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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

## TOWN OF RANGELEY

For the Year Ending February 23, 1904.

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# Town Warrant.

*To George M. Esty, a 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 seventh day of March next, at 1 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 a Free High School.
- ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor for the ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair highways and bridges the ensuing year.
- ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair State road.
- ART. 8. 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. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of schoolhouses for the ensuing year.
- ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on town debt.
- ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay on indebtedness.
- ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Fish Hatchery, and how the same shall be expended.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for building and repairing of sidewalks.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town charges.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to abate any part of F. S. Dickson's tax, and if so, how much.

ART. 17. 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. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Library.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay J. A. Russell for public watering tub.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to construct a building to house the road machinery in and, if so, how much money shall be raised to pay for the same.

ART. 21. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay insurance on schoolhouses.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to grant Aaron Soule and associates a privilege to lay water pipes along in the limits of Pleasant street in Rangeley village, for the purpose of conveying water to certain houses along said street.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to build a schoolhouse at Oquossoc Station and, if so, how much money shall be raised to pay for the same.

ART. 24. To transact any other business that may 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 twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1904.

EUGENE I. HERRICK,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
LINCOLN A. TOOTHAKER,	
ISAAC E. NILE,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Rangeley.</i>

# Selectmen's Report.

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Rangeley :*

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending February 23, A. D. 1904.

During the year we have laid out two new Town Ways and both have been accepted by the town, one leading from the end of the town way near Bald Mountain Camps to land owned by F. C. Barker on Mooselookmeguntic lake, and one leading from Pleasant street to Allen street in Rangeley village. The town has borrowed the following amounts of money during the year :

\$525 to pay for Schoolhouse lot.

\$1000 to pay outstanding town order No. 1038 and note due Phillips Savings bank.

\$10,000 to build and furnish new schoolhouse.

The east and west boundaries of the town have been perambulated during the year. The amount appropriated for town charges was insufficient to pay the same, as there were several unforeseen items for which there was no appropriation and which had to be paid and charged to account of town charges. Our appropriation for town charges should be increased another year. Last spring we made a thorough readjustment of valuations, going over the field in a thorough manner and valuing property higher than it has been in years past, thereby making a lower tax rate and bringing our valuation nearer to a true cash basis. We recommend that a building be built to keep the road machinery in as we have the following new machinery: Road Machine, Wheel Scraper and Snow Roller. These articles cost the town over \$400 and are worth what they cost if properly cared for.

Last spring we had the Lockup thoroughly renovated, the same being in a very bad condition. We recommend that the town take action regarding the collecting of poll taxes from transient persons

as quite a percentage of our unpaid taxes are against persons who are only taxed a poll tax and the town loses quite an amount each year by such persons leaving town before paying their tax. A vote of the town to instruct the collector to collect all poll taxes by the first of September following the assessment would save many dollars to the town each year.

List of property at cash value in the town of Rangeley, county of Franklin, for the year 1903, as made and returned to the State Assessors as required by law :

Number of Polls taxed, 336.			
Number of Polls not taxed, 30.			
Rate of taxation, .014.			
Value of Real Estate, Resident,		\$203,645 00	
“ “ “ Nonresident,		176,455 00	
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Total value of Real Estate,			\$380,100 00
Value of Personal property, Resident,		\$98,933 00	
“ “ “ “ Nonresident,		14,660 00	
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Total value of Personal property,			\$113,593 00
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Valuation of Town,			\$493,693 00
LIVE STOCK.	NO.	AVE. VALUE.	VALUE.
Horses,	344	\$65 31	\$22,480 00
Colts, 3-years-old.	17	60 59	1,030 00
“ 2 “	10	37 50	375 00
“ 1 “	9	30 00	270 00
Oxen.	20	38 75	775 00
Cows,	229	26 39	6,042 00
3-years-olds.	99	20 86	2,065 00
2 “	143	14 62	2,090 00
1 “	151	7 44	1,124 00
Swine,	69	6 10	421 00
Sheep,	2,258	2 29	5,138 00
Goats,	28	6 00	168 00
Musical Instruments,			3,928 00
Carriages,			800 00
Wood and Bark,			400 00

Boats,	\$ 4,400 00
Stock in Trade,	29,225 00
Trust Companies Stock,	100 00
Bank Stock,	300 00
Logs and Lumber,	24,262 00
Furniture,	8,000 00
Machinery,	200 00
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	\$113,593 00

Number of Scholars, 276.

Dogs, Male, 58.

Dogs, Female, 15.

Rate paid for collecting taxes, 1 per cent.

*Appropriated and Assessed.*

For State Tax,	\$1,021 98
County Tax,	407 56
Support of Common Schools,	900 00
Support of Free High School,	250 00
Abatement of F. S. Dickson's Highway tax,	25 00
Highways and Bridges,	2,500 00
Text-books and Supplies,	400 00
Repairs of Schoolhouses,	100 00
Interest on Town Debt,	130 00
Fish Hatchery,	300 00
Snow Roller,	100 00
Sidewalks,	700 00
Town Charges,	400 00
Memorial Day,	10 00
Support of Library,	50 00
Discount on Taxes,	150 00
State Road,	200 00
J. A. Russell for Water Tub,	5 00
Overlay,	264 16
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Amount assessed,	\$7,913 70



*Snow Roller.*

Amount appropriated by town,		\$100 00
Expended for same,	\$160 87	
Deficiency,		60 87
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	\$160 87	\$160 87

*Fish Hatchery.*

Amount appropriated by town,		\$300 00
Expended for same,	\$150 00	
Balance unexpended,	150 00	
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	\$300 00	

*Taxes.*

Appropriated for discount,		\$150 00
Paid discount on taxes,	\$174 97	
Deficiency,		24 97
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	\$174 97	\$174 97

*Appropriated and Expended.*

Library,	\$50 00	
Memorial purposes,	10 00	
Watering Tub, J. A. Russell,	5 00	
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		\$65 00

*Town Charges.*

Appropriated by town,		\$400 00
Paid for printing Town Reports, 1902,	\$ 12 00	
J. F. Herrick, Ballot Clerk, 1902,	1 50	
Expenses Selectmen to Phillips and Farmington,	14 75	
Blanks, Stationery and Postage,	10 94	
Police Service July 3, 4, 5,	14 00	
A. L. Oakes for perambulating town lines,	23 50	
A. L. Oakes, surveying new road,	1 50	
Recording Deeds Schoolhouse lot,	1 00	
John and L. A. Ross for sheep killed by bears,	2 00	
Printing and advertising Town Bonds,	54 63	

Paid J. C. Holman, legal services,	\$ 5 00
Express on Town Bonds,	50
John Oakes, keeping tramps,	2 00
J. L. Nile for watering tub,	3 00
G. M. Esty, collecting taxes 1899, 1900,	
1901, 1902,	12 07
E. L. Toothaker, collecting taxes 1903,	70 30
S. A. Ross, reporting deaths and births,	1 50
F. B. Peabody, reporting deaths and births,	9 50
H. V. Kimball, recording births, deaths and	
marriages,	9 75
H. V. Kimball, salary clerk and treasurer,	20 00
G. M. Esty, services Board of Health,	10 60
F. B. Peabody, services Board of Health,	15 50
H. T. Kimball, services Board of Health,	3 00
F. B. Peabody, vaccinating 220 persons,	55 00
Isaac W. Mitchell, painting signs for	
Board of Health,	1 00
E. H. Whitney, vaccine, etc.,	21 70
Repairs on Lockup and furnishings for	
same,	22 30
E. H. Prescott, Superintendent of Schools,	100 00
Abatement of Taxes 1899, 1900, 1901,	
1902, 1903,	70 68
E. I. Herrick, services Selectman,	80 00
L. A. Toothaker, services Selectman,	55 00
I. E. Nile, services Selectman,	50 00
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	\$754 22

Deficiency,

\$354 22

*Town Orders Drawn and for What Purpose.*

Amount of orders drawn.

For roads and bridges,	\$1,821 44
sidewalks,	636 57
schools, books and repairs,	2,295 61
state paupers,	245 51
road machine,	250 00

For observances of Memorial day,	\$ 10 00
town charges,	754 22
High school,	376 50
abatement on taxes,	20 46
library,	50 00
J. A. Russell watering tub,	5 00
hatchery,	150 00
snow roller,	160 87
new schoolhouse lot,	525 00
new schoolhouse foundation,	1,115 28
committee's expenses,	10 75
building,	4,052 92
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	\$12,459 67

*Financial Standing of the Town of Rangeley February 23, 1904.*

RESOURCES.

Phillips & Rangeley railroad stock, par value,		\$4000 00
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Rangeley Cemetery, estimated value,	\$2,000 00	
Town house and lot,	1,200 00	
Schoolhouses, estimated value,	8,000 00	
School books and fixtures, estimated value,	400 00	
Uncollected taxes in 1900, G. M. Esty, collector,	5 27	
"    "    "    1901, "    "    "	12 13	
"    "    "    1902, "    "    "	40 29	
"    "    "    1903, E. L. Toothaker, collector,	959 32	
From state for state paupers' bills,	192 27	
"    "    "    "    roads,	150 00	
One set of blocks, iron bars, etc., in hands of Road Commissioner,	15 00	
From H. E. Pickford for building road,	15 00	
Taxes and costs bid in for town,	36 26	
Cash in treasury,	5,152 24	
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LIABILITIES.

Phillips Savings bank notes 4 per cent interest,	\$2,000 00
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Phillips Savings bank notes 4½ per cent interest,	\$ 1,000 00	
Arthur Rowe note 4 per cent interest,	525 00	
Town bonds 4 per cent,	10,000 00	
Outstanding orders not yet presented for payment,	124 45	
		<u>\$13,649 45</u>
Resources over Liabilities,		\$4,528 33

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE I. HERRICK,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
LINCOLN A. TOOTHAKER,	
ISAAC E. NILE,	

*of*  
*Rangeley.*

## Treasurer's Report.

Town of Rangeley in account with H. V. Kimball, Treasurer for 1903.

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By cash in Treasury Feb. 20, 1903,	\$ 14 70
from Arthur Rowe,	525 00
State Treasurer Free High School,	342 50
Phillips Savings bank,	1,000 00
State Treasurer Paupers' bills 1902,	55 09
“ “ “ “ 1903,	53 24
“ “ State road 1902,	100 00
“ “ school fund and mill tax,	771 01
“ “ dog license refunded 1902,	58 68
for dog licenses 1903.	111 00
town bonds sold,	10,025 00
Dr. F. B. Peabody school books sold	
1902.	60
E. H. Prescott school books sold 1903.	2 76
Geo. M. Esty collector 1902,	965 41
E. L. Toothaker collector 1903.	6,862 30

By cash Eben Rowe rent of town hall by Grange,	\$20 00	
Isaac Oakes, grass cut on school lot,	3 00	.
Interest on public school fund,	54 00	
		\$20,964 29

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To paid state tax,	\$1,021 98	
County tax,	407 56	
Note Phillips Savings bank,	500 00	
Note Sylvader Hinkley,	500 00	
State treasurer, Dog tax, 1903,	111 00	
“ “ deficiency on dog tax 1902,	2 00	
Interest,	145 95	
for Treasurer's receipt book,	25	
Bounty on porcupines,	4 75	
Town orders 1902,	781 01	
“ “ 1903,	12,337 55	
		\$15,812 05
By cash in Treasury,		5,152 24
		\$20,964 29

H. V. KIMBALL, *Town Treasurer.*

## Report of Superintendent of Schools

*To the School Committee and Citizens of Rangeley :*

I hereby have the honor to submit my report of the Public Schools of Rangeley for the year ending Feb. 19, 1904 :

Your superintendent took up his duties under the firm conviction that the youth of Rangeley ought to have an opportunity for a thorough common and High school education, and that the town could afford to do no less than to provide such an opportunity. Such has been the aim and the steady, progressive work of the year has justified all claims.

### *High School.*

Important changes have been made in the courses. Three

complete courses are now offered: English, Latin Scientific and College Preparatory. Sufficient appropriation should be made to make the High school year thirty-six weeks. The attendance has been the best thus far in the history of the school and the fact that the College Preparatory course has been entered upon by a majority of the students shows that such a course is called for. The work is quite crowded and in the near future an assistant teacher must be provided.

*Grammar and Intermediate.*

The course in these schools has been modified to give a more thorough preparation for High school work.

*Primary.*

The Primary school demands two teachers. The large number admitted at the beginning of each school year (fall term) makes it imperative that a sub-Primary school be maintained. The school was divided in the fall term, but as no place could be procured for the sub-Primary for the winter term both divisions have been run with one teacher. The new school building, however, provides two Primary school rooms.

*Rural Schools.*

The rural schools with one exception have run three terms of ten weeks each. The Quimby school upon vote of the superintending school committee was closed for the winter term, there not being sufficient scholars to maintain a school.

*Text-Books.*

One year ago the supply of text-books was meagre and nearly worn out at that. The appropriation of last year has been entirely expended, but our schools are quite well supplied with modern, up to date books. However a fair appropriation will be needed this year to supply the rural schools and keep up with the demand.

*Repairs.*

The White schoolhouse which was in very bad shape has been thoroughly repaired.

*Financial Statement.*

RECOMMENDATIONS.

That we raise \$400 for the High school.

That we raise \$1,200 for common schools.

That we raise \$200 for Text-Books and Supplies.

That we raise \$200 for Insurance, etc.

That we raise \$100 for repairs.

*School Money for 1903.*

Raised for Free High school.	\$250 00	
Received from state,	172 50	
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Total,		\$422 50
Raised for common schools,	\$900 00	
School fund and mill tax,	771 01	
Unexpended 1902,	93 85	
Interest on school fund,	54 00	
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Total,		\$1,818 86

Total for common and High schools, \$2,241 36

*Expended for High School.*

For teachers,	\$351 50	
wood,	25 00	
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Total,		\$376 50
Balance unexpended,		71 00

*Expended for Common Schools.*

For teachers,	\$1,621 50	
janitors,	58 37	
fuel,	81 90	
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Total,		\$1,761 77
Balance unexpended,		57 09

*School Books and Supplies.*

Raised by the town,	\$400 00	
Received for books sold,	2 76	
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Total,		\$402 48
Over Expended,		1 72

*Detail.*

Paid Newell White,	\$1 00
E. H. Whitney,	3 19
G. A. Proctor,	90

Paid George Clark,	\$ 35 00	
Ginn & Co.,	105 62	
D. Appleton & Co.,	3 36	
D. C. Heath,	12 80	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	26 88	
American Book Co.,	38 72	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	47 50	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.,	7 75	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	99 49	
Express and freight,	21 31	
Neal, Oakes & Quimby,	96	
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Total,		\$404 48

*Repairs.*

Raised by the town,	\$200 00	
Expended,	129 36	
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Balance unexpended,		\$70 64

*Detail.*

Paid cleaning schoolhouses,	\$24 50	
A. L. Walton,	17 75	
R. A. Welch,	18 45	
G. D. Hinkley,	11 00	
George Dow,	5 60	
J. A. Russell,	41 63	
Oquossoc Grange,	10 00	
Neal, Oakes & Quimby,	43	
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Total,		\$129 36

*Fuel.*

Paid Riley Hinkley,	\$4 50	
Furbish, Oakes & Quimby,	45 65	
Alonzo Hinkley,	75	
George Pillsbury,	18 00	
Charles Quimby,	13 00	
Dexter Huntoon,	20 00	
Fred Soule,	5 00	
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Total,		\$106 90

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. PRESCOTT, *Superintendent.*



# Road Agent's Report.

The road agent of the town of Rangeley hereby submits the following report for the year ending February 23, 1904:

## *Roads and Bridges.*

By amount appropriated by town,		\$2,500 00	
for state road,			200 00
Amount expended on state road,	\$315 00		
on roads in summer for men,	1,076 82		
on roads in summer for teams,	363 46		
for lumber on roads and bridges,	141 03		
for dynamite, tools and repairs,	38 88		
on roads in winter of 1903-4 for men,	60 15		
on roads in winter of 1903-4 for teams,	41 10		
for road agent 50 days at \$2,	100 00		
Balance unexpended,	563 56		
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	\$2,700 00	\$2,700 00	

## *Sidewalks.*

Appropriated by town,			\$700 00
Amount expended for men's work,	\$165 59		
for lumber,	423 54		
for spikes,	47 44		
Balance unexpended,	63 43		
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	\$700 00	\$700 00	
Balance unexpended in 1902 on roads and bridges,			\$267 38
Amount expended for road machine and scraper,	226 73		
for freight on road machine and scraper,	23 27		
Balance unexpended,	17 38		
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	\$267 38	\$267 38	

J. R. TOOTHAKER, *Road Agent.*



