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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, 1907

1907

RECORD JOB PRESS
BRUNSWICK, ME.

TOWN OFFICERS

For the Municipal Year A. D. 1906.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

WILLIAM R. HILDRETH,
LOWELL M. WILLIAMS,
ELVIN M. MAIN.

Town Clerk.

WARREN W. GOUD.

Collector.

EDGAR L. HUNTER.

Treasurer.

EDGAR L. HUNTER.

Highway Commissioner.

H. S. BALENTINE.

Superintendent of Schools.

JOHN A. CONE.

Auditor.

E. S. PILLSBURY.

Superintending School Committee.

ALVAH A. PLUMMER,
WILLIAM S. ROGERS,
WALTER M. WILLIAMS.

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, 1906, and ending Feb. 1, 1907.

The value of taxable property on the first day of April, 1906, was as follows:

Resident real estate,	\$845,198 00
Resident personal estate,	150,939 00
Non-resident real estate,	112,769 00
Non-resident personal estate,	24,950 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$1,133,856 00</u>

Assessments for 1906.

State tax,	\$2,930 63
County tax,	1,533 06
Common schools,	3,500 00
Free High school,	900 00
Highways and bridges,	3,900 00
Poor in the house,	300 00
Poor out of the house;	800 00
Abatements,	400 00
Interest,	600 00
Miscellaneous,	1,200 00
Fire Department,	500 00
Electric light,	950 00
School books,	400 00
School house repairs and supplies,	600 00
State road,	600 00
Memorial Day,	25 00
Old cemetery,	35 00

Overlayings,	\$279 08	
Supplemental,	131 75	
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Total commitment,		\$19,584 52

Number of taxable polls, 626
 Assessed on each poll, \$3 00
 Rate of taxation on a dollar, 15 1-2 mills

Abatements.

Balance overdrawn last year,		\$130 44
To Sidney W. Skelton, poll tax 1905,	\$3 00	
H. F. Stinson, poll tax '04 and '05,	6 00	
George Dugas, over-valuation,	1 86	
J. M. Purinton, over-valuation,	1 50	
C. T. Rackley, over-val. real estate,	6 20	
D. H. Higgins, property not had,	1 55	
A. W. Tedford,	4 05	
Pierre Desjardins, poll tax	3 00	
Zephrim Brilliant, over-valuation,	2 32	
C. P. Edgecomb, mill property,	3 10	
Collomore Mallett heirs, taxed twice,	3 88	
C. A. Ward, poll tax 1906, away,	3 00	
M. G. Powers, property not had,	38	
F. N. Jones, piano 1904, not had,	1 14	
W. S. Rogers, over-valuation,	13 50	
A. H. Packard, taxed twice,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$57 48

TO EDGAR L. HUNTER, COLLECTOR.

TAXES OF 1901

Coombs, L. P.	\$3 00
Cory, Fred	3 00
Emond, George	3 00
Huston, Randall	4 79

Purinton, James	\$6 43	
Preble, H. G.	3 00	
St. Pierre, Elisor	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$26 22

TAXES OF 1902

Gilbert, Philo	\$3 00	
Hale, James H.	3 00	
Houlton, John	3 00	
Higgins, C. V.	3 00	
Kusner, Mike	3 00	
Kennedy, Alonzo	3 00	
Lathon, John	3 00	
Nadeau, Paul	3 00	
Sprague, George	3 00	
St. Lawrence, Joseph	3 00	
Vannah, Foss	3 00	
Woodcock, Alden	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$36 00

TO EDGAR L. HUNTER, COLLECTOR.

TAXES 1905.

Allen, Enos P., away,	\$3 00
Avery, Joseph, non-resident,	3 00
Bartlett, F. R., non-resident,	3 00
Bickford, Alvin, non-resident,	3 00
Colby, Charles H., insane,	3 75
Barker, O. A., error in valuation	7 50
Crockett, Joseph H., away,	3 30
Clewley, M. A., away,	3 00
Cornish, Angier, not of age,	3 00
Costello, J., not found,	3 00
Dutton, William, not found,	3 00
Drotter, John, not of age,	3 00
Demers, J., away,	3 00

Fickett, Len, away,	\$3 00	
Fournier, Sam, taxed twice,	3 00	
Fejisk, Mike, away,	3 00	
Gagne, Joseph N., poor,	3 00	
Gagnon, O., away,	3 00	
Gambo, J., away,	3 00	
Hyde, James, error,	3 00	
Hutchinson, Fred, away,	3 00	
Hughley, Mike,	3 00	
Johnston, C. E., non-resident,	3 00	
Jameson, George, not found,	3 00	
Kennedy, Alonzo, non-resident,	3 00	
Nondas, Mike, gone,	3 00	
Libby, A., gone,	3 00	
Marquis, Peter, dead,	3 00	
Martin, Lawrence, gone,	3 00	
Mudder, Mike, gone,	3 00	
Ollaire, William, gone,	3 00	
Ouillette, L., taxed twice,	3 00	
Purinton, Humphrey, over-valuation,	6 00	
Pagurka, J., gone,	3 00	
Robinson, Alvah, poor,	3 00	
Sherba, M., away,	3 00	
Shiko, J., away,	3 00	
Trvanski, J.,	3 00	
Thibeault, J.,	3 00	
Tilox, Joe,	3 00	
Thurlow, George,	3 00	
Urban, J.,	3 00	
Youbert, Mike,	3 00	
Ward, Arthur, non-resident,	3 00	
Morse, Brothers, over-valuation,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$148 05
Balance unexpended,		1 81
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		\$400 00
	CREDIT.	
By appropriation,		\$400 00

Fire Department.

Paid Bryant Curtis,	\$ 50
J. M. Howland, labor,	1 17
J. W. Crawford,	18 00
Eaton Hardware Co.,	15 34
Dana S. Colby,	6 68
F. W. Atkinson,	11 81
W. S. Rogers, lumber,	17 00
C. I. Giveen, clerk, Ward fire,	55 50
C. I. Giveen, clerk, pay roll,	34 25
C. I. Giveen, clerk, pay roll,	28 00
C. I. Giveen, clerk, pay roll,	24 75
C. I. Giveen, clerk, pay roll,	35 50
A. M. Graves, sundries,	57
J. F. Cunningham, clearing cisterns,	1 80
Percy Wright, forest fire,	1 00
W. Elton Noyes, forest fire,	1 25
J. R. Hennessey, forest fire,	50
Leon F. Howland, forest fire,	1 25
George Crowley, forest fire,	3 00
W. S. Noyes, forest fire,	50
H. G. Plummer, forest fire,	75
W. H. Ridley, forest fire,	50
Charles Grady, forest fire,	50
W. S. Hall, forest fire,	50
C. I. Giveen, clerk, Red Mill fire,	158 25
James Martin, Red Mill fire,	1 50
Joe Belanger, Red Mill fire,	1 50
G. B. Ridley, shovels,	6 30
Hunter & Hopkins,	60
J. F. Chaney, coal,	10 00
Hook & Ladder Co.,	19 00
Ellis Leavitt and others, brush fire,	9 98
W. L. Whitten, clearing cisterns,	2 57
Humphrey Purinton, coal and boards,	10 13
W. J. Wilson, wood,	2 63
Whitmore Coal Co.,	11 25

Paid Watson Frye Co., cistern covers,	\$11 90	
	<hr/>	\$506 23
Balance unexpended,		27 42
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		\$538 65

CREDIT.

By balance from last year,	\$24 15	
Appropriation,	500 00	
M. C. R. R.,	9 50	
	<hr/>	\$533 65

Miscellaneous.

Paid J. M. Howland, new knob for Town Hall door,	\$ 22
Eugene Thomas, services as Super- visor,	23 40
G. L. Quint, teams for Supervisor, E. Thomas,	9 00
W. S. Rogers, auditor, 1904,	5 00
Gilbert M. Wheeler, printing re- ports,	50 60
A. M. Graves, supplies Supervisor's office,	65
H. O. Curtis, Board of Health,	41 50
J. M. Howland, bal. services as Selectman, 1905,	7 00
G. R. Tedford, bal. services as Selectman, 1905,	35 00
W. R. Hildreth, bal. services as Selectman, 1905,	40 00
W. W. Goud, salary as Town Clerk,	25 00
W. W. Goud, recording births and deaths,	12 00
W. W. Goud, supplies for Select- men's office, Justice of Peace, box rent, etc.,	10 80

Paid E. L. Hunter, salary as Treasurer,	\$45 00
Thomas Giveen, services as Moderator,	5 00
E. H. Smith, brown tail moths March,	99
D. W. Whitten, " " "	25
Elgin Hunter, " " "	33
Floyd Curtis, " " "	1 49
Frank Hall, " " "	1 62
Sanford Purinton " " "	06
Jesse W. Goud, " " "	24
Elmer Potter, " " "	10
Arthur A. Curtis, " " "	63
Albert Bushey " " "	12
Lewis Hyde, " " "	81
James Tarbox, " " "	50
P. G. Alexander, " " "	25
Loring, Short & Harmon, books for office,	19 45
Brunswick Pub. Co., printing voting lists,	7 50
Brunswick Pub. Co., supplies for Supervisor,	6 00
Annie E. Temple, cleaning Town Hall,	1 50
W. T. Guptill, auditor,	5 00
Harvey Stetson, sundries,	3 00
C. F. Wilson, repairing the Graves barn,	8 25
L. M. Williams, repairing the Graves barn,	15 75
John Rolfe, shingles,	17 49
E. L. Hunter, posting warrants and notifying town officers,	4 00
Ellis Leavitt, watching July 3-4,	4 00
Albert Bushey, brown tail moths,	3 90
Roy E. Thorne, " " "	7 48
Emille Gouthier, " " "	3 82
Richard Smith & Son, " " "	13 83

Paid Wilbur Wilson, brown tail moth,	\$ 1 32
Sanford D. Purinton, " "	3 13
Edward White, " "	54
David W. White " "	3 55
Arthur A. Curtis, " "	3 69
Alton J. Graves, " "	10 38
Guy Pearson, " "	78
Roy Pearson, " "	37
Elmer Potter, " "	48
Edward Mallett, " "	2 14
Harry Christopher, " "	51
Clarence Leavitt, " "	3 90
Maurice Chandler, " "	60
Ernest Eaton, " "	10
Earle Griffin, " "	39
Harold Willis, " "	63
Jude Hyde, " "	6 00
Warren Whitten, " "	1 50
Forest Cunningham, " "	1 72
W. S. Noyes, " "	51
J. W. Goud, " "	60
John Peters, " "	45
Willie Adams, " "	1 80
Abram Goldberg, " "	2 02
John Tarbox, " "	1 09
Parker Adams, " "	81
Charles Hanson, " "	2 04
Arthur Graves, " "	8 04
Walter Smith, " "	07
W. B. Evard, " "	48
Guy Leavitt, " "	33
George Crowley, watching nights during the Fair,	10 00
John Chaplin, watching nights during the Fair,	10 00
L. M. Williams, automobile signs,	3 50
N. A. Robbins, painting fence in cemetery,	8 34

Paid G. B. Ridley, new lock Town Hall,	\$ 1 85
J. F. Mallett, watching July 3-4,	4 00
L. M. Williams, making voting booths,	11 31
W. J. Wilson, care of Emus lot,	2 50
“ “ care of Perkins lot,	1 00
“ “ care of Flye lot,	1 00
“ “ care of Tebbetts lot,	2 00
“ “ care of Skolfield lot,	2 00
“ “ services as ballot clerk,	2 50
John Chaplin, services as ballot clerk,	2 50
Charles O. Colby, services as election clerk,	2 50
E. B. Sprague, services as election clerk,	2 50
W. E. Gordon, chairs selectmen's office,	2 60
John A. Cone, services as supervisor,	198 50
G. L. Quint, teams for supervisor,	7 50
J. W. Crawford,	6 75
Arthur Lamarre, watching July 3-4,	4 00
E. L. Hunter, dog license paid to the state,	100 00
E. L. Hunter, collector, land sold for taxes,	118 02
E. L. Hunter, collector, commission 1905,	350 00
Jacob Merriman, board of health,	10 00
Fred Fielding, board of health,	7 50
H. O. Curtis, reporting births and deaths,	4 00
H. O. Curtis, examination insane person,	2 00
E. M. Main, services as selectman,	56 00

Paid L. M. Williams, services as select- man,	\$ 75 00	
W. R. Hildreth, services as select- man,	140 00	
A. C. Gatchell, plank for foot bridge,	22 70	
Arthur Lamarre, watching near foot bridge,	7 00	
B. S. Luce & Son, sundries,	22 77	
Arthur Lamarre, assisting select- men,	2 00	
Arthur Lamarre, census scholars,	2 97	
W. W. Goud, office supplies,	49	
B. S. Luce, watching July 3-4,	4 00	
I. T. Allen, sheep killed by dogs,	15 00	
J. E. Noyes, hens killed by dogs,	1 00	
Thompson and Wheeler, profes- sional services,	10 00	
J. M. Howland, sundries,	40	
W. E. Gordon,	55	
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	1,737 20	
Balance unexpended,	1,347 12	
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		\$3,084 32

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By balance from last year,	\$432 13
Appropriation,	1,200 00
State, dog licenses refunded,	89 50
State, burial of soldier,	35 00
State, Johan, Pitko insane,	194 79
State, good roads, 1905,	227 13
Railroad and telegraph tax,	129 54
Bowdoin Paper Co., lumber,	208 08
Dog licenses,	100 00
Taxes on real estate held by the town,	33 73
Emus fund interest,	6 04

Everett fund interest,	7 05	
Overlay on taxes,	279 08	
Supplemental tax,	131 75	
S. W. Rowell, rent of old engine house,	10 00	
Old stove,	50	
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Highways

Paid W. H. Brown,	8 10
C. H. Williams,	14 24
J. M. Howland,	10 38
W. J. Wilson,	11 15
L. T. Williams,	89 50
Eaton Hardware Co.,	64 97
Dana S. Colby,	15 65
W. S. Rogers,	16 20
Pearl L. Tedford,	257 75
E. J. Furbish,	6 25
E. R. Hildreth,	6 00
G. W. Hildreth,	1 50
Leon C. Smith,	1 32
C. W. Poindexter,	13 30
H. S. Cary,	9 17
M. A. Tarr,	2 95
W. L. Hunter,	2 10
A. J. Hildreth,	63 02
Elmer Powers,	75
Frank Bruno,	31 80
Joseph Bruno,	4 35
Peter Menard,	75
Edmond Therrien,	3 00
Howard S. Colby,	8 95
A. H. Ramsdell,	48 55
B. C. Tebbetts,	1 88
C. I. Allen,	5 90
F. M. Allen,	3 60

Paid L. H. White,	\$196 40
L. A. Barnes,	1 32
J. Frank Mallett,	31 33
Charles Whitten,	2 25
Jesse W. Goud,	1 65
Charles Robinson,	3 90
E. H. Smith,	14 92
R. H. Smith,	14 11
Isaac T. Allen,	7 15
L. B. Shaw,	5 10
George Labbe,	39 50
Joseph Dufresne,	20 10
Charles Grady,	5 10
W. T. Grady,	3 60
D. H. Higgins,	22 34
R. E. Williams,	18 05
Peter St. Peter,	11 50
W. A. Alexander,	23 98
J. L. Alexander,	21 40
Schuyler Andrews,	40 25
Percy Wright,	4 27
Harding and Cody,	51 50
Hunter and Hopkins,	6 02
A. H. Goodwin,	33 00
Luke Shepard,	3 00
William Dunning,	36 32
Albert Lowery,	16 49
M. E. Chapman,	79 63
Sedgley and Crossman,	212 25
Hyde and Cornish,	5 00
E. C. Patten,	128 25
M. C. R. R.,	48
G. B. Ridley,	66 97
George A. Crowley,	7 50
A. O. Ripley,	88 07
Carr Brothers,	22 75
Arthur Menard,	1 50

Paid Walter Curtis,	\$10 88
E. H. Phinney,	41 43
J. F. Cunningham,	4 12
George Dugas,	26 50
Ernest R. Tedford,	16 50
L. W. Tedford,	18 05
J. E. Woodman,	23 72
C. P. Edgecomb,	18 25
Harry C. Edgecomb,	4 50
Granite Co.,	27 12
John E. Rogers,	23 75
C. C. Leavitt,	17 62
Albert Spears,	7 50
John Grady,	4 13
W. J. White,	61 15
Charles E. Meserve,	24 15
A. R. Hunter,	83 38
Walter H. Foster,	132 43
Henry Cornish,	3 00
S. F. Cary,	3 00
Irvin Gatchell,	19 25
Walter A. Crocker,	6 00
C. F. Wilson,	58 86
Abraham Bouchard,	6 75
C. H. Mitchell,	17 00
Ellis E. Leavitt,	80 95
E. W. Mallett,	90
W. T. Hunter,	10 50
Frank Frost,	4 12
Harold Hildreth,	5 10
J. H. Avery,	40 87
D. B. Webber,	10 00
G. Adam Hunter,	31 92
John Dennison,	13 65
H. H. Rogers,	4 60
E. E. Ex. Co.,	1 00
J. P. Curtis,	13 43
W. B. Staples,	74 62

Paid J. R. Wilson,	\$19 12
Leon Howland,	25 80
George Lowery,	58 55
Whitmore Coal Co.,	34 08
Elgin A. Hunter,	111 00
F. A. Rackley,	6 65
Jonas N. Goding,	6 25
Edward Atkins,	50
Eugene Rogers,	1 50
M. S. Stewart,	47 62
L. Cunningham,	1 44
Hollis S. Small,	11 55
Joseph L. Foster,	100 42
W. B. Cobb,	30 00
Clyde A. Bradbury,	3 70
Frank Brickett,	11 25
W. R. Hildreth,	101 89
G. W. Thompson,	19 63
H. S. Small,	110 94
A. S. Jack,	125 62
Peter Peterson,	10 00
Irvin Temple,	1 50
C. S. Newell,	50 50
Uriah A. Jack,	25 28
George K. Curtis,	4 73
George F. Mallett,	1 50
B. M. Patten,	45 71
B. M. Mallett,	5 80
W. F. Tate,	5 27
A. H. Merriman,	1 50
W. S. Cash,	3 60
H. S. Balentine,	237 50
Abial W. Eaton,	8 90
H. Purinton,	90
Thomas Harvey,	12 00
A. Bouchard,	4 50
C. B. Hamlin,	14 47
D. H. Flagg,	5 85

Paid O. A. Lancaster,	\$40 05	
Joseph D. Gagnon,	16 50	
W. A. Crocker,	8 87	
Walter M. Cox,	2 33	
Mitchell Leveque,	12 00	
J. R. Hennessey,	53	
J. E. Noyes,	98	
Z. H. and W. S. Noyes,	60 36	
William Adams,	67	
L. G. Wagg,	7 36	
Paul Roehrig,	6 00	
Bowdoin Paper Co.,	25 75	
B. S. Luce,	5 30	
A. L. Jack,	40 12	
E. Berube,	7 00	
L. M. Williams,	11 75	
E. B. Sprague,	3 65	
Chas. O. Colby,	1 23	
Warren Whitten,	98	
E. L. Hunter,	35 40	
Alvah Mallett,	20 20	
L. E. Bradbury,	2 10	
W. Stickney,	1 65	
E. J. Peters,	2 22	
W. S. Rogers, watering privilege,	6 00	
E. E. White,	10 40	
W. T. Guptill,	6 75	
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	4,504 16	
Balance unexpended,	890 49	
	<hr/>	\$5,394 65
OR,		
By balance from last year,	\$1,327 19	
Appropriation,	3,900 00	
L. B. & B. St. Railway,	93 90	
Town of Lisbon,	27 72	
Plank sold,	45 84	
	<hr/>	\$5,394 65

State Road

To P. L. Tedford,	\$72 61
Harold Small,	13 50
James Connors,	37 30
A. H. Ramsdell,	12 75
Howard Colby,	9 75
Percy Wright,	16 50
George Lowery,	31 65
Crossman & Sedgley,	11 26
J. M. Sedgley,	10 10
George Thompson,	16 88
J. Frank Mallett,	28 63
Elgin A. Hunter,	37 00
George T. Carter,	9 00
Hollis Small,	4 50
A. O. Ripley,	18 25
E. H. Phinney,	31 50
H. S. Small,	85 15
L. H. White,	21 01
J. E. Woodman,	20 00
E. C. Patten,	27 50
Harry C. Edgecomb,	7 50
Henry J. Dunning,	29 75
C. C. Leavitt,	8 00
C. F. Wilson,	4 50
W. J. White,	46 37
Ernest Tedford,	16 50
Leon F. Howland,	3 00
Walter H. Foster,	9 10
Joseph Gagnon,	3 75
Peter Peterson,	20 00
C. P. Edgecomb,	35 87
G. B. Ridley,	35 71
Fred R. Howland,	27 85
B. M. Patten,	35 00
John Grady,	3 00
L. M. Williams,	7 98

To Augustus Parent,	\$ 5 50	
H. S. Balentine,	49 68	
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	863 72	
By balance unexpended,	36 28	
	<hr/>	\$900 00

CREDIT

By appropriation,	\$600 00	
State,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$900 00

Town Farm

Paid for clothing and repairs,	\$ 58 45	
Irvin R. Gatchell, salary,	208 50	
W. A. Alexander, plow,	15 00	
W. C. Pearson, mower,	10 00	
W. D. Hutchins, insurance,	8 70	
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	300 65	
Balance unexpended,	112 94	
	<hr/>	\$413 59

CREDIT

By appropriation,	\$300 00	
Balance from last year,	113 59	
	<hr/>	\$413 59

Poor Out of the House

Balance overdrawn last year,		\$126 79
Paid D. H. Flagg, rent for soldier and family,	24 00	
A. M. Graves, supplies,	27 95	
B. S. Luce & Son, supplies,	20 08	
	<hr/>	72 03
A. M. Graves, sundries,		10 75
D. H. Flagg, rent, Richard Pratt, Brunswick,		72 00

Paid P. A. Morin, supplies, Joseph Coulombe, Jr., Brunswick,	\$13 50	
B. S. Luce & Son, supplies,	10 00	
George C. Stetson,	1 00	
E. S. Bodwell,	1 00	
F. E. Roberts,	9 00	
H. O. Curtis, services,	22 00	
	<hr/>	56 50
F. C. Webb, supplies, Ellair Rich- ard, Brunswick,		11 00
P. A. Morin, sundries,		13 00
G. B. Ridley, rent, Mrs. Storer, Brunswick,		82 50
H. O. Curtis, medical services, Sarah Duffy, Brunswick,		27 75
H. O. Curtis, medical services, Aaron Williams, Harpswell,		7 50
E. D. Morin, sundries,		11 00
Frank Drapeau, supplies, Jesse Towne, Brunswick,		2 25
B. S. Luce & Son, supplies, Louis Baker, Brunswick,		28 13
E. M. Main, feeding tramps, Insane Hospital, support of Mary Davis, Carrie B. Graves and Charles H. Colby,		354 54
Town of Brunswick, support of Mrs. Watson,		92 75
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		970 99
Balance unexpended,		196 39
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		\$1,167 38

CREDIT

By appropriation,	\$800 00
Town of Brunswick,	279 38

By J. E. Prest, rent,	\$82 50
C. H. Chapman, rent,	5 00
	<hr/> \$1,167 38

Common Schools

Paid Maude I. Turner,	\$185 40
Matilda Utecht,	187 00
Mabel E. Norcross,	174 25
Edith Carr,	199 50
Ethel T. Allen,	238 00
Anna L. Barron,	297 00
Annie E. Fuller,	216 00
Winnefred Smith,	132 00
Alice L. Colby,	66 00
Nellie E. Hall,	205 00
Clare P. Hussey,	297 00
Grace M. Clifford,	230 00
Mary A. Giveen,	175 00
Alice L. Locke,	252 00
Agnes M. Colby,	37 20
Mrs. John A. Cone,	9 00
Clyde E. Richardson,	82 50
Ethel L. Nichols,	71 50
Carrie B. Stinson,	60 00
Viola L. Adell,	126 00
Annie L. Totman,	91 00
Mildred F. Edwards,	91 00
Jeanette Purinton,	91 00
Willard T. Phillips,	105 00
Winifred M. Young,	133 00
Sara A. Sawyer,	68 35
Town of Lisbon,	78 18
	<hr/> \$3,897 88

Transportation

Paid Edward Atkins,	\$95 00	
L. B. & B. St. Ry.,	112 00	
George F. Mallett,	100 75	
F. A. Rackley,	55 00	
George E. Reynolds,	10 00	
George L. Quint, teams for Miss Sawyer,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$388 75

Fuel

Paid W. H. Haley,	\$13 75	
W. S. Rogers,	10 00	
Leon C. Smith,	3 75	
G. H. Staples,	75	
Isaac T. Allen,	8 50	
G. N. Pratt,	32 00	
S. P. Graves,	3 00	
Walter H. Foster,	4 00	
W. B. Staples,	7 25	
E. C. Patten,	18 75	
E. H. Phinney,	18 50	
J. F. Chaney,	187 60	
A. E. Flagg,	10 00	
W. J. Wilson,	15 25	
Uriah A. Jack,	62 00	
George Dugas,	11 00	
B. M. Patten,	8 75	
W. A. Alexander,	22 50	
L. H. White,	2 00	
Humphrey Purinton,	29 00	
W. R. Hildreth,	8 00	
F. H. Hussey,	2 50	
Fred Ward,	17 75	
George Curtis,	2 85	
J. W. Crawford,	1 30	
	<hr/>	\$500 75

Care, etc.

Paid John A. Cone, and others,	\$108 00	
Mary A. Giveen,	2 75	
Winnefred Smith,	8 65	
Annie E. Fuller,	9 00	
Agnes M. Colby,	1 55	
J. F. Brooks,	44 40	
Harry A. Christopher, Jr.,	3 00	
Annie E. Temple,	9 00	
Richard H. Smith,	10 00	
W. J. Wilson,	8 25	
Jude Hyde,	1 50	
Mitchell Leveque,	7 13	
	<hr/>	\$213 23
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		5,000 61
Balance unexpended,		866 76
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		\$5,867 37

CREDIT

By balance from last year,	\$ 493 26	
Appropriation,	3,500 00	
School fund and Mill tax,	1,870 11	
George Staples, tuition,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,867 37

High School

Paid John A. Cone,	\$995 70	
Mabel E. Norcross,	174 25	
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	1,169 95	
Balance,	3 94	
	<hr/>	\$1,173 89

CREDIT

By balance from last year,	\$108 89	
Appropriation,	900 00	
Town of Bowdoin,	40 00	
State,	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,173 89
Due from the State, \$250 00		

School Books

Bills contracted by Mr. Thomas, previous to 1906, but paid
the present year.

Paid W. J. Wilson, carting,	\$ 25	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	15 09	
American Book Co.,	86 17	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	59 85	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	10 91	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	135 84	
Ginn & Co.,	81 92	
D. Appleton & Co.,	4 84	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	83 19	
Little, Brown & Co.,	2 40	
Oliver Ditson Co.,	1 11	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	85 00	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	53 90	
Express on books,	3 40	
	<hr/>	\$623 87

Bills of 1906

Paid J. Q. Adams,	\$16 00
J. D. Morris & Co.,	9 60
Little, Brown & Co.,	4 80
E. E. Babb & Co.,	8 65
Allyn & Bacon,	10 67
Ginn & Co.,	7 50
Rand, McNally & Co.,	7 80
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	10 04

Paid American Book Co.,	\$93 82	
Brunswick Pub. Co.,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$110 88
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		734 75

CREDIT

By balance from last year,	\$263 32	
Appropriation,	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$663 32
Balance overdrawn,		71 43
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		\$734 75

School Repairs and Supplies.

Bills contracted by Mr. Thomas, previous to 1906, but paid during the present year.

Overdrawn balance from last year,		\$179 87
Paid W. J. Wilson,	\$ 1 30	
A. H. Andrews,	6 56	
Eaton Hardware Co.,	6 10	
E. R. Hildreth,	2 80	
Winnefred Smith and others,	2 05	
J. F. Brooks,	4 30	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	26 81	
Masury Young & Co.,	16 50	
A. J. Tiffany,	75 00	
S. P. Graves,	6 10	
George E. Stinson,	3 00	
W. E. Gordon,	17 30	
Howard & Brown,	9 63	
	<hr/>	\$177 45

Bills of 1906

Paid L. F. Hicks,	\$ 2 50
Howard Colby,	33 50
M. C. R. R.,	14 31
J. W. Michaud, insurance,	30 00
G. B. Ridley,	22 20

Paid A. H. Andrews,	\$28 20	
L. M. Williams,	12 68	
J. M. Sedgley,	9 00	
John Furbish,	8 80	
M. G. Powers and others,	23 82	
J. A. Cone,	18 90	
J. E. Davis & Co.,	5 48	
W. S. Cash,	7 60	
Brunswick Pub. Co.,	2 50	
W. S. Rogers,	6 90	
Masury Young & Co.,	14 50	
	<hr/>	\$240 89
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		598 21
Balance,		1 79
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		\$600 00

CREDIT

By Appropriation,	\$600 00
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Electric Lights

Paid J. W. Crawford,	\$935 00	
Balance unexpended,	65 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 60

CREDIT

By balance from last year,	\$ 50 60	
Appropriation,	950 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 60

Mustard Fund

Paid Order No. 38,	\$10 00
Order No. 42,	10 00
Order No. 43,	5 00
Order No. 44,	30 00
Order No. 45,	7 50

Paid Order No. 46,	\$ 5 00	
Order No. 48,	5 00	
Order No. 52,	16 00	
Order No. 53,	5 00	
Order No. 293,	8 25	
Order No. 444,	4 96	
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	106 71	
Balance unexpended,	52 44	
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		\$159 15
CREDIT		
By balance from last year,	\$ 56 34	
Appropriation,	102 81	
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		\$159 15

Carrie Emus Fund

Paid E. L. Hunter, Treas.,	\$ 6 04	
Balance Oct. 1, 1906,	200 00	
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		\$206 04
CREDIT		
By balance Oct. 1, 1905,	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1906,	6 04	
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		\$206 04

Interest

Paid Pejepsot National Bank,	\$117 64
George E. Stinson, Agt.,	73 50
Andrew J. Reed,	70 00
Julia M. Hildreth,	17 50
Emma B. Sylvester,	17 50
Ora E. Reed,	35 00
J. F. Whitney,	35 00
Sarah A. Skolfield,	122 50
First National Bank,	54 92

Paid W. R. Hildreth,	\$ 52 50	
Mustard Fund,	106 71	
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	702 77	
Balance unexpended,	65 04	
	<hr/>	\$767 81

CREDIT

By balance from last year,	\$ 92 56	
Appropriation,	600 00	
E. L. Hunter, interest on taxes,	75 00	
F. A. Rackley, interest on taxes,	25	
	<hr/>	\$767 81

Mildred Everett Fund

Paid E. L. Hunter, Treas.,	\$ 7 05	
Balance Oct. 1, 1906,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$207 05

CREDIT

By balance Oct. 1, 1905,	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1906,	7 05	
	<hr/>	\$207 05

Temporary Loans

Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1906,	\$12,600 00
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CREDIT

By notes paid:		
Brunswick Savings Institution,	\$100 00	
Pejepsco National Bank,	900 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00
Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1907,	\$11,600 00	
	<hr/>	\$12,600 00

State Tax

Paid E. L. Hunter, Treas.,	\$2,930 63
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CREDIT	
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By amount raised,	\$2,930 63
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County Tax

Paid E. L. Hunter, Treas.,	\$1,533 06
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CREDIT	
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By amount raised,	\$1,533 06
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Memorial Day

Paid Walter C. Ross,	\$25 00
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CREDIT	
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By amount raised,	\$25 00
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Liabilities

Temporary Loans,.	\$11,600 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,	310 01
Bonds,	500 00
	————— \$16,564 79

Available Resources

Uncollected taxes Feb. 1, 1907,	\$4,593 10
Real estate held by town for taxes,	100 01
State, Mary A. Davis,	450 00
State, Free High School,	250 00
Town of Harpswell,	7 50
Balance in Treasury,	1,700 27
	————— \$7,100 88

Net Town debt, \$9,463 91

Collector's Account

TO FRED A. RACKLEY, COLLECTOR

Balance due the Town, Feb. 1, 1906,	\$488 18	
Amount collected,	180 93	
Balance Feb. 1, 1907,	—————	\$307 25

F. A. RACKLEY, Collector.

TO EDGAR L. HUNTER, COLLECTOR.

Balance due the Town, Feb. 1, 1906,		
For the year 1901,	\$ 55 10	
For the year 1902,	127 70	
For the year 1905,	3,663 84	
Amount collected:		
For the year 1901,	29 22	
For the year 1902,	50 00	
For the year 1905,	3,219 68	
Balance Feb. 1, 1907:		
For the year 1901,	25 88	
For the year 1902,	77 70	
For the year 1905,	444 16	
	—————	\$547 74
To commitment of taxes 1906,	\$19,584 52	
Amount collected,	15,846 41	
Uncollected Feb. 1, 1907,	—————	\$3,738 11
Interest paid in, \$75 00		—————
		\$4,593 10

E. L. HUNTER, *Collector.*

Treasurer's Report

Town of Topsham in account with E. L. Hunter, Treasurer

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To Town Orders paid from Feb. 1, 1906		
to Feb. 1, 1907,	\$24,945	09
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1907,	1,700	27
	<hr/>	\$26,645 36

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By balance Feb. 1, 1906,	\$1,819	06
State, Free High School,	125	00
State, dog licenses refunded,	89	50
State, railroad and telegraph,	129	54
State, school fund and mill tax,	1,870	11
Dog taxes received of W. W. Goud,	57	00
Dog taxes received of E. L. Hunter,	43	00
Delinquent taxes,	33	73
L. B. & B. Street Railway,	93	90
Town of Bowdoin,	40	00
Town of Brunswick,	279	88
Old stove,		50
J. M. Howland for plank,	11	76
W. R. Hildreth for plank,	14	78
George Staples, tuition,	4	00
H. S. Balentine, for plank,		35
Maine Central R. R.,	9	50
Bowdoin Paper Co., for plank,	208	08
H. Q. Marriner, " "	11	95
Old plank,	5	50
C. H. Chapman, rent	5	00
J. E. Prest, rent,	82	50
S. W. Rowell, rent,	10	00
Interest on Carrie Emus fund,	6	04
Interest on Mildred Everett fund,	7	05
State good roads, 1905,	227	13
State good roads,	300	00

State, Johan Pitko,	\$194 79
State, soldier,	35 00
Town of Lisbon,	27 72
Peter St. Peter,	1 50
F. A. Rackley, interest on taxes,	25
F. A. Rackley, Collector 1904,	180 93
Temporary loans,	1,500 00
E. L. Hunter, interest on taxes,	75 00
E. L. Hunter, Collector 1901,	29 22
E. L. Hunter, " 1902,	50 00
E. L. Hunter, " 1905,	3,219 68
E. L. Hunter, " 1906,	15,846 41
	————— \$26,645 31

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR L. HUNTER, *Treasurer.*

Appropriations Recommended for 1907

Highways and bridges,	\$3,000 00
Abatements,	400 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,200 00
Poor in the Almshouse,	300 00
Poor out of the Almshouse,	850 00
Electric lights,	950 00
Interest,	600 00
State road,	600 00
Fire Department,	500 00
Common Schools,	3,200 00
High School,	900 00
School house repairs and supplies,	500 00
School Books,	300 00
Memorial Day,	25 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. HILDRETH,	} <i>Selectmen, Assessors</i>	
L. M. WILLIAMS,		<i>and</i>
E. M. MAIN.		<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 February 1, 1907, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

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

E. S. PILLSBURY, *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 the said Town of Topsham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D., 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon 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, collector, one or more highway commissioners, auditor, and one member of the school committee.
- Article 4. To choose a surveyor of wood and bark, and all other necessary Town officers, or authorize the selectmen to appoint.
- Article 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of highways and bridges.

- Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the fire department.
- Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of common schools.
- Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the Free High school.
- Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of the poor in and out of the Almshouse.
- Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for abatements.
- Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for interest.
- Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for miscellaneous expenses.
- Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for electric lights, or to act on any business relating to the same.
- Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for schoolhouse repairs and supplies.
- Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for school books.
- Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the State road.
- Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote for Memorial Day.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will request the Selectmen to make up their accounts in the next Town Report, without bringing forward unexpended balances and overdrafts, from the previous year.
- Article 19. 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 20. To see if the Town will accept a bequest from Mary J. Merrill of \$150, in trust, the income from said bequest to be used for the care and improvement of her lot in Riverview Cemetery.

Article 21. To see if the Town will raise money for an electric light at the corner of Maple St. and River road near residence of O. E. Burkett, by petition of E. M. Main and six others.

The Selectmen will be at their office on Saturday, March 2, 1907, in the afternoon, to decide upon the application of all persons claiming the right to have their names placed upon the voting list, also on the morning before the meeting.

W. R. HILDRETH, } *Selectmen*
 L. M. WILLIAMS, } *of*
 E. M. MAIN. } *Topsham.*

School Report

To the Citizens of Topsham:—

I respectfully submit the following report of the condition and progress of the public schools of the town, for the year ending February 1, 1907.

Whole number in town between the ages of 5 and 21,	676
Whole number attending school,	336
Number of separate schools maintained,	14
Number of teachers employed,	17
Number of weeks of school,	36
Number attending rural schools,	132
Number attending village schools,	204
Estimated value of school property,	\$15,000

School Houses

At the beginning of the school year, it was found that several of the school-houses were in need of repairs, and work was commenced where the need seemed to be the most urgent. All the school buildings and out houses in town have been thoroughly cleaned. At Cathance the school-room has been papered, the black-boards painted and ceiling renewed. At the Foreside the foundation has been relaid. At the Haley school-house the old plank benches have been removed, and modern single desks and chairs have been put in their place. The room has also been papered. The Alexander school-house has been painted and papered throughout, and repairs made on the wood-work of the inside. At the Branch, the floor has been partially rebuilt, and new desks and chairs have replaced the old benches. In the village school-building it was found necessary to use the teacher's room connected with the Grammar department as a recitation room, and so slate black-boards were placed on the walls. Other less important repairs have been made, and

others are still needed, but were not attempted on account of lack of funds. The Brick school-house needs painting inside and papering; the foundation at the Branch should be rebuilt; more work is needed at the Foreside and the plastering in the Topsham Heights school-house must be attended to before another season.

While minor repairs will always be required each year, after the coming year the school buildings of the town should be in such a condition as will warrant a reduction in the amount raised for that purpose. This is not, however, a department in which the town can afford to practice too close economy. Children have a right to demand, and parents should demand for their children, that their school surroundings should be clean, convenient, comfortable and reasonably attractive, and any money judiciously used for securing these ends is surely well expended.

School Books

The object of the free text-book law, which was enacted by the legislature twenty years ago, was to insure a more complete uniformity of text-books and to provide for those who might be unable to furnish proper books for themselves.

This law has not proved to be wholly an unmixed blessing. While it has secured the two objects intended, it has introduced the element of waste. This element of waste can be counteracted only by the combined watchfulness of parents, teachers and superintendent. Under the old system, whereby parents were obliged to purchase books for their children, boys and girls were taught to use their text-books with care, and the same books frequently served, one after the other, all the members of a large family. Under the present system, there is prevalent among children, and to some extent among parents, a feeling of irresponsibility regarding the care of school-books. This feeling of irresponsibility is inexcusable and expensive. There seems to be in the minds of many children an indefinite idea that school-books are in some mysterious manner furnished them without cost either to themselves or to their parents. They

should be made to understand that their fathers are paying for their books just the same now as they did before the free text-book law was enacted, only the buying is done by some one else, and the paying for them comes through the method of taxation. While the teachers have been instructed to do everything possible for the care and the preservation of books, this is a work in which the parents can, if they will, be of very great assistance.

But few books have been purchased the past year, and no changes have been made. Nearly all of those in use are modern and suitable for producing good results. A single exception may be made in the case of arithmetics. The results obtained from the series now in use are not satisfactory, and a change in arithmetics should be made as soon as possible.

Teachers

While it is true that successful school work demands the hearty cooperation of parents, teacher, pupils and superintendent, the most important factor is the teacher. A good teacher can do much even with indifferent support from the other factors, but no amount of encouragement or sympathy or support will make it profitable for the really poor teacher to continue her work. In other words, there can not be the ideal school without the ideal teacher.

An unusual number of changes in the teaching force has been made during the past year. Some of these changes have been due to resignation on the part of those employed, and others because it seemed best to the committee and superintendent that a change be made.

In the selection of new teachers, an effort has been made to secure those who have had normal training and experience, or those who seemed naturally adapted to the work; and this plan has met with a good degree of success. The teachers of the town, as a whole, have, during the past year, been interested in their work, attentive to their duties, and the relations between teachers and superintendent have been harmonious. They have willingly received suggestions

from the superintendent, and have been prompt in acting upon them.

Under existing conditions, there will always be in small towns a certain number of teachers who have not received special training. For the assistance of such, a course of professional reading has been arranged, and will be brought to the attention of the teachers at the beginning of the spring term.

Village Schools

Probably there are few, who are not directly engaged in teaching in the village schools, who are aware of their rapid growth. When the present school building was erected twelve years ago, it was urged that it was needlessly large. It was designed to seat about 165. There are at the present time, in the various rooms nearly forty more than the building was intended to accommodate. The Intermediate and Grammar departments both registered more than fifty for the fall term, while the High School nearly approaches that number. The Primary room will receive an unusually large addition next fall, and more than thirty are preparing to enter the High School at that time.

Both the cloak-rooms on the first floor, and the teacher's room in the Grammar department are now used as recitation rooms. This produces a crowded condition which is not conducive to convenience or comfort, and should the attendance continue to increase as in the past three years, an enlargement of the building will be absolutely necessary. Almost two-thirds of all the pupils in town are now attending the village schools.

It was found at the beginning of the fall term that the pupils in the Intermediate and Grammar grades were not receiving the individual attention which they should, by reason of lack of time on the part of the teacher. An assistant, Miss Ethel Allen, was engaged to supply this need, and now each pupil receives at his desk the assistance required. In September, Mrs. Winifred Young, a teacher of wide experience, was engaged as Principal of the Grammar School, and

Miss Viola Adell was placed in charge of the Intermediate department. Both are doing satisfactory work.

Before another winter some of the radiators in the building should be replaced by larger ones, as in extremely cold weather, even when the furnace is forced to its utmost capacity, it is impossible to warm comfortably some of the rooms.

Now and then, there are very stormy days upon which it is not profitable to have school sessions. A very few may be able to attend, but as the majority of the members of the various classes are absent, the same work must be taken up the day following, so there is little gained by those who are present. Nearly all sections of the town can now be reached by telephone, and on mornings when weather conditions are clearly unsuitable for school attendance, the superintendent will notify as many as possible that there will be no sessions in the village schools for that day.

Financial Statement

At the beginning of the school year, the committee and superintendent determined to keep, if possible, the expenditures in all departments within the sum appropriated by the town, and this has been done as far as the amount actually expended is concerned. A number of old bills, however, which should have been previously settled, were carried over to this season and have been paid out of the appropriations for 1906. A reference to the various school accounts will show to what extent the old bills have affected those appropriations. From \$400, raised for school books but \$111 have been expended, while from an appropriation of \$600, for repairs and supplies, less than one-half has been spent for bills contracted during the past year. There are, however, at present, practically no outstanding bills.

In the High School account, it will be noticed that \$250 is still due from the state. This amount has not yet been paid on account of the fact that the Legislature of 1904 did not make a sufficiently large appropriation to meet the unusual demands made upon the High School fund. The pres-

ent Legislature will, without doubt, make a larger appropriation, and all amounts due various towns will be promptly paid. There is therefore, practically a balance of over \$250 available on the High School account.

Conclusion

While the schools have been, as a whole, fairly successful during the past year, there is room for improvement in several respects, and this improvement should be earnestly sought by parents, school officers and teachers. No department of a town's administration is of so great importance as its schools. While good roads and bridges seem to be a necessity, while water-works, street-lights and side-walks are desirable, these things are secondary to the education of the children. What the town needs, and should demand, is not cheaper schools, but better schools; not the expenditure of a smaller amount of money, but a wise and economical use of all the funds set apart for educational purposes.

As superintendent, I have endeavored to conduct the business of the school department of the town on business principles, and as great a degree of economy has been employed as seemed consistent with progress. The members of the school-committee have had a sympathetic interest in all my work and have given me their cordial support. They have at all times been ready to advise and assist, and I take this opportunity to acknowledge my indebtedness to them.

JOHN A. CONE, *Supt. of Schools.*

W. S. ROGERS,
W. M. WILLIAMS, } *School Committee.*