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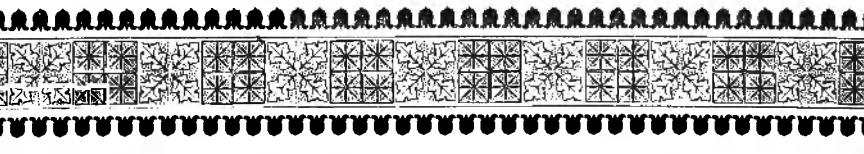
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ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OF OXFORD

FOR THE

Year Ending January 31st,

1898.

NORWAY, ME.:

ADVERTISER ELECTRIC JOB PRINT.

1898.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Clerk,

R. F. STAPLES.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,

S. D. EDWARDS,

W. F. CALDWELL,

C. C. ROWE.

Treasurer,

R. F. STAPLES.

Town Agent,

F. B. ANDREWS.

Superintendent of Schools,

LENA G. PERKINS.

School Committee.

R. GILBERT, Chairman,

B. M. PRATT,

A. L. HERSEY,

FRED ROWE,

AUGUSTUS THAYER,

WM. F. CALDWELL,

S. D. EDWARDS.

Auditor,

E. W. EDWARDS.

Collector,

FRANK L. WALKER.

Board of Health.

W. L. MONT,

E. V. WALKER,

ORIN STEVENS, M. D.

Constables,

WALTER A. BEAN, Village.

SCOTT PATTERSON, Welchville.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Amount of resident real estate.....	\$300,801	00
" " " personal estate.....	74,062	00
" " non resident real estate.....	55,440	00
" " " " personal estate.....	2,349	00
Total valuation.....		\$432,652 00
Number of polls, 346.		
Poll tax, \$2.00		
Rate money tax, \$17 on \$1,000		
" highway tax, \$4 " "		

AMOUNT ASSESSED.

State tax.....	\$1,213	98
County tax.....	752	64
Common schools.....	1,600	00
Free high school.....	250	00
Insurance, repairs, etc., schoolhouses.....	700	00
Shed for road machines.....	140	00
Freeland Holmes library.....	50	00
Memorial day.....	25	00
Highway and bridges.....	600	00
Liquidate town debt.....	500	00
Support of poor.....	800	00
To pay interest.....	700	00
Contingent fund.....	600	00
Overlay.....	115	54
Highway deficiencies.....	196	36
Total amount committed to collector.....		\$8,243 52

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised for common schools.....	\$1,600	00
Received from State, mill tax, etc.....	860	37
		\$2,460 37

EXPENDITURES.

Ina French, teaching Fore St. school, winter term '96.....	\$ 48	00
Jennie Rich, teaching grammar, village, winter '96.....	100	00
Mamie P. Blake, teaching grammar, Welchville, winter '96..	64	00
Lizzie Chaplin, teaching primary, Welchville, winter '96....	64	00
Lena G. Perkins, teaching primary, village, winter '96.....	64	00
Pearl Small, teaching grammar, spring term '97.....	68	00
Emily Billings, teaching intermediate, village, spring '97....	85	00

Lena G. Perkins, teaching primary, village, spring '97.....	\$ 80 00
Ina French, teaching Fore St., spring '97.....	70 00
Luella Rich, teaching Webber, spring '97.....	60 00
Minnie Davee, teaching Pigeon Hill, spring '97.....	60 00
Alice Sanborn, teaching Richville, spring '97.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ “ '97.....	10 00
Annie L. Estes, teaching No. 7, '97.....	60 00
Mabel Mont, teaching No. 6, spring '97.....	60 00
Mabel Gilbert, teaching grammar, Welchville, '97.....	75 00
Mrs. L. L. Chaplin, teaching primary, Welchville, '97.....	75 00
Gertrude E. Foster, teaching intermediate, village, fall '97..	85 00
Grace E. Preble, teaching grammar, village, fall '97.....	85 00
Ina French, teaching Fore St., fall '97.....	70 00
Minnie Davee, teaching Pigeon Hill, fall '97.....	60 00
Lena G. Perkins, teaching primary, village, fall '97.....	80 00
Mabel Mont, teaching No. 6, fall '97.....	48 00
Alice Sanborn, teaching Richville, fall '97.....	54 00
Lizzie Chaplin, teaching primary, Welchville, fall '97.....	67 50
Maud A. Verrill, teaching Webber, fall '97.....	54 00
Mabel Gilbert, teaching grammar, Welchville, fall '97.....	67 50
Annie L. Estes, teaching Pratt district, fall '97.....	54 00
Ina French, teaching Fore St., winter '97.....	63 00
Minnie Davee, teaching Pigeon Hill, winter '97.....	54 00

JANITOR SERVICES.

Arthur Gaviu, winter term, No. 6, '96.....	\$ 2 00
Norman Edwards, winter term, village, '96.....	12 75
Ned Ordway, Webber school, winter term, '96.....	2 00
Linwood Smith, Welchville school, winter term, '96.....	8 00
Ernest Davis, spring term, village, '97.....	7 50
Linwood Smith, spring term, Welchville, '97.....	8 00
Ralph E. Edwards, fall term, village, '97.....	10 00
A. Gavin, fall term, No. 6, '97.....	2 00
W. Rowe, Pratt school, '97.....	2 00
Linnie Smith, fall term, '97.....	6 75

CLEANING SCHOOLHOUSES.

Alice Morey, cleaning Richville schoolhouse.....	\$ 2 00
Mrs. A. Wing, “ village “.....	10 00
R. Gilbert, “ Welchville “.....	5 13

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

E. M. Verrill, winter term, '96.....	\$ 5 80
D. H. Millett, “ “ “.....	15 00
J. E. Keen, “ “ “.....	20 00
E. M. Verrill, “ “ “.....	10 00
E. M. Verrill, spring term, '97.....	18 00
Alvin Marr, “ “ “.....	40 00
J. E. Keen, “ “ “.....	20 00
C. H. Flood, “ “ “.....	23 50
Alvin Marr, fall term, “.....	35 00
E. M. Verrill, “ “ “.....	17 00
J. E. Keen, “ “ “.....	28 00
C. H. Flood, “ “ “.....	19 50

Total amount expended.....	\$2,264 93
Balance unexpended.....	\$195 44

Free High School appropriation.....	\$250 00
Received from State.....	250 00
Tuition.....	34 00

\$534 00

F. E. Hanscom, teaching winter term '96.....	\$250 00
B. F. Hicks, teaching spring term '97.....	130 00
Simon M. Hamlin, fall term '97.....	162 50
Amount expended 1897.....	292 50
Amount unexpended for 1897.....	241 50
Winter term now in session.	

Amount appropriated for fuel, insurance, and supplies for schools.....	\$700 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Harrison Mutual Fire Insurance Co., '96.....	\$ 3 60
Richmond Bros, 1 cord slabs for village school, '96.....	2 00
C. S. Hayes, 1 cord wood for village school, '96.....	4 00
Frank Spiller, 3 cords for village school, '96.....	12 00
A. L. Soule, repairs on Pratt schoolhouse, '96.....	4 00
A. N. Rowe, 1 cord wood Webber school, '96.....	4 00
D. N. Thurlow, 13 ½ cords wood, village school 1897.....	40 50
A. N. Rowe, 2 cords wood, Webber school.....	6 00
John P. Hall, wood and fitting same, No. 6.....	3 00
Andrews & Lovejoy, 2 cords, fitting same, Richville.....	7 00
J. F. Estes, 7 cords wood, fitting, Welchville.....	29 05
R. Gilbert, freight on books.....	3 06
Ginn & Co., school books.....	52 82
Harrison Fire Insurance Co.....	6 70
F. P. Martin, mason work on school buildings.....	8 00
James Hale, sawing and housing wood, village school.....	7 25
Walter Canwell, painting and repairing school buildings.....	8 00
R. Gilbert, material for repairs, Welchville school.....	12 08
R. F. Penley, painting Welchville schoolhouse.....	40 50
S. E. King Co., materials for repairs Welchville schoolhouse..	53 84
Leonard Canwell, labor on Webber schoolhouse.....	4 00
A. D. Thayer, 2 cords wood, Pigeon Hill school.....	9 00
J. A. Record, fitting wood, Webber school.....	1 25
Lord & Starbird, white lead, Welchville schoolhouse, No. 6...	13 50
S. Churchill, labor on Webber schoolhouse.....	2 50
R. Gilbert, supplies and labor on schoolhouses.....	18 91
Houghton Mifflin Co., school books.....	3 57
Edwin E. Babb Co.....	2 25
Silver Burdett Co., writing books.....	1 90
Ginn & Co., school books.....	15 23
S. D. Edwards, cash paid out and labor on village school house	4 13
F. P. Martin, mason work, Richville house.....	5 00
Fred Rowe, wood and supplies, Fore St. school.....	10 40
C. M. Millett, painting Welchville schoolhouse.....	26 00
A. D. Thayer, supplies for Pigeon Hill school.....	10 95
S. E. King Co., supplies for schoolhouses.....	1 48
“ “ “ “ schools.....	4 06
“ “ “ “ repairs for school buildings.....	3 38
A. D. Thayer, repairs for Pigeon Hill schoolhouse.....	3 60
H. O. Blake, repairs on Welchville schoolhouse.....	2 65
Harrison Fire Insurance Co.....	7 04

Lord & Starbird, supplies for village school.....	\$ 3 83
“ “ rubber stamp.....	75
L. F. Wardwell, express on books.....	3 75
S. E. King Co., lumber for schoolhouses.....	14 09
E. W. Edwards, supplies for village schoolhouse.....	17 52
Total expenditures.....	\$498 14
Balance unexpended.....	\$201 86

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

POOR ON FARM, FEB. 1, 1898.

Eben U. Smith, aged 13 years.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ON FARM.

1 horse.....	\$ 65 00
5 cows.....	150 00
1 three year old.....	25 00
3 two “ “ ..	75 00
4 yearlings.....	52 00
2 pigs.....	14 00
35 hens.....	17 50
15½ tons good hay.....	155 00
1½ “ swale “ ..	9 00
1 “ straw ..	6 00
12 bu. potatoes.....	9 00
1 “ turnips.....	75
300 lbs. pork.....	24 00
2 hams.....	3 60
30 lbs. lard.....	2 10
4 bu. beans.....	5 00
⅔ bbl. flour.....	4 00
Groceries.....	6 00
25 flour bbls.....	5 00
29 cords wood and bark.....	72 50
Farming tools and furniture.....	400 00
Ensilage.....	25 00
Total.....	\$1,125 45

TOWN FARM.

AMOUNT EXPENDED.

H. O. Blake, repairs on ram and pump, 1896	\$ 5 35
H. W. Fuller, bal. services on town farm, 1896.....	150 00
“ “ supplies “ “ “ ..	1 85
Thomas Johnson, hay for town farm, 1895	5 95
R. C. Thomas, “ “ “ 1897	28 50
Jonas Edwards, horse for farm	65 00
G. P. Whitney, hay “ “ ..	11 34
A. T. Stone, part for services on farm.....	21 45
F. H. Stone, weeder for farm.....	9 00
A. T. Stone, hay and harnesses and other supplies for farm..	48 55
“ “ in part for labor on farm.....	8 39
C. H. Frye, labor on farm in haying.....	28 00
A. T. Stone, in part for labor on farm.....	50 00

S. E. King Co., supplies for farm.....	\$145 87
Durell & Hawkes, " "	3 12
John White, ice for farm.....	5 64
A. T. Stone, in part for services on farm.....	10 00
C. H. Frye, labor on farm.....	3 50
A. T. Stone, cash paid for extra labor on farm.....	9 62
" " in part for services on farm.....	14 00
C. M. Andrews, cutting fodder corn on farm.....	5 00
S. S. Billings, lumber for silo.....	14 22
A. T. Stone, in part for labor on farm.....	25 00
J. W. Penney, iron pipe for farm.....	9 00
S. B. Waterman, pasturing cattle for farm.....	6 00
H. P. Millett, wheels for farm.....	23 50
A. T. Stone, supplies for farm.....	6 30
" " in part for services on farm.....	25 00
Richmond Bros., supplies for farm.....	4 15
Durell & Hawkes, " "	12 07
S. E. King Co., " "	133 38
Lord & Starbird, " "	3 20
C. C. Rowe, pigs and repairing pipe for farm.....	3 25
S. M. Patterson, blacksmithing for farm.....	23 17
Balance due on Supt. Stone's salary to Feb. 1, 1898.....	70 00
	<u>\$988 37</u>
Deducting Supt. Fuller's salary balance paid for 1896.....	150 00
	<u>\$838 37</u>
Leaving expenditures for year ending Feb. 1, 1898.....	\$838 37

RECEIPTS FROM FARM.

Sweet corn.....	\$ 28 16
Cream.....	135 02
Calves.....	8 50
Oxen sold.....	90 00
Keeping 162 tramps.....	81 00
Highway labor.....	5 00
Exchange on horses.....	5 00
Plane sold.....	25
Wood sold.....	25 06
Due for wood sold.....	52 68
Wood on hand.....	62 00
Two cords bark.....	8 00
Straw sold.....	2 45
Lumber sold.....	10 50
Hides sold.....	2 25
Potatoes sold.....	1 40
Property more than last year as per inventory...	265 95
Value of farm enhanced by addition of silo.....	50 00
	<u>\$833 22</u>
Total receipts from farm.....	\$833 22
Expenditures for year ending Feb. 1st, 1898.....	838 37
Cost of poor on farm.....	\$5 15

The following orders were drawn for support of Poor off Farm:

Dr. A. N. French, medical treatment, Lord family.....	\$ 27 00
E. M. Verrill, haying for L. P. Dawes.....	12 00
Orin Stevens, M. D., medical treatment, Toby family.....	8 00

David Staples, rent, account town of Waterford.....	\$ 4 00
Durrell & Hawkes, supplies, account town of Waterford.....	1 58
S. E. King Co., " " " " " ".....	11 21
David Staples, rent, account town of Waterford.....	4 00
Town of Bridgton, supplies for Joseph Tripp family.....	45 00
Town of Windham, " " A. E. Pike.....	83 12
Durrell & Hawkes, " " Angie P. Dawes.....	7 78
Dr. Haskell, medical attendance on L. P. Dawes.....	28 25
Dr. Bradford, " " " Mrs. G. M. Lane.....	10 50
Dr. Haskell, " " " Sam. Tripp.....	2 50
Dr. Bradford, " " " Mrs. G. M. Lane.....	6 25
Dr. Haskell, " " " Chas. Woodsum.....	5 00
" " " " Sam. Tripp.....	3 00
" " " " W. E. Herrick family.....	15 00
C. M. Andrews, wood for Chas. Woodsum.....	1 60
S. E. King Co., supplies for Dunton family.....	5 04
Durrell & Hawkes, supplies for Angie P. Dawes.....	3 00
" " " " " Sam. Tripp.....	2 41
" " " " " Chas. Woodsum.....	2 75
S. E. King Co., " " Dunton family.....	8 40
" " " " " W. E. Herrick family.....	11 00
C. L. Farnham, " " Chas. Woodsum.....	10 56
Durrell & Hawkes, " " L. P. Dawes.....	3 00
Orin Stevens, M. D., medical attendance Eliza Washburn.....	8 00
Lord & Starbird, supplies for Mrs. Roderick.....	5 00
Town of Mechanic Falls, supplies for Frank Smith, 1896.....	12 25
S. E. King Co., supplies for Mrs. G. M. Lane.....	27 93
W. B. Haskell, M. D., medical attendance, A. P. Dawes.....	18 50
S. E. King Co., supplies for Thomas Johnson.....	15 00
W. B. Haskell, medical attendance on L. P. Dawes.....	30 50
E. M. Verrill, labor for L. P. Dawes.....	5 00
E. W. Edwards, supplies for Emily Martin.....	18 94
S. E. King Co., " " " " " ".....	5 00
Dr. Rankin, medical attendance on Chas. Gammon.....	9 00
C. L. Farnham, supplies for Chas. Woodsum.....	2 00
S. E. King Co., supplies for Dunton family.....	5 00
W. B. Haskell, medical attendance on Mrs. Lane.....	4 00
Richmond Bros., supplies for L. P. Dawes.....	3 17
Town of Windham, supplies for A. E. Pike.....	128 00
S. E. King Co., supplies for T. A. Johnson.....	5 00
" " " " " O. C. Saulsbury.....	4 90
" " " " " Chas. Woodsum.....	11 75
" " " " " Mrs. G. M. Lane.....	13 60
Durrell & Hawkes, supplies for L. P. Dawes.....	7 98
Lord & Starbird, supplies for Frank Smith.....	1 25
" " " " " Eddie Smith.....	5 05
" " " " " Chas. Woodsum.....	4 20
" " " " " L. P. Dawes.....	15 01
Orin Stevens, medical attendance on J. L. Toby.....	5 35
S. E. King Co., supplies for T. A. Johnson.....	5 00

Cost of poor off farm.....\$699 91

RECEIVED FROM OTHER TOWNS.

Concord.....	\$18 44
Waterford.....	20 79

\$39 23

Due from other towns to date, Feb. 1, 1898:

Raymond, account G. M. Lane, Mrs.	\$65 28
“ “ Emily Martin	50 53
Greenwood, account W. E. Herrick family	28 50
Poland, account Chas. Woodsum family	45 61
Mechanic Falls, account J. L. Tobie family	13 35
Rome, Eliza Washburn	8 00
Livermore Falls, Mrs. Roderick	5 00
Gorham, Chas. Gammon	9 00
Due from Angie P. Dawes	134 19

\$359 46

Amount expended for poor off farm	\$699 91
Amount received from other towns and due	398 69

Cost of poor off farm

\$301 22

Amount appropriated for support of poor

800 00

Balance unexpended

498 78

ORDERS DRAWN FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Geo. B. Yeaton, breaking, 1896	\$ 6 00
A. L. Soule, “ “	3 45
A. J. Patterson, labor,	1 35
L. F. Wardwell, clay, 1896	26 40
A. J. Billings, labor, “	5 00
S. E. King Co., bill of Harry Bryant	8 75
J. E. Burns, labor, 1896	16 00
C. C. Rowe, “ “	13 07
A. L. Rich, “ “	5 00
Samuel C. Wardwell, labor, 1896	29 83
R. F. Mabury, “ “	10 00
“ “ “ “	7 00
M. W. Brackett, “ “	66 13
Jonn W. Dennen, “ “	1 25
Fred J. Hall, “ “	9 33
S. E. Cobb, “ “	10 00
J. S. Martin, “ “	3 52
A. H. Witham, “ “	5 00
C. L. Bray, “ “	7 35
Geo. Farris, “ “	12 55
Chas. Gammon, “ “	3 15
Ira Harriman, “ 1895	4 05
S. E. Waterman, clay, 1896	7 20
J. E. Burns, labor, 1897	10 00
J. F. Estes, “ “	3 75
Arthur Staples, labor, 1897	5 62
J. E. Burns, “ “	3 00
C. T. Wardwell, “ “	37 00
F. A. Paine, building bridge, town farm road, 1897	5 00
B. M. Dudley, labor on highway, 1897	3 50
C. T. Wardwell, “ “	25 00
A. L. Chaplin, raising road near S. B. Waterman's	35 00
C. M. Brown, labor on highway, 1897	8 08
James Poland, “ “ “ “	2 43
Richmond Bros., plank for bridges, 1897	25 43

L. J. Lunt, labor on highway, 1897.....	\$16 00
C. T. Wardwell, Mrs. A. M. French's highway tax	2 40
P. J. Billings, labor on highway, 1897.....	8 75
A. J. Billings, " " " ".....	15 75
A. R. Paibe, " " " ".....	2 25
C. Bryant, labor on highway near depot, '97.....	15 00
Andrews and Lovejoy, plank for bridges.....	6 82
S. B. Waterman, building culvert, '97.....	10 00
" " clay for highway, '97.....	6 80
C. T. Wardwell, labor on highway, '97.....	22 15
Oliver Coy, building drain, Welchville, '97.....	43 00
C. Robinson, repairs on road machine, '97.....	7 90
" " " " " ".....	4 25
" " " " " ".....	4 00
Ed. Cloutier, road work, '97.....	6 00
Richmond Bros., plank for bridges, '97.....	7 79
S. E. King Co., highway labor, '97.....	8 66
C. E. Staples, " " '98.....	6 15
Clark Paibe, labor on highway, '98.....	3 00
S. M. Patterson, labor on highway, '97.....	1 65
H. J. Goodyear, repairs on tub, '97.....	2 50
Amount expended.....	\$626 01
Amount appropriated.....	600 00
Overdrawn.....	\$26 01

As will be seen, over \$240.00 of the above was paid on bills of 1895 and '96, hence the overdraw noted above.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Appropriated.....\$600 00

EXPENDED.

Jas. S. Wright, atty. for Eliza Bowie, claim for damage on sidewalk, 1896.....	\$165 00
Rollin Gilbert, services as ballot clerk, 1896.....	2 50
Geo. B. Yeaton, damage to sheep by dogs, 1896.....	20 00
A. L. Soule, " " " " " ".....	10 00
E. P. Faunce, exp. and postage, 1896.....	1 50
Seth Ames, care of town house, 1896.....	5 00
A. M. Chase, printing reports, 1896.....	32 00
H. S. Dennen, bookcase for selectmen's office, 1897.....	3 00
Russell & Jillson, saw bill, 1897.....	11 07
F. Sanborn, printing for school board, 1897.....	3 50
Orin Stevens, books and blanks for town officers, 1897.....	7 88
W. B. Haskell, issuing certif. of births and deaths, 1897.....	6 50
S. D. Edwards, expense to Windham in Pike case.....	6 00
W. J. Wheeler, insurance on town farm buildings.....	22 50
Geo. W. Tibbetts, repairs for road machine.....	9 75
F. L. Walker, in part, for collecting 1897 tax.....	25 00
Mary Hasey, damage sustained on highway.....	101 50
Dr. Rounds, med. examination of Mrs. Hasey.....	5 00
C. F. Starbird, in part, for collecting 1896 tax.....	100 00

A. L. Soule, damage to sheep by dogs.....	\$ 47 25
C. C. Rowe, " " " " " ".....	20 25
Alvin Marr, wood for selectmen's office.....	2 75
F. L. Walker, in part, for salary, collecting 1897 tax.....	31 28
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks for selectmen's office.....	2 75
Oxford Building Association, rent of office.....	25 00
C. F. Whitman, county commissioners' bills and abatements on Harper Mfg. Co.'s tax.....	51 20
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks for town officers.....	1 00
L. F. Wardwell, driving hearse.....	33 00
C. F. Starbird, costs on non resident tax titles.....	48 41
R. F. Staples, recording births and deaths.....	9 05
C. F. Starbird, in part, for collecting 1896 tax.....	28 34
E. L. Burns, bal. services as selectman, 1896.....	14 00
E. V. Walker, " " " superintendent of schools '96.....	44 00
J. E. Keen, " " " selectman, 1896.....	39 37
W. A. Bean, " " " constable, 1896.....	10 00
E. P. Faunce, " " " selectman, 1896.....	33 50
C. M. Andrews, " " " auditor, 1896.....	10 00
S. D. Edwards, in part, services selectman, etc., 1897.....	55 00
S. D. Edwards, " " " " " ".....	25 00
W. F. Caldwell, " " " " " ".....	53 44
C. C. Rowe, " " " " " ".....	55 00
W. A. Bean, " " constable " ".....	9 00
R. F. Staples, " " treasurer " ".....	35 00
F. B. Andrews, " " town agent " ".....	10 00
E. V. Walker, " " on board of health " ".....	4 17
S. M. Patterson, " " constable " ".....	3 75
Lena G. Perkins, superintendent of schools, 1897.....	70 00
Lena G. Perkins, cash paid for books and express, 1897.....	14 82
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks.....	1 00

Amount expended as per orders.....\$1,325 03

Deducting amount paid on 1896 acct..... 351 87

Leaves actual expenditure, 1897.....\$ 973 16

Appropriation, 1897..... 600 00

Overdrawn.....\$ 373 16

Owing to an error in the list of appropriations furnished the assessors by the town clerk, we have been compelled to pay the town officers' salaries from the contingent fund. This will account for the overdraw as noted above.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriated.....\$25 00
Paid T. A. Roberts Post..... 25 00

FREELAND HOLMES LIBRARY.

Appropriated.....\$50 00
Paid A. L. Hersey, treasurer..... 50 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Appropriated.....	\$700 00
Paid interest on town orders.....	44 12
“ “ bonds.....	237 38
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	\$281 50
Balance unexpended.....	\$418 50

We have paid during the year two bonds amounting to one thousand dollars.

SHED FOR ROAD MACHINE.

Appropriated.....	\$140 00
Paid out for same (order of John Rowe).....	144 00
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Overdrawn.....	\$4 00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

ROSCOE F. STAPLES, Treasurer, in account with town of Oxford:

1897.	DR.	
Feb. 1, Cash on hand Feb. 1st.....	\$	88 99
Rec'd from town of Poland.....		31 41
“ Mechanic Falls.....		15 25
“ Greenwood.....		39 95
“ Concord.....		51 42
“ Hebron.....		44 05
“ Gray.....		1 52
“ Raymond.....		104 00
“ Waterford.....		20 79
Cream from town farm.....		135 02
Wood “ “ “.....		25 06
Straw “ “ “.....		2 45
Oxen “ “ “.....		90 00
Lumber “ “ “.....		10 50
Exc. on horses, town farm..		5 00
Veal “ “ ..		8 50
Hides “ “ ..		2 25
Basket “ “ ..		25
Potatoes “ “ ..		1 40
Sweet corn “ “ ..		28 16
Plane “ “ ..		25
State acct. Free High School.		448 75
“ refunded on dog lic. '96		93 18
“ “ damage sheep		78 50
“ “ on library....		5 00

Rec'd from State Railway and tel. tax...	\$ 43 83	
" School fund, mill tax...	860 37	
Non-resident tax deeds.....	16 01	
E. V. Walker, tuition Oxford High School.....	34 00	
W. W. Twitchell, license...	6 00	
S. S. Smith, Coll. tax 1895..	42 25	
F. B. Andrews, Coll. tax 1895	32 15	
C. F. Starbird, Coll. 1896....	4,892 37	
F. L. Walker, Coll. 1897....	3,083 09	
		510,341 72
A. M. French's note.....		10 00
		\$10,351 72

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By town orders paid.....	\$7,060 23	
Interest on town orders.....	44 12	
Coupons.....	237 38	
Bonds.....	1,000 00	
County tax.....	752 64	
State tax.....	1,213 98	
Cash in treasury, Feb. 1, 1898.....	43 37	
		\$10,351 72

ROSCOE F. STAPLES, Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have this day examined the books and accounts of Roscoe F. Staples, Treasurer, and believe the same to be correct.

	S. D. EDWARDS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
	W. F. CALDWELL,	
Oxford, Feb'y 1st, 1898.	C. C. ROWE,	} <i>of</i>
		} <i>Oxford.</i>

I hereby certify that I have this day audited the books and accounts of Roscoe F. Staples, Treasurer of the town of Oxford, and believe the same to be correct.

Oxford, Feb'y 1st, 1898. E. W. EDWARDS, Auditor.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 43 37
Due on bills of F. B. Andrews, years 1894 and 1895.....	139 79
" " " " C. F. Starbird, " 1896.....	1,048 00
" " " " Frank L. Walker, " 1897.....	5,160 43
" from State, high school.....	176 50
Tax deeds, resident and non resident.....	206 27
J. W. Chadbourn, note, March 7, 1890.....	21 06
" " " " May 8, 1891.....	256 60

Due from other towns and Angie P. Dawes.....	\$ 359 46
“ for wood sold.....	27 68
“ State dog license.....	19 55
“ from M. W. Brackett for wood.....	11 00
“ “ Geo. Hazen, (this bill was reported '95 and '96,)..	7 00
“ “ Seth Ames, rent of land adjoining town house....	1 00
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	\$7,477 71

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bonds.....	\$4,800 00
Interest due on bonds to Feb. 1, 1898.....	37 25
Outstanding orders “ “ “.....	5,932 94
Interest due on orders to “ “ “.....	273 00
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	\$11,043 19
Resources.....	\$7,477 71
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Liabilities above resources.....	\$3,565 48
Less than last year.....	\$1,138 71

ABATEMENTS.

On bills of 1894.....	\$38 05
1895.....	40 44
1896.....	78 90
1897.....	2 89
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	\$160 28

The following table gives the amount of live stock in town, Feb. 1, 1897, and the average value of each kind as appraised by your assessors.

	Av. value.	Total value.
Horses, 346,	\$45 00.....	\$15,635 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years, 6,	38 00.....	230 00
“ 2 to 3 “ 8,	25 00.....	205 00
Cows, 439,	22 83.....	10,023 00
Oxen, 20,	48 75.....	975 00
Three years old, 79,	18 16.....	1,435 00
Two years old, 117,	15 59.....	1,825 00
One year old, 147,	7 46.....	1,098 00
Sheep, 333,	1 83.....	612 00
Swine, 105,	6 46.....	679 00
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		\$32,717 00

In view of the changed conditions necessitated in our highway system by an act of the last Legislature, we have inserted an article in the warrant whereby the town can make an appropriation to pay what bills may be due for highway labor, March 1st, 1898, the time the new law goes into effect. This we think will avoid complications and allow the town to start clean under the new system.

As will be seen by the report elsewhere, we have assisted Angie Dawes and her husband, L. P. Dawes, to the extent of \$134.19. As these parties hold property unencumbered to the value of \$500, at least, we thought it no more than right to secure the town for such assistance as they might be called on to render for some little time in advance, we accordingly in the early part of the season took a note secured by mortgage for \$260.00, which is now deposited in town treasury.

A law of the last Legislature obliged your municipal officers to do what should have been done years ago, viz: to procure a safe for the preservation of our records. We have purchased one at a cost of \$100, which we think will be of sufficient capacity for some years to come. Now as is well known this town was set off from Hebron in 1829. There are probably valuable records existing in the clerk's office in Hebron which directly concern us. We believe there should be attested copies of these procured and the same carefully preserved with our records. The expense will be trivial. We therefore recommend that a committee consisting of two or more persons be appointed for this work.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. D. EDWARDS, W. F. CALDWELL, C. C. ROWE,	}	<i>Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.</i>
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TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

In accordance with the vote of the town at the last annual meeting, I have undertaken to collect the claims against the A. M. French estate and the one against C. P. Mattocks. The first has been settled for ten dollars, and the latter was found to be entirely worthless. Thus what has been reported for years as available assets has vanished. The selectmen have during the year been served with several notices of suit for damages. Each time I have taken prompt measures to ascertain the facts in connection with each individual case so that the town would be in a position to resist unjust demands.

The case of injury of Mrs. James T. Hasey was caused by a broken culvert, which was allowed by the highway surveyor to remain unrepaired for nearly a month. The town has paid \$101.50 in full for injuries sustained, which was but a small part of her original claim.

The injury of Miss Eliza Bowie for which the town paid \$165.00 occurred in the autumn of 1896 and all the details of the settlement (except drawing an order) were made prior to Jan. 31, 1897, and this amount properly belongs in the expenditures of that year.

There are no suits pending for, or against the town.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. ANDREWS, Town Agent.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—The schools have generally been successful. In a few instances, however, the work desired has not been accomplished; nor can the teachers alone be held responsible for this result. In some cases the failure is due indirectly to the indifference of the parents and in others directly to their positive approval of the acts of disobedience on the part of their children.

Many parents seem to think that by the payment of their school tax they have discharged every obligation to their schools, and from thenceforth the teachers alone are held responsible for the education of their children.

To such parents it must be brought home with force that the successful school, the one from which the pupils shall derive the greatest good, is the school in which the parents are directly and positively interested and to which they give every encouragement and support. It is not enough that parents send their children to school, for the good of the children they should insist upon prompt and cheerful obedience to all reasonable demands of the teacher.

I should be glad to see a greater interest on the part of the pupils in some of our schools.

The teachers have been faithful in their work, showing not only a desire for the advancement of their schools, but a personal interest in all their pupils.

The following is a table giving names of the teachers and prices paid them with the length of each term, for the several districts:

DIST. NO. 1.

Pupils attended at Oxford Village.

PIGEON HILL.

Miss Minnie Davee,	Summer term 10 weeks at \$6.00.
" " "	Fall " " " "
" " "	Winter " 9 " "

OXFORD VILLAGE—HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. B. F. Hicks,	Summer term, 8 weeks at \$65 (mo.)
" " "	Fall " 10 " "
" " "	Winter " in session.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Pearl M. Small,	Summer term, 8 weeks, at \$8.50.
" " "	Fall " 10 " "
" " "	Winter " in session.

INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Emily N. Billings,	Summer term, 10 weeks at \$3 50.
Miss Gertrude E. Foster,	Fall " " " "
" " "	Winter " in session.

PRIMARY.

Miss Lena G. Perkins,	Summer term, 10 weeks at \$8.00
" " "	Fall " " " "
" " "	Winter " in session.

WEBBER SCHOOL.

Miss Luella M. Rich,	Summer term, 10 weeks at \$6.00
Miss Maud A. Verrill,	Fall " 9 " "
Mr. Edward Tyler,	Winter " in session.

FORE STREET.

Miss Ina French,	Summer term, 10 weeks at \$7.00
" " "	Fall " " " "
" " "	Winter " 9 " "

No. 6.

Miss Mabelle L. Mont.	Summer term, 10 weeks at \$6.00
" " "	Fall " 8 " "
Mr. Edward Stone,	Winter " in session. "

PRATT SCHOOL.

Miss Annie L. Estes,	Summer term, 10 weeks at \$6.00
" " "	Fall " 9 " "
" " "	Winter " in session. "

No. 9.

Union district with Hebron.

WELCHVILLE—INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Mabel Gilbert,	Summer term, 10 weeks at \$7.50
" " "	Fall " 9 " "
" " "	Winter " in session. "

PRIMARY.

Mrs. S. Lizzie Chaplin,	Summer term, 10 weeks at \$7.50
" " "	Fall " 9 " "
" " "	Winter " in session. "

RICHVILLE.

Miss Alice M. Sanborn,	Summer term, 10 weeks at \$6.00
" " "	Fall " 9 " "
" " "	Winter " in session.

TIGER HILL.

Attend at Oxford Village.

The following is an account of resources and of expenditures to Feb. 1, 1898:

RESOURCES.

Amount raised for common schools.....	\$1,600 00	
Amount from State, school mill tax.....	860 37	
	<u> </u>	\$2,460 37
Expended teachers' salaries.....	\$1,630 00	
Janitors' services.....	36 25	
Cleaning schoolhouses.....	17 13	
Transportation.....	201 00	
Unexpended.....	575 99	
	<u> </u>	\$2,460 37
Amount raised for fuel, insurance, supplies, repairs, etc....	\$700 00	
Expended for fuel, books, supplies, repairs, insurance, etc....	498 14	
	<u> </u>	
Unexpended.....		\$201 86

Respectfully submitted,

LENA G. PERKINS, Superintendent of Schools.

TOWN WARRANT.

To Walter A. Bean, a constable of the town of Oxford, in the county of Oxford, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Oxford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town house in said Oxford on Monday, the 7th day of March next, at 10 o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, to wit:

ART. 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2d. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3d. To act upon report of town officers for the past year.

ART. 4th. To choose a board of selectmen, overseers of the poor, a town treasurer, town agent, superintending school committee, road commissioner and all other town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 5th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of town schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of free high school for ensuing year.

ART. 7th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for fuel, insurance, repairs, supplies, etc., for schools and school-houses for ensuing year.

ART. 8th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor for ensuing year.

ART. 9th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town debt.

ART. 10th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest for ensuing year.

ART. 11th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town officers' bills for ensuing year.

ART 12th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of highways and bridges for ensuing year.

ART. 13th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the contingent fund for the ensuing year.

ART. 14th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for observance of Memorial Day for the ensuing year.

ART. 15th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay such highway bills as may have accrued March 1, 1898.

ART. 16th. To see what action the town will take to have the "Maine Reports" and all other books belonging to the Freeland Holmes Library collected under one roof.

ART. 17th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of Freeland Holmes Library for the ensuing year.

ART. 18th. To see what action the town will take in relation to abandoned schoolhouses.

ART. 19th. To see what discount the town will vote to make if any on all money taxes paid into the town treasury on or before Sept. 1 and Dec. 1, 1898.

ART. 20th. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all money tax assessed for the ensuing year after becoming due, and if so what rate and at what date shall interest begin?

ART. 21st. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to purchase a piece of land for the purpose of procuring material for highways.

ART. 22d. To see if the town will instruct the assessors to compile a list from the assessment roll, giving each piece of real estate taxed in town, number of acres and value of same, as fixed by them for taxable purposes, have the same printed and a copy distributed to all tax payers in town.

ART. 23d. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for ensuing year.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town House for the purpose of receiving and correcting the list of voters on the 7th of March next at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under our hands this 14th day of February, A. D., 1898.

S. D. EDWARDS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Oxford.</i>
WM. F. CALDWELL,		
C. C. ROWE,		

ERRATA :

On page 4, deduct from total expenditures \$415.55 paid on bill of 1896 and this will leave the amount expended to Feb. 1, 1898, \$1,849.38 and shows a balance unexpended of \$610.99.

On page 18, it should read: Expended Teachers' Salaries, \$1,595.00, which leaves a balance unexpended of \$610.99.

We don't Ask any man

to trade with us on the strength of our reputation, or because we have been a long time in business, or because we sold goods cheap last year. With us every year has got to take care of its own business. The fact that we at the present time have a larger assortment and sell for lower prices than any one else is why we ask for your patronage. We have a large and varied selection of all kinds of

Men's and Boys' Wearing Apparel.

We want you to look it over and see how low we price it. The place to look it over is in our store as we can't tell you about it on paper.

H. B. FOSTER,

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK.

NORWAY, MAINE.