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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1st, 1890, AND ENDING
FEBRUARY 1st, 1891.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CHAS. P. EDGECOMB,
JOSEPH WHITNEY,
EDGAR L. HUNTER.

TOWN CLERKS.

CHAS. E. WHITE AND MELVILLE C. HALL.

TOWN TREASURER.

EDWIN M. BROWN.

TOWN AGENT.

J. F. WHITNEY.

COLLECTORS.

JOHN O. MESERVE,
E. H. PHINNEY,
WM. R. HILDRETH.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

OTIS F. THOMPSON.

AUDITORS.

A. Q. GOUD AND JAMES C. PURINGTON.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Topsham submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the town, for the year 1890, beginning February 1st, 1890, and ending February 1st, 1891, as follows :

The value of taxable property on the 1st day of April, 1890, was :

Total Resident Real Estate,	343,047 00	
“ Personal “	105,178 00	
“ Non Resident Real Estate,	214,966 00	
“ Non Resident Personal Estate,	8,605 00	
Total valuation,		671,796 00

Number of Taxable Polls, 359.

Assessed on each Poll, \$3 00.

Rate of taxation on the dollar 13 mills.

ASSESSMENTS.

For State Tax,	1,847 95	
County Tax,	1,154 47	3,002 42
Poor in Alms house,	300 00	
Poor out of Alms house,	300 00	
Notes,	400 00	
Interest and Coupons,	400 00	
Miscellaneous,	1,200 00	
Fire Department,	100 00	
Treasurer's Salary,	75 00	
New Bridge,	300 00	
Electric lights,	400 00	
Common Schools,	2,000 00	
High School,	500 00	
Abatements,	300 00	
School Books,	400 00	
Overlaysings,	135 27	6,810 27
Regular Commitment,		9,812 69
Deficient Highway tax,	191 45	
Dog tax,	73 00	
Supplemental,	51 89	316 34
Total Commitment,		10,129 03

ABATEMENTS TO COLLECTORS.

To E. H. PHINNEY.

TAXES of 1888 and 1889.

John Plunkett, poor,	9 20	
Horace Staples, dead,	3 00	
Wm. Maxwell, Piano not had,	70	12 90

TO INDIVIDUALS.

W. S. Rogers, watering privileges,	2 00	
C. P Thompson watering privileges,	3 00	
M. Nowell, property not had,	7 00	
Wm. E. Graves, lumber not had,	1 30	
Norris Curtis, Poll, not in town 1889,	3 00	
Ellen M. Haskell, property not had,	5 40	
Andrew C. Whitehouse, property not had,	52	
Ira Robinson, Poll, poor,	3 00	25 22
Whole amount Abated,		38 12
Balance due Abatements,	261 88	261 88

300 00

CR.

By Appropriation,		300 00
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BILLS PAID ON HIGHWAYS.

NEW BRIDGE.

Pettengill and Libby, lumber,	82 39	
Wm. Howland, “	17 20	
Chas. P. Edgecomb, drawing lumber,	20 00	
Geo. H. Berry, labor,	15 75	
J. F. Mallett,	9 62	
Joseph Dufresne, labor and materials,	8 32	
C. P. Edgecomb and others, labor and materials,	25 21	178 49

PLANKING MAIN ST. BRIDGE.

Hard pine plank,	444 11	
Freight for hard pine plank,	60 80	
J. C. Cox and others, planking bridge,	16 00	
John Rolfe, nails,	5 27	
Wm. A. Alexander, labor,	5 00	
Nathan Stewart, “	5 55	
Isaac L. Cannon, “	5 55	
J. Fred Blondell, “	6 00	
J. F. Mallett, “	4 80	
Richard Smith, “	2 25	
Adams & Ridley, bits,	60	555 93

PAINTING MAIN ST. BRIDGE.

C. H. Small,	25 50	
Harry Watson,	12 00	37 50

**Bills Paid Surveyors for overwork in no case
exceeding 15 per cent. of the amount
committed:**

Aaron Goodwin,	14 93	
Geo. W. Thompson,	8 01	
Chas. A. Ward,	28 72	
A. J. Hildreth,	17 97	
Jordan White,	9 59	
J. L. Foster,	9 25	
Chas. Graves,	10 14	
Geo. S. Adams,	43	
Cyrus Flagg,	26 61	
Albert M. Graves,	9 51	
Ed Beanmont,	16 30	
Oscar Patten,	61 35	
Alvah Mallett,	6 78	
Humphrey Purington,	16 21	
Thomas H. Sprague,	7 51	243 31

McADAMIZING MAIN ST.

C. P. Edgcomb, labor, material and bills paid,	290 15	290 15
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OTHER BILLS.

E. H. Phinney, overpaid road bill,	5 63	
Tylor & Co., sections road machine,	8 50	
M. Nowell, labor, '87,	2 00	
J. Staples & Son, labor, '87,	4 85	
Chas. E. White, labor, '88,	2 78	
Thomas Rogers, labor, '88,	2 60	
John Preston, labor, '89,	4 65	
M. E. Sherman,	2 25	
Nathaniel Orr,	45	33 71

Whole Amount paid,		1339 09
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AMOUNT RECEIVED ON ACC'T OF HIGHWAYS.

New Bridge,	300 00	
Bowdoin Paper Mill Road Tax,	246 72	
Gift from W. Parsons,	50 00	
Deficient Highway tax,	191 45	788 17

Money Returned by Surveyors of '89.

Wm. Dunning,	12 79	
Wm. Alexander,	9 31	
John W. Curtis,	7 43	
Edgar L. Hunter,	53	
Otis F. Thompson,	6 33	
Elgin A. Hunter,	12 20	
E. H. Phinney,	53 26	101 85

Wm. Dunning, old bridge plank,	4 08	4 08
Overdrawn,		444 99

1339 09

COMMON SCHOOLS.

DR.

BILLS PAID FOR TEACHING.

J. M. Williams,	44 00
Ida A York,	48 00
Walter D. Jack,	54 00
Nettie Alexander,	56 00
Emily J. Whitten,	52 00
E. A. Bradley,	54 00
Maggie C. Marr,	54 00
Carrie A. Williams,	54 00
Evelyn Williams,	45 00
Hattie E. Goodwin,	45 00
Hattie E. Wilson,	49 50
Kate A. Griffin,	49 50
Fannie J. Carr,	63 00
Alice L. Tate,	54 00
Mary I. Cates,	49 50
Abbie E. Hunter,	54 00
Minnie B. Merrill,	54 00
Orissa Beals,	56 00
Alice L. Jack,	40 00
Hattie E. Goodwin,	40 00
Kate A. Griffin,	40 00
Carrie A. Williams,	48 00
Virginia Umberhind,	44 00
Hattie E. Wilson,	48 00
Gertie B. Grady,	40 00
Abbie E. Hunter,	48 00
Alice L. Tate,	48 00
Mary I. Cates,	44 00
Jennie Williams,	40 00
Alice L. Tate,	54 00
Alice L. Jack,	45 00
Gertie Grady,	45 00
Carrie S. Brown,	45 00

Orissa Beals,	67 50	
Hattie E. Wilson,	54 00	
Virginia Umberhind,	49 50	
Mary I. Cates,	49 50	
Kate A. Griffin,	45 00	
Abbie F. Minnard,	56 25	1,926 25
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BILLS PAID FOR WOOD.

Jennie M. Williams,	1 00	
Geo. M. Graves,	13 50	
Thomas H. Sprague,	12 00	
Thomas Rogers,	9 00	
Chas. P. Edgecomb,	18 74	
Chas. A. Clough,	33 00	
Wm. Dunning,	8 00	
Geo. M. Patten,	19 13	
Johnson Clark,	24 93	
Joseph S. Drinkwater,	12 80	
Wm. R. Hildreth,	75	152 85
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BILLS PAID FOR REPAIRS.

Geo. M. Graves,	1 75	
Oliver W. White,	1 65	
James Lapham,	2 75	6 15

BILLS PAID FOR SUPPLIES.

John Rolfe,	4 65	
D. L. Smith,	25	
R. P. Whitney,	20	
Adams & Ridley,	8 75	
Frank Hunter,	1 76	
A. W. Townsend,	19 70	
Otis F. Thompson,	13 10	48 41
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BILLS PAID FOR CARE OF HOUSES.

J. P. Curtis,	3 05	
Horace I. Whitney,	2 50	
Walter D. Jack,	2 00	
C. N. Weymouth,	2 25	
Geo. Furbish,	2 00	
Emily J. Whitten,	4 00	
W. J. Cannon,	4 00	
O. W. White,	2 00	21 80

BILLS PAID FOR SUPERVISION.

D. L. Smith,	24 75	
Horse hire of G. L. Quint,	19 10	43 85
Whole amount paid for Common Schools,		2,199 31
Balance Due Common Schools,		876 40
		<u>3,075 71</u>

CR.

By Appropriation,	2,000 00	
Unexpended balance Feb. 1st, 1890,	191 37	
Railroad and Telegraph tax,	122 32	
State School Fund,	728 66	
Interest on Town School Fund,	33 36	3,075 71

HIGH SCHOOL; BILLS PAID.**TEACHERS.**

W. G. Mallett,	225 00	
Lillian S. Mallett,	99 00	
Lillian S. Mallett,	88 00	412 00

SUPPLIES.

John Rolfe,	63	
W. G. Mallett,	1 35	
Edgar L. Hunter, wood,	1 00	2 98

CARE OF HOUSE.

W. J. Cannon,	9 00	9 00
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REPAIRS.

Lillian S. Mallett hanging curtains,	1 00	
Henry Cannon,	2 25	3 25

Chart,	40 00	40 00
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Amount of bills paid,		467 23
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Unexpended balance,	486 91	486 91
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		954 14
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Cf.

By Appropriation,	500 00	
Balance Feb. 1st, 1890,	326 64	
Received from State,	112 00	
High School Entertainment,	15 50	954 14

MISCELLANEOUS.

BILLS PAID SELECTMEN FOR SERVICES.

Chas. P. Edgecomb, balance '89,	29 25	
Joseph Whitney, " "	33 25	
I. E. Mallett, " "	49 06	111 56
Chas. P. Edgecomb, '90,	79 10	
Joseph Whitney, " "	60 00	
Edgar L. Hunter, " "	70 00	209 10

COMMISSION PAID COLLECTORS.

E. H. Phinney,	39 06	
Wm. R. Hildreth,	105 00	144 06

OFFICE SUPPLIES.

Geo. R. Stinson, paper, stamps, etc.,	2 68	
Loring, Short & Harmon, books, paper, etc.,	14 85	

A. Q. Goud, kerosene,	49	
A. W. Townsend, books,	1 40	
Mrs. C. E. White, wood,	3 00	
R. P. Whitney, kerosene,	08	22 50

OTIS GEORGE CASE.

Chas. P. Edgecomb, "witness,"	3 80	
B. M. Patten, "	3 56	
Chas. H. Colby, "	2 82	10 18

I. S. Curtis, Health Com. Salary,	10 00	
Horace B. Fisher, "witness" "Staples case,"	2 00	
Chas. P. Edgecomb, expense to Augusta.	3 00	
A. G. Tenney, printing reports '90,	36 66	
Joseph Whitney, expense to Augusta,	2 60	
Edwin M. Brown, Salary as Treasurer,	75 00	
James Barron, Town Agent,	13 17	
E. H. Phinney, posting warrant,	1 00	
W. L. Putnam, legal advice,	11 70	
Chas. E. White, Clerk,	30 15	
Health Com., printing notices mad dogs,	1 00	
Henry Cannon, burying carrion,	1 00	
W. S. White, opening Town Hall,	1 00	
Chas. P. Edgecomb, car fare,	3 10	
Frank O. Doughty, watch night of 3 and 4 of July,	3 00	
Caleb Ridley, watch night of 3 and 4 of July,	4 00	
E. F. Brawn, burying dogs,	5 00	
L. H. White, killing dog,	1 00	
E. Beaumont, auditing acets, '90,	5 00	
Nathan Stewart, burying horse,	2 50	
Barton Jordan, rent of Agr. Hall,	25 00	
F. C. Whitehouse, auditing acets, '89 and '90,	15 00	
Expense C. H. Small case,	4 38	
Wm. M. Pennell, insurance,	20 00	

Sam'l Knights, housing road machine,	1 00	
Board of Health salary for '90,	30 00	
Expense,	45	307 71
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Amount of bills paid,		805 11
Unexpended balance, Feb. 1, '91,		462 17
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		1,267 28
	CR.	
By Appropriation,	1200 00	
Unexpended balance Feb. 1, '90,	67 28	1267 28
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SCHOOL BOOKS.

BILLS PAID.

Ginn & Co.,	33 33	
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn,	7 44	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	4 00	
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn,	3 72	
J. B. Lippincott & Co.,	130 30	
Byron Stevens,	51 85	
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn,	77 50	
Byron Stevens,	17 50	
Balance Due,	74 36	400 00
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By Appropriation,		400 00
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TOWN FARM.

BILLS PAID, &c.

Supplies paid for by C. Ward,	370 44
Coffin for Mrs. Tebbetts,	10 00
Supplies C. H. Alexander,	3 03
Salary paid Chas. Ward,	200 00
Salary due " "	100 00

Inventory Town Farm, Feb. 1st, 1890:		
Live Stock,	273 00	
Utensils and Furniture,	407 58	
Supplies,	152 65	
Unexpended Balance,	66 28	1,582 98
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By Inventory Town Farm Feb. 1st, 1891:		
Live Stock,	270 00	
Utensils and Furniture,	374 48	
Supplies,	284 95	
Received for Produce,	344 55	
Appropriation,	300 00	1,582 98
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POOR OUT OF HOUSE.

BILLS PAID.

John Rolfe, wood for Mrs Flagg,	12 70	
Chas. A. Clough, wood for Mrs. Flagg,	3 00	
Insane Hospital, C. A. Colby,	130 58	
Wm. Knights, supplies Mary Ward,	1 50	
State Reform School, A. Ward's son,	39 00	
R. P. Whitney, supplies Henry Groves,	18 00	
Frank Hunter " " "	9 50	
A. Q. Goud " " "	3 00	
M. V. Adams, M.D., " " "	32 00	
Chas. P. Edgecomb, boots and car fare for Mrs. Geo. Ward,	3 60	
Unexpended Balance Feb. 1st, 1891,	79 03	331 91
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By unexpended Balance, Feb. 1st, 1890,		
Appropriation,	31 91	
	300 00	331 91
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BILLS PAID.

For services at meetings for the year '90,	97 75	
Hose,	68 55	
A. Q. Goud, supplies,	71	
Unexpended balance,	71 21	238 22

CR.

By unexpended balance, Feb. 1, '90,	138 22	
Appropriation,	100 00	238 22

NOTE ACCOUNT.

The following notes were outstanding
Feb. 1, '90.

Trustees School Fund,	667 28	
Trustees Pejepscot Lodge,	50 00	
Angier H. Merryman,	50 00	
I. S. Balcome,	100 00	
I. S. Balcome,	200 00	1067 28

The following are outstanding Feb. 1, '91,	667 28	
Appropriation,	400 00	1067 28

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Bills paid,	422 40	
Unexpended balance, Feb. 1, '91,	88 00	510 40

CR.

By unexpended balance, Feb. 1, '90,	110 40	
Appropriation,	400 00	510 40

COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

JOHN O. MESERVE.

The town voted to abate the worthless taxes on J. O. Meserve's book; but Barrett Potter, who is collecting those taxes, is in Washington at present, and so we are unable to credit him with anything except money paid into E. M. Brown's hands.

Due from J. O. Meserve Coll. Feb. 1st, '90	607 60	607 60
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CR.

By paid E. M. Brown,	19 23	
Unpaid balance,	588 37	607 60

DUE FROM E. H. PHINNEY, Coll. Year '88.

Balance due Feb. 1st, 1890,	94 12	94 12
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CR.

By Paid Treasurer,	74 06	
Balance due Feb. 1st, 1891,	20 06	94 12

DUE FROM E. H. PHINNEY, Coll. Year '89.

Balance due Feb. 1st, 1890,	3,613 48	3,613 48
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By paid Treasurer,	3,413 77	
Balance due Feb. 1st, 1891,	199 71	3,613 48

DUE FROM WM. R. HILDRETH, Coll.

Commitment of 1890,	10,129 03	10,129 03
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By paid State tax,	1,847 95	
Paid County tax,	1,154 47	
Paid Treasurer,	4,427 79	
Amount due Feb. 1st, 1891,	2,698 82	10,129 03

TREASURER'S REPORT. DR.

To Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 1st, '90,	2,272 98	
Cash received from the following parties :		
C. W. Purinton, Collector, Balance of acct,	26 61	
John O. Meserve, Collector,	19 23	
E. H. Phinney, Collector,	3,340 29	
W. R. Hildreth, Collector,	4,427 79	
State for Common Schools,	728 66	
State for High Schools,	112 00	
Non-resident Taxes collected,	250 03	
Expense and Interest on non-resident tax,	23 80	
Real estate taxes sold,	34 10	
Interest and expense on same,	6 80	
Selectmen, Amount handed in by Sur- veyors unworked,	101 85	
Town of Brunswick, Supplies for C. Del- aware,	22 50	
Selectmen, Money raised by High School for chart,	15 50	
Town of North Haven, aid Mrs. Pollard,	35 00	
Bowdoin Paper Co., highway tax, 1890,	246 72	
Bridge Plank (old),	4 08	
Wm. H. Parsons, a gift on fixing highway,	50 00	
(State) Railroad and Telegraph tax,	122 32	
		\$11,840 26
	CR.	
By Town orders paid to Feb. 1st, 1891,		7,324 34
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1st, 1891,		4,515 92
		\$11,840 26

EDWIN M. BROWN, TREASURER.

RESOURCES, FEB. 1, 1891.

Due from J. O. Merserve,	588 37
E. H. Phinney,	219 77
W. R. Hildreth,	2,698 82

E. M. Brown, taxes of '88,	1 30	
“ “ “ “ “ sold,	68 09	
“ “ “ “ “ '89,	74 34	
State for Free High School,	263 00	
Town of Winthrop,	104 54	
E. M. Brown, Bal. in Treas.,	4,515 92	8,534 15

LIABILITIES, FEB. 1, '91.

Bonds due in '91,	8,450 00	
School Fund,	667 28	
Interest bearing debt,		9,117 28
Due Common Schools,	876 40	
High School,	486 91	
Fire Department,	71 21	
Poor out of house,	79 03	
Electric Lights,	88 00	
Miscellaneous,	462 17	
Orders Outstanding,	16 67	
Chas. A. Ward,	125 89	
E. M. Brown, Salary,	75 00	
School Books,	74 36	
Abatements,	261 88	
Town Farm,	66 28	
Interest and Coupons,	340 48	
Non Interest bearing debt,		3,024 28
		12,141 56
Balance against the town,		3,607 41

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1891.

Common Schools,	1,500
Miscellaneous Expenses,	800
Highways and Bridges,	2,000
Fire Department,	200
Abatements,	100
Town Farm,	300

Poor out of House,	300
Bonds,	1,450
Electric Lights,	400
School Books,	21 ⁰⁰

CHAS. P. EDGECOMB,	} Selectmen of Topsham.
JOSEPH WHITNEY,	
EDGAR L. HUNTER,	

TOPSHAM, MAINE, February 16, 1891.

The Auditors of the Town of Topsham have examined the accounts of receipts and expenditures presented by the Selectmen, as Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, for the year to Feb. 1st, 1891, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

The accounts of the Treasurer, Edwin M. Brown, have been examined and found correct. His statements show in condensed form the transactions for the year.

A. Q. GOUD,	} AUDITORS.
JAMES C. PURINTON,	

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM: It becomes my duty to conform to law and custom by presenting the annual report of the financial standing of our schools.

This has been a hard year for me. As the free text-book law took effect in August, book agents were after me every hour in the day and I received letters by the thousand. I have made the change and kept within the appropriation and the books give good satisfaction to all the teachers.

At the last annual meeting, it seemed to be the wish of the people to consolidate the High and Grammar schools. I did so, thus saving the expense of one teacher and wood. It was a change that should have been made two years before.

I would not recommend for the Town to raise money for a High School as there are no scholars to go. All the town's people are sending their children to Brunswick. If we get the \$250 from the State, there will have to be some tall lying.

I would recommend an Intermediate school be established as we have a room not occupied. When scholars leave the Primary school, they are not competent to enter the Grammar school.

The first of April there were some four hundred scholars in town. It has cost the town years before some ten dollars to get the census of scholars: this year it cost one dollar.

The care of schoolhouses has been no expense this year to the town, I have bought good wood and had it surveyed by disinterested parties before paid for.

There has been no horse hire to pay for this year. I think in past years there has been a big leak in this direction.

There have been twenty-five weeks of school: Summer, eight weeks; Fall, eight weeks; Winter, nine weeks.

For School Expenses see Selectmen's Report.

District No. 1.	Summer term,	taught by	Evelyn Williams
	Fall and Winter terms,	"	Alice Jack
2, 7 and 10	comprise the Village District.		
3.	Summer term,	taught by	Fannie Carr
	Fall and Winter terms,	"	Orrissa Beals
4.	Summer term,	"	Alice Tate
	Fall and Winter terms,	"	Virginia Umberhind
5.	Summer term,	"	Margie C. Marr
	Fall term,	"	Jennie M. Williams
	Winter term,	"	Gertie Grady
6.	Summer term,	"	Ester Bradley
	Fall and Winter terms,	"	Alice Tate
8.	Summer and Fall terms,	"	Katie Griffin
	Winter terms,	"	Carrie S. Brown
9.	Summer, Fall and	"	
	Winter terms,	"	Abbie E. Hunter
11.	Summer term,	"	Hattie E. Wilson
	Fall term,	"	Gertie Grady
	Winter term,	"	Katie Griffin
12.	Summer and Fall terms,	"	Hattie Goodwin
	Winter term,	"	Edward Buker
13.	Summer, Fall and	"	
	Winter terms,	"	Mrs. Mary Cates

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

Primary No. 1.	Summer and Fall terms,	taught by	Carrie A. Williams
	Winter term,	"	Mrs. Abbie Minard
2.	Summer term,	"	Minnie B. Merrill
	Fall and Winter terms,	"	Hattie E. Wilson
High and Grammar.	Summer, Fall and	"	
	Winter terms,	"	Lillian Mallett

I must speak in praise of all the schools, the teachers have all worked hard. No disturbance in any school has come to me. There are quite a number of fine, learned scholars in town; it speaks well for their teachers.

I have visited all the schools twice each term according to law and have spent one hour or more each visit.

Now I wish to say to my successor, whoever he may be: "If you can do any more for the help of education than I have endeavored to do, you shall have my love and sympathy."

In conclusion, I must say that if the parents expect good schools, they must have a little sympathy for the teachers. If they would visit the schools oftener, instead of growling and back biting at home, we should have far better schools.

Respectfully,

OTIS F. THOMPSON, Supervisor.

Topsham, February 1, 1890.

WARRANT
For Annual Town Meeting,
March 2, 1891.

To Edward H. Phinney, a Constable of the Town of Topsham, in the County of Sagadahoc, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the Agricultural Hall, in said town, on the second day of March A. D., 1891, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To choose three Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, a Constable, and Collector of taxes, Supervisor or three Superintending School Committee, two or more Auditors and all other necessary town officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote for the support of Common Schools, Free High School, Highways and Bridges, the Poor in and out of the Alms house, the Abatements, and for Interest and Coupons, Miscellaneous expenses, the support of the Fire Department, and to see what sum of money if any the town will vote to pay Bonds becoming due this year and all other necessary town charges or to act on any matter relating to the same.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money if any the town will vote for the support of Electric Lights or to act on any other matter relating to the same.

ARTICLE 6. To see what salary the town will vote to pay the Town Treasurer.

ARTICLE 7. To see what time the taxes of the ensuing year shall become due, at what time interest shall commence, if any, what rate of interest shall be charged, to see what rate per cent. we shall pay our Collector, and act on any matter relating to taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to exempt Mr. John L. Alexander, of said Topsham, from paying any kind of taxes during the year 1891, agreeable to the petition of David H. Green and ten others.

ARTICLE 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the purchase of School text books.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to sell the Leavitt property so called, situated in the town of Brunswick.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to repair the Branch bridge and Cathance bridge near the Feldspar mill.

CHAS. P. EDGECOMB, } Selectmen
JOSEPH WHITNEY, } of
EDGAR L. HUNTER, } Topsham.