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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN,  
ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF POOR,  
TREASURER,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
TREASURER OF SCHOOL  
AND MINISTERIAL FUNDS,  
AND  
ROAD COMMISSIONER  
OF THE  
TOWN OF LIVERMORE,  
For the Year Ending February 16,  
1900.

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1900.

# TOWN OFFICERS.

FOR THE YEAR 1899.

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MODERATOR.

IRA T. MONROE.

CLERK.

W. N. BENNETT.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CHARLES L. DAY,      A. G. TIMBERLAKE  
C. P. SANDERS.

TREASURER.

R. B. BRADFORD.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

R. A. RYERSON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CHARLES L. DAY,                      R. B. BRADFORD  
A. G. TIMBERLAKE.

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

C. R. BABB.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

F. H. BOOTHBY.

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN TOWN APRIL 1, 1899.

Real estate, resident,	\$259,220 00
Real estate, non-resident,	93,550 00
Personal estate, resident,	60,425 00
Personal estate, non-resident,	15,385 00
Total real and personal estates,	\$ 428,580 00

### PERSONAL ESTATES CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

389 horses, value,	\$ 15,475 00
3 colts, three years old, value	185 00
6 colts, two years old, value,	275 00
1 colt, one year old, value,	10 00
792 cows, value,	18,357 00
36 oxen, value,	2,320 00
228 three-year-olds, value,	4,702 00
276 two-year-olds, value,	4,168 00
370 one-year-olds, value,	3,126 00
345 sheep, value,	874 00
180 swine, value,	925 00
Bank stock, value,	1,770 00
Other stock, value,	710 00
Money at interest, value,	1,840 00
Stock in trade, value,	2,925 00
Logs and lumber, value,	11,400 00
Wood and bark, value,	500 00
Bicycles, value,	276 00
Carriages, value,	1,554 00
Musical instruments, value,	1,018 00
Finished products in mills, value,	2,400 00
Materials in stock,	1,000 00
	—————\$75,810 00

## AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1899.

State tax,	\$ 1,298 76
County tax,	664 13
Common schools,	1,000 00
Free high school,	175 00
School books,	50 00
Repair of school houses,	50 00
Town charges,	1,500 00
Roads and bridges,	2,300 00
Debt and interest,	1,300 00
G. A. R., Wilson Post,	15 00
Overlay of taxes.	325 77
	<hr/> \$ 8,678 66

Amount assessed on real and personal estates,	\$ 8,014 66
Amount assessed on 332 polls.	664 00
	<hr/> \$ 8,678 66

Number of polls exempt, 21.

Rate of taxation, .0187.

The above amount was assessed on the polls and taxable property in town and committed to F. H. Boothby, collector, on the 6th day of May, 1899, with a warrant for collecting and paying to the town treasurer one half part on or before Nov. 1, 1899, and the remainder Feb. 1, 1900. This he has done with the exception of \$94.66.

MUNICIPAL ORDERS DRAWN FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING FEB. 16, 1900.

Common schools,	\$ 1,693 13
Free high school,	257 50
Books,	92 32
Repairs of school houses,	38 25
Paupers off farm,	439 55
Town farm expenditures,	610 51
Road repairs,	1,109 87

Snow bills,	\$1,215 34
Hired money,	2,000 00
Abatements,	31 62
Miscellaneous,	931 48
	<hr/> \$ 8,415 57

## TOWN FARM.

H. L. D. Cook and wife have managed the farm since April 1st, 1899 and have had under their care the four inmates Parthinia Sturtevant, Delia Stevens, G. W. Richards and Willis Taylor for the year, and for six weeks Mrs. Marden and children.

## TOWN FARM EXPENSES FOR 1899.

Superintendent's salary,	\$ 225 00
Paid Mrs. H. L. Coolidge,	43 25
W. F. Fuller,	108 21
Geo. Chandler,	137 56
W. A. Stuart & Co.,	15 02
For pigs and shoats,	11 50
For phosphate,	9 20
For ploughing, threshing, etc.,	25 70
McFadden for lumber,	8 71
For seed,	7 75
For beef,	10 23
For clothing and bedding,	11 00
For blacksmithing and repairs,	5 20
For medical attendance,	3 00
H. L. D. Cook for sundries,	1 30
	<hr/> \$ 622 63

## TOWN FARM CREDITS.

Butter sold,	\$ 219 99
Veal sold,	14 07
Pork sold,	18 00
Bark sold,	15 62
	<hr/> \$ 267 68
Schedule of personal property on hand Feb. 16, 1899, as per last report,	\$ 522 10

Schedule of personal property on  
hand Feb. 14, 1900:

Horse,	\$ 50 00	
Cows,	275 00	
Heifers,	15 00	
Calf,	6 00	
Swine,	10 00	
Poultry,	12 00	
Hay,	100 00	
Potatoes,	25 00	
Pork,	20 50	
Flour and groceries,	5 25	
Beef,	2 75	
Butter, lard, etc.,	7 00	
Beans and meal,	6 25	
Oats,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 544 75

Increase of personal property Feb. 14,  
1900, \$22.65, which subtracted  
from expense of farm above re-  
ceipts makes the cost of running  
the farm, viz:

Town farm expenses,	\$ 622 63
Town farm credits,	267 68
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Expenses of farm above receipts,	354 95
Increase of personal property,	22 65
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Cost of running farm,	332 30

We have about 7 m. of hemlock peeled  
and yarded in the wood lot  
which we would advise be used  
in repair of the barn this year.

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF FARM.

R. L. Andrews,	\$ 60 00
Polly Andrews,	77 91
Julia White,	66 20

John Warren and wife,	\$ 30 34	
Jacob Woodsome,	44 00	
Chas. E. Kemp, Windham,	118 10	
Eli Walker, East Livermore,	25 00	
Susan Maxim, Wayne,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 439 55
Received from Windham,	\$ 88 10	
Due from Windham,	30 00	
Due from East Livermore,	25 00	
Received from Wayne,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 161 10
Expense of poor off farm,	\$278 45	
Expense of poor on farm,	332 30	
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Total expense of poor,	.	\$ 610 75

## HILLMAN'S FERRY.

Paid for ferryman,	\$ 45 00	
Received from East Livermore,	18 90	
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Expense of ferry to Livermore,		\$ 26 10

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriation 1899,	\$ 1,000 00	
State school fund,	716 81	
Town school fund,	64 38	
Balance from 1898,	147 03	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,928 22

## EXPENDED UP TO DATE.

For teaching,	\$ 1,239 00	
For wood,	56 23	
Conveyance,	354 90	
Janitors,	43 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,693 13
Unexpended,		\$ 235 09



## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Raised by vote of town,	\$ 175 00	
Received from state,	68 00	
Due from state,	49 50	
Received from tuition,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 299 50
Expended for teaching,	\$ 242 00	
Expended for rent,	10 00	
Wood and janitor,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 257 50
Unexpended,		<hr/> \$ 42 00

## REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,	\$ 50 00	
Expended up to date,	38 25	
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Unexpended,		\$ 11 75

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriation,	\$ 50 00	
Expended up to date,	92 32	
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Overdrawn,		\$ 42 32
Total amount of orders drawn for schools,	\$2,081.20	

## LIST OF ABATEMENTS, 1899.

Billington, Chas. E., tramp,	\$ 2 00	
Burdette, Bert, not a resident,	2 00	
Hobbs, Samuel, blind,	7 48	
LeClair, Dan, left town,	2 00	
Nason, George, dead,	2 00	
Phillips, C. H., left state,	2 00	
Sieberling, C. H., paid in Turner,	2 00	
Soule, Wm., not a resident,	2 00	
White, F. L., left town,	2 00	
Woodsome, L. A., poverty and disability,	6 45	
Huston, J. H., 1898, error,	1 69	
	<hr/>	\$ 31 62

## MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

Town officers' bills 1898,	\$ 507 55	
Trustees of M. and S., fund,	4 50	
F. H. Boothby, board of health,	15 00	
Livermore Falls ferry acc., 1896,	13 18	
Use of vestry for town meetings,	15 00	
Books for town,	7 30	
Wilson Post, G. A. R.,	15 00	
Printing reports, and advertising,	23 00	
Looking after paupers out of town,	14 50	
Expense of conveying house in Dixfield,	5 50	
Taxes on house in Dixfield,	11 13	
Sheep killed July 26, 1895,	15 00	
State assessors meeting, etc.,	5 45	
Election clerks,	4 50	
C. F. Pike, collector of 1898,	3 09	
Watering tubs,	16 00	
Sheep killed by dogs,	5 00	
Wood for office,	2 67	
F. H. Boothby, collector 1899,	66 71	
B. and D. certificates,	4 25	
Postage, stationery, etc.,	8 20	
One half interest on Sarah Holman's bequest,	6 20	
Vaccination,	117 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 886 48

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS 1899.

C. L. Day, selectman, assessor, etc.,	\$65 00	
A. G. Timberlake, " " "	56 00	
C. P. Sanders, " " "	50 00	
R. B. Bradford, treasurer,	30 00	
W. A. Bennett, clerk,	18 30	
R. A. Ryerson, Supt. of schools.	69 40	
C. W. Fuller, Treas. of M. & S. Fund,	12 00	
C. R. Babb, road commissioner,	125 78	
	<hr/>	\$ 426 48

## LIABILITIES FEBRUARY 16, 1900

Town officers bills 1899,	\$ 426 48
Balance of salary superintendent of farm,	87 12
Due common schools,	235 09
Free High school,	42 00
Sarah Holman, bequest,	310 00
Unpaid interest on same,	6 20
Interest bearing debt,	6,200 00
	<hr/> \$ 7,306 89

## RESOURCES FEBRUARY 16, 1900.

Due from State Free High school,	\$ 49 50
State, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
Windham—C. E. Kemp,	30 00
East Livermore—Eli Walker,	25 00
Uncollected taxes,	94 66
State, burial expenses, A. J. Bryant,	35 00
Cash in treasury,	1,105 76
	<hr/> \$ 1,344 92
Liabilities over resources,	<hr/> \$ 5,961 97

We further report that we examined the Treasurer's account Feb. 16, 1900, and found them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. L. DAY,	} Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor.
A. G. TIMBERLAKE,	
C. P. SANDERS,	

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

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The road machine began work the		
11th day of May and was		
run 28 days at a cost of		\$ 492 18
Paid men and teams,	\$ 423 00	
Paid for repairs on machine,	30 00	
Paid for hardware and dynamite,	39 18	
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	\$ 492 18	
Other repairs,		\$ 464 09
Cutting bushes in fall,		52 88
Painting Livermore Falls bridge,		96 02
Lighting the same,		4 70
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	\$ 1,109 87	
Roads in winter,	1,215 34	
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Total summer and winter,	\$ 2,325 21	
Appropriations,	\$ 2,300 00	
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Overdrawn,	\$ 25 21	

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. BABB,  
*Road Commissioner.*

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUNDS.

The principal of the Ministerial and School funds is on deposit in the several Savings banks in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, as heretofore reported. Said banks having reduced the rate per cent of their annual dividends, the amount for distribution is somewhat less than heretofore.

The amount of interest on the school fund for the past year is sixty-four dollars and thirty-eight cents, (\$64.38), which I have paid to the town treasurer. The amount due to each of the several societies of the interest on the ministerial fund for the past year has all been paid, except \$1.95, which has not been called for.

The amount due to each of the several religious societies for the coming municipal year is as follows, to wit:

Methodist,	\$ 26 36	
First Universalist,	17 48	
Second Universalist,	14 98	
Baptist,	13 04	
Advent,	4 44	
Spiritualist,	1 10	
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Total,		\$ 77 40

C. W. FULLER,  
Treas., of the M. and S. funds.

Livermore, Feb. 15, 1900.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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R. B. BRADFORD, TREAS., in account with the Town of  
Livermore.

Dr.

To balance brought forward,	\$ 1,133 37
From Lewiston, support of pauper,	10 00
Hired money,	2,000 00
House sold in Dixfield,	300 00
Rent of house in Dixfield,	8 00
Butter from town farm,	219 99
Pork from town farm,	18 00
Veal from town farm,	14 07
Town school fund,	64 38
Tuition to high school,	7 00
State pensions,	144 00
From state, free high school,	68 00
From state, support of pauper,	34 12
From Windham, support of pauper,	88 10
Telegraph and railroad tax,	97
From Wayne, support of pauper,	18 00
State school fund,	716 81
Refund of dog licenses,	69 84
Assessment of 1899,	8,678 66
East Livermore's expense of ferry,	18 90
Error in payment for care of hearse,	3 00
Bark from town farm,	15 62
From goods of Polly Andrews,	7 25
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	\$ 13,638 08

Cr.

Paid county tax,	\$ 664 13
State tax,	1,298 76
State pensions,	144 00
Burial of soldier,	35 00
Common schools,	1,716 03

Free high school,	\$ 257 50
Municipal orders,	6,946 04
Interest on orders,	376 20
Principal of bridge debt,	1,000 00
Due on tax bills of 1899,	94 66
Cash in treasury,	1,105 76
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	\$ 13,638 08

## DOG LICENSES OF 1899.

DR.

To cash from Town Clerk:	
59 males,	\$ 59 00
4 females,	12 00
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	\$ 71 00

CR.

By paid state treasurer,	\$ 71 00
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R. B. BRADFORD,  
Treasurer of Livermore.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1900.

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I submit the annual report of the schools under my charge, with the conviction that as far as the conditions would allow with a comparatively short school year, our schools on the whole have made a creditable record. The teachers have been earnest and in the main efficient. It goes without saying that faithful teachers deserve the sympathy and support of all. If this is lacking certainly the school suffers, and in many cases it has come under my observation in past years, that this lack has been responsible for unsatisfactory results, fully as much as any lack of efficiency on the part of the teachers. Exceptions may emphasize the truth of the assertion. I certainly believe the real sentiment of the well wishes of the youth of our town is in favor of a larger number of weeks of school, and this without lowering the standard of teaching. I believe the wages paid our teachers, when it is understood that the price per week includes board, does not materially differ from the wages paid in other towns, where conditions are similar, and any attempt is made at improvement in method and instruction.

For the year ending February 1, 1899, the superintendent of schools in Turner, reports as paying an average wage to male teachers of \$7.50 per week, and female teachers an average of \$6.98 per week. For the same school year in Livermore, the wages of male teachers averaged \$6.50 per week, females \$7.68 1-18 per week.

The financial statement regarding our schools appears in the selectmen's report in detail, repetition is not necessary. I sincerely hope the undesirability of a short school year has impressed itself upon every mind interested in the welfare of our boys and girls.



## FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

The Spring term of High school was taught by Miss Ada Briggs of West Paris, and gave general satisfaction.

The Fall term the character of the work was changed somewhat by uniting the High school and common school work under Miss Sara L. Doyen of Starks, Me., as principal, and Miss Grace Thompson of North Livermore, where the school was held. The latter teacher devoted her entire time to the lower grades, and Miss Doyen certified to devoting three-fourths of her time to high school work: for this part of her time she was paid from the free high school funds, the State refunding one-half of such expenditure. This plan worked well, and excellent work was accomplished in each department.

The north part of the town is certainly entitled to a share of the Free High school benefits, and as it did not seem probable that over 20 pupils would attend a separate high school, the combination was made in the interests of economy and efficiency. Under like circumstances I should advise a repetition of the plan. I will state that a course of study has been arranged and printed, and has been in use for three years, and no pupils have been admitted who did not take this course and who were not ready to take some of the studies embraced therein. Primary pupils *have not* been admitted.

## TEXT BOOKS.

The appropriation for books has been overdrawn largely. This was for the most part necessitated by the fire at Livermore Centre, the first week of the Fall term at that place. Practically all of the books in use by the scholars and teacher were destroyed.

## SCHOOL HOUSES.

Only necessary repairs have been made the past year. The school-house near Mr. Edmund Gibbs has been bargained away. Final settlement has not been

made. The sale of school-houses, when so directed by vote of town rests entirely with the school committee and not with the superintendent, and the school-houses sold to date in this town have been transferred by action of the board.

The seats belonging to school-house No. 9 which had been placed in the hall at Livermore Centre were destroyed by the fire occurring the first week of fall term.

The school was opened again at Hillman's Ferry, and the term completed. I sincerely hope school accommodations will be provided at a central location in this section by action of the town at its annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. RYERSON, *Supt.*

February 19, 1900.

STATISTICS.  
SUMMER TERM.

TEACHERS.	No. of School.	Whole Attendance.	Average Attendance.	Not Absent One-half Day.	Wages per week including board.	Cost per scholar.
Susie L. Gordon,	2	45	43	19	\$8.50	\$1.51
Cora M. Grimes,	4	10	9	2	5.25	4.20
C. Belle Buzzell,	5	23	18	1	7.00	2.43
Minnie W. Jones,	8	32	29	10	7.50	1.87 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lill S. Bemis,	9	31	27	9	7.00	1.80
Alice L. Leach,	16	14	13	6	6.25	3.12

FALL TERM.

Susie L. Gordon,	2	19	16	4	\$8.00	\$5.05
Lill S. Bemis, (Primary)		28	24	5	6.25	2.68
Samuel W. Coolidge,	4	11	9	1	6.00	6.54
C. Belle Buzzell,	5	26	22	6	7.00	3.23
Sara L. Doyen, (High School)					11.00	
Grace Thompson, (Primary)	8	34	32	9	3.00	4.94
Minnie W. Jones,	9	21	15	4	7.00	4.00
Alice L. Leach,	10	10	8	2	6.00	7.20
Harry R. Coolidge,	16	18	13	2	6.25	4.17

## ROLL OF HONOR.

## SUMMER TERM.

Gladys Austin, Ernest Briggs, Raleigh Briggs, Charlie Bryant, Jay Hussey, Fred Harris, Flossie Phillips, Maude Stevens, Belle Williams, Eva Briggs, Alice Briggs, Madison Bryant, Perley Gordon, Almond Hackett, Lillie Gammon, Harold Philoon, Hazel Timberlake, Flossie Williams, Eddie Williams, Walter Richmond, Georgia Seavey, Flossie Seavey, Elsie Campbell, Cornelia Fuller, Lucy Russell, Nina Russell, Guy Sanders, Stanley Sanders, Eva Hinds, Lona Gibbs, Effie Smith, Nina Morse, Maud Bradford, Ethel Hinds, Annie Gibbs, Henry Morris, Elmer Gibbs, Harold Gordon, Earl Beckler, Johnnie Gibbs, Bessie Hewitt, Edna Hewitt, Isa Knowlton, Emile Richmond, Harry Thing, Hattie Poland, Katie Goding, Lida Gibbs, Bennie Poland.

## FALL TERM.

Harry Thing, Bennie Poland, Earl Beckler, Clarence Goding, Johnnie Gibbs, Flossie Williams, Amy Bryant, Perley Gordon, Flossie Phillips, Charlie Bryant, Madison Bryant, Belle Williams, Eddie Williams, Flossie Williams, Cornelia Fuller, Zadie Hinds, Sadie Bisbee, Emma Coolidge, Dorothea Doble, Annie Gibbs, Lona Gibbs, Geo. Bisbee, Carroll Fuller, Elmer Gibbs, Lida Gibbs, Isa Knowlton, Agnes Casey, Annie Maxim, Ada Maxim, Tena Maxim, Chester Soper, Lester Woodsum, Ollie Tucker.

HIGH SCHOOL, SPRING TERM 1899.

Charles Bradford.

Articles to be acted upon at the annual town meeting, March 5th, 1900.

ART. I.

To choose moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. II.

To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. III.

To hear the reports of the several town officers and act on the same.

ART. IV

To choose all other town officers necessary to be chosen for the ensuing year.

ART. V

To choose a road commissioner for the ensuing year.

ART. VI.

To choose a superintendent of schools for the ensuing year.

ART. VII.

To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray town charges and for the support of poor for the ensuing year.

ART VIII.

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of roads and bridges for the ensuing year, or act anything in relation thereto.

ART. IX.

To see if the town will vote to build a new bridge over the mill stream at Bretten's Mills or act anything in relation thereto.

ART. X.

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the payment of the interest and on the principal of the town debt.

ART. XI.

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of common schools for the ensuing year,

## ART. XII.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate and raise for the support of free high schools for the ensuing year.

## ART. XIII.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school books for the ensuing year.

## ART. XIV

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of school-houses and for school supplies for the ensuing year.

## ART. XV.

To see if the town will vote to build a school house at Livermore Centre, or act anything in relation thereto.

## ART. XVI.

To see if the town will vote to abolish the schools in former districts Nos. 9, 10 and 14, or act anything in relation thereto.

## ART. XVII.

To see if the town will vote to sell the school house in former district No. 1.

## ART. XVIII.

To see what sum of money the town will raise for the observance of Memorial Day, to be expended under the direction of Kimball Post, G. A. R.

## ART. XIX.

To see what action the town will take in regard to the support of a hearse for the ensuing year, or act anything in relation thereto.

## ART. XX.

To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes for the ensuing year or act in relation thereto.

## ART. XXI.

To see if the town will vote to build a school-house in former district No. 12, and what sum of money they will raise for the purpose, or act anything in relation thereto.