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Superintendent of Schools, and Highway  
Commissioners for the Year Ending February 1,  
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# TOWN OFFICERS

For the Municipal Year A. D. 1905.

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## **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.**

WILLIAM R. HILDRETH,  
GEORGE R. TEDFORD,  
JAMES M. HOWLAND.

## **Town Clerk.**

WARREN W. GOUD.

## **Treasurer.**

EDGAR L. HUNTER.

## **Collector.**

EDGAR L. HUNTER.

## **Highway Commissioners.**

H. S. BALENTINE,  
LEWIS T. WILLIAMS,  
CHARLES E. MESERVE.

## **Superintendent of Schools.**

EUGENE THOMAS.

## **Auditor.**

W. T. GUPTILL.

## **Superintending School Committee.**

ALVAH A. PLUMMER,  
URIAH A. JACK,  
WILLIAM S. ROGERS.



# 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. 1, 1905, and ending Feb. 1, 1906.

The value of taxable property on the first day of April, 1905, was as follows :

Resident real estate,	\$836,811 00
Resident personal estate,	159,029 00
Non-resident real estate,	118,060 00
Non-resident personal estate,	36,100 00
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Total valuation,	\$1,150,000 00

## Assessments for 1905.

State tax,	\$2,930 63
Deficiency,	60 00
County tax,	1,708 54
Common schools,	3,000 00
Free High school,	900 00
Highways and bridges,	3,000 00
Poor in the house,	400 00
Poor out of the house,	850 00
Abatements,	250 00
Interest,	650 00
Miscellaneous	1,200 00
Fire Department,	500 00
Electric light,	900 00
Pleasant street light,	50 00
School books,	300 00
School house repairs and supplies,	400 00



State road,	\$400 00
Elm street,	500 00
Town debt,	1,000 00
Memorial Day,	25 00
Supplemental,	139 59
Overlaysings,	1 83

Total commitment,	\$19,165 59
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Number of taxable polls, 592.

Assessed on each poll, \$3 00.

Rate of taxation on a dollar, 15 mills.

#### Abatements.

To J. S. Knight, property not had,	\$1 55
Sam'l Sedgeley, poll tax,	3 00
Mrs. Nathan Stuart, tax of 1903,	6 93
Humphrey Purinton, over-valuation,	4 56
Frank E. Burkett, poll tax,	3 00
Remi Bernier, taxed twice,	3 83
Henry H. Thompson, property not had,	5 25
Elmer Thorne, property not had,	1 12
Johnson Clark, poll tax,	3 00
E. B. Starett, property not had,	17 63
Cabot Mfg. Co., property not had,	9 00
E. Caron, poll tax,	3 00
Agustus Leavitt, away,	3 00
Hiram Keay, poll tax,	3 00
F. A. Hussey, poll tax,	3 00
Stephen A. Walker, property taxed twice,	3 75
Heirs of W. B. Purinton, over-valuation,	15 20
A. W. Goud,	4 88
C. P. Edgecomb, over-valuation,	3 00
Antoinette P. Snow, personal property,	8 00

To Exavier Dumont, taxed in Brunswick,	\$3 00
M. M. Sumner, over-valuation,	7 50
S. W. Rowell, taxed twice,	3 00
Heirs of W .B. Purinton, taxed twice,	6 84
A. O. Ripley, over-valuation,	7 60
	<hr/> \$133 64

TO EDGAR L. HUNTER, COLLECTOR.

TAXES 1903.

Barney, Thomas, away,	\$3 00
Bell, Sidney,	3 00
Colombe, Joseph J.,	3 00
Crockett, J. H.,	5 39
Ferrens, J.,	3 00
Gambo, J.,	3 00
Higgins, Robert P.,	3 00
Kernac, S.,	3 00
Labbe, Odelion,	3 00
McIntire, R. P.,	3 00
Marquis, Peter,	3 00
Merry, Edwin,	3 15
Qurick, F.,	3 00
Stickney E. J.,	3 00
Storer, F. G.,	3 00
Gagne, Napoleon,	3 00
Daniel, Charles,	3 00
Bernier, Omar,	26
Clouthier, Alphonse,	3 00
Vannah, Foss,	3 00
Viney, Paul,	3 00
	<hr/> \$62 80

TO FRED A. RACKLEY, COLLECTOR.  
TAXES OF 1904.

Berry, George H.,	\$3 00
Barker, E. D.,	3 61
Backus, George,	3 00
Belanger, E.,	3 00
Barribeau, A.,	3 00
Bouchard, Abraham,	30
Bartlett, F. R.,	3 00
Brassard, E.,	3 00
Cullett, George,	3 00
Cox, J. C.,	3 00
Crockett, Joseph,	4 29
Dunning, Fred J.,	3 00
Dunham, George,	3 00
Delar, George,	3 00
Dudash, Paul,	3 00
Dube, Joe,	3 00
Colombe, Joseph Jr.,	3 00
Davis, John,	3 00
Doil, M.,	3 00
Groves, Leander,	3 00
Hoyet, Joseph,	3 00
Hilo, J.,	3 00
Hilo, M.,	3 00
Hamalec, J.,	3 00
Hines, Norman,	3 00
Hyde, James,	3 00
Hamilton, Reuben,	3 00
Jesko, Paul,	3 00
Johnson, George,	3 00
Lasco, M.,	3 00
Lablanc, M.,	3 00
Lyford, B. C.	3 46
Larock, Walter,	3 00
Mudder, A.,	3 00

Marquis, Peter,	\$3 00
Merrill, A. S.,	3 00
Niles, Augustus,	3 00
Ollaire, W.,	3 00
Pollozzi, James,	3 00
Pellerin, W.,	3 00
Punsor, J.,	3 00
Pelvelto, J.,	3 00
Puig, Phileas,	3 00
Pavelto, Mike,	3 00
Perry, J.,	3 00
Rogers, Henry,	3 00
Richards, J.,	3 00
Storer, F. G.,	3 00
Shepard, Luke,	3 00
Troanski, P.	3 00
Speloski, M. No. 2,	3 00
Vannah, Foss,	3 00
Whitten, Charles W.,	3 00
Whitten, Warren,	3 00
Youbert, J.,	3 00
Yasso, J.,	3 00
Jordan White and sons, property not had,	2 28
C. S. Rogers, taxed twice,	13 68
Heirs of Samuel Douglass,	38
	<hr/> \$184 00
	<hr/> \$380 44

## CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$250 00
Overdrawn,	130 44
	<hr/> \$380 44

## Fire Department.

Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1905,	\$4 71
Paid A. M. Graves,	28
Warren Whitten, clearing off cisterns,	1 88
M. G. Powers,	1 45
A. S. Bacon, labor at engine house,	1 60
Dana S. Colby, supplies for engine hall,	2 20
Warren Whitten, clearing off cisterns,	2 48
J. W. Crawford,	15 00
Hook & Ladder Co., Rogers fire,	9 00
Hook & Ladder Co., Flagg fire,	3 00
Hook & Ladder Co., Red Mill,	3 00
Hook & Ladder Co., meetings,	3 50
C. I. Giveen, clerk, meetings,	35 50
C. I. Giveen, clerk, Rogers fire,	36 00
C. I. Giveen, clerk, Flagg fire,	24 00
C. I. Giveen, clerk, Red Mill,	10 00
F. E. Daggett, labor, Mallett fire,	1 25
I. B. Goud,	9 00
C. I. Giveen, clerk, brush fire,	19 00
A. G. Utecht, brush fire,	2 85
H. L. Plummer, brush fire,	75
Willie Alexander, brush fire,	75
Clarence Thompson, brush fire,	75
Percy Wright, brush fire,	75
Gilbert Edgecomb, brush fire,	2 55
Harry Hall, brush fire,	3 00
W. C. Pearson, brush fire,	3 00
Ernest Mallett, brush fire,	75
J. F. Mallett, fighting fire,	11 00
Hook & Ladder Co.,	6 50
C. I. Giveen, clerk,	82 50
C. I. Giveen, clerk,	37 99
Charles Alexander,	75
Z. H. and W. S. Noyes,	5 00

Paid Town of Brunswick, Mallett fire,	\$50 00	
Hook & Ladder Co.,	7 00	
C. I. Giveen, clerk, meetings,	49 75	
Joseph Dufresne,	25	
J. F. Chaney,	11 50	
E. H. Phinney, wood,	2 31	
C. I. Giveen, clerk, alarm of fire,	11 00	
G. B. Ridley,	2 30	
Balance,	24 15	
	<hr/>	\$500 00
	CREDIT.	
By appropriation,		\$500 00

### Miscellaneous.

#### DR.

Paid M. G. Powers, office supplies,	\$1 56
Eugene Thomas, balance services as selectman, 1904,	37 45
M. C. Hall, insurance town hall,	20 00
J. W. Crawford,	9 11
J. E. Woodman, watching July 3-4,	4 00
J. A. Smith, balance services select- man,	16 66
M. C. Hall, services as town clerk,	27 08
W. W. Goud, supplies,	6 30
E. B. Sprague, balance services as se- lectman,	6 75
H. C. Curtis, Board of Health, and supplies,	44 00
The Brunswick Record, printing re- ports,	61 60
Dr. J. H. Riopelle, reporting births and deaths,	3 00

Paid G. L. Quint, teams for Supervisor,	\$86 50
Eugene Thomas, services as Supervisor,	157 33
E. L. Hunter, services as ballot clerk,	4 00
J. M. Howland, brown tail moths,	23 65
B. M. Patten, wood for Town Hall,	5 50
Henry Ragot, services taking list of scholars,	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books for office,	29 65
W. R. Hildreth, wood Town Hall,	6 00
William Hennessey, hens killed by dogs,	2 00
A. M. Graves, supplcs,	25
C. H. Dudley, A. Crockett at Industrial School,	14 00
J. E. Noyes, hens killed by dogs,	2 25
W. S. Noyes, hens killed by dogs,	10 00
E. L. Hunter, dog constable and notifying town officers,	9 00
W. J. Wilson, care of Emus lot,	2 00
F. H. Hussey, sawing wood Town Hall	98
G. F. Mallett, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
E. L. Hunter, dog licenses paid to the State,	112 00
F. W. Atkinson, truant officer,	3 50
H. C. Howland, labor on stone crusher,	1 60
F. A. Rackley, Coll. land sold for taxes,	35 21
F. A. Rackley, Coll. commission 1904,	211 16
W. R. Hildreth, services as selectman,	135 00
George R. Tedford, services as selectman,	70 00
James M. Howland, services as selectman,	62 00

Paid Eugene Thomas,	\$2 00	
E. L. Hunter, commission, as collector,	190 00	
W. J. Wilson, care W. Flye lot,	1 00	
W. J. Wilson, care Jabez Perkins lot,	1 00	
W. J. Wilson, care W. S. Skolfield lot,	3 50	
W. J. Wilson, care Harriet Tebbetts lot,	3 50	
H. C. Curtis, reporting births and deaths,	1 75	
Jacob Merriman and Fred Fielding, Board of Health,	20 00	
C. P. Edgecomb, removing lumber to John H. Grover's land,	7 50	
John H. Grover, rent for lumber,	1 00	
Arthur Lamarre, night watchman July 3-4,	4 00	
G. J. Roy, reporting births and deaths,	4 00	
Balance,	432 13	
		————— \$1,900 47

## CR.

By balance,	\$2 70
Appropriation,	1,200 00
State Treasurer, dog licenses refunded,	48 04
Taxes on real estate held by the town,	132 00
State sheep killed by dogs,	54 75
Rent of Town Hall,	10 00
Dog licenses,	115 00
W. A. Alexander, cemetery lot,	20 00
T. E. Christopher, cemetery lot,	20 00
Old stove,	1 50
Overlay on taxes,	1 83
Supplemental tax,	139 59
Emus fund interest,	12 24



By Railroad and telegraph tax,	\$129 23
S. W. Rowell, rent,	5 00
Everett fund interest,	8 59
	<hr/> \$1,900 47

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### Highways.

Paid Howard Colby,	\$11 85
A. H. Ramsdell,	11 25
A. H. Merriman,	6 00
J. S. Knight,	3 50
H. S. Cary,	4 56
John Dennison,	17 55
J. F. Cunningham,	1 50
N. G. Curtis,	3 20
E. F. Ridley,	2 25
George Crowley,	1 50
Edward Atkins,	4 68
S. C. Curtis,	3 42
Percy Wright,	1 35
C. P. Edgecomb,	120 78
L. T. Williams,	176 40
W. T. Guptill,	10 05
O. A. Barker,	7 00
Herbert L. Berry,	2 89
E. G. Powers,	14 55
J. A. Tarr,	1 75
J. E. Woodman,	45 30
L. H. White,	86 56
Frank Bruno,	31 20
C. C. Galusha,	3 60
H. W. Lapham,	4 35

Paid R. E. Williams,	\$17 55
W. H. Foster,	76 29
C. A. Graves,	9 57
George Labbe,	15 00
R. E. Roberts,	13 08
E. R. Hildreth,	9 25
George Dugas,	30 07
George Labbe,	7 50
Ellis Leavitt,	11 50
G. H. Berry,	2 25
E. L. Hunter,	36 53
W. F. Tate,	6 35
Frank Morang,	4 15
W. J. Wilson,	2 50
M. E. Chapman,	41 93
E. B. Sprague,	16 46
William Dunning,	11 15
Alvah Mallett,	12 62
Joseph Whitney,	15 40
C. H. Cary,	4 05
George Furbish,	8 29
H. C. Howland,	1 05
Albert Hanson,	3 96
A. H. Goodwin,	32 40
L. E. Bradbury,	6 93
A. R. Hunter,	31 48
Hollis S. Small,	60
J. L. Alexander,	4 55
C. G. Matthews,	6 45
A. G. Utetcht,	3 60
Harry A. Hall,	2 25
J. F. Mallett,	60 80
C. Pearson,	33 00
H. S. Balentine,	245 40
J. F. Bartlett,	75
William H. Brown,	49 81
William Graves,	4 57

Paid J. L. Foster,	\$39 74
Peter St. Pierre,	52 50
Leon C. Smith,	1 51
G. W. Thompson,	19 19
Arthur Jack,	11 62
A. H. Carr,	46 88
Fred Arquette,	3 75
W. S. Rogers,	67 80
W. D. Spears,	12 00
Alfred Jack,	19 88
Edward Peters,	9 07
T. B. Cochran,	5 00
G. W. Watson,	18 74
Cody & Harding,	51 79
Bowdoin Paper Co.,	7 25
Ernest Mallett,	75
J. E. Rogers,	10 38
J. Gagnon,	32 50
J. M. Sedgeley,	28 00
E. E. Ex. Co.,	2 00
L. B. & B. St. Ry.,	35 84
H. J. Whitney,	2 70
Frank Groves,	13 65
C. E. Meserve,	86 42
W. A. Crocker,	3 75
S. C. Andrews,	29 75
W. S. Noyes,	8 90
Zina H. Noyes,	34 75
W. R. Hildreth,	4 50
Ernest Atkins,	2 99
W. S. McCarthy,	8 62
A. O. Ripley,	91 79
H. S. Small,	13 50
W. J. White,	16 95
E. C. Patten,	82 95
W. A. Alexander,	10 63
Percy Hyde,	3 75

Paid J. P. Curtis,	\$ 75
Edward Peters,	7 50
A. S. Jack,	48 12
Irvin Gatchell,	8 32
C. T. Rackley,	75
Harry Grady,	7 00
H. A. Ward,	7 75
E. A. Hunter,	6 50
L. Cunningham,	1 54
Joseph Dufresne,	5 85
C. S. Newell,	30 87
A. E. Flagg,	2 25
C. I. Allen,	70
W. B. Staples,	3 25
W. A. Jack,	2 50
Eugene Labbe,	1 05
R. O. Holbrook,	2 02
L. Williams,	1 15
Daniel H. Higgins,	5 25
Mitchell Leveque,	4 50
Abiel W. Eaton,	4 90
B. M. Patten,	17 08
A. P. Furbish,	3 45
M. S. Stewart,	12 45
D. B. Webber,	2 00
L. B. & B. St. Ry.,	33 75
F. W. Atkinson,	1 25
Valentine Mathes & Son,	163 20
H. J. Dunning,	2 70
Clyde A. Bradbury,	2 70
W. E. Cox,	7 43
Herbert Berry,	2 70
P. L. Tedford,	2 50
H. B. Cobb,	2 62
Lincoln Cilley,	11 40
W. S. Cash,	1 96
Frank Cox,	5 28

Paid C. B. Hamlin,	\$4 42	
G. W. Hunter,	75	
Henry Groves,	3 00	
G. F. Grover,	3 30	
William Adams,	3 55	
E. H. Phinney,	12 73	
W. A. Dolloff,	1 49	
E. C. Mallett,	1 05	
S. P. Graves,	1 50	
Humphrey Purinton,	1 00	
C. C. Leavitt, Jr.,	3 00	
G. B. Ridley,	58 27	
G. M. Goding,	7 40	
E. W. Mallett,	6 00	
P. L. Tedford,	1 25	
G. A. Hunter,	9 75	
Town of Brunswick,	3 08	
A. H. Merriman,	258 25	
For inspection,	50 00	
Balance,	1,327 29	
	<hr/>	\$4,492 09

## CREDIT.

By balance,	\$672 50	
Appropriation,	3,000 00	
L. B. & B. St. Ry.,	762 34	
Plank sold,	52 25	
Barrett Potter,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,492 09

## State Road.

To O. A. Barker,	\$3 50	
Eaton Hardware Co.,	\$ 17	
J. Sedgley,	10 00	
W. S. Noyes,	10 00	
Zina H. Noyes,	8 75	
Ernest Mallet,	75	
G. W. Thompson,	15 31	
Ellis Leavitt,	11 00	
Frank Groves,	5 40	
H. S. Small,	24 50	
J. F. Mallett,	15 25	
J. E. Woodman,	22 50	
D. B. Webber,	11 25	
W. J. White,	21 50	
John L. Alexander,	22 75	
W. A. Alexander,	28 00	
L. H. White,	19 75	
E. C. Patten,	23 25	
Peter Peterson,	50 00	
C. E. Meserve,	22 00	
A. O. Ripley,	7 00	
B. M. Patten,	21 00	
William Dunning,	18 37	
J. A. Tarr,	3 50	
C. P. Edgecomb,	21 00	
E. H. Phinney,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

## CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$400 00
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## Town Farm.

Paid Charles Morang, salary,	\$100 53
Cora B. Smith, cow,	35 00

Paid Irvin Gatchell, clothing for poor,	\$11 95	
Irvin Gatchell, repairs,	7 60	
Irvin Gatchell, salary,	147 50	
Irvin Gatchell, papering, etc.,	11 33	
Balance,	113 59	
	<hr/>	\$427 50
CREDIT.		
By appropriation,	\$400 00	
Sale of wood,	19 50	
Sale of calf,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$427 50

#### Poor Out of the House.

To balance,	\$533 82
A. M. Graves, supplies for J. Colombe, Jr.,	21 04
A. M. Graves, supplies for Lewis Baker,	10 03
A. M. Graves, supplies for Benjamin Aris,	62 70
A. M. Graves, supplies for Jesse Town,	16 00
A. M. Graves, supplies for A. Bouchard	30 03
A. M. Graves, supplies for James H. Towns,	9 00
D. H. Flagg, rent Richard Pratt,	72 00
G. B. Ridley, rent Mrs. F. G. Storer,	90 00
Z. H. Noyes, wood, J. Colombe, Jr.,	6 00
George E. Drapeau, medical supplies for Cyprien Cote,	4 45
H. O. Curtis, medical attendance for J. Colombe, Jr.,	30 00
F. E. Roberts, shoes for J. Colombe, Jr.,	5 00
F. E. Roberts, shoes for A. Bouchard,	1 25
P. A. Morin, supplies for C. Cote,	5 00
P. A. Morin, supplies for A. Michaud,	10 00

To B. M. Patten, wood for Lewis Baker,	\$4 75	
Z. H. Noyes, wood for B. Aris,	4 50	
H. V. Stackpole, rubbers A. Bouchard,	2 60	
Narcisse Geaudreau, rent J. Colombe,	5 00	
W. Hamilton, supplies for J. Co-		
lombe, Jr.,	18 42	
H. O. Curtis, medical attendance for		
Fred Arquette,	27 50	
H. O. Curtis, medical attendance for		
Sarah Duffy,	19 50	
F. E. Roberts,	7 50	
Insane Hospital, support of Mary		
Davis and Carrie B. Graves,	208 17	
Town of Brunswick, support of Mrs.		
Watson.	150 75	
G. J. Roy, medical attendance for		
Ellair Richard,	9 00	
H. S. Balentine, wood for Jesse Towne	1 62	
M. M. Sumner, supplies for J. Co-		
lombe, Jr.,	5 01	
W. Hamilton, supplies for J. H. Towns,	4 00	
A. M. Graves, supplies for Jesse Towns,	4 00	
J. F. Chaney,	7 50	
		<hr/> \$1,386 14

## CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$850 00	
Town of Brunswick,	328 25	
Town of Bowdoin,	36 10	
J. E. Priest,	45 00	
Balance,	126 79	
		<hr/> \$1,386 14



## Common Schools.

Paid Maude E. Hooper,	\$51 00	
Jessie M. Rackley,	24 00	
Winnefred Smith,	115 00	
Clare P. Hussey,	313 00	
Ella M. Merrifield,	63 25	
Eva M. Haley,	220 00	
John W. Frost,	99 00	
Ethel T. Allen,	252 00	
Edith Carr,	174 00	
M. J. McChesney,	235 25	
Martha S. Robinson,	129 25	
Bessie A. Gushee,	63 25	
Anna L. Barron,	297 00	
Grace M. Clifford,	132 00	
Maude E. Shorey,	284 00	
Gertrude Purinton,	42 00	
Mary A. Giveen,	195 00	
Matilda Utecht,	205 05	
Ethel Fisher,	36 00	
Annie E. Fuller,	152 75	
Nellie E. Hall,	132 00	
Lucy E. Linnekin,	170 10	
Alice L. Locke,	165 20	
Maude I. Turner,	126 00	
Alfreda Powers,	25 00	
Mabel E. Norcross,	63 00	
Clara P. Hussey, winter term,	27 00	
		<hr/> \$3,791 10
Sara A. Sawyer,	172 75	
George L. Quint, teams	68 09	
		<hr/> \$240 75

### Transportation.

Paid Edward Atkins,	\$93 00	
L. B. & B. St. Ry.,	60 00	
George F. Mallett,	49 75	
George E. Reynolds,	10 00	
Edward Atkins,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$227 75

### Fuel.

Paid W. H. Haley,	\$6 00	
A. M. Graves,	85 00	
F. H. Hussey,	2 25	
E. W. Mallett,	6 25	
S. P. Graves,	12 00	
O. A. Barker,	17 00	
H. S. Balentine,	11 38	
B. M. Patten,	8 00	
J. F. Chaney,	68 50	
W. R. Hildreth,	31 75	
George F. Mallett,	180 90	
E. C. Patten,	23 50	
W. B. Staples,	7 00	
G. N. Pratt,	8 00	
U. A. Jack,	11 50	
Lowell M. Williams,	14 22	
W. J. Wilson,	10 50	
W. A. Alexander,	9 00	
Uriah A. Jack,	45 00	
W. H. Foster,	14 93	
J. W. Crawford, electric lights,	9 80	
	<hr/>	\$498 33

## Care, etc.

Paid John A. Cone,	\$113 00
Mary A. Giveen,	2 75
H. A. Christopher, Jr.	34 50
Marshall Haley,	2 75
Mitchell Leveque,	9 83
Augustus Rochefort,	4 00
Annie E. Temple,	19 00
Arthur Menard,	3 50
Joseph Curtis,	2 70
Frank Bruno,	4 00
H. A. Ward,	3 00
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	\$199 03
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Total cost	\$4,956 96
Balance	493 26
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	\$5,450 22

## CREDIT

By balance,	828 32
Appropriation	3,000 00
Mill Tax,	1,621 90
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	\$5,450 22

## High School

Paid John A. Cone,	\$997 00
John W. Frost,	99 00
Mabel E. Norcross,	63 00
Balance,	108 89
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	\$1,267 89

## CREDIT

By balance,	\$117 89
Appropriation	900 00
State	250 00
	<hr/> \$1,267 89

**School Books.**

To balance	\$1 73	
Eugene Thomas, express,	7 80	
Sara A. Sawyer,	25	
W. E. Frost, Agt.,	2 24	
W. J. Wilson,	1 00	
A. H. Andrews,	6 56	
School books,	4 10	
School books,	13 00	
Balance	263 32	
	<hr/>	\$300 00
There are enough bills outstanding to cover this amount, (\$263.32)		

## CREDIT.

By appropriation,	300 00
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**School Repairs and Supplies.**

To balance,	\$45 64
A. M. Graves,	1 70
M. G. Powers,	24
Samuel P. Graves,	2 50
Ethel T. Allen,	50
B. M. Patten,	50
A. R. Hunter,	5 52
Sara A. Sawyer,	3 61
Eugene Thomas,	4 75
T. S. Allen,	50

Paid J. F. Will,	\$1 25	
Balch Brothers Co.	32 00	
John A. Cone,	14 50	
Louis Dube,	34 25	
Odelon Labbe,	18 75	
Frank Bruno,	18 75	
George Labbe,	11 57	
Eaton Hardward Co.,	22 80	
S. E. Robinson,	20 00	
W. J. Wilson,	4 70	
Brunswick Publishing Co.,	6 00	
August Rochefort,	50	
Walter S. Cash,	12 11	
J. P. Curtis,	45	
W. H. Foster,	3 50	
W. A. Alexander,	1 00	
Uriah A. Jack,	2 60	
L. M. Williams,	50	
M. Leveque,	50	
M. C. Hall, insurance,	105 00	
Bowker & Humphreys, insurance,	75 00	
C. H. Williams,	4 00	
Andrew Gouthier,	1 09	
H. Purinton.	5 22	
T. H. Armstrong,	30 00	
M. M Sumner,	25	
G. B. Ridley,	84 78	
A. O. Ripley,	3 34	
	<hr/>	\$579 87

## CREDIT.

By appropriation	\$400 00	
Overdrawn,	179 87	
	<hr/>	\$579 87

## Elm Street.

Paid G. M. Thompson,	\$17 85	
Jeremiah Sedgley,	15 75	
L. H. White,	32 50	
Ellis Leavitt,	15 75	
Harold B. Ridley,	4 75	
W. H. Arris,	3 75	
Harry Grady,	14 00	
L. E. Cunningham,	1 30	
Walter H. Foster,	22 75	
N. G. Curtis,	9 98	
J. P. Curtis,	11 55	
George W. Watson,	9 00	
D. B. Webber,	9 00	
Irvin Gatchell,	6 75	
Paul Rochrig,	4 67	
Charles S. Newell,	34 20	
S. C. Andrews,	4 65	
J. E. Woodman,	34 07	
O. A. Lancaster,	18 75	
Joseph L. Foster,	37 67	
Harding and Cody,	10 00	
J. F. Mallett,	5 25	
D. A. Hall,	2 70	
R. W. Barstow,	3 30	
Albion S. Jack,	7 85	
Mrs. L. Wagg,	6 96	
L. B. & B. St. Ry.	115 25	
Charles E. Meserve,	19 00	
O. A. Barker,	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

## CREDIT.

By appropriation,

500 00

**Electric Lights.**

To balance,	\$40 78	
To J. W. Crawford,	883 62	
Balance unexpended,	50 60	
	<u>          </u>	\$975 00

## CREDIT.

By appropriation,	\$900 00	
Special Pleasant St.,	50 00	
Brunswick Electric Light, and Power Co., rebate,	25 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$975 00

**Mustard Fund.**

Paid Order No. 9,	\$5 00	
Order No. 213,	4 00	
Order No. 237,	2 00	
Order No. 271,	5 00	
Order No. 282,	3 00	
Order No. 303,	5 00	
Order No. 549,	6 10	
Order No. 601,	4 37	
Order No. 644,	2 00	
Order No. 645,	5 00	
Order No. 646,	10 00	
Balance,	56 34	
	<u>          </u>	\$107 81

## CREDIT.

By balance,	5 00	
Appropriation	102 81	
	<u>          </u>	\$107 81

### Carrie Emus Fund.

Paid E. L. Hunter, treasurer,	\$12 26	
Balance Oct. 1, 1905,	200 00	
		\$212 26

#### CREDIT.

By balance Oct. 1, 1903,	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1905,	12 26	
		\$212 26

#### Interest.

Paid Pejepsco National Bank,	\$116 00	
W. R. Hildreth,	128 42	
Ora E. Reed,	38 21	
J. F. Whitney,	35 00	
Emma B. Sylvester,	17 50	
Sarah A. Skolfield,	122 50	
First National Bank,	92 67	
Pejepsco National Bank,	42 88	
Mustard Fund,	51 47	
Balance	92 56	
		\$737 21

#### CREDIT

By balance,	\$24 21	
Appropriation,	650 00	
F. A. Rackley, interest on taxes,	58 00	
E. L. Hunter, interest on taxes,	5 00	
		\$737 21



**Mildred Everett Fund.**

Paid E. L. Hunter, treasurer,	\$8 59	
Bal. Oct. 1, 1905,	200 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$208 59

## CREDIT.

By balance,	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1905,	8 59	
	<u>          </u>	\$208 59

**Temporary Loans.**

Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1905,	\$13,600 00	
Received on notes,	4,000 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$17,600 00

## CREDIT.

Notes paid,	\$5,000 00	
Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1906,	12,600 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$17,600 00

**State Tax.**

Paid E. L. Hunter, Treasurer,	\$2,990 63
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## CREDIT.

By amount raised,	\$2,990 63
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**County Tax.**

Paid E. L. Hunter, Treasurer,	\$1,708 54
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## CREDIT.

By amount raised,	\$1,708 54
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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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**Liabilities.**

Temporary Loans,	\$12,600 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
Outstanding orders,	275 08
Bonds,	500 00
	<hr/> \$17,529 86

**Available Resources.**

Uncollected taxes, Feb. 1, 1906,	\$4,334 82
Real estate held by Town for non- payment of taxes,	35 21
Estimated due from State and towns	250 00
State good roads,	200 00
State Free High School,	125 00
Due for tuition,	25 00
Balance in Treasury,	1,819 06
	<hr/> \$6,789 09
Net Town debt, \$10,740 77.	

### Collector's Account.

Year ending February 1, 1906.

Uncollected taxes at the beginning of the financial year:

EDGAR L. HUNTER, Collector.

For the year 1901,	\$57 70	
For the year 1902,	149 70	
For the year 1903,	62 80	
	<hr/>	\$270 20
Amount collected:		
For the year 1901,	\$2 60	
For the year 1902,	22 00	
For the year 1903,	62 80	
	<hr/>	\$87 40
Uncollected taxes, Feb. 1, 1906,		\$182 80
Uncollected taxes Feb. 1, 1905:		
For the year 1904,	\$4,488 70	
Amount collected and charged on the books:		
For the year 1904,	\$4,000 52	
Uncollected Feb. 1, 1906:		\$488 18
Amount of interest paid in,		\$58 00

FRED A. RACKLEY, Collector.

To commitment of taxes 1905,	\$19,165 59	
Amount collected,	15,501 75	
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Amount uncollected on taxes of 1905,		
Feb. 1, 1906,		\$3,663 84
Taxes uncollected at the end of year 1906:		
For the year 1901,	\$55 10	
For the year 1902,	127 70	
For the year 1904,	488 18	
For the year 1905,	3,663 84	
	<hr/>	\$4,334 82

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. 1,		
1905, to Feb. 1, 1906,	\$25,853	36
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1906,	1,819	06
		\$27,672 42

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By balance Feb. 1, 1905,		\$293 40
State, Free High School,	250 00	
State, dog licenses refunded,	48 04	
State, railroad and telegraph tax,	129 23	
State, school fund and mill tax,	1,621 90	
State, sheep killed by dogs,	54 75	
Dog taxes received of W. W. Goud,	46 00	
Dog taxes received of E. L. Hunter,	69 00	
Delinquent taxes,	132 00	
Rent of Town Hall,	10 00	
L. B. & B. Street Railway,	762 34	
Town of Bowdoin,	36 10	
Town of Brunswick,	328 25	
C. P. Edgecomb, plank,	1 18	
A. Q. Goud, plank,	30	
William Dunning, plank,	2 00	
H. S. Balentine, stove,	1 50	
J. E. Prest, for rent,	45 00	
J. E. Christopher, cemetery lot,	20 00	
W. A. Alexander, cemetery lot,	20 00	
Electric Light and Power Co.	25 00	
Interest on Carrie Emus fund	12 26	
Interest on Mildred Everett fund,	8 59	
Irvin Gatchell, wood,	19 50	
Irvin Gatchell, calf,	8 00	

By Barrett Potter, fencing lot		
from highway,	\$ 5 00	
F. A. Rackley, interest on taxes,	58 00	
F. A. Rackley, Collector 1904,	4,000 52	
F. A. Rackley, Coll. supplemental,		
1904,	16 74	
S. W. Rowell, rent old engine house,	5 00	
J. M. Howland, plank,	36 17	
Walter Cash and others, plank,	12 50	
Temporary loans,	4,000 00	
E. L. Hunter, interest on taxes,	5 00	
E. L. Hunter, Collector 1901,	2 60	
E. L. Hunter, Collector 1902,	22 00	
E. L. Hunter, Collector 1903,	62 80	
E. L. Hunter, Collector 1905,	15,501 75	
	<hr/>	\$27,672 42

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR L. HUNTER, *Treasurer.*

### Appropriations Recommended for 1906.

Highways and bridges,	\$3,000 00
Abatements,	400 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1200 00
Poor in the Almshouse,	300 00
Poor out of the Almshouse,	850 00
Electric lights,	900 00
Interest,	600 00
State road,	400 00
Fire Department,	500 00
Common schools,	3500 00
High school,	900 00
School repairs and supplies,	500 00
School books,	300 00
Memorial Day,	25 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. HILDRETH, } *Selectmen, Assessors*  
 G. R. TEDFORD, } *and*  
 J. M. HOWLAND, } *Overseers of Poor.*

### Auditor's Report.

I have examined the accounts of receipts and expenditures presented by the selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor, for the year to Feb. 1, 1906. They seem to be properly cast and their vouchers show they have been paid.

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

It seems to be my duty to call attention to the fact that I learn from two members of the School Board that that body never has authorized anyone to approve the bills of its department and the individual members seem to have no clear idea of its financial affairs.

W. T. GUPTILL, *Auditor.*

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### 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 the said Town of Topsham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D., 1906, 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, treasurer, auditor, and one member of the school committee and a second member of the school committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the departure from town of A. A. Plummer.
- Article 4. To choose a constable and collector of taxes.
- Article 5. To choose a road commissioner or commissioners for the ensuing year.
- Article 6. To choose surveyors of wood, bark, and all other necessary town officers or authorize the selectmen to appoint.
- Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of highways and bridges.
- Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of common schools.
- Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of the Free High School.
- Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of the poor in the Almshouse.
- Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of the poor out of the Almshouse.
- Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for abatements.
- Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for interest.
- Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for miscellaneous expenses.
- Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the fire department.
- Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for electric lights or to act on any business relating to the same.



Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for schoolhouse repairs and supplies.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for school books.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the State road.

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for Memorial Day.

Article 21. To see what time the taxes for 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 22. To see what contract, if any, the Town will make with the Brunswick and Topsham Water District for supplying water for public and municipal purposes in Topsham.

To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers, or any committee, to execute, accept and deliver in its behalf any contract with the Brunswick and Topsham Water District for a supply of water for public and municipal purposes in Topsham.

To see how many hydrants the Town will approve and to take action respecting the location of them for a supply of water from the Brunswick and Topsham Water District for extinguishment of fires, sprinkling of streets and other public uses.

To see what contract the Town will make with the Brunswick and Topsham Water District for water to be delivered in Topsham, otherwise than by means of hydrants, for public purposes.

To see what further action, if any, the Town will take, or authorize its officers or committee to take in its behalf, respecting a supply of water in Topsham for public and municipal purposes.

To raise and appropriate money for the procurement of a water supply from the Brunswick and Topsham Water District for public and municipal purposes in Topsham.

The selectmen will be at their office on Saturday, March 3, 1906, in the afternoon, to decide upon the application of any persons claiming the right to have their names placed upon the voting list, also on the morning before the meeting.

W. R. HILDRETH,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
G. R. TEDFORD,		
J. M. HOWLAND,		
		<i>of</i>
		<i>Topsham.</i>

## School Report.

During the last year our schools have prospered, generally, throughout the town.

Several changes have, necessarily, been made in our teaching force, principally through resignations of our teachers, but, in most cases, the teachers procured to fill the vacant places, have succeeded in doing good work for the schools where they have been employed.

One thing is noticable in our best schools in town, which is of great importance to our parents, and that is, that most of our good teachers who resign from our teaching force, do so because the wages in our town are not as good as they can get elsewhere.

In other words, we loose many good teachers because we do not pay them as much as they can get in other places.

This ought not to be so, for we can ill afford to practice *too strict economy* in the matter of educating the coming citizens of our town.

Upon their education depends, largely, the prosperity of the town and community in which they will live, and the citizens of to-day are responsible for the education or ignorance of the young growing up among us.

I am pleased to say that our town has dealt fairly well with the schools in the last dozen years, but it must be borne in mind that *first-class* schools cannot be successfully carried on, by paying wages for *second-class* teachers.

I make this statement for the purpose of calling attention to the fact that, in almost every town near us, the teachers are receiving larger wages than the teachers in our town, for the *same grade of work*.

While we are able to procure the services of some excellent teachers for long periods, it is generally because cir-

cumstances are such that it is not convenient, for various reasons for them to go elsewhere. Of course we are the gainers thereby.

If the town, or the voters of the town, would take the pains to look up this question and compare the wages per week, of the teachers in our town, with the wages per week of teachers in other towns, for the same grade of schools, they would readily see that we do not raise money enough in our town, to pay the sort of teachers we need here, what they can get in other places.

I think all will agree that this is very unfortunate, if true, and I am so thoroughly convinced of the truthfulness of the statement, that I ask all voters in town to look up this question and satisfy themselves on this point that they may vote understandingly on this question, when appropriations are made at the annual town meeting.

At the wages we pay our teachers, we are not able to procure the services of many trained teachers, for they can readily procure better paying positions elsewhere.

In some cases we are able to get them for a short time and then they resign. The result is that in many of our schools we are compelled to employ teachers of little or no experience, and we all know that, in such cases, we cannot get or expect as good results as we should have if the teachers had had good training or considerable experience.

This matter is of such great importance that I sincerely hope the parents and voters of the town will seriously consider it and decide to appropriate money enough so that we can afford to pay good teachers as much as they can get in other places.

All must know that we cannot get as good results from our schools when we change teachers every term or two, as we can by retaining teachers, several terms in succession, in the same schools. A week or two each term is lost, when new teachers come to a school, in getting acquainted with the different scholars, and their peculiarities and mode of work, etc. This could and would be greatly obviated by

continuing the same teacher in the particular school, for several terms.

Our school property in town, is in very good repair, as a whole, yet other repairs are needed which could not be attended to from lack of funds.

It was found, during the summer, that it was absolutely necessary to rebuild a part of the basement wall of the school at "The Heights."

The bill for this work was quite large to be taken from the ordinary repairs appropriation, but there seemed to be no other way out of it and it was done, in order to save the school house from further damage.

Gutters have been recently placed on part of the High School building, as it was found that the water from the roof was coming through the cellar wall and doing considerable damage.

During the summer vacation new floor timbers and flooring was put into the Haley school house.

Many other needed repairs have been made in the various school houses.

While, occasionally the accounts for school repairs and supplies are overdrawn, it only happens when it is absolutely necessary in order to preserve town property, when it could not be foreseen at the time the appropriation was made.

The same rule applies in regard to School Books, excepting that in the case of books, the statutes make it compulsory on the part of the town, to furnish all needed books, and this *must* be done, even if the town does not appropriate anything for this purpose.

The account for School Books has been somewhat overdrawn, this year, on account of an exceptionally large number of books becoming worthless for use, during the year.

At this time it may be proper for me to say that I have severed my connection with the school affairs of this town and shall not have anything, officially, to do with the schools again.

During the twelve years which I have been officially connected with the schools in town, many changes have taken place in our school affairs.

Twelve years ago we had, practically, no graded schools in town. There was no Intermediate Grade, and when the Primary Schools became crowded they were passed into the so-called Grammar School. When this became crowded, they passed into the "High" School, and when the scholars thought it about time to "have a graduation" they had one.

Now, I am glad to say, all this is changed, and we have nine years work required to enter the High School, and all our schools are graded equal to schools of any towns in the state.

As far as our courses go, they are equal to the best, but we do not have as many different courses as High Schools have in larger towns and cities.

We confine our High School work to few courses, but have those courses as good as the best.

In conclusion I wish to say that I have used my best judgment for the interests and advancement of the schools, during the time I have been officially connected with them, and have been fortunate, most of the time, in having members of the school committee who were sincerely interested in educational advancement and have done all they could in that direction, to aid and assist the Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE THOMAS, *Superintendent.*

URIAH A. JACK,	} <i>School</i>	
A. A. PLUMMER,		} <i>Committee.</i>
W. S. ROGERS,		