

1903

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February 2, 1903.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**TOWN OF OXFORD**



NON-PROFIT PAYING

# MARCH SALE

— AT —

## J. F. PLUMMER'S

.....  
These March Bargains are only possible at our Store.  
.....

*Men's Suits, \$3.98, 4.50, 7.50, 10.00.*

Worth \$5.00 to 16.00

*Boys' Suits, \$1.95 to 3.75.*

Worth \$2.50 to 5.00

*Men's Overcoats, \$7.50 to 9.00.*

Worth \$10.00 to 12.00

*Men's Winter Overshirts, 39 to 75c*

Worth 50c to \$1.00

Many lines to select from, containing one Suit or Overcoat up. Whether there are few or many the price named means a cut way below possible profit paying, and in some cases below the actual cost. *This sale is to make room for our Spring Stock.*

Take advantage of this sale and grow rich at our expense.

We shall be pleased to see you during this sale and show you what we are doing.

*Agents for the Celebrated*

*QUEEN QUALITY Ladies' Boots*

### J. F. PLUMMER,

CLOTHIER & FURNISHER,

31 Market Square, South Paris, Maine.

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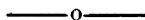
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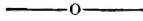
TOWN OF OXFORD,

*For the Year Ending February 2, 1903.*



A. M. CHASE & Co., BOOK & JOB PRINTERS,  
BRYANT'S POND, MAINE.  
1903.

# TOWN OFFICERS.



*Clerk:*

R. F. STAPLES.

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor:*

C. F. DURELL,  
E. L. BURNS,  
G. L. WILDER.

*Treasurer:*

R. F. STAPLES.

*Town Agent:*

GEORGE HAZEN.

*Superintendent of Schools:*

GEORGE HAZEN.

*School Committee:*

GEORGE J. PARROTT,  
J. F. FULLER,  
C. F. DURELL,

*Auditor:*

H. H. HALL.

*Collector:*

C. M. ANDREWS.

*Board of Health:*

H. R. FARRIS, M. D.,  
W. L. MONT,  
D. B. WOOD.

*Constables:*

C. F. HANSCOM, (Village).  
JOHN McNEIL, JOHN ROWE,  
ROBERT C. THOMAS, HOLLIS RICH.

# Selectmen's Report.

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## VALUATION, 1902.

Amount of resident real estate,		\$297,471 00
Amount of non-resident real estate,		54,135 00
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Total real estate,		\$351,606 00
Amount of personal estate, resident,	\$79,087 00	
Amount of personal estate, non-resident,	240 00	
Total personal estate,	<hr/>	\$ 79,327 00
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Grand total amount,		\$430,933 00

## *Amount Appropriated and Assessed.*

State tax,	\$1,236 42
County tax,	744 07
Common schools,	1,400 00
Free High school	500 00
Fuel, insurance, repairs, supplies, etc.,	300 00
Support of poor,	400 00
To pay town debt,	500 00
Town officers' bills,	600 00
Support of highways and bridges,	2,000 00
Contingent fund,	500 00
Memorial day,	25 00
Freeland Holmes Library,	40 00
Raising abutments of Gilbert bridge,	60 00
Stanton bridge,	150 00
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	\$ 8,455 49

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

*Poor on Farm February 1, 1903.*

Sarah J. Chesley, aged 65.

J. Colby Martin, aged 60.

*Inventory of Property on Farm.*

2 horses,	\$150 00
11 cows,	330 00
5 shoats,	35 00
50 hens,	25 00
10 baskets,	2 50
1 calf,	12 00
Grain,	7 18
Shingles,	5 00
9 tons ensilage,	22 50
1 1-2 barrels pork,	30 00
200 gallons vinegar,	16 00
Groceries,	2 50
30 pounds leaf lard,	3 90
7 1-2 gallons spiced pickles,	3 75
50 pounds fresh meat,	5 00
3 1-2 gallons mince meat,	3 00
1-3 barrel flour,	1 62
30 quarts canned fruit,	6 00
Farming tools and furniture, March 1, 1902,	526 75
Knives, kettle, etc.,	3 50
2 woolen blankets, (new)	98
2 horse blankets,	2 70
1 horse blanket,	2 85
2 bed puffs,	3 00
1 farm wagon,	25 00
1 horse rake,	18 00
10 bushels potatoes,	5 00
3 bushel turnips,	1 20
Clapboards,	1 50
19 tons hay,	190 00
2 tons swale hay,	12 00

8 cords bark,	40 00
38 tons ice,	57 00
Improvement on buildings,	10 00
Total,	<u>\$ 1,560 43</u>

*Expenditures for Town Farm.*

No. of Order.

7 L. S. Holmes, cow and calf for town farm,	\$30 00
12 E. R. Bryant, labor on town farm,	2 00
28 J. M. Merserve, cow for town farm,	31 00
33 F. J. Hall, butter for town farm,	1 75
41 H. O. Blake, repairs on pump,	2 50
51 C. C. Rowe, planting corn and use of drill,	2 50
67 Charles McKinnon, balance, services on town farm,	35 00
104 John Brown, cow for town farm,	33 00
126 Ernest Peaco, cow for town farm,	32 50
127 John Carpenter, bull for town farm,	22 00
135 Richmond Bros., grain for town farm,	38 74
165 Arvida Poland, cow for town farm,	35 00
183 William Day, labor on town farm,	8 00
184 Richmond Bros., grain for town farm,	25 47
186 Phillip Perry, labor on town farm,	7 00
188 Fred Hall, supplies for town farm,	2 00
207 S. S. Rowe, pipe for town farm,	5 00
213 Charles McKinnon, services on town farm,	60 00
240 Robinson & Record, farm wagon,	26 50
249 Richmond Bros., grain for town farm,	19 60
267 S. D. Jillson, sawing lumber, town farm,	105 12
269 Phillippe Pare, labor on town farm,	10 00
271 C. E. McKinnon, supplies for town farm,	4 65
274 Horatio Smith, fish for town farm,	2 40
279 Richmond Bros., flour and grain for town farm,	41 91
285 L. F. Willis, sawing lumber for town farm,	7 37
295 Chas. E. McKinnon, part, services on town farm,	10 00
309 C. F. Stanton, shoats for town farm,	27 00
326 Fred Waterman, cow for town farm,	36 00
330 S. M. Patterson, smithing for farm,	9 79
335 C. E. McKinnon, services, town farm,	25 00
338 John Jones, exchange of cows, town farm,	10 00



359 Richmond Bros., flour and grain for town farm,	91 85
407 Richmond Bros., grain for town farm,	19 62
408 A. L. Soule, pigs for town farm,	12 00
414 Fred Hall, supplies for town farm,	2 22
419 Durell & Hawkes, supplies for town farm,	37 51
433 Richmond Bros., grain for town farm,	33 29
444 Robinson & Record, smithing for town farm,	9 09
453 C. E. McKinnon, services, town farm,	75 00
464 Horatio Smith, fish for town farm,	2 72
486 Lord & Starbird, supplies, town farm,	22 34
489 E. W. Edwards, supplies, town farm,	3 02
491 The S. E. King Co., supplies, town farm,	251 13
496 H. O. Blake, repairs, town farm,	1 50
497 Horace Howard, supplies for town farm,	2 90
573 Geo. H. Jones, medicine for town farm,	2 30
575 J. F. Fuller, cutting ice for town farm,	6 75
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Expended to February 2, 1903,	\$ 1,282 04

*Receipts from Town Farm.*

Cream sold,	\$ 437 10
Wood sold,	4 75
3 cows sold,	115 00
Due from Mrs. S. D. Edwards for cow,	38 00
Calves sold,	44 00
1 bull sold,	24 00
Pork sold,	159 68
Labor off farm,	48 25
Due from John McNeil for labor,	18 00
“ for labor off farm,	18 00
New cider sold,	6 00
Apples sold,	22 75
Sweet corn sold,	23 55
Poultry sold,	8 09
Labor on highway,	19 25
50,682 feet pine and hemlock lumber sold for more than reported 1901,	334 16
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Receipts to February 2, 1903,	\$1,320 58

Received for cutting hay for G. P. Whitney,	\$ 100 00
Paid, labor on farm and supplies for same as per receipts,	100 00

The selectmen visited the town farm February 2, and found everything about the premises in first class condition. There has been a great change in the number and quality of the cows since Mr. McKinnon took charge of the farm as will be seen by the cream receipts. The poor have been well cared for and everything about the house shows that the house work has been well done and well managed. Mr. McKinnon's year closed February 2d, and we were so well pleased that we have hired him and wife to take charge the coming year at the same price as paid last year.

*Expenses of Poor off' Farm.*

Amount appropriated for same,	\$ 400 00
Balance unexpended,	272 46
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Available,	\$ 672 46

No. of Order.

1 Durell & Hawkes, paid care Mrs. Verrill,	\$ 47 50
2 W. B. Haskell, medical attendance Mrs. Lane,	14 75
5 Lovejoy & Brown, wood for Sam Tripp,	6 25
24 Town of Paris, care of Amanda Fogg,	45 00
94 Town of New Gloucester, supplies for C. E. Morey,	31 50
95 " " " " "	5 00
{ 96 " " medical attendance, "	15 00
98 Arvida Poland, board John Abbott,	12 50
134 " " " "	12 50
138 H. R. Farris, medical attendance, Meader family,	3 20
139 Town of Windham, support of Al. Pike,	173 12
166 Arvida Poland, board of John Abbott,	3 57
170 Durell & Hawkes, goods for Mrs. Verrill,	39 00
208 Arvida Poland, board John Abbott,	7 00
227 W. B. Haskell, M. D., med. attendance, Mrs. Verrill,	43 00
228 Town of Turner, support John Hyer family,	20 00
229 " " " "	19 50
233 Durell & Hawkes, goods, care of Mrs. Verrill,	25 00

265 J. K. Simpson, for board,	8 00
290 " " "	8 00
296 M. Klain, account, B. M. Berry,	2 25
301 Arvida Poland, board of John Abbott,	14 00
316 J. K. Simpson, for board,	8 00
332 H. R. Farris, M. D., medical services,	2 25
339 J. K. Simpson, board,	8 00
354 Arvida Poland, board of John Abbott,	10 00
358 J. K. Simpson, board,	8 00
384 Orin Stevens, M. D., med. services, Mrs. Verrill,	1 00
393 W. B. Haskell, M. D., med. attendance, Mrs. Lane,	28 25
403 Town of Turner, supplies for John Hyer,	64 00
404 Arvida Poland, board of John Abbott,	5 00
406 J. K. Simpson, board,	8 00
421 Durell & Hawkes, supplies, Meader family,	2 54
448 Arvida Poland, board of John Abbott,	6 00
468 Town of Norway, supplies, Stephen Robinson,	32 00
469 " " B. H. Bonney and family,	8 00
471 J. F. Bolster, bal. on casket and robe for B. S. Fogg,	11 00
472 Mechanic Falls, wood for J. M. Abbott,	25 75
488 E. W. Edwards, supplies for Mrs. Verrill,	1 05
506 G. L. Wilder, expense Eben Smith,	10 40
508 The S. E. King Co., supplies, Titus boy,	4 00
574 Geo. H. Jones, medicine, Phillis La Saw,	1 60
586 Town of New Gloucester, supplies for C. E. Morey,	12 50
587 " " " C. C. Morey,	1 50
597 W. B. Haskell, M. D., services, town poor,	35 00
601 Town of Windham, support of Al. Pike,	133 02
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Expended to February 2, 1903,	\$982 50
Amount available,	672 46
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	\$310 04
Support of poor from other towns,	254 96
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Overdrawn,	\$55 08

*Poor of Other Towns.*

Received from other towns for support of their poor.

From Mechanic Falls,	\$17 15
East Livermore,	20 30
Hebron,	10 28
Concord,	30 13
City of Auburn,	9 00
Rome,	40 12
Rumford,	48 00
Otisfield,	3 00
Raymond,	36 10
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	\$214 08

Bills due from other towns for the support of their poor.

From Paris,	3 00
Raymond,	45 25
Settlement not established,	165 77
Unable to find residence, Seco girl,	5 14
City of Auburn,	66 50
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	\$285 66

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Amount appropriated by town for 1902,	\$2,000 00
Balance unexpended for 1901 to Feb. 1,	461 99
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Amount available, 1902,	\$ 2,461 99

The following orders have been drawn against this appropriation, February 2, 1903.

No. of Order.	
3 L. D. Brown,	\$ 10 57
11 S. S. Smith,	2 43
14 S. S. Rowe,	4 80
17 John Mahern,	75
18 Chester Witham,	12 00

29 William Boyd,	1 75
30 Fred Hall,	6 20
31 Horace Howard,	7 50
32 Leonard Canwell,	38
34 Winfield Gammon,	9 62
35 F. P. Martin,	1 05
36 S. B. Waterman,	18 80
37 John Elden,	4 33
38 Clement Poland,	11 55
39 Phillis La Saw,	60
42 E. S. Fuller,	3 54
43 A. L. Butters,	3 74
45 J. S. Martin,	1 53
46 J. E. Burns,	3 28
47 H. B. Rich,	83
48 John Faunce,	1 13
49 Alton Perkins,	1 50
50 C. F. Allen,	68
52 John Bridgham,	7 20
53 J. L. Lunt,	8 05
54 C. F. Stanton,	5 45
55 E. M. Verrill,	30
56 Ira Harriman,	6 05
57 J. E. Keen,	4 52
58 S. F. Smith,	53
59 Albert Witham,	11 83
60 J. B. Robinson,	8 63
61 M. W. Brackett,	8 93
62 Winfield Gammon,	1 75
63 William N. Thomas,	14 10
64 Lewis T. Smith,	60
65 H. G. O. Perkins,	11 31
66 W. H. Thomas,	3 30
68 C. D. Cummings,	10 97
69 David Morse,	1 25
70 Chester Witham,	2 70
71 Fred Rowe,	12 43
72 R. C. Thomas,	8 48
73 C. S. Hayes,	4 80
74 C. H. Flood,	2 45

75	George Farris,	10	70
76	B. M. Pratt,	11	40
77	A. L. Soule,	1	50
78	Anson Martin,	1	00
79	George L. Wilder,	1	05
80	Geo. R. Paine,		45
81	Samuel O. Dudley,		75
82	George B. Yeaton,	15	74
83	Eben York,	1	60
89	Leonard Canwell,	1	13
90	Miss C. E. Fisher,	16	35
91	C. H. Robinson,	3	75
97	John P. Hall,	10	10
100	Frank Paine,	1	73
102	H. M. Rich,	1	88
103	J. F. Fuller,	5	00
108	George McAllister,	2	10
109	C. F. Stanton,	7	02
110	M. T. Haskell,	6	79
111	Charles Needham,	8	14
112	D. S. Martin,	4	95
113	L. D. Brown,	1	05
114	Walter Canwell,		60
115	J. F. Woodman,	8	87
116	J. T. Bowser,	5	25
117	A. S. Fuller,	4	50
118	Simeon Yeaton,	13	68
124	Samuel Carpenter,	5	32
131	Leonard Canwell,		60
132	W. W. Lovejoy,	4	75
136	Richmond Bros.,	1	95
140	L. S. Holmes,	9	12
141	Arthur Staples,	12	00
142	Horace Howard,	20	25
144	W. L. Caldwell,	1	05
147	Clark Paine,	2	40
148	Henry Edwards,	2	50
149	Arvida Poland,	2	25
150	Winfield French,		80
151	C. A. Soule,	1	65

152 Horace Holmes,	5 25
153 Frank Everett,	1 80
154 John E. Burns,	2 10
155 Samuel Carpenter,	4 65
156 C. C. Rowe,	14 95
157 C. C. Davis,	6 30
160 John Mahern,	24 98
161 Arthur M. Staples,	7 50
162 Arthur Staples,	7 50
167 Arthur Staples,	4 50
168 Arthur M. Staples,	4 50
169 E. W. Hobbs,	31 80
174 John W. Rowe,	4 00
175 Arthur M. Staples,	5 10
176 Horace Howard,	17 70
177 George Morey,	4 50
178 George Morey,	8 25
179 Paul Roderick,	12 00
180 Paul Roderick,	7 50
182 Arthur Staples,	6 00
185 Paul Roderick,	12 90
187 Fred Hall,	4 20
192 Arthur M. Staples,	9 00
193 L. D. Millett,	7 85
196 Arthur Staples,	11 25
197 John Mahern,	20 03
199 H. B. Sturtevant,	2 00
201 F. A. Hall,	22 75
203 J. T. Bowser,	26 25
204 D. S. Brackett,	2 58
205 Arthur Staples,	9 50
206 Arthur M. Staples,	6 75
210 Charles Staples,	7 80
211 John Mahern,	13 95
212 Horace Howard,	22 95
214 Arthur M. Staples,	7 05
215 Arthur Staples,	7 30
216 John Kemp,	6 00
217 James Hussey,	1 35
218 Arthur M. Staples,	8 70

219 Arthur Staples,	9 95
222 John Mahern,	8 78
223 Charles Staples,	8 78
224 F. A. Hall,	18 00
225 J. T. Bowser,	44 25
226 Robinson & Record,	14 62
230 John Mahern,	7 50
231 Charles Staples,	7 50
232 Horace Howard,	15 15
234 Arthur M. Staples,	6 75
235 Arthur Staples,	7 50
238 Arthur M. Staples,	6 45
239 N. Butters,	5 25
252 Charles Staples,	7 50
253 Arthur Staples,	6 78
254 Arthur Staples,	7 95
255 Charles Staples,	6 45
261 John Bridgham,	6 75
262 A. B. Dwinal,	15 50
263 C. C. Davis,	255 75
264 C. C. Davis,	17 55
266 George W. Tibbetts,	4 00
269 John Mahern,	20 70
270 F. A. Hall,	16 80
272 John E. Ordway,	8 25
272 John E. Ordway,	2 80
275 Horace Howard,	22 50
276 Arthur Staples,	4 48
277 Charles Staples,	7 73
278 W. O. Day,	4 50
282 Arthur Staples,	3 01
284 Clement Poland,	11 58
291 Richmond Bros.,	3 00
292 David Morse,	2 10
293 John Mahern,	14 93
300 J. T. Bowser,	29 10
303 George Merrey,	19 50
304 Paul Roderick,	7 50
305 L. S. Keen,	9 50
306 C. M. Andrews,	39 30



307 G. W. Goodwin,	10 50
308 Ernest Staples,	38
310 George Fletcher,	8 50
311 Charles Staples,	18 00
312 G. W. Goodwin,	4 50
313 G. W. Goodwin,	3 75
314 John Mahern,	25 35
315 G. W. Goodwin,	2 26
318 Horace Howard,	23 48
322 Adney Thayer,	1 05
323 Fred Hall,	12 95
324 Horace Howard,	5 60
327 M. W. Brackett,	32 36
328 Charles Staples,	10 02
331 S. M. Patterson,	3 72
333 Winfield Gammon,	27 03
334 Frank P. Martin,	1 75
336 Joseph Frye,	1 00
337 John Mahern,	8 25
340 J. B. Robinson,	67 28
344 Frank Blake,	3 00
345 Horace Howard,	13 65
346 E. M. Verrill,	2 00
347 Cloutier & Co.,	14 40
348 J. W. Penney & Sons,	1 50
349 G. W. Tibbetts,	5 00
352 Fred Rowe,	9 25
355 J. F. Fuller,	17 85
356 A. K. Thomas,	16 85
360 Herbert Yeaton,	2 40
361 Horace Howard,	14 85
362 L. S. Billings, plank for Stanton bridge,	18 75
366 C. M. Andrews,	24 52
367 C. M. Andrews,	20 85
377 Fred Hall, labor on Stanton bridge,	12 20
386 E. S Fuller, labor on Stanton bridge,	11 00
389 J. F. Fuller, labor on Stanton bridge,	23 00
410 Joseph Bonney,	6 80
412 Horace Howard,	6 45
413 Fred & Henry Hall,	5 25
422 Robert Henderson,	1 20

441 Charles Staples,	2 10
442 Samuel Record,	3 00
445 Robinson & Record,	15 42
446 Samuel Record,	3 55
449 J. S. Martin,	28 75
452 J. E. Burns,	8 05
454 A. D. Thayer,	6 94
455 G. W. Thomas,	23
456 David Morse,	1 30
457 Alton Perkins,	2 65
458 Washington Dean,	1 50
463 Albert Witham,	24 25
465 John Mahern,	3 38
467 Chester Witham,	27 51
473 Clark Paine,	3 75
474 E. L. Burns,	1 55
475 A. L. Soule,	3 55
476 G. L. Wilder,	3 55
477 L. J. Lunt,	14 98
478 L. D. Millett,	8 50
479 Silas N. Wright,	2 25
480 A. J. Patterson,	1 50
481 Arthur Cummings,	11 65
482 Albert Rowe,	5 40
483 C. F. Stanton,	17 22
484 Lord & Starbird,	13 16
485 Horace Howard,	6 75
494 E. W. Edwards,	6 48
495 Miss C. E. Fisher,	13 57
498 L. F. Wardwell,	3 30
499 J. E. Keen,	11 01
500 Ernest and Eben Lovejoy,	5 05
501 Winfield Gammon,	11 72
509 Horace Holmes,	6 05
510 Henry Edwards,	1 35
511 Arthur Cummings,	8 53
512 A. T. Stone,	4 85
513 David H. Staples,	1 00
514 F. A. Hall,	75
515 Charles Needham,	6 01
516 George Farris,	27 70

517	Mary F. Holmes,	1	50
518	H. S. Denning,		15
519	Fred Rowe,	8	53
520	Horace Rich,	1	58
521	Samuel Dudley,	8	20
522	C. C. Rowe,	7	13
523	P. J. Billings,		60
524	Arthur E. Wight,		60
525	Winfield French,		30
526	Clement Poland,	4	55
527	Fred Hayes,		30
528	A. D. Thayer,	12	20
529	A. Poland,		45
530	H. M. Rich,	3	70
531	Charles Bumpus,		45
532	William Faunce,	1	20
533	Samuel Carpenter,	3	00
534	Dennis Martin,		3 00
535	M. W. Brackett,	22	52
536	John Bridgham,	3	98
537	John F. Woodman,	9	70
538	A. K. Thomas,	24	35
539	S. B. Waterman,	11	45
540	C. F. Stanton,	4	85
541	Eben York,	1	50
542	Charles Allen,	7	35
543	J. Martin,	1	50
544	Alton Verrill,	1	50
545	Albert Whitman,		75
546	W. W. Lovejoy,		45
547	Henry Graffam,	1	70
548	R. C. & W. H. Thomas,	9	23
549	C. M. Andrews,	1	75
550	E. S. Fuller,	1	65
551	J. F. Fuller,	2	25
552	A. L. Wormwood,	1	50
553	Morris Clark,		30
554	Phillis La Saw,		60
555	J. B. Robinson,	14	80
556	H. G. O. Perkins,	14	67
557	W. Perkins,		75

558 Clinton Bumpus,	1 73
559 Walter Holden,	1 50
560 L. S. Keen,	10 13
561 F. P. Martin,	1 50
562 The S. E. King Co.,	8 93
563 John P. Hall,	4 38
564 Solon Downing,	70
565 A. G. Soule,	90
566 S. S. Rowe,	4 03
567 G. B. Yeaton,	23 02
568 Ira Harriman,	3 15
569 L. S. Holmes,	5 95
570 D. S. Brackett,	4 50
578 David Morse,	1 05
581 Simon Yeaton,	17 95
590 M. T. Haskell,	4 18
Plank from town farm,	130 26
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Total expended,	\$ 2,811 64
Expended on Stanton bridge,	137 48
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Orders drawn on appropriation for roads and bridges,	\$ 2,674 16
Amount available,	2,461 99
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Amount overdrawn,	\$ 212 17

### COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount appropriated for 1902,	\$ 1,400 00
Received from the State,	875 87
Balance unexpended from 1901,	900 96
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Amount available,	\$ 3,176 83
No. of Order.	
6 J. L. Bridgham, transporting scholars,	\$ 10 50
8 Lizzie Hutchinson, teaching District No. 3,	27 00
10 Mabel Mont, teaching Pigeon Hill,	54 00
23 Town of Hebron, tuition, 1902,	45 00
25 Lena G. Perkins, teaching District No. 3,	25 50
119 Lena G. Perkins, do.	102 00
120 Lizza Hutchinson, do.	81 00
122 J. F. Burns, transporting scholars,	39 00

125	Mary C. Bumpus, teaching District No. 3,	103 25
128	J. E. Keen, transporting scholars,	33 00
173	John P. Hall, do.	40 50
236	Grace M. Warren, do.	10 00
242	Grace M. Warren, do.	50 00
244	Lizzie Chaplin, do.	75 00
245	N. E. Gormond, do.	80 15
247	J. F. Burns, do.	30 00
250	J. E. Keen, do.	30 00
251	Blanche J. Whittemore, transporting scholars,	85 00
256	Mabelle L. Mont,	60 00
258	Agnes H. Fuller,	60 00
259	Kate L. Wight,	60 00
281	Lena G. Perkins,	85 00
286	D. H. Millett, transporting scholars,	40 00
287	A. K. Thomas,	10 00
341	Grace M. Warren, teaching,	25 00
353	John P. Hall, transporting scholars,	25 00
357	Alice Lamb, teaching,	60 00
363	Kate L. Wight, do.	54 00
364	Lena G. Perkins, do.	76 50
368	Blanch A. Chute, do.	54 00
369	Grace M. Warren, do.	47 00
371	Mrs. A. D. True, do.	81 00
373	Blanch M. Corbett, do.	76 50
375	Lizzie Chaplin, do.	67 50
376	Agnes F. Fuller, do.	54 00
378	John F. Burns, transporting scholars,	27 00
380	J. E. Keen, do.	30 00
383	D. H. Millett, do.	40 00
398	Solon Downing, do.	9 00
411	Grace M. Warren, teaching,	24 00
417	John P. Hall, transporting scholars,	22 50
427	Grace M. Warren teaching,	8 00
429	A. K. Thomas, transporting scholars,	20 00
598	Alice F. Lamb, teaching,	60 00
	Amount expended to Feb. 2, 1903,	<u>\$ 2,096 90</u>
	Amount available,	\$ 3,176 83
	Balance unexpended Feb. 2, 1903,	\$ 1,079 93

*Free High-School Account.*

Appropriated by town for 1902,	\$ 500 00
From State account,	250 00
Balance unexpended, 1901,	297 07
Tuition,	15 00

Available for 1902 account,	<u>\$1,062 07</u>
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No. of Order.

101 A. D. True, teaching high-school, 1901-02,	\$ 48 75
121 " " "	208 05
246 Lizzie C. Hutchinson, teaching high-school,	90 00
248 A. D. True, " "	172 50
370 " " "	155 25
447 Ernest H. Pratt, " "	85 00

Amount expended to Feb. 1903,	\$ 759 55
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Amount available,	\$ 1,062 07
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Balance unexpended,	\$ 302 52
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*Fuel, Insurance and Supplies for Schools.*

Amount appropriated for 1902,	\$ 300 00
Balance unexpended from 1901,	294 68

Available for 1902,	<u>\$ 594 68</u>
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No. of Order

4 Lovejoy & Brown, sawing wood,	\$ 4 00
9 John B. Allen, books,	2 49
15 Walter S. Rowe, janitor,	2 00
16 Wm. J. Mahern, janitor,	7 50
19 Roy Farrington, janitor,	3 00
21 American Book Co., school books,	54 78
26 Wm. J. Wheeler & Co., insurance,	62 50
40 H. O. Blake, repairs on school-house,	75
92 Dr. James P. Blake, insurance,	3 60
99 S. J. Record, wood,	8 25
105 H. W. Farrington, sawing wood,	8 00
106 Roy Farrington, janitor,	6 00
123 L. S. Holmes, wood,	28 87
129 Ginn & Co., school-books,	8 00
133 Mary A. Butters, cleaning school-houses,	10 00

143 Miss S. S. Rowe, cleaning school-house,	12 00
145 J. T. Bowser, janitor,	2 00
146 Nettie L. Johnson, cleaning school-house,	2 00
158 Harry Staples, fitting wood,	6 19
164 L. S. Holmes, wood,	7 50
181 T. A. Johnson, Jr., sawing wood,	1 25
189 S. H. Knowlton & Co., school-books,	2 25
190 Silver, Burdette & Co., school-books,	3 60
191 Allen & Bacon, school supplies,	11 25
195 C. B. Fuller, wood,	8 00
198 A. D. Thayer, wood,	5 50
221 Grace I. Carpenter, cleaning school-house,	2 50
237 Lewis E. Tribilcock, janitor,	6 00
257 Belmont H. Pratt, janitor,	8 00
260 Sadie Bowser, cleaning school-house,	2 50
283 Sexion & Co., school-books,	5 81
288 L. F. Wardwell, express on books,	2 45
296 Charles Hall, janitor,	2 00
298 L. H. Bumpus, repairs on school-house,	2 00
317 L. F. Wardwell, express on books,	3 02
350 Fred Rowe, wood,	9 00
351 " repairs on school-house,	1 25
365 Lena G. Perkins, janitor,	2 00
372 A. D. True, "	4 00
374 Bertie M. Corbett, "	2 00
382 W. A. Pratt, sawing wood,	10 40
388 F. J. Witham, janitor,	2 00
390 M. W. Brackett, wood,	6 00
394 Boston School Supply Co., supplies,	2 50
395 American Book Co., school-books,	9 60
396 Ginn & Co., school-books,	8 04
396½ J. H. Knowlton & Co., school-books,	3 25
397 Silver, Burdette & Co., do.	10 30
399 Thompson, Brown & Co., do.	6 00
400 American Book Co., do.	40 24
401 Silver, Burdette & Co., do.	77 90
402 Ginn & Co., do.	2 50
409 Joseph Davis, sawing wood,	1 25
415 F. W. Sanborn, school supplies,	2 50
416 Bert T. Morey, sawing wood,	50
418 John P. Hall, wood,	20 00

420 Durell & Hawkes, school supplies,	1 41
425 J. L. Hammett, school books,	2 20
426 American School Furniture Co., school supplies,	1 60
428 A. K. Thomas, wood,	15 00
431 C. F. Hanscom, repairs on school-house,	5 00
434 Richmond Bros., lumber for school-house,	77
435 Nathaniel Fisher, labor on school-house,	58
436 American Book Co., school-books,	21 60
438 J. L. Hammett Co., do.	2 20
439 J. H. Farrington, sawing wood,	9 75
443 Samuel Record, repairs on school house,	1 50
457 Albert Witham, wood,	16 25
459 Ernest Carpenter, sawing wood,	4 00
460 E. R. Bennett, repair of school-house stairs,	2 50
461 Harold P. Johnson, sawing wood,	1 00
466 L. F. Wardwell, express on school-books,	8 30
487 Lord & Starbird, school supplies,	14 94
490 E. W. Edwards, do.	3 36
507 The S. E. King Co., do.	3 59
571 George H. Jones, do.	75
599 Miss L. S. Holmes, wood,	10 00
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Total orders drawn,	\$ 653 09
Amount available for 1902,	\$ 594 68
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Overdrawn,	\$ 58 41

### CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount appropriated by town,	\$ 500 00
Overdrawn, 1901,	55 65
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Amount available, 1902,	\$ 444 35

#### No. of Order.

13 E. L. Burns, watering tub, 1901,	\$ 3 00
20 George Hazen, rent selectmen's office,	30 00
27 Wm. J. Wheeler & Co., insurance on town safe,	2 25
44 C. H. Brett, damages on wagon,	2 50
86 E. L. Burns, office supplies,	2 65



93 A. M. Chase & Co., printing town reports,	29 65
107 George Hazen, services in Andover case,	50 00
163 P. J. Billings, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
172 C. F. Durell, office supplies,	4 09
194 P. J. Billings, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
241 Robinson & Record, repairs on hearse,	1 65
289 Wm. B. Haskell, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	5 25
299 L. H. Bumpus, repairs on hearse,	1 00
319 H. S. Denning, services on board of health,	6 50
320 " services as watchman July 4th,	2 00
321 Loring, Short & Harmon, books for office,	15 05
329 George Hazen, services as ballot clerk,	2 00
342 C. F. Hanscom, services on Mulholland case,	98 58
385 Orin Stevens, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	4 00
387 E. S. Fuller, services as ballot clerk,	2 00
391 M. W. Brackett, services as watchman July 4, 1901-02,	3 00
392 H. R. Farris, M. D., for disinfectants,	2 50
430 A. K. Thomas, services as ballot clerk,	2 00
437 George Hazen, rent selectmen's office,	30 00
450 W. L. Mont, services on board of health,	6 90
462 A. M. Chase & Co., repairing town books,	1 75
470 L. F. Wardwell, services on hearse,	46 00
492 E. L. Burns, watering tub, 1902,	3 00
502 H. R. Farris, M. D., reporting deaths and births,	2 50
503 " services on board of health,	13 50
572 Geo. H. Jones, office supplies,	30
576 C. F. Durell, cash paid as per bill,	7 28
579 C. M. Andrews, collecting taxes, 1901 bills,	43 50
580 " " 1902 bills,	45 00
588 George Hazen, services, Mulholland case,	90 00
589 A. J. Patterson, care and repair of town house,	6 35
591 C. F. Starbird, services as ballot clerk,	2 00
596 " collecting taxes, 1900 bills,	1 96
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Amount expended,	\$ 579 71
Amount overdrawn,	\$ 135 36
Amount from 1901 appropriation unexpended,	\$ 304 18
Amount available, 1903,	\$168 82

### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Amount appropriated for same,	\$600 00
Balance unexpended,	414 07
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Amount available, 1902,	\$1,014 07
No. of Order.	
22 H. R. Farris, M. D., services as superintendent,	34 00
84 G. L. Wilder, bal. services selectman, 1901,	8 25
85 E. L. Burns, do.	22 50
87 C. F. Durell, do.	26 00
88 C. T. Wardwell, services road commissioner,	30 00
130 do.	24 00
137 do.	18 95
159 do.	22 40
171 C. F. Durell, services selectman,	18 00
200 C. T. Wardwell, services road commissioner,	39 00
209 E. L. Burns, services selectman,	35 00
220 C. T. Wardwell, services road commissioner,	26 00
243 do.	28 00
280 do.	21 80
294 do.	23 00
302 do.	22 00
325 C. T. Wardwell, services road commissioner,	25 30
343 do.	21 00
379 do.	23 90
381 George Hazen, services superintendent of schools,	50 00
405 C. T. Wardwell, services road commissioner,	19 80
423 do.	13 20
424 George Hazen, services superintendent of schools,	45 00
432 C. F. Hanscom, services constable,	21 00
440 C. F. Wardwell, services road commissioner,	13 60
493 do.	15 10
504 E. L. Burns, services selectman to Feb. 2,	17 25
505 G. L. Wilder, do.	22 50
577 C. F. Durell, bal. services to Feb. 2, 1903,	28 50
593 R. F. Staples, services clerk, 1901,	10 65
594 do. 1902,	10 30
395 R. F. Staples, services treasurer.	35 00
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Amount expended,	\$ 771 00
Amount available,	\$1,014 07
Balance unexpended,	243 07

STANTON BRIDGE.

Amount appropriated for same,	\$150 00
Amount expended,	137 48
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Balance unexpended,	\$12 52

OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount appropriated by the town for same,	\$25 00
No. of Order.	
202 T. A. Roberts Post, G. A. R.,	25 00

FREELAND HOLMES LIBRARY.

Amount appropriated,	\$40 00
Balance unexpended Feb. 2, 1902,	25 00
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Amount available, 1902,	\$ 65 00
No. of Order.	
600 Freeland Holmes Library,	\$40 00
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Balance unexpended,	\$25 00

ABATEMENTS FOR 1902.

Abatements on bills of 1897,	36 95
do. 1899,	21 28
do. 1901,	26 43
do. 1902,	11 55
do. 1900,	11 08
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	\$107 29

Bal. unexpended from appropriation for hearse-house, 1901,	\$12 00
Carried to Contingent fund,	
Balance unexpended from appropriation to buy a new hearse or repair the old one, 1901,	230 00
Carried to Contingent fund.	
Amount appropriated for Gilbert bridge, 1901,	60 00
Carried to Contingent fund.	
Balance unexpended from appropriation for repairs on town house, 1901,	2 18
Carried to Contingent fund.	
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Total,	\$ 304 18

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*Roscoe F. Staples, Treasurer, in account with the town of Oxford,*

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To cash on hand, February 1, 1902,	\$2,160 49
received from F. B. Andrews, col., 1894-95 bills,	3 75
F. L. Walker, col., 1897 bills,	4 05
“ “ 1898 bills,	100 00
C. M. Andrews, “ 1899 bills,	140 00
C. F. Starbird, “ 1900 bills,	76 00
C. M. Andrews, “ 1901 bills,	3,955 00
“ “ 1902 bills,	3,000 00
tax deeds,	226 60
State, free high school,	250 00
“ refunded, dog licenses, 1901,	78 41
“ school fund and mill tax,	875 87
“ burial expenses,	32 00
tuition, Oxford high school,	15 00
rental of Welchville school-house,	2 00
sale of school-books and supplies,	3 51
S. M. Patterson, error, order No. 358,	4 00
town of Rumford,	48 00
“ Raymond,	36 10
“ Otisfield,	3 00
“ Rome,	40 12
“ Concord,	30 13
“ Hebron,	10 28
“ East Livermore,	20 30
“ Mechanic Falls,	17 15
city of Auburn,	9 00
Lewis Wardwell Estate,	38 17
W. Twitchell, peddler's license,	6 00
L. D. Brown, auctioneer license,	2 00

To cash received from town farm for cream,	402 10
wood,	4 75
pork,	159 68
lumber,	90 61
hay,	32 00
labor,	48 25
cider,	6 00
apples,	22 75
sweet corn,	23 55
chickens,	8 09
potatoes,	28 50
bull, cows, calves,	183 00
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	\$ 12,196 21

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By paid County tax,	\$ 744 07
State tax,	1,254 42
interest on bonds,	166 43
interest on orders,	93 64
town orders,	9,178 28
cash in treasury; January 31, 1908,	759 37
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	\$ 12,196 21

ROSCOE F. STAPLES, *Treasurer*,

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of Roscoe F. Staples, Treasurer, and believe them to be correct.

C. F. DURELL,

E. L. BURNS,

G. L. WILDER,

*Selectmen of Oxford.*

HORACE H. HALL, *Auditor.*

COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

F. L. Walker, Collector for 1897.

Amount uncollected, February 1, 1902,	\$46 00
Amount paid treasurer,	\$4 05
Abatements,	36 95
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	\$ 41 00
Due February 2, 1903,	<hr/>
	\$ 5 00

F. L. Walker, Collector for 1898.

Amount uncollected, February 1, 1902,	\$350 03
Amount paid treasurer,	100 00
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Due February 2, 1903,	\$250 03

C. M. Andrews, Collector for 1899.

Amount uncollected February 1, 1902,	\$519 47
Amount paid treasurer,	\$140 00
Abatements,	21 28
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	\$ 161 28
Due February 2, 1903,	<hr/>
	\$ 358 19

C. F. Starbird, Collector for 1900.

Amount uncollected February 1, 1902,	123 81
Amount paid treasurer,	\$76 00
Abatements,	11 08
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	\$ 87 08
Due February 2, 1903,	<hr/>
	\$ 36 73

\$30.79 of this amount has been collected since making this report.

C. M. Andrews, Collector for 1901.

Amount uncollected February 1, 1902,		\$6,108 32
Amount paid treasurer,	\$3,955 00	
Abatements,	26 43	
Tax deeds,	37 09	
	—————	\$ 4,018 52
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Due February 2, 1903,		\$2,089 80

C. M. Andrews, Collector for 1902.

Amount assessed,		\$8,838 44
Amount paid treasurer,	\$3,000 00	
Abatements,	11 55	
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		\$ 5,826 89

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct to my best knowledge and belief.

HORACE H. HALL, *Auditor.*

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

*February 2, 1903.*

### RESOURCES.

Cash on hand February 2, 1903,	\$ 759 37
Due on F. L. Walker's bills, 1897,	5 00
"    "    1898,	250 03
C. M. Andrews', " 1899,	358 19
C. F. Starbirds', " 1900,	36 73
C. M. Andrews', " 1901,	2,089 80
"    "    1902,	5,826 89
Tax deeds, resident and non-resident,	135 20
John W. Chadbourne, two notes and interest,	495 72
Due from other towns,	285 66
From State, dog licenses,	85 00
Due from State, for sheep killed,	10 00
C. C. Davis, for lumber,	359 48
for labor from town farm,	36 00
from Mrs. S. D. Edwards, for cow,	38 00
State, free high school,	108 75
Robinson Mfg. Co., for timber,	92 27
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	\$ 10,972 09

### LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bonds,	\$ 4,800 00
Outstanding orders,	8,918 35
Interest due on orders Feb. 2, 1903,	185 00
Interest due on bonds,	69 19
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Resources,	\$ 13,972 54
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Liabilities above resources,	\$ 3,000 45

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct to my best knowledge and belief.

HORACE H. HALL, *Auditor.*



## REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

I think the town would save money by buying from four to five hundred feet of Star wire fencing to use in places where the snow drifts; also to remove certain pieces of stone wall, one piece between Oxford Village and C. S. Hayes', the other in East Oxford near Herbert Flood's. I recommend the buying of five winter road machines, the cost of same to be from \$40.00 to \$45.00 each. I also recommend the raising of \$200.00 for a State road from Oxford depot to Otisfield line. I would also call your attention to the North end abutment of Stanton bridge which needs repairing.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. WARDWELL,

*Road Commissioner.*

## TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

The action, *Inhabitants of Andover vs. Inhabitants of Oxford*, reported last year, claiming the sum of \$314.39, was tried at the last March term of the Supreme Judicial Court and the town of Oxford recovered judgment. Mr. Wright, counsel for Andover, carried the case to the law court on exceptions to the Judge's ruling. The case has been argued in writing by both parties and the law court now has the case under consideration. In my opinion, there is no doubt that the judgment given at the March term will be sustained.

The case of *Jane Agnes Mulholland vs. Inhabitants of Oxford*, reported last year, claiming damages in the sum of \$2,000 for injuries claimed to have been received on the high-way in Oxford Village, was tried at the last October term and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,025 and costs amounting to about \$100. I am fully convinced that this is an unjust claim and that the injuries claimed are feigned, and under the law as given by the Court we do not consider the town liable in this case. Motion was filed for a new trial and the case has gone to the law court. We have valuable evidence in our possession which I have

no doubt will assure us a new trial, and I have reasons to believe in the case of a new trial we can get much more favorable results. The least we were able to compromise this matter for, before the hearing, was \$800, and it was not thought advisable to pay any such sum as that when we all felt that it was an unjust claim.

One Dorothy Verrill came into this town about two years ago and falling in distress, the town was obliged to pay about \$165 on her account. Mechanic Falls and New Gloucester were both notified and both denied her settlement. We think there is no doubt that she belongs to one of these two towns, probably Mechanic Falls, but as they refused to reimburse the town, suit was commenced against both of these towns to recover the amount paid out. This matter is in order for trial at the March court in this county.

The town of Oxford was also obliged to help Azariah Jackson. The town of Turner was notified but refused to pay, denying the pauper. Suit was commenced against Turner and is in order for trial at the March court.

So we seem to be involved in quite a number of law suits, but I see no way that they could have been avoided.

In the Andover case we have avoided the payment of the sum of \$314.19, and I am not sure that we have not been relieved of the pauper, Sarah Averill, who is now at the Insane Hospital, incurable, and is liable to be a large expense.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HAZEN,

*Town Agent.*

## School Report.

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FELLOW CITIZENS,—

Your Superintendent of Schools submits the following report for the year 1902.:

The past year we have supported schools in the Webber District, Pratt District, Fore Street, Pidgeon Hill, two at Welchville, four at Oxford Village, making ten in all.

The school on Pidgeon Hill has failed to maintain an average of eight scholars for the past year and is therefore discontinued by law. The town may, however, at town-meeting, instruct the Superintending School Committee to continue the school, if the town thinks it wise to do so. This district has taken a great interest in its school and has, at its own expense, put the school-house into a first-class condition and, as I understand, is anxious to have their school continued. The schools in Oxford Village have not accomplished so much during the past year as it seems to us they ought to have done. This we think was largely due to the fact that the course of study had been abandoned in these schools, and the scholars were not studying with any system. We have attempted to classify them and get the classes into the line of the course. The course ought to be revised and extended the coming year and we believe that it would be for the interest of the school so to do. At the present time we have a fine corps of teachers and they are all doing good work in their respective departments, and it is easy to be seen that there has been marked improvement of late. There are some faults that ought to be corrected, but it will take both time and patience to accomplish these things. We feel encouraged because we think we can see unmistakable signs of marked improvement.

The other schools throughout the town have been highly satisfactory to your school officers and so far as we can learn to the town in general, with one exception. The teachers have put their whole life and energy into the schools and the scholars have done thorough and careful work. In my opinion, a course of study ought to be introduced into all the rural schools and I hope it will be done next year.

I give below the inventory of the schools, length of terms, the names of the teachers and wages paid them :

OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Albert D. True,	Spring term,	10 weeks,	\$69.00 per month
“	Fall term,	9 weeks,	69.00
Ernest M. Pratt,	Winter term,	in session,	85.00

OXFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Elizabeth Hutchinson,	Spring term,	10 weeks,	\$9.00 per week
Mrs. Mabel G. True,	Fall term,	9 weeks,	9.00
Lena G. Perkins,	Winter term,	in session,	9.00

OXFORD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Blanche I. Whitmore,	Spring term,	10 weeks,	\$8.50 per week
Belle Corbett,	Fall term,	9 weeks,	8.50
Frances Hamilton,	Winter term,	in session,	8.50

OXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Lena G. Perkins,	Spring term,	10 weeks,	\$8.50 per week
“	Fall term,	9 weeks,	8.50
Alice Ballantyne,	Winter term,	in session,	8.50

WELCHVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

M. E. Guimond,	Spring term,	10 weeks,	\$8.00 per week
Grace Warren,	Fall term,	9 weeks,	8.00
“	Winter term,	in session,	8.00

WELCHVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

S. Lizzie Chaplin,	Spring term,	10 weeks,	\$7.50 per week
“	Fall term,	9 weeks,	7.50
“	Winter term,	in session,	7.50

PIGEON HILL SCHOOL.

Mabel L. Mont,	Spring term,	10 weeks,	\$6.00 per week
Blanche A. Clute,	Fall term,	9 weeks,	6.00
“	Winter term,	in session,	6.00

PRATT DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Grace Warren,	Spring term,	10 weeks,	\$6.00
Agnes H. Fuller,	Fall term,	9 weeks,	6.00
“	Winter term,	in session,	6.00

FORE STREET SCHOOL.

Agnes H. Fuller,	Spring term,	10 weeks,	\$6.00 per week
Kate L. Wight,	Fall term,	9 weeks,	6.00
“	Winter term,	in session,	6.00

WEBBER DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Kate L. Wight,	Spring term,	10 weeks,	\$6.00 per week
Alice F. Lamb,	Fall term,	9 weeks,	6.00
“	Winter term,	10 weeks	6.00

All the scholars in all the other districts in town have been transported to schools in other districts. In the Union District we have made arrangements with Hebron for schooling the scholars.

The following is a generalized statement of the expenditures during the past year.

*Common Schools.*

Appropriated,	\$1,400 00
Unexpended last year,	900 96
Mill tax,	875 87
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Available,	\$3,176 83
Expended so far,	2,096 90
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Unexpended,	\$1,079 93

*Books, Fuel, Insurance, Wood, Etc.*

Appropriated,	\$300 00
Unexpended last year,	294 68
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Available,	\$594 63
Expended this year,	653 09
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Overdrawn,	\$ 58 41

*High School.*

Appropriated,	\$500 00
Drawn from the State,	250 00
Unexpended last year,	297 07
Tuition,	15 00
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Available,	\$ 1,062 07
Expended this year,	759 55
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Unexpended,	\$ 302 52

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HAZEN,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

To C. F. Hanscom, Constable of the town of Oxford.

### GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Oxford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town house in said Oxford, on Monday, the 2d day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Article 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 for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5th.* To choose a board of assessors for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6th.* To choose a board of overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7th.* To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 8th.* To choose one member of school board for three years.
- Art. 9th.* To choose a superintendent of schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 10th.* To choose a road commissioner, town agent, auditor, pound keeper, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 11th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of town schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 12th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of free high school for the ensuing year.
- Art. 13th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for fuel, insurance, repairs, supplies, etc., for schools and school-houses, out-buildings, for the ensuing year.
- Art. 14th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 15th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town debts.
- Art. 16th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on town debt.
- Art. 17th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town officers' salaries.
- Art. 18th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of highways and bridges for the ensuing year.
- Art. 19th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to expend for State road from Otisfield line, near the dwelling of Alpheus Morse, to Oxford station.

*Art. 20th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the contingent fund for the ensuing year.

*Art. 21st.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day for the ensuing year.

*Art. 22d.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of Freeland Holmes Library the ensuing year.

*Art. 23d.* To see if the town will vote to charge interest on money taxes, assessed for the ensuing year, after Dec. 31, 1903, and, if so, what rate?

*Art. 24th.* To see what discount, if any, the town will make on all money taxes paid to the treasurer on or before the 15th day of September and the 31st day of December, 1903.

*Art. 25th.* To see what action the town will take in relation to fixing the price of labor on highway, including the salary of commissioner.

*Art. 26th.* To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

*Art. 27th.* To see if the town will instruct the school committee to maintain a school in District No. 2, formerly known as the Pigeon Hill District, during the ensuing year.

*Art. 28th.* To see if the town will vote to sell the school-house in District No. 1, known as the Millett District.

*Art. 29th.* To see if the town will vote to set off the estate of Charles Gammon from Pigeon Hill school, District No 2, to Welchville school, District No. 10.

*Art. 30th.* To see if the town will vote to purchase five winter road machines, the cost of same from forty to forty-five dollars each; also, to see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay for same.

*Art. 31st.* To see if the town will vote to instruct the school committee to maintain a school in District No. 6, formerly known as the Caldwell District, the ensuing year.

The Selectmen will be in session at the town house, for the purpose of receiving and correcting the list of voters, on the 2d day of March, A. D. 1903, at nine-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

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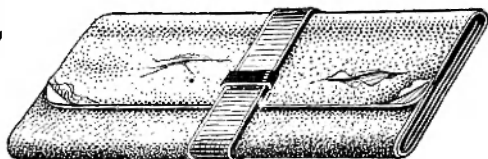
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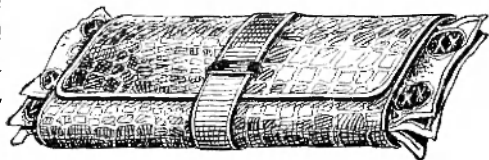
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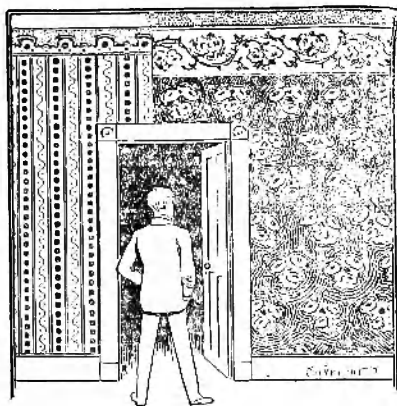
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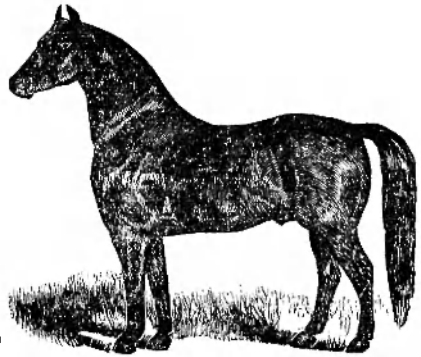
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