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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,

1900.



BRUNSWICK, ME.
TELEGRAPH JOB PRINT.
1900,

TOWN OFFICERS.

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1900.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

EUGENE THOMAS,
JOSEPH WHITNEY,
A. Q. 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.

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, 1899 and ending Feb. 1st, 1900.

The value of the taxable property on the first day of April, 1899, was as follows viz :

Resident Real Estate,	\$606,401 00
Resident Personal Estate,	110,944 00
Non-Resident Real Estate,	115,122 00
“ “ Personal Estate,	1,125 00
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Total valuation,	\$833,592 00

Number of Taxable Polls, 530.

Assessed on each poll \$3.00.

Rate of taxation on a dollar, 15.8 mills.

ASSESSMENTS.

Common Schools,	\$2,000 00
High School,	800 00
Poor in the Alms House,	300 00
Poor out of the Alms House,	350 00
Abatements,	250 00
Interest,	600 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,200 00
Fire Department,	200 00
School Books,	400 00
Electric Lights,	750 00
Highways and Bridges,	2,000 00
School house repairs and supplies,	400 00

New road near Pejepscot,	700 00	
Memorial Day,	25 00	
Sidewalks on Topsham Heights,	250 00	
For permanent repairs on Main St.,	500 00	
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Total amount for town purposes,		\$10,725 00
State Tax,	2,699 17	
County Tax,	1,174 24	
Supplemental tax,	86 49	
Overlayings,	162 34	
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Total commitment.	\$4,122 24	\$14,847 24

ABATEMENTS.

To Francis Adams, Trustee, overvaluation,	\$6 64	
Horace B. Fisher,	2 80	
Robert D. Hunter, heirs of, overvaluation of real estate '98,	1 50	
Narcisse Graudreau, poll tax, 1899,	3 00	
Sagadahoc Ag. & Hort. Society, by vote of the town,	31 60	
Mrs. Otis F. Thompson, money at interest, not had,	18 96	
	<hr/>	\$64 50

To W. R. Hildreth, Collector:

Taxes of 1896.

To Belanger Onesine, away,	\$3 00	
Carnier Faustin, away,	4 95	
Gray A.,	3 00	
Gauthier Philip, away,	3 00	
Jordan Octave, away,	3 00	
Libby Bert, not found,	3 00	
Stockman W. S., poor,	3 33	
Strout Irving, taxed in Brunswick,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$26 28

Taxes of 1897.

To Perkins W. F., away,	3 00
Leveque Mack, taxed twice,	3 00
Williams Charles, away,	3 00
St. John Ferdine, away,	3 00
Lapoint Francis, property not had,	13 20
Libby Joseph, taxed twice,	3 00
Hussey F. A., non resident,	3 00
Chaplin John, non resident,	3 00
Leviney James, not found,	3 00
Liscomb John, not found,	3 00
Bernier Cenas, taxed twice,	3 00
Bernier Remi, taxed twice,	3 00
Harmon William H., away,	3 88
Allen T., taxed twice,	3 00
Barsplay Francis, not found,	3 00

65 08

Taxes of 1898.

Arcoitt Fred, taxed twice,	3 00
Michaud Andrew, away,	3 00
Belanger Charles, taxed twice,	4 88
Baptiste Jean, gone before commitment,	3 00
Bushan Michel, gone before commitment,	3 00
Bolis Jean, gone before commitment,	3 00
Bodner Mitchel, gone before commitment,	3 00
Clauthier Joseph, gone away before commitment,	3 00
Cox James C., agent, property not taxable,	7 50
Caron Amide, taxed in Brunswick,	3 38
Coue Earnest, gone before commitment,	3 00
Dumphy Walter, gone before commitment,	3 00
Fournier Zepharin, taxed twice,	7 50
Given C. M., taxed in Freeport,	3 30
Gould Everett, taxed in Brunswick,	3 00
Gatchell Irving, not of age,	3 00
Godr Joseph, gone before commitment,	3 00
Godr Michel, gone before commitment,	3 00
Greenleaf Scot, gone before commitment,	3 00
Hilton Henry, non resident,	3 00
Hilton Frank, non resident,	3 00
Jewers John, gone before commitment,	3 00
Libby Bert, not found,	3 00
Mallett Harry D., non resident,	3 00
Merrill Albert S., taxed in Brunswick,	3 00

To Mascow John, not found,	\$3 00
Martin, Andrew, not found,	3 00
O'Connell L. L., not found,	3 00
Rayno Philip, not of age,	3 00
Small Henry J., taxed twice,	4 88
Whitten Herbert, not found,	3 00
Winslow M. C., not found,	3 00
Boushard Lydia, taxed twice,	1 88
Lacourse Louis, taxed twice,	1 88
	———— \$113 20

Taxes of 1899.

Lacourse Louis, away,	1 98
Fournier Zepharin, taxed twice,	7 90
Harry Grady & George Blake, property not had,	1 58
Hall Elmer, taxed in Portland,	3 00
Bouchard Lydia, property not had,	1 58
Jack Mrs. Andrew, property taxed twice,	71
Eaton Frank, taxed in Brunswick,	3 00
	———— \$19 75
Total amt. abated to W. R. Hildreth, collector,	\$224 31
Total amount abated in all,	288 81
Balance on hand,	27 85
	———— \$316 66

CR.

By balance, Feb. 1st. 1899,	66 66
By appropriation,	250 00
	———— \$316 66

COMMON SCHOOLS.

TEACHING.

DR.

Ethel Philbric,	\$66 00
Ella F. Rounds,	255 50
Emma P. Williams,	153 00
Nellie R. Minott,	144 00
Martha R. Purington,	216 00
Clare P. Hussey,	279 75
Helen L. Smith,	278 75

L. Carr Polley,	\$187 00	
Annie L. Barron,	279 50	
Bertha M. Haley,	66 00	
Abbie E. Hunter,	252 00	
Augusta M. Johnson,	255 00	
Jennie M. Williams,	66 00	
Hattie H. Fisher,	150 00	
May Q. Clough,	125 00	
Bertha S. Patten,	68 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,842 00

FUEL.

DR.

E. W. White,	\$11 75	
James Williams,	3 75	
E. H. Phinney,	11 00	
Charles E. Meserve,	13 50	
Edward W. White,	5 75	
B. M. Patten,	10 00	
Charles Ward,	8 75	
E. C. Patten,	12 50	
Converse Hatch, sawing wood,	2 00	
E. W. White,	5 50	
A. S. Jack,	7 50	
Pejepscot Paper Co.,	66 95	
L. M. Williams,	16 50	
Humphrey Purinton,	155 00	
E. W. Mallett,	12 88	
Joseph Whitney,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$348 83

TRANSPORTATION

DR.

Millard E. Curtis,	\$22 00	
Everett Furbish,	72 00	
W. H. Haley,	49 50	
J. A. Smith,	125 00	
W. W. Fowler,	6 00	
	_____	\$274 50

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

DR.

J. A. Cone and others,	75 00	
J. II. Hale,	15 00	
	_____	\$90 00
Total school bills paid,	\$3,555 33	
Balance on hand,	2,022 46	
	_____	\$5,577 79

CR.

By Balance Feb. 1st, 1899,	\$2,078 80	
Appropriation,	2,000 00	
State of Maine, Mill Tax,	1465 63	
Interest on School Fund,	33 36	
	_____	\$5,577 79

HIGH SCHOOLS.

John A. Cone, Teaching,	852 00	
Nellie R. Minott, Teaching,	144 00	
Balance on hand Feb. 1st, 1900,	303 75	
	_____	\$1,299 75

CR.

By Balance, Feb. 1st, 1899,	249 75	
Appropriation,	800 00	
State of Maine,	250 00	
	_____	\$1,299 75

INTEREST.

DR.

Paid by W. R. Hildreth, Treas.	493 91	
To amount of orders drawn for Mustard Fund,	167 32	
Balance, Feb. 1, 1900,	221 06	
	<u> </u>	\$882 29

CR.

By balance Feb. 1st, 1899,	217 29	
appropriation,	600 00	
Interest rec'd fr W. R. Hildreth, Col,	65 00	
	<u> </u>	\$882 29

TOWN FARM.

To balance, Feb. 1st, 1899,	169 77	
Charles Ward, services Mgr Town Farm,	266 94	
Charles Ward, expenses poor farm,	8 86	
H. F. Thompson, Insurance on Town Farm Buildings,	25 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,094 73

CR.

By Appropriation,	300 00	
Inventory Feb. 1st, 1900,	249 20	
Balance,	45 53	
	<u> </u>	\$1094 73

There has been paid up from the overdraft of last year on this account \$124.

TOWN FARM REPAIRS.

DR.

To Ridley & Eaton, paint brushes etc,	3 90	
Balance on hand Feb. 1st 1900,	30 57	
	<u> </u>	\$34 47

CR.

By balance Feb. 1st. 1890,	34 47	\$34 47
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MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

BILLS OF 1899.

DR.

To Balance Feb. 1st, 1899, overdrawn,	\$494 70	
Joseph Whitney services Selectman Mar. 4, 1899,	42 42	
Joseph Whitney, expense to August ta on Howland case and to Lisbon on Ricker case,	7 20	
A. Q. Goud, services Selectman to Mar. 4, 1899,	32 53	
Eugene Thomas services Selectman, to Mar. 4, 1899,	42 75	
Eugene Thomas, services Supt. of Schools to Mar. 4, 1899,	22 50	
W. W. Goud, services Town Clerk to Mar. 4, 1899,	4 64	
W. S. Cash, services Truant officer '98,	2 00	
W. J. Wilson, transporting and stor- ing booths for election,	1 50	
W. A. Alexander, wood, Selectmen's office,	2 50	
Alvah Mallett, services as ballot clerk fall election '98,	2 00	

To A. C. Shorey, printing town Reports for year 1898,	32 00
C. H. Cumston, M. D. reporting births, and deaths, etc.,	3 50
Dr. Mitchell, exam'ng Mr. Howland,	2 00
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\$692 24

BILLS OF 1899.

To W. S. Rogers, auditing accounts for year 1898,	5 00
Herbert Stuart, sawing wood for Selectmens' office,	50
E. W. Mallett, wood Selectmen's off.	2 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, Record Books and Tax Blanks,	3 26
J. A. Fisher, recording deed and post,	1 54
Thomas H. Riley, Insurance on Town Building and contents,	16 00
Eugene Thomas, services, in full, as Selectman, for 99, to Feb. 1, 1900,	150 00
Eugene Thomas, services in full as, Supt. of Schools, to Feb. 1900,	154 00
Joseph Whitney, services in full as Selectman to Feb. 1st, 1900,	98 25
A. Q. Goud, services in part, as Selectman for year 1899,	117 61
Richard Smith, sawing wood for Selectmen's office,	75
F. H. Blondell, horse hire Supt. of Schools and Selectmen,	8 50
H. O. Curtis, vaccinating 80 persons,	20 00
George T. Carter, burying horse for Board of Health,	2 00
Geo. L. Quint, teams Supt. Schools,	11 00
L. H. White, transporting settees, for Town meeting of 1899,	1 00

Geo. L. Colby, watching nights July 3rd and 4th,	4 00
Loring, Short and Harmon, supplies Selectmen's office,	21 70
C. C. Ridley, watching nights July 3rd and 4th,	4 00
M. C. Hall, Insurance policy on Pe- jepscot School house,	40 00
Joseph Whitney, expense carrying Thos. Dufour to Insane Hospital,	6 50
F. H. Blondell, teams Supt. Schools,	11 00
F. H. Blondell, teams for Selectmen,	2 00
Joseph Whitney, wood town build'g,	5 00
C. H. Small labor painting town bldg,	12 50
William Dunning, services ballot clk,	2 00
Joseph Libby, sawing wood town bld,	1 00
Ridley & Eaton, paint etc, town bld,	10 15
W. R. Hildreth, dog license money for 1899 paid to State Treas,	109 00
Geo. E. Stinson, services Elec. clerk,	2 00
F. H. Blondel, horse Supt. of Schools,	11 25
F. H. Blondell horse, Selectmen,	1 75
H. O. Curtis, cert'f birth and deaths,	4 25
H. O. Curtis, services for himself and others, as Board of Health,	31 40
H. O. Curtis supplies B'd of Health,	4 80
E. W. Mallett, services Elec. clerk,	2 00
J. A. Fisher, recording deed for Pejepscot School house lot,	50
W. W. Goud, serv Town clerk in part	25 00
Dana S. Colby, putting up voting booths,	2 00
W. R. Hildreth, salary as Treasurer stamps, etc.,	45 00
W. R. Hildreth, posting Warrants, and notifying Town Officers,	5 00

G. J. Roy, rep'tg births and deaths,	5 25	
F. H. Blondell, horse, Supt. Schools,	5 00	
W. R. Commission for collecting 1896 taxes in full,	136 44	
W. R. Hildreth, Commission for collecting taxes of 1899, in part,	100 00	
Mary E. Barden, for sheep killed by dogs,	13 50	
Charles T. Rackley, for sheep killed by dogs,	2 50	
A. S. Jack, for sheep killed by dogs,	24 00	
Clarence Berry, for sheep killed by dogs,	8 00	
H. B. Fisher, for sheep killed by dogs,	28 00	
Alvah Mallett, sheep killed by dogs,	19 00	
J. A. Tarr, for sheep killed by dogs,	3 00	
U. E. Tedford " " "	5 00	
L. W. Tedford, " " "	32 00	
E. C. Mallett, " " "	20 50	
A. E. Tedford, " " "	16 00	
F. H. Ward, " " "	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,378 65
Total bills paid during the year,		\$2,070 89

CR.

By appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
Dog licenses rec'd. from W. W. Goud, Town Clerk,	109 00	
Rent from Town Hall,	5 00	
J. C. Cox, sale of old steps.	1 00	
State Treasurer, R. R. & Telegraph tax,	119 74	
State Treasurer, dog licenses re- funded,	74 95	
Balance overdrawn,	561 20	
	<hr/>	\$2,070 89

There is due from the state of Maine, on this account,
for sheep killed by dogs, for the year 1899, \$175.50.

There is also due from the town of Brunswick, \$6.50.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

LABOR AND MATERIAL.

DR.

To Lewis Gatchel,	\$2 50
Geo. A. Crowley,	6 87
Herbert Stuart,	10 32
Winfield E. Groves,	2 50
Leander Groves,	50
Converse Hatch,	7 19
F. E. Chadwick,	3 75
Bertram Goud,	65
Aaron H. Goodwin,	55 10
Ridley & Eaton,	3 54
Darius Keay,	4 85
W. H. Haley,	59 50
John S. Knight,	2 50
C. H. Barnes,	16 39
C. C. Ridley,	78 38
George E. Potter,	1 00
L. H. White,	51 79
W. J. Wilson,	7 62
D. B. Webber,	2 85
Charles H. Williams and others,	27 91
Ellis J. Leavitt,	7 50
Frank W. Eaton,	2 25
U. A. Jack,	5 65
L. L. Barrell.	13 75
W. S. Cash,	1 25
Frank Bruno,	18 75
Michel Leveque,	5 00
Eugene Labbe,	1 25
J. L. Hyde and others,	38 40
J. F. Mallett,	19 04
E. D. Morin,	2 25

Alexander Brothers,	\$2 50
Harry E. Haley,	1 75
C. P. Edgecomb,	127 45
Joseph Dufresne,	17 50
W. S. Noyes,	5 31
Abraham Bouchard,	92 79
C. E. Meserve and others,	81 43
Luke Shepard,	3 75
W. R. Hildreth,	3 50
Albion S. Jack, and others,	75 47
Appleton M. Graves,	1 13
L. B. Shaw,	90
S. P. Graves,	4 35
J. A. Smith,	14 10
A. A. Plummer and others,	35 95
Howard Cary and others,	9 00
Wilbur H. Rumrill,	7 15
Albert Hanson,	3 27
Abial W. Eaton,	1 75
Z. H. & W. S. Noyes,	107 41
R. E. Williams,	26 08
B. M. Patten and others,	112 73
William Dunning and others,	16 05
W. F. Tate,	7 95
H. S. Balentine and others,	18 82
Charles Whitten,	3 75
Holman Foster,	5 33
Richard Smith,	2 88
George M. Patten and others,	15 75
Joseph Foster and others,	59 24
E. C. Mallett,	3 83
N. G. Curtis,	4 94
John B. Barnes and others,	14 12
Peter St. Pierre and others,	103 59
J. P. C. Fall,	2 75
A. J. Hildreth and others,	13 77

Charles P. Weymouth,	2 55
E. W. Mallett,	10 42
L. W. Tedford,	3 77
E. Labbe,	14 38
Thomas Dufour,	12 13
Swansy Wilson,	3 75
Luke Shepard,	18 12
John Rogers,	57 00
Fred Hoyt,	4 38
John H. Bryant,	3 00
E. B. Sprague,	5 78
Alvah Mallett,	5 90
C. R. Besse,	1 50
James Purington.	2 00
M. C. Hall,	1 80
Eugene Thomas,	40
John Dennison,	8 47
John A. Trufant,	1 65
George Preston,	1 38
E. H. Phinney,	30 93
J. F. Cox,	5 33
Amasa Hannon,	3 75
Theodore Allen,	1 25
Charles Robinson,	4 13
Joseph Levegueur,	3 75
J. B. Barron,	4 55
Ezra Chapman,	15 70
Abial W. Eaton,	22 40
A. H. & F. P. Carr,	9 50
John Rolfe,	6 15
Edward W. White,	33 37
Harry Haley,	6 87
E. A. Hunter,	11 70
Joseph Gamache,	1 50
H. A. Ward,	10 25
C. T. Rackley,	4 10

C. A. Graves,	8 55	
Henry Cornish,	4 38	
R. H. Smith,	2 81	
Latus Lavoie,	2 50	
C. S. Newell,	7 00	
W. S. Rogers,	3 00	
J. L. Foster,	19 22	
R. P. Higgins,	2 02	
George Ward,	52	
Moses C. Barnes,	5 75	
E. C. Patten and others,	8 65	
Llewellyn Cobb and others,	8 96	
Jordan White,	24 75	
D. H. Flagg,	23 67	
Michel Leveque,	28 12	
E. C. Tarr,	1 80	
A. C. Gatchel, lumber,	193 84	
Fabien Belanger,	5 00	
George W. Thompson,	8 68	
Mrs. Charles Wagg,	2 25	
E. C. Mallett,	4 05	
E. C. Ridley,	1 12	
W. F. McFadden & Son,	12 95	
Cyrus Flagg,	75	
George R. Tedford,	5 00	
H. B. Cobb,	2 00	
Seth F. Cary,	5 47	
W. W. Howland,	3 50	
J. M. Howland,	1 25	
Edward J. Peters,	5 10	
Balance on hand,	383 26	
	<hr/>	\$2,587 65
	CR.	
By Balance, Feb. 1st, 1899,	\$337 65	
Appropriation,	2,000 00	
Appropriation for sidewalks at Topsham Heights,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,587 65

MEMORIAL DAY ACCOUNT.

DR.

To Paid W. C. Ross,	\$25 00	
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CR.

By Appropriation,	\$25 00	
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NEW ROAD NEAR PEJEPSCOT.

DR.

To Cash paid to W. T. Guptill,	\$700 00	
" " U. A. Jack,	46 44	
	<u> </u>	\$746 44

CR.

By Appropriation,	\$700 00	
Balance,	46 44	
	<u> </u>	\$746 44

CARRIE EMUS FUND

DR.

To Paid W. J. Wilson, care of lot,	\$4 50	
Balance Oct. 1st, 1899,	249 48	
	<u> </u>	\$253 98

CR.

By Balance Oct. 1st, 1898,	245 35	
Interest on same to Oct. 1st, 1899,	8 63	
	<u> </u>	\$253 98

POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

DR.

To balance overdrawn Feb. 1st, 1899,	261 14
Cyrus Flagg, rent on account town of Brunswick,	72 00
Town of Lisbon, support Arthur W. Ricker at Reform School,	52 00
E. W. Mallett, supplies for J. B. Cole, acct town of Denmark,	2 75
John S. Knight, supplies family of Dunham Berry,	8 75
Z. H. Noyes, supplies for J. B. Cole,	3 81
H. O. Curtis, Med. attendance do,	27 25
H. O. Curtis, Medical attendance Dunham Berry's family,	10 00
W. S. Noyes, wood for Jas. B. Cole,	4 00
W. E. Gordon, funeral supplies for Hannah Cole & Mrs. W. Gillespie,	40 25
W. H. Haley, wood for Jas. B. Cole,	3 00
Alexander Bros. supplies J. B. Cole,	16 09
Alexander Bros. supplies Mrs. Carter	3 00
Alexander Bros. supplies to F. E. Chadwick, ac. town of Harpswell,	5 32
W. A. Foster, wood for A. J. Den- nison, acct Brunswick,	3 00
I. R. Morrill, carrying Mrs. Larrabee to Insane Hospital ac. Brunswick,	10 50
E. H. Phinney, wood for J. B. Cole,	1 75
E. H. Phinney, wood for Dunham Berry's family,	1 75
Manning S. Campbell, Treasurer of Insane Hospital, for support of inmates as follows,	

To For	W. M. Howland,	32 80	
	Hattie E. Wilson,	19 31	
	Celia J. Colby,	105 59	
	Ann C. Larrabee, acct.		
	town Brunswick,	90 01	
	Thomas Dufour acct.		
	town Brunswick,	54 57	
		<hr/>	302 28
	W. H. Haley, wood for Dunham Ber-		
	ry's family,	1 75	
	F. H. Blondel, wood for Charles		
	Whitten,	5 50	
	H. O. Curtis, medical attendance		
	Dunham Berry's family,	18 00	
	W. F. McFadden, supplies to family		
	of Dunham Berry while sick,	64 77	
	H. O. Curtis, medical attendance for		
	Hattie Boulieau on acct, town of		
	Brunswick,	20 00	
	H. O. Curtis, examination Thomas		
	Dufour, for Insane Hospital,	2 00	
	E. C. Tarr, wood for family of Dun-		
	ham Berry,	2 50	
	Samuel Rand, support of Lydia Ricker,	5 00	
	W. E. Gordon, burial of old soldier,	35 00	
	Humphrey Purinton, wood for Dun-		
	ham Berry's family,	2 50	
	W. J. Wilson, wood for Dunham Ber-		
	ry's family,	1 50	
	H. O. Curtis, medical attendance on		
	Sarah J. Duffy, on acct. town of		
	Brunswick,	53 50	
	W. F. McFadden & Son, supplies for		
	Thomas Dufour on acct. town of		
	Brunswick,	3 47	
	W. F. McFadden & Son, supplies to		
	J. B. Cole, Denmark,	5 81	

W. F. McFadden & Son, supplies for F. E. Chadwick on acct town of Harpswell,	2 97	
Nelson McFadden, supplies for family of Thomas Dufour, acct. town of Brunswick,	49 46	
Joseph Whitney, wood for Calvin Welch, on acct. of town of Free- port,	5 00	
Town of Brunswick, for support of Henry Watson and family,	97 20	
A. Q. Goud, Telegram from Insane Hospital about Thomas Dufour, acct. Brunswick,	80	
Ridley & Eaton, supplies for J. B. Cole,	7 15	
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Total bills paid,		\$1,212 52

CR.

By appropriation,	\$350 00	
State Treasurer for burial of soldier,	35 00	
Cash from J. B. Cole,	78 67	
Cash from town of Brunswick,	350 25	
Balance overdrawn,	398 60	
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		\$1,212 52

There is due on this account from the town of Brunswick, \$116.81, from town of Freeport, \$5.00, from town of Harpswell, \$5.32.

SCHOOL REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.

DR.

To J. F. Mallett, hauling fence boards,	\$1 00
Ridley & Eaton, supplies,	39 58
F. W. Atkinson, labor on high school building,	6 30
W. J. Wilson,	6 00
Clare P. Hussey, school supplies,	1 98
Joseph Dufresne, repairing seat,	25
F. H. Purinton, repairing pipe, village school-house,	2 00
Eugene Thomas, labor and supplies,	33 65
Howard & Brown, diplomas,	9 10
Frank Hunter supplies,	26
George A. Crowley,	9 05
Thomas H. Riley,	5 00
John Dennison, labor,	7 25
L. H. White,	3 50
C. C. Ridley,	19 25
Sarah Lapham,	10 00
Swansey Wilson,	1 25
Julia E. Grover,	5 00
Z. H. Noyes,	4 50
R. M. Tedford,	2 50
J. L. Hammett Co.,	15 60
D. C. Lapham,	2 55
J. W. Crawford,	2 00
Rufus Deering Co.,	19 50
D. H. Flagg,	11 00
S. P. Graves,	90
Bradford Conant & Co.,	24 00
Public School Printing Co.,	5 10
Abbie E. Hunter,	10
Masury, Young & Co.,	12 00
Humphrey T. Curtis,	1 50

Harry Call,	8 25	
Frank W. Eaton,	6 00	
George Potter,	1 13	
W. F. McFadden & Son,	5 02	
Pejepscot Paper Co.,	27 96	
W. E. Gordon,	17 65	
Charles Robinson,	4 35	
J. H. Hale.	2 00	
Archie Boucher,	4 50	
Augustus Leavitt,	1 50	
Harry W. Bailey,	1 50	
H. B. Cobb, ,	35 75	
I. A. Pennell,	75	
L. M. Williams,	24	
James Purington,	3 25	
John Furbish,	2 75	
W. S. Cash,	10 30	
Dana S. Colby,	55 60	
A. W. Townsend,	1 27	
L. D. Snow,	1 98	
F. H. Blondel,	19 37	
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Total bills paid,		\$465 64

CR.

By Balance Feb. 1st, 1899,	\$5 37	
Appropriation,	400 00	
Balance overdrawn,	60 27	
	<hr/>	\$465 64

SCHOOL HOUSE AT FREE BRIDGE.

DR.

To U. S. School furniture Co., bill '97,	\$8 38
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NEW SCHOOL HOUSE AT PEJEPSCOT.

DR.

To Paid Joseph Philbrook,	2400 00	2400 00
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CR.

By appropriation,	2000 00	
Donation from Pejepsco Paper Company,	400 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2400 00

MAIN STREET. CRUSHED STONE.

DR.

To John Dennison, labor,	7 50	
George A. Crowley, labor,	7 50	
Herbert Stuart, labor,	7 50	
Converse Hatch, labor,	4 75	
D. H. Flagg, labor and teams,	28 20	
R. H. Smith, labor,	7 81	
Charles E. Colby,	5 88	
George E. Potter,	6 25	
H. B. Cobb, labor and materials,	425 00	
Charles Robinson, labor	6 25	
J. P. Curtis, labor,	2 50	
Augustus Leavitt, labor,	5 00	
C. C. Ridley, labor,	7 50	
Balance on hand, unexpended,	23 59	
	<u> </u>	\$545 23

CR.

By appropriation,	500 00	
Cash received from Bowdoin Paper Mfg. Co.,	45 23	
	<u> </u>	\$545 23

TOWN BUILDING ACCOUNT.

DR.

To Balance overdrawn Feb. 1st, 1899,	140 98	
J. F. Mallett, trucking,	2 25	
Ridley & Eaton, hardware, paint, etc.,	25 79	
Edward Peters, tending mason,	7 50	
F. W. Atkinson, painting,	4 90	
Joseph Dufresne, dogs,	45	
C. L. Marston & Co., Elect. lt. fix'trs,	7 00	
Frank Hunter, nails etc.,	2 83	
J. W. Crawford, lights for use of hall,	7 25	
C. E. Hacker, brick and lime,	11 00	
W. S. Cash, fixing windows,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$212 45

SCHOOL BOOKS.

DR.

To Eugene Thomas, Express on books,	16 12	
Henry Holt & Co, books,	30 33	
Silver Burdett & Co. books,	29 45	
Thomas R. Shewell & Co., books,	12 00	
Boston School Supply Co., books,	14 72	
Ginn & Co., books,	82 83	
American Book Co, books,	74 26	
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	23 84	
Edward E. Babb & Co.. books,	4 86	
Balance on hand,	115 09	
	<hr/>	\$403 50

CR.

By balance Feb. 1st, 1899,	3 50	
appropriation,	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$403 50

MUSTARD FUND.

To Order No.	20,	\$40 00	
" "	23,	2 25	
" "	31,	1 75	
" "	34,	7 00	
" "	100,	60	
" "	127,	12 75	
" "	141,	75	
" "	148,	15 00	
" "	190,	7 00	
" "	301,	4 70	
" "	449,	1 50	
" "	493,	20 00	
" "	503,	25 00	
" "	504,	5 00	
" "	506,	1 50	
" "	520,	8 85	
" "	295,	5 75	
" "	94,	7 92	
Balance,		9 36	
		<u> </u>	\$176 68

CR.

By balance from 1898,	73 87	
Interest on fund,	102 81	
	<u> </u>	\$176 68

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

DR.

To Herbert Stuart, shoveling snow from	
cistern,	4 95
E. M. Brown,	7 75
Brunswick Electric Lt. and Pow. Co,	15 00
C. I. Giveen, clerk, pay roll etc,	160 75

To John F. Hines, repairs,	\$5 00	
Herbert Stuart, cleaning cisterns,	1 80	
Alexander Bros. supplies,	2 97	
Joseph Dufresne, repairs,	7 35	
Alonzo Day, supplies,	7 50	
Geo. L. Quint, horse hire for chief,	3 25	
E. L. Hunter,	2 00	
Small Brothers, lettering coats and setting glass,	3 00	
W. E. Frost, Agt. Frgt on suction pm.	50	
F. G. Staples, rep'rs on Engine,	5 00	
Henry K. Barnes, rep'rs suction pump,	5 50	
Ridley & Eaton, supplies,	25 15	
W. J. Wilson,	2 50	
W. S. Cash,	1 30	
J. F. Chaney, coal for engine hall,	22 75	
Balance on hand,	81 48	
	<hr/>	\$365 50

CR.

By Balance,	\$140 50	
Appropriation,	200 00	
Cash from Maine Central R. R.	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$365 50

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

DR.

To Brunswick Electric Light & Power Co.,	\$758 25	
Balance on hand,	136 45	
	<hr/>	\$894 70

CR.

By Balance Feb. 1, 1899,	\$144 70	
Appropriation,	750 00	
	<hr/>	\$894 70

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS.

ELBRIDGE CORNISH, COLLECTOR.

Balance due the town Feb. 1st, 1899,	\$841 83	
Paid W. R. Hildreth, Treasurer,	60 37	
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Balance due the town, Feb. 1st, 1900,		\$781 46

W. R. HILDRETH, COLLECTOR.

TAXES OF 1896.

DR.

To Balance due the town Feb. 1st, '99,		\$46 04
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CR.

By Amount paid the Town Treasurer,		\$46 04
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TAXES OF 1897.

DR.

To Amt. due the town Feb. 1st, '99,		\$1,228 42
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CR.

By amt. pd. Town Treasurer during '99,	315 64	
Balance due the town, Feb. 1st, 1900,	912 78	
	<hr/>	\$1,228 42

TAXES OF 1898.

DR.

To Balance due town, Feb. 1, 1899,		\$4,129 32
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CR.

By pd. Town Treasurer, during '99,	\$3,619 71	
Balance due the town Feb. 1, 1900,	509 61	
	<hr/>	\$4,129 32

TAXES OF 1899.

DR.

To Commitment in full,		\$14,847 24
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CR.

By pd. Town Treasurer during '99,	\$11,126 20	
Balance due town, Feb, 1, 1900,	3,721 04	
	<u> </u>	\$14,847 24

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF TOPSHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH W. R. HILDRETH, Treas.

DR.

To town orders paid from Feb. 1, 1899,		
to Feb. 1, 1900,	\$20,271	22
Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1900,	39	85
		\$20,311 07

CR.

By balance on Feb. 1, 1899,		\$114 14
State of Maine Free High School	250	00
" " " Dog licenses refunded	74	95
" " " burial of soldier,	35	00
" " " R. R. and Tel. tax,	119	74
" " " School Fund & Mill tax,	1,465	63
Dog taxes received of town clerk,	109	00
J. B. Cole,	78	67
Rent of Town hall,	5	00
Town of Brunswick,	350	25
Maine Central R. R. fighting fire,	25	00
F. C. Whitehouse Agt. Pej. Paper Co to new school house,	400	00
F. C. Whitehouse Agt. Bow'd. Paper Co., crushed stone Main St.,	45	23
J. C. Cox old steps,	1	00
Interest on Carrie Emus Fund	4	50
Elbridge Cornish, Collector,	60	37
W. R. Hildreth Coll. taxes 1896,	46	04
" " " " " 1897,	315	64
" " " " " 1898,	3,619	71
" " " " " 1899,	11,126	20
" " " " " Interest,	65	00
Loans 1899,	2,000	00
		\$20,311 07

LIABILITIES.

Abatements,	\$27 85	
Interest,	221 06	
Highways and Bridges,	383 26	
School Books,	115 09	
Common Schools,	2022 46	
High School,	303 75	
Fire Department,	81 48	
Electric Lights,	136 45	
Town Farm Repairs,	30 57	
Old Order outstanding,	1 87	
Cisterns,	26	
Mustard Fund,	9 36	
Outstanding Orders,	237 81	
Main Street crushed stone,	23 59	
	<hr/>	\$3,594 86

INTEREST BEARING DEBT.

Mustard Fund,	2937 50	
Bonds,	2300 00	
School Fund,	667 28	
School Building Loan,	6000 00	
Bridge Loan Short Bridge,	1000 00	
Temporary Loan of 1896,	500 00	
Temporary Loan of 1897,	700 00	
Pejepscot School house Loan,	2000 00	
	<hr/>	\$16,104 78
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		\$19,699 64

RESOURCES.

Due from Elbridge Cornish Col.	781 46	
Due from W. R. Hildreth, Col,	5143 48	
Due from Town of Brunswick,	116 81	
Due from Town of Freeport,	5 00	
Due from Town of Harpswell,	5 32	
Non Resident taxes of 1889,	56 00	
Non Resident taxes of 1890,	33 08	
Due from L. B. & B. Electric Ry Co. for '97 and 98,	132 69	
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1st, 1900,	39 85	
Due from State of Maine for sheep killed by dogs,	175 50	
	<hr/>	\$6,489 19
Town Debt,		13,210 45
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		\$19,699 64

In addition to the above resources, the town owns the following property :

Town Farm and Equipment
 Fire Engine, Engine House and Lot,
 Two Road Machines,
 School Houses and lots, books and Equipments,
 Town Hall, and offices and lot, two safes, etc.,

The School property alone in town is worth more than the amount of the town debt.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Abatements,	250 00
Miscellaneous,	1200 00
Poor out the House,	400 00
Poor in the Alms house,	300 00
Fire Department,	200 00
Highways and Bridges,	2000 00
Electric Lights,	750 00
Interest,	600 00
Decoration Day,	25 00
Common Schools,	2000 00
High School,	800 00
School Repairs and supplies,	400 00
School Books.	250 00

Respectfully submitted,

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

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, as Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor and find their accounts 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.

Your Road Commissioner herewith submits the following, as items for Labor, Lumber and other supplies furnished and paid for during the last year on account of Highways and Bridges in accordance with Chapt. 32, Sect. 8 of Public Laws of 1899.

1899.		
Feb.	11. To Lewis Gatchell, 20 hours,	\$ 2 50
	18. George A. Crowley, 1 day,	1 25
	18. Herbert Stuart, 5 days,	6 25
	18. Winfield Groves, 2 days,	2 50
	18. Leander Groves, 4 hours,	50
	20. George A. Crowley, 2 days,	2 50
	22. Converse Hatch, 4 1-4 days,	5 32
	25. F. E. Chadwick, 2 1-2 days,	3 75
	25. Bertram Goud, 6 1-2 hours,	65
	25. Aaron Goodwin, 112 1-2 hours for man and 22 1-2 hours for pair horses,	24 25
	25. Ridley & Eaton, supplies,	3 54
Mar.	3. Darius Keay, Repairs on Sidewalk scraper,	4 85
	4. W. H. Haley, services as Road Com. 21 days,	42 00
	4. John S. Knight, 2 days,	2 50
	4. C. H. Barnes, 34 1-2 hrs. for man, 3 1-2 hrs. for single horse, 7 1-2 hrs. for two horses.	7 10
	4. C. C. Ridley, 1 1-2 days,	1 87
	4. Geo. E. Potter, 8 hours,	1 00
	4. L. H. White, '97, not itemized,	7 75
	4. William J. Wilson 24 1-2 hours with horse,	6 12
	4. L. H. White,	13 04
	4. D. B. Webber, 23 hours,	2 85
	6. Charles H. Williams, 24 hours man, 10 hours team, and 10 loads gravel at 10cts.	6 34
	11. Ellis J. Leavitt, 6 days,	7 50
	11. Frank W. Eaton, 18 hours,	2 25
	11. U. A. Jack 27 hrs. for man, 8 hrs. double team,	[5 65
	11. L. L. Barrell, self and others,	13 75
	18. W. S. Cash, 1 day,	1 25
	18. Frank Bruno, 4 1-2 days,	5 63
	18. Michel Leveque, 4 days,	5 00
	18. Eugene Labbje, 1 day,	1 25

25.	J. L. Hyde, and others,	38 40
	[The above bill includes for J. L. Hyde, 1 man 62 hours, single horse 8 hours, 2 horses 16 hrs. For A. W. Hunter, one man 27 hours and one pair oxen 25 hours. For A. W. Hunter, one man 27 hours and pair oxen 25 hours. For Henry Cornish, 16 hours for man and pair of oxen. For Walter Foster, one man 15 hours, one pair oxen 12 hours. For Harry Grady, one man 8 hours. For E. L. Hunter, material 50 cents. For Milton Ward, 3 hours, & Frank Wood 3 hours.]	
Mar. 25.	J. F. Mallett, 73 1-2 hours for man and 34 horse,	13 40
23.	E. D. Morin, 2 days,	2 25
25.	C. C. Ridley, 17 hours,	2 13
25.	Alexander Bros., 1 day for man and horse,	2 50
Apr. 1.	Harry E. Haley, 14 hours,	1 75
1.	C. P. Edgecomb, man 73 1-2 hours, pair horses 4 hours, yoke oxen 28 hours.	15 81
8.	Joseph Dufresne, repairs,	1 00
15.	C. H. William , and others, This includes 12 hrs. for C. H. Williams 1 80 and 14 hours for C. E. Williams, 2 10 and 15 hours for Elwood R. Frye, 2 25	6 15
15.	W. S. Noyes, 19 hours for man and 9 1-2 hours for double team,	5 31
15.	A. H. Goodwin, 1 man 20 hours, 1 pair horses 9 hours.	3 60
22.	Abraham Bouchard, man 103 hours and one horse 23 hours and 2 horses 25 hours.	21 37
22.	C. Meserve, and others, This includes 210 1-2 hrs. for man and 15 hrs. for pair horses.	35 33
22.	Luke Shepard 25 hours,	3 75
22.	W. R. Hildreth, and others, This includes for W. R. Hildreth, 9 hours man 9 hours for horse. For G. W. Hildreth, 2 hours for man. For E. R. Hildreth, 10 for man,	3 50
22.	C. C. Ridley, 31 hours,	3 88

22.	Albion S. Jack, 25 hours for man and 5 hours oxen,	5 00
22.	Appleton M. Graves, 7 1-2 hours,	1 13
22.	L. B. Shaw, 6 hours,	90
22.	S. P. Graves, 29 hours,	4 35
22.	J. A. Smith, 42 hours for man and 10 1-4 hours for pair of horses,	8 85
29.	Albert Hanson, 9 1-3 hours with yoke oxen,	3 27
29.	Herbert Stuart, 22 1-2 hours for man,	2 82
29.	A. A. Plummer, and others,	35 95
	This includes 77 hours for A. A. Plummer, Also for Albert Ward, 27 hours and 14 hrs. for pair of horses.	
	For Henry Flood, 28 hours,	
	For George Reynolds, 24 hours,	
	For Milton Ward, 17 hours,	
	For Arthur Ward, 25 hours,	
	For A. H. Goodwin, 10 hours, and 5 hours for 2 horses.	
May 6.	Howard Cary and others,	9 00
	This includes for Howard Cary,	6 66
	For George Hildreth, 12 hours,	1 80
	For John Curtis, 4 hours,	60
6.	W. H. Rumrill, 6 hours and powder 55cts.	1 45
6.	Abial W. Eaton, 14 hours,	1 75
6.	Z. H. and W. S. Noyes, 91 hours for man and 16 1-2 hours for team,	17 80
6.	R. E. Williams, 29 3-4 hours for man and 6 hours for pair horses,	5 96
May 6	B. M. Patten and others,	31 08
	This includes for B. M. Patten, 29 and 1-2 hours for man and two hours for team.	
	For George Andrews, 6 hours for man.	
	For J. L. Alexander, 14 hours for man and 2 and 1-2 hours for horses.	
	For W. A. Alexander, 25 hours for man.	
	For E. H. Phinney, 17 hours for man and 9 hours for horses.	
	For George Grover, 11 hours for man.	
	W. J. White, 17 hours for man and 2 hours horses.	
	G. H. Berry 20 hours for man.	
	M. A. Tarr, 5 and 1-2 hours for man.	
	H. S. Small, 33 hours for man and 2 for horse.	

13.	To W. H. Haley, 6 hours man, 6-team,	2 40
13.	W. Dunning, 41 and 1-2 hs man, 7 and 1-2 team,	8 10
13.	C. C. Ridley, 85 hours,	10 62
13.	W. F. Tate, 16 1-2 hs man, 11 with team,	4 20
15.	H. S. Balentine and others,	18 82
	This includes 89 and 1-2 hs man, 18 team	
20.	Charles Whitten, 3 days,	3 75
20.	Holman Foster, labor \$1., 361 ft plank, \$12 M,	5 33
20.	Richard Smith, 23 hours,	2 88
20.	George M. Patten and others,	15 75
	This includes for Geo. M. Patten,	5 77
	for Frank Cary,	3 90
	Gideon Wheeler,	1 80
	Everet Furbish,	1 50
	George Furbish,	2 78
20.	To Joseph L. Foster and others,	12 00
	This includes for W. S. Rogers, man, 8 1-4 hs	
	for Jos. R. Wilson, man 3 1-4 hs.	
	for Isaac Pennell, man, 3 1-2 hs.	
	for W. A. Foster, man 4 hours.	
	for G. A. Hunter man 5 hours.	
	for Jas. Purinton, man 3 hours.	
	for J. C. Rumrill, 5 hours for man	
	and 2 hours for team.	
	for Henry Powers, 3 1-2 man, 2 horses.	
	for W. B. Staples, 9 man, 6 horses.	
	for J. L. Foster, 9 man, 6 horses.	
27.	To E. C. Mallett, 17 hours man and 8 1-2 oxen,	3 83
27.	N. G. Curtis, 35 1-4 hs man, 3 1-2 team,	4 94
27.	John B. Barnes and others, 71 hours, man and	
	one horse 12 hs and 2 horses 11 hours,	14 12
June 10.	W. H. Haley frgt Road Machine wheels and edge	3 25
10.	Peter St. Peter,	46 03
17.	J. P. C. Fall 22 hours,	2 75
17.	A. J. Hildreth and others, 46 hs man, 23 team,	13 77
	This includes for Chas. Besse, 5hs man 2 1-2 team.	
17.	Charles P. Weymouth,	2 55
24.	To E. W. Mallett, 46 1-2 hs man, pr oxen 23 hs,	10 42
24.	L. W. Tedford, 13 1-2 hours for man,	2 02
24.	E. Labbee, 11 1-2 days for man,	14 38
24.	Thos. Dufour, 9 1-2 days man, plank 25 cts.,	12 13
14.	Abraham Bouchard, 12 days man, 11 1-2 team,	35 12
24.	Joseph Dufresne, repairs on road machine etc.	
	7.75, also bill for Joseph Thibbet, 8.95,	16 50

	24.	Swansey Wilson, 8 days,	8 75
July	1.	Luke Shepard, 14 1-2 days,	18 12
	1	John Rogers, 14 1-2 days, self and team on Road Machine,	57 00
	1.	L. H. White,	31 00
	1.	Fred Hoit, 3 1-2 days,	4 38
	1.	J. L. Foster and others,	47 24
		This includes J. L. Foster 11 days, for man and 9 1-2 days for team.	
		Henry Powers 1-2 days with team.	
		W. A. Foster, 3 1-2 hours with team.	
		G. A. Hunter, 1 3-4 days.	
		Joseph Whitney, one log, 50 cents.	
		J. L. Foster, lumber and spikes, 50 cents.	
	1.	To C. C. Ridley, 10 days,	15 00
	1.	John H. Bryant, 20 hours,	3 00
	1.	E. B. Sprague, 28 1-2 hours man, 6 hours horse,	5 78
	1.	Alvah Mallett, 12 hours man, 13 hours oxen,	5 90
	1	C. R. Besse, 1 day,	1 50
	1.	Peter St. Peter,	57 56
	1.	James Purington, 13 1-2 hours,	2 00
	1.	Wilbur H. Rumrill, 30 hours,	5 70
	5.	M. C. Hall, 12 hours,	1 80
June	3.	Eugene Thomas, express on sign board,	40
July	8.	Abraham Bouchard, 12 days man, 3 days horses,	20 25
	8.	John Dennison, 36 hours,	4 47
	8.	Albion S. Jack, 26 1-2 ds man 9 days pr horses, and 3 1-2 days pr oxen and dynamite fuse, 1.17,	64 47
	8.	John A. Trufant, 11 hours,	1 65
	15.	George Preston, 11 hours,	1 38
	29.	Charles P. Edgecomb, 136 hours man, 66 pr hs, and 1146 ft. plank at \$17 per M, spikes 16c,	52 44
Aug.	5.	Aaron H. Goodwin, 11 1-2 days for man, 5 days for pair horses,	27 25
	5.	E. H. Phinney, 2379 ft plank, at \$13 per M.,	30 93
	5.	J. Frank Cox, 28 1-2 hours man, 7 hours oxen,	5 33
	5.	Amasa W. Harmon, 3 days,	3 75
	5.	Charles E. Meserve, 1 1-2 hours man, 111 1-2 team,	46 10
	5.	Theodore Allen, labor and material,	1 25
	12.	Charles Robinson, 33 hours,	4 13
	12.	C. C. Ridley, 88 hours,	11 00

Aug. 19.	To B. M. Patten and others 159 hours for man and 145 for team,	81 65
	This also includes for W. J. White for man 19 hours, and for team 12 1-2 hours; J. L. Alexander, 15 hours for man; W. A. Alexander, 20 hours for man; George Grover, 10 hours for man; Melvin A. Tarr, 15 hours for man; C. A. Ward 15 hours for man; C. P. Edgecomb, 10 hours for man; E. Y. Shaw, 13 hours for man; Miss C. A. Graves, 20 hours for man.	
19.	Abraham Bouchard, 32 1-2 hours for man, and 15 hours for team,	6 68
19.	Z. H. Noyes, 64 1-2 hours for man, 14 1-2 hours for team,	89 61
	Building wall on Main St.,	75 00
26.	Joseph Levegueur, 3 days,	3 75
26.	A. S. Jack, 4 days for man,	6 00
26.	J. B. Barron, 12 hours for man, 10 hours for horses	4 55
Sept. 2.	C. C. Ridley, 52 hours,	6 50
2.	Ezra Chapman, 38 hours for self and oxen, 2 3-4 days for man,	15 70
9.	Abial W. Eaton, 42 1-2 hours for man, 121 loads of turf at 10 cents, 500 feet of rails at 1 cent foot,	22 40
9.	A. H. & F. P. Carr, 5 days for man, 1 day for team,	9 50
16.	John Rolfe, 205 lbs. sidewalk nails,	6 15
16.	George Crowley, 1-2 day,	62
12.	Edward W. White, 2 1-4 days,	3 37
23.	Abraham Bouchard, 7 1-2 days,	9 37
28.	Harry Haley, 55 hours,	6 87
30.	E. A. Hunter, 74 hours,	11 70
30.	Joseph Gamashe,	1 50
30.	H. A. Ward, self 5 1-2 days, horse 1-2 day, nails 25 cents,	10 25
30.	C. T. Rackley, 19 hours for man and hauling plank \$1.25,	4 10
30.	C. A. Graves,	8 55
30.	Henry Cornish, 3 1-2 days for man,	4 38
30.	E. W. White, 4,500 ft. pine logs,	30 00
Oct. 7.	Frank Bruno, 10 1-2 days for man,	13 12
14.	R. H. Smith, 2 1-4 days labor,	2 81
14.	Latus Lavoie 2 days labor,	2 50

	14.	C. S. Newell, 2 days with team,	7 00
	21.	W. S. Rogers, watering privilege,	3 00
	21.	J. L. Foster, & others, this includes for G. A. Hunter 3 days; H. G. Powers, 31 1-2 hours; J. L. Foster, 3 days with team; W. A. Foster, hauling road machine, \$1.00,	19 22
	28.	W. H. Haley, 3 1-2 days for man and horses,	12 52
	28.	R. P. Higgins, 1 1-3 days, (1897 bill),	2 02
	28.	C. C. Ridley, 115 hours labor,	15 63
	28.	Moses C. Barnes, 2 1-2 days for man, 1 day for horses,	5 75
	28.	George Ward, 3 1-2 hours,	52
	28.	C. P. Edgecomb, 1-2 day with man & oxen \$1.50	59 20
		“ “ 16 hours labor,	2 40
		“ “ 3,208 ft. plank at \$17,	54 54
		“ “ 36 ft. boards at \$10,	36
		“ “ Sawing,	40
Nov.	4.	John Dennison, 22 hours,	2 75
	4.	W. F. Tate, 15 hours for self and 10 hours for team,	3 75
	4.	Herbert Stuart, one day,	1 25
	4.	E. C. Patten, and others, This includes for E. C. Patten, 33 1-4 hrs. for man, one pair horses 2 hours, For W. T. Guptill, 6 hours for man and 4 hrs. for pair horses,	8 65
	4.	J. F. Mallett, 3 1-2 days for man, 1 day for horse,	5 64
	4.	Llewellyn Cobb, 45 1-2 hrs. for man and 21 1-2 hours for team,	8 96
	4.	Jordan White, ox-team 16 1-2 days,	24 75
	11.	D. H. Flagg, 89 1-2 hrs. for man and 50 hours for team & hauling lumber, \$1 00	23 67
	11.	C. H. Williams,	15 42
	11.	W. Dunning, and others, This includes for W. Dunning, 28 hrs. for man, 12 hours for team, 7 lbs. nails 25 cts. For Charles T. Rackley, 5 hours, For J. F. Cox, 1 1-2 hrs. with ox-team,	7 95
	11.	R. E. Williams, 99 1-2 hours for man, 14 hours for team, 4 poles 40 cts.	20 12
	11.	Michel Leveque, 21 days labor,	28 12
	11.	George A. Crowley, 2 days labor,	2 50

	11.	E. O. Tarr, 12 hours labor,	1 80
	25.	C. C. Ridley, 85 hours labor,	10 63
	25.	A. C. Gatchell, 10,680 ft. lumber at \$12 per. M. 5,473 ft. lumber at \$14 per. M.	193 84
	25.	W. J. Wilson, 1 day,	1 50
Dec.	2.	Fabirn Belanger, 100 sleepers,	5 00
	2.	George W. Thompson,	8 68
	9.	Mrs. Chas. Wagg, 45 loads of clay,	2 25
	9.	J. A Smith, 15 hours for man and horses,	5 25
	9.	E. C. Mallett, 14 hours for man, 13 hrs. oxen,	4 05
	16.	Converse Hatch, 1 1-2 days labor,	1 87
	17.	C. C. Ridley, 9 hours,	1 12
	23.	W. F. McFadden & Son, nails, spikes etc.,	12 95
	23.	Cyrus Flagg, glass damage by blasting,	75
	23.	George R. Tedford, 20 hours for man and oxen,	5 00
	16.	H. B. Cobb, 2 picks and handles,	2 00
Jan.	6.	Charles H. Barnes, 47 hours for man and 12 hrs. for horses,	9 29
	6.	Seth F. Cary, 36 1-2 hours labor,	5 47
Jan.	27.	To W. W. Howland, 28 hours labor,	3 50
	27.	J. M. Howland, one day's labor,	1 25
	27.	L. W. Tedford, 11 hours for man, 1 hr horse,	1 75
	31.	John Dennison, one days labor,	1 25
	31,	Edward J. Peters, 34 hours labor,	5 10
Total bills paid,			\$2204 39
There is now a balance of,			\$383 26
Total,			\$2,587 65
The amount at my disposal for use during the year was;			
Balance Feb. 1st., 1899,			337 65
Appropriation Highways and Bridges,			2000 00
Appropriation sidewalks at The Heights,			250 00
			\$2,587 65

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HALEY, Road Commissioner.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In accordance with the custom, established many years ago, it becomes necessary to make a report in regard to the schools in town, and matters pertaining to schools and school property.

There were 595 scholars in town, on the First day of April 1899, it being an increase of 62 over the previous year.

The schools in town have been successful, on the whole, during the year, and most of the teachers have shown a disposition to work hard, for the benefit of the schools.

During the last year the Goodwin and Jack schools have been combined in the school at Pejepscoot, and under the instruction of Miss Rounds, the school has done good work.

The Mallett School has been run during the year, by a vote of the town, although there were not enough scholars attending, the previous year to warrant it, under the Law. During the year there has been an increased number of scholars attending the school so that the school will not be closed, by Law, next year.

There has been very little sickness during the year, to interfere with the attendance of the scholars.

In a few schools, the regularity and punctuality of attendance has not been quite what it should have been. It seems as though parents might see that their scholars start for school ten or fifteen minutes earlier in the morning and thus arrive at school on time, rather than have so many cases of tardiness as are shown by a perusal of the Teacher's Registers from certain Districts.

One of the hardest things to accomplish on the part of your committee and Superintendent, is to get teachers to

go over the work carefully and not attempt to cover too much ground in a term's time.

Many teachers seem to estimate a term's work by the number of pages gone over during the term.

But we find that this idea is not confined to the teachers, for many of the teachers have this very same thing to contend with, from parents. The parents seeming to think that the scholar is not doing as much work as they themselves, did when they went to school.

A part of this misunderstanding comes from the fact that many of our present text books contain one third more of solid matter than the older books which have been discarded. It is impossible to make comparisons between the old and new books by simply counting pages.

One of the things which has been persistently striven for and insisted on, is to do *thorough* work no matter how much or little ground is covered.

Another thing which seems of the utmost importance is that scholars should be trained to be *exact* in their statements, i. e. to state things *exactly* as they are and not half state them, taking for granted that the person listening knows the part they do not state.

A person's education is to a great extent, habit, and there is no time in life when habit, is formed as easily and permanently as in youth, hence the importance of acquiring the habit of saying *just what they mean*, and putting it in good language.

These are a few of the things which have been continually insisted on, in schools and it was thought best to mention a few of them here, that the parents might judge for themselves whether or not they were right and, if they were right, to aid the teachers in their work of carrying out the plans here outlined.

During the year, a new school house has been built at Pejepscoot at a cost of \$2400. Of this amount the Town paid \$2000, and the Pejepscoot paper Co., presented the

Town with \$400 besides a lot, a little over 100 feet square.

This school-house is modern throughout. It has two rooms and a basement, it is heated by a hot air furnace, has slate blackboards, modern folding desk, and is finished throughout with hard pine. It has a cloak room for the boys and one for the girls for each school room, also has a small teachers closet for books etc. connected with each room.

Each room is large enough to seat 48 scholars, which will furnish room enough for all the scholars in that section of the town for some time to come.

The school at Noyesville has been under the charge of Miss Annie L. Barron, for the past year, and is doing good work.

The Primary school is still under the charge of Miss Clare P. Hussey whose interest in the school and hard work is showing excellent results.

Miss Johnson is teacher of the Intermediate school and the school is making fine progress under her instruction.

At the beginning of the Fall Term, Miss Smith who has had charge of the Intermediate school for several terms took charge of the Grammar school, and good conscientious work is being done by her and the school is consequently making good progress.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. John A. Cone is still Principal of this school, this being his sixth year in this position.

Mr. Cone still continues to hold the admiration, and respect of the scholars under his care, as well as of the school committee and Superintendent.

His time is entirely devoted to the school work from eight in the morning until six at night and he has always been ready to advise any and all the scholars under his charge.

The school is continually progressing and the course of study broadening and we now have without any doubt, as good a High School as any in the state considering the size of the town.

Miss Nellie R. Minott is again assistant in this school and deserves much praise for the able and efficient manner in which she performs her duties in connection with this school. She assists, one half her time in the other schools in the building.

The class of 1900,—21 in number is the largest class ever graduated from this school.

As the grade of the High school has been raised, it becomes necessary to establish new requirements for admission and to arrange new courses of study.

The table, as given below, provides for two courses of study,—a classical course and an English course. The English course corresponds to the classical course in some respects, but those studies in the table marked with a star, are taken in place of Latin.

The classical course covers the College requirement in Latin, French and Mathematics.

Applicants for admission to the High School must present satisfactory evidence that they have completed Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar and United States History.

These requirements and the following course of study will go into effect at the beginning of the school year commencing Monday Sept 3rd. 1900.

TOPSHAM HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY.

1st YEAR.		
FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM.	SPRING TERM.
Algebra, Latin Lessons, Physiology, *Physics,	Algebra, Latin Lessons, Physiology, *Physics,	Algebra Latin Lessons, Physical Geography, *Book-keeping.
2d. YEAR.		
Algebra, Latin Lessons, French, *English Lessons,	Algebra, Latin [Caesar,] French, *English Lessons,	Geometry, Latin [Caesar,] French, *Civil Government,
3d YEAR.		
Geometry, Latin [Caesar,] French, *Literature [Amer. Auth.]	Geology, Latin [Cicero,] French, *Literature [Eng. Auth.]	Latin [Cicero,] Geology, French, *Botany,
4th YEAR.		
Latin [Vergil,] *Gen. History, Arithmetic reviewed, French,	Latin [Vergil,] *Gen. History, French, Eng. Grammar reviewed,	Latin [Vergil,] Astronomy, *Gen. History, French.

Spelling (written) for two years. Declamations, readings and compositions at intervals throughout the entire course.

F. C. WHITEHOUSE J. A. FISHER, E. W. MALLETT,)	School { Committee.
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EUGENE THOMAS, Superintendent.