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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF



TOPSHAM



FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1ST.

1899.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
—WITH—
REPORTS OF TREASURER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
—AND—
ROAD COMMISSIONER,
OF THE
TOWN OF TOPSHAM
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1st,
1899.



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1899.

TOWN OFFICERS.

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1899.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

EUGENE THOMAS,
JOSEPH WHITNEY,
A. O. GOUD.

Town Clerk.

WARREN W. GOUD.

Town Agent.

EUGENE THOMAS.

Town Treasurer.

WILLIAM R. HILDRETH.

Town Collector.

WILLIAM R. HILDRETH.

Superintendent of Schools.

EUGENE THOMAS.

Road Commissioner.

W. H. HALEY.

Auditor.

W. S. ROGERS.

State Senator.

F. C. WHITEHOUSE

School Committee.

F. C. WHITEHOUSE.
J. A. FISHER,
E. W. MALLETT.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Topsham, submit the following statement of the financial condition of the affairs of the town for the financial year beginning Feb. 1st, 1898 and ending Feb. 1st, 1899.

The value of the taxable property on the first day of April, 1898, was as follows, viz :

Resident Real Estate,	\$393,265 00
Resident Personal Estate,	86,471 00
Non-resident Real Estate,	321,083 00
Non-resident Personal Estate.	17,594 00
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Total valuation,	\$818,413 00

Number of Taxable Polls, 477.

Assessed on each Poll, \$3.00.

Rate of taxation on a dollar, 15 mills.

ASSESSMENTS.

Common Schools,	\$2,000 00
High School,	800 00
Poor in the house,	400 00
Poor out of the house,	200 00
Abatements,	250 00
Interest,	600 00
Miscellaneous,	1,000 00
Fire Department,	250 00
School Books,	400 00
Electric Lights,	600 00
Highways and Bridges,	2,000 00
Two Electric Lights, Topsham Highlands,	100 00
Electric Light near suspension bridge,	50 00

School house repairs,	400 00	
For Town building,	500 00	
Town Debt,	500 00	
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Total amount for Town purposes,		\$10,050 00
State Tax,		2,530 95
County Tax,		1,080 73
Supplemental Tax,	\$22 13	
Overlayings,	45 51	
	<hr/>	\$67 64
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Total commitment,		\$13,729 32

ABATEMENTS.

To Horace B. Fisher,	\$5 50	
James Clark, infirm and poor, poll tax, '96,	3 00	
I. W. & Alvah Mallett, overvaluation, real estate,	3 40	
W. L. Tripp, poll tax of '94, not of age,	3 00	
H. S. Balentine, overvaluation of logs on hand,	5 10	
Calixte Bernier, one lot not owned,	2 12	
Walter M. Mallett, money at interest, not had,	11 90	
Charles Barron, poll tax of '96 & '97, not a resident,	6 80	
Wm. Tripp, unpaid highway tax of '94, not of age,	80	
Mrs. Otis F. Thompson, overvaluation of real est.,	3 00	
Dwinal Allen, poll tax,	3 00	
Marshall G. Powers, over valuation personal pro.,	68	
G. H. Purinton, poll tax of 1897 and 1898,	6 00	
Heirs of John Graves, overvaluation of real est.,	1 50	
James L. Hyde, poll tax of 1897 and 1898,	6 00	
John W. Tarbox, overvaluation real estate,	3 00	
William W. Howland, personal property not had,	43	
James Clark, poll tax 1897, infirm and poor,	3 00	
Narcisse Graudreau, poll tax of 1898, non resident	3 00	
W. C. White, overvaluation real estate,	5 10	
James C. Cox, agent, church property,	23 80	
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W. R. Hildreth, collector 1896 taxes :		
To Edgar Barron, non resident,	3 00	
Frank Clary, non resident,	3 00	
George Dechuce, not found,	3 00	
Charles A. Goud, out of town,	3 00	

To Charles Jewell, away,	3 00
David Jones, away,	3 00
Joachim Jean, not found,	3 00
Lachence Joseph, or overseers unknown, property not had	9 50
Bert Libby,	3 00
Charles Orr, away,	3 00
Alfred Othier, away,	3 00
A. Perry, away,	3 00
David W. Powell, not found,	3 78
Renard Antoine, non resident,	3 00
P. Stuart, never found,	3 00
Thomas St. Lawrence, not found,	3 00
Charles Williams, non resident,	3 00
Lydia Bouchard, property not had,	1 63
George Hatch, non resident,	3 00
J. E. Jordan, non resident	3 00
	65 91
W. R. Hildreth, collector taxes of 1897 :	
To Fred Arguett, taxed under another name,	3 00
Walter Barron, non resident	3 80
Michael Bushau, not found,	3 00
Joseph Bernier, not found,	3 00
Michel Bondner, gone,	3 00
John Byras, gone,	3 00
George F. Crowley, gone,	3 80
Thomas Carrier, taxed twice,	3 00
Nelson Coscadden, gone,	3 00
Albert J. Dennison, non resident,	3 00
Walter Dumphy, non resident,	3 00
Elwell Frye, taxed in Bath,	3 00
Charles A. Goud, away,	3 00
Michael Godr, non resident,	3 00
Paul Glass, away,	3 00
Joseph Godr, away,	3 00
J. E. Jordan, non resident,	3 00
Cyrus Keay, non resident	3 00
Charles King, non resident,	3 00
Joseph Lachouse, property not had,	2 45
A. B. Leighton,	3 68
Louis Latulip, not found,	3 00
Mike Neverlick, gone before commitment,	3 00
David Powell, gone,	4 00
Henry J. Small, taxed twice,	2 12

Helen L. Smith,	82 50
Clare P. Hussey,	82 50
Bell G. Sampson,	77 25
Effie M. Atwood,	74 25
Ella F. Rounds,	77 00
Jennie M. Williams,	66 00
Ella C. Whitney,	66 00
Ethel B. Philbrick,	84 00
Hattie H. Fisher,	84 00
Ella F. Rounds.	98 00
Martha R. Purington,	84 00
Abtie E. Hunter,	98 00
Emma P. Williams,	70 00
Florence Lancaster,	77 00
Annie L. Baron,	105 00
Bertha M. Haley,	94 50
Lillie Carr Polley,	119 00
Nellie R. Minot,	56 00
Helen L. Smith,	105 00
Clare P. Hussey,	105 00
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	\$3,067 10

FUEL.

To Jordan White,	\$2 75
C. A. Ward,	15 50
C. E. Meserve,	12 63
W. A. Foster,	1 50
James A. Tarr,	5 00
George B. Luce,	16 56
E. W. White,	14 37
L. M. Williams,	14 50
E. C. Patten,	12 88
J. F. Chaney,	166 25
E. W. Mallett,	12 87
B. M. Patten,	14 25
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	\$289 06

SCHOOL BOOKS.**BILLS OF 1897.****DR.**

To Balance overdrawn, Feb. 1st, 1898,	\$71 62	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	38 87	
Ginn & Co.,	14 72	
American Book Co.	12 84	
Rand, McNally & Co.	32 75	
D. C. Heath & Co.	4 67	
T. H. Castor & Co.	8 19	
J. L. Hammett Co.	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$189 91

BILLS OF 1898.

To Silver Burdett & Co.	\$3 47	
J. A. Cone,	2 40	
A. C. Shorey,	6 75	
Henry Holt & Co.	13 33	
Edw. E. Babb & Co.	5 83	
Oliver Ditson Co.	1 63	
D. C. Heath & Co.	17 85	
Leach, Shewell & Co.	7 67	
Eugene Thomas, express,	7 05	
American Book Co.	92 94	
Sheldon & Co.	47 67	
	<hr/>	\$206 59
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Total,		\$396 50
Balance on hand,		3 50
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		\$400 00

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By Appropriation,	\$400 00
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SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

DR.

To Balance, Feb. 1st, 1898,	\$175 06	
Ridley & Eaton,	33 89	
George B. Luce,	3 17	
G. H. Totman,	2 63	
M. F. Hyde,	2 50	
Byron Stevens,	10 94	
W. Gillespie,	7 20	
A. C. Gatchell,	22 45	
Charles C. Haskell,	5 37	
Eugene Thomas,	11 00	
W. H. Haley, and others,	18 20	
Josiah Orr,	75	
Sarah Lapham,	6 00	
Caleb C. Ridley,	6 50	
W. A. Foster,	2 50	
W. P. W. Purinton,	3 75	
J. F. Mallett,	15 20	
W. Gillespie,	1 25	
George E. Stinson,	2 25	
George B. Luce,	1 40	
C. C. Haskell,	50	
Jack & Edgcomb,	8 52	
Eugene Thomas,	15 00	
John Rolfe,	1 45	
N. G. Curtis,	1 50	
L. M. Williams,	1 92	
J. W. Crawford,	2 50	
S. T. Brown,	9 00	
W. S. Cash,	1 00	
Dana S. Colby,	15 65	
J. L. Alexander and others,	5 58	
Balance on hand,	5 37	
	\$400 00	
	CR.	
By appropriation,		\$400 00

TOWN FARM REPAIRS.

DR.

To W. M. Howland,	\$3 60	
Henry Cornish,	7 75	
John Rolfe,	18 19	
I. A. Pennell,	3 30	
Balance on hand,	34 47	
	<u> </u>	\$67 31

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By Balance Feb. 1st, 1898,	\$65 06	
Cash returned by John Rolfe, over- drawn order,	2 25	
	<u> </u>	\$67 31

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

DR.

To Herbert Stuart,	\$3 75	
Ridley & Eaton,	1 50	
C. I. Giveen, clerk,	105 25	
Herbert Stuart,	2 55	
John Furbish,	1 85	
Caleb C. Ridley,	38	
J. M. Howland,	38	
John Rolfe,	50	
S. T. Brown,	40 11	
D. A. Hall,	2 00	
J. W. Crawford,	1 50	
John Furbish,	75	
Balance on hand,	140 50	
	<u> </u>	\$301 02

CR.

By Balance Feb. 1st, 1898,	\$51 02	
Appropriation,	250 00	
	<u> </u>	\$301 02

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.**DR.**

To J. W. Crawford, for Brunswick Electric Light & Power Co.	\$685 67	
To Balance on hand,	144 70	
	<hr/>	\$830 37

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By Balance Feb. 1st, 1898,	80 37	
Appropriation,	750 00	
	<hr/>	\$830 37

TOWN FARM.**DR.**

To Balance Overdrawn, Feb. 1, 1898,	\$462 57	
D. & C. E. Scribner,	2 50	
Charles Ward,	174 19	
S. A. Walker, Assignee,	23 97	
Inventory Feb. 1, 1898,	530 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,193 93

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By Appropriation,	\$400 00	
Inventory Feb. 1, 1899,	624 14	
Overdrawn,	169 79	
	<hr/>	\$1,193 93

POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE,

DR.

To Balance Feb. 1st, 1898,	\$10 17
Cyrus Flagg, rent for A. J. Dennison, on acc't town of Brunswick,	66 00
C. E. Lancaster, medical attendance and medicine for Newell O. Fish, Monmouth,	61 75
C. E. Lancaster, medical services for Mrs. Dunham Berry,	3 00
Manning S. Campbell, for insane patients, Celia J. Colby and Hattie E. Wilson,	184 94
Town of Lisbon, balance of account of 1896, supplies and medical attend- ance for Mrs. Lydia Ricker,	24 80
F. C. Webb, shoes furnished O. Brag- don on acc't town of Freeport, in '96,	3 00
John Rolfe, pair boots furnished to A. J. Dennison, acc't town of Bruns- wick,	2 75
$\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood furnished A. J. Dennison,	2 50
H. O. Curtis, M. D., medical attend- ance and supplies for family of Ed. Brawn,	40 00
C. E. Lancaster, M. D., medical at- tendance and supplies for family of Newell O. Fish of Monmouth,	39 85
F. E. Johnson, medicine and supplies for Newell O. Fish of Monmouth,	21 35
Town of Lisbon for support of Arthur W. Ricker in Reform School,	38 00
H. O. Curtis, M. D., medical attend- ance of family of Fred White, acc't of town of Bowdoinham,	13 50

To H. O. Curtis, M. D., medical attendance and supplies for family of James B. Cole, acc't of town of Denmark,	26 00	
W. S. Noyes, supplies and assistance, furnished James B. Cole, acc't of Denmark,	6 63	
W. F. McFadden & Son, supplies furnished, to James B. Cole on acc't town of Denmark,	2 98	
John Rolfe, supplies furnished James B. Cole, on acc't town of Denmark,	6 00	
H. V. Stackpole, shoes furnished James B. Cole and wife, on acc't town of Denmark,	3 25	
Manning S. Campbell, Treasurer, Town of Lisbon, for board of Arthur W. Ricker at Reform School,	69 98	
Cyrus Flagg, rent for A. J. Dennison acc't town of Brunswick,	13 00	
	6 00	
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		\$645 45

OR.

By appropriation,	\$200 00	
Cash from town Freeport, (O Bragdon)	3 00	
Cash from town Monmouth,	61 75	
Cash " " Denmark,	44 86	
Cash " " Bowdoinham,	13 50	
Cash " " Monmouth,	61 20	
Balance overdrawn,	261 14	
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		\$645 45

There is due from the town of Brunswick, on this account, one hundred and one and 25-100 dollars. Again,

the town appropriated only \$200, for this account last year instead of \$300 as has been the custom for years, and the one hundred dollars which should have gone to this account, as usual, was added to the Town Farm account, making the appropriation for the Town Farm, four hundred dollars instead of three hundred dollars, which has been the amount of the appropriation for that account for years.

During last year, Arthur W. Ricker, son of Frank Ricker, living at Lisbon Falls, was sent, by the court, to the Reform School during minority.

This adds one dollar per week to the expenses of the Poor out of the house account, and we have paid Lisbon, so far, fifty one dollars for the Ricker boy's support at the Reform School.

MUSTARD FUND.

To Order No. 9,	\$8 25	
" " 11,	2 25	
" " 170,	2 50	
" " 283,	5 00	
" " 352,	2 75	
" " 429,	75	
" " 471,	10 00	
Balance on hand,	73 87	
	<hr/>	\$105 37

OR

By Interest on the fund, one year, \$105 37

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

BILLS OF 1897.

DR.

To Balance overdrawn, Feb. 1st, 1898,	\$629 16	
W. W. Goud, Balance of services as Town Clerk for 1897,	2 88	
Eugene Thomas, Balance of services as Selectman for 1897,	52 50	
A. Q. Goud, Balance of services as Selectman for 1897,	57 90	
Joseph Whitney, Balance of services as Selectman for 1897,	34 50	
George B. Luce, services as Truant Officer for 1897,	38	
Weston Thompson, legal services for 1897,	20 00	
C. P. Edgecomb, wood for selectmen's office,	3 00	
C. E. Lancaster, M. D., reporting births and deaths for 1897,	9 25	
J. A. Tarr, services as Truant officer for 1897,	30	
Elbridge Cornish, services as con- stable,	10 84	
W. R. Hildreth, services as Town Treasurer for 1897, stamps and stationery,	43 15	
	<hr/>	\$863 86

BILLS OF 1898.

DR.

To W. S. Rogers, auditing town accounts,	\$5 00
A. C. Shorey, printing Town Reports,	32 00
Mr. Leveque, Interpreter, taking valuation,	1 00

To A. C. Shorey, printing letter-heads and furnishing paper for selectmen's office,	3 00
George S. Carter, burying dog for Board of Health,	25
Loring Short and Harmon, supplies for Selectmen's office,	19 40
Eugene Thomas, services as Select- man,	140 00
A. Q. Goud, services as selectman,	145 00
Joseph Whitney, services as Select- man,	78 08
Eugene Thomas, expenses for self and A. Q. Goud, carrying W. How- land to Augusta,	7 05
Arthur Lamarre, watching nights of July 3 and 4,	4 00
To George L. Quint, teams for use of selectmen,	13 00
George L. Quint, teams for use of Superintendent of schools,	3 25
C. H. Barnes, sheep killed by dogs,	9 00
Moses C. Barnes, " " "	21 00
Eugene Thomas, services as Supt. of Schools,	150 00
Caleb C. Ridley, watching nights of July 3 and 4,	4 00
William M. Pennell, insurance on High School building.	30 00
Albion S. Jack, sheep killed by dogs,	12 00
Isaac T. Allen, " " " "	6 00
C. Albert Ward, " " " "	6 00
E. C. Patten, " " " "	6 00
F. H. Ward, " " " "	3 00
Arthur Lamarre, police service July 3 and 4,	3 00

To William Dunning, services as election clerk, fall election,	2 00	
Joseph Whitney, wood for selectmen's office,	3 75	
Emery Dennison, sawing wood for selectmen's office,	1 25	
J. W. Crawford, surveying Main St.	3 50	
L. H. White, settees,	8 00	
W. W. Goud, services as Town Clerk,	45 00	
C. P. Edgecomb, services as Election Clerk, fall election,	2 00	
W. F. McFadden & Son, supplies for school committee office,	1 00	
George E. Stinson, services as Election Clerk, fall election,	2 00	
H. O. Curtis and others, services and supplies for Board of Health,	34 70	
W. R. Hildreth, collector costs,	10 00	
Eugene Thomas, postage and supplies for office,	48	
H. O. Curtis, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	2 75	
Charles A. Palmer, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	2 75	
W. R. Hildreth, posting warrants and notifying Town Officers,	6 00	
George L. Quint, teams for use of selectmen,	4 50	
George L. Quint, teams for use of Superintendent of schools,	23 50	
G. J. Roy, M. D., reporting births and deaths,	5 00	
W. R. Hildreth, commission as Collector for collecting \$9,600, of 1898 taxes,	192 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,051 21
Total,		<hr/> \$1,915 07

MISCELLANEOUS.

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By appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
W. R. Hildreth, Treasurer, overpaid order No. 231,	75	
Cash for horse hire for selectmen for locating telegraph poles,	4 00	
Money returned by Arthur Lemarre, overdrawn order,	3 00	
Cash from State Treasurer, for sheep killed by dogs in 1897 and 1898,	112 50	
Cash from state for R. R. & Tel. tax, State Treasurer, dog licenses re- funded,	119 82	
Cash from Town Clerk, dog licenses 1898,	91 61	
Overpaid order to W. R. Hildreth, collector,	88 00	
Balance overdrawn,	69	
	494 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,915 07

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DR.

BILLS OF 1897.

To Balance overdrawn, Feb. 1st, 1898,	\$69 72
W. H. Rumrill,	3 00
Joseph R. Wilson,	1 00
Samuel Knight,	11 36
George Ward,	2 25
James A. Tarr,	6 75
Converse Hatch,	1 13
C. P. Edgecomb,	27 50
C. C. Haskell,	9 45

To G. H. Totman,	2 00
J. F. Mallett,	20 18
Albion S. Jack,	38 70
J. F. Mallett,	4 87
Joseph Whitney,	9 10
W. R. Hildreth,	1 50
F. H. Purington,	59 21
G. H. Berry,	2 20
L. W. Tedford,	4 90
James Purington,	7 10
C. H. Williams,	38 02
A. R. Tate,	2 50
W. S. Noyes,	14 95
Harry A. Hall,	1 25
Abraham Bouchard,	30 70
G. M. Graves,	1 80
James A. Tarr,	3 55
Charles E. Meserve,	7 10
Hugh A. Ward,	75
W. T. Wilson,	2 17
Thomas Rogers,	4 75
Darius Keay,	6 50
W. A. Crocker,	7 57
Walter Foster,	5 00
Frank Grover,	7 27
Harry W. Bailey,	3 13
Humphrey Purninton,	5 73
J. A. Smith,	1 85
Fred Coolen,	5 95
J. R. Alexander,	1 25
George Ward,	3 00
J. E. Noyes,	75
Frank Levoie,	75
Peter Thebauld,	11 20
C. E. and A. W. Tedford,	3 57
A. H. Goodwin,	10 50
Frank Bruno,	5 38

To James Ramsey,	5 57
Michael Leveque,	7 76
William Gillespie,	5 75
H. S. Balentine,	6 37
J. L. Foster,	2 35
Abraham Bouchard,	4 63
A. W. Hunter and others,	37 70
J. W. Cornish,	1 38
A. A. Plummer,	10 50
Ellis Leavitt,	5 00
Howard Carey and others,	8 12
Charles R. Trufant,	2 56
F. E. Hilton,	1 25
J. P. Curtis,	1 25
A. R. Hunter,	10 15
Ridley & Eaton,	27 46
C. H. Weymouth,	6 60
Charles C. Leavitt,	1 50
Edward Atkins,	50
John Grady,	1 05
John P. Leavitt,	4 12
Thomas Hunter,	4 76
John Furbish,	1 00
C. C. Galusha,	6 88
C. Albert Ward and others,	22 46
Melvin A. Tarr,	2 62
A. O. Hilton,	8 00
Alvah Mallett,	6 60
Charles Robinson,	43
J. F. Cunningham,	3 25
Emery Thomas,	4 32
F. A. Rackley,	8 00
George E. Furbish,	3 30
Everett Furbish,	1 38
George R. Tedford,	157 20
John B. Thompson,	7 00
G. W. & E. R. Hildreth,	3 60

To E. C. Patten,	14 00
Frank Hicks,	1 06
George M. Patten and others,	18 87
E. C. Mallett,	13 24
B. M. Patten,	27 00
C. S. Newell,	39 02
J. H. Brewster,	2 88
A. J. Hildreth,	20 05
Frank R. Tate,	10 42
C. H. Alexander,	4 00
John Dennison,	1 50
George F. Mallett,	2 48
C. F. Wilson,	3 75
William Tate,	5 05
Frank S. Trufant,	2 25
George L. Quint,	5 40
E. C. Patten,	6 92
Loring E. Graves,	8 50
J. Frank Cox,	6 15
Marshall Powers,	4 15
Edward Peters,	75
Horace Wilson,	2 00
Humphrey Mallett,	5 00
E. A. Hunter,	3 75
W. S. Rogers,	8 55
T. H. Staples,	4 05
W. B. Staples,	2 70
Henry Flood,	2 62
W. J. White,	1 00
Charles T. Rackley,	90
John Tarbox,	1 75
J. M. Howland,	62
William W. Howland,	63
Eugene L. Temple,	1 50
J. C. Rumrill,	1 28
Charles A. Graves,	8 62
Elmer G. Powers,	2 25

To William Dunning,	4 50	
Al. Furbish,	1 50	
Cabot Mifg. Co.,	7 42	
S. C. Andrews,	4 55	
S. T. Brown,	2 25	
Fabien Belanger,	1 88	
A. E. Tedford,	3 00	
J. B. Barron,	6 05	
A. E. Tedford,	10 00	
E. W. Mallett,	6 82	
E. C. Tarr,	7 57	
W. F. McFadden & Son,	92	
	<hr/>	\$1165 85

BILLS OF 1898

DR.

To G. H. Totman,	75
Josiah Orr,	1 30
Caleb C. Ridley,	7 13
John Rogers,	50 00
William Gillespie,	6 00
A. C. Gatchell,	40 89
Charles C. Haskell,	26 61
C. F. Wilson,	4 06
George A. Crowley,	6 24
Pejepscot Paper Co.,	20 69
C. E. Meserve,	34 20
J. Frank Cox,	1 50
Albert Hanson,	75
Edward Atkins,	1 25
W. A. Alexander,	3 30
Edward Peters,	2 70
Chas. C. Haskell,	6 75
Jas. C. Cox,	6 25
F. W. Grover,	35 40
J. F. Mallett,	12 45

To E. A. Hunter,	4 50	
W. S. Rogers,	3 00	
Melvin A. Tarr,	2 40	
Converse Hatch,	3 75	
J. M. Howland,	9 00	
W. W. Howland,	6 25	
Z. H. & W. S. Noyes,	7 60	
B. M. Patten and others,	66 43	
Hermon Streit,	4 50	
Frank Curtis,	10 50	
S. F. Cary,	2 25	
W. Howland,	5 87	
Joseph Levigueur,	1 50	
Llewellyn Cobb,	2 50	
Mrs. Wagg,	7 40	
John Rolfe,	4 63	
C. C. Ridley,	33 75	
E. C. Mallett,	5 90	
S. C. Andrews,	14 62	
S. T. Brown,	3 91	
Wm. H. Haley,	57 00	
N. G. Curtis,	4 77	
Bowdoin Paper Mfg Co.	126 43	
A. C. Gatchell,	24 29	
Daniel C. Lapham,	1 13	
John S. Knight,	7 20	
J. L. Foster,	7 20	
Balance on hand,	337 65	
	<hr/>	2200 00

CR.

By appropriation,	2000 00	
Vote of town Special town meeting, Nov. 29, '97, for Lisbon and Main Street Bridges,	200 00	
	<hr/>	2200 00

There is due from the Lewiston, Brunswick, and Bath Electric St. Railway Co. \$93.35, which is one half of the amount expended in 1898 on bridges, and \$33.34, which is one half the amount expended in 1897 on the two bridges in our village, making the total amount due from the company \$126.69 which added to the balance as shown in the Highway account would give \$464.34, as the actual balance to the Highway account at this time.

During the summer an agreement was made between the L. B. & B. Electric Ry. Co. on one side and the towns of Lisbon & Topsham on the other side, as follows, viz: That the Electric Ry Co. should use the abutments of the old bridge between Lisbon and Topsham, and should build thereon a steel bridge 24 feet in width, also that the bridge should be raised 2 feet higher than the old bridge, that said Co should plank said bridge, that the snow cleared from the R. R. track should at once be removed by said R. R. Co. That all repairs hereafter to be made upon said bridge etc, should be at the joint expense of said town and the said R. R. Co, the said Co. bearing one half the expense and should the abutments be destroyed, said Co. shall bear one half the expense of replacing the same.

That the towns of Lisbon and Topsham should, each pay the Electric R. R. \$150, when said steel bridge was completed.

Later, arrangements were made between the L. B. & B. R. R. and the selectmen of Topsham, by which arrangements said R. R. should pay the Town of Topsham, \$150.00 for damages done by that company to the highways of this town, between Oliver White's house and the Lisbon line.

TOWN BUILDING.

DR.

To W. E. Frost Agent,	\$6 00	
C. & T. W. Fogg,	118 75	
Peter St. Peter,	100 00	
George A. Crowley,	4 87	
Herbert Stuart,	5 25	
George A Crowley,	6 00	
Jack and Edgecomb,	76 61	
A. Q. Goud,	15 00	
J. E. Noyes,	51 55	
Bertram Goud,	1 62	
J. Frank Mallett,	2 50	
Eugene Thomas,	17 00	
D. H. Flagg,	7 00	
Walter S. Cash,	71 00	
Gilbert Totman,	65	
I. A. Pennell,		
Rufus Deering Company,	11 35	
Joseph Whitney,	10 00	
W. S. Noyes,	3 00	
W. E. Frost Agt.,	1 00	
John Rolfe,	59	
Stanley T. Brown,	52 00	
L. Frank Hicks,	28 00	
Dana S. Colby,	22 38	
J. W. Crawford,	20 13	
A. Q. Goud,	71	
	<hr/>	\$656 48

CR.

By appropriation,	\$500 00	
Cash from W. Tripp for old lumber,	1 00	
Cash for lumber from W. S. Cash,	13 50	
" " " A. Q. Goud,	1 00	
Balance overdrawn,	140 98	
	<hr/>	\$656 48

At the annual Town meeting in March 1898, the town voted to appropriate \$500 00 for the purpose of adding a piece to the old school-house, where the Selectmen's and School Committee's offices were.

After thoroughly considering the matter it was decided to add 25 feet to the length of the building.

It was found, upon investigation, that the old building could be moved back 25 feet and a new piece put on front, at a less expense to the town than would be if the partitions of the offices were all taken down and moved to the rear of the building, since most of the lumber of the partitions would thus be destroyed and necessitate its being replaced by other lumber.

Accordingly the old building was moved back and it was then found that all the old underpinning would have to be rebuilt.

In addition to that the old building had to be shingled and clapboarded. A new chimney, also, had to be built from the ground up, on account of insurance.

There was only one way that this could all be done without overdrawing the account, and that was to cut short the piece to be added to the Hall, some eight or ten feet.

This was out of the question if the town intended to use the Hall for town meeting purposes, as, in that case, it would not be large enough in which to hold our annual town meetings and other gatherings.

For these reasons the Hall was built as originally planned and is, without doubt, none too large for the purposes intended by the voters of the town.

The amount expended on the old part would equal what has been overdrawn on the account.

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

ELBRIDGE CORNISH Collector.

DR.

To Balance due the town, Feb. 1st, 1898,	\$848 63	
	<u> </u>	\$848 63

CR.

Cash from taxes, paid to W. R. Hildreth, Treasurer,	6 80	
Balance due the town, Feb. 1st, 1899,	841 83	
	<u> </u>	\$848 63

WILLIAM R. HILDRETH, Collector,

TAXES OF 1896.

DR.

To balance due the town Feb. 1, 1898,	\$198 66
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CR.

By paid the Town Treas. during year,	\$152 62	
balance due the town, Feb. 1', 99,	46 04	
	<u> </u>	\$198 66

TAXES OF 1897.

DR.

To Balance due the town Feb. 1st, 1898,	\$5,666 85
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CR.

By paid the Town Treas. during the	
year,	\$4,438 43
Balance due the town, Feb. 1st,	
1899,	1,228 42
	————— \$5,666 85

TAXES OF 1898.

DR.

To Commitment,	\$13,729 32
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CR.

By Paid Town Treas. during the year,	\$9,600 00
Balance due the town, Feb. 1st,	
1899,	4,129 32
	————— \$13,729 32

Treasurer's Report.

Town of Topsham in Account with W. R. HILDRETH,
Treasurer.

DR.

To town orders paid from Feb. 1, '98	
to Feb. 1st. '99	\$16,388 08
balance in Treasury Feb. 1st, 1899,	114 14
	\$16,502 22

CR.

By balance on hand Feb. 1st. 1898,	\$ 49 41
State of Maine Free High School,	250 00
“ “ dog licenses refunded,	91 61
“ “ damage sheep etc. “	112 50
“ “ R. R. and Tel. tax '98,	119 82
“ “ School Fund and	
Mill tax, '98	1,309 36
Dog taxes received of Town Clerk,	88 00
Lumber,	15 50
Overdrawn orders,	9 00
New England Telegraph Company,	4 00
Town of Freeport,	3 00
“ Monmouth,	122 95
“ Denmark,	44 86
“ Bowdoinham,	13 50
George A. Crowley,	9 15
Rent of Hall,	50
W. R. Hildreth,	69
By Elbridge Cornish Coll,	6 80
“ “ Interest,	52

By W. R. Hildreth Coll. taxes 1896,	152 62	
" " " " 1897,	4,438 43	
" " " " 1898,	9,600 00	
Interest paid on taxes W. R. Hildreth,	60 00	
	<u> </u>	\$16,502 22

THE CARRIE EMUS FUND.

Balance Oct. 1st, 1897,	\$ 237 00	
Interest on same to Oct. 1, '98	8 35	
	<u> </u>	\$245 35
Balance Oct. 1, 1898,		245 35

LIABILITIES.

Abatements,	\$66 66	
Interest,	217 29	
Highways and Bridges,	337 65	
School books,	3 50	
Common Schools,	2,078 80	
High School.	249 75	
Fire Department,	140 50	
Electric Lights,	144 70	
Repairs on School Houses,	5 37	
Town Farm Repairs,	34 47	
Old Order outstanding,	1 87	
Cisterns,	26	
Mustard Fund,	73 87	
Outstanding Orders,	29 99	
	<u> </u>	\$3,384 68
Interest bearing debt,		
Mustard Fund,	\$2,937 50	
Bonds,	2,300 00	
School Fund,	667 28	
School Building Loan,	6,000 00	
Bridge Loan, (short bridge),	1,000 00	
Temporary Loan of 1896,	500 00	
Temporary Loan of 1897,	700 00	
	<u> </u>	\$14,104 78
		<u> </u>
		\$17,489 46

RESOURCES.

Due from Elbridge Cornish, Collector,	\$841 83	
“ W. R. Hildreth, “	5,403 78	
“ Town of Brunswick,	101 25	
Non resident taxes of 1889,	56 00	
“ “ “ 1890,	33 08	
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1st, 1899,	114 14	
	<hr/>	\$6,550 08
Town Debt,		10,939 38
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		\$17,489 46

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Abatements,	250 00
Miscellaneous,	1,200 00
Poor out of the House,	350 00
Poor in the Alms House,	300 00
Fire Department,	200 00
Highways and Bridges,	2,000 00
Electric Lights,	750 00
Interest,	400 00
Town Debt,	500 00
Decoration Day,	25 00
Common Schools,	2,000 00
High School,	800 00
School house and supplies,	400 00
School Books,	400 00

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE THOMAS,	}	Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Topsham
JOSEPH WHITNEY,		
A. Q. GOUD,		

I have examined the accounts of receipts and expenditures presented by the Selectmen as Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Topsham for the year to Feb. 1st, 1899, and find them correctly kept, and properly vouched for.

The accounts of the Treasurer, Wm. R. Hildreth, I have examined and found correct.

W. S. ROGERS, Auditor.

Road Commissioner's Report.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1898, Two Thousand Dollars was appropriated for Highways and Bridges. There was \$100 appropriated at a special town meeting, the previous fall, for repairs on Lisbon Bridge and \$100, for repairs for the long bridge which amounts have been credited this year to the Highways and Bridges account, making a total of \$2200, for use this last year, minus the sixty nine and seventy two one hundredths dollars, which was overdrawn at the beginning of 1898, which left \$2,130.28. It was also voted at the 1898 March meeting that the unpaid bills of 1897 on Highway account should be also paid from this past year's appropriation.

Under the Law I was compelled to give a bond for the faithful performance of my duty as Road Commissioner.

The question which there faced me was, how much money would I have to expend during the year of 1898.

I found, on inquiring at different times, that bills of the previous year were being paid throughout the year, and have been paid up to Jan. 14th, 1899, and so I never knew at any one time during the year how much money I

had at my own disposal until now, the 1st of February, 1899.

It has proven, finally, that eleven hundred and sixty five and eighty-five one hundredths dollars has been paid on account of 1897, including the \$69.72 overdrawn at the beginning of this year.

This left \$1,034.15 (including the \$200, raised at the special meeting in the fall of 1897 spoken of above) as available for this year, but still leaving me in the dark as to just how much there would be until the financial year was closed. There has been expended, during this year, just past, \$696.50 leaving a balance of \$337.65 at this time to the Highway and Bridges account.

There is due from the Lewiston, Brunswick and Bath Electric Railway Co., \$93.35 which is one half of the amount expended on the bridge between Topsham and Brunswick during 1898, by this town.

I learn that there is also due from the same company, \$33.64 which is one half of the amount expended on the bridges in the village during 1897.

Adding these two amounts to the balance on the Highway account, mentioned above, and it equals \$464.34 which is the amount actually unexpended from the Highway account to date, towards paying the present winter snow bills.

All bills have been itemized and an account of each man's time kept, according to Law, and I respectfully refer to the Highways and Bridges account in another part of the Town Report, for amounts paid different persons for labor and materials.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HALEY,
Road Commissioner for 1898.

School Report.

There were 533 scholars in town on the First of April 1898, between the ages of 4 and 21 years.

During the past year the schools, as a whole, have been successful and the teachers and scholars have done good work. Very rarely have complaints, against teachers been made to the Committee or Superintendent, and in almost every case, differences were adjusted and satisfactory arrangements or changes were made.

Parents should, at all times, feel free to make known to the Committee, facts which are liable to work against the interest of the Schools as, in this way, changes may be made or mistakes corrected which, otherwise, might cause much trouble and waste of time and money.

It often happens, however, that complaints come so late that corrections cannot be made without changing the teachers, when, if the particular matter had been spoken of in season to the Superintendent, or some member of the committee, suggestions might have been made quietly to the teacher, in the spirit of kindness, and all would have been well.

It seems to be only justice to the teachers to mention here another phase of this question viz: That the parent should not be *too* zealous in making complaints against teachers. They should be *sure* they are right before taking a decided stand against teachers.

Great injustice is often done to teachers by someone who has made complaints to the Committee, stronger than the facts will warrant. But we are pleased to say that these cases have been few and far between.

If parents would feel free to talk with teachers and explain the peculiarities of their children's dispositions and

capacity to learn, much would be gained for the child's advancement, and this brings to mind the importance of the teachers calling upon and getting acquainted with the parents of the children under their care in school. Also the advantage of having parents visit the schools, and, by encouraging words, make the teacher feel that half her burden has been lifted from her shoulders and, out of gratitude for the kindness and interest shown her, make her resolve to apply herself, with renewed energy, to the work before her.

At the present time there are eleven schools in session in this town, besides the High School.

The Goodwin school has been closed during the year. At the time the School Committee had its meeting last spring, there was only one scholar in that District, beyond the school house. It was therefore deemed best by the committee to close that school and let the scholars this side of the school-house, attend the Pejepscot school. As arrangements were made by the Selectmen when the Lewiston, Brunswick & Bath St. R'y was granted permit to lay its tracks in our town, to transport scholars and teachers for a two cent fare, it would not seem to be policy to run a school in Goodwin District unless there was quite a large number of scholars.

For, as it costs only 4 cents per day to transport the scholars to and from the schools in other districts, quite a large number could be transported before the expense would amount to as much as it would cost to hire a teacher and purchase fuel etc., for that school there.

This school, however, is suspended by law, without any action of the committee, and can only be reinstated by a vote of the town,

The School in the Haley District was suspended by the Committee at the beginning of the present winter term.

There were only eight scholars attending that school last term and, as two of those moved away, arrangements were made to transport the remaining scholars, in that

scholars presented themselves as members of the entering class, it was found necessary to add still other seats until finally all available space in the school room was occupied and it was found necessary to place five desks in the recitation room.

This building is well supplied with maps, charts and globes, and in this connection it is proper to state that, during the Fall term, Mr. F. C. Whitehouse presented the town with a very fine Globe for the use of the schools, which gift is much appreciated by the other members of the School Committee, the Superintendent and teachers.

It is very pleasing to the Committee and Superintendent that so large a number of scholars from outside the village are taking advantage of the course of instruction given in our High School.

At present there are 32 Scholars from outside the village attending.

The first class, which will be graduated the coming June numbers 14 pupils. In all probability, a class will enter the coming fall, larger than the one to graduate.

The School Committee and Superintendent are much pleased to note the excellent care which, has been taken of the school house and the various rooms, desks and equipments. Much credit for this is due to the teachers, but it must not be forgotten that a large share of this state of affairs is due to the manly and ladylike qualities of the scholars themselves.

The School property in town is in excellent condition and our citizens may well feel proud of the condition of the School houses and surroundings.

Many of our school houses are supplied with the latest improved desks, throughout the town, and there is only one school house in use in town that is not supplied with slate blackboards.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. WHITEHOUSE,	}	School Committee.
J. A. FISHER,		
E. W. MALLETT,		

EUGENE THOMAS, Superintendent.