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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF RANGELEY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1900.

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1900.

Town Warrant.

To George M. Esty, Constable of the Town of Rangeley, County of Franklin,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rangeley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit:

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- ART. 3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
- ART. 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor for the ensuing year.
- ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair highways and bridges for the ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of text books and school supplies for the ensuing year.
- ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of schoolhouses for the ensuing year.
- ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on town debt.
- ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the fish hatchery and how the same shall be expended.
- ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay outstanding indebtedness.

- ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for building and repairing of sidewalks.
- ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town charges.
- ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.
- ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to electric lights and how much money shall be raised for the same.
- ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to accept the private way as laid out by the selectmen from the private way on land of Henry W. Hoar to land owned by Chas. E. Belcher.
- ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to abate any part of F. S. Dickson's highway tax and if so how much.
- ART. 17. To see what action the town will take toward fitting up a room in the village schoolhouse for advanced scholars.
- ART. 18. To see if the town will furnish wood for the private school.
- ART. 19. To see if the town will raise money to repair fence around the village schoolhouse lot:
- ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to return the library books and fixtures to the party that presented it to the town.
- ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to have the taxes collected same as last year and if so how much money shall be raised to pay discount on same.
- ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen.
- ART. 23. To transact any other business that shall properly come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town at 12-30 P. M. on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of Feb. A. D., 1900.

E. I. HERRICK, } Selectmen
 ABRAM ROSS, } of
 W. D. QUIMBY, } Rangeley.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Rangeley:

The Selectmen of the Town of Rangeley hereby submit the following report for the year ending February 23, 1900.

Fires.

During the past year we have had but one fire and by the prompt action of the fire department a large amount of property was saved.

Town Poor.

We have no one at the present time dependent on our town for support.

Town Debt.

At our last annual meeting it was voted to raise one thousand dollars to pay on Phillips & Rangeley R. R. bonds and to pay one thousand out of the surplus money due the town. We paid the two thousand dollars according to vote of town and now find our town in this condition: Owing \$400 to First National Bank of Lewiston for money hired to build and pay land damage on new road around pitches on the big hill, \$355 82 outstanding orders, and over \$100 to our Treasurer for overpaid on orders besides a bill nearly due of \$459 50 for schools now in session. Referring to last year's report you will observe that our total assets that were available to ever turn into cash amounted to only \$1842 50. Out of this amount there was due on outstanding orders \$672 64 which would only leave a surplus of \$1169 76. How could we expect to pay that \$1000 without having several hundred dollars in outstanding orders at the end

of the year, as our taxes were as nearly collected at the end of last year as we could expect to have them this year. The debt which we paid was on 5 per cent interest and not due, while our taxes are now drawing 12 per cent and it is not for our interest to force collection on them provided they are against good parties. We trust this will explain our indebtedness and hope the voters will be more cautious in the future in voting to use surplus money that never has existed.

Highways and Bridges.

Our roads have been kept in good repair during the year and out of the appropriation for highways and bridges there has been a short piece of new road built. Said road leads from Pleasant to Allen streets in the village.

Sidewalks.

Our sidewalks are getting in an unsafe condition and many rods of new walks must be laid the coming season to make them safe.

Cemetery.

We very much regret to report that we have not been able to get a deed of the cemetery which the town voted to purchase and will say we have made an effort to get the matter closed but have not done so although we have been promised a deed of all the unsold lots. While in our opinion it would be better for the town to purchase the old cemetery than land for a new one, we must acknowledge that we can see no way to close the transaction. Something must be done regarding a cemetery as it is a disgrace to our town the way the matter stands and everyone should be interested in getting it settled up.

List of property at cash value in the town of Rangeley, county of Franklin, for the year 1899 as made and returned to the State Assessors as required by law:

Number of polls taxed 235. Rate of taxation 2 per cent. Value of Real Estate, resident, \$122,085. Value of Real Estate, nonresident, \$72,330. Total value of Real Estate, \$194,415. Value of Personal Estate, resident, \$41,739. Value of Personal Estate, non-

resident, \$17,525. Total value of Personal Estate, \$59,264. Total valuation, \$253,679.

Personal property.	No.	Value.	Ave. Val.
Horses,	263	\$ 9,455	\$35 95
Colts, 3 years old,	19	502	26 42
" 2 years old,	16	287	17 94
" 1 year old,	3	37	12 33
Cows,	163	2,927	17 96
Oxen,	30	860	28 67
Cattle, 3 years old,	85	1,009	11 87
" 2 years old,	104	837	8 05
" 1 year old,	117	460	3 93
Sheep,	1,597	2,544	1 59
Swine,	44	188	4 59
Household Furniture,		3,500	
Musical Instruments,		1,270	
Bank and other Stocks,		400	
Carriages,	12	300	
Steamboats,		800	
Money at Interest,		2,800	
Bicycles,	24	255	
Logs and lumber,		15,558	
Stock in trade,		14,925	
Value of machinery,		250	
Value of Personal Estate held by Admr.,		100	
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Total,		\$59,264	

Number of Scholars, 212. Dogs, male, 24; female, 2. Rate paid for collecting taxes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Appropriated and Assessed.

For State Tax,	\$ 692 28
County Tax,	386 36
Support of Poor,	300
" " Schools,	1,000
School Supplies,	150
Repairs of Schoolhouses,	150
Town Debt,	1,000

Interest on Town Debt,	\$ 200	
Highways and Bridges,	1,000	
Fish Hatchery,	150	
Sidewalks,	150	
Surveying Town Lines,	50	
Town Charges,	400	
Overlay,	149 94	
Amount Assessed,		\$5,778 58

Public Schools.

Appropriated for Support of Schools,	\$1,000 00	
School Funds and Mill Tax,	522 21	
Interest on Town School Fund,	50 00	
Total,		\$1,572 21
Paid for Teachers,	964 00	
Due for Schools in session,	459 50	
Paid Janitors,	20,15	
Paid for Wood,	46 50	
Paid for cleaning Schoolhouses,	15 00	
Total,		1,505 15
Balance unexpended,		67 06
Appropriated for Text Books and School Supplies,	150 00	
Received for Text Books sold,	19 88	
Total,		169 88
Paid for School Supplies and Text Books,		106 67
Balance unexpended		\$63 21
Appropriated for Schoolhouse Repairs,		\$150 00
Paid for Repairs,	\$151 84	
Deficiency,		1 84
	\$151 84	\$151 84

Roads and Bridges.

Appropriated for Roads and Bridges,		\$1,000 00
Expended on Roads and Bridges in summer,	\$710 78	
Breaking Roads in winter,	114 13	
For Plank and Spikes,	44 99	
For Repairs for Road Machine and sharpening drills,	17 68	
	<hr/>	887 58
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$112 42

Town and State Poor.

Appropriated for support of Poor,	\$300 00	
Received from Almon Wilber,	10 00	
Received from State, account of Wm. Thomas and family, Mary Bubier and Geo. Fitch,	212 71	
Received from Town of Avon, account of John D. Haley and family,	44 15	
	<hr/>	\$556 86
Paid Insane Asylum, support of Louise Wilber, Furbish, Butler & Oakes, supplies fur- nished John D. Haley and family,	\$ 91 12	
For support of Isaac Paul,	44 15	
For support of Isaac Paul,	34 57	
For support of State Poor,	213 80	
N. H. Ellis, keeping tramps,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$385 14
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$181 72

Fish Hatchery.

Appropriated by Town,	\$150 00	
Expended,		\$150 00

Sidewalks.

Appropriated for Sidewalks,		\$150 00
Expended for Labor,	\$ 34 25	
Plank Stringers and Spikes,	102 45	
	<hr/>	\$136 70
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$13 30

Town Lines.

Appropriated for surveying Town Lines,		\$50 00
Paid for Labor on above work,		9 50
		<hr/> \$40 50

Account of Liquor Agent.

Received for Liquors and Kegs sold,		\$236 47
Amount of Liquors on hand as invoiced from		
Portland,	\$ 67 15	
Paid for Liquors,	109 93	
Freight,	4 08	
Faucets,	20	
Agent,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$201 36
		<hr/> \$35 11

Expenditures.

Expenditures for Bills contracted in 1899 for which there was no appropriation :

Paid Land Damage on new road,	\$115 00	
For Building new road,	259 50	
	<hr/>	\$374 50
Total Cost of new road,		

Board of Health,	\$ 33 45	
Guide Boards,	12 51	
Discount on 1899 Taxes paid before September 1st, 1799,	110 33	
Abatement of Taxes,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$542 79
Paid Railroad Bonds and interest,	\$2,012 50	
Appropriation,	1,000 00	
Expenditures on 1898 Bills:		
Paid on State Poor,	\$20 00	
For Trucking,	10 98	
On Hunter Cove Bridge,	3 50	
On Roads and Bridges account,	26 85	
Abatement of Taxes,	34 01	
	<hr/>	\$95 34
Expenditures on 1899 Bills:		
Roads and Bridges,	\$5 66	
Abatement of Taxes,	9 92	
	<hr/>	\$15 58
Abatement of Taxes, 1895,		\$24 61

Town Charges.

Appropriated by Town,		\$400 00
Stationery, Maine Townsman and Bill File,	\$ 8 20	
G. M. Carleton, posting Warrants three years,	1 50	
E. A. Libbey, reporting Births,	6 25	
“ “ Deaths,	3 00	
S. A. Ross, “ Births,	2 50	
Mrs. J. L. Nile, “ Births,	50	
Sylvader Hinkley, Ballot Clerk, 1898,	1 50	
S. A. Ross, “ 1898-9,	3 00	
E. T. Hoar, keeping, boxing and moving Books,	5 75	
Printing Town Reports, 1898-9,	12 00	
J. L. Nile, Public Watering Tub,	3 00	

Expenses of Selectmen to Phillips to meet State	
Assessors,	\$ 5 00
Revenue Stamps and Postage,	6 43
B. E. Gile, Fire Warden Service,	3 00
Sylvader Hinkley, Fire Warden Services,	4 00
G. M. Esty, Fire Warden Service,	4 00
E. A. Libbey, Services Board of Health,	7 00
Geo. M. Esty, “	3 00
H. T. Kimball, “	3 00
G. A. Proctor, Town Treasurer,	10 00
G. A. Proctor, Town Clerk,	10 00
G. A. Proctor, Recording Births, Deaths and Marriages,	7 80
G. M. Esty, Collecting 1895-7-8 Taxes,	17 97
G. M. Esty, Collecting 1899 Taxes,	71 74
Express on Compass,	51
Mrs. Sylvader Hinkley, Supt. of Schools,	50 00
E. I. Herrick, Selectman,	40 00
Abram Ross, “	30 00
W. D. Quimby, “	30 00
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	\$350 65

Financial Condition of the Town of Rangeley, Feb. 23rd, 1900.

Resources.

Phillips & Rangeley Railroad stock, value not known,	\$4,000 00
Due from J. R. Toothaker, rent of Town House,	5 50
Town House, estimated value,	1,200 00
School Houses, estimated value,	2,800 00
School Books and Fixtures, estimated value,	300 00
Due from J. R. Toothaker and G. H. Hink- ley for Sheep killed,	9 00
Due from Dallas Plantation, for use of Road Machine two days,	4 00
Due on 1897 Taxes, in hands of G. M. Esty, Collector,	8 26

Due on 1898 Taxes, in hands of G. M. Esty, Collector,	64 59	
Due on 1899 Taxes, in hands of G. M. Esty, Collector,	989 79	
	<hr/>	\$5,381 14

Liabilities.

Phillips & Rangeley R. R. Bonds, payable 1911 Optional at 5 per cent interest,	\$2,000 00	
Due First National Bank of Lewiston, July 18, 1900, at 5 per cent interest,	400 00	
Due for winter schools not closed,	459 50	
Outstanding Orders,	355 82	
Due G. A. Proctor, Treasurer,	106 55	
Total,		<hr/> \$3,321 87

Amount of Resources over Liabilities.	1,999 27
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E. I. HERRICK,	} Selectmen of Rangeley.
ABRAM ROSS,	
W. D. QUIMBY,	

Treasurer's Report.

Town of Rangeley in account with G. A. Proctor, Treasurer.

DR.

To Paid State Pensions,	\$ 18 00
State Tax,	692 28
County Tax,	386 36
Town Orders Cancelled,	6,379 58
Stationery and Stamps,	1 50
Interest on Railroad Bonds,	200 00
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	\$7,677 72

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By Cash in Treasurer,	\$ 213 43
State Treasurer Bounty on Animals,	2 00
Licenses for Peddling,	12 00
Licenses for Public Exhibitions,	1 00
State Treasurer Pauper Bill,	724 56
Almon Wilber, additional cost of casket,	10 00
Town of Avon, for support of John D. Haley,	44 15
Cash from Town Liquor Agent,	236 47
School Fund and Mill Tax,	522 21
Dog Licenses Refunded,	28 96
State Pension,	18 00
Mrs. Sylvader Hinkley, for schoolbooks sold,	19 88
W. L. Butler, Treasurer, Interest on Public School Fund,	50 00
Rangeley Plantation, for fumigating dwelling of Stanslow Oakes,	3 00
Cash from G. M. Esty, Collector,	5,685 51
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	\$7,571 17
Amount due Town Treasurer for Overpaid Orders,	106 55
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	\$7,677 72

G. A. PROCTOR, TOWN TREASURER.

Superintendent's Report.

Citizens of Rangeley:

For the second time I have the honor of submitting to you my annual report of the condition of the schools in town.

I have endeavored to select teachers who were fitted for the work, and have given no little time and thought to their selection. In one or two cases the schools have not been what we would wish, due wholly to lack of order. As a rule the teachers have given good satisfaction. They have been interested in their work and in each pupil individually. Improvement Leagues have been formed in every school district and cannot fail to be a benefit to the community.

The Course of Study has proved a great help, as it makes each pupil feel responsible for doing a certain amount of work each term. It is now very necessary to add two years to the course already laid out, thus giving those pupils who graduate from the Grammar school, also any others who pass a satisfactory examination in Grammar school studies, the benefit of a High school course.

By moving partitions a room for recitations can be made adjoining the Grammar room. The expense of this would probably not exceed \$50.00. About \$25.00 would be needed to furnish the room.

The principal, with an efficient assistant, would be able to conduct the work of the present Grammar school and the proposed additional grades. I therefore earnestly recommend that a sufficient sum be raised to defray the expense of these advanced grades, for unless this is done those pupils who graduate in the spring will be obliged to go out of town in order to gain a higher education.

Last year an appropriation of \$150.00 was made for repairs on schoolhouses, but as nearly \$50.00 of this had to be used to pay the deficit of 1898, I have to report an overdraw for 1899 of about the same amount. The Intermediate room has been ceiled and painted

and the woodshed repaired by shingling, painting, etc., while miscellaneous repairs have been made in other schools as needed.

In other matters we have kept within the appropriations. We are glad to note the interest some of the parents take in the schools as shown by their visits, and hope the coming year there will be a still greater gain in this respect.

Thanking the members of the School Board for assistance and the people of Rangeley for their courtesy and kindness, this report is respectfully submitted.

MRS. SYLVADER HINKLEY, Supt. of Schools.

School Statistics.

No. of Dist.	Teacher's name.	No. of weeks.	Attendance.	Ave. Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Total.	Due March 9
1	Grace L. Dunham,	9	25	22.5	\$ 6.50	\$ 58.50	
	" " "	10	26	25	7.00	70.00	
	" " "	10	31		7.50		\$ 75.
2	Susie L. Hackett,	9	22	17.5	6.50	58.50	
	Bertha Badger,	10	21	17.5	6.50	65.00	
	James Mathieson,	10	22		8.00		80.
3	Etta Taylor,	9	20	16.5	6.00	54.00	
	Grace T. Jenkins,	10	24	19.6	5.50	65.00	
	V. De Witt Harrington,	10	16	9	7.00	70.00	
4	*Mrs. E. H. Whitney,	9	23	21	9.00	81.00	
	" " " "	10	24	20	9.00	90.00	
	*Florence M. Look,	10	22		8.00		80.
	†Alice Hodgkins,	9	37	34.5	9.00	81.00	
	†Jessie Toothaker,	10	39	33.5	9.00	90.00	
	" "	10	38		9.00		90.
	‡Bessie Simmons,	9	24	20	10.00	90.00	
	" "	10	30	28	10.00	100.00	
	‡Harold E. Jackman,	10	35				122.

*Primary. †Intermediate. ‡Grammar.

