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TOWN OF OXFORD

Annual Report

1891

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AND SUPERVISOR
OF SCHOOLS OF THE

TOWN OF OXFORD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1ST,

1891.

NORWAY, MAINE:

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1891.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

E. EDWARDS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Town Clerk.
ROSCOE BROWN,	}	-	-	-	-	-	Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.
WM. N. THOMAS,							
B. M. PRATT,							
GEO H. JONES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Treasurer.
GEO. P. WHITNEY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Town Agent.
W. E. HOLMES,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Collector.
GEO. HAZEN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Supervisor.
W. W. BECKETT,	-	-	-	-	-	-	- Auditor.
HARRY WHITE,	}	-	-	-	-	-	Constables.
W. R. FARRIS,							
GEO. A. POOR,	}	-	-	-	-	-	Board of Health.
S. D. EDWARDS,							
ORIN STEVENS,							

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION OF TOWN.

Resident.....	\$393,155 00
Non-resident.....	44,963 00
Total	\$438,118 00
No. Polls, 370.	

Rates: Money tax, \$12.50 per thousand; money poll tax, \$2.00; highway poll tax, \$1.00; highway rate on property, \$5.00 per thousand.

No. of dogs taxed, 95.

ASSESSMENTS.

For State tax.....	\$1,091 35
County tax.....	530 80

FOR TOWN PURPOSES.

For support of common schools.....	1,400 00
Support of poor and to pay town charges..	2,500 00
Free High School.....	250 00
Freeland Holmes' Library.....	50 00
Memorial Day.....	25 00
Text Books.....	350 00
Overlay.....	108 65
Unpaid highway tax for 1889.....	156 84

Total commitment of 1890.....\$6,462 64

TOTAL COMMITMENT.

Committed on bills of 1887.....	\$ 113 21
" " 1888.....	1,059 64
" " 1889.....	4,177 32
" " 1890.....	6,462 64

\$11,812 81

Paid on the County tax of 1889, \$300.00 of the above.

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

E. W. Edwards, Clerk....	\$ 3 00
Roscoe Brown, Selectman.....	66 50
Wm. N. Thomas, ".....	53 70
B. M. Pratt, ".....	46 88
C. F. Durell, " balance 1890.....	17 25
Geo. Hazen, Supervisor.....	64 25
Geo. H. Jones, Treasurer.....	45 00

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Geo. P. Whitney, Agent.....	\$6 40	
W. E. Holmes, Collector.....	250 00	
W. W. Beckett, Auditor.....	3 00	
Geo. A. Poor, Board of Health.....	6 00	
S. D. Edwards, " ".....	6 00	
Orin Stevens, " ".....	7 70	
W. E. Holmes, Supervisor, bal. 1890.....	2 25	
W. R. Farris, notifying Town officers.....	5 50	
		<u>\$583 43</u>

POOR ON FARM.

Abigail Hamlin, aged 64; David Cates, aged 91; F. Morey, aged 21.
John Mullen, admitted May 1, died Nov. 24.

Average number on farm for the year, 3

Number of weeks board furnished	A. Hamlin.....	52
" " " "	D. Cates.....	52
" " " "	F. Morey.....	26
" " " "	J. Mullen.....	26

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ON FARM.

STOCK.

4 oxen.....	\$250 00	
8 cows.....	280 00	
1 yearling.....	10 00	
4 shoat.....	25 00	
30 hens.....	15 00	
		<u>\$580 00</u>
12½ tons hay, 1st quality.....	\$125 00	
1 ton hay, 2nd quality.....	6 00	
1 ton straw.....	6 00	
1 bag meal.....	1 35	
		<u>\$138 35</u>
75 bushels potatoes.....	\$60 00	
2 " beans.....	7 00	
150 lbs. pork.....	12 00	
1½ bbls. flour.....	7 66	
Groceries.....	4 25	
Soap.....	2 50	
		<u>93 41</u>
Farming tools.....	\$150 00	
Furniture.....	75 00	
1 stove.....	20 00	
Creamery.....	35 15	
Harness.....	5 00	
		<u>285 15</u>

Total.\$1,096 91

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Two cows sold before Mar. 3, no credit given farm.	\$ 75 00
13 cows reported at \$35 each actual value \$455 reported \$540, error	85 00
Farming tools worth \$150 valued last year \$375, error	225 00
Furniture worth \$75 valued last year \$155, error.	80 00
70 cds. wood reported last year actual amt. 45, error	50 00
2 M. pine boards valued \$24 used for repairs.....	24 00
9½ M. shingles used on the house.....	14 25
Harness and wagon valued at \$40 worth \$5, loss.	35 00

\$588 25

\$1,685 16

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

DR.

To 1 pair oxen.....	\$125 00
Calves	16 75
1 cow.....	37 50
Cream	275 13
Corn	48 72
Straw	9 00
Oats.....	4 40
Bridge plank.....	35 00
Sawed lumber.....	40 00
Bark	34 00
Wood green.....	60 00
" dry.....	195 50
1 cow.....	25 00
1 "	27 12
6 bushels potatoes.....	5 28
Labor on highway.....	12 00

\$950 40

EXPENDITURES.

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Superintendent's salary.....	\$300 00
Extra labor on farm.....	137 55
Hay	29 26
Grain.....	118 87
Repairs.....	7 06
S. E. King, balance of account.....	112 42
1 pr. oxen	115 00
A. L. Hersey, attendance J. Mullen.....	2 00
Blacksmithing	16 64
Bal. in favor of farm.....	111 60

\$950 40

COST OF POOR OFF FARM.

James Downing, supplies.....	\$25 50	
Frank Young, "	3 00	
Town of Windham, supplies for A. E. Pike.....	10 00	
" Gray, " " Moreys.....	3 56	
" Sumner, " " Elbridge Smith...	4 84	
G. S. Paine, casket and clothing.....	14 75	
		\$ 61 65
Insane Hospital, Morey and Chadbourne.....		270 75

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Dr. A. L. Hersey, Young family.....	\$37 00	
Dr. McCollister, Morey family, town of Gray.....	13 50	
Dr. G. G. Richardson, E. Smith, town of Sumner.	15 00	
		65 50

Total.....\$397 90

Outside of Hospital the town farm for the year has paid all our pauper bills within \$15.50 off and on the farm and while the unfortunates have been treated kindly and well cared for, the successful management of our town farm financially has been due to the untiring industry and good judgment of our popular superintendent and matron.

ROAD AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Chas. Robinson, iron work on Wardwell bridge.....	\$ 14 00
Bumpus & Wood, labor on factory bridge.....	12 50
J. F. Fuller, labor on Meadow brook bridge.....	57 75
H. O. Blake, labor and lumber on Wardwell bridge.....	20 75
George A. Poor, bridge plank.....	12 67
Albert Witham, labor on highway.....	18 75
S. B. Waterman, labor on Meadow brook bridge.....	19 50
H. W. Coy, labor on Meadow brook bridge.....	25 00
J. L. Witham, lumber for bridge.....	10 00
J. F. Fuller, labor on covered bridge.....	100 00
C. H. Robinson, iron work on Chapman bridge.....	2 00
C. S. Hayes, lumber and labor on Wardwell bridge.....	40 06
J. M. Dorr, carting lumber and bridge plank.....	3 50
C. S. Hayes, lumber and labor for Richville bridge.....	17 97
Geo. A. Poor, stringer for bridge.....	1 50
E. E. Young, labor and bridge plank.....	11 25
E. W. Edwards, spike, nails, etc.....	10 34

\$377 54

Repairs on road machine..... 10 84

\$388 38

We have rebuilt three bridges the past year and repaired the westerly end of the covered bridge and put it in shape to last for a long time to come. A new bridge will have to be built in the village this year and one new abutment. We would recommend an iron structure.

ORDERS OLD SERIES.

BILLS DUE AND UNPAID PRIOR TO 1890.

John Chase, work on town farm.....	\$ 15 50
R. Penley, board of J. Downing.....	20 00
C. F. Durrell, horse hire, postage.....	9 15
Insane Hospital, Morey and Chadbourne.....	117 96
J. and A. L. Robinson, lumber.....	61 94
F. W. Sanborn, printing.....	1 50
B. F. Elwell, labor on farm..	15 00
B. F. Elwell, labor on farm.....	24 00
S. Bray & Son, grain.....	9 54
A. L. and E. F. Goss, creamery.....	35 19
E. W. Brown, labor on farm.....	10 00
J. F. Hayes.....	18 86
H. Bumpus.....	3 75
Frank Smith.....	1 63
Frank Young.....	1 10
Edwards & Lord, balance on town farm account.....	9 55
Cutting Heath.....	15 97
F. C. Merrill.....	7 00
The amount of outstanding orders issued previous to March 3rd, '90 and paid this year.....	2,973 46
Interest on same.....	107 67
Total.....	\$3,081 13

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town.....	\$1,400 00
School fund and mill tax from State.....	838 89
High school, town and State.....	500 00

Total \$2,738 89

APPORTIONED TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

	Expended.	Bal.
No. 1. \$110 00, School in session....		\$110 00
2. 124 73	\$124 73	None.
3. 600 00, \$250 00, High School. 636 23		213 77
4. 150 00	95 50	54 50
5. 150 00	140 00	10 00
6. 155 00	128 65	76 35
7. 155 00	153 49	1 51

8.	\$50 00	United with No. 6....		None.
9.	20 00	\$ 20 00	"
10.	449 16	\$250 00, High School.	490 50	\$208 66
11.	150 00	57 45	92 55
12.	125 00	100 85	24 15
			<u>\$2,238 89</u>	
			\$1,947 40	\$791 49
Total,	\$2,738 89			<u>\$1,947 40</u>
				\$2,738 89

RESOURCES, FEB. 1, 1891.

Non-resident tax deeds,	\$1,120 87
Titles turned in by W. E. Holmes.	193 25
Resident tax titles	293 96
Due from W. E. Holmes' bills, 1887.....	53 59
1888.....	342 64
1889.....	115 97
1890.....	1,142 43
Due from State school fund and mill tax.....	838 89
Due from State High School.....	250 00
Receipts held by tax payers not accounted for..	502 50
Due from J. W. Chadbourne and bondsmen for bills 1889.....	2385 00
J. W. Chadbourne, indorsed note	160 00
Balance due on oxen.....	10 00
Cash on hand.....	35 94
	<u>\$7,445 04</u>

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bonds.....	\$5,800 00
Interest.....	50 00
Outstanding orders.....	452 29
Due school districts.....	791 56
Text books.....	310 24
Town Minot bill prior 1889.....	69 76
" Norway " " "	4 00
Counsel fees estimate.....	50 00
Stove for farm.....	20 00
F. C. Merrill.....	7 00
	<u>\$7,554 85</u>
Debt above resources.....	\$109 81

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

GEO. H. JONES, TREASURER.

	Dr.
Cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1890.....	\$ 209 47
Received of Francis Holden, Coll., bills 1884...	17 29
J. W. Chadbourne, " 1888...	68 62
W. E. Holmes, " 1888...	771 58
W. E. Holmes, " 1887...	35 00
on tax bills, year 1888.....	89 34
" " 1889.....	297 67
of W. E. Holmes, Coll. bills, 1889....	2,927 61
" " " 1890....	3,678 00
on non-resident tax, year 1888.....	198 50
" " 1889..	64 74
on highway, 1889.....	75
" 1890.....	104 12
of W. E. Holmes, Coll. tax titles, 1888	69 12
Roscoe Brown, settled with J. W.	
Chadbourne on bills of '87 and '88.	250 00
Roscoe Brown, J. W. Chadbourne's	
note.....	250 00
Roscoe Brown, to pay State tax....	200 00
" " support of Mrs.	
Chesley.....	40 42
of State Treasurer, "mill tax".....	805 46
" " burial of soldier..	34 75
Non-resident tax turned in by W. E.	
Holmes, Coll.....	257 99
of Town Farm, for cream.....	241 57
" " " sweet corn.....	48 32

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Received of L. F. Wardwell, service of hearse.	\$ 1 50
A. S. Fuller, for bridge plank.....	64
Wellington Twitchell, peddler's license.....	6 00
L. D. Brown, auctioneer's license..	2 00
A. S. Fuller, by W. R. Farris, use of school house No. 3.....	2 50
W. Farris, by W. R. Farris, grass on school house lot No. 3.....	1 50
C. H. Smith, highway money turned in.....	3 55
Town of Bridgton.....	4 00
“ Woodstock.....	104 82
“ Hebron	10 10
“ Upton	12 00
City of Auburn.....	3 57
Interest on J. W. Chadbourne's note	9 90

\$10,822 40

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Paid State tax.....	\$1,332 97
Interest on bonds.....	335 25
“ “ Town orders.....	107 67
Amount of non-resident tax by W. E. Holmes, Coll.....	257 99
Amount of tax deeds turned in by W. E. Holmes, Coll.....	69 12
Town orders.....	8,683 46
Cash to balance.....	35 94

\$10 822 40

Settled as above, Feb. 1st, 1891.

ROSCOE BROWN,
WM. N. THOMAS,
B. M. PRATT,

} *Selectmen*
of
Oxford.

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SCHOOL ORDERS.

No.		Dist.	
1,	W. Gammon, care of school-house.....	3	\$ 11 00
2,	J. L. Holden, wood.....	3	26 00
3,	B. M. Pratt, teaching school.....	10	90 00
4,	Bertie Phillips, teaching school.....	3	50 00
5,	Edwards & Lord, supplies.....	3	2 59
6,	S. S. Rowe, repairs on school-house.....	7	10 14
7,	C. C. Rowe, wood.....	7	9 49
8,	Kate W. Houghton, teaching school.....	3	68 00
9,	N. M. Durell, teaching school.....	3	68 00
10,	Bert V. Eaton, printing reports.....	3	3 00
11,	Willis R. Herrick, care of school-house.....	10	12 00
12,	H. W. Coy, expense on school-house.....	10	46 36
13,	Wm. Farris, repairs on school-honse.....	3	17 01
14,	Dennett Cotton, wood.....	5	8 00
15,	Daniel Whitehouse, repairs.....	3	8 70
16,	Hiram Strout, cleaning school-house.....	2	1 50
17,	Charles Weston, sawing wood.....	3	5 25
18,	Mrs. John Hale, cleaning school-house.....	3	5 00
19,	Anson M. Martin, repairs on school-house.....	3	8 00
20,	Perley French, fitting wood.....	3	1 00
21,	William F. Caldwell, wood.....	10	30 37
22,	E. O. Cobb, teaching school.....	3	55 00
23,	Ernest D. Cobarn, wood.....	2	4 65
24,	B. F. Flood, repairing school-house.....	3	17 00
25,	N. G. Frost, " ".....	3	6 00
26,	E. L. Burns, boarding teacher.....	11	13 95
27,	Blanche Brooks, teaching school.....	4	38 50
28,	M. E. Whitehouse, teaching school.....	7	32 10
29,	A. M. Paine, boarding teacher.....	7	23 50
30,	Lena Perkins, teaching school.....	11	21 00
31,	J. E. Keen, repairs on school-house.....	12	3 05
32,	E. O. Cobb, teaching.....	3	82 50
33,	E. O. Cobb, supplies.....	3	1 25
34,	N. M. Durell, teaching.....	3	76 50
35,	Lucy A. Andrews, teaching.....	6	46 80
36,	H. R. Farris, care of school house.....	3	10 00
37,	Ina G. Rounds, teaching.....	2	40 00
38,	J. G. Rowe, boarding teacher.....	5	8 00
39,	M. T. Haskell, " ".....	12	11 20
40,	Cora Shedd, teaching.....	5	24 00
41,	B. M. Phillips, teaching.....	10	60 00

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42,	Lena Dunn, teaching.....	12	\$22 00
43,	S. Lizzie Chaplin, teaching.....	10	57 00
44,	Jonathan Wardwell, wood.....	3	24 50
45,	Geo. H. Jones, supplies.....	3	24 57
46,	Geo. A. Poor, wood.....	6	11 25
47,	Jacob S. Martin, wood.....	11	7 50
48,	Chas. Warren, care of school-house.....	10	6 00
49,	John E. Ordaway, repairs and book case.....	4	15 00
50,	W. R. Farris, atlas.....	3	50 00
51,	H. W. Coy, B. biography.....	10	19 00
52,	Geo. Hazen, B. biography.....	10	19 00
53,	L. H. Bumpus, "book case,".....	3	6 00
54,	Blanche P. Brooks, teaching.....	4	42 00
55,	J. A. Bean, repairs on school house.....	5	21 40
56,	Mary A. Stone, teaching.....	5	18 00
57,	H. L. Bumpus, repairing flag staff.....	3	1 00
58,	B. F. Flood, " " ".....	3	1 00
59,	Mabel E. Whitehouse, teaching.....	7	41 40
60,	A. M. Paine, boarding teacher.....	7	29 52
61,	Lena Dunn, teaching in.....	12	12 00
62,	Anson A. Cobb, teaching in.....	10	137 50
63,	Annie F. Fuller " ".....	10	50 00
64,	Lucy A. Andrews, " ".....	6	63 50
65,	Geo. A. Poor, "book case".....	6	4 50
66,	Willis Herrick, care of school house.....	10	7 50
67,	C. B. Fuller, repairs on school house.....	2	3 20
68,	H. W. Coy, "book case".....	10	16 00
69,	S. D. Edwards, supplies.....	3	3 45
70,	E. L. Burns, repairs.....	11	15 00
81,	Mary M. Washburn, boarding teacher.....	10	25 00
72,	Ina G. Rounds, teaching and board.....	2	76 88
73,	E. O. Cobb, teaching.....	3	137 50
74,	Harry P. Farris, care of school house.....	3	10 00
75,	Nellie M. Durell, teaching.....	3	85 00
76,	Frank Paine, repairs on school house.....	7	17 50
77,	Anson A. Cobb, teaching.....	10	93 50
78,	J. E. Keen, repairs on school house.....	12	6 00
79,	A. A. Nelson, school money.....	9	20 00
80,	Mabel Herrick, teaching.....	12	42 00
81,	S. S. Smith, boarding teacher.....	5	15 00
82,	A. T. Stone, boarding teacher.....	12	4 60
83,	J. G. Rowe, boarding teacher.....	5	6 00
84,	Geo. A. Poor, repairs on school house.....	6	2 60
85,	Blanche Brooks, teachers.....	5	40 00

TOWN ORDERS DRAWN.

No.		
1,	John Chase, work on town farm.....	\$ 15 50
2,	Roscoe Brown, money lent to pay State tax.....	200 00
3,	R. S. Penley, boarding James Downing.....	20 00
4,	C. F. Durell, services as selectman.....	17 25
5,	" " " horse hire and postage.....	9 15
6,	W. E. Holmes, services as supervisor.....	2 25
7,	" " " collector of taxes part pay.....	50 00
7½,	Insane Hospital.....	117 96
8,	C. M. Andrews, printing report.....	20 00
9,	M. B. Andrews, lumber for bridges.....	50 42
10,	A. M. Paine, hay for town farm.....	10 00
11,	C. H. Robinson, iron work on Wardwell bridge.....	14 46
12,	J. Frye, board of J. Downing.....	12 50
13,	Joseph Frye, board of James Downing.....	13 00
14,	W. R. Farris, services Memorial Day.....	25 00
15,	J. Bean and A. E. Robinson, lumber.....	61 94
16,	George R. Paine, hay for town farm.....	4 26
16½,	Joseph Cummings, " " " ".....	10 00
17,	Bumpus & Wood, labor on bridge.....	12 00
18,	Joseph Frye, grain for farm.....	30 22
19,	F. W. Sanborn, printing for town.....	1 50
20,	J. F. Fuller, labor and stone on bridge near Welchville...	57 75
21,	H. O. Blake, repairs on road machine.....	10 85
22,	" " " building bridge Wardwells'.....	20 75
23,	B. F. Elwell, part bal. services on farm for 1889.....	15 00
24,	A. R. Paine, labor on town farm.....	10 00
25,	B. F. Elwell, services on town farm.....	24 00
26,	Roscoe Brown, supplies F. Young family.....	3 00
27,	S. Bray & Son, grain for town farm.....	9 54
28,	A. L. and E. F. Goss, creamery for farm.....	35 19
29,	Insane Hospital, Moreys and Chadbourne.....	123 67
30,	W. R. Farris, notifying town officers.....	5 50
31,	E. W. Brown, bal. services on farm and cash paid.....	10 00
32,	George A. Poor, bridge plank.....	12 67
33,	Albert Witham, labor on highway.....	18 75
34,	J. T. Hayes, lumber for town for 1889.....	18 86
35,	A. R. Paine, labor on farm.....	28 00
36,	L. H. Bumpus, repairs on cart wheels 1889.....	3 75
37,	S. B. Waterman, labor on bridge near Welchville.....	19 50
38,	W. H. Coy, labor and material for bridge.....	25 00
39,	Roscoe Brown, cash and time bringing Chadbourne and Morey from Hospital.....	19 25
40,	J. L. Witham, lumber for bridge.....	10 00

41,	W. E. Holmes, abatement on taxes paid before Sept. 1, '90	\$117 72
42,	J. Fuller, repairing covered bridge.....	100 00
43,	A. R. Paine, labor on town farm.....	16 00
44,	C. H. Robinson, bolts and staples for bridge.....	2 00
45,	D. N. True, grain for town farm.....	30 50
46,	Roscoe Brown, telegraphing to Hospital.....	2 58
47,	A. S. Fuller, watchman in village.....	1 50
48,	A. C. Jones, repairing mowing machine.....	4 30
49,	Insane Hospital, support of Chadbourne and Moreys.....	121 61
50,	McLean, Mosher & Co., school books.....	34 00
51,	Dan'l S. Paine, labor on town farm.....	6 00
52,	F. C. Merrill, repairs on plow for farm.....	2 76
53,	Wm. N. Thomas, bal. on oxen and use of plow.....	16 00
54,	C. S. Hayes, lumber for bridge.....	40 06
55,	E. O. Cobb, school books.....	5 76
56,	Town of Windham, supplies A. E. Pike.....	10 00
57,	" " Grey, medical attendance Morey family.....	13 50
58,	" " " supplies " ".....	3 56
59,	George H. Jones, librarian.....	50 00
60,	Insane Hospital, casket and clothing Mrs. Morey.....	35 47
61,	J. M. Dorr, lumber and carting for bridge.....	3 50
62,	Francis Holden, abatement on bills of 1884.....	14 16
63,	Wm. N. Thomas, expense to Dixfield and cash paid out..	9 00
64,	G. G. Richardson, medical attendance Smith family.....	15 00
65,	C. S. Hayes, lumber for bridge "Richville".....	17 97
66,	George A. Poor, services as health officer.....	6 00
67,	" " " lumber for bridge.....	1 50
68,	S. D. Edwards, services as health officer....	6 00
69,	E. W. Edwards, services as clerk.....	3 00
70,	" " " supplies Albert Brown.....	2 00
71,	" " " " F. Smith.....	1 63
72,	" " " " " ".....	1 10
73,	" " " " for town farm.....	9 55
74,	" " " spike nails, etc., for bridges.....	10 34
75,	" " " supplies for Cutting Heath.....	15 97
76,	L. F. Wardwell, services on hearse.....	32 00
77,	W. N. Thomas, services as selectman.....	53 70
78,	B. M. Pratt. " ".....	46 88
79,	A. L. Hersey, medical attendance for poor..	37 00
80,	Town of Sumner, supplies E. A. Smith family.....	4 84
81,	Orin Stevens, services as health officer.....	7 70
82,	W. E. Holmes, discount on taxes paid before Jan. 1, '91..	18 86
83,	" " " receipts copied and not checked on bills of '87, '88, '89.....	846 61
84,	W. E. Holmes, services as collector.....	200 00

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85,	Abatements on bills of '87, '88, '89 and '90.....	\$286 55
86,	Roscoe Brown, services as selectman.....	66 50
87,	" " expense to Windham.....	4 35
88,	" " " " Grey and cash paid.....	5 25
89,	" " stationery for the year.....	3 00
90,	" " expense to Raymond	3 50

We would recommend to be raised at the coming annual meeting for the ordinary town expenses :

For Support of schools.....	\$1,400 00
" " of poor, pay debts and defray charges..	2,500 00
" highway labor.....	3,000 00

The assessors are importuned from almost every quarter, for abatement on taxes, and we would suggest that all abatements hereafter be made in open town meeting.

The shortage on J. W. Chadbourne's bills of 1888 was \$1,057.00 instead of \$759.00, as reported. Having no bond and there being no proof that there ever was one, our counsel advised a settlement on the best terms we could get. We settled for \$500.00, making a loss to the town of \$557.00. On tax bills of 1889, the deficiency amounts to \$2,887.50 We commenced suit against the bondsmen which is still pending.

There is no reason why we cannot take our place among our sister towns and proudly invite comparison in social position, educational advantages, prudent, honest and faithful management of our public affairs with our resources unimpaired and for once during this generation have no notes or bonds outstanding. Such is the desire of your retiring board.

ROSCOE BROWN, W. N. THOMAS, B. M. PRATT,	} } }	<i>Selectmen of Oxford.</i>
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SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—Your Supervisor submits the following report for your consideration.

DISTRICT NO. 1. E. E. Millett, Agent.—There was no Summer or Fall term in this district. The Winter term is now being taught by Miss Mary C. Jones. When visited at the beginning of the term, the indications were very favorable for a profitable term.

DIST. NO. 2. C. B. Fuller, Agent.—The Summer and Fall terms were both taught by Ina G. Rounds who succeeded well in keeping up the interest in the school, and the result was two profitable terms for the district.

DIST. NO. 3. W. R. Farris, Agent.—Two hundred and fifty dollars of the High School money were expended by your Supervisor in conjunction with the Agent in the employment of Ernest O. Cobb who taught the Summer and Fall terms. Mr. Cobb came to us highly recommended, and he has fully sustained his reputation. Rules for government were enforced with ease, and the good will of the pupils was secured and retained. Methods of instruction were good, and so far as I have been able to learn has given universal satisfaction. Mr. Cobb has been employed by the Agent to teach the Winter term in the grammar department which is now in session, and it will undoubtedly be a profitable term.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.—The Summer and Fall terms were both taught by Mrs. Nellie M. Durrell, and the Winter term is now in session under the same teacher. Mrs. Durrell's reputation as a teacher is too well established to be added to by any thing which might be said here. She deserves all the credit which can be given for active and conscientious work, followed by the most gratifying results.

DIST. NO. 4. John E. Ordway, Agent.—The Summer term was taught by Miss Blanche P. Brooks until the last two weeks, when, on account of sickness of Miss Brooks, her father Wm. M. Brooks finished out the term.

The Fall term was also taught by Miss Brooks and the result was two very successful terms of schools. Miss Brooks has undoubtedly given the methods of teaching considerable study. She is a fine teacher.

The Winter term was taught by Charles M. Andrews. Although there were but few pupils attending school, Mr. Andrews succeeded in keeping up an interest, and good progress was made. He has every qualification for a fine teacher.

DIST. NO. 5. Irving Bean, Agent.—Miss Cora Shedd taught the Summer term. Miss Shedd is a good teacher and the school made good progress.

Miss Mary A. Stone taught the Fall term, but as I did not receive notice of the close of the school in time to attend at its close, I am unable to report it.

The Winter term under the charge of Miss Blanche P. Brooks was a very profitable term. Miss Brooks is fast proving herself one of our best teachers.

DIST. NO. 6. George A. Poor, Agent.—Miss Lucy A. Andrews taught the Summer and Fall terms and is now teaching the Winter term. Miss Andrews is one of our most easy and pleasant teachers. Her continuance in the position is sufficient proof of the satisfaction given. There are some good scholars in this district and with the judicious expenditure of the money. They have a good amount of the best schooling, and, we are glad to say, improve it.

DIST. NO. 7. Abijah Paine, Agent.—Miss Mabel Whitehouse taught the Summer and Fall terms and gave good satisfaction. Miss Whitehouse is a good teacher.

DIST. NO. 8.—United with district No. 6.

DIST. NO. 9.—Union district. Reported in Hebron.

DIST. NO. 10. Henry Coy, Agent.—Two hundred and fifty dollars of the High School money were expended by your Supervisor, who employed Anson A. Cobb to teach both the Fall and Winter terms. Mr. Cobb worked hard for the success of the school, and possessing as he does all the necessary qualifications for a good teacher, the results of these two terms were all that could be desired.

Mr. Cobb has been employed by the agent to lengthen out the Winter term which is now in session.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.—The Summer term was taught by Miss Bertha M. Phillips. Miss Phillips closed her school three days sooner than was expected on account of sickness of some of her friends, so it was impossible under the circumstances for me to visit the school at its close, but judging from all I can learn the school was not what we might wish it.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.—The Summer term was taught by Mrs S. Lizzie Chaplin and a good school was the result.

The Fall, and Winter term now in session, were taught by Miss Annie F. Fuller. Miss Fuller is a model teacher. Too much cannot be said in praise of her efforts in this school. She is wonderfully well adapted to teaching primary scholars, and her services should be retained in town if possible.

DIST. NO. 11. Eugene L. Burns, Agent.—Miss G. Lena Perkins in the Summer showed work worthy of praise.

The term now being taught by Wm. Haskell promises the most satisfactory results.

DIST. NO. 12. Josiah Keen, Agent.—The Summer and Fall terms were both taught by Lenora Dunn who worked hard for the success of the school.

The Winter term by Mabel Herrick was very satisfactory. The pupils made good progress.

It is with feelings of the deepest concern for the welfare of our schools that this report is respectfully submitted. Our schools during the past year have been, it seems to me, unusually good. The agents at the beginning of the year, secured good teachers, and have retained them, when satisfactory, during the whole year. And I would urge upon those who employ our teachers, not to let those who have been tried and tested in our schools, go away to teach, and in their places employ inexperienced strangers. Do not let a small amount in salary be the scale in which the merits and demerits of our teachers shall be balanced, for six weeks of school well taught, is of more advantage than ten weeks but indifferently managed.

I would recommend that the town raise the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars this year for Free High Schools, since it is, as it seems to me, a saving of that amount to the town.

It is a matter of regret to me that I have been compelled, in the purchase of books, to exceed the amount appropriated by the town for that purpose. It was thought at the last March meeting, that \$350, the amount voted for this purpose, would be sufficient, and I was of that opinion, but of course it was a matter which was largely guess work, and I think it would have been sufficient to have supplied all the pupils in town with as many books as they have had heretofore, but when books are free there is naturally a tendency to have more. And although I have done all in my power to prevent any extravagant supply by the teachers to the scholars, yet as many scholars were formerly poorly provided with books, it has taken more than was anticipated. I have turned over to the respective agents in town the books, and taken their receipt therefor. I believe all the districts are now well supplied with books and enough, it would seem to last at least five years.

I give herewith an itemized account of the books purchased for the use of the town.

GEORGE HAZEN, Supervisor.

LIST OF BOOKS PURCHASED.

100	Lip. Readers. Beginners,	16 cents.	\$16 00
75	" " 2d,	24 "	18 00
75	" " 3d,	32 "	24 00
100	" " 4th,	48 "	48 00
60	Harvey's Rev. Ele. Grammar,	20 "	12 00
40	Barnes' Pri. History of U. S.,	30 "	12 00
45	" Brief History of U. S.,	70 "	31 50
12	Townsend Civ. Government,	45 "	5 40
30	Physiologys Pathfinder, No. 2,	30 "	9 00
20	" " " 3,	70 "	14 00
325	Metcalf Spelling Books,	10 "	32 50
100	Barnes' Complete Geography,	75 "	75 00
52	Histories of Maine,	85 "	44 20
75	Barnes' Ele. Geography,	30 "	22 50
20	Meservey's Book-Keeping,	40½ "	8 10
100	Greenleaf's First Lessons,	18 "	18 00
90	" Brief Course,	31 "	27 90
110	" Complete,	62 "	68 20

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12	Mesurvey's Book-Keeping,	50 cents.	\$ 6 00
12	Greenleaf's Algebras,	84 "	10 08
12	Lip. Third Readers,	40 "	4 80
12	" Fourth "	60 "	7 20
Total,			\$514 38

The following is a table of all schools where registers have been returned.

No. of District.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Length of School in Weeks.	No. of Scholars Enrolled.	Av. Attendance.	Wages of Teacher.	Price of Board.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Unexpended.
1	School not Finished.....						\$110 00	\$110 00
2	Ina G. Rounds, Summer.....	8	6	5	\$ 3 61	\$1 39	124 78	0 00
	" " " Fall.....	14	9	7	3 70	1 80		
3	E. O. Cobb, Summer.....	10	45	41	55 00		850 00	218 77
	N. M. Durell, ".....	9	57	40	8 50			
	E. O. Cobb, Fall.....	10	37	35	55 00			
4	B. M. Brooks, Summer.....	7	13	11	3 50	2 00	150 00	54 50
	" " " Fall.....	7	16	11	4 00	2 00		
5	Cora Shedd, Summer.....	8	10	9	3 00	1 00	150 00	10 00
	Mary A. Stone, Fall.....	6	10	9	3 00	1 00		
	B. M. Brooks, Winter.....	10	9	7	4 00	1 25		
6	Lucy A. Andrews, Summer.....	8	19	16	4 00	1 85	207 00	76 35
	" " " Fall.....	10	18	17	4 50	1 85		
7	Mabel Whitehouse, Summer.....	10	10	7	3 00	2 35	155 00	1 58
	" " " Fall.....	10	9	7	4 00	2 35		
9	Union with Hebron.....						20 00	0 00
10	B. M. Phillips, Summer.....	8	23	19	5 00	2 50	630 16	208 06
	S. Lizzie Chaplin, ".....	8	30	27	5 00	2 50		
	A. A. Cobb, Fall.....	10	26	24	55 00			
	Annie F. Fuller.....	10	30	25	5 00	2 50		
11	G. Lena Perkins, Summer.....	7	10	9	3 00	1 85	140 00	92 55
12	Lenora Dunn, ".....	8	8	5	2 75	1 40	125 00	24 15
	" " Fall.....	4	8	6	3 00	1 15		
	Mabel Herrick, Winter.....	14	6	4	3 00	1 15		