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**A STATEMENT**

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**FINANCIAL CONDITION**

—OF THE—

**TOWN of BURNHAM**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.**

ALSO

**Report of Supervisor of Schools.**

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CLINTON, MAINE:  
Advertiser Job Print.

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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town.....	\$773.60
State Schol fund and mill tax.....	553.86
Undrawn for the year 1887.....	157.11
Due from the town of Troy .....	13.00
Rec'd from " Detroit.....	16.00
	<u>\$1,513.57</u>

Account with the several school districts from  
March 1, 1888 to Feb. 28, 1889.

Dis. No.	Amt. of money.	Amt. expended.	Amt. undrawn.	Amt. overdrawn.	
1	\$133.80	\$145.24		\$11.44	
" " 2	188.96	168.00	\$20.96		
" " 3	163.84	159.48	4.36		
" " 4	111.89	99.73	12.16		
" " 5	221.35	84.98	136.37		
" " 6	8.67		8.67		
" " 7	147.95	124.33	23.62		
" " 8	91.49	91.49			
" " 9	221.89	236.00		14.11	
" " 10	210.73	185.56	22.17		
	1,500.57	1,297.81	228.31	25.55	\$1,500.57
Due Dist. No. 1 from the town of Troy					13.00
					<u>1,513.57</u>

No. of scholars in town, 316

Amt. per scholar, \$4.20

POOR FARM ACCOUNT.	Dr.
Paid Gideon Pomroy and wife for one year's labor	\$185.00
“ C. E. Shermau for supplies.....	66.10
“ R. Gilmore “ .....	28.82
“ J. C. McAllister “ .....	34.77
“ E. S. Goodwin “ .....	57.73
“ G. F. Sherman blacksmith bill.....	1.55
“ J. Basler “ “ .....	1.00
“ C. F. Brock medical attendance on Alouzo Flood	4.00
“ C. E. Lancaster for same.....	3.25
“ N. E. Murray for casket for Flood.....	12.00
“ J. N. Martin “ Mrs. Burgess...	10.00
“ John Sayward for oxen.....	100.00
“ Gideon Pomroy for supplies.....	22.04
“ Hiram McAllister for a pig.....	3.00
“ “ “ meat.....	13.62
“ Oscar Farington for labor on town farm from April '7, to April 16, 1888	5.00
“ Making shroud for A. Flood.....	1.00
	<u>\$548.88</u>
Stock and produce reported on hand Feb. 28, 1888	507.00
Town Farm.....	1,200.00
Farming tools.....	200.00
	<u>\$1,907.00</u>
	<u>\$2,455.88</u>

POOR FARM ACCOUNT	Cr.
May 5, 1888 By 2 oxen sold....	\$132.00
June 4, “ “ 1 hog “ .....	22.31
“ 30, “ “ 1 cow “ .....	40.00
Feb. 28, 1889 “ board of G. Pomroy's girls..	20.00
“ “ “ pasturing sheep.....	1.50
“ “ “ butter sold.....	37.20
“ “ “ eggs “ .....	13.21
“ “ “ oats “ .....	15.60

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Feb. 28,	By potatoes sold.....	4.80	
" "	" beans " .....	4.65	
" "	" hay " .....	5.50	
" "	" calf " .....	9.40	
" "	" labor shearing sheep.....	.25	
" "	" keeping peddler.....	.25	
" "	" boarding men.....	.50	
" "	" wool sold.....	20.79	
" "	" pelt " .....	.60	
" "	" lamb " .....	22.00	
		<u>          </u>	\$350.56

## PROPERTY ON HAND.

" "	" 15 tons hay.....	165.00	
" "	" 2 oxen.....	100.00	
	" 3 cows.....	75.00	
	" 1 yearling.....	12.00	
	" 10 sheep.....	40.00	
	" 17 hens.....	8.50	
	" 2 hogs.....	20.00	
	" 50 bus. potatoes.....	20.00	
	" 37 " oats.....	14.80	
	" provisions on hand .....	15.00	
	" 3 bus. beans.....	8.25	
		<u>          </u>	\$477.75
	" Town Farm.....	1,200.00	
	" improvement on building.....	25.00	
	" farming tools.....	210.00	
		<u>          </u>	1,435.00
	" cost of poor to balance.....		192.57
			<u>          </u>
			\$2,455.88

## COST OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

To paid bill for surgical attendance on		
Alonzo Reynolds.....	40.00	
" " for clothing for Augustus Nutt.....	6.50	
	<u>          </u>	\$46.50

TOWN HALL, STORE & C.		Dr.
Feb. 29, 1888	To Amt. due from Gospel Army	\$2.75
" 28, 1888	" paid for washing hall.....	2.64
" " "	" for setting glass.....	.40
" " "	" for 2 cords wood and fitting	6.00
" " "	" " repairs of chimney.....	3.00
" " "	" " taking care of store and hall	5.00
" " "	" " glass, putty, globes and oil	5.00
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		\$24.79
.. " " "	cash paid town treasurer.....	42.05
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		\$66.84

CONTRARY		Cr.
Feb. 29, 1888	By cash rec'd of Charles Gilmore on acct. of Gospel Army.....	\$2.75
	" rent of hall for 4 dances.....	5.00
	" " " 6 sociables.....	7.25
	" " " 1 show.....	1.50
	" " " 2 religious meetings	.50
	" rec'd from Patrons of Husbandry	13.84
	" " of E. S. Goodwin rent of store	36.00
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		\$66.84

Abatement of taxes for 1887.....	22.52
" " " 1888.....	14 81
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	\$37 33

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.	
Paid damage on highway to Francis Cole.....	\$10.00
" " " to John Hunt and wife	25.00
" O. S. Haskell & Son for printing town report	20.00
" McLellan, Mosher & Co. books and express, 1887	8.70
" for paper to O. Learned.....	1.00
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	\$64.70

ROADS AND BRIDGES.	
Paid William Lamb for plank for River bridge.....	\$35.00

TOWN OF BURNHAM.

Paid Orrin Learned for plank for River bridge.....	\$ 4.00	
“ “ “ 122½ lbs. wire spikes.....	4.29	
“ “ “ 2½ days labor.....	3.75	
“ Gershom Twitchell, Jr. 2½ days labor.....	3.75	
“ James Witham 2 days labor.....	3.00	
“ G. E. Berry for hauling plank.....	5.00	
“ Orrin Learned for plank for Learned Bridge	10.80	
“ “ “ timber for Carver Bridge	5.54	
		<u>\$75.13</u>

CASH PAID BY TREASURER.

Paid Interest on town bonds.....	\$180.00	
“ “ railroad bonds.....	60.00	
“ “ town orders.....	83.00	
“ bounty on bear.....	5.00	
“ William Kembal for Jurat.....	.15	
“ on bond No. 18.....	400.00	
		<u>\$728.15</u>

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Orrin Learned, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor.....	\$ 65.00
Gershom Twitchell, Jr., Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor.....	48.75
Henry M. Cole, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor.....	46.50
F. A. McAllister, Supervisor of Schools.....	35.00
A. W. Fletcher, Treasurer.....	20.00
E. D. Bickford, Constable.....	1.50
Orrin Farrington, “.....	1.50
Emery W. Cook, Clerk.....	5.00
Orrin Farrington, Collector.....	85.71
Daniel Dyer, Health Officer.....	3.00
G. E. Berry, “ “.....	1.00
A. W. Fletcher, “ “.....	1.50
G. E. Berry, Auditor.....	1.50
	<u>\$315.96</u>

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**CURRENT RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.**

Amount raised by town.....	\$1,092 96
State tax.....	563.93
County tax.....	426.50
Cash received of F. Mudgett.....	259.58
“ “ of Charles Whitten.....	400.00
“ “ on highway tax for 1887.....	64.78
“ “ of John Basler, rent of land.....	4.00
“ “ of A. W. Bickford, rent of land...	4.00
“ “ for rent of store and hall.....	42.05
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	\$2,857.80
“ “ Daniel Wyman estate.....	21.07
“ “ C. E. Libby licensed auctioneer.....	2 00
“ “ D. M. Estes.....	5 00
“ “ John H. Quimby interest, R.R. Stock	120.00
“ “ from town of Detroit.....	16.00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, —tax.....	14.03
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	178.10
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	\$3,035.90

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**CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.**

Cost of Poor.....	\$ 239 07
Abatement of taxes.....	37.33
Repair of Bridges.....	75.13
Interest paid on debt.....	323.00
Miscellaneous bills.....	64.70
Town Officers “.....	315.96
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	\$1,055.19
State tax.....	563.93
County tax.....	426.50
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	\$ 990.43
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	\$2,045.62
Total Receipts.....	\$3,035.90
Total Expenses.....	2,045.62
Total receipts more than expenses...	<hr/>
	\$990.28

## LIABILITIES.

Bonds due Oct. 31, 1891, 4 per cent.....	\$3,275.00
“ due May 20, 1889, 4 “ “ .....	200.00
	<u>\$3,475.00</u>
Orders “ Aug. 18, “ “ “ “ .....	500.00
“ “ Oct. “ “ “ “ .....	650.00
“ “ Nov. 9, “ “ “ “ .....	1,600.00
“ “ “ 3, 1891 “ “ “ .....	425.00
“ “ Dec. 14, 1890 “ “ “ .....	600.00
“ not on interest .....	261.10
	<u>\$4,036.10</u>
Interest due on town bonds.....	\$ 46.33
“ “ “ “ orders.....	60.88
“ “ “ Clinton Gore R. R. bonds.....	352.50
Due Orrin Farrington, Collector for 1888.....	85.71
“ “ “ Constable for “ .....	1.50
“ school districts... ..	202.76
Clinton Gore R. R. bonds.....	2,000.00
	<u>\$2,749.68</u>
	<u>\$10,260.78</u>

## RESOURCES.

Due from Orrin Farrington, Collector for 1888...	\$1,154.81
“ “ A. W. Fletcher, Treasurer.....	1,094.50
“ “ tax deeds.....	473.88
“ “ Charles L. Whitten.....	600.00
20 shares of stock in the B. & M. R. R. Co.....	2,000.00
Town Hall, store and water power.....	500.00
“ farm and tools.....	1,435.00
Stock and produce on farm.....	477.75
Div. on B. & M. R. R. stock.....	30.00
Due from State Treasurer school fund.....	553.86
“ “ “ for State pension.....	84.00
“ “ bounty on bear.....	5.00
“ “ F. A. McAllister.....	10.00
“ “ the town of Brooks.....	1.78
	<u>\$8,420.58</u>

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN,

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Total amount of liabilities	10,260.78
Total amount of resources	8,420.58
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Excess of liabilities over resources	\$1840.20

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*Orrin Learned,* } Selectmen  
*G. Twitchell, Jr.,* } of  
*Henry N. Cole,* } Burnham.

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This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts and believe them to be correct.

G. E. BERRY, Auditor of accounts.



*ANNUAL REPORT*  
—OF THE—  
*Supervisor of Schools,*  
**TOWN OF BURNHAM**  
**March 4th, 1889,**

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*To the Citizens of Burnham:—*

I respectfully submit the following report of the schools of this town for the past year:

There have been twenty terms of schools taught in the nine school-districts during the year, varying in length from six to thirteen weeks, aggregating about 177 weeks and averaging a fraction more than 19.3 weeks each to the several school-districts for the entire year. In these schools sixteen different persons have been employed as teachers—eleven ladies and five gentlemen. Fourteen of the twenty terms were taught by the lady teachers. Of the entire number employed, one only had had no previous experience.

I have prepared a brief account of each term in the several districts, founded entirely upon my own observation while visiting the schools and carefully noted down at the time.

In order to concentrate a part of the most important information in connection with our schools I present the following tabular view:

Statistics from teachers' registers.

No. of District.	Name of Agent.	Name of Teacher.	Terms.	No. of Scholars.	No. Registered.	Average No.	Length in weeks.	Wages of teacher per week.	Price of board per week.
1	Wm. Coffin	Minnie Mitchell (i. Twitchell, Jr.	Summer	26	13	10	8	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.40
2	W. R. Whiten	Gertrude Weymouth Laforest Prentiss	Winter Summer	47	22 27	18 23	11	7.00	1.69
3	F. A. McAlister	Augusta Barnes L. A. Davis	Winter Summer	29	28	24	5	4.00	1.25
4	Isaac Duntun	Addie Norris Florence Wedg	Summer Fall	17	18	14	10	7.50	1.50
5	Seward Harding	Kita Hamlin Gertrude Weymouth, *F. A. McAlister	Spring Fall	57	33	26	7	3.00	1.75
7	Jesse Reynolds	Mae Estes	Summer	35	24	20	8	2.50	1.50
8	W. H. Kimball	Addie Kimball	Winter Summer	12	20	18	12	5.00	1.50
9	Gideon Pomroy	Lavilla Basford Kate Koss	Summer Winter	41	10	9	6	2.75	1.25
		W. A. McAlister	Spring	—	14	11	13	2.75	1.50
		Cora E. Webber	Fall	—	32	25	8	4.50	1.55
		Arthur Shaw	Winter	—	31	27	8	5.00	1.50
10	C. A. Williams	Arthur Shaw	Summer	51	29	24	8	6.50	2.00
		Arthur Shaw	Winter	—	33	27	6	4.50	2.00
		Arthur Shaw	Winter	—	35	28	11	8.75	3.00

\* Register not returned.

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*District No. 1.*

Summer term, taught by Miss Minnie Mitchell of Troy. She taught a very good school keeping good order, but was a little moderate.

Winter term, Gershom Twitchell, Jr., Burnham, teacher who used every effort to make his school a success. The attendance was good and discipline the same.

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*District No. 2.*

Summer term taught by Miss Gertrude Weymouth of this town. Miss Weymouth had had previous experience as a teacher before taking upon herself the duties of this school. In this school her work was thorough and systematic, and at the close of the term, her classes gave evidence of thorough drill.

Winter term, six weeks of which were taught by Miss Gertrude Weymouth of this town, and five weeks under the instruction of L. E. Prentiss of Troy. Mr. Prentiss is a teacher of experience and the school was a success.

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*District No. 3.*

Summer term was taught by Miss Augusta Barnes of Pittsfield. This was Miss Barnes' first term. She is a good scholar and with experience will make a successful teacher.

Winter term was taught by L. A. Davis of this town. Good methods of instruction, firmness and decision in government were characteristics of the school, under which nothing but success could crown his efforts.

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*District No. 4.*

Summer term, Miss Addie Norris of this town, teacher. She has an animated way of presenting instruction, and her school proved successful.

Winter term, taught by Miss Florence Weed of Burnham. As a teacher she is anxious to rise in her profession, and to this end, strives to make her work effective. The closing examination proved very satisfactory, marked progress having been made.

*District No. 5.*

Spring term was taught by Miss Etta Hamlin of Clinton. This lady succeeded well as a teacher and taught a good school.

Fall term, Miss Gertrude Weymouth, teacher. The report of Miss Weymouth's work in district No. 2, is applicable to her success in this school.

Winter term is under the instruction of F. A. McAlister of this town.

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*District No. 7.*

Summer and winter terms were both taught by Miss Mae Estes of Troy. Miss Estes is a teacher of ability, and imparts enthusiasm to her pupils which all teachers would do well to imitate. Marked progress was made during both terms.

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*District No. 8.*

Both summer and winter terms were under the instruction of Miss Addie R. Kimball of Burnham. She had had only a short experience as a teacher, but her work in this school gave evidence that she possesses ability which will be developed by experience. Discipline and progress good.

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*District No. 9.*

Spring term taught by Miss Lavilla Basford of Detroit, who labored hard for the improvement of the school, and well merited success.

Fall term was taught by Miss Kate Ross of Clinton. Miss Ross has taught in town before, giving good satisfaction.

Winter term taught by F. A. McAlister. Will let the school speak for itself.

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*District No. 10.*

Summer term of six weeks was under the instruction of Cora E. Webber of Clinton, who came to this school well recommended,

but for various reasons did not finish the school.

Winter term was taught by Mr. A. A. Shaw of Etna. In the management and discipline of this school the scholars made marked improvement.

A high school is under the instruction of L. E. Prentiss of Troy. A profitable school is expected.

Conclusive remarks—It is with pleasure that I can report a marked improvement in our schools for the past year. A deeper interest has been manifested by parents, scholars and teachers to fill the minds of the young with practical knowledge.

I have had the interest of each and every scholar in view and believe our schools were never more prosperous than at the present time.

Agents can add much to the usefulness of our schools by securing the services of teachers early in the season, and by obtaining those of whose qualifications there can be no doubt.

Yours submissively,

*F. A. McAlister,*

Supervisor of Schools.

