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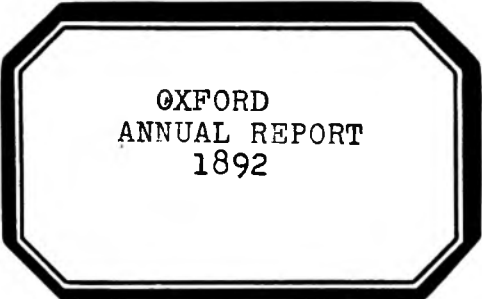
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# Town of Oxford

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1ST,

1892.

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NORWAY, MAINE,  
Advertiser Book and Job Print,  
1892.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

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Clerk,	E. W. EDWARDS.
Selectmen, Assessors } and } Overseers of Poor, }	{ ROSCOE BROWN. WM. N. THOMAS. B. M. PRATT.
Treasurer,	WALTER E. HOLMES.
Town Agent,	GEO. P. WHITNEY.
Collector,	W. E. HOLMES.
Supervisor,	GEO. HAZEN.
Auditor,	W. W. BECKETT.
Board of Health,	{ GEO. A. POOR. S. D. EDWARDS. WM. B. HASKELL.
Constables,	{ A. S. FULLER. HARRY WHITE.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## VALUATION OF TOWN APRIL 1, 1891.

Resident.....	\$399,213	00
Non Resident .....	44,840	00
Total.....		\$444,053 00

No. Polls, 363.

Rates: Money tax, \$17.00 per thousand; poll tax, \$2.00. Highway labor tax, \$3,000; rates: \$6.00 per thousand; poll tax, \$1.00.

## ASSESSMENTS.

For State tax.....	\$1,261	04
County tax .....	455	71

## FOR TOWN PURPOSES.

For support of Common schools.....	\$1,400	00
Free High school.....	250	00
Town officers bills.....	600	00
Repairs on highways.....	550	00
Interest on bonds .....	250	00
Support of poor.....	550	00
Contingent fund .....	650	00
Town farm barn .....	600	00
Memorial Day .....	25	00
School books.....	175	00
Public Library.....	20	00
Iron bridge and stone work.....	1,200	00
Overlay.....	278	95
Unpaid highway tax for 1890.....	124	45
Total commitment for 1891.....		\$8,390 15

1200  
 500

## TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

Appropriated .....	\$600 00
E. W. Edwards, clerk.....	\$3 00
Roscoe Brown.....	68 00
Wm. N. Thomas.....	49 50
B. M. Pratt.....	43 50
Geo. Hazen.....	66 25
W. E. Holmes, collector .....	197 00
“ “ treasurer .....	35 00
Geo. P. Whitney.....	10 15
W. W. Beckett, estimated.....	3 00
Geo. A. Poor.....	10 00
S. D. Edwards.....	10 25
Wm. B. Haskell .....	11 00
W. E. Holmes, constable.....	4 00
A. S. Fuller, notifying town officers.....	3 50
Balance town officers bills 1890:	
Roscoe Brown, selectman .....	25 50
Wm. N. Thomas, selectman .....	16 50
B. M. Pratt, selectman.....	18 00
Geo. Hazen, supervisor.....	6 25
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	\$580 40
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Bal. unexpended .....	\$19 60

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town .....	\$1,400 00
School fund and mill tax from State .....	1,035 21
For Free High School.....	500 00
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	\$2,935 21

## APPORTIONED TO THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS.

No.	Apportioned.	Bal. due Feb. 1,'91.	Expended.	Bal. due Feb. 1,'92.
1.	\$126 36	\$110 00	\$105 22	\$131 14
2.	141 09		139 11	1 98
3.	616 36	213 77	654 41*	425 72
4.	166 36	54 50	164 15	56 71
5.	166 36	9 60	86 10	89 86

## TOWN REPORT.

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No. 6.	\$171 36	\$ 76 35	\$208 15	\$ 39 56
7.	171 36	1 58	147 60	25 34
8.	66 36			66 36
9.	36 36		36 36	None
10.	465 52	208 66	601 43*	322 75
11.	166 36	92 55	159 35	99 56
12.	141 36	24 15	157 45	8 06

Amount due the several districts Feb. 1, '92 .....\$1,267 04

\* High School \$250 00.

## POOR ON FARM FEB. 1, 1891.

Abigail Hamlin, died Sept. 23, '91, aged 65 years. Freeland Morey died Jan. 9, 1892, aged 22 years. David Cates, aged 93 years, died Feb. 9, 1892.

Average No. for the year, 2 7-12.

## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ON FARM.

2 oxen .....	\$125 00	
10 cows .....	350 00	
1 two year old .. .	15 00	
2 one year olds .....	15 00	
2 swine.....	20 00	
22 hens.....	11 00	
		\$ 536 00
12 tons of hay.....	120 00	
2 tons straw .....	12 00	
Meal .....	2 50	
Oats.....	5 00	
		139 50
100 bush. potatoes .....	40 00	
2 bush. beans.....	5 00	
175 lbs. pork . . . . .	12 00	
½ bbl. flour .....	3 00	
Groceries.....	6 35	
2 bbls. apples.....	2 00	
		68 35
Farming tools, furniture, etc., same as last year.....	\$285 15	
		\$1,029 00



## TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

Cream sold.....	\$251 12	
Sweet corn sold.....	97 87	
Calves sold.....	10 50	
Pigs sold.....	14 50	
Straw sold.....	1 50	
Oats sold.....	1 00	
Potatoes sold.....	6 60	
Wood and lumber.....	170 75	
For wintering colt.....	18 00	
Labor on barn.....	100 00	
For boarding help.....	65 00	
Cow sold.....	25 00	
Labor off farm.....	5 50	
		\$767 34

## EXPENDITURES.

Superintendent's salary.....	\$350 00	
Extra labor on farm.....	93 90	
Paid for grain.....	116 73	
Paid for cows.....	79 00	
Blacksmithing.....	17 00	
S. E. King, bal. account.....	135 09	
Durrell & Hawkes.....	13 73	
H. Smith, supplies.....	9 00	
Phosphate.....	11 90	
		\$826 35
Property less than last year.....	67 00	
		\$893 35
Cost of poor on farm.....	\$126 01	

## COST OF POOR OFF FARM.

A. E. Pike.....	\$18 00
Claimed by North Yarmouth on account of Joe Tripp, five dollars. We think he has no settlement in Oxford and have not paid it.	
Paid for medical attendance and burial expenses, Wm. P. Haskell, M. D.....	25 00
Casket for Mrs. Hamlin ..	12 00

Casket for F. Morey.....	\$10 00
Digging grave for Morey.....	2 00
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Total.....	\$49 00
Cost of poor on farm.....	126 01
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Total cost of poor for the year.....	\$193 01

## BARN AT TOWN FARM.

Appropriated.....	\$600 00
S. H. Downing, hauling lumber.....	\$ 12 50
J. Chase, labor.....	6 00
J. Chase, ".....	20 00
Frank Paine, labor.....	11 00
G. R. Paine, ".....	30 00
John Chase, ".....	10 00
J. H. Fuller, labor on cellar.....	103 49
Harry Bryant, labor.....	4 50
John Chase, labor.....	33 00
G. R. Paine, ".....	25 00
Frank Paine, labor.....	14 00
J. F. Fuller, ".....	40 00
B. F. Elwell, lumber.....	14 05
S. Dudley, labor.....	8 50
King & Dexter.....	15 85
C. C. Rowe, hauling.....	9 72
G. R. Paine, labor.....	50 00
C. A. Witham, ".....	3 00
W. N. Thomas, ".....	15 25
D. S. Paine, labor.....	7 00
A. R. Paine, ".....	29 50
Orrin Tracy, ".....	3 00
G. R. Paine, ".....	45 00
Harry Whitehouse, labor.....	8 00
L. S. Billings, lumber.....	196 31
S. P. Maxim, doors and windows.....	21 20
N. D. Bolster, paint.....	5 46
Richardson & Kenney, hardware.....	35 78
Seth Ames, shingling walls.....	16 25
Geo. Washburn, shingling walls.....	16 25
S. D. Edwards, hinges, etc.....	1 68
Brown, labor.....	3 00

Thomas Johnson, labor.....	\$41 50	
F. Johnson, labor.....	6 76	
C. H. Flood, carting lumber.....	17 00	
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Cash cost of barn.....		\$879 55
H. M. Bearce, saw bill turned on old tax bills....	56 00	
B. F. Elwell, labor on barn.....	100 00	
Board bill for help.....	65 00	
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		\$221 00
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		\$1,100 55

This includes the cost of taking down the old barns and out buildings.

#### ROAD AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Appropriated .....		\$550 00
M. D. Andrews, plank.....	\$25 00	
S. D. Jillson, plank.....	20 29	
H. O. Blake, repairs on road machine.....	9 75	
Fred Rowe, repairs on bridge.....	14 85	
Edwards & Lord, spikes.....	2 36	
C. L. Hathaway, repairs on bridge.....	46 55	
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		\$119 10
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Balance.....		\$430 90

#### INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Appropriated .....		\$250 00
Amount paid on bonds and orders.....	\$398 32	
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Amount paid.....		\$398 32
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Amount paid exceeding appropriation.....		\$148 32

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriated.....	\$25 00
G. A. Roberts' Post.....	25 00

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriated.....	\$175 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co.....	\$ 10 20
Leach & Co.....	124 18
J. B. Lippincott & Co.....	118 00
American Book Co.....	241 90
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	\$494 28
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Overdrawn.....	\$319 28

## IRON BRIDGE.

Appropriated.....	\$1,200 00
Wrought Iron Bridge Co.....	\$1,000 00
J. F. Fuller, stone work.....	143 12
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	\$1,143 12
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Balance.....	\$56 88

## WATER WORKS ON TOWN FARM.

H. O. Blake, Hydraulic Ram.....	\$40 00
Labor.....	8 00
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Total.....	\$48 00

## FREELAND HOLMES LIBRARY.

Appropriated.....	\$20 00
Geo. H. Jones.....	20 00
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## REPAIRS ON TOWN FARM SHEDS.

Wm. N. Thomas.....	\$14 50
Paid for lumber.....	17 68
J. F. Fuller.....	5 00
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Total.....	\$37 18

## CONTINGENT FUND.

Appropriated.....	\$650 00
F. W. Sanborn, printing.....	\$22 00
Harry White, '90.....	2 00
A. R. Savage, counsel fees.....	25 00
F. W. Sanborn, printing.....	23 25
Atwood & Forbes, ".....	11 25
Geo. A. Wilson, counsel fees.....	93 00
Old bills.....	18 77
Geo. H. Jones, books.....	10 15
Roscoe Brown, telegrams.....	1 55
L. F. Wardwell, care of hearse.....	20 00
E. W. Edwards, record books.....	13 00
W. E. Holmes, tax titles.....	15 00
J. S. Wright, counsel fees.....	10 00
Abatement on non-res. '89, '90.....	18 00
W. E. Holmes, making tax deeds.....	24 12
"    "    abatement on bills '89.....	63 92
"    "    "    "    '88.....	42 19
W. J. Wheeler, Ins. town farm building.....	24 16
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	\$437 36
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Balance .....	\$212 64

## RESOURCES.

Tax deeds.....	\$1,206 30
Due from W. E. Holmes, Coll.....	4,210 15
State High School.....	146 25
Chadbourne settlement.....	510 00
Cash on hand.....	460 84
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	\$6,533 54

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bonds.....	\$5,800 00
"    orders .....	362 19
Due School district.....	1,267 04
Due for text books.....	30 00
Other debts.....	70 00
Interest due.....	8 64
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	\$7,537 87
Debt above resources .....	\$966 53
	<b>1004.33</b>

# TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 7th, 1891.....	\$ 35 94
Recd. non-resident tax 1889.....	51 77
"    "    1890 .....	204 58
"    abatements '88.....	45 17
"    "    '89 and '90.....	18 52
For tax deeds sold.....	365 55
From Town Farm.....	468 48
"    J. W. Chadbourne.....	780 00
Int. on same.....	7 35
For peddlers' licenses.....	12 00
"    auctioneer's licenses.....	2 00
"    show licenses.....	1 00
From State Treas., high school '90.....	250 00
"    "    "    "    "    '91.....	103 75
"    "    "    school fund and mill tax '91.....	1,035 28
"    Town of Paris.....	1 00
For bridge timber.....	1 50
From W. E. Holmes, Coll. mill tax and school fund '90	838 89
Notes from J. W. Chadbourne.....	1,010 00
From W. E. Holmes, Coll. '87.....	23 60
"    "    "    "    '88.....	59 83
"    "    "    "    '89.....	356 46
"    "    "    "    '90.....	1,213 71
"    "    "    "    '91.....	4,422 89

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\$11,319 27

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Town orders paid Geo. H. Jones.....	\$ 828 31
Interest on same.....	5 99
Bal. Chadbourne note used by Geo. H. Jones as cash paid out	160 00
Town orders paid.....	6,358 04
County tax '91.....	455 71
State tax '91.....	1,261 04
Interest on bonds.....	373 50
"    " orders.....	18 84
Non-resident tax turned in.....	290 67
Tax titles turned in.....	96 33
J. W. Chadbourne's notes charged back.....	1,010 00
Cash on hand.....	460 84

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WALTER E. HOLMES, Treasurer.

Settled as above set forth Feb. 1st, 1892.

ROSCOE BROWN, WM. N. THOMAS, B. M. PRATT,	}	<i>Selectmen of Oxford.</i>
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## TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

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Before speaking of the financial loss to which the town has been subjected by the unfaithfulness of some of its officers, in justice to myself I will say, had I known the *real condition* of things relating to these matters, I never would have accepted, under any consideration, the office of Town Agent for the year 1890. I had heard that John W. Chadbourne was a defaulter as collector for a large amount and it was supposed that his bonds were burned or lost, but the chairman of the retiring board of selectmen reported in open town meeting that he had found the bond of 1889 which would probably cover the defalcation.

I should say in this connection, that said Chadbourne had been a defaulter as collector of taxes for 1887 and 1888 in the sum of \$1,057, and was settled with by the town officers for \$500, they not being able to find any bond for either of those years.

An examination of the town books and other evidence which came to my knowledge, proved said Chadbourne a defaulter, as tax collector in the sum of \$2,887.50 for the year 1889.

It is true the selectmen acting as assessors had a bond *such as it was* put in suit, which suit is now pending in the S. J. Court against one of the bondsmen. I accepted the office of town agent for the year 1891, for the very poor reason that I had it the year before and thought I knew something about the case, but I found by a thorough examination into the case that certain questions of law had been raised by the defendant's counsel relating to the validity of the bond, which if finally decided against the town, would leave its inhabitants to loose the whole sum illegally taken and appropriated by the defaulting collector, besides paying a very large bill of costs. After several attempts to get a settlement, Chadbourne's bondsmen (with the exception of Dr. Stevens) assisted by Chadbourne's relations by way of a compromise offered to pay the sum of \$1,200 in full settlement of the liabilities upon said bond of the bondsmen making the offer. After consulting with some of the large tax payers in town, and learning their opinions in relation to the compromise, I finally



consented with the selectmen to accept the offer. Nothing has occurred since to change my opinion, that under the circumstances that this was the best thing that could have been done for the town.

Before closing my report I desire to make a few suggestions, which I think deserve the careful consideration of the inhabitants of the town.

While the statutes of the State impose the burdens of taxation upon the inhabitants of a town, they very carefully throw around them all necessary safeguards to protect the money after it has been paid by them under a tax warrant.

As it is well known taxes are to be assessed by a board of assessors; who, by provisions of the Revised Statutes Chap. 6, Sec. 39, are made "responsible for their own personal faithfulness and integrity."

Before a warrant for the collection of taxes shall be committed to constable or collector, the assessors shall require him to give a bond to the inhabitants of the town in such sums and with such sureties as the municipal officers shall approve, R. S. Chap. 6, Sec. 128.

By Sec. 146, of Chap. 6 of said statutes, "Every collector is obliged at least once in two months to exhibit to the assessors a true account of all monies received on taxes committed to him and produce the town treasurer's receipt" for all monies paid to him.

If a collector of taxes is delinquent a warrant of distress may be issued against him by the treasurer named in the warrant of the assessors, R. S. Chap. 6, Sec. 158.

From the foregoing provisions of law it will be seen at once that the assessors of a town are bound by law to require of the collector a good and sufficient bond before committing to him the tax bills and at least once in two months to examine them, as to the amount collected and the disposition made by him of the money he has collected under his warrant. The town treasurer is also required to look after a collector and see that he pays to him the taxes collected under the terms of his warrant.

Had the several duties been faithfully performed by the assessors and treasurer of Oxford, its inhabitants would have saved the great loss they are obliged to suffer from this dishonest defaulting collector. But back of all this, what would be better for a town in all cases would be to elect to their responsible public positions, *only such men* as are capable and honest and will faithfully perform their duties as public officers; and thus save the municipalities they represent from financial loss and the disgrace which always follows the dishonest and fraudulent appropriation of public funds.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. WHITNEY.

## SCHOOL ORDERS.

No.	Old Series.	Dist.	
86	Alonzo Dean, boarding teacher.....	10	\$ 30 00
87	F. A. Webster, board teacher .....	12	16 10
88	G. H. Jones, supplies .....	3	2 93
89	Chas. Andrews, teaching.....	4	54 50
90	Wm. B. Haskell, teaching.....	11	66 00
91	Annie F. Fuller, teaching .....	10	60 00
92	Anson A. Cobb, teaching.....	10	50 00
93	Freddie Staples, care of house.....	10	12 00
94	Lucy A. Andrews, teaching.....	6	76 35
95	W. L. Stanton, wood.....	5	10 00
96	E. L. Burns, boarding .....	11	27 50
97	D. H. Millett, boarding .....	1	27 72
98	E. J. Millett, repairs .....	1	10 00
99	Mary C. Jones, teaching .....	1	59 50
100	H. O. Blake, repairs .....	3	1 91
No.	New Series.		
1	S. E. King, supplies .....	10	27 23
2	J. L. Lunt, wood .....	1	8 00
3	Alonzo Dean, repairs .....	10	5 35
4	E. O. Cobb, teaching.....	3	137 50
5	H. R. Farris, care of house.....	3	10 00
6	N. M. Durell, teaching.....	3	85 00
7	W. R. Farris, supplies .....	3	6 85
8	B. F. Flood, wood ..	3	30 80
9	E. L. Burns, repairs .....	11	19 85
10	W. W. Lovejoy, wood.....	11	3 65
11	C. F. Smith, cleaning house.....	3	2 00
12	B. F. Flood, repairs.....	3	1 50
13	G. A. Poor, wood.....	6	15 00
14	W. L. Pike, care of house .....	3	10 00
15	C. W. Bean, wood.....	2	8 00
16	Minnie B. Caldwell, teaching.....	10	64 00
17	Ina G. Rounds, teaching .....	2	48 00
18	A. D. Thayer, insurance.....	2	10 88
19	S. L. Chaplin, teaching .....	10	59 20
20	Mabel E. Small, teaching.....	11	40 00
21	Anson A. Cobb, teaching.....	3	112 50
22	A. E. Pratt, teaching.....	7	43 60
23	L. O. Lassell, teaching.....	5	24 00
24	Willis Herrick, care of house.....	10	6 00
25	Lucy A. Andrews, teaching .....	6	46 80
26	N. M. Durell, teaching.....	3	85 00

27	John E. Ordway, board.....	4	\$ 19 00
28	Annie B. Harding, teaching.....	4	30 00
29	F. A. Webber, wood .....	12	6 00
30	M. T. Haskell, board.....	12	13 60
31	Lenora Annis, teaching .....	12	28 00
32	Mrs. John Hale, cleaning house .....	3	14 00
33	S. S. Smith, board .....	5	9 60
34	Henry Cushman, book case.....	2	3 00
35	E. Hannsill, fitting wood.....	10	7 00
36	Freeland Howe, Ins.....	10	60 00
37	Minnie B. Caldwell, teaching.....	10	100 00
38	W. R. Herrick, care of house.....	10	7 50
39	Annie B. Harding, teaching.....	4	31 50
40	S. B. Charles, wood.....	4	7 50
41	John E. Ordway, cleaning house .....	4	3 65
42	“ “ board.....	4	18 00
43	A. A. Nelson, school money.....	9	36 36
44	Lena G. Perkins, teaching .....	5	30 00
45	Lucy A. Andrews, teaching.....	6	70 00
46	Fred Rowe, board .....	5	12 50
47	Leroy Edwards, care of house.....	3	7 00
48	Nellie M. Durell, teaching.....	3	59 50
49	Geo. A. Poor, money from No. 7 to.....	6	25 00
50	G. L. Chaplin, teaching.....	10	80 00
51	C. C. Rowe, carrying pupils.....	7	37 50
52	Evis Martin, teaching.....	12	67 50
53	Annie Hackett, teaching .....	2	64 90
54	A. D. Thayer, care of house.....	2	4 33
55	Nettie L. Stone, teaching .....	3	70 00
56	M. T. Haskell, board.....	12	24 75
57	Wm. B. Haskell, supplies.....	12	1 50
58	G. H. Jones, Mdse.....	3	1 57
59	“ “ “ .....	11	2 35
60	S. D. Edwards, repairs.....	3	8 85
61	S. E. King, chairs.....	3	7 50
62	A. R. Paine, teaching.....	7	41 50

## TOWN ORDERS.

## No. Old Series.

91	F. L. Wilson, labor and cash on highway.....	\$ 5 03
92	Geo. P. Whitney, town agent.....	6 40
93	Geo. W. Staples, digging grave for Mrs. Morey.....	2 00
94	“ “ care town house.....	5 06
95	Orrin Stevens, “old Bill Hamlin”.....	12 89
96	S. E. King, store bill.....	60 30

97	S. E. King, casket and clothing for Geo. Paine.....	\$ 14 75
98	G. H. Jones, N. R. taxes turned in but rept. for....	13 17
99	“ “ abatements on N. R. bills 1888.....	14 00
100	“ “ as treasurer.....	45 00
101	“ “ for tax deeds.....	15 41
102	“ “ books furnished poor.....	5 60
103	S. M. Patterson, blacksmithing.....	16 64
104	W. W. Beckett, auditor.....	3 00
104½	W. E. Holmes, constable.....	4 00
105	W. N. Thomas, selectman.....	16 50
106	Geo. H. Jones, blank books.....	15 18
107	Roscoe Brown, selectman.....	25 00

## No. New Series.

1	Geo. Hazen, supervisor.....	6 25
2	Joe Frye, grain for farm.....	5 70
3	Mosher, McLellan & Co., school books.....	10 20
4	Chas. Tenney, cow for farm.....	24 00
5	A. M. Paine, labor on farm.....	14 00
6	Error.....	
7	A. E. Paine, cutting wood on farm.....	10 25
8	S. H. Downing, hauling lumber for barn.....	12 50
9	B. F. Elwell, balance services 1890.....	95 00
10	John Chase, labor on barn.....	6 00
11	Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books.....	124 18
12	J. B. Lippincott & Co., “.....	118 00
13	John Chase, labor on barn.....	20 00
14	Frank Paine, labor on barn and farm.....	11 00
15	T. A. Roberts, post....	25 00
16	Frank Sargent, labor on farm.....	5 40
17	Geo. R. Paine, labor on barn.....	30 00
18	John Chase, “ “.....	10 00
19	M. D. Andrews, bridge plank.....	25 30
20	J. F. Fuller, barn cellar.....	103 49
21	Harry Bryant, labor on barn.....	4 50
22	John Chase, “ “.....	33 00
23	Geo. R. Paine, “ “.....	35 00
24	Frank Paine, “ “.....	14 00
25	J. F. Fuller, balance on cellar.....	40 00
26	American Book Co., books.....	241 90
27	B. F. Elwell, lumber.....	14 05
28	A. R. Paine, labor on town farm barn.....	10 00
29	S. D. Jillson, plank for bridges.....	20 29
30	King & Dexter, nails and iron for barn.....	15 85
31	S. Dudley, labor on barn.....	8 50
32	A. L. Soule, two cows for farm.....	55 00

33	C. C. Rowe, hauling lumber for barn.....	\$ 9 72
34	Richmond Bros., grain for farm.....	32 69
35	Harry Bryant, labor on barn.....	4 00
36	G. R. Paine, " ".....	50 00
37	Frank Paine, " ".....	14 00
38	C. A. Witham, " ".....	3 00
39	W. N. Thomas, " ".....	15 25
40	D. S. Paine, " ".....	7 00
41	A. R. Paine, " ".....	29 50
42	Orin Tracy, " ".....	3 00
43	H. O. Blake, repairs on road machine.....	9 75
44	Wrought Iron Bridge Co. ....	1,000 00
45	F. W. Sanborn, printing reports.....	22 00
46	D. N. True, grain for farm.....	36 40
47	Geo. R. Paine, labor on barn.....	45 00
48	B. F. Elwell, labor on farm.....	10 00
49	J. F. Fuller, stone work on bridge.....	129 12
50	Harry Whitehouse, labor on barn.....	8 00
51	E. H. Millett, oxen.....	117 00
52	W. J. Wheeler, insurance on farm buildings.....	24 16
53	Harry White, posting notices in '90.....	2 00
54	B. F. Elwell, labor on farm.....	75 00
55	Fred Rowe, labor on bridge.....	14 85
56	Geo. H. Jones, librarian.....	20 00
57	H. Smith, supplies for farm.....	9 00
58	Wm. N. Thomas, labor on farm.....	13 00
59	" " labor on farm buildings.....	14 50
60	" " cash paid for labor and lumber.....	17 68
61	B. F. Elwell, labor on farm.....	50 00
62	H. O. Blake, hydraulic ram and pipes.....	40 00
63	A. R. Savage, counsel fees.....	25 00
64	B. F. Elwell, labor on farm.....	25 00
65	F. C. Merrill, supplies for farm.....	9 77
66	F. W. Sanborn, printing for town.....	23 25
67	L. S. Billings, lumber, shingles for barn.....	196 31
68	Atwood and Forbes, advertising non-resident.....	11 25
69	S. P. Maxim, lumber and sash for barn.....	21 20
70	Harry White, serving notice on Paper Co., in '90.....	5 00
71	N. D. Bolster, phosphate and material for farm.....	17 36
72	Richardson & Kenney, material for barn.....	35 78
73	Geo. A. Wilson, counsel and officers' fees.....	93 00
74	S. E. King, casket for Mrs. Hamlin.....	12 00
75	Seth Ames, shingling on barn.....	16 25
76	Geo. Washburn, shingling on barn.....	16 25
77	Geo. H. Jones, books for town.....	10 15
78	S. P. Edwards, hinges and zinc for barn.....	1 68

79	Edwards & Lord, nails and spike.....	\$ 2 36
80	Roscoe Brown, telegram to Bridge Co.....	1 55
81	“ “ labor on barn.....	3 00
82	S. P. Edwards, service on Board of Health....	10 25
83	S. E. King, casket for Morey.....	10 00
84	Thos Johnson, cutting cord wood.....	22 75
85	“ “ labor on barn.....	41 50
86	William B. Haskell, service on board of Health.....	11 00
87	J. B. Davis, digging grave for F. Morey.....	2 00
88	L. F. Wardwell, driving hearse.....	20 00
89	E. W. Edwards, clerk.....	3 00
90	E. W. Edwards, record books.....	13 00
91	S. E. King, supplies for Thos. Johnson.....	1 00
92	S. M. Patterson, blacksmithing.....	17 00
93	Thos. Johnson, labor on barn.....	6 76
94	C. L. Hathaway, lumber for bridge... ..	46 55
95	W. E. Holmes, treasurer.....	35 00
96	“ “ settling tax titles.....	15 00
97	“ “ making tax deeds.....	24 12
98	A. S. Fuller, notifying town officers.....	3 50
99	Wm. N. Thomas, labor and cash paid on water works	8 00
100	Town of Windham, supplies for A. E. Pike.....	18 00
101	Town of Norway, aid for Mrs. Hamlin.....	4 00
102	J. S. Wright, counsel fees.....	10 00
103	W. E. Holmes, abatement on N. R. taxes, '89 and '90.	18 52
104	Geo. R. Poor, services on Board of Health.....	10 00
105	W. E. Holmes, abatement on bills of '87.....	15 96
106	“ “ “ “ “ '89.....	63 92
107	“ “ “ “ “ '88.....	42 19
108	Roscoe Brown, services as selectman.....	68 00
109	B. M. Pratt, balance services as selectman '90.....	18 00
110	“ “ services as selectman.....	43 50
111	Wm. N. Thomas, services as selectman.....	49 50
112	C. H. Flood, labor on barn.....	17 00
113	Richmond Bros., meal for farm.....	41 94
114	J. F. Fuller, moving town farm buildings.....	5 00
115	“ “ labor on bridge.....	14 00
116	W. E. Holmes, services in full as collector to bills of '91.....	92 00
117	W. E. Holmes, services as collector of '91.....	105 00
118	Durell & Hawkes, supplies for town farm.....	13 73

We recommend the following appropriations for ordinary town expenses for the ensuing year:

For support of schools.....	\$1,400 00
Town officers bills.....	600 00

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Repairs on highways.....	\$ 500 00
Int. on bonds.....	250 00
Support of poor.....	500 00
Contingent fund.....	600 00
For highway labor tax.....	3,000 00

The town house, poor house and hearse need painting. Some new guide boards ought to be erected. The bridge near E. E. Young's will need some repairs in the spring.

We have opened a set of new books whereby the town's financial standing can be correctly kept.

The new Iron Bridge in Oxford Village cost \$1,143.12, and we are well satisfied with the outlay. The amount appropriated for text books for 1890-91 was \$525.00. We have paid \$544.00. There is another bill of \$32.00 unpaid, making an expense in all of \$576.00 for the two years, and we presume there are more to come.

We have erected a new barn which fully meets the wants of the town farm and in its construction and in the removal of the old buildings, and in the management of the farm much credit is due the Superintendent and Matron, who have labored hard for the town's interest. Had the winter allowed of his getting his wood to market in season he would have shown a balance in his favor.

In the settlement with the Chadbourne defalcation as eminent counsel as in the State pronounced it a lost cause. Confident we could not recover and although hard to submit to, still harder to lose the whole amount and an additional expense necessary attending a suit at law, we submitted to the inevitable and settled for \$1200.

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

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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FELLOW CITIZENS:—Having attended to the duties assigned me by law, as your Supervisor of Schools during the past year. I respectfully submit the following report:

DISTRICT NO. 1. Otis G. Perkins, Agent.—The winter term is now in session under the care of Miss Lena G. Perkins, teacher. Miss Perkins is a good teacher and is doing an excellent work in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 2. A. D. Thayer, Agent.—Miss Ina G. Rounds taught the summer term. Miss Rounds is a good teacher and the school made good progress.

The fall term taught by Miss Anna Hackett was a profitable term. This was Miss Hackett's first school and she did very well indeed.

DISTRICT NO. 3. W. R. Farris, Agent.—High School. The summer term was taught by Anson A. Cobb. The school made good progress and Mr. Cobb was quite popular with his pupils. The order was not as good as we hoped to see.

The fall term taught by Miss Nellie Stone was a very successful term. We were obliged to close this term however at the end of the seventh week on account of sickness among the scholars.

Grammer School. The winter term is now in session with Miss Nellie Stone teacher. Miss Stone is one of our best teachers and is keeping a very satisfactory school.



Primary School. This school has been, during the entire year, under the care of Mrs. Nellie M. Durell. Mrs. Durell has had charge of this school for a number of years, which shows how much the district appreciates her services. It is hoped she will be retained in this school.

DISTRICT NO 4. John E. Ordway, Agent. The summer and fall terms were both taught by Miss Amy B. Harding. Miss Harding is a young but very promising teacher. She did a good work in this school.

The winter term is now being taught by Charles M. Andrews. This is Mr. Andrews' second term in this district. He is keeping a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 5. Ira Harriman, Agent.—Miss Lizzie O. Lasselle taught the spring term. Miss Lasselle worked hard and met with good success.

The fall term was taught by Miss Lena G. Perkins. Miss Perkins although a young teacher made the school a very profitable one. She is a good teacher.

Miss Mary C. Jones taught the winter term. Miss Jones worked hard and the result was an excellent school. She is a fine teacher.

DISTRICT No. 6. Geo. A. Poor, Agent.—The spring and fall terms were both taught by Miss Lucy A. Andrews. Miss Andrews has taught seven terms, I think, in succession in this district, which shows how well the parents in this district were satisfied with her work. She is an excellent teacher. By arrangements made by the agents, No. 8 attended this school, and the scholars in Dist. No. 7 also attended this school during the fall term, through similar arrangements made by the agents, and it was satisfactory I think to all three districts. Under Miss Andrews' charge they had a fine school.

The winter term is now in session with Miss Edith J. Edwards teacher. Miss Edwards seems to be an excellent teacher and we have no doubt an excellent school will be the result.

DISTRICT NO. 7. C. C. Rowe, Agent.—The summer term was taught by Mrs. A. E. Pratt, who is one of our most thorough and pleasant teachers.

Mr. Alanson R. Paine taught the winter term. Although this was Mr. Paine's first school he did a very satisfactory work.

DISTRICT NO. 10. Henry Coy, Agent.—High School. The fall term was taught by Miss Minnie B. Caldwell. Miss Caldwell is a very energetic teacher, entering heartily into her work. I am satisfied that by the earnest labor of both teacher and pupils, the best results were realized.

The winter term was taught by B. M. Pratt. Mr. Pratt has had much experience as a teacher, has a good faculty and pleasant way of imparting to others, which is always sure to produce good results in the school-room.

Grammar School. The spring term was taught by Miss Minnie B. Caldwell, who gave good satisfaction.

Primary. Mrs. S. Lizzie Chaplin was engaged by the agent to teach the entire year. Mrs. Chaplin has worked hard and given excellent satisfaction.

DISTRICT NO. 11. Eugene Burns, Agent.—Miss Mabel E. Small taught the summer term and is now teaching the winter term. Miss Small has succeeded well in making the school-room a pleasant place for the scholars and they have made good progress. She is a good teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 12. W. B. Haskell, Agent.—Miss Leonora Annis taught the summer term and for the first attempt at teaching did very well indeed.

Miss Evis J. Martin taught the fall term. This was Miss Martin's first school and she had good success.

I think the schools during the past year have been unusually good. There have been quite a number of the teachers who have taught their first school this year, but they have all done well. The agents have, I think, selected the teachers with a good deal of care and the results have been good schools.

GEORGE HAZEN, Supervisor.

## TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of District.	Terms.....	NAME OF AGENT.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Length of School in Weeks.	Whole No. At-		Amount Appro-	Wages Paid Teachers.	Board of Teach-
					tending.	tending.			
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	W.	Otis G. Perkins.	Lena G. Perkins, †						
	S.	A. D. Thayer,	Ina G. Rounds,.....	8	14	11	\$141 09	\$4 00	\$2 00
	F.		Anna Hackett,.....	11	13	11		3 75	2 50
	S.	W. R. Farris,	Anson A. Cobb,.....	10	38	30	250 00	*35 00	
	F.		Nellie Stone,.....	7	37	35		7 00	3 00
	Sp.		" " " ".....				616 36		
	Sp.		Mrs. Nellie Durell,	10	44	36		6 00	2 50
	F.		" " " ".....	7	41	33		6 00	2 50
	W.		" " " ".....						
	S.	J. E. Ordway,	Amy B. Harding,.	10	11	8	166 36	3 00	1 00
	F.		" " " ".....	9	10	7		3 50	2 00
	Sp.	Ira Harriman,	Lizzie O. Lasselle...	8	9	9	166 36	3 00	1 25
F.		Lena G. Perkins,...	10	11	9		3 00	1 25	
W.		Mary C. Jones,.....	11	9	7		4 00	1 80	
Sp.	Geo. A. Poor,	Lucy A. Andrews,	8	19	18	171 36	4 00	1 85	
F.		" " " ".....	10	26	24		5 00	2 00	
W.		Edith J. Edwards, †							
S.	C. C. Rowe,	Mrs. A. E. Pratt,....	8	7	6	171 36	5 20		
F.		Attended No. 7.							
W.		Alanson R. Paine,	8	8	7		*20 00		
F.	Henry Coy,	Minnie B. Caldwell,	10	23	21	250 00	8 00	2 00	
W.		B. M. Pratt,.....	12	37	28		*50 00		
S.		Minnie B. Caldwell,	8	23	17	465 52	6 00	2 00	
F.		Mrs. S. L. Chaplin,	8	38	33		5 50	2 50	
W.		" " " ".....	10	31	28		5 50	2 50	
S.		" " " ".....							
Sp.	Eugene Burns,	Mabel E. Small,...	8	10	9	166 36	3 00	2 00	
W.		" " " ".....							
S.	W. B. Haskell,	Leonora Annis,....	8	7	6	141 36	3 50	1 70	
F.		Evis J. Martin,.....	15	6	5		4 50	1 65	

\* Per month.

† Now in session.