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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 FEB 8,

1904.

Richardson, Printer,
Canton.

Town Officers

FOR THE YEAR 1903.

MODERATOR.

IRA T. MONROE.

CLERK

W. N. BENNETT,

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

C. P. SANDERS, C. R. LEACH, C. F. PIKE.

TREASURER.

R. B. BRADFORD.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

IRA T. MONROE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

S. H. BECKLER, ROY E. PIKE, H. E. GIBBS

ROAD COMMISSIONER

C. R. BABB.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE

GEO. MONROE.

Report of Selectmen and Overseers of Poor.

Valuation of property in town April 1, 1903.

Real estate, resident	\$259,290 00
Personal estate, resident	60,265 00
Real estate, non-resident	92,225 00
Personal estate, non-resident	11,230 00
	\$423,010 00

Personal estate consists of the following items:

336 horses, value	\$16,537 00
8 three-year-old colts	580 00
2 two-year-old colts	70 00
11 one-year-old colts	325 00
859 cows	19,334 00
39 oxen	2,205 00
237 three-year-olds	4,891 00
261 two-year-olds	3,979 00
372 one-year-olds	3,323 00
324 sheep	898 00
219 swine	1,560 00
Bank stock	1,625 00
Bridge stock	265 00
Stock in trade	3,375 00
Logs and lumber	9,000 00
Wood and bark	200 00
Carriages	1,465 00
Musical instruments	863 00
Finished product	1,000 00
	\$71,495 00

Amount of assessments for 1903.

State tax	\$1,240 04
County tax	543 03
Town charges	1,200 00
Roads and bridges	2,600 00
Debt and interest	1,100 00
Common schools	1,300 00
High school	150 00
School books	90 00
School house repairs	100 00
G. A. R. Wilson Post	15 00
Snow roller	125 00
Overlay of taxes	223 43
Supplementary tax	28 55
	\$8,715 05
Amount assessed on real and personal estates	\$8,047 05
Amount assessed on 334 polls	668 00
	\$8,715 05

Rate of taxation, .019.

The above amount was assessed on the polls and estates in town and committed to Geo. Monroe, Coll., on the twentieth day of April, 1903, with a warrant for collecting and paying the same to the town treasurer, one-half on or before Nov. 1, 1903, and the remainder on or before Feb. 1, 1904. This he has with the exception of \$61.00.

MUNICIPAL ORDERS DRAWN FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEB 8, 1904.

Common schools	\$1,838 99
Free High school	238 50
School books	89 44
Repair of school houses	41 89

Paupers off farm	405 51	
Town farm expenditures	1,017 90	
Road repairs	1,416 35	
S tow bills	1,193 21	
Abatements	40 74	
Hired money	850 00	
Hearse	20 05	
Hillman's Ferry	99 20	
Miscellaneous orders	971 82	_____
		\$8,223 60

TOWN FARM.

The town farm has been under the management of Geo. W. Chase and wife for the past year. They have had under their care G. W. Richards, Mary Andrews, Willis Taylor for the whole year and Mrs. Lottie Stevens for a period of two months, her death occurring in August.

TOWN FARM EXPENSES.

Superintendents Salary	\$275 00	
Paid for groceries	154 90	
“ “ grain	205 81	
“ “ medical attendance	11 25	
“ “ Horse	125 00	
“ W. A. Stewart & Co.	36 38	
“ Lumber and shingles	17 46	
“ labor	11 75	
“ for burial of Lottie Stevens	34 55	
“ Sundries	14 15	
“ Blacksmithing	3 55	
“ Phosphate	10 60	_____
		\$900 40

TOWN FARM CREDITS.

Butter sold	\$110 59
Lumber sold	163 43
Apples sold	197 00
Veal sold	48 58
Beef sold	54 56
Oxen sold	119 52
Sweet corn sold	3 61
Pork sold	3 80
Pigs sold	9 00
Poultry sold	19 00
Labor off farm	6 00
	\$735 09

Value of personal property on hand February 10, 1903 as per last report, \$778 50
 Schedule of personal property on hand February 3, 1904.

Horse,	\$125 00
Cows,	100 00
Heifers,	30 00
Swine,	20 00
Poultry,	12 50
Hay,	175 00
Potatoes,	15 00
Pork,	34 00
Flour and Groceries,	9 50
Apples,	10 00
Canned Fruits etc.	4 00
Grain,	3 00
Vegetables,	2 00
Butter and lard	5 00
	\$545 00

Decrease of personal property February 3, 1904.
\$233 50, which added to expense of farm above re-
ceipts makes the cost of running the farm, viz:

Town farm expenses	\$900 40	
Town farm credits,	735 09	—————
		\$165 31
Decrease of personal property,		233 50
		—————
Cost of running farm,		\$398 81

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF FARM.

R. L. Andrews	\$14 00	
D. F. Bartlett's family	56 49	
Lottie B. Stevens,	78 90	
A. R. Andrews, insane,	134 63	
Irvin Fuller, E. Sumner,	4 00	
David Ames family, Sumner,	91 42	
Addie M. Wills, Vienna,	26 07	—————
		\$405 51
Received from E. Sumner,	\$4 00	
Due from E. Sumner,	91 42	
Due from Vienna,	26 07	—————
		\$121 49
Expense of poor off farm	\$284 02	
Expense of poor on farm	398 81	—————
Total expense of poor,		\$682 83

HILLMAN'S FERRY.

Paid Ferryman,	\$85 00	
Paid for rope	14 20	—————
		99 20
Recd from E. Livermore,		41 66
		—————
Cost of ferry to Livermore		\$57 54

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriations	\$1,300 00
State school fund	776 60
Town school fund	55 14
Balance from 1902	82 13
	<u>\$2,213 87</u>

EXPENDED UP TO DATE.

For teaching	\$952 50
Tuition	340 00
Wood	47 30
Conveyance	473 19
Janitor	26 00
	<u>\$1,838 99</u>
Unexpended	\$374 88

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Raised by vote of town	\$150 00
Received from State	65 00
Due from State	52 50
Balance from 1902	161 20
	<u>\$428 70</u>

EXPENDED UP TO DATE.

For teaching	\$235 00
Janitor	3 50
	<u>\$238 50</u>
Unexpended	\$190 20

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriations	\$100 00
Expended to date	41 89
Unexpended	<u>\$58 11</u>

BOOKS.

Appropriation	\$90 00	
Expended	89 44	—————
Unexpended		56

HEARSE.

Paid W. S. Hayford, 8 calls	\$20 00	
“ for repairs,	05	—————
		\$20 05

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

Alden, S. D. paid in Mass.	\$2 00	
Ames, David, poor,	2 00	
Ames, Edgar E. poor,	2 57	
Austin, Herbert, gone,	2 00	
Blunt, O. G. paid in Deering,	2 00	
Fuller, Irvin, poor,	2 00	
Lyford, J. T. overvaluation	10 69	
Poole, Mrs. L. L. poor,	1 23	
Stickney, Mrs. L. sickness,	5 70	
Toomey, Vincent, gone,	2 00	
Tobin, A. W. error,	47	
Tucker, Mis. O. P. poor,	6 08	
Wing, E. D. gone,	2 00	—————
		\$40 74

MISCELLANEOUS ORDRS.

Tuition of High School scholars,	\$149 50
Town officers bills 1902,	522 35
Use of Vesty,	15 00
Printing town reports 1902	16 00
Town Books,	7 53
Bridge Lights,	9 00
F. H. Boothby, com. on 1901 taxes,	1 80

Expense of buying horse.	2 70
Services of Justice of Peace,	2 00
Wilson Post, G. A. R.	15 00
Geo. Monroe, com. on 1902 taxes,	2 76
Sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
State Assessors meeting,	4 00
Board of Health,	67 34
Watering tubs,	9 00
Geo. Monroe, com. on 1903 taxes,	91 63
Truant Officers,	5 50
$\frac{1}{2}$ int. on Sara Holman bequest,	12 40
Wood for office,	2 75
B. and D. Certificates,	16 75
Looking after paupers out of town,	16 80
Postage, Stationery etc.	9 01
	8971 82

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS 1903.

C. P. Sanders	\$75 00
C. R. Leach	56 00
C. F. Pike	56 00
R. B. Bradford	30 00
W. N. Bennett	20 00
C. R. Babb	208 00
I. T. Monroe	70 00
R. A. Ryerson	10 00
	8525 00

LIABILITIES FEB. 8, 1904.

Town officers' bills, 1903	\$525 00
Salary of overseer of farm	117 50
Due common schools	374 88
Free High school	190 20

Sarah Holman bequest	310 00	
Unpaid interest on same	31 00	
Interest bearing debt	1,500 00	————
		\$3,048 58

RESOURCES FEB. 8, 1904.

Uncollected taxes	\$61 00	
Cash in treasury	1,771 77	
Bounty on hedge hogs	1 25	
Due from East Livermore	91 42	
Due from Vienna	26 07	
One half tuition due from state	74 75	————
		\$2,026 26
Liabilities over resources		\$1,022 32

We further report that we examined the Treasurer's accounts February 8, 1904, and found them correct.

Respectfully submitted,
 C. P. SANDERS,
 C. R. LEACH,
 C. F. PIKE,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor.

Road Commissioner's Report

Paid for labor,	\$1,128 14
For dynamite and hardware	40 69
For lumber,	199 42
Repairs on road machine,	48 10
Amount expended in summer,	\$1,416 35
Amount expended in winter,	1,193 21
Total expenditures summer and winter	\$2,609 56
Appropriation	2,600 00

Overdrawn \$9 56

The appropriation for a snow roller remains unexpended on account of the exorbitant prices asked for them this past season.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. BARR, Road Commissioner.

Treasurer's Report.

R. B. Bradford, Treasurer, in account with the town of Livermore:

	Dr.
To balance brought forward	\$1,609 84
From State Free High school	110 00
Sale of school house No. 14	15 00
Town school fund	55 14
State school fund	776 60
Hired money	850 00
Lumber from town farm	163 43
Butter from town farm	110 59
Apples from town farm	197 00
Veal from town farm	48 58
Pigs from town farm	9 00
Beef from town farm	54 56
Oxen from town farm	119 52
Sweet corn from town farm	3 61
Pork from town farm	3 80
Poultry from town farm	19 00
Labor of superintendent off farm	6 00
Auction license of Wm. Morris	2 00
From State for sheep killed	3 00
From State telegraph and R. R. tax	1 59
Refund of dog licenses	61 81
Assessment of 1903	8,715 05
State pensions	178 00
East Livermore's expense of ferry	41 66

From East Livermore for support of pauper 4 00

\$13,158 69

CR.

By paid County tax	543 03
State tax	1,240 04
State pensions	178 00
Bounties on porcupines	1 25
Free High school	238 50
Common schools	1,852 77
Municipal orders	6,132 33
Interest on orders	140 00
Principal of debt	1,000 00
Due on tax bills of 1903	61 00
Cash in treasury	1,771 77

\$13,158 69

DOG LICENSES OF 1903.

DR.

To cash:

70 males \$70 00

3 females 9 00

\$79 00

CR.

By paid State treasurer \$79 00

R. B. BRADFORD,

Treasurer of Livermore.

Report of the Treasurer of The Ministerial and School Fund.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

D. R. Briggs, W. H. Thompson, R. B. Bradford,
C. P. Sanders, C. R. Leach, and R. A. Ryerson. R. B.
Bradford, Secretary.

The principal of the School Fund remains on deposit in the Savings Banks of the city of Lewiston.

The annual dividends to last May have been paid to the Town Treasurer.

The principal of the Ministerial Fund is deposited in Savings Banks of Auburn. I have paid the several amounts apportioned by the Selectmen last year, to the religious societies as called for.

The amounts now due under the apportionment of 1903 are as follows:

First Universalist,	\$15 44
Second Universalist,	12 78
Methodist,	17 45
Baptist,	11 58
Advent,	6 09
Spiritualists,	40_____
	\$63 74

R. A. RYERSON,

Treasurer Ministerial and School Funds

Feb. 10, 1904.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

The amount of money, exclusive of the appropriations for the Free High school, books and repairs, for the care and maintenance of common schools for the past year was made up of the following items:

Balance from 1902	\$43 83
Amount raised, 1903	1,300 00
State fund, 1903	776 60
Town fund, 1903	55 14
	\$2,175 57

The expenditure in each department is as follows:

Teaching	\$1,441 00
Conveyance	576 25
Wood	39 30
Janitors	35 75
	\$2,092 30
Unexpended	\$83 27

REPAIRS.

Amount raised by town	\$100 00
Expenses for repairs, etc.:	
Repairs	\$20 86
Supplies	5 53

	15
Cleaning and sanitary	15 50
	<hr/>
	41 89
Unexpended	\$58 11

BOOKS.

Amount raised by town	\$90 00
Expended	89 14
	<hr/>
Unexpended	86

I have approved bills amounting to the above figures, although some have not been presented for payment.

SCHOOL STATISTICS—Spring Term.

APRIL 27—JULY 3, 1903 (10 weeks)

	No. of school.	Whole attendance.	Av'ge attendance.	Amount of wages.	Wages per week.	Cost of conveyance.	Visits of citizens.	No. not absent.		
									Marked improvement in these studies	
Ida M. Wood.....	2	27	16	\$72.50	\$7.25	\$28.00	8	1	Read., * Math., * Geog., * Phys., Astron.....	
Annie Maxim.....	3	11	8	45.00	4.50		10	1	Read., * Writ., Geog., Math.....	
Alice L. Leach.....	5	18	16	95.00	6.50		6	4	Read., Math., * Geog., * Hist., * Gram., Writ.....	
Lida M. Phillips.....	6	13	11	45.00	4.50		29	5	Read., Math., * Phys., Drawing, * Lit., Geog.....	
Grace M. Thompson..	8	28	24	70.00	7.00	76	66	43	4	Read., * Math., Geog., * Gram., Writing.....
Sadie M. Buzzell.....	9	24	19	67.50	6.75	48	75	20	7	Read., Math., * Geog., * Phys., Comp., ** Lit., Music.....
Livermore Falls.....		30		112.00		30.00				

*Remarkable.

SCHOOL STATISTICS—Autumn Term.

August 31—Nov. 3 1903 (10 weeks)

	No. of school.	Whole attendance.	Avg attendance.	Amount of wages.	Wages per week.	Cost of conveyance.	Visits of citizens.	No. not absent.		
Sadie M. Buzzell.....	2	26	23	\$70.00	\$7.00	\$44.50	31	10	Read., Math.,* Geog.,** Gram.,* Hist.,* Writ.....	Marked improvement in these studies.
Annie Maxim.....	3	11	s	45.00	4.50		6	2	Read.,* Math., Geog., Writ.*	
Alice L. Leach.....	5	19	14	65.00	6.50		3	2	Read.,* Math.,* Geog., Gram., Writ., Hist.*	
Oscar C. Casey.....	6	10	s	50.00	5.00		12	3	Read., Math.,* Geog.,* Writ.,* Gram.,	
Ida M. Wood.....	8	29	22	70.00	7.00	94.16	35	2	Read.,* Writ.,* Phys. Geog.,* Math., Lit.,* Chart-work* Music*	
J. E. Sinclair.....	9	34	29	25.00	2.50	47.50	12	6	Read.,* Math., Geog.,* Hist.,* Lit., Phys. Geog.*	
Agnes Casey.....	9			10.00	1.00				Assistant	
Livermore Falls.....		34		136.00		30.00				

*Remarkable.

SCHOOL STATISTICS—Winter Term.

Nov. 23, 1903—JANUARY 29, 1904 (10 weeks),

	No. of school.	Whole attendance.	Ave attendance.	Amount of wages.	Wages per week.	Cost of conveyance.	Visits of citizens.	No. not absent.	
Edna M. Fuller	2	28	24	\$70.00	\$7.00	\$50.00	18	5	Marked improvement in these studies.
Flossie A. Phillips...	4	9	8	45.00	5.00		16	1	
Alice L. Leach.....	5	19	11	65.00	6.50		8		
Alvilla C. Larrabee...	6	8	7	50.00	5.00			2	
Ida M. Wood.....	8	24	20	56.00	7.00	60.68	12	3	
Nina M. Russell.....	9	19	14	65.00	6.50	35.00	5	4	
Nellie L. Doane.....	16	8	7	50.00	5.00			4	
Livermore Falls.....		28		92.00		30.00			

*Remarkable.

In submitting the annual report of schools, I wish in the first place to state that the government and the deportment of the pupils in the schools for the past year, has come nearer to my ideal of what they should be in this respect, than at any time during the last four years.

I am one of those who believe that without good government and discipline, any school is a failure. I believed it when a boy. I am sure of it now, and during my supervision of the schools it has been my constant advice to the teachers, first to obtain control and then to instruct.

Some parents take pride in the prompt and constant attendance of their children, while others seemingly have no thought of this essential part of successful school work. How to reach this class and induce them to be more interested in the education of their children, without appealing to the law as a last resort, is a problem that has many answers. Some school registers are invariably deluged with marks of tardiness, while others exhibit a clean page that indicates prompt attendance. A range in marks of tardiness, from twenty to two hundred and fifty-six, as shown by the registers of two schools in the same season of the year, speaks volumes to the parents; but when we consider that in the school having only twenty instances of tardiness and an average attendance of twenty-two and fifteen of these brought by hired conveyance, with two hundred and fifty-six cases of being late in a school averaging only fourteen and no carrying required, it seems to me that the parents attention should be called to it by making the facts public.

Parents should be very careful when in the presence

of their children, of expressing themselves too freely in regard to other people's children. "Little pitchers have big ears;" and yet, such is human nature, that some people are told things merely because they are sure to repeat them.

I wish that parents would, and indeed I think it their duty, to require of their children distinct articulation in speaking. To allow them when young to acquire the habit of speaking indistinctly, is to fasten upon them a habit that will detract from their appearance and success in life. I have seen instances of this neglect in every school in town and have personally endeavored to impress upon the scholar the necessity of plain and distinct pronunciation.

Perhaps it would be of some value to those interested in school work to know something about the books our scholars study. We have five different kinds of readers, beside supplementary reading in the form of pamphlets for analysis and study; two of the best geographies published; three grades of arithmetics and grammar, two kinds of physiologies and an excellent physical geography; three grades of up-to-date history; composition, literature and studies that fifty years ago would have comprised an academic education.

There seems to be two ideas in regard to our school system that are becoming factors in politics. One is to compel the country schools to conform to college requirements and make them mere feeders for such institutions, and the other is to make them great schools of common sense, where the boys and girls of the average farmer may be trained for the real work of life. Mere words and diplomas do not make the man a success. There must be a business method in every direction to

insure the highest type of excellence. There must be an objective, and he who succeeds grasps only what is within his reach and what common sense tells him is needful. No two scholars are formed of exactly the same powers and faculties and the trend of their intellect is observable in school work. The great school of experience is the lesson that stamps on the memory what is true or false. Simply studying what is in a book—never studying anything outside its covers—will never give a practical education. What then is the solution. I answer, Read, Read, Read. Read the papers, read the books and magazines. They are within the reach of all, and you will become acquainted with everything that benefits yourself and others, while you learn to shun the evil that lies in the pathway of every man, woman and child.

The attendance during the spring term was seriously effected by a prevailing epidemic and the winter term of several schools was interrupted by sickness.

At the close of Miss Wood's fall term in No. 8, a pleasing entertainment for the purpose of obtaining a flag and dictionary was given. It was made a success by the interest of the parents and friends of the scholars shown in attending the exhibition. Among the teachers who were present, was Mr. Casey, Miss Buzzell, Miss Doane and Miss Stevens.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

FEB. 16 — APRIL 25, 1903. (BRETTUN'S MILLS, 10 WKS)

This term was under the instruction of Bion C. Merry, a graduate of Bates College, and under his instruction and direction it proved to be an unqualified success. The studies for the term were mathematics,

book-keeping, astronomy, physical geography, history, physics, geometry, Shakespeare, Latin and Greek. No. of scholars 25. Average attendance 20. Wages of teacher per week \$13.00.

The fall term of Free High school was held at Livermore Center and run in connection with the common school, with J. A. Sinclair of Bates College as principal, and Miss Agnes Casey as assistant. Mr. Sinclair immediately adapted himself to the situation and was successful as a teacher in every direction. Although the studies were fewer and the pupils smaller than is usual in our Free High school, yet good interest was manifested throughout the term. The studies were mathematics, book-keeping, astronomy, history, physics, physiology and Latin. Number of scholars 34. Average attendance, 29. Wages of teacher per week, \$10.50.

Under the new law, scholars passing examination and fitted for the higher branches of study, can upon written recommendation of the S. S. Committee and Supt., attend any fitting school, at a cost to the town not exceeding \$30 per year for tuition, and it is by reason of this law that we have just paid \$149.50, with other like tuition bills not yet presented, that the S. S. Committee voted not to have any spring term of Free High school. The reason is obvious: Those pupils fitted for a High school are out of town, leaving only common school scholars.

Other duties will oblige me to decline the position of Superintendent for another year.

I. T. MONROE, Supt.

Feb. 11, 1904.