 11

FINANCIAL STANDING.

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,	\$676 74	
Dyer's notes,	80 15	
Due from town of Jonesport for support of	78 57	
Esther Powers,	<hr/>	\$835 46

LIABILITIES.

Town orders unrepresented,	\$66 50	
F. P. Noyes, services town clerk,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 86 50
Balance, town's favor,		748 96
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		\$835 46

CONTINGENT RESOURCES.

In addition to the supplementary assessment of Rodick's Island in 1909, mentioned in the assessors' report last year amounting to \$642, the various owners of the island were assessed in the regular non-resident assessment of 1910, the taxes amounting to \$495.

The collector of taxes has been excused from pressing the collection of these two years' taxes, amounting to \$1,137, as matter of course, pending the decision of the law court as to whether the island is in the town of Eden or in this town. I decided to be in this town, then the taxes mentioned become due and payable to this town and thus swells the net resources \$1,137 more, or to a total of \$1,885.96, excepting, however, counsel fees and expenses which the selectmen deemed it ex-

pedient to incur, on the part of this town, in the report and hearing of the case before the law court.

It has been expected that the decision would have been rendered before making up this report; but, as it has not, the foregoing is given for the information of the voters.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. BUNKER,

STEPHEN COLE,

CHARLES L. TRACY,

Selectmen of Gouldsboro.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

A contract was made with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W Sargent for the support of the poor for one year ending May 6, 1911, they agreeing to feed, clothe and otherwise provide for poor to the satisfaction of the overseers for the sum of two hundred forty-nine dollars, and they have carried out the contract faithfully thus far. A bond was required and given for the faithful performance of this contract.

STATEMENT.

DR.

To balance unexpended,	\$458 57	
appropriation,	300 00	
town of Eastport,	41 07	
State, account Alfred Tracy burial ex-		
penses,	34 75	
		\$834 33

CR.

By J. W. Bunker, supplies for Merch Sullivan,	\$ 6 39	
Mark E. Tracy, act contract,	20 00	
Dr. A. E. Small, attendance M. Sullivan,	32 50	
Mark E. Tracy, act. contract,	20 00	
Mark E. Tracy, balance contract,	50 00	
Geo. Sargent, act. contract,	15 00	
Dr. Chas. O. Larrabee, services,	7 00	
Geo. W. Sargent, act. contract,	15 00	
R. Rand, casket for Alfred Tracy,	28 00	
L. P. Ocle, team and hearse for Alfred Tracy,	1 75	
Chas. Vansaw, digging grave, Alfred Tracy,	5 00	
Geo. W. Sargent, act. contract,	15 00	
Geo. W. Sargent, act. contract,	15 00	
Geo. W. Sargent, act. contract,	20 00	

By Geo. W Sargeut, act. contract,	\$40 00	
R. Rand, casket, etc , John Nutter,	21 50	
F. G. Rice, digging grave, John Nutter,	5 00	
Dr Larabee, attendance John Nutter,	2 00	
Thaddeus L. Young, care and board Es- tha Powers, act. Jonesport,	78 57	
Geo. Sargent, act. contract,	40 00	
J. W Bunker, transferring John Nutter's body,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$489 71
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$394 62
		<hr/> \$884 33

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BUNKER,
STEPHEN COLE,
C. L. TRACY.

Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

L. P. COLE, in acct. with Town of Gouldsboro.

DR.

1911.

Feb. 18. To cash from last report,	\$2,225 86
Ernest Rice, collector, tax 1910,	7,091 56
Ernest Rice, collector, int. on tax,	24 89
Ernest Rice, collector, int. on tax and note,	4 23
James A. Hill, collec- tor, tax 1908,	88 78
bank interest on deposit,	25 17
S. L. Kingsley,	36 50
Winter Harbor tuition,	156 48
E. P. Parker, use of schoolhouse,	14 50
Eastport, on acc't of pauper,	41 07
town clerk, for dog li- censes,	84 00
State, for soldiers' pen- sions,	102 00
on act. State road, sheep killed by dogs,	243 50
school and mill fund,	1,301 20
common school fund,	712 39
equalization fund,	142 45
dog licenses re- funded,	52 29

Feb. 18. To cash from State on acct. burial of Alfred Tracy,		\$34 75	
Mrs. Andrew Joy, tax 1909,		8 46	
Simeon Sargent, 1909,		4 43	
selectmen, use of town house,		6 00	
		-----	\$12,601 12
	CR:		
By paid town orders,		\$9,353 92	
county tax,		529 70	
State tax,		1,752 76	
State for dog licenses,		84 00	
State, soldiers' pensions,		204 00	
cash in treasury,		676 74	
		-----	\$12,601 12

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

GOULDSBORO, MAINE,

February 15, 1911.

*To the Members of the Superintending School Committee and the
Citizens of the Town of Gouldsboro:*

I respectfully submit the following report of the condition and progress of the schools of Gouldsboro for the year ending February 15, 1911.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Byron M. Moore, term expires March, 1911.

Charles L. Tracy, term expires March, 1912.

James A. Hill, term expires March, 1913.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

A. W. Gordon.

SCHOOL CENSUS.

The whole number of persons between five and twenty-one years of age in town on April 1, 1910, was found to be three hundred twenty-eight. Of this number forty-three were under seven years of age, one hundred seventy between seven and fifteen or within the compulsory school age, and one hundred fifteen were fifteen years of age or over.

SCHOOL POPULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.			Totals.
	Under 7	Between 7 and 15	15 or over.	
Ashville,.....	1.....	6.....	4.....	11
West Gouldsboro	5	20.....	11.....	36
South Gouldsboro	10.....	17.....	11.....	38
Birch Harbor.....	0.....	11.....	7.....	18
Bunker's Harbor..	2.....	10.....	2.....	14
Prospect Harbor..	6.....	27.....	36.....	69
Corea.....	9.....	35.....	15.....	59
Gouldsboro.....	9.....	35.....	26.....	70
Pond District.....	1.....	9.....	3.....	13
Totals	48	170	115	328

ENROLLMENT AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS	WHOLE NO. REGISTERED				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE			
	Spring	Fall	Winter	Average	Spring	Fall	Winter	Year
West Gouldsboro	25	26	25	25.3	21	22.7	18	20.56
South Gouldsboro	30	32	25	29	20	26	22.9	22.96
Birch Harbor	17	18	19	18	17	14	16	15.66
Bunker's Harbor	11	12	0	7.6	10	9.6	0	6.53
Prospect Harbor	42	38	44	41.3	33	29	39	33.66
Grammar	20	18	19	19	14	12	16	14
Primary	22	20	25	22.3	19	17	23	19.66
Corea	45	49	45	46.3	41	44.7	40.4	42.03
Grammar	15	23	22	20.3	12	19.7	21	17.56
Primary	30	26	22	26	29	25	19.4	24.47
Gouldsboro	46	43	39	42.6	42.9	39.6	34.7	39
Grammar	15	16	15	15.3	12.9	14.6	12.9	13.4
Primary	31	27	24	27.3	30	25	21.8	25.5
Pond District	14	13	0	9	13	12	0	8.33
Totals	230	231	197	219+	197.9	197.6	171	188+

Number of different scholars registered in common	.....
school for the year,	..... 243
Number registered for three terms,	..... 175
Number registered for two terms,	..... 42
Number registered for one term or less,	..... 26

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of town of Gouldsboro in 1910,	..... 1,349
Number of polls in 1910,	..... 387
Number of scholars on April 1, 1910,	..... 328
Percentage of school population attending common	.....
schools in town, ... ..	..... 57
Percentage of attendance for the State in 1909,	..... 45

REPORTS OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEAGUES.

Lincoln league, Gouldsboro; teachers, Josie Coffin, Florida Clark and Imogene Grant; members, thirty-six scholars, two teachers, no parents, total, thirty-eight members; amount of funds raised from dues, entertainment, supper, etc., \$20.97; expended for school improvement, \$16.07; balance in treasury at end of winter term, \$4.90.

Roosevelt league, Cores; teachers, Sara A Whitney, Lottie M. Crane and Emerline MacFarland; members, thirty-one scholars, two teachers, no parents, total, thirty-three members; amount of funds raised from dues, entertainments, socials, etc., \$23.24; expended for school improvement, \$9.11; balance in treasury at end of winter term, \$14.13.

McKinley league, Prospect Harbor; teachers, Leroy C. Arnold and Marian Peobody; funds raised from dues, entertainments, etc., \$31.07

Teachers Employed

FALL AND WINTER TERMS,

1910-11

TEACHERS EMPLOYED FALL AND WINTER TERMS, 1910—11.

Name.	School Taught	Terms	Graduate of	Partial Course	State Certificate	Terms Experience
Carrie Robertson.....	West Gouldsboro.....	2	M. O. Institute....	.....	Five Years..	23
Nettie M. Pollard	South Gouldsboro.....	2	Gorham Normal,..	.....	.....	39
Addie M. Guptill.....	Birch Harbor.....	1	.....	Castine Normal	.....	6
Gladys Hooper.....	Birch Harbor.....	1	.....	.....	.....	6
Gladys Hooper.....	Pond District	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vera Orane.....	Bunker's Harbor.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Leroy O. Arnold.....	P. H. Grammar	3	Calais High.....	.....	.....	14
Marion Peabody.....	P. H. Primary.....	2	M. O. Institute....	Gorham Normal	Three Years	7
Sara E. Whitney.....	Corea Grammar	2	Kenduskeag High	.....	.....	14
Lottie M. Orane.....	Corea Primary.....	2	.....	H. C. Institute.	.....	5
Emerline MacFarland ..	Corea Primary.....	1	.....	Castine Normal	.....	3
Josie Coffin.....	Gouldsboro Grammar.	2	.....	Castine Normal	.....	19
Imogene Grant.....	Gouldsboro Grammar..	1	Bluebill Academy.	.....	.....	6
Florice Clark.....	Gouldsboro primary..	3	Sullivan High.....	.....	Three Years	7
Average weekly salary of female teachers.....			\$ 8.68			
Average monthly salary of male teachers.....			43.00			
Number of teachers who attended summer school, 1910.....			2			
Number of teachers who attended Teachers' State Convention, 1910.....			0			

COMPARATIVE COST OF SCHOOLING.

School	Instruction	Fuel	Janitor Service	Conveyance	Board of Scholars	Totals	Av. Enrollment	Weeks of School	Cost of Schooling per scholar per wk.	Cost of Schooling per Scholar a year.
West Gouldsboro.....	\$282 00	\$19 85	\$11 20			\$313 05	25.3	28.	\$0 442	\$12 373
South Gouldsboro.....	262 00	32 00	14 50		\$47 00	355 50	29.	28.	0 438	12 26
Birch Harbor.....	238 00	18 00	18 00			274 00	18.	28.	0 543	15 22 ²
Bunker's Harbor.....	114 00	18 00	12 50			144 50	*11.5	19.	0 661	18 508
Prospect Harbor.....	535 50	32 25	39 00	\$72 00		678 75	41.3	27.	0 608	17 024
Corea.....	505 00	45 75	29 00			579 75	46.3	27.5	0 455	12 74
Gouldsboro.....	500 00	24 00	18 50	148 85	15 75	707 10	42.6	28.	0 592	16 598
Pond.....	140 80	8 00	7 50			156 30	*13.5	18.	0 643	18 00
Totals	\$2,577 30	\$197 85	\$150 20	\$220 85	\$62 75	\$3,208 95				

Average cost of common schools per scholar for the year 1910-11, \$14 65.

† Twenty-eight weeks for a school year.

* Average for two terms.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	\$1,200 00	
Amount received from State school and mill fund,	1,301 20	
commons school fund,	712 39	
equalization fund,	142 45	
Interest on school fund note,	14 25	
Winter Harbor for tuition,	78 24	
	<hr/>	\$3,448 53

EXPENDITURES.

Overdraw from last year,	\$ 33 15
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TEACHERS' SALARIES.

WEST GOULDSBORO.	
Edna Nutter,	\$ 92 00
Carrie Robertson,	190 00
SOUTH GOULDSBORO.	
Shirley Crane,	81 00
Nettie M. Pollard,	181 00
BIRCH HARBOR.	
Emma Crane,	76 50
Addie M. Gaptill,	76 50
Gladys Hooper,	85 00
BUNKER'S HARBOR.	
Vera Crane,	114 00
PROSPECT HARBOR.	
Leroy O. Arnold,	297 00
Sarah Harriman,	76 50
Marian Peabody,	162 00
COREA.	
G. E. Manson,	90 00
Sara A. Whitney,	190 00
Lottie M. Crane,	140 00
Emerline MacFarland,	85 00

GOLDSBORO.	
Josie Coffin,	\$102 00
Imogene Grant,	95 00
Florice Clark,	243 00
POND DISTRICT.	
Elwood Wilbur,	64 00
Gladys Hooper,	76 80
	————— 2,577 30
JANITOR SERVICE.	
Bills for last year,	\$ 9 00
Bills for 1910-11,	150 20
	————— \$159 20
Fuel,	197 85
Conveying scholars,	220 85
Board of scholars,	62 75
Tuition of Ashville scholars at Sullivan,	70 00
	————— 3,321 10
Unexpended balance February 18, 1911,	\$127 48

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT,

RESOURCES.	
Amount raised by town,	\$150 00
EXPENDITURES.	
Overdraw from last year,	\$ 7 50
TEXT BOOKS.	
Ginn & Company,	\$18 24
Silver, Burdett Co.,	9 00
American Book Co.,	46 42
Benjamin H. Sanborn Co.,	49 49
	————— \$123 15
SUPPLIES.	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	\$12 32
E. E. Babb & Co.,	2 50
Frank P. Noyes,	2 08
	————— \$ 16 90
MISCELLANEOUS.	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.,	\$ 1 56
Smith & Sale,	8 35

T W. Burr & Co.,	\$11 86	
R. F. Gerrish,	2 36	
Loring, Short & Harmon,	90	
	— — —	\$ 24 93
Expressage and freight,		12 48
		<u>—————</u>
		\$184 96

Overdraw, February 18, 1911, \$34 96

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	\$300 00	
Amount unexpended, balance from last year,	31 86	
		<u>—————</u>
		\$331 86

EXPENDITURES.

Fred F. Tracy,	\$ 3 50	
Emsy P. Parker,	17 68	
J. W. Bunker,	21 31	
Moore Bros.,	29 97	
Nathan Kingsley,	6 93	
L. S. Ray,	1 64	
Charles L. Tracy,	11 80	
James A. Hill,	24 02	
E. K. Merritt & Son,	2 00	
D. D. Young,	30	
Vermont School Seat Company,	17 10	
G. E. Grover,	3 60	
Lewis Young,	1 73	
W. F. Hutchings,	12 00	
D. A. Morrison,	170 00	
Frank P. Noyes,	2 36	
F. E. Weston,	2 00	
		<u>—————</u>
		\$327 34

Unexpended balance February 18, 1911, \$4 52

SECONDARY SCHOOL TUITION ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$192 50	
Amount received from State, 1909,	71 75	
		<u>—————</u>
		\$264 25

EXPENDITURES.

Higgins Classical Institute,	\$ 27 00	
Bar Harbor High school,	10 00	
Winter Harbor high school,	69 75	
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		\$106 75
Unexpended balance February 18, 1911,		<hr/>
		\$157 50

COMMON SCHOOLS.

We have had twenty-eight weeks of school at Gouldsboro, West Gouldsboro, South Gouldsboro, Birch Harbor and Corea grammar. At Prospect Harbor and Corea primary we have had twenty-seven weeks. The school year at Bunker's Harbor has been badly broken up. During the fall term the school was closed by the board of health several times on account of diphtheria and it was finally decided not to open the school again until spring. At the Pond district we have had two terms with a total of eighteen weeks. For the winter term it was decided to convey the scholars of this district to Prospect Harbor. This plan was successfully carried out with a saving in the expense of schooling for these scholars and at the same time giving them the benefit of better school advantages. The regular school year has been divided into a spring term of nine weeks, a fall term of nine weeks and a winter term of ten weeks.

All things being considered, I feel we are justified in reporting a successful school year. Excellent work has been done in a number of schools, fair work in others while several schools have been unsatisfactory and whenever possible we have endeavored to correct this condition. Too frequent a change in teachers should be avoided as it is usually better to retain a teacher of rather ordinary ability than to make a change in the middle of the year. In changing teachers there is always the chance of securing a less efficient teacher, as well as a better one, and the certainty of breaking up the school for several weeks until the new teacher learns the requirements of the school and the scholars become accustomed to the change. Having these facts in mind we have retained teachers whenever their work gave a fair degree of satisfaction. We have experienced much difficulty in getting teachers to come

this town on account of the short school year concerning which we will speak later in this report.

At the beginning of the fall term the schools were graded, the plan of nine grades being followed, and the teachers given a regular outline of work for the year. This course is similar to that used in the larger towns and has worked out in a satisfactory manner. This year's work has been principally directed in getting the various classes up to grade, good progress having been made thus far. The grades, however, are not up to the standard desired, but this could be hardly expected at such an early date, as it takes newly graded schools several years to reach the standard usually required.

†CLASSIFICATION OF PUPILS BY GRADES AND SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS,	GRADES,								TOTALS,		
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX		
Gouldsboro Grammar.....	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	3	15	
Gouldsboro Primary.....	8	0	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	24	
Prospect Harbor Grammar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	5	19	
Prospect Harbor Primary..	2	3	1	14	5	0	0	0	0	25	
Corea Grammar.....	0	0	0	0	0	7	8	5	3	23	
Corea Primary.....	10	4	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	23	
West Gouldsboro.....	5	3	0	3	2	0	5	7	0	25	
South Gouldsboro.....	3	6	5	0	9	1	0	0	1	25	
Birch Harbor.....	1	5	4	5	0	3	0	0	0	18	
Bunker's Harbor *.....	2	1	3	2	1	6	2	0	0	11	
Totals.....	31	28	21	31	21	15	15	34	12	208	

†Classification for winter term. * Fall term.

As the schools are now graded, scholars of average ability should be prepared to enter high school at from fourteen to sixteen years of age. This of course depends somewhat on the age that a child enters school. Many parents do not send their children until they are six or seven years old, but it is now generally agreed among educators that it is better to send children to school when five years rather than later. Beginners do not remain in the schoolroom long enough to injure their health while a properly graded course of study is a great aid to their mental development and the drill in discipline which they receive is beneficial in many ways.

After graded schools become well established, there is one difficulty which often arises and causes much dissatisfaction among parents and makes a great deal of trouble for teachers. This is in regard to the promotion of scholars through the various grades of the nine years' course as now outlined for the common schools. Many parents desire the promotion of their children regardless of their scholarship but with apparent idea that the grade and not their actual knowledge is an index of their progress. A scholar doing good work in the eighth grade is making better progress towards an education than the same scholar would be, doing poor work in the ninth grade. Teachers are very seldom unjust in the promotion or non-promotion of scholars and parents should understand that a rapid advancement through the various grades is only of secondary importance and in many cases an actual injury to a scholar, a gradual promotion and thorough work being much better for all concerned. Successful work in any grade above the first depends much upon the thoroughness of the work of the previous grade or grades. A scholar promoted beyond his actual merits, finds the work more and more difficult to accomplish and in most cases, becoming discouraged, leaves school as soon as he is beyond the compulsory school age. Many scholars thus fail to complete their education and thereby lessen their chances for a successful career in life at this day of the world when a good education means so much to every young person.

A system of report cards has been introduced this year, the reports being sent to parents twice each term. These cards enable parents to keep in touch with the progress of their children in the various branches of the school course, and also show the attendance, punctuality, deportment and effort of the scholar. When the reports indicate unsatisfactory work, poor deportment or lack of effort, the teacher should be consulted. Parents, by taking an interest in such matters, can do much to aid their children in doing better work and taking more interest in their school.

Attendance is a matter over which parents have almost complete control, especially when excuses are required from scholars who have been absent. These excuses, without doubt, seem a useless bother to many parents, but this method is of great value in keeping a record of the scholars and prevents

many cases of truancy which might otherwise occur without the knowledge of parents. Parents should be prompt in sending excuses but should use much judgment in writing them; they should consider whether an excuse is really deserved or not, and remember that the time worn excuse of keeping a scholar from school to help at home, is a very poor one.

The average attendance this year as compared with the whole number registered has been fairly good but the records show that a good many pupils have been absent from one-half to several days at a time. This should be avoided if possible as irregular attendance causes a scholar to fall behind in his work and may result in non-promotion at the end of the school year. It also makes extra work for the teacher and in this way is an injury to the whole school.

More visits from the parents to the schools are to be desired, Parents by visiting school can follow the work of their children and be an aid to both scholar and teacher. Along this line the School Improvement League offers an opportunity for parents to show their interest. Parents as well as scholars are eligible to membership in this league. Much can be done through the agency of the school league to beautify schoolrooms and grounds and make them more attractive which can be done in no other way. Parents by joining this league can be of much assistance in this work and I believe every parent should make an effort to have the schoolrooms and grounds where their children pass so many hours of their childhood as beautiful and attractive as possible. Leagues have been organized in most of the schools in town this year, and in several schools excellent work has been done, a report of which is given elsewhere.

A matter of much importance, which I wish to call to the attention of the citizens of Gouldsboro, is the short school year which has been customary in this town. Within the past few years there has been a marked increase in the number of weeks of school a year in nearly every town in the State. Very few towns, which are making any effort to improve their schools now have less than thirty weeks of school and many thirty-three to thirty-six a year. We should have at least thirty weeks of school a year in this town in order to place our

schools on a regular course of study. A school year of this length would give the scholars of this town nearly a year more schooling during the course of the nine grades, than they would receive with the present number of weeks. We would also be able to secure desirable teachers who will not consider a school where the school year is short on account of the decrease in their yearly salary. This is a matter of much importance to the future progress of the schools of the town and I trust the voters will give it favorable consideration at the next annual town meeting.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TUITION.

The regular examination for scholars to qualify to enter approved secondary schools with free tuition was held last July but very few scholars appeared for the examination at that time. Since that time quite a number of scholars have expressed a desire to take this examination, and as this law seems to be generally misunderstood, other examinations have been given. Next year this examination will be held in the month of July, a notice of which will be posted several weeks in advance, and all scholars who wish to qualify to enter approved secondary schools with free tuition must take the examination at this time.

The law in regard to free tuition in secondary schools reads as follows:

"Any youth who resides with a parent or guardian in any town which does not support and maintain a free high school giving at least one four years' course properly equipped and teaching such subjects as are taught in secondary schools of standard grade in this State may attend any school in the State which does have such a four years' course and to which he may gain entrance by permission of those having charge thereof, provided said youth shall attend a school or schools of standard grade which are approved by the State superintendent of public schools, and provided also the said youth shall have satisfactorily passed an examination conducted by the superintendent of schools of the town in which he has residence, papers for said examination having been procured from the State superintendent of public schools. In such case the tuition of such youth, not to exceed thirty dollars annually for

any one youth, shall be paid by the town in which he resides as aforesaid, as long as such youth maintains good standing in such school, and said tuition so paid shall be made a part of the high school fund of the town receiving the same; and towns shall raise annually, as other school moneys are raised, a sum sufficient to pay such tuition charges."

"When any town shall have been required to pay and has paid tuition as aforesaid, the superintending school committee of such town shall make a return under oath to the State superintendent of public schools before the first day of September for the preceding school year, stating the name of each youth for whom tuition has been paid, the amount paid for each, and the name and location of the school which each has attended, and thereupon shall be paid, annually, in the month of December, from the State treasury out of the appropriation for the support of free high schools, to each town paying tuition and making returns as aforesaid, a sum equal to two-thirds of the amount thus paid by such town not exceeding five hundred dollars."

TEXT BOOKS.

At the beginning of the year the text-books in town were found to be in a very bad condition. With the exception of the readers which were new books introduced last year, there were not enough books of any one kind to supply the schools; many of the books which the scholars were compelled to use were worn out and dirty, with covers and part of the leaves missing, this being especially true of the geographies and histories. We have made an effort to relieve this very undesirable condition as far as possible this year and to this end have partially replaced these old books with new ones and in so doing have made numerous changes which were necessary in order to give the scholars up-to-date schoolbooks. We still have many text-books which are not in a proper condition to use and these should be replaced by new books next year.

Next to efficient teachers clean up-to-date schoolbooks and enough of them for all school purposes are one of the first requirements of good schools. Old worn out books make the school work anything but attractive and they are objectionable both from the point of efficiency in school work and from their

unhygienic condition. This important part of our school equipment, however, is usually more neglected than any other school requirement and there are several reasons for it.

It is the general opinion that the privilege of freetext books is abused and that many books are unnecessarily injured and often lost. This is very true in many cases and often causes a hostile sentiment towards this expense with the result of too small an appropriation which only makes the situation worse. Much attention has been given this year to the proper care of text-books and we believe there is little reason for complaint in this respect. A system of text-book accounting has been introduced by which the superintendent has an account of all the text books in each school. The teachers are held responsible for the care of the schoolbooks in their respective schools and they in turn hold the scholars responsible for all the books delivered to them. By this system a strict account of this property is kept and very few text-books injured or lost which are not paid for.

The ordinary wear of text-books is an item of expense which is not well understood, many thinking a text-book should wear many years. It has been estimated by authorities on the subject that the life of the average text-book with good usage, is from three to four years. It will be seen from this estimate that it is necessary to replace from one-third to one-fourth of all the text books in town each year in order to keep them in good condition. To this expense add the cost of supplies which are necessary for the schools each year and some idea of the demands of this account for each year is obtained.

For next year the exchange of old books for new ones should be completed, a new physiology introduced, and provision made for the other expenses of the account. With these changes the schools will be well provided with approved text-books and the principal expense for the next few years will be in renewing the supply of text-books as soon as they are worn out and the usual expense for supplies.

In closing this report I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the School Board for their support and assistance; to the other town officials for their courtesy and promptness in all business relating to the schools and to all citizens who have co-operated with us for the success and improvement of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools

