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A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

TREASURER,

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

AND

ROAD COMMISSIONER

OF THE

TOWN OF RANGELEY

For the Year Ending February 24, 1905.

PHILLIPS:

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1905.

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 sixth 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 at 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 for the ensuing year.
- ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for breaking Winter Roads.
- ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair State Road.
- ART. 9. 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. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairing schoolhouses for the ensuing year.
- 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 to pay interest on town debt.
- ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for building and repairing sidewalks.
- ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.

- ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to pay a discount on taxes paid on or before certain specified dates and if so how much money shall be raised to pay said discount.
- ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes not paid on or before Jan. 1 following the commitment of said taxes and if so how much.
- ART. 17. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the Library.
- ART. 18. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay town charges.
- ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to pay a sum of money annually equal to the amount of the taxes assessed by said town on the property and franchise of the Rangeley Water company, in consideration of being granted water for public drinking fountains, watering troughs, school buildings and other municipal buildings and for street sprinkling purposes, for and during the term of twenty years.
- ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to erect a schoolhouse in the village of Oquossoc and how much money shall be appropriated for the same.
- ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Municipal Officers, Treasurer and Town Clerk.
- ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to build a Snow Roller for use in breaking roads, and if so how much money shall be appropriated for the same.
- ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Assessors to include in their inventory and tax all rowboats and canoes valued Fifteen Dollars or over.
- ART. 24. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on the day of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of February,
A. D. 1905.

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

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 Feb. 24, 1905:

Inventory April 1, 1904.

Number of Polls taxed, 371.

Number of Polls not taxed, 30.

Number of Scholars, 260.

Number of Dogs, male 84, female 13.

Rate of taxation, .017.

Value of Real Estate, Resident,	\$218,725 00
Nonresident.	181,015 00
Total value of Real Estate,	\$399,740 00
Value of Personal Estate, Resident,	\$80,653 00
Nonresident.	39,770 00
Total value of Personal Estate,	\$120,423 00
Valuation of Town,	\$520,163 00

LIVE STOCK.	NO.	AVE. VALUE.	VALUE.
Horses,	315	\$63 24	\$19,920 00
Colts, 3-years-old,	12	56 25	675 00
“ 2-years-old,	15	43 00	645 00
“ 1-year-old,	14	27 86	390 00
Oxen,	15	35 00	525 00
Cows,	254	23 73	6,028 00
Cattle, 3-years-old,	88	17 44	1,535 00
“ 2-years-old,	125	12 26	1,533 00
“ 1-year-old,	128	5 60	718 00

Swine,	99	\$ 6 15	\$ 609 00
Sheep,	1,820	1 93	3,515 00
Goats,	36	5 00	180 00
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			\$36,273 00

Bank Stock,	\$300 00
Trust Co.'s Stock,	60 00
Corporation Property,	600 00
Stock in Trade,	25,875 00
Vessel Property,	2,125 00
Logs and Lumber,	36,840 00
Wood and Bark,	600 00
Carriages,	800 00
Musical Instruments,	4,325 00
Furniture,	9,000 00
Machinery,	400 00
Wharf Property,	2,925 00
Other Personal Property,	300 00

\$84,150 00

\$120,423 00

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,	1,200 00
Free High Schools,	400 00
Abatement F. S. Dickson's Tax,	25 00
Highways and Bridges,	2,000 00
Text Books and Supplies,	200 00
Repairs of Schoolhouses,	100 00
Interest on Town Debt,	550 00
Fish Hatchery,	150 00
Sidewalks,	400 00
Memorial Day,	10 00
Library,	100 00
Discount on Taxes,	175 00

For State Road,	\$ 200 00
Watering Tub,	5 00
Insurance on Schoolhouses,	200 00
Store House for Road Machinery,	200 00
Town Charges,	800 00
Indebtedness,	1,500 00
Support of Poor,	50 00
Overlay,	261 23

Total amount assessed, \$9,955 77

Insurance on Schoolhouses.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Paid E. I. Herrick, premiums,	\$120 00	
H. A. Furbish, "	120 00	
Overdrawn,		\$40 00
	<u>\$240 00</u>	<u>\$240 00</u>

Store House For Road Machinery.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Paid Frank Jacobs for labor,	\$49 77	
Rangeley Steam Mill Co. for lumber,	78 51	
J. A. Russell & Co. for hardware,	13 00	
Balance unexpended,	58 72	
	<u></u>	<u>\$200 00</u>

Support of Poor.

Appropriation,		\$ 50 00
Received from State, account State Paupers,		410 36
Paid for supplies to State Paupers,	\$257 44	
on account of Myron Philbrick,	35 48	
Received from State 1903-1904 Bills,	192 27	
Amount now due from State 1904-1905,		39 35
Balance unexpended,	14 52	
	<u>\$499 71</u>	<u>\$499 71</u>

Grading New Schoolhouse Lot.

Amount hired by Town,	\$500 00
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Paid for labor, etc., to date,	\$542 17	
Overdrawn,		\$ 42 17
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	\$542 17	\$542 17

Basement New Schoolhouse.

Amount hired by Town,		\$300 00
Paid for labor,	\$ 96 41	
material,	185 40	
trucking,	5 90	
Balance unexpended,	12 29	
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		\$300 00

Town Charges.

Appropriation,		\$800 00
Paid George D. Loring for Blank Books,	\$ 11 75	
J. W. Brackett Printing Town Reports,	12 00	
Publishing Town Warrant,	2 50	
Nancy Mitchell for sheep killed by dogs,	12 00	
J. L. Nile for Public Watering Tub,	3 00	
Loring, Short & Harmon for Revised Statutes,	3 85	
Elmer Snowman for service as watchman July		
3-4,	2 00	
I. W. Mitchell for sign,	2 00	
J. R. Toothaker for sheep killed by dogs,	8 50	
S. A. Ross for Ballot Clerk, 1904,	1 50	
E. I. Herrick for 1/2 cord wood,	2 75	
Abram Ross Ballot Clerk, 1904,	1 50	
E. L. Toothaker Ballot Clerk, 1904,	3 00	
Neal, Oakes & Quimby for lock for lockup,	1 00	
F. B. Peabody for reporting births and deaths,	8 00	
Secretary Board of Health,	5 00	
Proctor & Look for receipt book,	10	
F. E. Russell, Superintendent of Schools,	100 00	
C. W. Barrett for signs,	2 50	
Frank Jacobs, repairs on Town House,	95	
E. I. Herrick for Postage Stamps,	80	
E. L. Toothaker, collector taxes 1903-1904,	93 43	

Paid E. H. Whitney, recording births, deaths and marriages,

E. H. Whitney, town clerk,	\$ 7 05
for labor grading Town House lot,	5 00
George M. Esty, board of health,	37 26
John Oakes for keeping tramps,	3 00
H. A. Look, town treasurer,	3 00
E. I. Herrick, Selectman,	25 00
L. A. Toothaker, Selectman,	75 00
I. E. Nile, Selectman,	60 00
Abatement of tax 1903, over assessment,	45 00
	2 34

Unexpended,

\$540 78
259 22
\$800 00

New Schoolhouse.

Building : 1903 orders drawn,
1904 " "

\$4,062 92
3,674 44

\$7,737 36

Basement : 1903 orders drawn,
1904 " "

\$1,115 28
287 71

\$1,402 99

Grading,

542 17

Lot,

525 00

Heating,

600 00

Furniture and Fixtures,

527 46

Total cost,

\$11,334 98-

Expenses of committee, architect, advertising and other incidental expenses are reckoned in building account, but printing and advertising bonds were in Town Charges account 1904 Town Report.

Town Orders Drawn and For What Purposes.

For Roads and Bridges,

\$1,559 26

For Schools, Common and High, including

Text-Books and Repairs,	\$3,124 04
Paupers, Town and State,	292 92
Sidewalks,	140 66
Memorial Day,	10 00
Library,	100 00
Watering tub,	5 00
Store House for Road Machines,	141 28
Insurance,	240 00
New Schoolhouse,	3,674 44
Basement,	287 71
Furniture,	527 46
Grading new schoolhouse lot,	542 17
Insane Asylum,	91 69
Heating new schoolhouse,	600 00
Town Charges,	540 78

Total amount of orders drawn during year, \$11,877 41

Financial Standing of Town February 24, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Rangeley Cemetery,	\$ 1,800 00
Town House and Lot,	1,200 00
Store House for Road Machines,	150 00
Schoolhouses,	12,000 00
School Furniture, Fixtures and Books,	1,000 00
Due from state : Pauper Bills,	39 35
“ “ “ State Road,	150 00
Tools in hands of Road Commissioner,	15 00
Road Machinery,	225 00
Road Roller,	100 00
Due from H. E. Pickford on Road,	15 00
Tax Deeds,	36 26
Uncollected taxes 1900, Geo. M. Esty, Coll.,	4 06
“ “ 1901 “ “ “ “	9 76
“ “ 1902 “ “ “ “	23 21
“ “ 1903, E. L. Toothaker, Coll.,	199 37
“ “ 1904, “ “ “ “	1,199 20

Cash in Treasury,	\$1,921 55	
Total Resources,		\$20,087 76

LIABILITIES.

Notes given Phillips Savings Bank at 4 per cent interest,	\$1,500 00	
Note given Arthur Rowe at 4 per cent interest,	525 00	
Note given People's National Bank at 4 per cent interest,	800 00	
Town Bonds at 4 per cent interest,	10,000 00	
Outstanding Orders,	172 25	
		\$12,997 25
		\$7,090 51

Estimates For Ensuing Year as Recommended by Selectmen.

To pay on indebtedness,	\$1,025 00	
interest,	500 00	
For Support of Poor,	200 00	
Sidewalks,	300 00	
Discount and abatement of Taxes,	200 00	
Town Charges,	500 00	
		\$2,725 00

We recommend that the town raise sufficient money to build a snow roller, as one is not sufficient to roll all the roads in town and the one which we now have is not quite heavy enough to do good work. We also recommend that the town take some action in regard to disposing of the unused school building in the village. We would also suggest that four per cent discount be allowed on all taxes paid before the first day of July following the assessment and two per cent on all taxes paid before the first day of October following the assessment, as by that method our money would come in nearer the time when it is needed to pay the bills.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Treasurer's Report.

Town of Rangeley in account with H. A. Look, Treasurer for 1904.

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By cash in Treasury Feb. 23, 1904,	\$5,152 24
Phillips Savings Bank,	800 00
Interest,	15 00
State Treasurer Free High School,	77 50
Paupers' Bills,	410 36
State Road,	150 00
School Fund and Mill	
Tax, .	720 24
Dog License Refunded 1903,	87 32
For Sheep Killed by Dogs or Wild	
Animals,	22 50
For Dog Licenses for 1904,	124 00
F. E. Russell for school books sold,	27 80
F. E. Russell for grass on school lot,	3 00
H. A. Furbish on Cemetery account,	195 32
Isaac Ellis refunded for year 1904,	91 69
Four licenses to sell Fireworks,	6 00
One Show license,	1 00
Three stoves sold to P. Richardson.	23 00
Interest on Public School fund,	54 00
Rent of Town hall by Grange,	25 00
G. M. Esty, collector 1900. 1901, 1902,	20 66
E. L. Toothaker, collector 1903, 1904,	9,326 93

\$17,333 56

DR.

To Paid State Tax,	\$1,021 98
County Tax,	407 56
Note Phillips Savings Bank,	1,000 00

To Paid Note Phillips Savings Bank,	\$ 500 00
Interest,	531 79
State Treasurer Dog Tax,	115 00
Bill File and Postage,	1 87
Bounty on Porcupines,	4 50
Town Orders 1904,	9,716 66
Town Orders 1905,	2,112 65
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By cash in Treasury,

\$15,412 01

1,921 55

\$17,333 56

H. A. LOOK, *Town Treasurer.*

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee and Citizens of Rangeley :

I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the schools of Rangeley for the year ending Feb. 24, 1905 :

The progressive policy followed by the town for the last few years has resulted in schools that will compare favorably with any in the county.

The education of youth is by far the most important work of a community. More and more it affects the success of the individual and the prosperity and safety of a free country. The schools should have the best possible physical conditions, material equipment, teaching ability and moral support. Improvements always cost something but they are worth all they cost.

High School.

It is to be hoped that an increasing number will take advantage of this valuable course of study. It prepares the scholars for college or sends them out better fitted to appreciate the good things and to overcome the difficulties in life. So far there have been students in the first three years of the course only. Next year there will be scholars in all the four years of the course. This will require at least twenty recitations a day and as each recitation in High school work requires at least thirty minutes of time, the teaching force will need to be increased if satisfactory results are to be obtained in the school. The school is very much in need of apparatus for the work in the sciences. At least \$100 should be raised for this purpose.

Graded Schools.

The village schools are well graded and provided with excellent courses of study. Each term's work prepares the scholar for the next and the scholar needs to be in school at the beginning of the year and all through the year if he is to advance in the school.

Rural Schools.

Scholars should and can be fitted in the rural schools to enter the High-school. To do this well and do justice to the younger scholars, the teacher's time should not be taken up with studies that properly belong to the High school course. These schools should have a course of study and more should be done to make them attractive and efficient.

Expenditures.

We have been obliged to overdraw the appropriation for the common schools for the following reasons: An excellent sub-Primary school has been maintained during the school year; the cost of fuel has been much in excess of what it has ever been before; a janitor for the village schools has been employed who has put the most of his time into taking excellent care of the building and the fires; in response to the needs of Oquossoc, free conveyance has been furnished to scholars from that part of the town to the Quimby school during the last half of the year, at a cost of \$1.50 a day; and about \$50 less has been received from the state.

The appropriation for text-books and supplies has fallen short of the absolute needs of the schools but an equal appropriation may answer for the coming year.

The appropriation for repairs was ample, an equal amount should be appropriated next year.

Recommendations.

That we raise for High school, \$400.

That we raise for apparatus, \$100.

That we raise for common schools, \$1,400.

That we raise for text-books, \$200.

That we raise for repairs, \$100.

Financial Statement.

HIGH SCHOOL.

To Balance from 1903,	\$ 46 00	
Raised by Town,	400 00	
Received from State,	77 50	
Due from State,	172 50	
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Total,		\$696 00

Paid H. L. Palmer teaching,	\$165 00
H. L. Bradford, teaching,	363 81
Marion L. Cooke, teaching,	50 00

Total, \$578 81

Unexpended, 117 19

COMMON SCHOOLS.

To Balance from 1903,	\$ 57 09
Raised by Town,	1,200 00
Received from State,	720 24
Interest on School Fund,	54 00

Total, \$2,031 33

Paid Mrs. H. L. Palmer, teaching,	\$ 90 00
Ethel W. Lewis, teaching,	190 00
Maude L. Smith, teaching,	100 00
Clarissa L. Weymouth, teaching,	190 00
Agnes M. Greene, teaching,	251 00
Mary R. Carsley, teaching,	100 00
Marion L. Cooke, teaching,	115 00
Velma J. Walker, teaching,	70 00
Bertha E. Gammon, teaching,	142 50
Lena B. Pillsbury, teaching,	80 00
Louise W. Atwood, teaching,	75 00
William L. Sherman, teaching,	72 00
Josephine M. Kennedy, teaching,	145 00
Thomas S. Bridges, teaching,	72 00
E. L. Toothaker, janitor,	129 00
Fern Philbrick, janitor,	5 00
Richardson & Co., teams,	7 75
Lee Haley, conveyance,	111 00
Dexter Huntoon, fuel,	162 00
Arthur Oakes, fuel,	1 00
G. M. Abbott, fuel,	12 50
J. R. Wilbur, fuel,	1 25
Riley Hinkley, fuel,	40
F. E. Russell, fuel,	2 50

Paid Fred Pillsbury, fuel,	\$27 50	
Herbert Ross, fuel,	2 00	
Silas Adams, fuel,	1 00	
E. L. Toothaker, fuel,	13 13	
Frank H. Philbrick, fuel,	14 50	
Robain Arsenalt, fuel,	6 75	
Fern Philbrick, fuel,	1 50	
Reuben W. Ross, fuel,	75	
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Total,		\$2,192 02
Overdrawn,		\$160 69

Text-Books and Supplies.

Overexpended 1903,		\$ 1 72
Raised by Town,	\$200 00	
From Books sold,	27 75	
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Total,		\$227 75
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	\$ 88 99	
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.,	17 95	
Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	32 42	
D. Appleton & Co.,	6 87	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.,	9 90	
Ginn & Co.,	17 78	
American Book Co.,	47 32	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	3 00	
H. L. Palmer,	5 00	
F. E. Russell,	12 95	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	6 61	
J. A. Russell & Co.,	24 76	
Neal, Oakes & Quimby,	1 75	
Proctor & Look,	2 75	
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Total,	\$279 77	
Overexpended,		\$52 22

Repairs.

Balance from 1903,	\$ 70 64
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Raised by town,	\$ 100 00	
Total,		\$170 64
George Dow,	\$ 6 50	
Herbert Ross,	5 50	
David Hoar,	3 50	
Elbridge Ross,	2 00	
H. L. Palmer,	3 50	
Silas Adams,	4 50	
Riley Hinkley,	1 75	
Everett Batchelder,	50	
Warren Wilbur,	5 00	
Fred Pillsbury,	2 00	
Richardson & Co.,	1 00	
J. A. Russell & Co,	18 33	
F. E. Russell,	1 50	
Frank Jacobs.	8 00	
Charles Bean,	7 00	
Total.		\$70 58
Unexpended,		\$100 06

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. RUSSELL. *Superintendent.*

Road Agent's Report.

The road agent of the town of Rangeley hereby submits the following report for the year ending Feb. 23, 1905 :

Roads and Bridges.

By amount appropriated by town,		\$2000 00
for state road,		200 00
Amount expended on state road,	\$350 00	
on roads in summer for men,	932 18	
on roads in summer for		
teams,	398 17	
for lumber on roads and		
bridges,	56 85	
on roads in winter 1904-5 for		
men,	95 00	
on roads in winter 1904-5 for		
teams,	77 06	
Balance unexpended.	290 74	
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	\$2,200 00	\$2,200 00

Sidewalks.

Appropriated by town,		\$200 00
Amount expended for men's work,	\$90 00	
for lumber,	40 00	
for spikes,	10 66	
Balance unexpended,	59 34	
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	\$200 00	\$200 00

J. R. TOOTHAKER, *Road Agent.*

