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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town.....	\$ 672 00
of school fund and mill tax.....	690 40
received from town of Detroit.....	18 00
received from town of Troy.....	19 70
due the several districts from 1891.....	81 25
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	\$1481 35

ACCOUNT WITH THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM MAR. 1, 1892, TO FEB. 28, 1893.

District.	Amount of money.	Amount expended.	Amount undrawn.	Amount overdrawn.
No. 1	\$152 29	\$124 45	\$27 84	
2	226 49	224 05	2 44	
3	160 86	155 33	5 50	
4	102 29	91 00	11 29	
5	164 69	164 69		
7	173 91	159 08	14 83	
8	108 36	94 79	13 57	
9	179 81	181 35		1 54
10	212 75	207 80	4 95	
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	\$1481 45	\$1402 54	\$80 42	\$1 54

Whole number of scholars, 298.

Amount per scholar, \$4.5718.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount raised by the town.....	\$200 00
Amount received from state.....	112 50
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	\$312 50
Expended for schools	\$225 00
Unexpended in town's money	87 50
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	\$312 50

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

DR.

To paid George Reynolds for labor	\$ 165 00	
C. E. Sherman, supplies.....	10 22	
R. Gilmore, ".....	24 22	
E. S. Goodwin, ".....	17 88	
H. M. Cole, ".....	51 48	
Hiram McAllister, ".....	13 09	
H. M. Cole, fertilizer.....	5 25	
John Basler, blacksmith bill....	1 40	
G. T. Sherman, blacksmith bill..	4 50	
John N. Martin, casket for Mrs. Richards	12 00	
A. A. Shaw, M. D., medical at- tendance	13 00	
Byron McIntire, M. D.,	5 50	324 44
Property on hand, Feb. 29, 1892	437 95	
Farm and farming tools	1435 00	
Twenty-five cords of wood.....	62 50	1935 45
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		\$2259 89

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By 4 calves sold.....	\$ 21 70	
5 lambs sold.....	14 50	
43 1-2 lbs. wool	10 89	
poultry sold	5 12	
eggs sold.....	13 31	
butter sold	16 57	
beans sold.....	19 67	
dried apple sold	1 20	
pasturing three sheep, H. M. Cole....	1 50	
boarding Samuel Badger.....	73 93	178 39
Property on hand, Feb. 28, 1893.....	405 95	

Farm and farming tools	1450 00	
Twenty-five cords of wood.....	62 50	1918 45
		<u>\$2096 84</u>
Cost of poor on farm to balance account,		163 05
		<u>\$2259 89</u>

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PROPERTY ON HAND ON THE FARM, FEB 28, 1893.

4 cows	\$ 120 00	
14 sheep	56 00	
2 oxen	100 00	
1 swine	10 00	
21 hens	10 50	
3 tons of hay	45 00	
3 bushels beans.....	6 75	
12 bushels oats	6 00	
8 bushels corn.....	4 80	
25 bushels potatoes	15 00	
Provisions on hand	31 90	405 95
Farm and farming tools	1450 00	
Twenty-five cords of wood.....	62 50	1512 50

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EXPENSE OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Maine Insane Hospital, support of Bertram Perkins,	\$153 34
Mrs. Annette Jordan	54 61
Alphonzo Reynolds	96 41
Eben Richards	5 00
	<u>\$307 36</u>
Cost of poor on farm	163 05
	<u>\$470 41</u>

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TOWN HALL, STORE AND LAND.

Received of B. F. Perkins for rent on hall	\$25 00
“ Harding & Houston for rent on land... ..	4 00
“ A. W. Bickford rent on land.....	3 00
	<u>\$32 00</u>

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Dexter Gazette Publishing Co., for printing town reports for 1891.....	\$10	00
Stevens & Jones for school books	9	59
Walter A. Porter for scraper blade and repairs on road machine.....	11	85
Burleigh & Flint for publishing R. R. Commissioners' notice	6	25
Sarah M. Reynolds for notice to town clerk of births.....	2	00
A. A. Shaw, M. D., for notice to town clerk of births and deaths	1	75
Geo. W. Bickford, town clerk, for recording births, deaths and marriages	6	90
Jilesten Wadlin, clerk of courts, for entering and recording petition, order of notice and decision of the R. R. Commissioners	2	00
Francis Cole for breaking roads, 1891	1	07
H. M. Cole for use of horse on hearse	5	00
H. M. Cole, cash expense, 1892	5	35
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		\$61 76

REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Expended by Wm. Coffin	\$514	96
Wm. Coffin, services as commissioner	25	00
Wm. Coffin, labor on highway	75	00
Paid G. E. Berry, repairs of River Bridge, 1891	4	00
Benjamin Dyer, labor on highway for 1891	5	00
J. W. Whitten for hauling plank for Carver bridge, 1891	1	00
Howard Johnson for breaking roads, March 8, 1892	3	00
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		\$627 96
Abatement of taxes, 1891.....	\$52	79
Abatement of taxes, 1892	2	75
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		\$55 54

Paid for school books for 1892

\$25 68

CASH PAID BY TREASURER.

Paid interest on Clinton Gore R. R. bonds.....	\$120	00
interest on town order No. 69.....	17	00
state tax for 1892.....	693	19
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\$830 19

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

H. M. Cole, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	\$81	75
G. Twitchell, Jr., " " " "	56	25
Wm. Coffin, " " " "	45	00
A. D. Millett, treasurer	20	00
F. A. McAllister, supervisor	42	00
G. W. Bickford, town clerk	5	22
William H. Kimball, collector	94	60
E. D. Bickford, constable, 1892	10	50
C. E. Sherman, auditor of accounts	1	50
Joseph Jones, truant officer	5	25
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	\$362	07

CURRENT RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Raised by the town	\$2051	66
State tax for 1892	693	19
County tax for 1892	367	24
Received from state treasurer, state pension, 1891	72	00
Received from state treasurer, bounty on crows, 1891	18	70
Received from John A. Thompson for license to peddler	3	00
Received from state treasurer, railroad and telegraph tax	13	75
Received interest on B. & M. H. L. R. R. stock	120	00
Received from Chas. L. Whitten	200	00
Received for rent of town hall and land	32	00
Received of Samuel Badger for board on town farm	73	93
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	\$3645	47

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Cost of poor	\$470	41
Abatement of taxes	55	54
Repairs of roads and bridges	627	96
Interest paid on debt	342	00
Miscellaneous bills	61	76
Town officers' bills	362	07
State tax	693	19
County tax	367	24
Paid for school books	25	68
" building mill dam	600	00
Paid E. D. Doe for services as committee on building mill dam	6	50
Paid E. D. Bickford for services as committee on water power	1	50
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	\$3613	85
Received more than expended	<hr/>	
	\$31	62

LIABILITIES.

Bonds due Sept. 11, 1892.....	\$1200	00	
“ Dec. 23, 1893	1200	00	
“ Nov. 9, 1894.....	1000	00	
“ Nov. 8, 1895.....	30000		
“ Sept. 15, 1896.....	500	00	
“ Oct. 31, 1897.....	600	00	
“ Oct. 31, 1900.....	2075	00	\$6875 00
Town orders due Nov. 3, 1891.....	425	00	
“ Dec. 14, 1890.....	600	00	
“ on demand on interest....	927	00	\$1952 00
“ outstanding.....			140 23
Due interest on town orders....	49	33	
“ bonds.....	122	83	
“ on Clinton Gore R. R. bonds	75	00	
the several school districts..	78	88	
W. R. Whitten, col. for 1891	107	03	
Wm. H. Kimball, col. for 1892	94	60	
Clinton Gore R. R. bonds..	2000	00	
Geo. Reynolds, labor on farm	11	28	\$2538 89
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			\$11,505 12
Estimated due for breaking roads.....			100 00
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			\$11,605 12

RESOURCES.

Due from Wm. R. Whitten, collector			
for 1891.....	\$	285	41
“ Wm. H. Kimball, collector			
for 1892.....	2466	22	
“ A. D. Millett, town treasurer.	1133	79	
on tax deeds in treasurer's hands.	252	46	
“ Sarah Sayward note.....	11	75	
20 shares B. & M. H. L. R. R. stock...	2000	00	
Town hall, land and water power.....	1100	00	
Farm and farming tools.....	1450	00	
Stock and produce on farm.....	405	95	
Due from dividends on B. & M. R. R.			
Co. stock.....	90	00	
Road machine.....	150	00	

School books on hand.....	285 00
Due from Wm. R. Whitten, interest on his collection.....	15 00

	<u>\$9645 58</u>
Excess of liabilities over resources.....	1949 54

HENRY M. COLE,	}	Selectmen of Burnham.
G. TWITCHELL JR.,		
WM. COFFIN.		

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

CHAS. E. SHERMAN, Auditor.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BURNHAM :

By law, I respectfully submit the following report of the schools for the year ending Feb. 28, 1893. The object of a report is for information, but how can the people be instructed without language spoken or written? Many things ought to be said but I will touch only upon a few points which I think are important to the town.

SCHOOLS.

The schools in this town for the past year have been good, and some of them excellent. With one exception, every school has been visited as the law requires, and all the time needed given to each school.

TEACHERS.

There have been employed in town the past year, fourteen different teachers, besides the High School teachers ; six of them being residents of this town, and all, but one, having previous experience. Twenty-four terms have been taught with an average of eight and one-half weeks in each term. I would be glad to make special mention of several who have done honor to themselves in teaching, but it does not seem advisable. Many of our teachers have such a well established reputation for being good instructors, that no words of mine would add any laurels to their already well earned name. My words of commendation or reproof have already been said in the school room. As a whole, our schools have been very profitable for the past year.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

These schools belong to the town, but we fear the town does not appreciate this privilege as it should. The school in Dist. No. 10, under the instruction of Mr. George C. Hight, of Athens, was not what it might have been nor even what we expected it would be. The school started in with a good attendance and a good interest, and those who attended regularly and with the object of learning, made good improvement; but to others, who did not attend regularly nor with the object of learning, the school was not as profitable as it otherwise might have been.

The school in Dist. No. 7, under the instruction of Miss Alida Heald, was a success in every particular. I

was fortunate enough to secure a teacher whose deportment in the school merited the approval of all. The school continued ten weeks, and was very instructive and highly satisfactory. Miss Heald worked hard for her scholars and we feel safe in recommending her as a faithful and efficient teacher. These schools are the cheapest educational privilege that can be given a scholar, as the State pays one-half of the expense.

A WORD TO PARENTS.

Much depends upon the parent's co-operation with the teacher, for a good school. I have found in some instances, if scholars are displeased with a teacher—it may be for some trifling matter, that the scholars will be allowed to stay out of school, to their great injury. This is all wrong. If a teacher is over-exacting with your child there is a proper way for a redress without punishing your child for life, by depriving him of his school, just to gratify his likes or dislikes.

BOOKS.

According to law, the town shall furnish free text books; and upon examination I found there were a few new books needed, hence I have been obliged to purchase. When the book law took effect and the town purchased the new books, they were put into the schools without number or mark of any kind to show that they were the town's property. I would suggest that the town furnish labels to be pasted upon the inside of the cover of every book now in use or to be put into the schools. Said label should give the number, with rules and regulations in reference to the care of the book and the responsibility of the scholar using it.

Books on hand Feb. 28, 1892.....	215
bought during this year.....	27
returned by several districts.....	18
returned, destroyed by several districts.....	16
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Books to be distributed....	276
Books distributed during the year.....	68
now on hand.....	208
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	276
Paid out for books during the year.....	\$24 68
for express.....	1 00
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Total amount.....	\$25 68

NAMES OF TEACHERS WITH P. O. ADDRESS.

- Dist. No. 1 { Summer, Miss Millie E. Doe, Burnham, Me.
 { Winter, Miss Minnie Cornforth, Unity, "
- Dist. No. 2 { Summer term, Miss Alida Heald, Troy, Me.
 { Winter " " " " "
- Dist. No. 3 { Spring term, Miss Nellie Hazeltine Clinton, Me.
 { Fall " Miss Millie E. Doe, Burnham, "
 { Winter " " Cora Munroe, Troy, "
- Dist. No. 4 { Summer, Miss Nellie Young, Burnham, Me.
 { Winter, " " " " "
- Dist. No. 5 { Spring term, Mrs. Alice Ricker, Clinton, Me.
 { Fall " " " " "
 { Winter " F. A. McAllister, Burnham, "
- Dist. No. 7 { Summer term, Miss Millie Gerald, Clinton, Me.
 { Winter " " Myra Libby, Unity, "
 { High school, " Alida Heald, Troy, "
- Dist. No. 8 { Summer, Miss Angie Harding, Burnham, Me.
 { Winter, " Lulu Hawthorne, Detroit, "
- Dist. No. 9 { Spring term, Miss Cora Munroe, Troy, Me.
 { Fall " " " " "
 { Winter " G. Twitchell Jr., Burnham, "
- Dist. No. 10 { Spring term, Miss Annie Berry, Burnham, Me.
 { Fall " " " " "
 { Winter " " " " "
 { High school, Geo. C. Hight, Athens, Maine.
 F. A. McALLISTER,
 Supervisor of Schools.