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Annual Report

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

Town of Topsbam

with reports of

Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools
and Highway Commissioner

FOR THE

Year Ending February 1st 1910

1909 - 10

TOWN OFFICERS

For the Municipal Year of 1909

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

**EDWIN W. MALLET
FRED E. DAGGETT
JOSEPH WHITNEY**

TOWN CLERK

WARREN W. GOUD

COLLECTOR

FOSTER B. MESERVE

TREASURER

FOSTER B. MESERVE

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

A. O. RIPLEY

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JOHN A. CONE

AUDITOR

JAMES C. PURINGTON

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**WILLIAM S. ROGERS
WALTER M. WILLIAMS
CHARLES G. WHEELER**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen of the Town of Topsbam submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the town for the fiscal year from Feb. 1, 1909 to Feb. 1, 1910.

The valuation of taxable property on the first day of April, 1909 was as follows :

Resident Real Estate	\$842,736 00
Resident Personal Estate	165,139 00
Non-Resident Real Estate	147,100 00
Non-Resident Personal Estate	1,075 00
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	\$1,156,050 00

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1909.

State Tax	\$ 3,746 72
County Tax	1,863 07
Common Schools	3,500 00
Free High School	1,000 00
Highways and Bridges	3,300 00
Poor in the House	350 00
Abatements	1,000 00
Interest	600 00
Miscellaneous	1,200 00
Fire Department	500 00
Electric Lights	1,100 00
School Books	400 00
School Repairs and Supplies	500 00
State Road	155 50
Memorial Day	25 00
Poor out of the House	800 00
Brunswick Library	50 00
Overlay	334 53
Supplemental	106 00
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Total commitment

\$20,530 82

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid M. E. Curtis, Forest Fire	\$1 50
J. H. Bryant, Forest Fire	7 50
A. S. Leavitt, Forest Fire	75
W. L. White, Forest Fire	75
Eaton Hardware Co. Supplies	3 33
Henry Dunning, Forest Fire	5 00
E. W. Mallett, Forest Fire	1 50
Frank M. Allen, Forest Fire	10 00
Alexis Dufresne, blacksmithing,	70
Harold Willis, shoveling snow off cisterns	60
S. W. Rowell, Repairs on engine	4 00
C. T. Rackley, Forest Fire	38
Arthur Masse, Forest Fire	50
W. P. W. Purington, Cl'k, Forest Fire	34 00
Wilbur Wilson, Forest Fire	25
Forest Cunningham, Forest Fire	25
George Carter, Forest Fire	50
W. P. W. Purington, Clerk, Fire at Edward Whitney's	68 00
Woodbury Ridley, Forest Fire	5 20
Harold Willis, Forest Fire	2 40
Harold Ridley, Forest Fire	8 90
Will Christopher, Forest Fire	2 40
Frank Pottle, Forest Fire	90
Ellis Leavitt, Forest Fire	8 60
Parris McIver, Forest Fire	11 60
Irving Gatchell, Forest Fire	8 70
Henry Boucher, Forest Fire	8 00
Howard Colby, Forest Fire	10 20
Frank Pratt, Forest Fire,	2 38
Eddie Mallett, Forest Fire	4 00
Carr Brothers, Forest Fire,	9 15
Frank Cunningham, Forest Fire	7 60
Lorimer Dunklee, Forest Fire	1 40
Frank Atwood and others, Forest Fire	8 47

George Atwood, Jr., Forest Fire	3 80
George Pratt, Forest Fire	9 40
Forrest Cunningham, Forest Fire	7 80
Richard Smith, Forest Fire	5 20
Ed Smith, Forest Fire	9 30
Lucien H. White, carting	1 00
George K. Curtis, Forest Fire	6 80
Sandford Purington, Forest Fire	2 80
Maurice Chandler, Forest Fire	7 80
Arthur Masse, Forest Fire	6 00
Maynard Tarr, Forest Fire	12 40
A. S. Leavitt, Forest Fire	9 60
W. H. Christopher, Forest Fire	4 70
Lester T. Willis, Forest Fire	7 20
Earle Griffin, Forest Fire	3 75
W. S. Cash, Forest Fire	10 40
W. P. W. Purington, Forest Fire	9 00
E. E. Martin, Forest Fire	8 40
E. A. Mallett, Forest Fire	2 40
F. E. Daggett, Forest Fire (car fares)	2 50
Ernest Eaton, Forest Fires	8 20
W. P. W. Purington, Cl., Forest Fire	273 25
Fred Hussey, Forest Fire	13 20
Wm. C. Eaton, Forest Fire	4 70
Wm. Mountfort, Forest Fire	5 30
J. Tremblay and others, Forest Fire	7 20
W. S. Noyes, Forest Fire	60
George Orange and others, Forest Fire	4 80
American Express Co.	45
Fortunate Kirouack, Forest Fire	2 00
Charles Alexander, Forest Fire	2 40
George Alexander, Forest Fire	3 40
L. A. & W. St. Ry., car fares	80
Harry W. Bailey, Forest Fire	60
Walter O. Powers, Forest Fire	1 40
M. S. Stewart, Forest Fire	31 00
William Tripp, Forest Fire	60

First Baptist Church, repairs on door,	3	25
American Express Co.,		40
Frank Mallett, Forest Fire	10	80
J. F. Chaney, coal	20	00
W. P. W. Purington, Clk., Michel Leveque Fire	72	50
Leon Howland, Forest Fire		25
Brunswick & Topsham Water Dist., putting water into Engine Hall	20	93
Delphis Terrien, Forest Fire	3	00
Ellis Leavitt, Forest Fire		50
Darius Keay, mending ladders	4	35
U. A. Jack, Forest Fire	4	80
Frank Thorne, Forest Fire	2	80
R. E. Williams, Forest Fire	2	55
Isaac T. Allen, Forest Fire	13	40
A. Melcher Graves, oil		12
Victor E. Sprague, Forest Fire	3	20
G. B. Ridley, supplies,	3	59
W. P. W. Purington, Clk.	113	50
Bruns. Elec. Lt. & Pow. Co.,	23	06

\$1032 56

Overdrawn last year

33 91

\$1066 47

CREDIT

By Appropriation	500	00
Rebate on Insurance	3	06
Balance	563	41

\$1066 47

TEMPORARY LOAN FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid Revere Rubber Co., for 1500 feet fire hose, 2 carriages, 2 pipes and 2 nozzles	\$884 00	
A. J. Lyon & Son, hydrant wrenches	6 35	
H. M. Sawyer & Son, oil coats	15 00	
Darius Keay, Three hose sleds	39 00	
Revere Rubber Co., hose wrenches	3 00	
		\$947 35

CREDIT

By Loan	800 00	
Balance	147 35	
		\$947 35

Note:—We have not borrowed the full amount of this account because of sufficient funds in the treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS

Paid G. J. Roy, reporting births and deaths	\$6 25
E. S. Pillsbury, auditing accounts	5 00
Edward B. Mallett, moths nests	54
Wheeler & Howe, legal advice for 1908	28 00
F. B. Meserve, commission as Collector of Taxes, 1907	75 00
F. B. Meserve, salary as Treasurer 1908	45 00
Earle Griffin, moths nests	1 57
Aurele Michaud, police duty	9 00
Henry Boucher, moths nests	51

Brunswick Pub. Co., printing	
town reports	64 40
Elmer D. Potter, moths nests	10
J. W. Cornish, oil for Town Hall	24
Arthur Lamarre, police duty	8 50
Frank Hall, moths' nests,	1 70
Chas. I. Given, books for office and work	
on the same, 1908	10 00
George B. Ridley, fixtures for office,	2 76
W. W. Goud, Salary as town clerk, and	
supplies,	63 10
E. W. Mallett, wood for town hall	5 00
E. M. Main, balance for services as	
selectman, 1908	87 25
L. M. Williams, balance for services as	
selectman, 1908	118 24
E. W. Mallett, balance for services as	
selectman, 1908	100 00
Wilbur Wilson, moths' nests	63
Clinton Wilson, moths' nests	60
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. tolls,	40
Loring Short & Harmon, Books	16 25
Richard Smith, moths' nests,	25
F. W. Atkinson, police duty	11 75
Walter White, moths' nests	42
Ralph Leavitt, moths' nests	1 66
F. E. Daggett, cleaning town hall	1 50
John Tarbox, moths' nests	38
Chas. E. Hanson, moths' nests	1 10
Albert Hanson, moths' nests	85
F. B. Meserve, posting town warrants,	4 00
F. E. Daggett, printing bill and letter-	
heads	2 25
Frank Noyes, moths' nests	2 04
Herbert Wilson, and others moths	
nests	4 54
S. Purington, work on moths' nests	6 25

Frank Pratt and others moths' nests	2	37
John L. Jack, work on moth's nests	64	50
Harold Ward and others, moths' nests	1	29
Ray C. Leavitt and others, moths' nests	5	52
Arthur Masse, interpreter		75
Arthur C. Graves, moths' nests		90
Brunswick Elec. Lt. & Pow. Co.	12	00
Sarah C. Whitten, school census	3	55
Parker S. Adams and others, moths' nests	94	
Archie Hunter & others, moths' nests	1	70
Fred W. Jack, watching July 4 & 5,	4	00
Pascal P. Gilmore, dog licenses, '09	152	00
Lucien H. White, watching, July 4 & 5,	4	00
Arthur Lamarre, interpreter		2 00
Chas. G. Wheeler, services as superin-		
tendent of schools	60	00
Wm. S. Rogers, Sup. of Schools	49	00
W. M. Williams, Sup of Schools	60	00
W. M. Williams, moderator		5 00
W. S. Rogers, watering trough		3 00
J. F. Chaney, poll tax of 1907,		3 00
W. J. Wilson, work in cemetery on lots		
held in trust	11	50
A. B. Black, part payment of stone		
crusher	200	00
John A. Cone, services as superintendent		
of schools	125	00
F. E. Daggett, services as select-		
man, in part	125	00
Joseph Whitney, services as selectman		
in part	100	00
Freeman Stark, police duty		3 50
Dr. H. O. Curtis, disinfecting		38 50
E. W. Mallett, services as selectman		
in part	100	00
E. W. Mallett, wood for town hall,		5 00
W. S. Noyes, truant officer,		4 00

F. W. Atkinson, constable	9 50
J. L. Alexander, poll tax of 1907	3 00
Dana Colby, bill boards,	2 25
Fred Hussey, sawing wood,	1 30
Howard B. Willis, sheep killed by dogs	11 35
Wheeler & Howe, legal advice, 1909	23 06
Dr. H. O. Curtis, reporting births and deaths	1 75
Dr. H. O. Curtis, salaries of members of Board of Health	30 00
A. Melcher Graves, oil, for town hall	12
Dr. E. G. A. Stetson, reporting births and deaths	6 75
E. W. Mallett, expense as guardian for Carrie Bell Graves	15 00
Geo. B. Ridley, material furnished for Perkins lot	6 24
Andrew Gauthier, mould for watering trough	60 86
F. B. Meserve, commission, 1909	300 00
J. F. Will & Co. supplies	1 00
On account of repairs on bridges:	
L. A. & W. St. Ry, repairs, \$611 04	
L. A. & W. St. Ry painting, 71 00	
Pejeps. Pap. Co. plank for sidewalk	40 30
A. Lucius, for inspecting bridge one-quarter of cost	25 00
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	\$3054 60
Balance unexpended	432 53
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\$3487 13

NOTE:—It will be seen by the above that the cost of repairs on bridges has been paid from this fund. By vote of the town this was to be met by temporary loan but as there were sufficient funds in the treasury no loan for this account has been made.

CREDIT

By balance from last year	\$ 842 17
Appropriation,	1200 00
W. H. Brown, land redeemed	11 65
C. H. Chapman, rent of Graves farm	27 00
Dog licenses refunded	85 08
Dog Licenses, W. W. Goud	76 00
S. W. Rowell, rent, old Engine hall	23 50
State Account George Davis	89 00
E. W. Mallett, Guardian Carrie B. Graves estate sale of property,	425 00
Dog Taxes, F. B. Meserve	77 00
Joseph Russell Estate, moths' nests	3 75
State Treasurer, Sheep killed	23 00
A. W. Eaton, fumigating	3 50
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	109 38
Mildred Everett Fund	8 08
Carrie Emus Fund	8 08
Rebate on insurance, Town Hall	1 35
Interest on Taxes	7 63
Interest on Balances	25 43
Overlay	334 53
Supplemental	106 00
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	\$3487 13

HIGHWAYS

Paid Percy Wright, 1908	\$1 65
James Colby '08	3 00

M. E. Chapman '08	12 74
John Dennison '08	19 10
W. A. Alexander '08	2 00
J. H. Bryant '08	1 95
Sandford Purington '08	75
Harold Willis '08	2 10
A. H. Merriman '08	1 95
C. O. Colby '08	7 00
C. H. Williams '08	3 75
H. A. Pennell, '08	60
W. J. Wilson '08	11 10
C. F. Wilson '08	8 10
L. T. Williams '08	13 12
George Labbie '08	15 01
A. S. Leavitt '08	40
Walter H. Foster '08	10 25
Isaac T. Allen '08	15 70
E. W. Mallett '08	1 35
H. H. Rogers and others '08	8 74
L. M. Williams '08	75
Alexis Dufresne '08	1 97
Eaton Hardware Co. '08	2 10
George B. Ridley '08	21 03
Walter Crocker, '08	60
Alfred Jack '08	75
A. S. Leavitt	39 88
B. M. Patten '08	2 39
A. S. Jack '08	2 87
Walter Foster	31 37
W. J. Wilson	19 30
Ed. Smith	62 64
Lucien H. White	141 75
Cyrus Collins	17 40
Lucien Libby	9 75
Joseph Gagnon	13 50
H. S. Cary '08	3 65
A. O. Ripley	383 43

Ellis Leavitt	21 98
C. A. Prest	113 52
Geo. B. Ridley,	284 46
George Ward '08	65
S. W. Rowell	15 20
Joseph Lavoie	42 38
Frank Bruno	45 83
John Fournier	1 50
A. E. Ames	65 96
Walter M. Cox '08	3 38
George Labbe	34 35
Joseph Avery	4 50
C. P. Edgecomb	20 37
Alee Ward	7 75
Forrest Cunningham	4 50
A. H. Merriman	4 15
Alfred Crowe	51 27
Al and John Flagg	12 37
Archie Hunter	9 80
L. T. Williams	91 27
Ernest Eaton	17 62
Joseph L. Foster	87 83
James L. Hyde & Sons	8 25
David Peppin	3 00
Walter Crocker	1 20
John Towne, culverts	88 80
Cabot Mfg. Co. bagging	1 11
Carr Brothers	62 47
Henry Groves	5 25
Alfred Jack	46 57
W. B. Staples	14 57
G. A. Hunter	12 00
Irving W. Temple	79 09
H. G. Powers	84 37
George Dugas	15 85
W. S. Noyes	80 80
Lucien H. White	45 00

F. L. Mallett	12 75
Guy Richardson	27 00
F. B. Meserve	2 58
Frank Boucher	10 50
Everett Furbish	2 25
Leon Smith	13 05
Wm. Mountfort	1 65
John Flagg	7 50
Robert Hyde	15 00
M. C. R. R. freight on Crusher	
Elevator and Bin	81 96
E. R. Tedford	23 15
A. J. Lyon & Son	44 82
C. W. Poindexter	8 75
Elgin Hunter	17 63
C. P. Edgecomb	16 62
Wm. Dunning '08	8 80
Wm. Dunning	1 00
W. A. Alexander	1 43
W. S. Rogers	11 20
Frank Mallett	6 25
Henry Haley	13 20
John Gray	90
E. H. Phinney	7 90
Melvin Tarr	13 50
W. J. White	64 58
James Tarr	9 37
B. M. Patten	13 85
S. C. Andrews	3 50
A. B. Black, Elevator and	
Bin in part	332 40
George R. Tedford, 1907	6 50
A. F. Hunter	3 75
Megquier & Jones	6 49
A. J. Hildreth	36 17
E. C. Patten '08	3 20
E. C. Patten	42 06

M. E. Chapman	5 00
Leon Howland	1 67
A. R. Hunter	50 00
S. R. Howes '08	6 60
R. S. Holbrook	83
Henry Groves	4 50
Henry Cornish	1 45
H. S. Morrill	21 89
E. L. Hunter	11 55
John L. Alexander	6 75
A. Melcher Graves	1 99
James M. Rea	3 50
Wm. Adams	9 48
M. G. Powers	60
Frank Brickett	6 75
Chas. A. Graves	16 15
George W. Hunter	8 62
U. A. Jack	5 55
R. E. Williams	3 50
W. A. Foster '08	4 35
R. E. Williams '08	1 05
F. R. Howland	50
E. W. Mallett	2 45
Alexis Dufresne	12 70
David H. Flagg	1 00
M. S. Stewart	17 27
Henry Rogers	2 00
C. F. Wilson	9 00
A. H. Goodwin '08	2 00
A. H. Goodwin	5 17
Wm. A. Foster	10 93
Joseph Whitney	5 50
F. A. Rackley	29 15
H. L. Berry	1 50
A. J. Lyon & Son	1 26
Dana Colby	95
Chas. Newell	20 00

Herbert Small	2 30
C. H. Chapman	1 00
E. B. Sprague '08	7 14
Zina H. Noyes	2 25
Bowdoin Paper Co.	53 29
Albion Jack	11 17
C. E. Meserve	5 25
Chester A. Staples 04	3 75
Albert Ward	10 07
Augustus Parent	7 00
Fred Ward	29 25
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	3681 35
Balance Unexpended	215 27
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\$3,896 62

CREDIT

By balance from last year	\$800 82
Appropriation	3000 00
Peter Moren and others, concrete work	75 00
Brunswick & Topsham Water District	4 50
Cement Barrels	30
Hansecom Construction Co. rolling streets,	16 00
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\$3,896 62

STATE ROAD

Paid Wm. A. Alexander '08	\$ 5 63
I. W. Temple	39 27
C. A. Prest	54 00

Robert Hyde	15 00
Jude Hyde	7 50
James A. Tarr	42 75
Leon Smith	6 00
Guy Richardson	38 50
Lucien H. White	86 25
Wm. Mountfort	4 50
Elgin Hunter	37 50
Alfred Jack	30 75
E. R. Tedford	6 00
Ernest Eaton	1 50
A. J. Lyon & Son	5 70
John Flagg	7 50
O. A. Ripley	63 00
Italian	3 00
A. E. Ames	34 68
Carr Bros.	4 50
John Grady	22 50
W. A. Alexander	11 25
E. H. Phinney	30 75
W. J. White	59 25
Alvah Mallett	11 25
E. C. Patten	31 87
H. S. Morrell	37 42
John L. Alexander	35 61
E. W. Mallett	11 25
M. S. Stewart	4 50
Walter Foster	7 50
W. S. Noyes	3 75
Justus Ripley	14 06
Androscoggin Foundry Co.	11 10
Geo. B. Ridley	14 51
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	\$800 10
Overdrawn last year	1 92
Balance unexpended	5 85
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	\$807 87

CREDIT

Appropriation	\$455 50
Received from State	349 87
T. E. Chistopher	
crushed rock	2 50

\$807, 87

POOR FARM

Paid L. M. Williams, repairs on house, '08	\$11 49
Alexis Dufresne, blacksmith work '08	30
George B. Ridley, supplies '08	11 01
Clarence E. Strout, balance of salary	50 00
Clarence E. Strout, hay at farm, April	
10	9 00
Clarence E. Strout, Incidentals	2 20
John Dennison, doctoring cow	1 00
J. F. Will & Co., clothing	11 09
A. E. Ames, salary for nine months	131 22
A. E. Ames, labor and supplies	8 00
Dr. H. O. Curtis, medical attendance	
to Annie Ward	7 00
Dr. E. G. A. Stetson, med. attendance	
to Annie Ward	2 00
F. E. Roberts, shoes	4 00
Ellis Leavitt, repairs on house	3 75
W. A. Alexander & Son, on house	14 25
A. E. Ames, repairs on house	20 25
B. L. Furbish, supplies for repairs	32 54
Geo. B. Ridley, supplies for repairs	17 26
E. W. Mallett, labor on repairs	7 00
M. G. Powers, wall papers, 1908	1 37
P. J. Meserve, supplies	1 65

Frank Drapeau, shoes	1 50	
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	\$347 88	
Overdrawn last year	11 19	
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		\$359 07

CREDIT

By Appropriation	\$350 00	
Balance	9 07	
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		\$359 07

POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE

Paid David H. Flagg, rent for old soldier	\$72 00
David H. Flagg, rent for Mrs. Pratt	72 00
Mrs. Eugene Ridley, board of George	
Davis	13 75
H. B. Cobb, wood for Fred Arquett	1 75
A. Melcher Graves, supplies for	
soldiers	30 05
J. W. McMillin, supplies for soldier	8 00
Dr. H. O. Curtis, med. attendance,	
Louis Baker	45 50
J. W. McMillin, supplies for Louis	
Baker	16 13
John Grady, Care of Converse Hatch	22 50
W. H. Gould, burial expenses of	
Bert Brawn, 1908	35 00
Dr. H. O. Curtis, med. att. Geo. Davis	15 00
C. E. Strout, Care of Geo. Davis	14 00
E. S. Bodwell, suit of clothes for	
Geo. Davis	4 98
Me. Insane Hospital, care of Carrie	

Bell Graves	178 07
Noel Vandal, supplies for Elzeard St. Pierre	32 80
Frank Drapeau, shoes, E. St. Pierre	5 25
R. E. Williams, for Louis Baker	2 66
Fred Arquett, medical treatment	10 00
John Grady, care of Louis Vigue	4 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. Tolls	34
Dr. H. O. Curtis, medical att. Jane Duffy	4 50
Town of Brunswick, rent and sup- port of Rachel Watson	68 20
Town of Brunswick, rent and sup- port of Mrs. Mack Leveque	71 75
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	728 78
Balance unexpended	440 48
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	\$1169 26

CREDIT

By balance from last year	190 42
Appropriation	800 00
Received from Town of Brunswick	178 84
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	\$1169 26

COMMON SCHOOLS

TEACHING

Paid Mabel E. Norcross	\$110 00
Cecil L. Butler	264 00
Viola L. Adell	355 00
Jeanette B. Purington	264 50

Mildred H. Quill	176 00
Frances C. Purington	246 50
Clare P. Hussey	360 00
Mae E. Ripley	252 00
Annie L. Barron	298 50
Matilda Fournier	72 00
Elizabeth M. Waltman	252 00
Evelyn W. Dunning	216 00
Ethel T. Allen	264 50
Grace M. Clifford	301 50
Edith Carr	258 00
Eleanor B. Powers	216 00
Mary A. Giveen	154 00
Jessie M. Tarr	175 00
Sarah W. Drew	98 00
Grace L. S. Frowe	154 40
Florence E. Tarr	84 00
Eva M. Thomas	34 00

\$4605 90

CARE

Paid Frank R. Hall	\$1 00
J. F. Brooks	27 50
C. C. Ridley	77 75
Bernard Cromwell, Class treas	30 00
Ernest N. Grady	4 75
John H. Hyde	7 25
Elizabeth M. Waltman	8 75
Evelyn W. Dunning	9 00
Grace M. Clifford	8 35
Edith Carr	9 35
Mary A. Giveen	4 25
Ambrose Douglass	7 50
Jessie M. Tarr	6 25
Michel Leveque	11 26

W. S. Rogers	5 20
Herman Hanson	3 00
Florence E. Tarr	3 50
Llewellyn Flagg	2 50
A. Mercher Graves	3 25
Elmer Williams	5 50
Annie C. Temple	19 00
Julia E. Grover	5 00
Ralph Williams	2 50
W. J. Wilson	16 45
Dr. H. O. Curtis, fumigating	2 50

\$281 36

TRANSPORTATION

Paid L. A. & W. St. Ry.	\$70 00
Edward Atkins	163 10
Fred A. Rackley	46 00

\$279 10

FUEL AND LIGHTING

Paid A. J. Hildreth, wood	\$26 00
B. M. Patten, wood	24 50
James A. Tarr, wood	3 00
W. A. Alexander, wood	39 00
W. B. Staples, wood	7 50
W. J. White, wood	3 50
E. C. Patten, wood	16 50
E. L. Hunter wood,	13 75
R. E. Williams, wood	11 50
C. H. Barnes, wood	8 50
W. J. Wilson, wood	22 50
Samuel P. Graves, wood	13 00
J. F. Chaney, coal	198 00

Pejepts. Pap. Co. coal	54 40	
Brun. Elec. Lt .& Pow. Co., lighting	15 77	
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		457 42
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Total		5623 78
Balance Unexpended		2171 59
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		\$7795 37

CREDIT

Balance from last year	\$1392 48	
Appropriation	3500 00	
Interest on School Fund	33 36	
School Fund and Mill Tax	2869 53	
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		7795 37

HIGH SCHOOL

Paid Howard Winslow	\$ 89 25	
Mabel E. Norcross	110 00	
W. W. Fairclough	475 00	
Ralph M. Small	416 63	
O. A. Stanley	35 00	
Geneva Carpenter	180 00	
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		\$1305 88
Overdrawn last year		12 66
Balance Unexpended		56 46
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		1375 00

CREDIT

Appropriation	\$1000 00	
Received from State	375 00	
	<hr/>	\$1375 00
Due from State	\$125 00	

SCHOOL BOOKS

Paid Henry Holt & Co.	\$ 33 67	
Ginn & Co.	133 72	
D. C. Heath & Co.	90 92	
American Book Co.	82 85	
Allyn & Bacon	36 99	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	54 68	
Cecil L. Butler	35	
Howard & Browne	16 92	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	34 95	
American Express Co.	9 40	
J. L. Hammett & Co.	8 25	
D. Appleton & Co.	12 90	
	<hr/>	\$515 60

CREDIT

Balance from last year	\$ 57 36	
Appropriation	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$457 36
Balance	58 24	
	<hr/>	\$515 60

Appropriation	500 00	
Rebate on insurance	17 64	
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	\$548 89	
Balance	112 99	
	<hr/>	\$661 88

BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Paid Lyman E. Smith, treasurer	\$50 00
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CREDIT

By Appropriation	50 00
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STREET LIGHTS

Paid Brunswick Elec. Lt. & Pow. Co.	\$1045 93	
Overdrawn last year	40 30	
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	\$1086 23	
Balance Unexpended	13 77	
	<hr/>	\$1100 00

CREDIT

By Appropriation	\$1100 00
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MUSTARD FUND

Paid Order Number 17	\$ 3 00
" " 81	3 00
" " 236	10 00
" " 335	4 75
" " 529	20 00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Notes Outstanding Feb. 1, 1909	\$10,200 00	
Loan, 1909, Pejepsco National Bank	2,000 00	
Loan, 1909, Joseph Whitney	800 00	
		\$13,000 00

CREDIT

Paid Pejepsco National Bank	\$2,000 00	
Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1910	11,000 00	
		\$13,000 00

STATE TAX

Paid Pascal P. Gilmore, State Treas'r, \$3746 72

CREDIT

By Appropriation \$3746 72

COUNTY TAX

Paid Albert L. Strout, County Treas. \$1863 07

CREDIT

By Appropriation \$1863 07

MEMORIAL DAY

Paid Walter C. Ross \$25 00

CREDIT

By Appropriation \$25 00

TOWN'S LIABILITIES

Temporary Loans	\$11,000 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	
		\$15,154 78

AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

Taxes uncollected Feb. 1, 1910	\$896 79	
Due from Town of Brunswick	\$43 50	
From State, free high school	125 00	
From City of Waterville	12 20	
Real estate held by town for taxes	22 74	
Due from L. A. & W. Street Railway, for		
State Road and Bridge	89 99	
Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 1, 1910	4,494 61	
		\$5,684 83
Net Town debt Feb. 1, 1910,	\$9,469 95	

COLLECTORS' ACCOUNT

F. A. Rackley, Collector 1904		
Balance due town, Feb. 1, 1910	\$199 20	
Paid Treasurer	199 20	
Edgar L. Hunter, Collector, 1905-06		
Balance due town, Feb. 1, 1909	\$719 53	
Paid treasurer,	692 56	
Balance due Feb. 1, 1910		\$26 97

F. B. Meserve, Collector 1907	
Balance due town Feb. 1, 1909	\$155 31
Paid treasurer	80 66
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	\$74 65
F. B. Meserve, Collector, 1908	
Balance due town Feb. 1, 1909	\$578 77
Paid treasurer	187 44
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	\$391 33
F. B. Meserve, Collector 1909	
Uncollected taxes, Feb. 1, 1910	\$403 84
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Total amount uncollected	\$896 79

TREASURER'S REPORT

Town of Topsham in Account with F. B. Meserve., Treasurer, Dr.

To Town orders paid from Feb. 1, 1909	
to Feb. 1, 1910	\$28,939 10
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1910	4,494 61
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	\$33,433 71

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By balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1909	\$4,430 20
W. H. Brown, land redeemed	11 65
E. M. Main, cows sold, 1908	20 00
Chas. Chapman, rent Graves farm	27 00
State treasurer, free high school	375 00
State treasurer, dog licenses refunded	85 08
Peter Moren and others, given for work on highways	75 00

W. W. Goud, dog licenses	76 00
S. W. Rowell, rent engine hall	23 50
State, for George Davis	89 00
Pejepsot Natl. Bank, loan	2000 00
Sale of Carrie Bell Graves farm by E. W. Mallett, Guardian	425 00
Hanscom Cons. Co.	16 00
Jos. Whitney, loan	800 00
F. B. Meserve, dog taxes	77 00
Jos. Russell Est. Browntail moths	3 75
Bruns. & Topsham Water Dist	4 50
T. E. Christopher, crushed rock	2 50
State treasurer, sheep killed by dogs	23 00
George E. Bowker, rebate on Ins.	15 96
A. W. Eaton, fumigating	3 50
A. O. Ripley, cement barrels sold	30
State Treasurer, state road	349 87
State Treas. R. R. and telegraph tax	109 38
State Treas. school fund and mill tax	2869 53
Bruns. Sav. Inst. Mildred Everett fund	8 08
Topsham & Bruns. 25-cent Inst., Carrie Emus fund	8 08
Interest on balances	25 43
Interest on taxes, 1909	7 63
Taxes 1907, F. B. Meserve	80 66
Taxes. 1908, F. B. Meserve,	187 44
Taxes 1909, F. B. Meserve	20126 98
Taxes 1904, F. A. Rackley	199 20
Taxes 1905-06 E. L. Hunter,	692 56
M. C. Hall, rebate on Insurance	6 09
Town of Brunswick, account of poor	178 84

\$33,433 71

F. B. MESERVE, *Treasurer.*

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1910.

Highways and bridges	\$3,300 00
Abatements	400 00
Miscellaneous expenses	1,200 00
Poor out of the House	400 00
Poor in the House	350 00
Electric Lights	1,050 00
Interest	600 00
Fire Department	800 00
State Road	150 00
Memorial Day	25 00
Water Rentals	1,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Mallett,)	Selectmen, Assessors
F. E. Daggett,	>	and
Jos. Whitney)	Overseers of the Poor.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY SCHOOL
COMMITTEE FOR 1910.

Common schools	\$1,000 00
Free High School	\$1,000 00
Schoolhouse repairs and supplies	900 00
School books	500 00
For use of Brunswick Public Library	50 00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of receipts and expenditures presented by the selectmen, as selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor for the Town of Topsham for the year ending Feb. 1, 1910, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

The account of the treasurer, Foster B. Meserve, I have examined and found correct.

J. C. PURINGTON,

Auditor.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1905.

Edgar L. Hunter, Collector.

Small, Howard	\$3 00
Harding & Cody	4 50

 \$7 50

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1906.

Edgar L. Hunter, Collector.

Bois, Telesphore	\$3 00
Curtis, N. G.	3 00
Leavitt, John P.,	4 47
Leveque, Alphonse	3 00
Small, Howard,	3 00
Small, Ivan,	3 00

 \$19 47

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1907

Foster B. Meserve, Collector.

Christopher, Harry A.	3 00
Curtis, N. G.	3 00
Grady, Charles	3 00
Grady, W. T.	3 62
Hunter, Thomas W.	3 00
Hall, E. C.	4 55
Higgins, Robert,	3 00
Leavitt, Chas. C. Jr.	3 00
Leveque, Pierre	3 00
Merriman, Ray,	3 00
Michaud, Hovel	3 31
Mitchell, Henry	3 00
Melver, Alfred W.	3 00
Orr, Frank H.	1 00

Orr, Charles	3 00
Patten, Ralph J.	3 00
Richardson, George A.	5 17
Rajeski, E.	3 00
St. Pierre, Joseph	3 00
Thornton, Thomas	3 00
Williams, Ralph,	3 00
Wilson, Swansey,	3 00
Urban, George	3 00
Beecher, Mike,	3 00

\$74 65

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1908

Foster B. Meserve, Collector.

Andros, M.	\$3 00
Berry, Ralph B.	3 00
Bernier, Alex	3 00
Belanger, John B.	3 00
Brown, W. H.	3 00
Blaisdell, Rev. S. A.	3 75
Bryant, Ernest	3 00
Bernier, Camille,	3 00
Bushier, J.,	3 00
Bebray, M.	3 00
Balsom M.	3 00
Christopher, W. A.	3 00
Cary, L. R.	3 00
Curtis, J. P.	3 00
Colby, Fred A.	3 00
Colby, J. W.	3 00
Colby, C. O.	3 00
Crossman, Harry	3 00
Cyr, C. E.	3 00
Desjardin, Alfred	3 00
Dore, J.	3 00

Dupall, Paul,	3 00
Edgecomb, Pembroke	3 00
Edgecomb, Gilbert	3 00
Eko, M.	3 00
Foote, Paul	3 00
Fraily, M.	3 00
Frailer, P.	3 00
Fabier, J.	3 00
Grady, W. F.	3 00
Grady, Chas.	3 00
Goud, Fred	3 00
Gagne, N.	3 00
Graves, Heirs of Geo. M.	7 01
Graves, John	3 00
Gardos, Joseph	3 00
Hunter, Thos.	3 00
Hodgkins, Nelson C.	15 60
Hasling, Lionel	3 00
Harvok, J.	3 00
Hoenix, C.	3 00
Hadko, G.	3 00
Julia, Joseph	3 00
Jouchuck, J.	3 00
Kirouack, Joseph	3 00
Karasp, A.	3 00
Leavitt, John	3 00
Leavitt, Chas. C. Jr.	3 75
Leavitt, Walter,	3 00
Leveque, Jos.	3 00
Leveque, Chas.	3 00
Leveque, Joseph L.	3 00
Labbe, Ferdine	3 00
Lucas, J.	3 00
Metcalf, W. H.	4 10
Morin, Mitchel	3 00
Marthurin, Frank	3 00
Marco, J.	3 00

Mounko, Aud.	3 00
Munko, J.	3 00
Orr, Chas.	3 00
Orr, Frank	3 00
Rogers, Henry	3 00
Rogers, Geo.	3 00
Roberts, R. E.	3 00
Roberts, George A.	3 00
Rogers, Lincoln	3 00
Ramsdell, Arthur	3 00
Richardson, Geo. A.	3 60
Roy, Alfred	3 00
Stackhouse, W. H.	3 00
Smith, Bert H.	3 00
Spear, Albert	3 00
St. Onge, Ludger	3 00
St. Pierre, Elzeard	3 00
Strout, Leroy	3 00
Sherba, J.	3 00
Thompson, Geo.	3 00
Thibbetts, Jonas	3 00
Taylor, Richard E.	3 00
Tedford, Pearl	6 00
Transeo, M.	3 00
Taeller, J.	3 00
Trufant, George O.	3 00
Totten, O. L.	4 88
Urban, Joe.	3 00
Williams, Jas. A.	3 00
Webber, D. B.	3 00
Whitten, Warren	3 00
Watko, J.	3 00
Rathur J.	3 00
Burgoin, J.	3 00
Perqurher, J.	3 00
Onelchmet, Geo.	3 00
Kalchiko, J.	3 00

Ondehnek, M.	3 00
Towne, Jesse,	3 00
Kacrowk, J.	3 00
Gripp, John,	3 00
Casha, K.	3 00
Palska, A.	3 00
Orandus, J.	3 00
Pawelchunk, Aud.	3 00
Perches, J.	3 00
Dora, J.	3 00
Richme, Aud	3 00
Gauas, Aud.	3 00
Ponaiski, P.	3 00
Ouellette, Leonce,	3 00
Pretty, Aud.	3 00
Petro, Joseph	3 00
Barron, George	3 00
Bodier, George	3 00
Stephens, Joseph	3 00
Burton, Lena	1 13
Pratt, Richard	75
Stone, H. M.	1 76
Lucking, Fred	3 00
Ward, George	3 00
Neiver, Aud.	3 00
Ragine, M.	3 00
Sherba, M.	3 00
Sajonk, Aud.	3 00
Beecher, M.	3 00

\$391 33

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1909.

Foster B. Meserve, Collector.

Avery, Joseph	3 00
Avery, Frank E.	3 00

Atwood, George	3 00
Boucher, Archie	3 00
Brown, W. H.	3 00
Barker, Edwin D.	3 00
Burrows, Al.	3 41
Bartlett, Frank R.	3 00
Bartlett, Ernest	3 00
Brawn, Harry B.	3 00
Balko, Mike	3 00
Colby, C.O.	3 00
Christopher, H.A.	3 00
Crocker, W.A.	15 95
Curtis, J. P.	3 00
Curtis, Geo. K.	3 00
Cobb, Wm. B.	6 73
Colby, James W.	3 00
Collins, Josiah N.	3 00
Coulombe, Phidime	3 00
Cripps, Walter	3 00
Edgecomb, Arthur	3 00
Desjardin, Alfred	3 00
Everard, Bert	3 00
Furbish, Everett J.	3 99
French, Robert	3 00
Freeman, Fred L.	3 00
Gagnon, Joseph D.	14 85
Gagne, Joseph	3 00
Hodgkins Nelson C.	16 53
Harrison, E. J.	3 00
Haskell, Fred	3 00
Huntress Chas. E.	3 00
Jack, John	4 65
Jack, Fred and Wife	28 21
Knight, Samuel	3 00
Leavitt, Chas. C. Jr.	3 83
Leavitt, John P.	3 66
LeTarte, John B.	3 00

Leveque, Mitchel	23 21
Lowery, Thomas	5 47
Lowery, Geo. E.	3 00
Merriman, Ray	3 00
Metcalf, W. H.	3 00
Maxfield, Chas. B.	3 00
Michaud, Henry	3 00
Orr, Chas.	3 00
Plummer, Harry	3 00
Pride, A. B.	3 00
Quint, Wallace	5 06
Rowell, S. W.	3 00
Ward, Geo.	4 24
Robinson, Millard H.	3 00
Robertson, Wm.	3 41
Small, Mrs. Hulda	1 03
Small, H. S.	7 12
Smith, Richard H.	4 65
Staples, Fred G.	3 00
Small, Herbert O.	5 06
Spear, Walter	3 00
Sewall, Rebecca A.	4 95
St. Pierre, Elzeard	3 00
Staples, Chester A.	3 83
Small, Ernest	3 00
Tripp, Wm.	3 00
Thompson, Wm. O.	3 00
Tibbetts, Jonas	3 00
Taylor, J. W.	9 18
Trufant, Geo. O.	3 00
Thibeault, N.	3 00
Terrien, Joseph	3 00
Trufant, Cyrus H.	6 30
Vogtka, John	3 00
Wilson, Samuel	3 00
Whitney, Archie B.	7 12
Wing, Geo.	3 00

Preble, Walter	3 00	
Thomas, N.	3 00	
Thomas, John	3 00	
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		\$357 44

NON-RESIDENTS

Burton, Lena	\$ 1 24	
Foster, Mrs. Annie M.	11 55	
Jack, Lewis or Mary Carson	3 30	
Reynolds, Chas.	16 50	
Sherman, Ralph	41	
Peterson, Peter	7 42	
Niles, Mrs. C. E., heirs of and Abbie Blondell,	5 98	
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		\$46 40
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Total for 1909,		\$403 84
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Total of all uncollected taxes, Feb. 1, 1910,		\$896 79

School Report

To the Citizens of Topsham :

I herewith submit my first annual report of the public schools of Topsham under the new district formed by the union of Topsham and Brunswick. On account of my previous experience in connection with the High School and as Superintendent, I was able, six months ago, to take up the work again without the disadvantages which would have been encountered by a stranger. A personal acquaintance with nearly all the teachers, some of whom had been my pupils, and a thorough knowledge of the wishes and policy of the School Committee, were of great assistance to me in beginning my work here as a district superintendent.

There is in this report more of detailed information concerning the schools than it has been customary to give in years past, but it is taken for granted that the citizens of the town are sufficiently interested in their schools to warrant this extra attention to details.

TEACHERS

With the exception of the High school, but few changes have been made in the teaching force during the year. Cecil L. Butler resigned at the end of the Spring term as principal of the Grammar school after two years of service. The vacancy was filled by the election of Miss Grace Frow, a graduate of Gorham Normal school, class of 1908. In September, Miss Sarah Drew was appointed to take the place of Miss Mildred Quill at the Alexander school, and during the fall term Miss Florence Tarr substituted for Miss Mary Giveen at the Brick school. All the other positions have been filled by the same teachers as last year.

Again it seems advisable to call attention to the value of special preparation on the part of those who intent to make teaching a profession. Maine has some of the best Normal schools to be found in the country. Tuition is free and the course but two years in length. Every High school graduate who intends to teach should avail herself of the opportunity to secure Normal training, and thus fit herself to become a better teacher than she could otherwise become and make herself worthy a higher salary than the untrained teacher can command.

SCHOOL HOUSES

With the exception of the building of a laboratory in the High School building, no extensive repairs or alterations have been made on any of the school houses during the past year. A number of minor repairs and improvements have, however, been made. At Topsham Heights, the recitation room which was built last year has been painted and several needed improvements added. New stoves have been purchased for both the Branch and the Alexander schools. It will be necessary to purchase several new stoves the coming year, as some of those now in use are not serviceable.

New seats and desks should at once be placed in the room at the Foreside. The old-fashioned plank seats in use there are uncomfortable and inconvenient. They are especially uncomfortable for the younger pupils, as many of them are not able to reach the floor with their feet when sitting upon the seats. Several new out-buildings should be built next year, and repairs are required at the Alexander the Branch, the Middlesex, the Haley, and the Cathance districts, and also at Pejepscot.

HIGH SCHOOL

A class numbering sixteen was graduated last June from the High school. The class decided to take a trip to Washington, D. C., during the Spring vacation, and for that

reason graduating exercises were not held at the end of the Spring term. The following pupils were granted diplomas: Eunice Irene Adams, Berneice Erma Barker, Hazel Fannie Barker, Eva May Bradbury, Gladys Hall Brown, Bernard Ashley Cromwell, Mildred Robbe Johnson, Hazel Mae Mallett, Harold Adams Pennell, Doris Elenora Rackley, Annie Louise Roberts, Agnes Elizabeth Tarbox, James Obadiah Tarbox, Florence Ellen Tarr, Mary Ellen Utecht, Hazel Frances White. Several changes have been made in the teaching force during the past year. The position of principal was held during the Spring term by William W. Fairclough, Bowdoin 1908. During the summer he resigned to accept a position as teacher of modern languages at Hebron Academy. His place was filled in September by the election of Ralph M. Small, Bowdoin 1907, who still continues in the position.

Miss Mabel E. Norcross, who had served as assistant for four years, resigned in July, to take a position in the Hallowell High school. Her place was taken by Miss Geneva Carpenter, a graduate of Smith College 1909.

Our high school is now thoroughly provided with text books, has a well equipped laboratory for teaching physics and chemistry; a competent teaching force, and there is every reason for believing that the quality and quantity of work accomplished will compare favorably with that of any high school of equal size in the State.

HIGH SCHOOL LABORATORY

The high schools of the State are divided into three grades or classes, and these are designated as Class A, or standard high schools, Class B, and Class C. This division into three grades is based upon the course of study, the number of teachers employed, general equipment, length of the high school course and the amount of money expended. Topsham High school has been for several years in the A or Standard class. In order that the school might remain in

this class it was found the present year that there must be provided a laboratory, and such laboratory equipment as would be approved by the State Educational Department. As there was no appropriation made by the town for this purpose, the school officials were obliged to pursue one of three courses; either call a special town meeting and ask for a special appropriation, or allow the school to drop to the B or 2d class, or try to build a laboratory from the regular repair appropriation. After careful consideration it was decided to adopt the third alternative, and work was begun on the laboratory in August and the room completed before the beginning of the fall term in September. We now have in the basement of the High school building a good laboratory, well equipped and suitable for meeting the college entrance requirements in both physics and chemistry. The room is supplied with running water, is well heated and has accommodations for individual work for a class of average size. All this has been paid for out of the regular appropriation for repairs and supplies, and in consequence that account is slightly overdrawn.

REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF GRADES

For many years Topsham has maintained in the village schools ten grades preparatory to entrance to the High school. As a child cannot legally enter school until he is five years old, unless he manages somewhere to skip a grade he must of necessity be fifteen before entering the High school, and nineteen at graduation. There are now few cities or towns in the country which maintain ten grades, and it would seem advisable for Topsham to arrange its course of study to correspond with the time usually spent in grade work in other places.

The conditions in the primary school the present year seemed favorable for uniting two of the grades. This has been done, and a course of study covering nine years instead of ten is now in preparation by the Superintendent.

Probably this course of study will go into effect at the beginning of the next school year in September. It will be seen at once that this change, if successfully carried out, will mean a great saving of time on the part of pupils and a saving of many dollars each year to the town.

The same condition in regard to number of grades has existed for several years in Brunswick, and the same change to nine grades instead of ten will go into effect there next September. The schools in both towns will then be using the same course of study, and the pupil moving from one town to the other will find his proper place at once in the class for which he is fitted.

BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

At the last annual town meeting the sum of fifty dollars was raised for the purpose of securing for the school children of Topsham the use of the Brunswick Public Library. The librarian reports that 97 boys and girls of Topsham have taken out cards, and many of the pupils in Topsham schools have expressed to the Superintendent their appreciation of the opportunity afforded them to secure a wider range of reading. It would seem wise for the town to continue the privilege for another year.

SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

Chapter seventy-three, section six of the school laws of 1909 read as follows:

The school committee of every city or town shall cause every child in the public schools to be separately and carefully tested and examined at least once in every school year to ascertain whether he is suffering from defective sight or hearing or from any other disability or defect tending to prevent his receiving the full benefit of his school work, or requiring a modification of the school work in order to prevent injury to the child or to secure the best educational re-

sults. Tests of sight and hearing shall be made by the teachers or by the school physicians. The committee shall cause notice of any defect or disability requiring treatment to be sent to the parent or guardian of the child and shall require a physical record of each child, to be kept in such form as the state superintendent of public schools shall prescribe after consultation with the State board of health.

The law has been complied with in Topsham and with the following result.

Number of children examined	402
Number found with defective eyesight	34
Number found with defective hearing	9
Number of parents notified	32

While parents are not obliged to take notice of the reports in regard to sight and hearing sent by school officials, it is found by experience that in the majority of cases some action is taken which results in an improvement in the child's physical and mental condition.

The law seems to be a wise one, and will result in a higher standard of efficiency in the public schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

It will be seen by a reference to the appropriations recommended by the School Committee, that for common schools only one thousand dollars is asked for the present year, instead of thirty-five hundred raised the previous year—a reduction of twenty-five hundred dollars. This great reduction is made possible by reason of recent State legislation and on account of the balance left over from last year.

Under the terms of Chapter 177 of the Public Laws of 1909, a State tax of one and a half mills is to be assessed annually upon all the property of the State for the support of common schools. The fund raised by this new tax will be additional to the common school fund hitherto provided.

The fund made available by the new law will be dis-

tributed to cities and towns on the following basis: one-third according to the number of scholars, and two-thirds according to the valuation as fixed by the State assessors. While it is not possible at this time to state with absolute accuracy the amount Topsham will receive from the State in January 1911, it will be at least eighteen hundred dollars more than was received from the last apportionment. This will make possible a corresponding reduction in the amount to be raised by the town the present year for common school purposes.

On account of the unusual demands at the High School the repair and book accounts are over-drawn, but it will be noticed that the school expenditures as a whole show a considerable balance on the credit side. On account of the great reduction in the appropriation required for common schools, the school officials feel justified in asking for a slight increase for repairs, books and supplies to offset the overdraft in these two accounts.

The increase in the amount asked for repairs is due to the fact that the school officials realize the urgent need of more comfortable, sanitary and attractive accommodations for the children who attend the rural schools. Several of the rural school houses are in great need of thorough renovation and as the village building is now in a good condition, a large part of the repair appropriation made the present year should be used in the country districts.

CONCLUSION

It should be remembered that a satisfactory condition of the public schools depends upon the active co-operation of parents, teachers, pupils and school officials. Each of the four factors must contribute its share or there will be a failure to secure a high degree of efficiency.

During the year the schools, as a whole, have been maintained with little friction, and in most cases substantial indications of progress are evident.

The Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation of the spirit of friendliness manifested by the teachers, and the cordial support given him by the members of the school committee in all his efforts to promote the interests of the schools.

JOHN A. CONE, *Supt. of Schools*

WILLIAM S. ROGERS
WALTER M. WILLIAMS
CHARLES G. WHEELER

School Committee.

School Statistics

Total enrollment	509
Enrollment in village schools	210
Enrollment in rural schools	299
School year, 36 weeks	
Winter term, 11 weeks	
Spring term 11 weeks	
Fall term, 14 weeks	

HIGH SCHOOL

Howard L. Winslow and W. W. Fairelough, teachers for winter term; W. W. Fairelough, teacher for spring term; Ralph M. Small, teacher for fall term. Mabel E. Norcross, assistant winter and spring terms; Geneva Carpenter, assistant fall term.

Total enrollment, 71	
Attendance for winter term, 49	Average, 44
Attendance for spring term, 49	Average, 45
Attendance for fall term, 50	Average, 46

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Cecil L. Butler, teacher for winter and spring terms; Grace L. S. Frow, teacher for fall term. Ethel Allen, assistant for the year.

Total enrollment, 55	
Attendance for winter term, 41	Average, 37
Attendance for spring term, 41	Average, 36
Attendance for fall term, 43	Average, 39

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Viola L. Adell, teacher for the year. Eleanor Powers, assistant for the year.

Total enrollment, 44

Attendance for winter term, 31	Average, 26
Attendance for spring term, 28	Average, 25
Attendance for fall term, 28	Average, 24

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Clare P. Hussey, teacher for the year. Eleanor Powers, assistant for the year.

Total enrollment, 44	
Attendance for winter term, 25	Average, 19
Attendance for spring term, 31	Average, 25
Attendance for fall term, 26	Average 21

TOPSHAM HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Anna L. Barron, teacher for the year. Matilda Fournier, assistant for the year.

Attendance for winter term, 51	Average, 48
Attendance for spring term, 55	Average 50
Attendance for fall term, 49	Average, 44

PEJEPSCOT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Grace M. Clifford, teacher for the year.

Total enrollment, 34	
Attendance for winter term, 27	Average 24
Attendance for spring term, 24	Average 23
Attendance for fall term, 25	Average, 20

PEJEPSCOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Edith M. Carr, teacher for the year.

Total enrollment, 42	
Attendance for winter term, 33	Average, 28
Attendance for spring term, 35	Average, 28
Attendance for fall term, 37	Average, 30

FORESIDE SCHOOL

Mae E. Ripley, teacher for the year.

Total enrollment, 20	
Attendance for winter term, 16	Average, 12
Attendance for spring term, 14	Average, 12
Attendance for fall term, 14	Average, 12

CATHANCE SCHOOL

Elizabeth M. Waltman, teacher for the year.

Total enrollment, 19	
Attendance for winter term, 16	Average, 11
Attendance for spring term, 19	Average, 14
Attendance for fall term, 18	Average 15

BRICK SCHOOL

Mary A. Giveen, teacher for winter and spring terms;

Florence E. Tarr, teacher for fall term.

Total enrollment, 16	
Attendance for winter term, 13	Average, 8
Attendance for spring term, 12	Average, 10
Attendance for fall term, 13	Average, 9

ALEXANDER SCHOOL

Mildred H. Quill, teacher for winter and spring terms:

Sarah W. Drew, teacher for fall term.

Total enrollment, 18	
Attendance for winter term, 14	Average, 8
Attendance for spring term, 7	Average, 6
Attendance for fall term, 14	Average, 11

