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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE
TOWN OF MADISON

FOR THE
Fiscal Year Ending February 10th
1907

MADISON, MAINE
THE BULLETIN JOB PRINT
1907

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

VALUATION OF 1906

Real Estate, resident	\$1,267,175 00	
“ “ non-resident	152,760 00	
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Total real estate		\$1,419,935 00
Personal estate, resident	\$300,191 00	
“ “ non-resident	19,279 90	
Total personal estate		<hr/> \$319,471 00
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Grand total amount		\$1,739,406 00
Number of polls, 940.		

MONEY RAISED FOR TOWN PURPOSES

For Highways, summer	\$2,000 00
“ winter	2,000 00
Support of poor	1,200 00

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For Expenses and liabilities	\$1,800 00	
Common schools	5,500 00	
For free high school	1,300 00	
Text-books	500 00	
School supplies and appliances	600 00	
" house repairs	700 00	
N. A. Weston Post G. A. R.	125 00	
Salary of Supt. of Schools	400 00	
Public Library	800 00	
Bridge loan and interest	3,560 00	
Services of School Committee	100 00	
Building sidewalks	500 00	
Planking Madison and Anson bridge	300 00	
Sewer on Pearl street	300 00	
" " Houghton street and Weston Avenue	1,200 00	
Purchased School house lot	1,000 00	
State road	200 00	
Building John street	85 00	
Dumping ground	100 00	
Complete Fulsom street	200 00	
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Total voted by town		\$24,470 00
State tax	\$4,526 69	
County tax	2,439 80	
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		\$6,966 39
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Total amount to be raised		\$31,436 39
Overlay	\$953 21	
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Total tax committed		\$953 21
		\$32,389 60

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SUPPORT OF POOR

Amount raised	\$1,200 00
Amount expended	1,260 48
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Amount overdrawn	\$60 48

MARTHA HARRIMAN AND CHILDREN

Paid Indian Spring Woolen Co., rent	\$27 00
B. P. J. Weston, wood	22 75
O. T. Briggs, groceries	163 77
W. G. Sawyer, M. D.,	1 00
Madison Water Co., rent	4 00
D. S. Hunnewell, M. D.,	3 00
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	\$221 52

ISAAC YOUNG

Paid Fred Hayden, board	\$127 71
Blackwell & Edwards, casket	30 00
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	\$157 71

GEORGE NORTON

Paid Maine Insane Hospital	\$130 36
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	\$130 36

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ALSON HISCOCK

Paid Katie Lawrence, board	\$44 42	
Mary A. Welch, board	32 00	
Samuel Vose, clothing	16 35	
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		\$92 77

RUTH NORTON

Paid C. W. Nichols, board	\$104 00	
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		\$104 00

GEORGE RACKLIFF AND FAMILY

Paid town Pittsfield	\$63 75	
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		\$63 75

WILLIAM ROGERS AND FAMILY

Paid J. L. Pepper, M. D.,	\$38 00	
O. T. Briggs, groceries	12 09	
W. G. Sawyer, M. D.,	5 00	
F. A. Manter, antitoxine	10 80	
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		\$65 89

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GEORGE WATSON AND FAMILY

Paid Stanley Renier, groceries	\$16 52	
W. G. Sawyer, M. D.,	11 00	
F. A. Manter, antitoxine	7 65	
George Cushing, antitoxine	6 65	
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		\$41 82

MRS. MIKE CLARKIN AND CHILDREN

Paid A. T. Tinkham, groceries	\$16 55	
W. H. Kennison, M. D.	17 50	
W. G. Sawyer, M. D.	1 00	
Spence & Co., clothing	4 85	
Moore & Steward, shoes	2 36	
Clark & Moore, rent	12 50	
George Cushing, antitoxine	1 10	
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		\$55 85

THOMAS LURTON

Paid C. W. Day, groceries	\$10 00	
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		10 00

ELIZABETH McLELLAN AND CHILD

Paid Mrs. Ettta Briggs, board and care	\$104 01	
J. L. Pepper, M. D.	17 00	

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Paid J. L. Pepper, M. D. for moving her to Nova Scotia and all expense.	\$76 79	
F. A. Manter, medicines	23 15	
D. W. and L. M. Simonds, rent	9 00	
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		\$229 95

Paid for support of patient at Maine Insane Hospital	\$130 86	
Reimbursed for same	70 00	
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		\$60 86

Paid support of patient at Maine Insane Hospital	\$135 67	
Reimbursed for same	135 67	
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Paid for support of inmates of Maine Industrial School	\$26 00	
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		\$26 00

SUPPORT OF POOR NOT CHARGEABLE TO MADISON

Paid Fred Laundry, family	\$61 53	
Kate Gilbert and children	117 63	
Maynelia Stewart	178 34	
Elmer Fish and family	25 50	
Neil Robertson	152 40	
Amos Adams and family	229 89	
Addie Stewart and child	162 19	
Edward Mahaffy's wife	17 80	

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Paid Geo. York	\$3 60
Edward Deming and family	70 84
Henry Bessey children	4 68
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	\$1,024 40

N. A. WESTON POST G. A. R.

Amount raised	\$125 00
" expended	125 00

SALARY OF SCHOOL SUPT.

Amount raised	\$400 00
" paid J. W. Foster	400 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Amount raised	\$800 00
Amount paid as shown by report of trustees	626 99
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Amount unexpended	\$173 01

HIGHWAYS

Amount raised, summer	\$2,000 00	
" rec'd Somerset Traction Co.	25 00	
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	\$2,025 00	
" expended, summer	3,023 67	
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Amount overdrawn		\$997 67
Amount raised, winter	\$2,000 00	
" expended winter	2,194 54	
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Amount overdrawn		\$194 54

LABOR UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

		Summer	Winter
March, 1906			
10	Paid Augustus Jewett		\$1 95
	C. S. Barron		4 90
	Wm. Rowell		2 45
	R. G. Cooley	\$1 00	3 38
	Gardner Nason	1 50	3 25
	L. W. Jackman	4 05	
	J. R. Bicknell	10 05	3 36
16	A. A. Foss		1 50
	David Taylor		6 60
24	A. J. Trefethen		18 58
27	G. E. Clough		17 91
	David Taylor		7 20
	Lester Adams		4 60
April, 1906			
1	A. D. Knights		3 93

April, 1906		Summer	Winter
2	Paid Orville Snow		\$2 02
11	F. H. Rizner		5 84
	R. S. Young		3 20
	B. G. Estes		12 05
	Harry Caldwell		9 80
12	C. C. Dunton		1 80
	John Wescott		11 55
	G. H. Rogers		7 00
14	J. W. Wasson		4 95
22	G. D. Perkins	9 75	13 80
24	David Taylor	18 75	6 00
	Edwin Morse		20 70
	Gardner Nason		15 69
	R. G. Cooley		10 60
	H. R. Rowell		12 55
	James Steele		2 37
	Colin Steele		5 2
	Fred Steele		4 65
25	F. E. Welch		22 28
	A. A. Adams		9 99
	John Burwood	45	10 34
28	Ora Luce		14 10
May, 1906			
2	Ora Luce		4 05
7	A. W. Chipman		8 40
8	Lawrence Hayden	4 85	
	W. E. French, material	3 75	
	B. F. Burns	8 62	
	Fred Hayden	1 94	
	Somerset Traction Co., freight	2 50	
	A. D. Knights	3 30	
	J. G. Chase		8 97

May, 1906		Summer	Winter
18	Paid Ben Sabin		8 75
	Walter Salley		75
	S. H. Batcher		8 57
	David Taylor	23 25	
25	David Taylor	4 35	
	Eugene Burns		18 55
	P. F. McKenney		5 25
	Chas. Hunnewell		14 46
26	Horace Spear, lumber	100 99	
28	G. D. Perkins	22 80	
31	Pearley Foss		9 67
June, 1906			
12	B. P. J. Weston		15 75
15	H. A. Snell	15 00	
	Jas. Wasson	9 15	
22	C. E. Chapman	3 30	
	Wm. A. Cuddy		8 92
	Augustus Jewett		9 74
23	C. E. Merry	4 00	60
28	Samuel Burns		18 60
30	C. T. Sawyer	2 05	4 70
July, 1906			
2	B. F. Burns	200 00	
3	Charles Tripp	9 75	
6	A. H. McKenney		2 50
	Ora M. Rowe	3 00	
7	Wm. Hayden	9 00	
	John Sawyer	6 70	2 10
10	A. J. Ellis		15 70
	E. H. Adams		75
11	L. K. Williams	4 46	
	W. T. Bradley	3 08	

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		Summer	Winter
July, 1906			
11	Paid V. C. Williams	\$4 46	
	Bert Webber	20 20	
	F. L. Williams	2 24	
	G. D. Perkins	3 90	
	E. I. Harding		12 25
14	B. F. Burns, road machine	370 55	
16	Philander Newton, road machine	267 75	
21	Chas. Chapman	4 50	
30	D. J. Matthews	1 50	23 65
	E. A. Weybrant	96 55	42 45
August, 1906			
2	John Chase	9 75	
6	John Barron	9 00	
9	Orrison Clough	7 00	3 47
10	P. W. Adams	5 34	16 27
	Chas. Barron	4 25	
	Ora M. Rowe	7 95	
	Albert Whorff	8 05	
	G. E. Clough	8 50	
	W. E. French	45 50	4 50
	F. E. Welch	16 70	
13	I. E. Curtis		12 76
	J. C. Perkins		6 00
20	A. B. Doolittle	3 00	2 70
21	J. W. Blackwell	15 35	
22	Charles Newton	29 00	
	Josiah Clark	10 60	
	James L. Brown	7 05	
	Walter Clark	1 50	
24	H. L. Patten	1 95	2 52
	E. L. Wescott		1 75
	Ora Rowe	5 25	

		Summer	Winter
August, 1906			
24	Paid F. H. Rizner	\$4 50	
27	J. F. Wasson	35 61	
	C. C. Wasson	10 60	
September, 1906			
1	A. P. Turner		10 52
	G. D. Perkins	21 75	
5	David Taylor	75	
7	Ora Rowe	1 50	
	Colin Steele	6 15	
8	H. A. Snell	15 00	
	B. F. Burns, road machine	150 00	
	C. A. Nelson	3 11	
14	O. F. Luce	34 77	
	F. H. Luce	12 45	
	O. F. Luce	7 25	
	A. W. Hunnewell		2 25
22	A. G. Pollard	2 50	
24	D. L. Churchill, material	3 50	
	A. E. Burns	6 30	
28	M. M. Moore	8 65	
	Harrold Reed	15 75	
	Arthur A. Reed	15 00	
	Albert Clark	4 20	
October, 1906			
8	B. F. Burns, road machine	97 50	
13	David Taylor	4 50	
	Thos. Bessey	7 50	
26	A. A. Noble	6 50	
	H. Bigelow	1 65	
November, 1906			
11	H. A. Snell	9 75	
12	Ezra Chase	6 00	

		Summer	Winter
November, 1906			
15	Paid Fred Steele	88 25	
	Geo. B. Stevens	5 18	
	H. A. Denison	2 86	
	G. D. Perkins	8 10	
17	E. M. Dean	8 75	
	B. B. Harville	7 25	
	Thos. E. Spaulding	19 05	
	G. E. Gray	3 00	6.30
26	J. C. Perkins	6 95	
	W. M. Prescott	3 00	
	J. S. Hayden	7 50	
	D. B. Hobart	25 50	
	J. W. Hussey	7 50	
December, 1906			
3	H. E. Pooler		4 75
	E. C. Weston, material		17 10
15	Elisha C. Moore, labor	8 82	
	Frank Lincoln, material	13 50	
	Wesley Rickards, labor	6 50	
	G. B. Fairgrievies, labor		4 50
	W. L. Mantor, labor		8 72
17	B. P. J. Weston, labor		54 00
22	Albra Adams, labor	19 76	16 62
	A. W. Hunnewell, labor	4 05	75
24	W. G. Heald, labor	2 77	
26	D. F. Wescott, labor	7 55	8 25
31	A. W. Naeoley, labor		3 00
January, 1907			
1	H. A. Snell, labor		16 64
5	A. M. Corson, labor	5 25	3 30
	A. D. Knights, labor	5 40	5 75
	J. E. and R. W. French, labor	63 00	

January, 1907		Summer	Winter
5	Paid Geo. Fortier, labor		\$3 52
9	Geo. B. Stevens, labor		2 10
12	S. F. Emerson, labor	3 00	6 15
	E. K. Russell, labor	1 50	
	Chas. McDonald, labor	4 50	30
	Gardner Nason, labor		7 42
26	R. E. Reed, lumber	35 98	
29	Leroy Gray		1 00
30	C. C. Dunton		8 40
February, 1907			
1	H. A. Snell		8 40
	A. W. Chipman		15 45
	Percy Renier		12 45
2	Ed Adams		3 00
	Henry Pooler		10 50
	E. A. Weybrant	71 75	56 45
	Levi Martin		9 55
	James Wills	6 75	17 46
	David Withee		2 25
	Samuel Burns	3 45	11 90
	Rebecca Holden		12 25
	John Burwood	1 57	9 98
	A. W. Naeoley		1 25
	A. E. Burwood	60	
4	Perlie W. Adams	6 92	14 76
	A. H. Ward	75	82
	E. L. Wescott		19 25
	I. E. Curtis	4 20	11 45
	C. E. Merry		5 75
	G. D. Perkins		39 15
6	T. D. Salley & Son	5 48	20 96
	Colin Steele		1 95

February, 1907		Summer	Winter
6	Paid Fred Steele		\$5 65
	D. F. Wescott		2 26
	G. E. Clough	7 40	15 95
7	P. F. McKenney	3 00	4 90
	H. L. Patten	1 50	12 09
	A. F. Luce		2 10
	H. H. Steward	65	75
	Edwin Morse	2 40	22 60
	G. E. Gray		6 20
	E. M. Fletcher, material	46 20	
	E. M. Fletcher, material	5 05	
	W. E. Clough		10 50
8	T. B. Weston		20 90
	C. W. Houghton		12 26
	Albra Adams		10 20
	Robert Green		7 78
	J. R. Emery & Co., material	12 12	
	Eugene Danforth		6 88
9	Albion Edwards		8 75
	H. F. Danforth & Son		43 72
	A. W. Counce		8 40
	John S. Sawyer	5 35	14 00
	J. W. Jones, lumber	139 00	7 38
	D. I. Walker		27 55
	Chas. Chapman		1 80
	L. W. Weston, labor & lumber	40 00	
	Daniel Murray	6 45	
	J. C. Holway		10 85
	M. G. Whitney		7 52
	W. L. Manter		22 44
	Jennie Blackwell	2 70	8 42
	Elmer Withee	50	75

February, 1907		Summer	Winter
9	Paid S. N. Blanchard		\$11 25
	J. S. Blackwell	5 00	23 55
	J. W. Wasson	1 80	5 20
	John Wescott		14 00
	Chas. Hunnewell		4 20
	E. O. Danforth	5 15	16 30
	E. I. Harding	1 75	7 90
	J. L. Murray	2 26	8 75
	Bert Bessey		2 25
	Frank Welch	4 95	
	Henry Merrill		8 75
	Elmer Adams	11 50	4 25
	Geo. E. Jones	1 20	6 75
	R. W. Robbins	12 40	20 65
	Gardner Nason		9 57
11	Chas. Barron		11 34
	Wm. Hayden		1 80
	C. D. Holbrook	32 20	14 60
	E. C. Dean		22 77
	R. E. Reed		9 50
	S. J. Hayden		1 80
	Thaxter Reed	2 55	2 45
	Hiram McDonald		3 00
	L. E. Savage	3 60	23 95
	Lewis Russell		2 10
	Asa Hodgdon		1 65
	J. W. Hussey		2 10
	B. S. Kincaid	5 20	19 03
	C. W. Clement	75	1 90
	G. F. Burrill, plank	3 54	
	Albert Rowell	2 50	13 65
	John C. Harvill	4 45	13 10

February, 1907		Summer	Winter
11	Paid E. A. Spear	\$2 10	\$8 30
	J. E. & R. W. French		6 50
	P. F. Withee		17 80
	E. M. Dean		8 70
	D. B. Hobart		3 35
	Henry G. Hoyt	2 25	19 07
	Harlow K. Rowell	4 90	7 70
	Leroy Emerson	4 65	23 40
	M. L. Pugh	3 00	16 05
	J. F. Chadbourn	4 58	
	Wm. Prescott		7 00
	Manterville Bosworth		1 35
	Arthur Hobart		1 05
	Augustus Jewett	3 75	14 40
	L. D. Corson		1 35
	J. A. Gallant		3 00
	Edgar D. Clark	1 50	3 35
	M. M. Robbins	13 25	12 63
	John Bicknell		21 48
	D. R. Blanchard, lumber	6 60	8 41
	Galon Kincaid	3 00	
	Eben Dean & Son	9 75	17 51
	S. H. Batcher		6 84
	D. H. Corson	3 75	
	Josiah Clark	1 57	10 52
	E. E. Hurd	16 20	5 90
	H. B. Jackson		21 97
	H. A. Johnson		15 75
12	W. E. French		15 00
	Orrison Reed	12 00	
	Walter Buck	7 50	
	B. P. J. Weston	1 05	11 00

February, 1907		Summer	Winter
12	Paid B. P. J. Weston, lumber	\$13 17	
13	Alvin I. Hilton	1 05	
	Geo. A. Collins		\$3 97
	Fred E. Davis		1 13
	Wm. Holway		3 30
	Ora M. Rowe		90
	Fred Hayden	67	
	A. P. Turner		9 10
	A. D. Knight		5 02
	Geo. A. Laskey	2 50	
	Alden Ellis	16 15	20 25
	A. J. Ellis	7 40	5 85
	E. B. Rowell	1 49	21 00
14	John G. Chase	23 35	11 61
	C. C. Wasson		10 32
	M. G. Kennedy	8 35	14 10
	Walter Heald		44 05
	H. E. Spear, lumber	43 85	
	Perley Foss	4 40	8 40
	E. E. Osbourn		3 20
	Geo. W. Rowell	9 25	15 74
	Geo. Morrison		3 00
	Orrison Clough		6 22
	Jesse Reed	4 50	10 60
	C. H. Davis		5 25
	Albert Whorff	3 15	1 95
	Wm. Rowell	3 75	11 95
	A. B. Doolittle		8 40
	Geo. W. Russell	1 35	
	Mrs. M. A. Russell		8 65
15	J. P. Luce		1 80
	L. A. Gill	2 85	

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	Summer	Winter
February, 1907		
15 Paid L. H. Page		\$6 15
Thos. Spaulding		1 50
E. E. Reed	\$60 25	25 50
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	\$3,022 67	\$2,194 54

SEWERS

WESTON AVENUE AND HOUGHTON STREETS

Amount raised	\$1,200 00
Amount expended	723 27
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Amount unexpended	\$476 73

Paid Winslow & Co., tile	\$259 82
Somerset Railway, freight	31 81
Hackett & Witham, castings	42 00
Somerset Traction Co., freight	1 50
Johnson & Johnson, cement and labor	29 57
Stanley Renier, oil	28
C. W. Pierpont, labor	2 00
David Taylor, labor	2 00
G. D. Perkins, labor	31 32
R. W. York, labor	17 87
John Nottage, labor	14 80
Ralph Collins, labor	13 80
George E. Wilson, labor	14 80

Paid Fred Watts, labor	\$15 80
Charles Joyce, labor	23 00
Tisdell Look, labor	22 00
W. A. Pollard, labor	16 00
A. G. Pollard, labor	37 00
H. E. Bessey, labor	27 34
H. A. Snell, labor	28 00
E. A. Weybrant, team	15 17
J. R. Emery & Co., hardware, etc	8 85
Snow & Humphreys, surveying and making plans	28 00
I. L. Russell, hardware, etc	2 40
B. P. J. Weston, brick and labor	38 14
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	\$723 27

PEARL STREET

Amount raised		\$300 00
Amount expended		366 63
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Amount overdrawn		566 63
Paid Winslow & Co., tile	\$129 91	
Somerset Railway, freight	15 90	
Hackett & Witham, castings	34 50	
Somerset Traction Co., freight	1 00	
Johnson & Johnson, labor and ce- ment	14 78	
Stanley Renier, oil	14	
C. W. Pierpont, labor	1 00	
David Taylor, labor	1 00	
G. D. Perkins, labor	15 68	

Paid R. W. York, labor	\$8 93
Ralph Collins, labor	11 00
Fred Watts, labor	6 00
Charles Joyce, labor	12 80
Tisdell Look, labor	11 80
W. A. Pollard, labor	9 80
A. G. Pollard, labor	18 50
H. E. Bessey, labor	13 66
H. A. Snell, labor	14 00
E. A. Weybrant, team	7 58
J. R. Emery & Co., hardware, etc.	4 42
C. S. Humphreys, surveying and making plans	14 00
I. L. Russell, hardware, etc.	1 17
B. P. J. Weston, brick and labor	40 06
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	\$366 63

COMPLETE FOLSOM STREET

Amount raised	\$200 00
Amount expended	182 98
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Balance unexpended	\$17 02

EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS

Paid G. D. Perkins, labor	\$22 00
A. G. Pollard, labor	3- 30

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Paid H. A. Snell, labor	\$20 20
Frank Snell, labor	14 18
C. A. Roberts, labor	8 75
W. C. Williams, labor	18 38
Bert Webber, labor	17 67
E. A. Weybrant, team	38 50
Johnson & Johnson, material	9 00
Snow & Humphreys	2 00
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	\$182 98

SIDEWALKS

Amount raised	\$500 00
Amount expended	383 15
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Amount unexpended	\$116 85

EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS

Paid Frank Snell, labor	\$36 32
A. C. Pollard, labor	59 25
G. D. Perkins, labor	52 00
Bert Webber, labor	38 94
W. C. Williams, labor	34 55
H. A. Snell, labor	47 50
E. A. Weybrant, team	78 05
Johnson & Johnson, material	7 92
Stanley Renier, oil	66

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Paid Johnson & Johnson, gravel	\$9 10
H. H. Steward, labor	1 25
J. R. Emery & Co., hardware	7 40
H. R. Teague, hardware	1 10
I. L. Russell, hardware	4 96
H. A. Johnson, labor	6 62
B. P. J. Weston, wood	1 50
Madison Hall Ass'n. 1 lt. glass broken	1 13
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	\$383 15

STATE ROAD

Amount raised	\$200 00
Amount received of State	188 20
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Amount expended	\$388 20
	376 40
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Amount unexpended	\$11 80

EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS

Paid D. L. Churchill, material	\$3 50
John Nottage, labor	7 50
B. F. Burns, labor	182 50
L. E. Lincoln	4 70
J. E. & R. W. French, labor	30 00

Paid J. C. Harville, labor	\$12 00
Perley Withee	14 00
G. B. Harville, labor	16 50
E. K. Russell, labor	6 15
Valtus Squires, labor	3 00
A. A. Reed, labor	12 00
H. C. Reed, labor	14 25
Flisha Moore, labor	1 50
G. F. Burrill, material	55
Chas. McDonald, labor	6 75
Forrest McKenney, labor	10 50
Glenn Harville, labor	9 60
Wm. Prescott, labor	2 25
Thomas Spaulding, labor	16 80
E. E. Reed, labor	21 75
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	\$376 40

TO BUY SCHOOL HOUSE LOT

Amount raised		\$1,000 00
Paid B. P. J. Weston, 2 lots	\$450 00	
H. D. Will, 1 lot	250 00	
T. B. & Evie Weston, 1 lot	250 00	950 00
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Balance unexpended		\$50 00

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THIRD PAYMENT ON BRIDGE AND INTEREST

Amount raised	\$3650 00
Amount expended	3650 00

TO BUILD JOHN STREET

Amount raised	\$85 00
Amount expended	70 82

Balance unexpended		\$14 18
Paid B. F. Burns, labor	\$55 02	
Snow & Humphreys	8 00	
G. D. Perkins	5 00	
Chas. Joyce	2 80	
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	\$70 82	

PLANK MADISON AND ANSON BRIDGE

Amount raised	\$300 00
Amount expended	229 06

Balance unexpended	\$70 94
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AMOUNT EXPENDED

Paid F. L. Williams, labor	\$4 92
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Paid W. C. Williams, labor	\$1 92
Frank Snell, labor	1 92
Bert Webber, labor	4 24
V. C. Williams, labor	6 58
A. C. Walton, labor	3 34
W. T. Bradley, labor	4 92
L. K. Williams, labor	6 58
G. D. Perkins	10 00
B. P. J. Weston, lumber	176 35
J. R. Emery & Co., hardware	8 29
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	\$229 06

DUMPING GROUND

Amount raised	\$100 00
Amount expended	25 00
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Balance unexpended	\$75 00
Paid B. P. J. Weston	\$25 00
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	\$25 00

SERVICES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Amount raised	\$100 00
Amount expended	51 60
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Balance unexpended	48 40

Paid W. H. Kennison	\$24 60
E. A. Salley	12 00
C. D. Boothby	15 00
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	\$51 60

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Total resources for 1906	\$11,325 29
Total expenditures	11,412 48
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Amount overdrawn	888 19

EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES

Amount raised	\$1,800 00
Received from State damage done by dogs	26 00
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	\$1,826 00
Amount expended	2,320 66
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Amount overdrawn	\$494 66
Paid E. M. Wing, birth and death cer- tificates	\$1 00

Paid G. A. Herrick, postage on town reports, 1906	\$7 50
H. C. Prince, town reports for year 1905	105 00
George Cushing, valuation books	14 50
H. C. Prince, printing	14 65
S. E. Remick	1 75
Johnson & Johnson, lime for disinfecting	2 20
E. M. Fletcher, sheep killed by dogs	13 00
C. W. Gilman, care of tramps for year 1906	3 35
Fred Johnson, services as ballot clerk	2 00
John McLain, for removing cow from river	10 00
H. C. Prince, for printing	4 05
T. B. Weston, sheep killed by dogs	3 00
Amos Adams, sheep killed by dogs	10 00
E. B. Williams, services as truant officer	6 50
J. Bert Snell, services as ballot clerk	2 00
W. H. Kennison, birth and death certificates, ret.	7 25
J. L. Pepper, birth and death certificates, ret.	2 25
Bernard Gibbs, hall rent, two town meetings	20 00
W. S. Milliken, birth and death certificates, ret.	3 25

Paid W. M. Pulsifer, birth and death certificates, ret.	\$ 75
S. E. Remick, services as town clerk	30 00
S. E. Remick, recording births and deaths	28 05
Eugene Danforth, services as ballot clerk	2 00
W. G. Sawyer, birth and death certificates, ret.	9 00
K. C. Gray, services as town treasurer for year 1906	55 00
K. C. Gray, rent of selectmen's office	25 00
F. A. Manter, books for town clerk	5 50
First National Bank Madison interest on temporary loans	160 69
C. O. Small, legal services, making warrants, etc.	50 60
C. H. Clark, abatement on Dane lot taxed twice, year 1905	3 80
E. M. Wing, birth and death certificates, ret.	1 50
G. D. Perkins, services as selectman, etc.	400 00
G. D. Perkins, cash paid out for wood for office, postage, etc.	29 94
E. E. Reed, services as selectman, etc.	95 00
E. E. Reed, cash paid, expenses	33 90
W. E. French, services as selectman, etc.	99 00

Paid	W. E. French, cash paid expenses	\$31 60
	D. S. Hunnewell, birth and death certificates, ret.	1 50
	J. F. Withee, serving sewer notices	10 80
	“ “ services as auditor	10 00
	“ “ posting warrants	5 88
	“ “ dog officer	15 00
	“ “ ballot clerk	2 00
	“ “ commission for collecting taxes, year 1906	485 82

BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE

Paid	W. G. Sawyer, services, etc.	\$100 00
	J. L. Pepper, assistance, Board of Health	4 00
	W. S. Milliken, assistance, Board of Health	1 00
	J. F. Chadbourne, services	17 00
	D. L. Churchill, services as secretary, etc.	50 00
	George Cushing, disinfectants, antitoxine, etc.	82 80
	F. A. Manter, disinfectants, antitoxine, etc.	82 08

ABATEMENTS FOR YEAR 1906 AS FOLLOWS :

Paid	J. F. Withee, abatements to collector	\$16 45
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Paid Mellen Trefethern 1905 paid Ex- eter	\$3 00
Henry Boulter 1905, double taxa- tion	2 68
Amos Adams, poor	7 97
Gilbert Albert, not found	3 00
Mike Byras, sickness	3 00
John Brooks, paid Brewer	3 00
Simon Beckwith, not found	3 00
Edmund Brooks, not found	3 00
Stephen Bishop, not found	3 00
E. J. Curby, not found	3 00
Sil Casey, not found	3 00
Navier Coro, not found	3 00
Lewis Coro, minor	3 00
Ed Deming, poor	3 00
John Fabian, not found	3 00
Harry Farr, paid Portland	3 00
George Fortier, not found	3 00
Gilbert Gallant, not found	3 00
Philip Gould, not found	3 00
Larry Guy, not found	3 00
J. J. Harville, paid Skowhegan	3 00
Barnard Hilton, sickness	3 40
Ernest Josey, injury	3 00
A. L. Knowlton, error	3 00
Eli King, not found	3 00
John Koliser, not found	3 00
Harry Ledger, not found	3 00
Arthur Ledger, not found	3 00
George Landry, not found	3 00
James Lapointe, not found	3 00
Shedio Lapointe, not found	8 00

Paid Scott McAllister, minor	\$3 00
George Oster, not found	3 00
Napoleon Ouilette, not found	3 00
Gilbert A. Brine, minor	3 00
Thoufile Oakes, not found	3 00
Leon Perkins, paid Embden	3 68
George Rickards, sickness	3 00
Lester Roundy, not found	3 00
Perley Small, paid Athens	3 00
Thomas Steelbrooke, not found	3 00
Mellen Trefethen, paid Exeter	3 00
Pat Tyrell, not found	3 00
Napoleon Willett, not found	3 00
S. R. Whiley, not found	3 00
James Yaragini, not found	3 00
Henry Boulier, double taxation	1 02
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	\$2,320 66

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

Cash in Treasury, February 10, 1906,	\$5,576 23
From J. F. Withee, abatements year 1905	\$6 00
Town of Monson, reimbursement Maynelia Stewart	244 59
Town of Bingham, reimbursement Henry Bessey and family	28 56

From State dog licences refunded	\$150 23
City of Lewiston, reimbursement	
Kate Gilbert and children	193 75
C. O. Small, trustee on account	
of insane patient	235 67
Sale of toll-house lot	200 00
State, on account of paupers	840 57
State, on account insane patient	53 29
School receipts outside of appro-	
priations	2,724 29
First National Bank, Madison,	
temporary loan	6,000 00
Licences	11 00
Tile sold	3 75
Somerset Traction Co., to build	
road at Trestle Hill	25 00
Wm. McDonald, reimbursement on	
account of Louise McDonald	70 00
Town of Solon, tar sold	22 50
State, damage done by dogs	26 00
Town of Benedicta, reimbursement	
Laundry family	125 93
Indian Spring Woolen Co., 1 bbl.	
pitch	6 00
E. A. Weybrant, for concrete walks	
for year 1904-05	50 00
Catholic church, private walk 1906	7 50
Bernard Gibbs, " " "	6 00
F. P. Ladd " " "	6 00
John Williams " " "	5 50
John Randall " " "	11 00
C. A. Wilber " " "	75
Rent of tomb	2 00

From State for State road,	\$188 20
Sewer assessment. 1905	495 00
J. F. Withee, commitment 1906	32,389 60
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	\$40,704 91

EXPENDITURES

Paid Support of poor	\$2,490 55
Paid N. A. Weston Post, G. A. R.	125 00
Public Library	626 99
Salary of Supt. of Schools	400 00
Highways	5,217 21
Sewers	1,089 90
Folsom Street	182 98
John Street	70 82
Sidewalks	383 15
State road	376 40
Fourth payment on bridge and interest	3,560 00
Support of schools	11,412 48
Services of School Committee	51 60
Dumping ground	25 00
Expenses and liabilities	2,320 66
Temporary loans	6,000 00
State tax	4,526 59
County tax	2,439 80
Plank Madison and Anson bridge	229 06
Purchase School house lot	950 00
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	\$42,478 19
Balance in treasury	<hr/>
	\$7,226 72

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

RESOURCES

Cash in treasury	\$7,226 72
Due from State licenses, 1906	100 00
Bingham, reimbursement Geo. York	3 60
Edward Mahaffy reimbursed for care of wife	17 80
State reimbursement Edward Deming	70 84
Town Monson reimbursement Addie Steward and child	162 19
State reimbursement Amos Adams and family	76 60
State reimbursement Neil Robertson	79 90
Town Anson reimbursement Elmer Eish and family	25 50
Wm. McDonald reimbursement for care of Louise McDonald	60 86
Town Monson reimbursement Maynelia Stewart	3 00
Mrs. Fred Brackett reimbursement care Bessie George	26 00
City of Lewiston reimbursement Kate Gilbert and children	117 63
Sewer assessment year 1906	345 00

Due from Concreting private walks		
years 1904 and 1905	\$ 45 00	
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LIABILITIES

Due on orders 1903 bridge loan	\$11,000 00	
land damage Kennebec street	20 00	
support of Geo. Norton	29 28	
interest on bridge loan to Feb.		
10, 1907	302 00	
teachers to Feb. 10, 1907	818 90	
	<hr/>	\$12,170 18
Balance against town		<hr/> \$3,809 54

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. PERKINS,)	SELECTMEN
E. E. REED,)	OF
W. E. FRENCH,)	MADISON

MADISON, MAINE, February 16, 1907.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen of the town of Madison for the year 1906, and find the same correct.

J. F. WITHEE, AUDITOR.

Treasurer's Report

For the Fiscal Year Ending February 10, 1907

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, February 10, 1906	\$5,576 23
Received from State Treasurer, school and mill tax	2,143 99
" " " free high schools	125 00
" " " interest on Spaulding fund	50 00
Received from State Treasurer, State pensions	144 00
" " " dog licenses refunded	150 23
" " " State roads	188 20
" " " support aliens	840 57
" " " sheep killed by dogs	26 00
" " " Insane beneficiary	53 29
Received from town of Monson, reimbursement	244 59
" " Bingham, "	28 56
" " Benedicta, "	125 93
" " city of Lewiston. "	193 75

Received from town of Solon, for tar	\$22 50
“ J. W. Foster, High School tuition	247 50
“ “ common school tuition	48 50
“ “ books, supplies sold	21 05
“ Indian Spring Woolen Co., pitch	6 00
“ Second National Bank, Skowhegan, for dividend	78 00
Received from First National Bank, Madison, loan	6,000 00
“ G. D. Perkins, show licenses	11 00
“ S. E. Remick, dog licenses	185 00
“ G. D. Perkins, tile sold	3 75
“ G. D. Perkins, concrete walk, 1906	36 75
“ E. A. Weybrant, concrete walks, 1904-05	50 00
“ W. H. Kennison, hay sold	4 00
“ J. W. Foster, rebate on order	6 25
“ Sundry persons for expense of in- sane	305 67
“ Madison Woolen Co., for $\frac{2}{3}$ toll house and lot	200 00
“ Somerset Traction Co., gravel	25 00
“ B. K. Edwards, tomb rent	2 00
“ J. F. Withee, abatements of 1905	6 00
“ “ commitment for 1906	32,389 60
“ Sewer assessment for 1905	495 00
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	\$50,033 91

EXPENDITURES

Paid on town orders	\$35,511 80
State tax for 1906	4,526 59

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Paid County tax for 1906	\$2,439 80
State Treasurer for dog licenses	185 00
Sundry persons, State pensions	144 00
Balance cash on hand	7,226 72
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	\$50,033 91

K. C. GRAY, Treasurer.

NOTE. The treasurer's statement shows \$125 less on account of Free High Schools than does that of the Superintendent. This is explained by reference to treasurer's report of last year.

MADISON, MAINE, February 20, 1907.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of K. C. Gray, Treasurer of the town of Madison for the fiscal year ending Feb. 10, 1907, and find the same correct, and a balance standing to the credit of the town in the First National Bank of Madison, of seven thousand two hundred twenty-six dollars and seventy-two cents (\$7,226.72.)

J. F. WITHEE, Auditor.

Public Library

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

RECEIPTS

Amount appropriated by town,	\$800 00
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DISBURSEMENTS

November, 1906

13	Paid Loring, Short and Harmon, binding books, etc.	\$85 39
	C. O. Small, for freight and express paid	1 33
17	K. C. Gray, Treas. Library Association, for rent, libra- rian's services, etc.	96 34

December, 1906

6	E. B. Williams, janitor ser- vices	12 00
8	F. H. Pease, coal	95 74

December, 1906		
29	Paid K. C. Gray, Treas. Library Association, rent, librarian's services, etc.	\$63 18
January, 1907		
9	S. E. Remick, insurance on books	10 00
	Edwin Hilton, trucking	1 50
	H. C. Prince, printing	2 25
	J. H. Dane, lumber and labor on same	4 98
	B. P. J. Weston, lumber and labor	33 00
	J. R. Emery & Co. hardware, etc.	9 96
	E. B. Williams, janitor, etc.	13 45
	Chandler Littlefield, labor moving books	4 50
	J. B. Noble, labor making door, etc.	17 50
	I. L. Russell, hardware	9 72
	Maguire & Jones, handirons, etc.	12 00
	H. R. Teague, labor and materials	16 65
	Emma Abrahamson, cleaning	3 00
	Alice Tompkins, cleaning	3 50
	C. O. Small, cash paid for express, etc.	3 05
February, 1907		
6	E. B. Williams, janitor	15 00
8	A. C. Walton, labor	1 96
	Maud Powers, librarian	15 20

February, 1907

8 Paid Madison Village Coporation electric light fixtures and labor	33 88	
F. H. Pease, coal	39 91	
Blackwell & Edwards, cur- tains, etc.	22 00	
	<hr/>	\$626 99
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$173 01

The library building was fully completed about the first of December last and the control and management of the same transferred by the Building Committee to the Trustees elected by the town January 2d. All of the books and other property of the old Public Library Association have also been duly transferred to the town and removed to the new building.

The library building is now open every afternoon, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, from 2 to 5 o'clock, and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings in each week from 7 to 9 o'clock, and the use of books is free to all the inhabitants of the town. A small charge is made for the use of books taken from the building to persons not inhabitants of the town. All inhabitants of the town are cordially invited to visit the library building and to the free use of the same.

MADISON, MAINE, February, 21, 1907

CHAS. O. SMALL,	}	TRUSTEES.
K. C. GRAY,		
RUTH M. SANFORD,		
ALICE B. DYER,		

MADISON, MAINE, February 21, 1907.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of receipts and expenditures of the Trustees of the Public Library, as required by its by-laws, and find the same correct; I also find vouchers for all expenditures on file in the office of the selectmen.

J. F. WITHEE, AUDITOR

FINAL REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS

1906	Received of Andrew Carnegie, donation for building.	\$8,000 00
Feb.	Received of town of Madison, as per vote, to be used for heating and plumbing system	800 00
Nov.	Received of Madison Woolen Co. for furnishing library	500 00
	Received of Great Northern Paper Co., same	500 00
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		\$9,800 00

EXPENDITURES

Paid Johnson & Johnson amount of contract for building	\$7,800 00
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Paid H. R. Teague amount of contract for plumbing	\$210 00
Gedeon Pitcher amount of con- tract for heating system	575 00
Art Metal Construction Co. amount of contract for book shelving and stack room fur- nishings	750 00
H. L. Sawyer, electric wiring	75 20
Snow & Humphreys, architects	200 00
Pettengill & Andrews, electric light fixtures	97 60
A. C. Walton, labor	45 51
Johnson & Johnson, extra labor	19 95
Dinsmore & Bickford, extra in- surance premium	16 25
Geo. P. Chipman, painting	5 09
A. G. Pollard, labor	1 00
F. L. Powers, express paid on electric light fixtures	2 00
H. L. Sawyer on account of elec- tric light fixture for vestibule	1 53
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	\$9,800 00

February, 22, 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. POWERS, Ch. pro tem.	} BUILDING COMMITTEE
G. D. PERKINS,	
W. E. FRENCH,	
C. O. SMALL, Secy and Treas.	

Town Warrant

To J. Frank Withee, a Constable of the Town of Madison,
Somerset County, Maine. GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Madison, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Union Hall, in Madison Village in said Madison, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D., 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

FIRST. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND. To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and all other town officers required by law to be chosen at the annual March meeting, including a Road Commissioner or Commissioners, providing the town shall vote to elect such officer or officers.

THIRD. To see if the town will vote to elect a Road Commissioner or Commissioners, for the ensuing year.

FOURTH. To see if the town will vote to raise any money, and if so what sum, for making and repairing highways in said town for the ensuing year, and pass all other votes necessary respecting the same.

FIFTH. To see if the town will vote to raise any money, and if so what sum, for the breaking of snow roads and how the same shall be expended, and fix the compensation for men and teams.

SIXTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

SEVENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the town for the ensuing year.

EIGHTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of common schools for the ensuing year.

NINTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Free High Schools for the ensuing year.

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

ELEVENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school appliances, apparatus and supplies for the ensuing year.

TWELFTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the conveyance of scholars for the ensuing year.

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

FOURTEENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the N. A. Weston Post G. A. R. for the ensuing year for the observance of Memorial Day.

FIFTEENTH. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year.

SIXTEENTH. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) in accordance with its vote passed the sixth day of March A. D. 1905, for the maintenance and increase of Madison Public Library.

EIGHTEENTH. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$3440.) to make the payment and interest due on the loan for the Anson and Madison bridge.

NINETEENTH. To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the Superintending School Committee for their services

while actually employed in school business, and to raise a sufficient sum of money, or appropriate from the moneys raised for the expenses and liabilities of the town a sufficient sum to pay for the same.

TWENTIETH. To see if the town will vote to raise any money for the building of sidewalks, and if so, how much and how the same shall be expended.

TWENTY-FIRST. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk of concrete or other suitable material, on the south side of Middle Street in Madison Village from Weston Avenue to Madison Street, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for said purpose.

TWENTY-SECOND. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk of concrete or other suitable material, on the north side of Heald Street in Madison Village from Weston Avenue easterly to the residence of Geo. W. Merrill, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for said purpose.

TWENTY-THIRD. To see if the town will vote to put in a sewer on Nichols Street in Madison Village from Old Point Avenue easterly to at, or near the residence of Albert C. Gilbert, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for said purpose, and how any money raised for said purpose shall be expended.

TWENTY-FOURTH. To see if the town will vote to put in a sewer on Weston Avenue from Houghton Street northerly to Gray Street, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for said purpose, and how any money raised for said purpose shall be expended.

TWENTY-FIFTH. To see if the town will vote to have the mouths or outlets of all the sewers sealed or put under water, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for said purpose, and how any money raised for said purpose shall be expended.

TWENTY-SIXTH. To see if the town will vote to have the catch basins sealed, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for said purpose, and how any money raised for said purpose shall be expended.

TWENTY-SEVENTH. To see if the town will vote to put in a catch basin on the south side of Main Street, near the Blackwell Block, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for said purpose, and how any money raised for said purpose shall be expended.

TWENTY-EIGHTH. To see if the town will vote to repair the cross road leading easterly from at or near the Blackwell Hill school house to the road leading southerly from Lakewood to Skowhegan, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for said purpose and how the same shall be expended.

TWENTY-NINTH. To see if the town will vote to put in a sewer on Old Point Avenue from the manhole in said Avenue southerly to a point opposite or nearly opposite the residence of Fred E. Daggett, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for said purpose, and how the same shall be expended.

THIRTIETH. To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot at or near the Atkinson Corner, so-called, and build a school house thereon, or to enlarge the present school house, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for any of said purposes, and how any money raised shall be expended.

THIRTY-FIRST. To see if the town will vote to raise any money to repair the sand hill on the road between C. C. Wasson's and J. S. Blackwell's, and how any money raised for said purpose shall be expended.

THIRTY-SECOND. To see if the town will vote to raise any money, and if so what sum to repair or rebuild the road known as Main Street in Madison Village from the east end of the bridge across the Kennebec River easterly to Houghton Corner, and how any money raised shall be expended.

THIRTY-THIRD. To see if the town will vote to raise any money, and if so, what sum to repair the sand hill in the county road easterly of the residence of Alden Ellis, and how any money raised for said purpose shall be expended.

THIRTY-FOURTH. To see if the town will vote to establish a minimum wage or pay of two dollars (2.00) for a day of eight hours for labor on the highways in said town.

THIRTY-FIFTH. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk of concrete or other suitable material on Pleasant Street, and to raise any money for the purpose, and if so, what sum, and how any money raised for the purpose shall be expended.

THIRTY-SIXTH. To see if the town will vote to expend the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) exclusive of all other moneys raised by the town for highway purposes in permanent improvement of the road designated by the County Commissioners as a State road and to raise the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for said purposes the same to be expended by the Municipal Officers as provided in Chapter 23, Sections 100 and 101 of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

THIRTY-SEVENTH. To see if the town will vote to raise any money to buy wire fencing to take the place of fences now along the line of certain roads liable to drift badly with snow, and if so, what sum, and how any money raised for said purposes shall be expended.

THIRTY-EIGHTH. To see if the town will vote to raise any money, and if so, what sum for a Soldier's monument, and how any money raised for the purpose shall be expended.

THIRTY-NINTH. To see if the town will vote to raise any money to purchase a lot on which to erect a monument, if one is voted under the preceding article, or vote to locate the monument on the high school lot on Main Street or some other lot now owned by the town.

FORTIETH. To see if the town will vote to raise any money, and if so, what sum to pay the charges and expenses of the Board of Health for the coming year.

FORTY-FIRST. To see if the town will vote to raise any money, and if so, what sum to pay for band concerts the coming summer season, and to pass any other votes necessary respecting the same.

FORTY-SECOND. To see if the town will vote to raise any money, and if so, what sum to grade about the receiving tomb belonging to the town and to paint the iron doors of the same, and how any money raised for the purposes shall be expended.

FORTY-THIRD. To see what action, if any, the town will take in regard to the land of B. P. J. Weston situated off of Old Point Avenue and Preble road, used in part during the summer season for a base ball ground and for other purposes by the public; also to see if the town will vote to take any action regarding a public park.

FORTY-FOURTH. To see if the town will vote to accept the roads as laid out by the selectmen for the use of said town on the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1907 described as follows, to wit:

First. Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Weston Avenue, so-called, in Madison Village, nineteen rods northerly of the south line of the Rowell farm, so-called, measured at right angles with the said south line, thence east or easterly and parallel with said south line across land of Ernest C. Weston to land of the Forest Hill Cemetery Company. The line above described to be the center line of said road, and said road, to be three (3) rods wide.

Second. Beginning on the easterly line of Weston Avenue, so-called, in Madison Village and on the south line of the Rowell farm, so-called, thence east or easterly on said south line and across lands of B. P. J. Weston and Ernest C. Weston to Hardy street, so-called, on a plan of house lots as laid out by Turner Buswell, surveyor, Oct. 6th, 1886, on land then owned by John N. Weston, and which said plan is recorded in Somerset Registry of Deeds, Vol. 188, Page 348. Said road

to be forty-three and one-half ($43\frac{1}{2}$) feet wide, that is, twenty-four and three-fourths ($24\frac{3}{4}$) feet in width on the north or northerly side of said south line, and eighteen and three-fourths ($18\frac{3}{4}$) feet in width on the south or southerly side of said south line.

Third. Beginning at the point where the center lines of Heald Street and Hardy Street, so-called, on said plan of lots as laid out by Turner Buswell, surveyor, intersect, or would intersect if the centre line of said Heald Street were extended easterly in the same direction, thence north or northerly by the centre line of said Hardy Street to Thomas Street, so-called on said plan. Said centre line of said Hardy Street to be the centre line of said road and said road to be three (3) rods wide. Said road is laid across land of B. P. J. Weston. No land damage is awarded either of the owners over whose lands the said above described roads are laid.

FORTY-FIFTH. To see if the town will vote to build said roads, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum to build the same and how any money raised for the purpose shall be expended.

FORTY-SIXTH. To see if the town will vote instructing its Selectmen to buy or hire a dumping ground and to raise any money, and if so, what sum to pay for same.

FORTY-SEVENTH. To see if the town will vote authorizing and instructing its Selectmen to make temporary loans of money throughout the incoming year, when required, for the payment of bills.

FORTY-EIGHTH. To see if the town will vote to put in a sewer on Gray Street, or any part of the same, and to raise any money, and if so, what sum for the purpose and how any money raised shall be expended.

FORTY-NINTH. To see if the town will vote to instruct its Collector of Taxes to collect of all persons paying a poll tax only, such tax on or before the first day of August, A. D., 1907.

FIFTIETH. To see if the town will vote to have all taxes that shall be assessed for the year 1907, including town, county and state, resident and non-resident, collected and paid in to the Town Treasurer, and a full, final and complete settlement made by the Collector with the town, on or before the tenth day of February, 1908.

FIFTY-FIRST. To see if the town will vote to have all persons assessed for a poll tax only in said town for the current year, pay said tax on or before the first day of August, next, and to have all other taxes assessed in said town for the current year, payable on or before February tenth, 1908.

FIFTY-SECOND. To see if the town will vote to charge interest upon all poll taxes remaining unpaid on and after August first, next, and upon all other taxes remaining unpaid on and after February tenth, 1908, at a rate not exceeding one per cent a month, and to instruct its Collector of Taxes for the current year to collect such interest on such taxes so remaining unpaid on and after the dates herein named.

FIFTY-THIRD. To see if the town will vote to raise any money, and if so, what sum to purchase a fire proof or metal door or curtain for the stack or book room in the library building, and how any money raised for the purpose shall be expended; also to see if the town will vote to have removed and stored in the stack room of said library building, for safe keeping all town books now in the offices of the selectmen and clerk not in use and kept in safes.

FIFTY-FOURTH. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting, and including the passing of any and all votes that may be considered necessary to carry into effect any votes passed under this warrant.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hearing and deciding upon the applications of persons claiming to have their names entered upon such list, at the Selectmen's office, at two o'clock in the afternoon, on Saturday, March second, A. D. 1907, and at said Union Hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Madison, this twenty-third day of Februray, A. D. 1907.

GRANVILLE D. PERKINS,	}	Selectmen
ELMER E. REED,		of
WILLIAM E. FRENCH,		Madison.

A true copy. Attest:

J. FRANK WITHEE,

A Constable of Madison.

SCHOOLS OF MADISON

Superintendent's Report.

The annual report of the Superintendent of the Public Schools of Madison is herewith presented.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Common Schools.....	\$7,834 49
High School.....	1,787 50
Text-books.....	510 13
Repairs.....	700 00
Supplies.....	610 92

\$11,443 04

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Teachers' salaries; janitors, fuel and conveyance.....	\$7,767 54
High school teachers' salaries.....	1,896 90
Text-books.....	492 93
Repairs.....	667 89

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Supplies.....	\$580 97	
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		\$11,406 23
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Balance unexpended.....		\$36 81

RECAPITULATED

COMMON SCHOOLS—RECEIPTS

Appropriated by town.....	\$5,500 00	
Received from State, mill-tax.....	2,143 99	
National Bank, school fund.....	78 00	
Spaulding fund.....	50 00	
Tuition.....	58 50	
Sale of grass.....	4 00	
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		\$7,834 49

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' salaries.....	\$4,919 28	
Conveyance.....	1,562 25	
Fuel.....	721 51	
Janitors.....	564 50	
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		\$7,767 54
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Balance unexpended.....		\$66 95

HIGH SCHOOL

Appropriated by town.....	\$1,300 00	
Received from State	250 00	
Tuition	237 50	
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		\$1,787 50
Expended, teachers' salaries....		\$1,896 90
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Amount overdrawn.....		\$109 40

TEXT-BOOKS—RECEIPTS

Appropriated by town.....	\$500 00	
Received for sale of books.....	10 13	
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		\$510 13
Expended for books....		\$492 93
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Balance unexpended.....		\$17 20

REPAIRS

Appropriated by town.. .. .	\$700 00	
Amount expended.....	667 89	
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Balance unexpended.....		\$32 11

SUPPLIES, APPLIANCES, INSURANCE, ETC.

Appropriated by town.....	\$600 00	
Received from sale of stationery, etc...	10 92	
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		\$610 92
Amount expended.....		580 97
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Balance unexpended.....		\$29 95

ITEMIZED ACCOUNTS

TEACHERS' SALARIES—HIGH SCHOOL

James A. Hamlin.....	\$1,051 45	
Mittie A. Dow.....	420 69	
Elgiva B. Luce.....	411 11	
Extra expense by reason of school being closed on account of epidemic :		
James A. Hamlin.....	10 00	
Mittie A. Dow.....	3 65	
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		\$1,896 90

TEACHERS' SALARIES—COMMON SCHOOLS

Alice M. Lalley.....	\$11 11
Mrs. E. L. Hall.....	23 20
Celia Jones.....	160 00

Blanche Smith.....	\$388 87
Margaret Longfellow	161 50
Ethel M. Frost.....	323 00
Lucy Salisbury.....	144 50
Edith Frederic.....	170 00
Annie V. Brackett.....	314 50
Nettie M. Adams.....	198 00
Lena Butler.....	144 50
Helen Thomas.....	333 00
Gertrude Blackwell.....	324 00
Jennie Edwards.....	120 00
Alice Weston.....	170 00
Blanche Chadbourne.....	264 00
Elva G. Adams.....	97 50
Mabel Seward.....	96 00
Abbie E. Steele.....	174 00
A. Louise Corson.....	78 00
Edith Blanchard.....	254 00
Florence Steele.....	240 50
James Wills.....	84 50
Nora Rowell.....	161 00
Flora T. Patten.....	162 50
Edith Davis.....	78 00
Addie F. Gower.....	63 00
Elmer E. Towne.....	136 50

Extra expense by reason of school being closed on account of epidemic:

Blanche Smith.....	\$5 60
Margaret Longfellow.....	4 00
Lucy Salisbury.....	7 60
Helen Thomas.....	14 20
Lena Butler.....	9 00

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Gertrude Blackwell..... \$3 20

\$43 60

\$4,919 28

CONVEYANCE

Eugene Danforth.....	\$240 00
A. J. Trefethen.....	190 00
Mitchell Marcia.....	104 17
Alton McKenney.....	240 50
Charles Merry.....	112 81
Henry Merrill.....	82 50
E. O. Clark.....	18 00
Albert Nelson.....	43 50
Perley Foss.....	50 00
A. H. Noble.....	31 20
Frank Morse.....	18 50
Alice Chapman.....	6 00
John C. Harville.....	7 50
Albert Rowell.....	11 25
Somerset Traction Company.....	406 32

\$1,562 25

JANITORS

E. B. Williams.....	\$450 00
Clarence Reed.....	6 50
Amos Steele.....	11 00
Forrest Withee.....	6 00

James Wills	\$6 00
Sherman Welch	16 00
Edith Blanchard	10 00
Joel Whitney	5 00
Nora Rowell	10 00
Wallace McDonald	8 00
Wallace Clark	2 50
Flora T. Patten	5 00
Abbie Steele	6 00
Florence Steele	5 00
Frank Clough	3 00
E. Blanche Chadbourne	3 00
Willie Cuddy	6 00
M. G. Whitney	5 50

\$564 50

FUEL.

W. L. Maunter	\$33 25
Austin Viles	16 00
Cyrus Brown	1 50
D. A. Dickenson	111 56
Fred Barron	6 00
B. P. J. Weston	3 35
Herbert Spear & Reed	1 00
Grant Wakefield	2 75
Ralph Weston	68 06
Elmer Adams	27 50
J. W. Jones	200 00
Sherman Welch	2 00
Forrest Withee	1 00

John G. Chase.....	\$22 50
E. B. Williams.....	32 50
Henry Hoyt.....	16 00
Albert Rowell.....	3 00
Joel Whitney.....	25
Edith Blanchard.....	2 25
Eugene Danforth.....	5 50
Wallace Clark.....	50
A. J. Trefethen.....	5 00
F. H. Pease.....	120 79
R. W. Robbins.....	18 00
Florence Steele.....	4 00
Abbie Steele.....	1 00
Frank Clough.....	50
Perley McKenney.....	15 00
John F. Chadbourne.....	75

\$721 51

REPAIRS

A. C. Walton.....	\$5 50
E. B. Williams.....	113 98
Fred Steele.....	1 10
Herbert Spear.....	1 00
James Wills.....	2 00
H. R. Teague & Company.....	98 03
George F. Allen.....	6 30
Blanche Chadbourne.....	8 04
Henry Hoyt.....	9 39
Mellen Bosworth.....	7 03
Joseph Coughlin.....	25 84

E. J. Cook	\$7 98
Oakland Mfg. Company	41 67
Johnson & Johnson	15 26
F. H. Pease	2 90
A. J. Trefethen	59 04
Mrs. Selden Kincaid	6 00
John F. Chadbourne	21 98
Madison Village Corporation	132 61
Walter Hilton	1 50
James Steele	2 00
B. P. J. Weston	4 50
William G. Heald	1 00
Standard Range & Stove Company	10 75
J. R. Emery & Company	39 68
F. A. Gilman	29 05
Harlow K. Rowell	1 00
L. O. Cobb	3 21
J. M. Felker	8 55

\$667 89

TEXT BOOKS

D. C. Heath & Company	\$55 62
Orville Brewer Pub. Company	4 00
E. E. Babb & Company	5 21
Ginn & Company	81 98
Schoenhof Book Company	7 75
American Book Company	281 32
John W. Foster	80
D. Appleton & Company	2 75
A. M. Dunbar	15 70
Silver, Burdett & Company	37 80

\$492 93

INSURANCE, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, ETC.

J. L. Hammett Company.....	\$120 54
Blackwell & Edwards.....	6 25
I. L. Russell.....	1 53
C. A. Weston.....	6 95
F. A. Gilman.....	1 55
D. A. Dickenson.....	50
Stanley Renier.....	3 61
George Cushing.....	3 55
F. A. Manter.....	9 78
John W. Foster.....	35 67
Milton Bradley Company.....	67 08
F. H. Pease.....	17 36
E. B. Williams.....	1 75
D. C. Heath & Company.....	39 48
Silver, Burdette & Company.....	27 60
Howard & Brown.....	23 45
Gaylord Brothers.....	3 75
A. H. Lord.....	2 61
Soper & Clark.....	11 36
Madison Water Company.....	120 00
Madison Village Corporation.....	7 04
Lucy M. H. Salisbury.....	3 60
D. H. Knowlton & Company.....	2 50
Alice Weston.....	12 92
American Book Company.....	6 40
Henry C. Prince.....	19 00
J. R. Emery & Company.....	5 13
John Chadbourne.....	1 70
Baker-Vawter Company.....	15 31

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MADISON, MAINE, February 12, 1907.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts and vouchers of John W. Foster, Superintendent of Schools, and find the same correct.

J. F. WITHEE, Auditor.

TABULAR REPORT

School	Grade	Teachers	No. of Pupils	Av.	Salary		
Main St.	High	James A. Hamlin (2)	80	77	\$1,000.00		
		James A. Hamlin (3)	87	82			
		James A. Hamlin (1)	93	88.6	1,050.00		
		Mittie A. Dow (2 & 3)			396.00		
		Mittie A. Dow (1)			425.00		
		Elgiva B. Luce (2, 3 & 1)			400.00		
					Per Week		
		VIII & IX	Alice M. Lalley (2)			11.11	
			Mrs. E. L. Hall (2)			11.11	
			Celia H. Jones (2)	49	44	10.00	
	Celia H. Jones (3)	51	47.75	10.00			
	Blanche Smith (1)	40	34.3	11.11			
VI & VII		Blanche Smith (2)	59	55.6	10.00		
		Blanche Smith (3)	60	52.7	10.00		
Pleas. St.	Assistant	Annie V. Brackett			8.50		
		VII	Margaret Longfellow (1)	36	31	9.50	
		VI	Ethel Frost (1)	34	29	9.00	
		V	Ethel Frost (2)	35	30	8.50	
			Ethel Frost (3)	33	30.5	8.50	
			Lucy Salisbury (1)	37	31	8.50	
		Weston Ave.	IV	Edith G. Frederic (2)	38	34	8.50
				Edith G. Frederic (3)	39	35	8.50
				Annie V. Brackett (1)	36	27	8.50
				III	Nettie M. Adams (2)	38	34
	Nettie M. Adams (3)			41	35	8.50	
	Lena Butler (1)			34	26	8.50	
II	Helen Thomas (2)			36	33	9.00	
	Helen Thomas (3)			41	35	9.00	
	Helen Thomas (1)			39	27	9.00	
I	Gertrude Blackwell (2)			40	36	9.00	

School	Grade	Teachers	No. of Pupils	Av.	Salary Per Week
Weston Ave.	1	Gertrude Blackwell (3)	41	38.5	\$9.00
		Gertrude Blackwell (1)	39	30	9.00
Pleas. St. Sub. Prim.	Prim.	Jennie Edwards (2)	27	20.28	6.00
		Jennie Edwards (3)	48	34	6.00
Sub. Prim. and Mus.		Alice Weston (1)	22	11.61	10.00

RURAL SCHOOLS

School	Teachers	No. of Pupils	Av.	Salary Per Week
Pooler Brook	Flora T. Patten (2)	18	15	6.50
	Edith Davis (3)	17	15	6.50
	Addie F. Gower (1)			7.00
	Nettie M. Adams (1)	13	10	7.00
Eames	Edith M. Blanchard (2)	12	10.5	7.00
	Abbie E. Steele (3)	15	11.76	7.00
	Flora T. Patten (1)	15	11	6.50
Twelve Corners	Florence Steele (2)	10	9.33	6.50
	Florence Steele (3)	9	6.66	6.50
	Florence Steele (1)	9	8.35	6.50
Pugh Corner	A. Louise Corson (2)	18	12.7	6.00
	Edith Blanchard (3)	8	6.5	6.50
	Edith Blanchard (1)	12	9.42	6.50
East Madison	Blanche Chadbourne (2)	24	22	8.00
	Blanche Chadbourne (3)	27	23	8.00
	Blanche Chadbourne (1)	28	24	8.00
White	Elva G. Adams (2)	28	24.6	7.50
	Mabel Seward (3)	29	26	8.00
	Abbie E. Steele (1)	29	26.86	7.50
Ward Hill	James W. Wills (2)	23	20	6.50
	Nora Rowell (3)	27	22.7	7.00
	Nora Rowell (1)	19	16.2	7.00

(2) Winter term, 1905-06.

(3) Spring term, 1906.

(1) Fall term, 1906.

STATISTICS

Number of persons between the ages of 5 and 21, April 1, 1906..	774
Number of different teachers employed.	30
Average wages of Grade teachers per week.	\$9 32
Average wages of Rural teachers per week.	\$7 00
Length of school year.	36 weeks

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

	No. Registered	Average
Winter—Village.	402	363.88
Rural.	133	114.13
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	535	478.01
Summer—Village.	441	390.45
Rural.	132	111.62
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	573	502.07
Fall—Village.	410	335.51
Rural.	123	105.83
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	533	441.34

The percentage of average attendance the past year is 86.6.

REPAIRS

The steps at the High School building have been rebuilt at considerable expense, and it is believed that the work has been done in a much more durable manner than before.

Electric lights were installed in the High School building during the summer vacation, and have proved to be a great convenience. The building may be used now for teachers' meetings or school entertainments.

A room was fitted up during the summer vacation in the second story of the Pleasant Street building and is now occupied by the sixth grade. This room is the most desirable one in the building.

The Pooler Brook School house has been repaired the present year, and it is now in good condition for several years.

The other repairs have been such as become necessary from time to time.

The coming year the schoolhouse at Twelve Corners should be repaired. The Ward Hill schoolhouse needs painting.

A balance unexpended is reported in this department; but it was thought best to have a little reserve in case any unexpected repairs should occur.

SUPPLIES

In my last report it was recommended that the appropriation be sufficiently large to allow the High School laboratory to be further equipped with apparatus for teaching physics. No laboratory supplies have been purchased this year. Owing to the large classes in our High School it has been necessary to make two divisions in several of the courses offered in the school. With this extra amount of teaching it was impossible

to offer a course in physics and chemistry. It was decided to offer chemistry this year for both Sophomores and Juniors, and next year offer physics instead of chemistry.

Maps and globes have been bought this year to the amount of \$35. It is our intention to expend about the same amount the coming year.

A beginning in drawing has been made this year, and a limited amount of supplies have been provided. If drawing is continued in the school next year it will be necessary to provide more supplies. We hope in the near future to have a special teacher for drawing in our schools.

During the next year the insurance policies on the school-houses in town expire. The premium on these policies will be about \$300. In my estimate for the support of schools I have made the estimate for supplies, insurance, etc., as low as I safely could.

TEXT-BOOKS

The books purchased for the High School this year have been, Algebras, Rhetorics, Histories, text books on English Literature, Latin Grammars, Cæsars, and Beginners' Latin Books.

For the Common schools, Readers, Geographies, and Music Books have been purchased to replace worn out and worthless books.

We have a credit of about \$8.00 due from the American Book Company for old books.

ESTIMATES FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1907.

The following estimates are given for the appropriation for school purposes.

Common Schools.....	\$5,500 00
High School....	1,600 00
Repairs.....	500 00
Text-books.....	500 00
Supplies, appliances, insurance etc.....	900 00
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	\$9,000 00

HIGH SCHOOL

This year our High School has been larger than ever before. The Freshman class numbers forty. We have taken the High School scholars from Anson lower village, their tuition being paid by the town of Anson. This addition has not been any inconvenience to us. If the number of Anson scholars were twice as large it might make a difference. At the time the Anson scholars were taken into our High School it was understood with the Anson committee that we reserved the right to exclude these scholars if it should hinder the proper accommodation of our town scholars.

The efficiency of our High School would be greatly enhanced if we were able to offer several courses which cannot be done at present. One or two courses which we offer on alternate years should be offered every year. Each one of our High School teachers has a recitation every period of the day. This arrangement, of course, leaves no time for the teachers to correct written work or to give individual instruction to the schol-

ars. I believe that our teachers should have at least one spare period a day.

Our course in History needs to be expanded. A subject as important as History should be a required study each year of the High School course. Under existing conditions we offer English History Sophomore year, and a course in General History Junior year.

I should be very glad to have a course in Political Economy and one in Book-keeping each year. These two courses have been taught in the school from time to time. For the past two years in the place of Book-keeping we have had a course in Commercial Arithmetic. This course has been very profitable to the scholars as well as popular with them.

Another assistant teacher will be necessary if the courses mentioned above are given the attention in our High School that they merit. I have called for an appropriation for High School purposes that will enable us to employ another teacher, and I have no doubt the town will grant it.

The character of the work done in the High School has been entirely satisfactory to the committee and your Superintendent. The interest of the scholars in their work and the disposition to make the most of the opportunities afforded are to be noted. Our teachers possess the tact and fertility of resource so necessary an element in the make up of any successful teacher.

Discipline is the fundamental element in a profitable school, and it must be maintained in such a way as to retain the good will of the scholars. No matter how learned the teacher may be, without discipline his efforts will be unavailing. It is apparent to your Superintendent that our teachers have the good will of their scholars, and the scholars do cheerfully what ever they are called upon to do.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Principal's report of the work done during the year is herewith given :

To John W. Foster, Superintendent of Schools :

I have the honor of submitting to you a report of the work accomplished this year in the High School.

In reviewing the work of the year, no one thing gives me greater satisfaction than the approval of the school shown by several colleges accepting our students on certificate; a thing they formerly refused to do.

We have thus far been unable to qualify with the New England Certificate Board, as we cannot offer sufficient History. Besides, Physics and Chemistry can only be taught on alternate years. The large Freshmen class, of over forty members, should recite in two divisions, but we cannot do this, as every teacher has a recitation every period of the day. Thus we lose the chance to direct and assist the pupils as individuals, a thing that is necessary, yes, almost indispensable in an effective school.

In order to remedy these defects it will be necessary to provide another teacher. Many other schools of the State, with the same enrollment as ours, have double the teaching force.

Another thing that brings us pleasure is the success of the recent graduates, and their continued interest in the school.

The work this year has been directed by the same teachers as were employed last, and the increased effectiveness of the school is largely due to the zealous and intelligent co-operation of the assistant teachers.

The attendance of the school has generally been satisfactory, but a few have been extremely careless about this, and they and their parents do not seem to realize the importance of attendance at every recitation. There are also too many cases

of tardiness. It may seem a little thing for a pupil to be tardy occasionally, but habits of promptness or carelessness are being formed, and it is very essential that they be the former. Therefore, I hope parents will co-operate in affecting a remedy.

Taken as a whole, I feel that the school has done more real work and accomplished more satisfactory results this year, than ever before since it has been in my charge.

Finally, in common with all the teachers in town, I wish to thank our Superintendent for the able, intelligent manner he has directed our work, and the courteous way he has suggested improvements. We have all felt that we could depend upon him in case of need.

I also wish to express my appreciation for all that the citizens have done to make the work pleasant and profitable.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. HAMLIN,

Principal.

RURAL SCHOOLS

Several of the Rural schools have been reclassified this year. In one or two of the Rural schools it did not seem practicable to make a classification along the lines of the village standard. Rank cards have been provided for these schools, and the teachers required to send copies of the respective ranks to the superintendent each month. Previous to this year it has been a common complaint of the teachers that it was extremely difficult to get scholars to make up work after an absence. At the opening of the school year it was explained to the rural schools that all back work must be made up or the superintendent would not sign the promotion cards. An ex

amination of the monthly reports shows that this rule is being complied with.

The White School presents a problem which requires the careful consideration of the people. A problem that cannot be solved permanently with the present accommodations. Here is a school of thirty-four scholars with barely room enough to properly accommodate twenty scholars. The school contains scholars of each grade. The teachers employed for this school have been well qualified to teach in any of the different grades, but being called upon to instruct in nine grades concurrently, and I may say simultaneously, they feel that little is accomplished. I regard the progress made in this school, under the conditions that exist, satisfactory, though I admit the advancement has been slow. It is submitted that it is the duty of the town to make a more adequate provision for the scholars in this section. At the present time neither the teacher nor the scholars can do the work that they are capable of.

The conveyance problem has been no less troublesome this year than in years past. The expense of this department has increased this year and we predict it will increase from year to year, unless the town takes some definite action. If the money expended for the conveyance of scholars were available for employment of teachers, we could employ in each rural school Normal School graduates.

VILLAGE GRADES

The frequent outbreak of contagious disease in our midst is a constant menace to our schools. It plays havoc with the attendance and I am inclined to believe doubles the work of the teachers. It is earnestly hoped that some steps will be

taken to perfect our system of sewers and drainage and that every person in town will use the utmost precaution in regard to waste. I believe that with united effort diphtheria can be stamped out.

In the village schools several changes in teachers have been necessary by reason of resignations and promotions. The new teachers went to their work with heart and soul, and have proved themselves well qualified to guide and stimulate their scholars.

From time to time for the past three years the course of study in the grades has been changed with the view to equalize the work and to make it nearer in proportion to the age of the scholar. The course of study printed and circulated in our town, several years ago, is not followed closely. The arithmetic work of that course is not followed at all. Our teachers have been provided with outlines for their work.

Reading and Arithmetic have received especial attention this year. The Ward System of reading, which has been in use in our town for several years with seemingly poor results, has been dropped and the New Educational method has taken its place. This method, though it requires more labor and skill on the part of the teachers does bring out better results. It contains an admirable system of phonics and word building, and the books which accompany the system are made up of stories full of interest to the children. These educational readers are in use in the first four grades. A great improvement in reading in the lower grades is to be noted.

Reading is the fundamental step in an education. In the first days of school a child should not be hampered with too diversified a course of study. For this reason number work was eliminated from the first grade. This has enabled us to give more time to reading and to give some attention to object lessons and nature study within the understanding of the child.

The same general plan of work followed in the grades for several years has been pursued this year. An effort has been made to perfect the system that we have, rather than to experiment. Our system of schools does not differ essentially from the system in use in other towns. The graded school system has one obvious fault, namely, the effort to force each scholar through the same amount of work in identically the same time. Of course it is impossible. To obviate this difficulty some form of individual instruction must be adopted. To carry out the idea of individual instruction, a greater teaching force would be required and a larger school appropriation needed.

The educational world today is full of new methods, fads and fancies. Many new books are being published incorporating these new notions. In examining these schemes I have been reminded of the poet's lines,

"Be not the first by whom the new is tried,
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside."

The policy of our town for several years has been to employ in our elementary schools specially trained as well as experienced teachers. It is a mistaken notion that while the highest order of talent and acquisition is requisite in the instructor of advanced scholars, anybody will do for beginners. The teacher of the elementary school sweetens or embitters the waters at the foundation. An infusion, which would poison the heart and life of the child, may be poured into the man without special harm. There is no grace however winning, no virtue, however enobling, no knowledge, however profound, no wisdom, however exalted, which may not find full scope for its highest exercise, even in an elementary school.

I wish to recommend at this time that our Sub-Primary school be extended to a full session each day. The scholars taking the training of this school carry the first grade work with greater profit to themselves than they can otherwise do.

I believe the time has come to do away with the ninth grade graduation. This graduation has been given too much prominence in our system. It does afford a pleasant evening's entertainment for our people, yet there is a point which I think has not been considered. Getting a diploma makes a stopping place and denotes the completion of a certain course. It has been noticed for several years that many of our scholars, after graduation from the ninth grade, have dropped their studies. They have gone to work in the mills, and I predict many of them will stay there. The mind of the average scholar completing our Grammar School course is not sufficiently matured to enable him to decide upon a life work. Without this graduation there would certainly be some incentive on the part of many of our scholars to take up the work of the High School and get a diploma from it. The time spent in preparation for the Grammar School graduation, if rightly used, would add not a little to the fitness for High School work. The greater the number of scholars that we graduate from the High School so much the greater will be the contribution of our school system to the development of our own community and the world as well.

Excellent work has been done in our grades notwithstanding the enforced breaks. Our teachers are working conscientiously and untiringly. They are interested in their scholars and take pride in their advancement. A teacher on the alert for the dismissal bell and anxiously awaiting pay day is of no use in the school room.

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