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ANNUAL REPORT
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Town Officers.

Moderator.
J. G. REYNOLDS.

Clerk.
O. W. LANE.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.
J. R. LITTLEFIELD, W. E. BARKER
B. F. WENTWORTH

Treasurer.
A. R. PILLEY.

School Committee.
A. E. KILGORE, N. R. COOK, W. O. ESTES.

Superintendent of Schools.
E. C. HOLBROOK.

Collector of Taxes.
L. C. CILLEY.

Road Commissioners.
C. E. BOWEN, C. H. DICKEY.

Henry Reynolds

Trustees of the Sinking Fund.
E. A. CARPENTER, A. E. KILGORE.
J. C. ROSE.
Report of the Selectmen

To the Citizens of Brooks:

The following is our report of the financial affairs of the town for the fiscal year ending February 15th, 1905.

VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN APRIL 1st, 1904.

Real and Personal Estates ........................................... $248,060
Number of Polls ......................................................... 205
Poll Tax ................................................................. $3 00
Rate of Tax ............................................................... .0186

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1904.

For State Tax, .......................................................... $702 00
For County Tax, ......................................................... 264 72
For Support of Schools, .............................................. 535 20
For Support of the Poor, .............................................. 500 00
For Roads and Bridges, .............................................. 900 00
For Repair of School Houses, ....................................... 50 00
For Contingent Expenses, ............................................ 300 00
For Interest, ............................................................. 750 00
For Material for Roads and Bridges, ................................ 100 00
For Text Books, .......................................................... 100 00
For Free High School, ................................................ 125 00
For Memorial Day, ..................................................... 30 00
For Snow Rollers, ....................................................... 300 00
For State Road, ........................................................ 200 00
For Collection of Taxes, .............................................. 115 00
For Overlayings, ....................................................... 197 78
For Supplementary Tax, .............................................. 59 76

Total Commitment .................................................. $5,229 46
State Road.

Money expended by Road Commissioner C. E. Bowen on State Road and Bridge for same.

Paid Webber R. Stimpson, ........................................ $ 99 05
Will Swift, .......................................................... 22 05
Adelbert Bowen, ..................................................... 15 00
L. C. Cilley, .......................................................... 8 54
L. W. Cook, ........................................................... 42 14
Lawrence Cook, ....................................................... 4 50
John Dickey, .......................................................... 3 00
Horace Gerald, ....................................................... 5 92
Horace Gerald, material for bridge, ......................... 3 05
Charles Hobbs, ....................................................... 10 05
C. E. Bowen, ......................................................... 25 50
C. H. Roberts, ......................................................... 3 00

Total amount expended, ........................................... $ 241 80
Appropriation, ....................................................... 200 00
Overdrawn, .......................................................... $ 41 80

Bridges and Side Walks

Money expended by Road Commissioner C. E. Bowen for labor and materials.

Paid George Miller, ................................................. $ 5 00
Fred Moulton, ....................................................... 3 00
Joseph Lang, ......................................................... 1 50
Frank Stimpson, .................................................... 3 00
John Dickey, .......................................................... 6 00
Melvin Roberts, ....................................................... 7 35
Ansel Pettengill, .................................................... 10 69
Adelbert Ames, ...................................................... 3 37
S. M. Elwell, material, ........................................... 4 40
Adelbert Bowen, .................................................... 15 00
W. O. Estes, .......................................................... 6 00
A. E. Chase, plank, nails, powder and fuse, 49 14
A. E. Chase, 3 00
James McTaggart, 1 50
C. H. Roberts, 26 50
Morse & Co., plank and freight, 53 84

Total amount expended, $199 11
Appropriation, 100 00
Overdrawn, $99 11

Roads and Bridges.

Money expended by C. E. Bowen Road Commissioner

Paid John Cilley, $9 44
Charles Dickey, 3 00
J. C. Rose, 2 00
Fred Moulton, 7 50
Joseph Lang, 1 50
W. R. Stimpson, 4 95
Frank Stimpson, 6 25
John Dickey, 18 00
Noyes Cilley, 12 00
H. W. Littlefield, 9 00
W. O. Estes, 5 75
J. B. McTaggart, 1 00
Frank Fogg, 11 60
L. C. Cilley, 12 89
Lawrence Cook, 3 75
Adelbert Bowen, 19 82
Albion Reynolds, 1 20
Hiram Pattee, 8 10
Hale Hall, 3 50
A. B. Huff, 1 20
H. L. Reynolds, 1 25
W. A. Page, 3 00
Carl Jenkins, 83
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Money expended by C. H. Dickey Road Commissioner on the highway.

Paid Leslie Smith, ........................................... $ 0.60
Joseph Decrow, ........................................... 2.50
M. J. Dow, .................................................. 6.00
S. F. Ryan, .................................................. 3.00
Edmund Young, ............................................... 2.25
Harry Johnson, ............................................... 2.25
C. H. Roberts, ................................................ 6.00
C. L. Austin, .................................................. 3.00
C. E. Bowen, .................................................. 1.50
Guy Prime, .................................................... 1.50
Mrs. J. G. Gibbs, .......................................... 1.30
H. C. Stover, .................................................. 1.20
C. H. Dickey, ................................................ 68.28
C. H. Dickey, watering tub, ................................. 3.00
M. J. Dow, .................................................. 1.50
R. W. Wiggin, ............................................... 8.55
E. R. Knowlton, ........................................... 6.75
James Grover, .............................................. 7.50
Simeon Lamphire, ........................................... 2.85
D. R. McAndless, ........................................... 3.52
Herbert Cram, ............................................... 18.53
C. T. Scribner, ............................................. 6.90
Abbie A. Roberts, .......................................... 5.80
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Money expended by Henry Reynolds Road Commissioner on the highway.

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Total amount expended, $337 18

Whole amount expended on the highways, $925 37
Amount appropriated, 900 00
Overdrawn, $25 37

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**Support of the Poor.**

Paid Maine Insane Hospital for the support of John W. Austin and Sylvester W. Reynolds, $286 63

Fred Gibbs.

Paid Annette Gibbs for board, $10 00
S. M. Elwell " " 79 20
T. I. Huxford for clothing 1 15
A. E. Chase " " 8 70

Total expense, $101 30

Transient Poor.

Paid Lawrence Cook for feeding and lodging Tramp $2 00
F. L. Emmons for keeping Tramps 2 00
Paid W. F. Emmons for feeding Tramps,........... 60
J. R. Littlefield “ “ “ ............. 1 25

Total expense, ................................. $ 5 85

Appropriation, ................................. $ 500 00

Expended, ...................................... 393 78

Balance unexpended, .......................... $ 106 22

Expenditures under direction of the School Board for Common Schools, Free High School, Repair of School Houses and Free Text Books.

**Common Schools.**

Appropriation by Town, ........................... $ 535 20
Received from the State, ........................... 553 39
Unexpended from last year, ........................... 4 42

Total amount available, ........................... $1093 01

**Wages of Teachers.**

Paid Earl D. Bessey, ................................ $ 128 00
Grace E. Dow, .................................... 60 00
Mabel Rose, ....................................... 70 00
Edna L. Elwell, .................................... 60 00
Inez Payson, ....................................... 60 00
Marion Reynolds, .................................... 48 00
Mabel Rose, ....................................... 70 00
Inez Payson, ....................................... 60 00
Edna L. Elwell, .................................... 22 00
Marion Reynolds, .................................... 60 00
Mabel Rose, ....................................... 70 00
L. L. Woods, ...................................... 39 50

Total amount paid Teachers, .................... $ 747 50
Transportation of Scholars.

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Total amount expended: $121.25

Fuel.

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<td>W. O. Estes</td>
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Total amount expended: $78.20

Total amount available: $1,093.01
Total amount expended: $946.95
Balance unexpended: $146.06

Repair of Schoolhouses.

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A. E. Chase, ........................................... $ 01
T. I. Huxford, ........................................ 4 68

Total amount expended, ......................... $44 17
Appropriation, ...................................... $50 00
Expended, .......................................... 44 17
Balance unexpended, ............................... $5 83

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**Free High School.**

Appropriation by Town, ........................ $125 00
Received from the State, ......................... 62 50
Due ................................................. 62 50

Total amount available, ........................ $250 00

Paid L. L. Woods for teaching, .................. $250 00

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**Free Text Books.**

Paid American Book Co., ......................... $42 28
Ginn & Co., ......................................... 56 20
D. R. Knowlton, ................................... 1 50
Express on books, ................................ 1 80

Amount expended, ................................. $101 78
Appropriation, ...................................... 100 00
Overdrawn, ......................................... $1 78

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**Contingent Expenses.**

Pay of Town Officers.

J. H. Gordon Moderator two meetings, .......... $2 00
O. W. Lane Town Clerk, ........................... 8 00
E. C. Holbrook Superintendent of Schools, services and expenses, .......................... 50 00
J. R. Littlefield Selectman, services and expenses  55.00
W. E. Barker " " " "  35.00
B. F. Wentworth " " " "  41.27
A. R. Pilley Treasurer, " " " "  25.00
W. C. Rowe Sexton, " .............  14.00
J. E. Ellis Ballot Clerk, " .............  4.00
F. K. Roberts Ballot Clerk and repairs on voting booth, 5.00

Miscellaneous.

Paid O. W. Lane, recording births, deaths, marriages,
postage and office fixtures, ......................... $8.80
J. R. Littlefield, use of team, ....................... 4.00
B. F. Wentworth, use of team, ....................... 3.50
H. M. Brown, printing Town Reports, Letter Heads, Envelopes and Notices, .... 22.35
M. S Stiles, surveying new street, ................... 2.00
L. C. Cilley, enforcing dog law, ..................... 2.00
L. C. Cilley, posting warrants, ...................... 3.00
N. R. Cook M. D. reporting births and deaths, 5.25
A. R. Pilley, for stationery, ......................... 1.47
A. E. Kilgore M. D. reporting births and deaths, 3.50
A. B. Payson, posting warrants, ..................... 4.00
E. S. Stevens, for labor in Cemeteries, ........ 2.00
S. M. Elwell, " " " ......................... 3.00
W. F. Emmons " " " ......................... 1.00
S. Hall, " " " ......................... 2.50
J. R. Littlefield, " " " ......................... 3.50

Total amount expended, ......................... $307.24
Appropriation, .................................. 300.00
Overdrawn, ................................... $7.24
Collection of Taxes.

Paid L. C. Cilley Collector in part, .......... $60 00
Due L. C. Cilley " .................. 55 00

Total, .................................. $115 00
Amount appropriated, .............. $115 00

Abatements.

William Briggs for 1903, ............... $3 49
W. B. Ingersoll, " ..................... 3 00
George W Miller, " ..................... 3 00
Elden Sparrow, " ....................... 3 49
W. S. Jones, error in valuation in 1904, .. 11 16

Total, .................................. $24 14

Interest.

Paid interest on Town Bonds, .............. $636 00
Interest on Interest Bearing Town Orders, .. 113 34

Total paid, ......................... $749 34
Appropriation, ........................ $750 00
Unexpended, ............................ 66

Observance of Memorial Day.

Appropriation, .................. $30 00
Paid George G. Davis Post, ............ $30 00

Burial of Soldier.

Paid burial expenses of Wm. H. Roberts, .. $32 00
Received from the State for same, ........ $32 00
Bills of previous Years.

Paid C. L. Austin for damage to sleigh in 1903, $5 00
F. W. Brown Jr. costs in action, Abbie A. Roberts vs Inhabitants of Brooks for 1903, 10 00
R. F. Dunton for legal services in above action, 6 00
A. B. Payson Collector for 1903, 75 00
J. A Bowden labor on the highway in 1903, 1 50
F. H. Quimby, for same, 7 50
F. W. Gibbs, " " 7 50
James Grover, " " 7 50
C. E. Lane, " " 12 00
A. O. Payson, " " 8 25
E. E. Patch, " " 90
C. H. Forbes, " " 2 00
W. H. Work, " " 75
C. H. Dickey, " " 1 00
Horace Gerald, " " 66
E. L. Prime, " " 5 25
H. J. Cram, " " 2 20
H. L. Elwell, " " 3 15
Henry Reynolds, " " 6 40
J. E. Knowlton, " " 7 33
Samuel Reynolds, " " 5 00

Total amount paid, $174 89

Snow Rollers.

Appropriation, $300 00
Paid E. M. Dagget for two Rollers, 259 00
Unexpended, 41 00
Outstanding interest bearing Orders.
[Interest at 3 1-2 per cent.]

Ethelyn Grover, ................................... $160 00
Fannie A. Twombly, .................................. 510 00
H. W. Littlefield, ................................... 1477 50
Llewellyn Stimpson, .................................. 526 00
P. B. Clifford, ........................................ 100 00
Susanna M. Holbrook, ................................ 400 00

Total, .................................................. $3173 50

Recapitulation.

Receipts.

From Tax Levy of 1904, ................................ $5229 46
Unexpended School money, ............................ 4 42
School fund and mill tax, .............................. 553 39
State for Free High School, .......................... 125 00
" for State Road, ............................... 100 00
" for dog license rebate, .............................. 38 55
for burial of Soldier, ................................ 32 00
Lot in new Cemetery, ................................ 20 00
Refund on freight, .................................... 25
Tuition to High School, ................................ 2 00
Town of Thorndike, ................................... 3 80
Henry Reynolds for overpayment on the road, .......... 16 54
Due from Samuel Reynolds for overpayment for labor on the road, ............................... 18 25
Due from E. R. Knowlton for overpayment for labor on the road, ............................... 6 00
Due from State for damage to sheep by dogs, .......... 134 00

Total amount received, ................................ $6283 66
### Expenditures

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Standing of the Town.

Liabilities.

Due on Town Bonds, ........................................ $15900.00
On intering bearest Town Orders, .................. 3173.50
The Common School Fund, .............................. 146.06
Outstanding Orders, ....................................... 309.04
Collector for 1903, ......................................... 50.00
Collector for 1904, ......................................... 55.00

Total, ......................................................... $19,633.60

Resources.

200 Shares B. & M. H. L. R. R. Stock, ................ $15,000.00
Due on tax of 1903, ........................................ 281.42
Due on tax of 1904, ........................................ 1978.88
Due from the State for damage to Sheep, ........... 134.00
Due " " " dog license rebate, ............................. 30.00
Due " " " high schools, ...................................... 62.50
Due on Collectors deed, .................................... 32.72
Amount in Sinking Fund, ................................. 1913.58
Cash in the Treasury, ...................................... 1090.40
Due from Town of Thorndike, ............................ 10.00
Due " " " Stockton Springs, ................................ 10.73
Due from Samuel Reynolds, .............................. 18.25
Due " E. R. Knowlton, ...................................... 6.00

Total, ......................................................... $20,568.48
Total amount of Liabilities, ......................... 19,633.60
Resources exceed Liabilities by, ..................... $934.88

Respectfully Yours,

J. R. Littlefield  } Selectmen
W. E. Barker  } of
B. F. Wentworth  } Brooks.

Amount of the fund last year as per report, $1156.42
June dividend from Railroad Stock, 280.00
Dec. " " " " 288.00
Railroad and Telegraph Tax, 140.00
Interest on investments, 49.16

Total amount, $1913.58

This fund is invested as follows:
In Augusta Savings Bank, book No. 40025, $1313.58
In Town of Brooks Bond, No. 54, 100.00
In " " " " 29, 500.00

Total, $1913.58

E. A. Carpenter
A. E. Kilgore
J. C. Rose

Trustees of the Sinking Fund.

Report of the Treasurer.

Dr.

To cash on hand Feb. 26th 1904, $504.03
Received of A. B. Payson, coll. for 1903,. 2307.00
" " L. C. Cilley " 1904,. 3250.58
" " State Treasurer for burying Soldiers, 65.00
" " " " " dog license refund, 38.55
" " " " " State pensions 180.00
" " " " " R. R. and Telegraph Tax, 140.00
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Received of State Treasurer for Free

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Respectfully Submitted,

A. R. Pilley, Treasurer of Brooks.
Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

The important event of the School year was the vote of the town Aug. 11th., to establish a High School having four years courses, and intended to rank with the Standard Secondary Schools of the State. In organizing the School, the School board have kept but one Standard in mind, the best.

The immediate objects of the High School are to provide means right at home for our Students to procure an academic education, and to relieve the town of the expense of paying tuition for our Students in other Secondary Schools under the law of 1903. But these cannot be fully attained without modern appliances and a high standard of scholarship. We want a Standard School whose diploma will mean something. By vote of the town, the School Board rented quarters for the School in Union Hall, which are very well adapted to the purpose. The building has running water, closets and all modern conveniences and there are no unsanitary surroundings. The School room is large, airy and well lighted. The desks, blackboards and other furniture are the best that can be bought.

Courses of Study.

Two courses of study are offered in the High School, the Classical and the English. The Classical preparing the Student for the old line, or Literary College, and the English preparing for the modern or technical school.

Either of these courses furnishes a good practical education, if the student goes no farther. These courses are all that are needed. All the courses offered in preparatory schools are readily reducible to these two, which together with a Commercial course is the classification adopted by
Thornton Academy of Saco, one of the best in the State.

The studies pursued by scholars in the Grammar grade, who occupy seats in the High School, are intended to be a thorough drill in reading, arithmetic, grammar and geography, with penmanship. The Primary School teaches the subjects usually taught in schools of that grade, and should include some elementary instruction in drawing.

The Schools at West Brooks and South Brooks must necessarily instruct in both primary and grammar school subjects. This gives, perhaps, as perfect a system of grading as practicable in a town of this size, and should give very good results in practice.

Text Books.

The necessity of providing almost entirely new text books in the High School, has made it difficult to meet the demand for new books and keep within the appropriation. The alarming deficiency of our scholars in the important subject of English Grammar, called our attention to the fact, that while there were a few books of each of several different kinds of "Lessons in" and "Introductions to" English, there was no standard text book in Grammar in general use in our schools.

The Board adopted Maxwell's English Grammar for all new purposes, which it is intended to supplement later with Maxwell's and Johnson's English Composition.

Besides these, there were adopted during the year, Blaisdell's Physiology, Avery's Physics, Gray's Botony with New England Flora and Egglestons' Twentieth Century History of the United States. These text books are believed to be equal to any in use.

We believe that the system of Schools outlined above can be run successfully without becoming a serious burden upon the tax payers. The appropriation for Free High School should be moderately increased, as every dollar thus appropriated means another from the State. But outside of that, the ordinary expenses of the system during the year coming can, we think be paid with our usual appropriation of "what the law requires".
In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the fact that in all measures to increase the efficiency of our Schools, during the past year, I have had the earnest cooperation of the School Board, and of many public spirited citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Holbrook, Superintendent of Schools.
## Tabulated School Report

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