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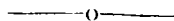
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town.....	\$ 672 00
of State school fund and mill tax.....	704 53
undrawn for the year 1890.....	102 04
received from the town of Troy, 1891.....	16 50
received from the town of Detroit, 1891..	18 00
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	\$1513 07



ACCOUNT WITH THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM MAR. 1, 1891, TO FEB. 1892.

No. of District.	Amount of money.	Amount expended.	Amount undrawn.	Amount overdrawn.
1	\$ 136 46	\$ 124 02	\$12 44	
2	221 35	193 88	27 47	
3	154 96	140 40	14 56	
4	90 24	90 24		
5	204 50	204 50		
7	225 20	220 45	4 75	
8	108 42	101 21	7 21	
9	216 16	205 51	10 65	
10	172 60	168 43	4 17	
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	\$1529 89	\$1448 64	\$81 25	

Whole number of scholars, 311.

Amount per scholar, \$4.426.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

DR.

To paid C. B. Cookson, labor on farm,	\$ 69 00	
C. E. Sherman, supplies.....	12 96	
R. Gilmore, supplies.....	14 84	
E. S. Goodwin, supplies.....	51 53	
H. M. Cole, supplies.....	15 22	
Hiram McAllister, supplies...	12 71	
H. M. Cole, fertilizer.....	7 00	
G. E. Gilmore, fertilizer.....	4 38	
Geo. Reynolds, labor on farm,	111 00	
one pair oxen bought.....	86 50	
John Baselor, blacksmith bill,	3 98	
for pasturing oxen.....	2 00	
for stove for town farm.....	10 00	\$ 431 12
Property on hand March 1, 1891.....	435 25	
Farm and farming tools.....	1435 00	
Twenty-five cords of wood.....	62 50	1932 75
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		\$2363 87

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By one pair oxen sold.....	\$ 100 00	
three calves sold.....	17 50	
one lamb sold.....	3 00	
40 pounds wool sold.....	10 00	
butter sold.....	25 48	
beans sold.....	4 00	
hay sold.....	49 74	
eggs sold.....	22 18	
turnips sold.....	40	
beets sold.....	40	
potatoes sold.....	40	
apples sold.....	75	
C. B. Cookson's boy's board.....	11 40	\$ 245 25
property on hand Feb. 29, 1892....	437 95	
farm and farming tools.....	1435 00	
25 cords of wood.....	62 50	1935 45
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		\$2180 70
Cost of poor on farm to balance account.....		183 17
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		\$2363 87

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PROPERTY ON HAND ON THE FARM, FEB.
29, 1892.

By 3 cows.....	\$ 75 00
1 heifer.....	15 00
10 sheep.....	45 00
2 oxen.....	85 00
2 swine.....	12 00
30 hens.....	15 00
8 tons hay.....	80 00
15 bush. beans.....	30 00
30 bush. oats.....	13 50
8 bush. corn.....	5 20
50 bush. potatoes.....	15 00
10 bush. small potatoes.....	2 25
provisions on hand.....	45 00
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	\$ 437 95
Farm and farming tools.....	\$1435 00
25 cords of wood.....	62 50
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	\$1497 50

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EXPENSES OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid Maine Insane Hospital for support of Bertram Perkins.....	\$165 28
Annett Jourdan and family.....	24 32
Samuel Ricker.....	37 23
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	\$226 83
Expenses of Rosilla Blaisdell at hos- pital for the year 1890.....	32 05
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	\$258 88
Cost of poor on farm.....	183 17
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Total cost of poor.....	\$442 05

TOWN HALL, STORE AND LAND.

Received of E. S. Goodwin for rent on store	\$ 41 00
B. F. Perkins, rent on hall.....	25 00
Harding & Houston, rent on land	4 00
A. W. Bickford, rent on land..	3 00
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	\$73 00

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MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Dexter Gazette Publishing Co., for printing town reports for 1890.....	\$10 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co., for books and stationery.....	7 53
Hamlin & Johnson, for scraper blade	8 00
Stevens & Jones, for record books for town clerk.....	11 75
G. L. Perkins, driving hearse for 1890	2 00
C. B. Gilmore, driving hearse for 1891	22 00
H. M. Cole, cash expenses for 1891...	10 68
A. W. Fletcher, services surveying Green Bagley road.....	1 50
William R. Whitten, for collecting taxes for 1890.....	67 97
N. E. Murray, for labor on highway for 1890.....	6 00
Express charges on school books....	2 82
John Buselor, bell on hearse.....	1 00
Town clerk, for recording births, deaths and marriages.....	1 75
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	\$153 00

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REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Hollis Reynolds for breaking roads in the year of 1890.....	5 00
Eri A. Small, for repairs on River Bridge.....	2 00
Walter Edmonds, for labor on high- way in Dist. No. 14.....	4 50

Paid H. M. Cole, for labor and material to repair Carver and River bridges...	9 39
H. M. Cole, labor and material on highway in Dist. No. 3.....	3 55
Vermont Construction Co., for paint to paint Eel Weir bridge.....	7 50
E. G. Trask, for painting Eel Weir bridge.....	15 00
William Lamb, for plank for River bridge.....	16 50
M. W. Monroe, repairs on machine..	1 25
John Baselor, repairs on machine....	75
H. E. Twitchel, for spikes for bridge..	39
William Coffin, labor on road machine	35 00
	\$100 33

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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

For the year 1890.....	\$56 48
For the year 1891.....	15 03
	\$81 51
School books for 1891.....	\$ 184 28
Cost of building Learned bridge.....	1710 62
Cost of building Peltoma bridge.....	347 75

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COST OF CEMETERY FENCES.

Mount cemetery.....	\$26 50
Chandler cemetery.....	31 32
	\$57 82

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CASH PAID BY TREASURER.

Paid interest on Clinton Gore R. R. bonds..	\$165 00
town orders.....	92 00
town bonds.....	131 00
William Garcelon on order No. 72...	200 00
Annett Jourdan State pension.....	72 00
State tax.....	693 19
	\$1353 19

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

H. M. Cole, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of poor.....	\$ 79 75
G. Twitchell, Jr., Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of poor.....	55 50
William Coffin, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of poor.....	42 00
A. D. Millett, Treasurer.....	20 00
A. W. Fletcher, Supervisor of Schools.....	42 00
George W. Bickford, Town Clerk.....	5 00
William R. Whitten, Collector for the year 1891.....	107 03
E. D. Bickford, Constable for 1891.....	4 50
C. E. Sherman, Auditor.....	1 50
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	\$357 28

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CURRENT RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Amount raised by the town.....	\$2159 26
State tax.....	693 19
county tax.....	367 24
rent on store, hall and land.....	73 00
received from State treasurer, telegraph tax.....	15 74
received from State treasurer...	4 61
received on B. & M. L. R. R. Co. stock.....	120 00
received from Chas. L. Whitten	200 00
received from Walter T. Edmonds for lumber sold....	1 20
received for hay sold off farm in 1890	109 93
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	\$3744 17
Receipts more than expenses.....	\$568 90

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CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

Cost of poor.....	\$442 05
Abatement of taxes	81 51

Repairs of roads and bridges.....	100 33	
Interest paid on debt.....	388 00	
Miscellaneous bills.....	153 00	
Town officers' bills.....	357 28	
State tax	693 19	
county tax.....	367 24	
Paid for school books.....	184 28	
Paid for building Peltoma Brook bridge	347 75	
Express on school books	2 82	
Paid for building cemetery fences.....	57 82	
		<u>\$3175 27</u>

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LIABILITIES.

Bonds due Oct. 31, 1891, 4 per cent....	\$ 600 00	
“ Nov. 9, 1894, “	1000 00	
“ Nov. 9, 1892, “	600 00	
“ Sept. 11, 1893.....	200 00	
“	1000 00	
“ Oct. 31, 1900.....	2075 00	
“ Sept. 15, 1896.....	100 00	
“ Nov. 15, 1896	400 00	\$5975 00
Orders due Nov. 3, 1891.....	425 00	
“ Dec. 14, 1890.....	600 00	
Orders on demand on interest.....	327 00	1352 00
Orders on demand not on interest.....		393 60
Due interest on town orders	36 68	
“ on town bonds.....	203 47	
Due on Clinton Gore R. R. bonds.....	75 00	
Due the several school districts.....	81 25	
Due William R. Whitten, collector of taxes for the year of 1891.....	107 03	
Due Clinton Gore R. R. bonds.....	2000 00	
Due George Reynolds for labor on town farm	23 89	
Bonds due Nov. 8, 1892	100 00	
Bonds due Nov. 8, 1893.....	300 00	2927 32
		<u>\$10,647 92</u>

RESOURCES.

Due from W. R. Whitten, collector for		
“ 1891.....	\$1847	02
“ A. D. Millett, town treasurer	887	77
“ Sarah Sayward note.....	11	75
“ tax deeds in Treasurer's hands	93	68
“ tax deeds in Selectmen's hands	158	78
“ Chas. L. Whitten.....	200	00
“ 20 shares B. & M. R. R. C.		
stock.....	2000	00
“ town hall and water power..	500	00
Farm and farming tools.....	1435	00
Stock and produce on farm.....	437	95
Due for dividends on B. & M. R. R. Co.		
stock.....	90	00
Due from State treasurer, bounty on crows		
for the year 1890.....	18	70
“ State treasurer, State pension	72	00
“ G. E. Berry, money received		
from F. A. McAlister for		
use of mowing machine	6	93
Road machine.....	175	00
School books on hand.....	284	28
Due from town of Levant.....	66	13
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		\$8284 99
Excess of liabilities over resources.....		2362 93
	HENRY M. COLE,	} Selectmen of Burnham.
	G. TWITCHELL, JR.,	
	W. COFFIN,	

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the town and find them well vouched for in every instance.
CHAS. E. SHERMAN, Auditor.

Report of the Supervisor of Schools,

OF THE TOWN OF BURNHAM, WALDO COUNTY, ME., AT THE CLOSE
OF THE SCHOOL SEASON OF THE YEAR 1891, FEB. 29, '92.

In pursuance of this report, your supervisor of schools of the town of Burnham, qualified by law March 1891, respectfully submits the following as his final report of the public schools of the said town for the year ending Feb. 29th, 1892.

The state book law of 1890, is explicit in its import, and makes provisions for towns to furnish text books free of charge to the pupils to a reasonable extent, sufficient to meet the wants of the pupils and the deficiency and the lack of uniformity in the book system throughout the State, and in pursuance of the provisions of the said law these books are to be loaned out to the pupils for their benefit with certain restrictions, such as care and prudence, to hold the teachers and supervisors accountable for the exercise of due care for, and compel the return of the said books to the several agents authorized to receive them at the close of each and every school term, to make pupils feel their responsibility for the proper care of the town's school property, hence to hold all responsible, supervisors, committees, agents, teachers, parents and pupils, alike, accountable for the whereabouts, safety and good usage of them while in use in our schools.

We have paid out for books the past year as follows:

American Book Co.,	54 books.....	\$30 72
American Book Co.,	60 "	34 88
Porter & Coates,	180 "	66 24
Porter & Coates,	132 "	42 72
Edwin E. Babb & Co.,	24 "	9 72

Total outlay 450 "

\$184 28

We had on hand, Feb. 28th, 1891, school books of
all kinds,..... 55

There have been bought this year..... 450

Whole number of books 505

Books returned to me, by the several districts, not in use:

District No. 8	6
9	4
10	9
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District No. 8	6
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10	9
10	4

Number of books to be distributed	528
I have distributed books as follows:	
District No. 1	32
2	52
3	35
4	13
5	52
7	26
8	22
9	31
10	50
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Total distributed.....	313
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Hence, leaving now on hand, new books	215

Names of the several school agents:

District No. 1—	Benjamin Reynolds.
“ 2—	Erastus Braley.
“ 3—	Oscar Farrington.
“ 4—	Alex Emery.
“ 5—	Seward Harding.
“ 7—	Francello Conner.
“ 8—	John Harding.
“ 9—	Charles W. Wood.
“ 10—	Dr. George Dyer.

There are nine districts in town, with 300 scholars.

The school books in use in the town at present are as follows: Raub's series of Readers, Harper's Geographies, Barns' U. S. History, Raub's series of Arithmetics, Comprehensive Spellers, Greenleaf's Algebras, Meservey's Book Keeping, Raub's English Grammar, Dungilson's Elementary Physiology, the same series of books as were adopted by vote of the town four years ago, and are generally liked by the pupils and teachers.

For the amount of money raised for the support of schools, State school fund, and the amount of money apportioned to each district in town for the past year, see the selectmen's report in this pamphlet.

Number of female teachers employed in summer	9
“ “ “ fall	4
“ “ “ winter	4
Number of male teachers employed in fall	1
“ “ “ winter.....	5
Number of visits made to schools by the Supervisor during the year.....	44
Number of trips made by the Supervisor to distribute school books.....	5
Number of terms of school taught in town the past year	23

All the terms of school throughout the town are now closed, and a Free High School is now in contemplation, but we have not yet decided to which district to assign it.

Summer Terms of Schools.

DISTRICT NO. 1—BENJAMIN REYNOLDS, Agent.

Alma E. Carleton, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; wages per week, \$2.50, including board; commenced May 11th, 1891; closed July 17th, 1891. The school was profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 2—ERASTUS BRALEY, Agent.

Miss Mae Conner, teacher. Length of term, 10 weeks; commenced May 11th, 1891; closed July 17th, 1891; wages, \$5.00 per week, including board. Pupils learned well and order fair.

DISTRICT NO. 3—OSCAR FARRINGTON, Agent.

Miss Floris D. Foster, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks; commenced May 4th, 1891; closed June 26th, 1891; wages per week, \$3.00, including board. Miss Foster was a young teacher just commencing the art of teaching. The school was a very orderly one and the teacher was generally liked. The pupils were orderly and made good proficiency as is usually the case in district No. 3. The scholars are easily governed and the parents are loyal.

DISTRICT NO. 4—ALEX EMERY, Agent.

Miss Orië E. Bartlett, teacher; term, 8 weeks; commenced May 4th, 1891; closed June 26th, 1891; wages per week, including board, \$2.50. Good order was maintained and good progress made in the studies.

DISTRICT NO. 5—SEWARD HARDING, Agent.

Miss Myra Libby, teacher. Length of term 7 weeks; commenced May 4th, 1891; closed June 19th, 1891; wages of teacher \$4.00 per week, including board. This teacher was A. No. 1, and had great tact and ability to teach, to love and to be loved, by the scholars. She possessed all the ability her certificate called for, good temper, suitable to govern youth, and ability to pour in and draw out knowledge. The parents, scholars, and supervisor, praised the school. At the final recitation the pupils evinced great scholarship and were very accurate in their answers. They seemed to know most everything written in their text books.

DISTRICT NO. 7—F. CONNOR, Agent.

Miss Mabel Bacon, teacher. This was a term of 7 weeks; commenced May 11th, 1891; closed June 25th, 1891; wages of teacher, \$2.50 per week, including board. Good order was maintained and imparting instruction was adopted with success.

DISTRICT NO. 8—JOHN HARDING, Agent.

Miss Mildred E. Doe, teacher. This was a term of 7 weeks. Wages of teacher \$2.50 per week, including board. Miss Doe always teaches good terms of school.

DISTRICT NO. 9—C. W. WOODS, Agent.

Miss Alida Heald, teacher. Term continued 10 weeks, and the school was governed with ability. Miss Heald ought to be engaged and teach at least once in every district in town, for reason of her examples of good order. Let her teach once in a district and order will be easy to maintain for a series of years by many of the happy-go-lucky teachers, who might have the good fortune, afterward, to teach one of her schools. We have no better teacher in Maine.

DISTRICT NO. 10—DR. GEO. DYER, Agent.

Miss Annie E. Berry, teacher. Term of school 6 weeks; wages per week \$3.00; commenced May 11, 1891; closed June 19, 1891. Good order was maintained and the pupils made good advancement.

Fall Terms of School.

DISTRICT NO. 3—OSCAR FARRINGTON, Agent.

Miss Mae D. Estes, teacher. This was a successful term of 8 weeks in one of the best districts in town. Miss Estes has also that good quality, abstract tact and ability, and knows just how to apply these qualities, and her teaching is a success everywhere. Troy never sent out a better teacher. I would cheerfully recommend her to any district in Burnham.

DISTRICT NO. 4—ALEX EMERY, Agent.

Miss Orië Bartlett, teacher. Continued 10 weeks; wages \$3.00 per week and board. This term was profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 5—S. HARDING, Agent.

Miss Floris D. Foster, teacher. This was a term of 7 weeks; wages \$3.00 and board. Some of the parents thought she was not puritanic enough and others thought her to be too much so, and so they differed slightly in opinion. I visited the school several times and all seemed to be well. I sustained her and she went through with her school. A few more years of experience will make her a first-class teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 7, HIGH SCHOOL—F. CONNER, Agent.

Eber L. Cook teacher. 23 scholars; term continued 10 weeks with profit; wages of teacher, \$32.00 per month; commenced Sept. 1, 1891; closed Oct. 30, 1891. One-half of the amount of wages was raised by subscription; one-half by the State. Mr. Cook teaches on correct principles and in himself is quite an encyclopedia.

DISTRICT NO. 10—DR. GEO. DYER, Agent.

Miss Ethel Foster, teacher. This term continued 6 weeks; wages of teacher, \$3.25 per week and board. Miss Foster is a good scholar, and a graduate of the State Normal School at Castine. She has pride and ambition with other good teaching qualities, and taught a good school.

 Winter Terms of School.

DISTRICT NO. 1—BENJ. REYNOLDS, Agent.

Miss Alma E. Carleton, teacher. This term continued 10 weeks; wages \$5.00 per week. Miss Carleton is a good scholar and has an extra ability to explain lessons to pupils and is a perfect lady, but thought to be not puritanic enough for tough schools. She could make a success of teaching in such a school as No. 3 any time. District No. 1 has one bad boy, and they ought to have a sailor chap to teach there one winter, and bring the school under rigid discipline. This would be a healthy state of things.

DISTRICT NO. 2—E. BRALEY, Agent.

Mr. E. L. Cook, teacher. This was a term of school of 12 weeks; wages of teacher, \$30 per month. The scholars were very much interested in their studies and made rapid advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 3—OSCAR FARRINGTON, Agent.

Miss Mae D. Estes, teacher. Length of school 8 weeks; commenced Nov. 24, 1891; closed Jan. 6, 1892; register not returned. The same success was attained as in former schools.

DISTRICT NO. 5—SEWARD HARDING, Agent.

Willis B. Mills teacher. Commenced Dec. 7, 1891; closed Feb. 17, 1892. A term of 11 weeks; wages \$26 per month and board. He is affable and genial. He got the good will of the scholars and they learned well, but some of the parents found fault. Many thought he was not severe enough and some of them that he was too severe. I visited the school three times; all appeared well and the order was good when I was present. It would require trial of issue to prove allegations. I was not called into school by petition, but verbal complaint, hence was not able to prove alleged misconduct on the part of teacher or scholars. Teacher was friendly to the scholars and they in turn reciprocated, so I say, as I did before, it would require a trial of issue to prove anything in that school. He kept it through and has got his pay. Some would pronounce it a failure; I called it a very fair school.

DISTRICT NO. 7—F. CONNER, Agent.

Miss Alida Heald, teacher. A term of 12 weeks; wages \$7.50 per week, and the teacher was well worth it. It was one of the best schools in town, and order was maintained during the term which will have a lasting impression.

DISTRICT NO. 8—J. HARDING, Agent.

Miss Mildred E. Dow, teacher. Continued 12 weeks with profit; register not returned; wages \$3.00 per week.

DISTRICT NO. 9—C. W. WOOD, Agent.

Gershom Twitchell, Jr., teacher. Length of school was 10 weeks; register not returned. The pupils advanced rapidly under his instruction and I pronounced it a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 10—DR. GEO. DYER, Agent.

Everett E. Libby, of Pittsfield, teacher. Length of term was 9 weeks; wages per month, \$28.00. This was

what I thought to be a first-class school in every way, as the teacher was well qualified for the position. His motto was like the inscription on Paul Jones' flag "Dont Tread on Me." He teaches for a reputation. If you want a teacher for a hard school and have tough scholars, Everett can stay by them and go through.

In conclusion I will say that I have met with no trials during my term of office that I term serious, and have generally received the hearty co-operation of the citizens of the town, and have performed the arduous duties of office to the best of my ability, which duties increase by half at every decade. Of course we are expected to make some mistakes in selections, which at first are unforeseen by us, and even not conceived of, but myself and the able staff of agents in association, endeavor to employ the ablest teachers in the market, but many of them must be an experiment as we are not able at all times to get old and experienced teachers in all of our schools, but we get the best we can at the prices offered by the staff to suit the notions of the inhabitants of the municipality, who must be and who wish to be, pleased by their servants in office, and we ever pray that our misdeeds may be forgiven by our generous townsmen when we accidentally get servants who do not exactly fill the positions assigned them, for it is better to stay by them than to break up the schools and then to go through a like experiment again. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. FLETCHER, Suervisor of Schools.