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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen

OF THE

TOWN OF TOPSHAM

WITH REPORTS OF

Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools,
and Highway Commissioners.

FOR THE

Year ending February 1, 1904.

1904.

PRESS OF GILBERT M. WHEELER,
BRUNSWICK.

TOWN OFFICERS

For the Municipal Year A. D. 1903.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

JAMES A. SMITH,
WILLIAM R. HILDRETH,
EDWARD B. SPRAGUE.

Town Clerk.

JOHN P. GOUD.

Treasurer.

EDGAR L. HUNTER.

Collector.

EDGAR L. HUNTER.

Highway Commissioners.

LUCIEN H. WHITE,
WILLIAM DUNNING,
CHARLES E. MESERVE.

Superintendent of Schools.

EUGENE THOMAS.

Auditor.

WILLIAM S. ROGERS.

Superintending School Committee.

F. C. WHITEHOUSE,
A. A. PLUMMER,
URIAH A. JACK.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of the Town of Topsham submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the town for the financial year beginning Feb. 2, 1903, and ending Feb. 1, 1904.

The value of taxable property on the first day of April, 1903, was as follows :

Resident real estate,	\$836,498 00	
Resident personal estate,	146,361 00	
Non-resident real estate,	110,125 00	
Non-resident personal estate,	5,985 00	
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Total valuation,		\$1,098,969 00

Assessments for 1903.

Common schools,	\$2,400 00
Free High School,	800 00
Highways and bridges,	3,000 00
Poor in and out of the House,	800 00
Abatements, .	250 00
Interest,	850 00
Miscellaneous,	1,200 00
Fire Department,	500 00
Electric lights,	800 00
School books,	300 00
Schoolhouse repairs and supplies,	300 00
Permanent repairs on highways,	500 00
Repairs near Summer Street,	500 00
Town debt,	2,000 00

Memorial Day,	\$25 00	
Fire extinguishers,	60 00	
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Total amount for Town purposes,		\$14,285 00
State tax,	\$2,796 40	
County tax,	1,498 30	
Supplemental,	81 77	
Overlayings,	72 42	
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		4,448 89
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Total commitment,		\$18,733 89

Number of taxable polls, 576.

Assessed on each poll, \$3 00.

Rate of taxation on the dollar, 15 $\frac{1}{10}$ mills.

Abatements.

To Moses Barnes, poll tax,	\$3 00
F. N. Jones, property not had,	82
Amide Belanger, poll tax,	3 25
Albert Spears, property not had,	2 31
Fred Gagnon, minor,	3 00
Brunswick Box Co., over-valuation,	1 54
Heirs of J. W. Tarbox, property not had,	46 20
S. T. White, property not had,	38
J. A. Smith, property not had 1902,	1 70
F. W. Atkinson, property not had,	30
John Rolfe, poll tax,	3 00
Francis A. Hussey, property not had,	77
E. C. Tarr, over-valuation,	1 16
C. B. Hamlin, over-valuation,	2 31
E. J. Furbish, over-valuation,	3 08
Louis Dubes, property not had,	1 54
O. W. White, poll tax,	3 00
John Crowley, poll tax,	3 00

To John Crowley, over-valuation	\$6 16	
Julien Longtain, over-valuation,	5 10	
Cyrus Bernier, taxed twice,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$93 87

TO EDGAR L. HUNTER, COLLECTOR.

TAXES OF 1901.

Bartlett, J. F., property not had,	\$1 40	
Bryant, C. B., away,	3 00	
Burkett, Frank, away,	3 00	
Bernier, Arthur, away,	3 00	
Blanche, Michel, away,	3 00	
Cornish, M. L., away,	3 00	
Cotton, Oscar, away,	3 00	
Colombe, Joseph Jr., poor,	3 00	
Caron, Joseph, away,	3 00	
Colback, Isaac, away,	3 00	
Cavanagh, Hugh, away,	3 00	
Getchell, Lewis, away,	3 00	
Gilman, J. H., away,	3 00	
Journeault, Arthur, away,	3 00	
Jordan, George, away,	3 00	
Lyons, N. H., away,	3 00	
Lisbon, Joseph, away,	3 00	
Lachance, O., away,	3 00	
Maynard, Joseph, away,	3 00	
Norman, Fred., away,	3 00	
Pratt, Richard, poor,	3 31	
Hill, Frank, away,	3 00	
Peters, Frank, away,	3 00	
Soule, W. A., away,	3 00	
Spinney, Milan, away,	3 00	
Symonds, John, away,	3 00	
Allen, Enoch, away,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$79 71

TAXES OF 1902.

Arris, B. J., poor,	\$3 00
Bickford, Alvin, away,	3 00
Bartlett, J. F., property not had,	1 53
Bryant, C. B., away,	3 00
Balentine, Linwood, away,	3 00
Barrows, George, away,	3 00
Blethen, Fred, away,	3 00
Barribeau, A., away,	3 00
Beauch, J., away,	3 00
Bastill, Andrew, away,	3 00
Belanger, J. B., away,	3 00
Chaplin, John, away,	3 00
Cornish, M. L., away,	3 00
Curtis, W. H., away,	3 00
Coulombe, Jos., Jr., poor,	3 00
Collins, George A., poor,	3 00
Chlay, Geo. J., away,	3 00
Cripps, Walter, away,	3 00
Canton, C., away,	3 00
Carvel, Joe, away,	3 00
Chasko, J., away,	3 00
Drotter, George, not of age,	3 00
Dyer, John, away,	3 00
Mitchell, Delarier, away,	3 00
Gogan, Arthur, away,	3 00
Gagne, O., away,	3 00
Higgins, Robert, poor,	3 00
Holland, Walter, away,	3 00
Hidako, A., away,	3 00
Hatchless, A., away,	3 00
Journeault, Arthur, away,	3 00
Jacob, Andrew, away,	3 00
Keiss, Mike, away,	3 00
Keiss, John, away,	3 00
Kinard, Alfred, away,	3 00
Lapham, George, away,	3 00

Lyons, W. H., away,	\$3 00
Lasco, Joe, away,	3 00
Lovejoy, Alphonse, away,	3 00
Lowell, —, away,	3 00
McDonald, John, not of age,	3 00
Pratt, Richard, poor,	3 34
Patten, Oscar, away,	3 00
Stanley, James, away,	3 00
Tarco, John, away,	3 00
Toucier, Andrew, away,	3 00
Sawyer, Dan, away,	3 00
Rogers, C. S., away,	5 10
Warnis, John, away,	3 00
Finella, Tom, away,	3 00
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	\$150 97

TAXES OF 1903.

Carmice, E., away,	\$3 00
Davala, Mike, away,	3 00
Davala, George, away,	3 00
Diner, Charles, away,	3 00
Gamache, T., away,	3 00
Gamache, G., away,	3 00
Hobb, W. C., away,	3 00
Jesko, Paul, away,	3 00
Jean, Fred, away,	3 00
Koick, F., away,	3 00
Koick, Mike, away,	3 00
Pratt, Richard, away,	3 00
Vene, Paul, away,	3 00
Warnis, John, away,	3 00
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	\$42 00
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	\$366 55
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Balance unexpended,	9 25
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	\$375 80

CREDIT.

By balance,	\$125 80	
Appropriation,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$375 80

Fire Department.

Paid Chas. I. Giveen, clerk, pay roll,	\$142 50
Ridley & Eaton,	56 65
J. W. Crawford,	16 50
Howard S. Colby, labor,	75
Chas. I. Giveen, clerk, McFadden fire,	127 00
A. W. Goud, clearing off cisterns,	53
C. I. Giveen, clerk, fire at Tops- ham Heights,	100 00
Charles I. Giveen, clerk, fire at Merrill's,	59 80
C. I. Giveen, clerk, fighting forest fires,	594 10
C. I. Giveen, clerk, fire at Town Farm and forest fire,	40 30
Geo. Crowley, fighting forest fire,	5 50
W. P. W. Purinton, fighting forest fire,	5 00
Augustus Leavitt, fighting forest fire,	1 80
H. O. Howland, fighting forest fire,	1 50
Ernest Mallett, fighting forest fire,	90
Leon F. Howland, fighting forest fire,	1 50
J. P. Curtis, fighting forest fire,	7 25
Geo. Curtis, fighting forest fire,	15 00
Bryant Curtis, fighting forest fire,	12 00

Paid George H. Berry, fighting forest fire,	\$5 50
S. P. Graves, fighting forest fire,	1 80
C. M. Giveen, fighting forest fire,	2 50
L. C. Smith, fighting forest fire,	2 10
Abiel Eaton, fighting forest fire,	1 88
Walter Cash, fighting forest fire,	5 00
Richard Smith, fighting forest fire,	12 00
Edgar Smith, fighting forest fire,	10 50
Peter Peterson, fighting forest fire,	90
Jas. R. Hennessey, fighting forest fire,	1 20
George F Preston, fighting forest fire,	1 80
George Carter, fighting forest fire,	75
E. M. Brown, fighting forest fire,	2 50
E. C. Hall, fighting forest fire,	3 00
C. H. Williams, fighting forest fire,	4 65
John P. Goud, supplies,	94
C. I. Giveen, clerk, fire at Paper Mill,	103 50
Charles Grady, Paper Mill fire,	4 00
Charles Whitten, Paper Mill fire,	1 50
Mark A. Ridley, Paper Mill fire,	1 50
Dunham Berry, Paper Mill fire,	1 50
Town of Brunswick, fire at L. H. White's,	107 00
Town of Brunswick, McFadden fire,	91 00
Joseph Dufresne, labor,	7 25
F. H. Hussey, labor,	50
George Carter, labor,	50
Elbridge Cornish, wood,	9 05
Ridley & Eaton, supplies,	11 60
Androscoggin Engine Co.,	6 00
J. F. Chaney, coal,	22 50
D. S. Colby,	7 00

Paid John P. Goud, supplies,	\$3 81	
	<u> </u>	\$1,623 81

CREDIT.

By balance,	\$57 55	
Appropriation,	500 00	
M. C. R. R.,	150 00	
Balance overdrawn,	916 26	
	<u> </u>	\$1,623 81

New Engine House.

Paid George E. Stinson, Feb. 14,	\$35 00	
George E. Stinson, Feb. 28,	165 00	
George E. Stinson, Feb. 28,	55 24	
J. W. Crawford, fixtures,	35 00	
	<u> </u>	\$290 24

CREDIT.

By balance unexpended,	\$70 93	
Amount over-drawn,	219 31	
	<u> </u>	\$290 24

No appropriation made for above account.

Miscellaneous.

Balance overdrawn Feb. 2, 1903,	\$35 73	
Paid W. S. Rogers, Auditor,	5 00	
A. Q. Goud, services as selectman, 1902,	29 88	
W. R. Hildreth, services as select- man, 1902,	30 00	
Eugene Thomas, services as select- man and town agent, 1902,	84 00	
W. W. Goud, supplies for office, 1902,	9 64	

Paid W. W. Goud, swearing in officers, 1902,	\$3 25
W. W. Goud, recording births and deaths, 1902,	9 75
W. W. Goud, salary as town clerk, 1902,	25 00
Shorey & Shorey, printing Town Reports,	35 20
E. L. Hunter, salary as treasurer, 1902,	45 00
L. H. White, trucking,	1 25
E. L. Hunter, posting warrants, etc.,	6 00
Dr. Hall, reporting births and deaths,	2 25
T. M. Givven, services as moder- ator,	5 00
W. J. Wilson, services in the bur- ial of Mrs. Ricker,	2 50
I. C. Irish, reporting births and deaths,	1 25
J. W. Crawford, lights for Town Hall,	4 50
Henry Ragot, making school census,	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon,	11 77
George Colby, watching July 3 and 4,	4 00
W. S. Noyes, watching July 3 and 4,	4 00
G. H. Berry, watching July 4,	2 00
John Rolfe, shingles for old En- gine House,	20 63
Walter Cash, labor on Engine House,	21 80
Rufus Deering Co., lumber for Engine House,	10 71

Paid A. H. Merriman, labor on Engine House,	\$15 00
H. S. Balentine, labor on Engine House,	3 88
George E. Stinson, services as election clerk,	2 00
Harmon, Harris Co.,	12 00
W. J. Wilson,	1 70
W. S. Rogers, labor repairing the Coffin lot,	1 50
C. E. Lancaster, reporting births and deaths,	4 25
Eugene Thomas, services as supervisor,	198 40
G. L. Quint, teams for supervisor,	49 00
A. H. Merriman, painting Engine Houses,	20 00
H. F. Merriman, painting the same,	6 34
M. G. Powers, paint for same,	27 40
Jacob Merriman and D. S. Colby, Board of Health,	21 12
Elbridge Cornish, expenses of taking Mary A. Davis to Augusta,	10 83
Expenses of taking Belle Graves to Augusta,	8 99
C. H. Cumston, examination of insane persons,	4 00
H. O. Curtis, examination and medical aid,	9 00
J. E. Davis Co., office supplies,	40
D. S. Colby,	5 30
Henry Cornish,	1 50
W. J. Wilson, care of Emus lot,	2 00
Brunswick Mfg. Co., repairing engine hose,	7 80
L. C. Smith,	25

Paid Thompson & Wheeler, services in the Humphrey Purinton suit,	\$10 00
Thompson & Wheeler, advice to supervisor,	2 00
Thompson & Wheeler, advice on forest fires,	5 00
E. C. Tarr, wood for Town Hall,	6 00
W. R. Hildreth, wood for same,	4 46
E. L. Hunter, dog licenses paid to the State,	101 00
Charles Sawyer, Constable French District,	25 00
Mack Leveque, Constable French District,	25 00
Mrs. Hannah Work, hens killed by dogs,	3 50
Mrs. Harvey, hens killed by dogs,	3 25
Frank Crossman, cleaning stone-crushing machine,	2 00
Ridley & Eaton,	2 78
G. M. Wheeler, office supplies,	2 25
C. A. Palmer, reporting births and deaths,	2 00
E. L. Hunter, Collector, land sold for taxes,	24 83
F. H. Hussey, sawing wood for Town Hall,	65
Walter S. Cash, labor,	1 85
E. L. Hunter, commission as collector, 1903,	100 00
W. R. Hildreth, services as selectman,	131 00
J. A. Smith, services as selectman,	84 57
E. B. Sprague, services as selectman,	61 63
G. J. Roy, reporting births and deaths,	3 75

Paid H. O. Curtis, reporting births and deaths,	\$5 25	
Insane Hospital and others on account of Johan Pitko, State pauper,	132 50	
E. L. Hunter, commission as collector, 1901 and 1902,	125 00	
Balance unexpended,	111 39	
	<hr/>	\$1,802 43

CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
State Treasurer, dog licenses re-funded,	71 20	
State, sheep killed by dogs,	47 00	
Taxes on real estate held by the Town,	43 47	
Rent of Town Hall,	28 00	
Dog licenses,	101 00	
Old stove,	2 00	
Overlay on Taxes,	72 42	
Supplemental tax,	81 77	
Emus Fund, interest,	6 04	
L. B. & B. St. Railway,	780 00	
Railroad and Telegraph tax,	141 73	
	<hr/>	\$1,802 43

Highways.

Balance overdrawn Feb. 2, 1903,	\$2 06
Paid R. H. Smith,	4 50
W. S. Rogers,	3 00
L. H. White,	363 71
S. C. Andrews,	2 00
A. A. Plummer,	2 50

Paid	H. S. Balentine,	\$8 35
	Geo. H. Berry,	23 15
	E. H. Phinney,	35 62
	Isaac T. Allen,	3 45
	W. J. Wilson,	7 25
	E. B. Sprague,	18 31
	William Dunning,	121 90
	H. S. Cary,	9 57
	W. S. Noyes,	5 62
	A. W. Goud,	2 70
	Augustus Leavitt,	41 12
	Edward Atkins,	76
	C. P. Edgecomb,	69 20
	C. P. Edgecomb,	13 15
	W. H. Haley,	3 24
	Harry Haley,	1 17
	Irwin W. Temple,	28 35
	Walter H. Foster,	88 80
	Thomas Harvey,	12 00
	A. R. Hunter,	3 40
	W. C. Hodgkins,	15 30
	A. H. Goodwin,	41 40
	John P. Leavitt,	2 48
	Charles W. Whitten,	10 37
	Charles C. Grady,	21 72
	Samuel P. Graves,	13 05
	Joseph Dufresne,	8 20
	F. S. Trufant,	1 35
	Frank Grover,	1 35
	G. A. Hunter,	2 25
	Joseph L. Foster,	27 60
	Bryant Curtis,	3 75
	C. F. Wilson,	30 00
	Joseph Wilson,	9 45
	E. A. Hunter,	13 50
	Joseph Whitney,	14 55
	George Ward,	16 47

Paid C. H. Mitchell,	\$19 50
Henry G. Powers,	3 50
Henry A. Cannon,	5 02
William A. Foster,	23 52
Williams & Holbrook,	143 66
George E. Reynolds,	1 57
W. E. Graves,	1 65
Richard Holbrook,	6 00
Warren Whitten,	2 55
John Rolfe,	1 08
H. C. Edgecomb,	10 50
C. E. Meserve,	122 70
Geo. F. Cotton,	3 00
Ralph Berry,	4 88
George F. Preston,	20 85
D. B. Webber,	4 12
George Crowley,	25 34
Zina H. Noyes,	36 12
John Gray,	2 88
J. A. Trufant,	1 65
W. C. Pearson,	24 40
Eastern Express Co.,	60
J. P. Goud,	2 12
J. W. Brewster,	2 39
J. L. Hyde,	4 50
H. W. Cornish,	2 25
Milton Ward,	19 88
John Grady,	39 30
Alvah Mallett,	19 45
J. F. Cox,	15 10
W. A. Alexander,	3 61
W. S. Rogers,	15 50
E. Y. Shaw,	9 30
A. S. Jack,	64 00
C. H. Williams,	3 20
Converse Hatch,	5 63
E. C. Mallett,	15 68

Paid Carr Brothers,	\$33 00
Alfred L. Jack,	15 37
Arthur Jack,	10 50
E. Roberts,	7 50
H. A. Barnes,	4 50
John Dennison,	8 25
W. A. Crocker,	1 50
Harding & Cody,	32 80
L. H. Williams,	13 18
A. H. Merriman,	3 38
Ernest Mallett,	2 50
Richard Smith,	9 75
W. T. Hunter,	2 10
F. M. Allen,	10 50
M. E. Chapman,	11 70
F. A. Rackley,	72 30
C. S. Newell,	26 50
Charles McDonald,	3 00
J. M. Graves,	3 00
W. F. Tate,	14 75
Eugene Labbe,	8 30
Odel Labbe,	5 55
George Labbe,	8 25
H. S. Small,	5 80
Frank Bruno,	5 55
George F. Preston,	1 50
E. C. Tarr,	2 85
A. H. Packard,	5 50
E. C. Patten,	9 90
Emery Thomas,	3 00
M. S. Stewart,	9 00
M. C. Hall,	18 38
John Alexander,	2 70
C. H. Barnes,	4 05
John Rogers,	43 98
James Purington,	2 77
A. O. Ripley,	15 35

Paid Uriah A. Jack,	\$13 69	
Walter Cash,	3 61	
C. B. Hamlin,	5 25	
R. E. Williams,	14 35	
John H. Grover,	3 00	
Abiel W. Eaton,	18 05	
A. H. Carr,	1 50	
J. M. Sedgley,	10 50	
Melvin A. Tarr,	4 23	
B. M. Patten,	12 20	
Ridley & Eaton,	34 59	
Bertram Goud,	1 95	
George A. Roberts,	6 00	
Sarah W. Hunter,	1 50	
Ellis Leavitt,	2 25	
S. C. Andrews,	27 72	
A. J. Hildreth,	18 36	
W. J. Wilson,	3 50	
E. F. Ridley,	3 75	
W. R. Hildreth,	8 25	
Elbridge Cornish,	68 00	
A. Q. Goud,	2 62	
H. G. Smith,	1 43	
Albert Ward,	19 69	
D. S. Colby,	50	
A. J. Hildreth,	7 25	
Walter H. Foster,	2 20	
W. L. Hunter,	1 15	
F. A. Colby,	2 25	
Albert Hanson,	2 55	
Balance unexpended,	821 08	
	<hr/>	\$3,356 15

CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$3,000 00
L. B. & B. St. Railway,	349 25

By L. H. White,	\$6 40	
W. H. Haley,	50	
	<hr/>	\$3,356 15

State Road — Permanent Highway.

Paid Charles Whitten,	\$4 35	
I. W. Temple,	7 87	
Charles McDonald,	6 18	
Odelon Labbe,	6 38	
Walter H. Foster,	21 01	
L. H. White,	35 80	
H. S. Small,	71 82	
Charles E. Meserve,	16 62	
L. B. & B. St. Railway,	60 00	
H. A. Ward,	6 37	
John L. Alexander,	39 25	
Daniel W. Johnson,	13 12	
G. F. Preston,	8 25	
Ralph Berry,	9 38	
Perley Cox,	8 25	
H. W. Cornish,	6 99	
J. A. Gouthier,	7 50	
George Crowley,	14 41	
James A. Tarr,	30 20	
Milton Ward,	4 50	
Peter Peterson,	40 00	
William Dunning,	17 00	
B. M. Patten,	10 50	
W. A. Alexander,	31 50	
E. C. Patten,	22 75	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$500 00
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Poor Account.

The expenditures and receipts of the Poor Farm for the year are as follows :

Paid for supplies, including groceries,		
grain and feed for stock,	\$281 88	
Repairs,	15 04	
H. A. Ward, labor,	5 62	
Mrs. Grady, care of sick,	20 00	
Dr. H. O. Curtis,	43 50	
Harvey Stetson,	10 00	
H. F. Thompson, insurance,	40 00	
D. & C. E. Scribner, Hungarian		
seed,	6 00	
Lincoln Cilley,	1 00	
Lincoln Cilley, salary,	62 50	
W. O. Adams, hay,	2 05	
W. O. Adams, salary,	166 67	
Milton Ward, salary,	20 83	
	<hr/>	\$675 09

CREDIT.

By Produce sold,	\$158 48	
Insurance from fire,	65 00	
Old insurance policy cancelled;	37 65	
	<hr/>	\$261 13
Net cost of poor in the House,		<hr/> \$413 96

Estimated amount of stock, produce and supplies on hand at the Farm, February 1, 1904:

Stock and farming tools,	\$300 00	
Produce and supplies,	50 00	
House furnishings,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$450 00

Poor out of the House.

Paid H. O. Curtis, services to J. Cou- lombe, Jr.,	\$19 50
George Drapeau,	5 50
C. W. P. Foss, professional ser- vices for Mrs. Goodrich, Bid- deford,	57 00
Cyrus Flagg, rent for A. J. Den- nison,	72 00
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Celia A. Colby,	101 40
Noel Vandall, supplies for family of Paul Nadeau,	33 00
Fred Foster, wood for Nadeau's family, Brunswick,	5 50
Tel Lapointe, clothing for Na- deau's family,	3 00
Mary Daniel, labor for Nadeau's family,	5 00
H. L. Libby, supplies for Nadeau's family,	6 00
Lea Gagnon, rent for Nadeau's family,	9 80
Cleophas Lechance, supplies for Nadeau's family,	3 00
Coulombe & Heli, supplies for Nadeau's family,	9 49
Town of Brunswick, support of Henry Watson, 1900 to 1903,	301 69
F. E. Roberts,	6 40
F. Hunter, supplies for Jos. Cou- lombe, Jr.,	29 12
N. G. Curtis, wood for J. Cou- lombe, Jr.,	2 00
Elbridge Cornish, wood for A. J. Dennison,	20 26

Paid Z. H. & W. S. Noyes, wood for A. J. Dennison,	\$10 50	
Cyrus Flagg, rent for Richard Pratt,	36 00	
W. R. Hildreth, wood for A. J. Dennison,	6 75	
J. F. Chaney, coal for Mrs. Shep- ard,	18 25	
Fred. Footer, wood for J. Cou- lombe, Jr.,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$763 16
Amount from poor in the House,		413 96
Balance due,		350 61
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		\$1,527 73

CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$800 00	
Town of Brunswick,	655 03	
Town of Harpswell,	4 00	
Town of Denmark,	11 70	
City of Biddeford,	57 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,527 73
Balance overdrawn February 2, 1903,		\$668 13
Balance overdrawn February 1, 1904,		317 52

Common Schools.

Paid Belle Sampson,	\$170 50
A. A. Plummer,	67 50
Clare P. Hussey,	2 97
Nellie R. Minott,	144 00
Anna L. Barron,	297 00
Sadie M. Concannon,	90 75
Nellie E. Hall,	247 50
Ella F. Rounds,	242 87

Paid Ethel T. Allen,	\$157 00	
Bernice P. Dunning,	66 00	
Abbie E. Hunter,	252 00	
M. J. McChesney,	216 00	
E. M. Haley,	324 00	
Nellie M. Hunter,	216 00	
Mary M. Giveen,	194 00	
Nettie J. Sampson,	42 00	
Jessie M. Rackley,	44 00	
Carrie B. Stinson,	54 00	
Mae E. Ripley,	147 00	
Florence S. Roberts,	18 00	
Ethel M. Purinton,	11 00	
Alice M. Patten,	44 00	
Nina B. Thomas,	66 00	
Sara A. Sawyer, Teacher of Music,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,413 12

Transportation.

Paid E. H. Woodside,	\$3 00	
Edward Atkins,	81 00	
George L. Quint,	15 00	
W. H. Haley,	110 95	
R. E. Williams,	48 40	
L. B. & B. St. Railway,	128 00	
George E. Reynolds,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$406 35

Care of House.

Paid Mitchell Leveque,	\$14 30	
R. H. Smith,	75	
Mrs. M. Curtis,	5 00	
Mary A. Giveen,	2 75	
Walter Shears,	40 50	
John A. Cone,	108 00	
	<hr/>	\$171 30

Fuel.

Paid A. W. Hunter,	\$11 75	
Joseph Whitney,	6 50	
W. A. Foster,	15 50	
W. J. Wilson,	13 75	
W. A. Alexander,	15 88	
A. S. Jack,	13 75	
Richard Smith,	2 50	
B. M. Patten,	15 00	
E. C. Patten,	19 75	
S. P. Graves,	9 50	
F. H. Hussey,	50	
W. H. Haley,	13 00	
Whitmore Coal Co.,	175 00	
L. M. Williams,	16 07	
J. W. Crawford,	1 05	
	<hr/>	329 50
Total,		\$4,320 27
Balance,		1,334 82
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		\$5,655 09

CREDIT.

By balance,	\$1,377 57	
Appropriation,	2,400 00	
George Staples, tuition,	3 25	
State School Fund and Mill Tax,	1,840 91	
Interest on School Fund,	3,336	
	<hr/>	\$5,655 09

High School.

Teaching.

Paid J. A. Cone,	\$906 12	
Nellie R. Minot,	144 00	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1904,	249 89	
	<hr/>	\$1,300 01

CREDIT.

By balance Feb. 2, 1903,	\$125 01	
Appropriation,	800 00	
State,	375 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,300 01

School Books.

Paid Eugene Thomas,	\$3 00	
American Book Co.,	53 28	
Eugene Thomas,	3 75	
Silver, Burdett Co.,	16 08	
Eugene Thomas,	2 75	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	38 40	
Eugene Thomas,	1 35	
W. E. Frost,	45	
W. J. Wilson,	1 30	
The Caxton Co.,	135 15	
W. J. Wilson,	85	
Eugene Thomas,	2 20	
Balance,	123 81	
	<hr/>	\$382 37

CREDIT.

By balance,	\$82 37	
Appropriation,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$382 37

School Repairs and Supplies.

Balance overdrawn Feb. 2, 1903,	\$20 20
Paid Ridley & Eaton,	30 41
A. A. Plummer,	7 63
Clare P. Hussey,	1 34
Belle S. Sampson,	75
Ella F. Rounds,	50
Shorey & Shorey,	1 50
John Furbish,	6 00

Paid Joseph Michaud,	\$25 00	
S. P. Graves,	3 00	
J. P. Goud,	4 00	
Eugene Thomas,	27 50	
Richard Smith,	3 00	
George E. Stinson,	14 30	
W. J. Wilson,	16 25	
W. A. Alexander,	25	
Rufus Deering Co.,	24 75	
C. E. Torrey,	16 74	
L. M. Williams,	80	
Brunswick Record Co.,	3 50	
M. G. Powers,	8 60	
H. A. Ward,	1 00	
I. A. Pennell,	7 73	
M. Young & Co.,	26 00	
Mitchell Leveque,	25	
Abbie E. Hunter,	10	
Pejepscot Paper Co.,	3 18	
M. C. R. R.,	11 06	
W. A. Jack,	14 70	
F. Hunter,	1 39	
Eastern Express Co.,	30	
W. S. Cash,	3 10	
J. F. Mills,	2 50	
Hunter & Hopkins,	12 99	
Eugene Thomas,	10	
Balance,	08	
	<hr/>	\$300 50
CREDIT.		
By Appropriation,	\$300 00	
Eugene Thomas,	50	
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Summer Street.

Paid H. A. Ward,	\$15 97	
W. L. Wilson,	6 00	
John Grady,	8 25	
L. C. Allen,	7 50	
Charles Grady,	7 12	
Warren Whitten,	4 12	
Charles McDonald,	3 37	
Walter H. Foster,	21 00	
Fred E. Berry,	13 13	
Percy M. Hyde,	8 62	
George Hunter,	4 77	
J. M. Sedgley,	3 37	
Frank Crossman,	4 87	
Sedgley & Crossman,	23 00	
William Dunning,	19 00	
H. J. Sedgley,	1 50	
L. H. White,	41 60	
Z. H. Noyes,	31 35	
Z. H. Noyes, stone work,	200 00	
Balance unexpended,	75 46	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$500 00
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Electric Lights.

Balance overdrawn Feb. 2, 1903,	\$13 69	
Paid J. W. Crawford,	779 13	
Balance unexpended,	7 18	
	<hr/>	\$800 00

CREDIT.

By appropriation	\$800 00
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Mustard Fund.

Paid Order No. 91,	\$5 00	
Order No. 175,	10 25	
Order No. 335,	5 00	
Order No. 441,	18 23	
Order No. 396,	33 07	
Order No. 512,	7 65	
Order No. 549,	6 11	
Order No. 578,	5 00	
Order No. 575,	4 50	
Order No. 595,	2 00	
Balance unexpended,	12 19	
	<hr/>	\$109 00

CREDIT.

By balance,	\$6 19	
Interest on Fund,	102 81	
	<hr/>	\$109 00

Fire Extinguishers.

Paid Charles A. Berry,	\$50 00	
Balance unexpended,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$60 00

CREDIT.

By appropriation,		\$60 00
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Memorial Day.

Paid Walter C. Ross,		\$25 00
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CREDIT.

By appropriation,		\$25 00
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Carrie Emus Fund.

Paid E. L. Hunter, Treasurer,	\$6 04	
Balance Oct. 1, 1903,	200 00	
	206 04	\$206 04

CREDIT.

By balance Oct. 1, 1902,	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1903,	6 04	
	206 04	\$206 04

Interest.

Paid W. R. Hildreth,	\$105 00	
Ora E. Reed,	35 00	
J. F. Whitney,	35 00	
E. L. Hunter, Treasurer,	34 00	
Emma B. Sylvester,	17 50	
S. A. Skolfield,	78 75	
Pejepscot National Bank,	36 67	
Brunswick Savings Institution,	25 87	
Andrew J. Reed,	35 00	
School Fund,	33 36	
Mustard Fund,	96 81	
Flye Fund,	1 00	
W. S. Skolfield Fund,	2 00	
Jabez Perkins Fund,	1 00	
Pejepscot National Bank,	27 15	
Pejepscot National Bank,	152 00	
Topsham & Brunswick Bank,	80 00	
Balance unexpended,	161 73	
	957 84	\$957 84

CREDIT.

By balance,	\$7 87	
Appropriation,	850 00	
E. L. Hunter, Collector,	99 97	
Interest on taxes,		
	<hr/>	\$957 84

Temporary Loans.

Notes outstanding Feb. 2, 1903, \$17,400 00

CREDIT.

By notes paid :		
Brunswick Savings Institution,	\$1,700 00	
Pejepscot National Bank,	1,000 00	
Pejepscot National Bank,	1,000 00	
Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1904,	13,700 00	
	<hr/>	\$17,400 00

State Tax.

Paid E. L. Hunter, Treasurer, \$2,796 40

CREDIT.

By amount raised, \$2,796 40

County Tax.

Paid E. L. Hunter, Treasurer, \$1,498 30

CREDIT.

By amount raised, \$1,498 30

Liabilities.

Temporary Loans,	\$13,700 00	
Mustard Fund,	2,937 50	
School Fund,	667 28	
Skolfield Cemetery Fund,	200 00	
Perkins Cemetery Fund,	150 00	
Flye Cemetery Fund,	200 00	
Estimated abatements,	300 00	
Due towns and individuals,	400 00	
Outstanding orders,	80 41	
Bonds,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$19,135 19

Available Resources.

Uncollected taxes, Feb. 1, 1904,	\$4,109 35	
Real estate held by Town for non- payment of taxes,	25 00	
Due from towns and individuals,	50 00	
Due from State,	\$350 00	
Due for tuition,	1 25	
Due from Elbridge Cornish, Collector,	781 46	
Balance in treasury,	868 39	
	<hr/>	\$6,185 45

Net Town debt, \$12,949.74.

Collector's Account.

Year ending February 1, 1904.

Uncollected taxes at the beginning of the financial year:

For the year 1901,	\$82 70	
For the year 1902,	4,138 87	
	<u> </u>	\$4,221 57

Amount collected and charged on the books :

For the year 1901,	\$25 00	
For the year 1902,	3,814 17	
	<u> </u>	\$3,839 17

Taxes for the year 1903 :

State tax,	\$2,796 40	
County tax,	1,498 30	
Town tax,	14,285 00	
Overlay,	81 77	
Supplemental,	72 42	
	<u> </u>	\$18,733 89

Amount collected and charged on books, 15,006 94

Amount uncollected, \$3,726 95

Taxes uncollected Feb. 1, 1904 :

For the year 1901,	\$57 70	
For the year 1902,	324 70	
For the year 1903,	3,726 95	
	<u> </u>	\$4,109 35

Amount of interest collected and paid in, \$99 97

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR L. HUNTER, *Collector.*

Treasurer's Report.

Town of Topsham in Account with E. L. Hunter, Treas.

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To Town Orders paid from Feb. 2,		
1903, to Feb. 1, 1904,	\$24,199	33
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1904,	868	39
	<hr/>	\$25,067 72

CR.

By balance Feb. 2, 1903,	\$2,117	21
State, free high school,	375	00
State, dog licenses refunded,	71	20
State, railroad and telegraph tax,	141	73
State, school fund and mill tax,	1,840	91
State, sheep killed by dogs,	47	00
Dog taxes received of J. P. Goud,	78	00
Dog taxes received of E. L. Hunter,	23	00
Delinquent taxes,	43	47
Rent of Town Hall,	28	00
George Staples, tuition,	3	25
L. B. & B. Street Railway,	357	05
W. H. Haley,	50	
Town of Brunswick,	655	03
Town of Denmark,	11	70
Town of Harpswell,	4	00
City of Biddeford,	57	00
Insurance on Almshouse,	65	00
Cancelled policy,	37	65
W. S. Cash, old stove,	2	00
M. C. Railroad,	150	00
Lucien H. White, lumber,	6	40
Interest on Carrie Emus fund,	6	04
Eugene Thomas,	50	
E. L. Hunter, interest on taxes,	99	97
E. L. Hunter, Collector, 1901,	25	00

By E. L. Hunter, Collector, 1902,	3,814 17	
E. L. Hunter, Collector, 1903,	15,006 94	
	<hr/>	\$25,067 72

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR L. HUNTER, *Treasurer.*

Appropriations Recommended for 1904.

Highways and bridges,	\$3,500 00
Abatements,	250 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,200 00
Poor in and out of the Almshouse,	850 00
Electric lights,	800 00
Interest,	650 00
Permanent roads,	500 00
Fire Department,	400 00
Memorial Day,	25 00
Common schools,	2,000 00
High school,	800 00
School repairs and supplies,	300 00
School books,	300 00
Town debt,	2,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. HILDRETH,	} <i>Selectmen, Assessors</i>	
J. A. SMITH,		<i>and</i>
E. B. SPRAGUE,		<i>Overseers of Poor.</i>

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the accounts of receipts and expenditures presented by the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Topsham for the year to Feb. 1, 1904, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

The accounts of the Treasurer, E. L. Hunter, I have examined and find correct.

W. S. ROGERS, *Auditor.*

Town Warrant.

To Edgar L. Hunter, a Constable of the Town of Topsham, in the County of Sagadahoc, and State of Maine.
Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Topsham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1904, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there 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.

Article 4. To choose a superintendent of schools or authorize the committee to appoint.

Article 5. To choose one member of the superintending school committee.

Article 6. To choose a constable and collector of taxes.

Article 7. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To choose a road commissioner or commissioners for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To choose an auditor for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To choose surveyors of wood, bark and all other necessary town officers or authorize the selectmen to appoint.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of highways and bridges.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of common schools.

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of the Free High School.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of the poor in and out of the Almshouse.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for abatements.

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for interest.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for miscellaneous expenses.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the fire department.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for electric lights or to act on any business relating to the same.

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for repairs on schoolhouses.

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for school books.

- Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for a State road, as provided for by Chapter 285, Public Laws of Maine for 1901.
- Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for Memorial Day.
- Article 24. To see what time the taxes of the ensuing year shall become due; at what time interest shall commence; what rate of interest shall be charged; to see what rate per cent. we shall pay our collector; and to act on any matter relating to taxes.
- Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for town debt.
- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of names for jurors as revised by the selectmen, clerk and town treasurer.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to use the lumber on the Town Farm for highways and bridges for the coming year.

The selectmen will be at their office on Saturday, March 5, 1904, in the afternoon, to decide upon the application of any persons claiming the right to have their names placed upon the voting list.

W. R. HILDRETH, } *Selectmen*
 J. A. SMITH, } *of*
 E. B. SPRAGUE, } *Topsham.*

School Report.

At the beginning of the year the census of the scholars, as required by law, showed that there were six hundred and fifty-nine (659) scholars in town.

The average attendance of the scholars has been fairly good considering all the circumstances.

It has been the policy of the School Board, for several years past, to retain teachers in the schools in which they have been employed as long as they continued to do good work. The results of this policy have proven very beneficial to the schools as a whole. It should be stated also that changes in our teaching force have always been made when it was evident that best results were not being obtained under the existing circumstances.

It is not always possible to procure teachers who will be successful in a particular school, but we have been fortunate, during the past year, in having but few cases where it seemed to be necessary to make very radical changes, and, even in those cases, the teachers themselves saw that it was for the best interests of the schools, and for their own interest, to withdraw.

The School Board has been ready at all times to listen to complaints against teachers and investigate thoroughly all such cases, and when sufficient facts are produced to warrant a change the Board has not hesitated to make the desired change. The School Board has decided, however, that in order to get the very best results from teachers it is very necessary for the teachers to know just how far the School Board will sustain them in case complaints are made against them. The practice of the School Board has been, in every case, to instruct the teacher that she is put in charge of the particular school to *run* that school. That if scholars wilfully disobey the requirements of the teacher, the

teacher may punish them reasonably, and if these things fail to bring about the desired results the teacher is instructed to send the scholar home with instructions not to return until permission is obtained from the School Board to do so. The reason for stating this matter here is that it has been learned that a few parents in town seem to think that a teacher has no right to use corporal punishment upon scholars for disobedience, etc. Such is not the case.

In a case tried in Auburn Supreme Court last week, where a parent sued a teacher for punishing a child in school, Judge Savage instructed the jury that "a school-master has the right to inflict reasonable corporal punishment," and the jury decided the case in favor of the teacher.

While the work done during the past year in our schools has been generally very acceptable, yet, in some schools, the work has been broken into and the good results of the school work have been seriously retarded. Diphtheria broke out among the scholars at Pejepscot during the latter part of the fall term and it became necessary to close the schools for a time. The winter term began there at the usual time, but one week ago diphtheria again made its appearance among the scholars of those schools and since that time another case has developed and the schools at Pejepscot are now closed for an indefinite period. The School Board, working through the Board of Health, has taken every precaution to check the disease among the scholars, even to the extent of destroying the books used by scholars who were infected with the disease. A few cases have developed in our village, but no serious results have followed which have in any way interfered with our schools up to the present time.

During the last year new seats have been put into the vacant schoolroom at Pejepscot at a cost of about one hundred and thirteen dollars (\$113.00), and the scholars have been divided between the two schools, thus combining the Primary, Intermediate and Grammar grades in the two schools and having the services of two teachers. It is ex-

pected that the change will be of great advantage to the scholars attending school there.

The school in the "Brick" schoolhouse, so called, on the Bowdoinham road, has been in session during the whole year and the attendance has been very good. This school accommodates several small scholars of the Primary and Intermediate grades who would necessarily have to be transported to our other schools, part of the year at least, if this school were closed. It seems at present to be good policy to continue the school.

Continued interest in the work of the schools is shown on the part of many parents by their frequent visits to the schools where their children attend. It is sincerely hoped that all parents will show the same interest and thus become better acquainted with the teacher and the work of the school.

An encouraging word to the teacher, now and then, from parents, means much to the teacher, and will return an hundred fold to the scholars in various ways. A few kind and encouraging words from parents to teachers, when the teachers are worried and fretted and nearly tired out from the cares of the school, bring results to scholars, through the extra efforts of the teachers, which cannot be estimated. Remember that teachers are human, and as such there is a limit to their work and usefulness unless proper encouragement and assistance is given to them.

For the first time in the history of our Grammar School a public graduation was had at the Congregational Church last June. The scholars made an excellent showing and deserve much credit for the manner in which they carried out the exercises.

This was the first class to be graduated from the Grammar grade under the new arrangement which requires nine years' work to fit for the High Schools.

Our schools are now on a par with all other fitting schools in the State in regard to the time required for fitting for college.

The same painstaking work is being done by the teachers

in our High School that has characterized their labors in years past.

No efforts have been spared on the part of Mr. Cone or Miss Minott to bring about the best results for the advancement of the school and to raise the standard of the school to a place where every citizen of the town should feel proud of the results. For several years past the scholars outside the village have nearly, and some years quite, outnumbered those living in the village, which shows the general interest taken by parents throughout the town in the work done in our High School.

Miss Haley has continued her work as principal of the Grammar School throughout the year, and the results of her labors as a conscientious and painstaking teacher are plainly seen on visiting the school.

Miss Hall retained the principalship of the Intermediate School until the end of the fall term when, on account of her health, she asked to be relieved of her duties as principal of the school, and her request was granted, but she is retained as assistant in the Primary and Intermediate schools. Her work as a teacher has been characterized by zealous labor for the school at all times.

On the resignation of Miss Hall as principal of the Intermediate School, Miss Nellie M. Hunter was engaged for the position. Having taken charge of the school only four weeks ago she has not yet had an opportunity to demonstrate fully what she can do in her new position, but from her past experience as a teacher there is no reason to doubt her success in the school where she is now employed. So far she has done good work.

The Primary School is still in charge of Miss Hussey, who has been principal of this school for many years. The school has outgrown the schoolroom, and a room adjoining the schoolroom, which was originally intended for a cloak room, has been utilized for some time past as a recitation room. While it is possible to get along with this arrangement for the present, some other plans would have to be

made for taking care of the scholars if the number attending the Primary School should materially increase.

In conclusion, there seems to be no doubt as to the truthfulness of the statement that our schools are doing better work, and more work, than at any other time in the history of the town. The School Committee and Superintendent have worked together harmoniously, with one idea uppermost in their minds, viz.: the best advancement of the interests and success of the schools throughout the town. How well they have succeeded in their endeavors the citizens of the town know, and further comments on our part would be wholly unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE THOMAS, *Superintendent.*

F. C. WHITEHOUSE,	}	<i>Superintending</i>
A. A. PLUMMER,		<i>School</i>
U. A. JACK,		<i>Committee.</i>

Topsham, Maine, Feb. 1, 1904.