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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Jay for the year ending Feb. 14, 1895, is herewith presented.

Total Valuation for the year 1894, \$799,565 00  
Number of Polls, 599.

## MONEY ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1894.

For State Tax,	\$1,940 34
County Tax,	1,223 70
Free High Schools,	200 00
Support of Schools,	1,250 00
Support of Poor,	1,200 00
Town Expenses,	2,500 00
Unpaid Highway Tax,	647 50
Observance of Memorial Day,	20 00
Stone's Corner Cemetery,	35 00
Roads and Bridges,	3,000 00
Overlaying,	423 32
	<b>\$12,439 86</b>

Rate of Money Tax, 12 1-2 mills.

**ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.**

Inventory of Personal Property at the Town Farm as appraised Feb. 14, 1895 :

2 Oxen,	\$125 00
4 Cows,	160 00
2 Calves,	10 00
2 Swine,	10 00
16 Hens,	8 00
Hay and straw,	140 00
Grain,	25 70
Pork,	15 00
Beef and hams,	9 00
Butter and cheese,	9 00
40 Gallons vinegar,	6 00
Potatoes and apples,	32 00
Vegetables,	7 20
Groceries,	8 75
11 Empty barrels,	2 75
Cheese tub, sink and 4 milk cans,	7 50
1 Baking pan, sledge and wedges,	3 00
Cider barrels, butter jars and meat tubs,	7 00
Clothes wringer and basket,	2 50
Lot of stoves,	50 00
Beds, bedding, furniture and dishes,	140 00
Farming tools,	145 00
Lumber, cedar posts and shingles,	35 00
44 Cords wood,	110 00
2 Bushels beans,	4 00
1 Creamer,	34 00
100 Lbs. phosphate,	1 35
	\$1,107 75

**EXPENSE OF ALMSHOUSE.**

Value of Town Farm Feb. 17, 1894,	\$2,000 00
Hay, stock, etc., on hand,	1,060 10

Interest on Farm and Personal Property,	\$122 40
Paid Agent on Town Farm,	250 00
Medical attendance,	12 00
Casket and robe for Chas. Knox,	19 00
Burial of Chas. Knox,	2 50
A. P. Adams, for groceries,	42 11
H. R. Teague, for supplies,	42 84
Thompson Bros., for supplies,	4 36
S. H. Niles, for groceries,	2 77
For oxen,	100 00
C. L. Macomber, for groceries,	37 64
Supplies furnished by Agent,	71 63
	\$3,797 35

## RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

For valuation of Town Farm Feb. 14,	
1895,	\$2,000 00
Hay, stock, etc., on hand,	1,107 75
Butter, cheese, eggs, round hog, etc.,	
sold A. P. Adams,	50 65
Cheese sold S. H. Niles,	3 73
Straw, butter, eggs, cheese, potatoes, etc.,	
sold C. L. Macomber,	24 98
Oats and beets sold H. R. Teague,	9 55
Apples sold C. M. Thompson,	4 50
Cedar posts,	8 10
Oats,	7 50
2 Calves,	11 50
Straw,	5 00
Keeping steers,	50
2 Cows,	56 00
2 Oxen,	116 40
1 Cow,	33 00
3 Two-year-olds,	67 50
Corn,	75



Butter,	\$ 6 00
Cash from S. H. Niles,	96
Total Receipts,	\$3,514 37

## INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Sarah J. Childs,	aged 55,	No. of weeks,	52
Bert Bryant,	" 33,	" "	52
Mrs. Simeon Foye,	" 76,	" "	52
Chas. Knox,	" 72,	" "	23
Total number of weeks,			<u>179</u>

Total Expenditures of Almshouse,	\$3,797 35
Total Receipts of Almshouse,	<u>3,514 37</u>
Expense above Receipts,	\$ 282 98

## EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid D. B. Macomber, aid to Betsey Macomber,	\$100 00
Mary A. Chase, aid to Lelia Bowley,	52 00
City of Auburn, aid to Elmira Torry,	101 80
Aid to Mrs. L. Fortier,	13 00
Town of Farmington, aid to Lewis P. Reed,	69 52
Burial expense of Chas. Balduc's child,	15 50
Digging grave for Geo. Paine,	2 50
Expense of T. J. Eagan and family,	6 60
Burial expenses Elmira Torry,	<u>5 00</u>
Total Expense out of Almshouse,	\$365 92
Balance against Almshouse,	<u>282 98</u>
Total Pauper Expense,	\$648 90

**TOWN EXPENSES.**

Paid for Repairs on Roads and Bridges, summer of 1894,	\$1,955 36
For repairs on Jay Bridge,	936 53
Snow bills, winter of 1893 and 1894,	882 62
Observance of Memorial Day,	20 00
Trustees Ministerial and School Fund,	11 00
A. P. Adams, Treasurer,	36 00
A. P. Adams, postage, stationery, and advertising Otis Falls Mill property,	6 32
A. P. Adams, expense collecting tax and administering oaths,	9 00
J. O. Hardy, division school property,	14 88
H. H. Allen, collecting taxes up to 1893,	226 11
H. H. Allen, posting Town Warrants,	6 80
F. W. Merritt, as Health Officer,	27 00
H. H. Allen, " " "	18 82
R. L. Richardson, " " "	8 50
Samuel Dennis, land damage,	15 00
Loring, Short & Co., for office supplies,	9 55
Knowlton, McLeary & Co., printing Town Reports and Order Book,	21 00
F. W. Merritt, vaccinating,	30 00
Town Officers' bills, 1894,	365 00
Chas. Burgess, damage to team on road,	10 00
Sheep killed by dogs,	10 50
F. W. Merritt, reporting births and deaths,	1 50
H. Reynolds, " " "	3 75
V. O. White, " " "	1 75
C. E. Knight, " " "	3 00
I. A. D. Blake, " " "	50
J. C. Holman, legal services,	10 00
J. H. Soule, expenses on Ouilette murder case,	23 25
4 Oxen for Road-Machine,	270 00
Abatement of Taxes, 1892 and 1893,	136 64
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	\$5,070 38

## RECEIPTS.

4 Oxen sold from Road-Machine,	\$ 267 68
Total Town Expense,	<u>\$4,802 70</u>

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## SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid for Teachers' wages,	\$2,232 75
Repairs of school-houses, fuel and building fires,	201 55
School-books,	6 40
Free high schools,	364 30
School supplies,	<u>227 77</u>
	\$3,032 77

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## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS (Estimated).

## SELECTMEN.

Geo. W. Stone,	\$ 80 00
Geo. Q. Gammon,	85 00
A. J. Linscott,	85 00

## SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

N. G. French,	112 00
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## CLERK.

Rufus C. Stone,	16 95
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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

H. H. Allen,
F. W. Merritt,
R. L. Richardson,

**LIABILITIES.**

Notes outstanding,	\$12,040 00
Interest on above notes,	346 11
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,	250 00
School Supervisor,	112 00
H. H. Allen, Collector,	345 00
Unpaid school bills (estimated),	400 00
Trustees of Ministerial and School Fund,	6 00
Outstanding orders,	247 90
State Tax,	1,940 34
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Total Liabilities,	\$15,687 35

**RESOURCES.**

Town Farm, valued Feb. 14, 1895,	\$2,000 00
Personal Property,	1,107 75
Due from State Treasurer, Mill Tax and Tax on Savings Banks,	1,282 32
Dog licenses,	152 00
Due from State Treasurer for Free High School,	158 00
Non-Resident Taxes,	660 86
Due from H. H. Allen, Collector,	11,106 37
Two Road-Machines,	200 00
Cash in Treasury,	1,711 88
Due from Portland (pauper bill),	32 00
Cash in Agent's hands,	48 69
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Total Resources,	\$18,459 87
Total Liabilities,	15,687 35
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Balance in favor of Town,	\$2,772 52

**ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

For Support of Schools,	\$1,300 00
Support of Poor,	1,200 00
Highways and Bridges,	3,500 00
Town Expenses,	2,500 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. STONE,	} <i>Selectmen, Assessors,</i>	
GEO. Q. GAMMON,		<i>and</i>
A. J. LINSOTT,		} <i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>

## Report of Supervisor and School Committee.

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The Supervisor of the Town of Jay would respectfully present the following report :

The schools on the whole have proved quite satisfactory. A general examination of teachers was held in the spring, and not one of the teachers selected at that examination disappointed the Supervisor. In the summer a Teachers' Institute was held, which was of interest, and, we believe, a help to our instructors. Nearly all of the teachers, through the influence of the Supervisor, subscribed for some teacher's journal.

As no appropriation was made last year for the purchase of books, we bought only what were absolutely necessary, and often gave out books which were too poor to be used. This was no economy for the town, as it will require twice as much to be spent this year.

The Committee thought best to change the time of some of the schools and put in a few extra ones in the fall, so that all of the larger scholars could attend school in their own or neighboring districts. One boy, five years old, walked two and one-half miles to the next district, and lost only two days of school. Owing to this arrangement, more of the scholars of the town have had the privilege of attending three terms of school than has been granted them in the past.

The Supervisor desires to make grateful mention of the helpfulness of the Committee, and feels that the town is greatly indebted to them for their gratuitous services. The town made no mistake in selecting five.

Your Supervisor found the following schools in session when he entered upon his office: Macomber Hill and Morse, winter schools; and Otis Falls and Jay Bridge high schools. The

two former were under the instruction of Mr. L. H. Gould and Miss Susie Farrington, respectively. Both teachers were engaged to finish out the terms for others. They were teachers of experience, and gave satisfaction. The Otis Falls high school was under the instruction of Mr. R. B. Parsons and Gertie M. Webber. Mr. Parsons is a teacher of experience, and proved himself well qualified for his position. Miss Webber had charge of the smaller scholars and did well by them.

The Bridge school was fortunate in securing as teacher Mr. E. F. Pratt, the instructor of the winter school. He labored under the disadvantage of having too many classes, so that he was compelled to call to his aid the older scholars. Mr. Pratt will make no mistake if he make teaching a profession.

OTIS FALLS,\* No. 1.—*Grammar*.—The summer term was under the instruction of Miss Sarah M. Whittemore, who has had years of experience in teaching and had previously taught in this school. This is one of our most difficult schools, but Miss Whittemore has wonderful tact in handling scholars, and would succeed where many others would fail. She inspired her scholars with something of her own enthusiasm. The Committee thought best to make the same arrangements at Otis as at the Bridge, to secure a male teacher for the year. Mr. J. B. Ranger, of Wilton, was engaged for the school, but circumstances were such that he desired to be released from the engagement at the end of the fall term. Mr. Ranger is a teacher of experience and ability, and did good work in the school. Outside interference is a great injury to this school. *Primary*.—The summer term of the Primary school was taught by Miss Myrtie F. Dascomb, who was a good instructor, but found the scholars hard to govern. The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss S. M. Whittemore, who is peculiarly fitted for this school. We hope her services can be secured for another year.

STONE'S CORNER, No. 2.—Summer term was taught by Miss Cora Hall, of East Dixfield. The school was much smaller

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\*The number following the name is for convenience in referring to the tabulated form.

than the Committee had reason to expect, and as a result, there was not the interest on the part of teacher or scholars that there would have been in a larger school. Miss Hattie M. Osgood of Auburn, taught the winter term. The attendance was large and the interest good.

JAY BRIDGE, No. 3.—*Grammar*.—The summer term was under the instruction of Mrs. Cora Y. Prince. Mrs. Prince is a teacher of experience, and a faithful worker. She does her best for her pupils. The scholars made good progress in their studies. The winter term was taught by Mr. W. L. Mower, of Greene, the teacher of the high school. Mr. Mower secured the good will of his scholars, and improved over his fall term in the discipline of the school. He introduced some new exercises into the school, which will be a benefit, we think. Arrangements were made whereby we could have his services, if desired, three terms in succession. We would advise engaging him for the third term. *Primary*.—This school has been under the care of Miss Hattie M. Merritt for the year. This is Miss Merritt's second year in the school. She has a good faculty for governing small scholars, and we believe the town could not do better than to retain her services.

JAY BEND, No. 4.—The summer term was taught by Miss Gertrude I. Brown, East Dixfield. At the first of the term Miss Brown did not maintain the discipline necessary, but after being prompted by the Supervisor she adopted more severe measures. If she had commenced as she left off, would have made a success of the school.

As the larger scholars were to attend the Bridge school, the parents desired the winter term to commence early. As our town teachers were engaged at the time we were compelled to engage a stranger. Miss Mary E. True, of Wayne, was well recommended, and we secured her. Miss True was a good instructor but failed to maintain the order necessary in a school-room. This school needs a teacher who regards order the first requisite of a school.



INTERVALE, No. 5.—The Committee suspended the summer term, and engaged Mr. H. Bean to bring all the scholars to the Bridge school who would be compelled to go two or more miles to school. This arrangement proved a benefit to the scholars and economy for the town. The majority of the district were anxious to secure Mr. A. O. Moulton, who had taught several terms in the district, for the winter term. His services were engaged, and he has done satisfactory work.

MACOMBER HILL, No. 6.—The summer term was taught by Miss Hattie M. Osgood of Auburn. Miss Osgood took the first prize for scholarship at the Nichols Latin School, from which she graduated. She commanded the respect of her scholars. The best recommendation for her school was the fact that twelve of her scholars went to Canada Corner to be under her instruction in the fall.

The winter term was commenced by Miss Lena Kinney, a graduate of the Farmington Normal School. Miss Kinney did good work for seven weeks, and then was obliged to give it up on account of sickness. Your Supervisor was fortunate in securing Miss Alice Jackson, a former teacher, to finish out the term.

NORTH JAY, No. 7.—The summer term was taught by Miss Lizzie M. Parsons, Wilton. Miss Parsons secured this position because of the high rank she secured at the general examination of teachers. While this is a most difficult school because of its size and the number of classes, yet Miss Parsons did good work with her scholars.

The winter term was taught by Miss Anna M. York, of Wilton. The selection of the teacher for this school was left with Mr. Purinton. He made a wise choice. Miss York is a teacher of experience, and has the ability few possess to govern her scholars. She did good work, and we would recommend her for this school for another term.

MORSE, No. 8.—The summer term was taught by Miss Janet L. Ramsdell, a scholar in the district. Miss Ramsdell did good work in this school.

The winter term was taught by Miss Etta M. Pulsifer, of Wayne. Miss Pulsifer enjoys teaching, and stimulates her scholars with something of her own love of the work.

LAKE, No. 9.—The summer term was taught by Miss Etta F. Purington. This was her first school, and in her own district, an experiment that it is not often safe to make. Miss Purington commended herself in her examination. The school was a profitable one, and showed that no mistake had been made in the selection of the teacher.

The winter term was taught by Miss Alice L. Noyes, Wilton. This was Miss Noyes second term in this district and, as might be expected, she did good work.

BEAN'S CORNER, No. 10.—The summer and fall terms were under the instruction of Mrs. Rosa M. Benjamine. While some complaints came to us regarding the management of the school, we were satisfied that the teacher was doing good work and that the scholars were improving their time.

BLAISDELL, No. 11.—It was the wish of the district to have a former teacher, Mrs. Cora M. A. Bean. Mrs. Bean was secured for both the summer and winter terms. She is a teacher of experience and the district was fortunate to secure her services.

EAST JAY, No. 12.—The district requested Miss Gertie M. Webber for teacher. As she had previously taught in the district she could do better than a stranger for them. Under her instruction good work was done in both the summer and fall schools.

CANADA CORNER, No. 13.—Fall term, this school was taught by Miss Hattie M. Osgood. The majority of the scholars came from out of the district. It was to accommodate these that school was held in the fall rather than in the summer. We would recommend this arrangement for the future. The school was a profitable one. The winter term was taught by Miss Rosa M. Adams. The examination showed that faithful work had been done by both teacher and scholars.

CLAY BROOK, No. 14.—Owing to the small number of scholars in this district the Committee suspended the summer term. The winter term is now in session under the instruction of Miss Myrtie F. Dascomb. The school was suspended for several weeks on account of the scarlet fever in the district. At the visit of the Supervisor the school presented a good appearance.

DAVIS.—Owing to the small number of scholars to attend this school, two, the Committee suspended it for the year, and made provision for the scholars to attend other districts.

### FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

JAY BRIDGE was under the instruction of Mr. W. L. Mower, Green. Mr. Mower came highly recommended by the school reports of his own town. The order was not as good as we would wish, but there were many things in the school to be commended, and on the whole we regarded it a profitable term.

NORTH JAY.—The teacher engaged for this school was compelled by circumstances beyond his control to give it up only a few days before it was to commence. In this emergency Mr. R. K. Bearce, Turner, a senior at Colby, was secured. Mr. Bearce asked higher wages than we have been accustomed to pay, but he was worth all he asked. The order of the school was good and the instruction excellent.

OTIS FALLS.—This school was taught by Mr. Dean J. Tolman of Colby University. Mr. Tolman had much to contend against in maintaining the rules of the school, but he proved himself competent for the place and did as good work as could be expected of a new teacher in this school.

BEAN'S CORNER.—Mr. Carl Thompson, a graduate of Hebron Academy, was engaged to teach this school. This was an unfortunate choice, because for reasons unknown to the Supervisor, some of the scholars were prejudiced against Mr. Thomp-

son before he commenced his school and threatened to put him out. Learning of this we waited until Thursday before visiting the school to see what they would do. At this visit everything appeared to be going along nicely and we thought the teacher well fitted for his position. The first of next week we received a petition signed by six of the parents, not one of whom had visited the school, representing that the teacher was incompetent. The Supervisor asked them to give the teacher another week's trial that he might determine for himself the ability of the teacher. This was not granted, as none of the scholars attended the school after the request was made. Two of the petitioners met Mr. Thompson with the Supervisor. They stated the school was disturbed by upsetting chairs, scholars putting their feet on desks, a tardy scholar said "good morning" to scholars when he took his seat, rubbers were thrown over the room, and scholars were not required to get their lessons. Mr. Thompson said the first two occurred once and he stopped it, the second two he had not noticed if they occurred, the fifth he acknowledged true of two scholars whom he thought tried to get their lessons. The Supervisor promised Mr. Thompson if he would resign without going to the expense and trouble of a trial by the Committee, he would state the facts in the report as they had come to him. This is our apology for so lengthy a report of so short a school. As this was an extra term and the school was small, and considering all of the circumstances, the Supervisor did not feel justified in putting in another teacher.

## TABULAR SCHOOL STATEMENT.

	No. of School.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Weeks of School.	Wages.
SUMMER.	1 G	Miss Sarah M. Whittemore,	20	17	9	\$7 00
	1 P	Miss Myrtie F. Dascomb,	30	21	9	5 25
	2	Miss Cora E. Hall,	8	6	9	6 00
	3 G	Mrs. Cora Y. Prince,	22	19	9	7 50
	3 P	Miss Hattie M. Merritt,	26	22	10	5 25
	4	Miss Gertrude I. Brown,	18	14	9	5 50
	6	Miss Hattie M. Osgood,	20	15	10	5 50
	7	Miss Lizzie M. Parsons,	41	38	9	7 00
	8	Miss Janet L. Ramsdell,	13	11	10	4 75
	9	Miss Etta F. Purington,	15	14	10	5 10
	10	Mrs. Rosa M. Benjamine,	26	22	10	5 65
	11	Mrs. Cora M. A. Bean,	11	10	10	5 50
12	Miss Gertie M. Webber,	10	7	10	5 50	
FALL.	1 G	Mr. J. B. Ranger,	23	17	11	40 00
	1 P	Miss S. M. Whittemore,	34	28	11	6 00
	3 P	Miss Hattie M. Merritt,	30	25	10	5 50
	10	Miss Rosa M. Adams,	25	23	10	6 00
	12	Miss Gertie M. Webber,	12	11	10	5 50
13	Miss Hattie M. Osgood,	26	21	10	6 00	
WINTER.	1 P	Miss Sarah M. Whittemore,	30	25	10	6 50
	2	Miss Hattie M. Osgood,	20	16	11	6 50
	3 G	Mr. W. L. Mower,	34	28	11	40 00
	3 P	Miss Hattie M. Merritt,	30	24	10	6 00
	4	Miss Mary E. True,	11	7	11	5 50
	5	Mr. A. O. Moulton,	12	11	11	6 00
	6	{ Miss Lena Kinney,			7	6 50
		{ Miss Alice Jackson,			3	6 50
	7	Miss Anna M. York,	39	35	11	7 50
	8	Miss Etta M. Pulsifer,	13	11	10	6 00
	9	Miss Alice L. Noyes,	18	14	10	6 00
	11	Mrs. Cora M. A. Bean,	13	12	10	6 50
	13	Miss Rosa M. Adams,	15	10	10	6 00
	14	Miss Myrtie F. Dascomb,			10	5 50

Respectfully submitted.

N. G. FRENCH, *Supervisor.*

## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee would recommend for the coming year that the town raise for common schools \$1,300; for free high school, \$250; for school-books, \$125; for repairs on school-houses and fuel, \$250.

That the town abolish the school in the Davis district, and allow the parents of the scholars living two or more miles from the nearest school, ten cents per day for each scholar for every day's attendance at the common school.

That we have three terms of school in each district the coming year, except those suspended. If feasible, a free high school should be established, which will give the scholars of the town as good a course as furnished by the academies, and grant diplomas to graduates. This will be a saving to those who are able to send their scholars away to school, and a boon to those who wish for an academic course, but are not able to secure it.

Respectfully submitted.

E. C. DOW,	}	<i>S. S. Committee</i>
H. E. PURINTON,		
F. W. MERRITT,		
E. W. DIXON,		
N. G. FRENCH,		
		<i>of</i>
		<i>Jay, Maine.</i>