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TOWN OFFICERS

For the Municipal Year of 1910

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

TOWN AGENT

E. W. MALLET

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

A. O. RIPLEY

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JOHN A. CONE

AUDITOR

W. S. ROGERS

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen of the Town of Topsham submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the town for the fiscal year from Feb. 1, 1910 to Feb. 1, 1911.

The valuation of taxable property on the first day of April, 1910, was as follows:

Real Estate, Resident	\$848,957 00
Personal Estate, Resident	200,416 00
Real Estate, Non-Resident	190,480 00
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	13,750 00
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	\$1,253,603 00

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1910.

State Tax	\$6,240 88
County Tax	1,863 07

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

Highways and Bridges	3,300 00
Winter Street Hill	500 00
State Road	500 00
Common Schools	1,000 00
High School	1,000 00
School Books	500 00
School Repairs and Supplies	900 00
Public Library, Brunswick	75 00
Poor out of the House	400 00
Town Farm	350 00
Fire Department	800 00
Water District	1,000 00
Electric Lights	1,050 00

Abatements	400 00
Interest	600 00
Miscellaneous	1,200 00
Memorial Day	25 00
Town Debt	1,000 00
Overlay	188 30
Supplemental	21 95
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Total Commitment	\$22,914 20

Number of Taxable Polls 527

Assessed on each poll \$3

Rate of Taxation 17 mills

ABATEMENTS

TAXES OF 1910

Paid J .W. Taylor, property not had	\$ 41
Miss Elise Coulombe, property not had	1 70
Henry A. Cannon, poll tax, lame hand	3 00
Annie Barron, property not had	85
Henry Cornish, property not had	1 70
Fred R. Small, over valuation	5 10
Wilbur S. Skelton, poll tax, lame	3 00
Noel Vandal, property not had	3 40
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	\$19 16
E. L. Hunter, Col. of 1905	\$ 3 00
E. L. Hunter, Col. of 1906	11 47
F. B. Meserve, Col. of 1907	58 10
F. B. Meserve, Col. of 1908	193 76
F. B. Meserve, Col. of 1909	39 17
F. B. Meserve, Col. of 1910	
Account of	
Cephas Douglas, not of age	3 00
O. B. Douglas, taxed in Brunswick	3 00
Willard Libby, out of town	3 00

M. Lucas, taxed in Lisbon	3 00	
Chas. E. Reynolds, property not had	17 00	
		<u>\$29 00</u>
		<u>\$354 20</u>
Overdrawn last year	49 50	
		<u>\$403 70</u>

CREDIT

Appropriation	\$400 00	
Balance	\$3 70	
		<u>\$403 70</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid S. M. Towle, Forest Fire	\$4 00	
Brunswick Elec. Light & Power Co.	25 08	
W. P. W. Purington, Clerk	109 95	
J. W. Cornish, Supplies	70	
Fred Ward, Forest Fire	2 00	
Eaton Hardware Co. Supplies	72	
Frank Pottle	70	
L. H. White, Moving Old Engine	3 50	
J. F. Chaney, Coal	21 00	
W. S. Cash, Work and Supplies	5 30	
C. E. Meserve, Forest Fire	2 00	
W. P. W. Purington, Fire at Italian's camp	36 00	
John H. Bryant, Forest Fire	1 00	
Dana S. Colby, Work and Material	1 35	
		<u>\$213 30</u>
Overdrawn last year	563 41	
Overdrawn on account of Temporary Loan, 1909	147 35	
		<u>\$924 06</u>

	CREDIT	
By Appropriation,		\$800 00
Balance,		124 06
		\$924 06

MISCELLANEOUS

Paid Brunswick Elec. Light and Power Co. Town Hall	\$ 16 87
Dr. E. H. Andrews, Recording births and deaths	1 50
Dr. C. A. Palmer, Recording births and deaths	5 25
J. C. Purington, Auditing accounts,	5 00
Fred Ward, Police Duty	1 00
Thos. W. Burr, Pub. Co. Brown Tail Moth notices	1 50
Eaton Hardware Co.	1 15
E. W. Mallett, Balance for services as Selectman, 1909,	100 00
F. B. Meserve, Treasurer, 1909,	45 00
W. H. Weeks, Printing town reports,	51 85
Tarbox Ex. Co., express on reports,	.25
F. E. Daggett, balance for services as Selectman, 1909,	65 00
F. B. Meserve, commission for collecting taxes, 1908,	150 00
W. W. Goud, Salary and Supplies,	56 93
Joseph Whitney, Balance for services as Selectman, 1909,	32 50
Archie Hunter et al, moths' nests	4 18
Ed. Smith, cleaning town hall,	1 50
A. M. Elliott, Moths' nests	159 94
Maurice Chandler and others, Moths' nests	28 50
Dr. H. O. Curtis, fumigating,	13 00
Hilmar Utecht, moths' nests,	4 00

Emille Gauthier, moths' nests,	35
John Jack and others, moths' nests	178 25
Victor Sprague, moths' nests,	13 75
John A. Cone, salary, Supt. of Schools,	250 02
F. B. Meserve, services as Constable	3 00
Arthur Lamarre, Jr., School Census,	3 87
E. W. Mallett, services in part for	
for 1910,	154 33
F. E. Daggett, services in part,	
for 1910,	114 42
Jos. Whitney, services in part,	
for 1910,	103 81
Loring, Short & Harmon, office supplies,	12 33
Harry Edgecomb, moths' nests,	6 00
John Fournier, police duty	4 00
Howard B. Willis, sheep killed by dogs	27 00
Fred W. Jack, police duty,	4 00
Frank Bruno, interpreter	1 00
Mary Cox, hens killed by dogs,	7 50
John Bryant, hens killed by dogs	3 00
L. H. White, police duty, July 3d, 4th	2 75
L. E. Bradbury, services,	1 40
Joseph Whitney, hens killed by dogs,	9 00
W. A. Crocker, hens killed by dogs,	9 75
L. W. Tedford, Sheep killed by dogs,	40 50
Jas. A. Tarr, Sheep killed by dogs,	12 00
W. S. Cash, services as constable,	2 00
E. L. Hunter, sheep killed by dogs	6 00
W. E. Gordon, burial of old soldier,	35 00
State Treasurer, Dog licenses paid	149 00
R. S. Carr, insurance, town farm bldgs,	3 80
F. W. Atkinson, police duty	8 25
W. J. Wilson, ballot clerk,	2 50

Jacob Merryman, fumigating,	3 30
Henry W. Cornish, sheep killed by dogs,	
	22 50
John L. Alexander, election clerk,	2 00
F. A. Rackley, ballot clerk,	2 00
C. E. Meserve, election clerk,	2 00
Will Graves, moths' nests,	7 00
L. H. White, carting,	4 00
Wheeler & Howe, legal services, 1910,	63 30
Parris K. McIver, police duty, July 3	
and 4th,	4 00
F. B. Meserve, commission on taxes, 1910,	
	350 00
G. J. Roy, recording births and deaths,	3 00
F. B. Meserve, property sold for taxes,	22 87
F. B. Meserve, commission on taxes	
of 1907,	11 00
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	\$2410 47
Unexpended Balance,	167 02
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	\$2577 49

CREDIT

By balance from last year,	\$ 432 53
Appropriation,	1200 00
L. A. & W. St. Ry. for bills paid on	
account of bridges,	94 94
Dog licenses refunded,	118 40
Fumigating, M. M. Sumner,	4 50
Fumigating, E. H. Phinney, Admr.	3 50
State. burial old soldier,	35 00
Miss Sadie Skinner, damage done by	
dogs,	3 00
Town of Lisbon, use of Trough Form,	10 00
W. B. Cobb, damage done by dogs	3 00
Collected from individuals for moths'	
nests destroyed,	29 75

W.W. Goud, dog licenses,	86 00
F. B. Meserve, dog taxes,	63 00
State Treas, Sheep killed by dogs	142 60
Railroad and Telegraph tax,	108 48
Interest on Balances,	32 54
Overlay,	188 30
Supplemental,	21 95

\$2,577 49

HIGHWAYS

Paid S. M. Towle	\$ 8 50
Lucien White,	228 61
H. S. Morrill,	54 00
Peter St. Pierre,	3 32
A. E. Tedford, 1908-09,	6 00
J. W. Cornish,	2 17
L. H. White and others,	54 41
E. J. Small,	2 50
Geo. L. Quint,	11 60
S. C. Curtis,	18 11
Henry Cornish	10 25
Eaton Hardware Co.	.80
Dwinal P. Allen,	4 32
Chas. E. Colby,	5 25
Walter Foster and others	13 50
G. A. Hunter,	3 75
W. J. Wilson,	10 02
J. M. Howland,	.75
Carr Brothers,	69 50
M. S. Stewart,*	25 62
Edward Atkins,	4 95
Geo. W. Hunter,	3 00
George Ward	8 88
S. W. Rowell,	6 55
Guy P. Richardson,	29 00
Hiram Ward,	62 79

Ellis Leavitt,	53 37
Alfred Jack,	90 10
Lenwood Hunter,	37 21
Elmer E. Thorne,	71 20
Arthur Curtis,	5 00
Forrest Cunningham,	53 00
M. A. Luce,	47 62
Harold P. Ward,	10 00
A. S. Leavitt,	3 65
Ernest Eaton,	3 75
W. S. Noyes,	84 98
Joseph Foster,	51 88
M. C. R. R. freight,	1 85
C. A. Prest,	149 82
A. O. Ripley,	308 54
Alfred Crowe,	16 65
Henry Powers,	37 25
Elgin Hunter,	75 31
Joseph Whitney,	10 40
A. J. Lyon & Son,	32 66
Everett Furbish,	45
A. R. Hunter,	61 75
John Grady,	4 90
S. C. Andrews,	26 32
Chas. Cook,	64 10
Loring, Short & Harmon	2 30
E. L. Hunter,	5 00
W. S. Young,	11 25
S. W. Rowell,	2 50
L. T. Williams,	158 45
A. E. Ames,	83 08
M. J. McCormick, lumber	208 60
Ellis Leavitt,	7 50
George Ward,	2 45
W. H. Rogers,	3 75
Wilbur E. Cox,	3 30
Lenwood Hunter,	30 00

Jas. A. Tarr,	60 75
Arthur Curtis,	8 75
Pejepscot Paper Co.,	100 49
F. A. Crossman,	13 30
Irving Gatchell,	28 00
Jed Sedgley,	6 75
Wm. A. Alexander,	49 80
W. S. Cash,	3 58
Irving Alexander,	6 00
Harry Edgecomb,	1 13
W. J. White,	68 38
Forrest Cunningham,	4 50
Elmer E. Thorne,	15 50
B. M. Patten,	55 74
Melvin A. Tarr,	27 65
C. H. Williams,	1 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	.50
Walter H. Curtis,	2 28
Frank Bruno,	11 45
J. F. Chaney Coal Co.	37 21
W. O. Norris,	5 50
L. E. Bradbury,	1 05
W. J. Sedgley,	12 75
Albert Ward,	45 00
Alfred Crowe and others,	107 00
Haskell Imp. & Seed Co.	8 55
Archie Hunter	11 50
L. D. Dunklee	10 00
Frank Bruno,	6 75
E. E. White,	1 80
Gordon Busfield.	1 50
George B. Ridley,	200 00
Abraham Bouchard,	10 50
A. E. Flagg,	7 77
Milton Ward,	4 75
Harry White,	39 56
James Hyde,	1 80

G. H. Rumrill,	4 88
Ed Smith	10 25
E. H. Phinney	17 25
Wm. H. Brown,	26 68
Hugh A. Ward,	2 25
C. H. Barnes,	1 40
S. P. Graves,	.80
Joseph Lavoie	.50
D. H. Higgins	1 50
S. R. Howes	3 00
C. E. Meserve,	9 62
C. F. Wilson	3 00
Fred W. Atkinson	3 00
W. H. Haley	7 90
E. C. Patten	41 70
D. H. Flagg,	3 84
A. B. Black, repairs for crusher	103 02
A. B. Black, Corrugated Pipe	81 00
Walter Foster	22 50
B. M. Patten,	20 71
Wm. B. Staples,	27 25
Standish Land & Lumber Co.	48 42
Jas. A. Tarr,	15 50
E. Y. Shaw	16 12
Elmer G. Powers	3 00
Wm. A. Foster	89 15
Augustus Parent	7 20
H. M. Stone	14 50
Alexis Dufresne	13 00
John L. Alexander	19 50
F. A. Rackley	27 73
J. P. Hayward	19 57
C. P. Edgecomb,	70 99
A. E. Tedford	4 68
Dana S. Colby	3 75
R. E. Williams	1 80
A. H. Spear	6 00

George Labbe	24 04
Z. H. Noyes,	.50
A. O. Ripley and otherwise	65 25
J. R. Edgecomb	4 00
E. B. Sprague	9 33
A. S. Jack,	16 85
Frank Allen	50 57
Alvah Mallett	14 10
J. H. Bryant	6 15
Edw. J. Peters	15 00
Calixte Bernier	1 00
Guy Moody	4 50
N. G. Curtis	12 61
H. S. Berry	2 25
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	\$4,426 24
Paid to State Road Account	181 29
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	\$4,607 53

CREDIT

By Balance from last year	\$ 215 27
Appropriation	3,300 00
Appropriation Winter St. Hill	500 00
Rec'd. from Water District for laying pipe	
	197 50
Old watering trough	2 00
Cement barrels	.30
Emerson H. Nye	5 00
School Repairs Acct. for Cement walk	48 69
Use of Crusher	5 00
Old junk sold	2 00
School Repairs Acct. lumber	1 80
L. A. & W. St. Ry. on account of bridges	59 60
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	\$4,337 16
Balance	270 37
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	\$4,607 53

STATE ROAD

Paid Ellis E. Leavitt,	\$ 72 53
M. C. R. R. Freight,	96 36
Elgin Hunter	66 97
Forrest Cunningham,	62 93
Wm. H. Brown,	35 56
D. B. Webber,	22 50
Harold Ward	24 00
Hiram Ward	50 50
Elmer E. Thorne,	115 75
W. P. W. Purington,	58 12
Jas. A. Tarr,	117 10
Lucien H. White,	164 10
A. E. Ames,	100 02
Alfred Jack	59 33
Samuel C. Curtis,	39 43
J. P. Hayward	37 80
Wm. Sedgely	25 12
John L. Jack,	23 12
J. R. Ripley	78 80
Charles Cook	53 90
Ed. Smith	82 05
R. J. Beals	48 00
C. A. Prest	35 50
F. A. Rackley	37 97
H. S. Morrill	84 00
James W. Colby	3 00
Harry White,	29 50
A. O. Ripley	106 50
E. H. Phinney	77 00
Maurice Chandler	7 50
E. C. Patten	24 00
David H. Flagg	1 61
J. F. Chaney Coal Co.	55 53
Edward Kennedy	10 00
A. S. Leavitt	25 58

Alexis Dufresne	9 50
C. P. Edgecomb	65 07
A. E. Tedford	8 00
American Tar Co.	389 05
J. W. McMillin	7 22
Brunswick & Topsham Water Dist.	18 50

\$2,429 02

CREDIT

By Balance from last year	\$ 5 85
Appropriation	500 00
Credit from school repairs account, for work on walk	3 00
State Treasurer	425 00
L. A. & W. St. Ry.	552 31
Pejepscot Paper Co.	550 32
R. J. Beals, crushed rock	3 00
Bruns. & Topsham Water Dist., crushed rock	6 00
John L. Jack, crushed rock	2 25

\$2,047 73

Credit from Highways Account	181 29
Due from State Treasurer	200 00

\$2,429 02

TOWN FARM

Paid A. E. Ames, Salary in full to April 1st	\$157 95
A. E. Ames, Supplies,	8 35
A. E. Ames, work on lumber,	14 00
Jas. F. Will Co. Supplies,	13 90
Dr. E. G. A. Stetson, Medical Attendance,	4 00
F. E. Roberts, Shoes	2 23

R. S. Carr, Insurance,	7 00	
D. & C. E. Scribner, Grass Seed	7 47	
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		\$214 90
Overdrawn last year	9 07	
Unexpended Balance	126 03	
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		\$350 00

CREDIT.

By Appropriation	\$350 00
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POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE

Paid D. H. Flagg, rent for old soldier	72 00
D. H. Flagg, rent for Mrs. Richard Pratt,	72 00
Dr. H. O. Curtis, account soldier's widow,	5 00
C. A. Lemieux, wood for soldier	2 75
E. W. Mallett, wood for soldier	5 00
A. Melcher Graves, Supplies, old soldier	12 00
J. W. Cornish, Supplies, old soldier	20 04
Dr. H. O. Curtis, Acct. Mary Howell	10 00
J.W. McMillin, Supplies, old soldier,	80 00
J. W. McMillin, Supplies Soldier's widow	5 00
A. C. Bailey, Supplies, Old soldier	31 96
Maine Insane Hospital, Carrie Bell Graves,	15 29
Chas. P Edgecomb, wood, old soldier	4 00
J. F. Chaney, coal, soldier's widow	7 00
Drapeau's Pharmacy, Acct. E. St. Pierre	.40
Eliz. P Toothaker, milk, Henry St. Pierre,	6 92

W. A. Alexander, wood, old soldier	7 00
Dr. C. A. Palmer, medical attendance, Henry St. Pierre,	14 00
Dr. E. G. A. Stetson, Acct. Hattie E. Rogers	13 10
Mrs. R. M. Huntress, nurse, Mrs. Rogers	4 00
Mrs. Frank Johnson, board and rent, Mrs. Rogers,	6 00
J. W. McMillin, supplies, J. Towne	9 00
J. W. Cornish, supplies, J. Towne	9 00
J. W. Cornish, supplies, Frank Eaton	3 03
Nelson McFadden, supplies, Frank Eaton	9 00
Town of Brunswick, for soldiers' widow	63 85
Town of Brunswick, for Mrs. M. Levesque	158 25
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	\$645 59
Unexpended Balance,	329 16
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	\$974 75

CREDIT

By Balance from last year	\$440 48
Appropriation	400 00
Rec'd from City of Waterville, acct, Louis Vigue,	12 75
Town of Brunswick,	121 52
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	\$974 75

COMMON SCHOOLS

TEACHING.

Paid Miss Elizabeth Waltman,	\$ 82 50
Eva M. Thomas,	298 50
Grace L. Frowe,	132 00

Mae E. Ripley,	252 00
Frances C. Purington,	259 00
Eleanor B. Powers	253 50
Evelyn W. Dunning,	261 50
Edith Carr,	72 80
Clare P. Hussey,	400 00
Viola L. Adell	408 00
Annie L. Barron,	90 75
Matilda Fournier,	22 00
Sara W. Drew	261 25
Jesse M. Tarr	273 00
Jeannette B. Purington,	165 00
Mary A. Giveen,	252 00
Ethel T. Allen	282 50
Elsie French	93 50
Ethel French,	165 50
Carrie M. Dinsmore	88 00
Marion G. Strout,	348 00
Eliz. P. Toothaker	162 00
Berneice E. Barker	70 00
Mildred Hunt	108 50
Mildred Johnson	23 00
Augusta J. Cone	10 00
Edna Scott	30 00
Alma White	28 00
Florence E. Tarr	55 00

\$4,947 80

CARE

Paid C. C. Ridley,	\$78 00
Ambrose Douglass	86 99
Eva M. Thomas	5 50
Evelyn W. Dunning	8 50
Edith Carr	2 75
Sara W. Drew	5 25
Jesse M. Tarr	8 50
Wm. Preston	2 75

Jeannette B. Purington	2 75
Mary A. Giveen	9 00
Alvoid Skelton	2 75
Ralph Peters	5 00
Annie C. Temple	19 00
Harold Willis	35 00
Mitchel Levesque	14 99
Angie B. Graves	2 05
Eleanor G. Powers	2 75
Julia E. Grover	5 00
Ralph Williams	2 50
Russell Taylor	3 75
Ernest Grady	4 50

\$307 28

TRANSPORTATION

Paid Edward Atkins,	\$200 00
L. A. & W. St. Ry.	96 00

\$296 00

FUEL AND LIGHTING

Paid Brunswick Electric Light and Power Co.	\$17 60
A. J. Hildreth, wood	25 00
E. W. Mallett, wood	30 25
Pejepscot Paper Co., coal	74 80
E. C. Patten, wood	21 75
E. L. Hunter, wood	25 62
C. P. Edgecomb, wood	4 00
J. F. Chaney Coal Co., coal	214 50
E. H. Phinney, wood	20 50
W. A. Alexander, wood	25 00
W. J. Wilson, wood etc.	28 90
S. P. Graves, wood, etc.	26,25
C. H. Barnes, wood	18 50

M. B. Patten, wood	8 75	
Wm. H. Haley, wood	9 50	
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		\$550 92
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		\$6102 00
Balance Unexpended		1914 05
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		\$8,016 05

CREDIT

By Balance from last year	\$2,171 59	
Appropriation	1,000 00	
Common School Fund	2,061 94	
School Fund and Mill Tax	2,749 16	
Interest on School Fund	33 36	
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		\$8,016 05

HIGH SCHOOL

Paid Ralph M. Small,	\$499 90	
Geneva Carpenter	180 00	
D. F. Koughan	450 00	
Thetis G. Questrom,	168 00	
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		\$1,297 90

CREDIT

By Balance from last year	\$ 56 46	
Appropriation	1000 00	
Town of Bowdoin, Tuition	18 00	
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		\$1,074 46
Balance		223 44
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		\$1,297 90
There is due from the State on this account		\$375 00

SCHOOL BOOKS

Paid Silver Burdett Co.,	\$46 97
D. C. Heath & Co.,	54 65
Ginn & Co.	67 77
J. L. Hammett & Co.	13 59
Geo. E. Merrill & Co.	18 99
E. E. Babb & Co.	9 38
Rand, McNally & Co.	16 00
J. Q. Adams	18 00
American Book Co.	42 85
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	19 30
Hall & McCreary	8 49
G. E. Merrill & Co.	9 80
Dodd, Mead & Co.	28 34
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover	8 30
Allyn & Bacon	8 30
Geo. A. Bullard	56 25
John A. Cone, Express pd.	6 35
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	\$433 33
Overdrawn last year	58 24
Unexpended Balance	8 43
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	\$500 00
	CREDIT
By Appropriation,	\$500 00

SCHOOL REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES

Paid J. W. Cornish	\$ 0 75
Eaton Hardware Co.	4 29
Dirigo Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	3 75
Eva M. Thomas	40
Annie L. Barron	9 00
Grace L. Frowe	33
Phillip Carron	1 75

Phoenix Fire App. Co.	9 00
F. E. Crossman	90
W. W. Goud	1 08
R. M. Small,	85
Geo. T. Carter	25 36
Dana S. Colby	3 75
M. C. Railroad	6 75
L. E. Knott App. Co.	8 82
Viola L. Adell	20
W. S. Cash	19 18
Howard & Brown	2 48
T. H. & J. M. Riley	2 75
Brunswick Pub. Co.	6 25
A. H. Merriam	13 38
Masury, Young & Co.	16 00
Edith L. Mariner	1 90
Mrs. Z. Fournier	5 00
Gilbert Cox	31 88
L. M. Williams	79 01
S. T. Brown & Co.	35 16
A. O. Ripley,	3 50
Highways Account, building walk	53 49
Goerge B. Ridley	260 34
A. J. Hildreth,	6 20
Chas. G. Wheeler	2 33
B. L. Furbish	67 02
A. J. Lyon & Son	27 68
C. P. Edgecomb	8 65
Geo. E. Stinson	6 75
S. P. Graves	1 00
John A. Cone	7 40
Wm. H. Haley,	5 25
C. F. Wilson,	1 00
M. C. Hall, Insurance	22 00
W. F. Atkinson	12 63
William Moreau	7 35

\$782 56

Overdrawn last year	112 99
Unexpended Balance	4 45
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	\$900 00

CREDIT

By Appropriation	\$900 00
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BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Paid Lyman E. Smith, Treasurer Association	\$75 00
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CREDIT

By Appropriation	\$75 00
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STREET LIGHTING

Paid Brunswick Electric Light and Power Co.	\$1,050 00
Balance Unexpended	13 77
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	\$1,063 77

CREDIT

By Balance from last year	\$ 13 77
Appropriation	1050 00
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	\$1,063 77

TOWN HALL

Paid Trustees Congregational Church for Insurance in force	\$ 18 40
W. P. W. Purington, labor	29 00
A. C. Edgecomb, labor	30 00
A. J. Lyon & Son, labor	4 35
Geo. B. Ridley, supplies	257 20
S. T. Brown & Co., lumber	41 49

W. S. Cash, labor	143 91
S. T. Rowell, removing steeple	10 00
Bowdoinham Lumber Co., lumber	16 17
C. P. Edgecomb, lumber	3 75
W. S. Alexander, lumber	16 00
Z. H. Noyes, stone	4 00
A. H. Merriman, labor	29 25
J. W. White Co., lumber	31 45
George E. Stinson, labor	80 02
L. A. Barnes, mason work and material	85 32
C. P. Wilson, labor	1 00
Henry Demers, lumber	18 00
Walter O. Powers, painting	56 75
Elmer G. Powers, painting	39 37
L. H. White, trucking	4 00
Dana S. Colby, work and supplies	22 16
B. L. Furbish, supplies	21 78
F. W. Atkinson, painting sign	5 00
Brunswick Elec. Lt. & Pr. Co. Installation,	19 86
C. H. Storer, work on windows	3 00
M. G. Powers, papering and material	24 40
M. C. Railroad,	1 05
Eaton Hardware Co.	36 50

\$1,053 18

CREDIT

By Cash recd from C. G. Wheeler, for pews,	\$35 00
W. S. Cash, rolling doors,	4 50
Mrs. G. E. Chandler, old carpeting	4 00
W. S. Cash, old carpeting	7 00
Free Baptist Church, use of Hall	6 50
F. E. Daggett, roofing	32 25
E. B. Sprague, cushions	1 00

Sons of Veterans, old carpeting	14 00
F. L. Mallett, carpeting	1 60
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	\$108 85
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Balance paid out on repairs,	\$944 33

By vote of the town this was to be met by temporary loan but as there was sufficient money in the treasury no loan has been made.

WATER ACCOUNT

Paid Brunswick & Topsham Water Dist. for service	\$2,023 50
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CREDIT

By Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Rec'd of Pejepsco Paper Co.	300 00
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	\$1,300 00
Balance	723 50
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	\$2,023 50

INTEREST

Paid Julia M. Hildreth	17 50
J. O. & C. E. Meserve	20 00
Mrs. Emma Sylvester	17 50
Joseph Whitney	36 00
Ora E. Reed	70 00
Pejepsco National Bank	21 11
F. B. Meserve, discounts	135 68
W. R. Hildreth	94 80
Sarah A. Skolfield	140 00

Interest on Mustard Fund	102 81	
Interest on School Fund	33 36	
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		\$688 76
Unexpended Balance		2 50
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		\$691 26

CREDIT

By Balance from last year	\$ 87 34	
Appropriation	600 00	
Interest on Taxes	3 92	
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		\$691 26

TEMPORARY LOANS

Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1910	\$11,000 00
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CREDIT

Paid W. R. Hildreth,	\$ 1,500 00
Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1911	9,500 00
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	\$11,000 00

One Thousand Dollars of the amount paid was raised by assessment.

MUSTARD FUND

Paid Order No. 20	\$ 5 00
" " 86	5 00
" " 9	10 60
" " 579	5 00
" " 618	5 50
" " 727	5 50
" " 779	25 00
" " 779	20 00

“ “ 783	15 00
“ “ 784	5 00
“ “ 785	5 50
“ “ 786	3 00
“ “ 788	5 50
“ “ 789	5 00
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	\$120 60
Balance Unexpended	30 32
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	\$150 92

CREDIT

By Balance from last year	\$ 48 11
Interest on Fund	102 81
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	\$150 92

CARRIE EMUS FUND

Paid Riverview Cemetery Ass'n.,	\$ 8 08
Balance Oct. 1, 1910	200 00
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	\$208 08

CREDIT

By Balance Oct. 1, 1909	\$200 00
Interest to Oct. 1, 1910,	8 08
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	\$208 08

MILDRED EVERETT FUND

Paid Riverview Cemetery Ass'n.,	\$ 8 08
Balance Oct. 1, 1910	200 00
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	\$208 08

CREDIT

By Balance Oct. 1, 1909,	\$200 00
Interest to Oct. 1, 1910	8 08
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	\$208 08

STATE TAX

Paid Pascal P. Gilmore, State Treasurer	\$6,240 88
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CREDIT

By Appropriation	\$6,240 88
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COUNTY TAX

Paid Albert L. Strout, County Treasurer	\$1,863 07
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CREDIT

By Appropriation	\$1,863 07
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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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TOWN'S LIABILITIES

Temporary Loans	\$9,500 00
Mustard Fund	2,937 50
Congregational Society Fund	1,100 00
School Fund	667 28
Skolfield Cemetery Fund	200 00
Perkins Cemetery Fund	150 00
Flye Cemetery Fund	200 00
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	\$14,754 78

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Total Taxes Uncollected Feb. 1, 1911	\$1,036 73	
Due from Town of Brunswick	43 50	
From State, Free High School	375 00	
From State, State Road	200 00	
Real Estate held by Town for Taxes	45 61	
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1911	1,434 18	
		<u>\$3,135 02</u>
Net Town Debt, Feb. 1, 1911,		<u>\$11,619 76</u>

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

Edgar L. Hunter, Collector 1905-6		
Balance due Town, Feb. 1, 1910	\$26 97	
Paid Treasurer	26 97	
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F. B. Meserve, Collector 1907		
Balance Feb. 1, 1910	\$74 65	
Paid Treasurer	74 65	
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F. B. Meserve, Collector 1908		
Balance due, Feb. 1, 1910	\$391 33	
Paid Treasurer	220 65	
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Balance due, Feb. 1, 1911		\$170 68
F. B. Meserve, Collector 1909		
Balance due, Feb. 4, 1910	\$403 84	
Paid Treasurer	244 89	
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Balance due, Feb. 1, 1911		\$158 95
F. B. Meserve, Collector 1910		
Total Commitment	\$22,914 22	

Paid Treasurer	22,207 12	
Balance due		\$ 707 10
Total amount of uncollected taxes		\$1,036 73

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

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

To Town Orders from Feb. 1, 1910 to		
Feb. 1, 1911	\$33,829 49	
Balance in Treasury	1,434 18	
		\$35,263 67

CREDIT

By Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1910	\$4,494 61
L. A. & W. St. Ry.	94 94
State Treas. dog licenses refunded	118 40
W. W. Gould, dog licenses	86 00
F. B. Meserve, dog licenses	63 00
Pejepscot Paper Company, water	300 00
Brunswick & Topsham Water Dist., laying pipe	197 50
M. M. Sumner, fumigating	4 50
O. A. Ripley, watering trough and cement barrels	2 30
State Treasurer, burial of soldier	35 00
City of Waterville	12 75
Town of Bowdoin, tuition	18 00
Emerson H. Nye, Winter St. Hill	5 00
R. J. Beal, crushed rock	3 00
Brunswick & Topsham Water Dist., crushed rock	6 00
John Jack, crushed rock	2 25
School Department, repairs	51 69

Charles G. Wheeler, old pews,	35 00
W. S. Cash, old doors sold	4 50
E. H. Phinney, fumigating for Abbie Blondell	3 50
Mrs. Sadie Skinner, sheep killed by dogs	3 00
Interest on Carrie Emus fund	8 08
Interest on Mildred Everett fund	8 08
A. O. Ripley, use of crusher and old junk sold	7 00
Mrs. Geo. E. Chandler, old carpet	4 00
Town of Lisbon, use of form for for water fountain	10 00
Walter S. Cash, carpet and cushions sold	7 00
W. B. Cobb, sheep killed by dogs	3 00
School Department	1 80
State Treasurer, sheep killed by dogs	142 60
Free Baptist Church, use hall	5 00
F. E. Daggett, roofing	35 25
State Treasurer, state road	425 00
State Treasurer railroad & telegraph tax	108 48
State Treasurer Common School fund	2,061 94
State Treasurer School and Mill fund	2,749 16
L. A. & W. St. Ry. State road	611 91
Pejepscot Paper Co. State road	550 32
Use of town hall	1 50
Town of Brunswick Poor out of house	121 52
E. B. Sprague cushions	1 00
F. B. Meserve, brown tail moths collected	29 75
Sons of Veterans old carpet	14 00
J. F. Mallett, old carpet	1 60
Interest on taxes	3 92

Interest on balances	32 54
Edgar L. Hunter, tax 1905	7 50
Edgar L. Hunter, tax 1906	19 47
F. B. Meserve, tax 1907	74 65
F. B. Meserve, tax 1908	220 65
F. B. Meserve, tax 1909	244 89
F. B. Meserve, tax 1910,	22,207 12
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	\$35,263 67

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1911

Highways and Bridges,	\$3,500 00
State Road	500 00
Electric Lights	1,050 00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,200 00
Water Rentals	2,000 00
Poor out of the House	400 00
Town Farm	100 00
Interest	600 00
Fire Department	500 00
Brown Tail Moths	500 00
Memorial Day	25 00
Old Parish Cemetery	25 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Mallett,	} Selectmen, Assessors	
F. E. Daggett,		} and
Joseph Whitney,		} Overseers of the Poor.

Appropriations recommended by School Committee for 1911:

Common Schools,	\$1,000 00
Free High School,	1,000 00
Schoolhouse repairs and supplies	900 00
School Books	500 00
Brunswick Public Library	75 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, 1911, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

The accounts of the treasurer, F. B. Meserve, I have examined and found correct.

W. S. ROGERS, *Auditor*.

Topsham, Me., Feb. 8, 1911.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1908

Berry, Ralph B.	\$3 00
Bernier, Alex,	3 00
Bernier, Camille,	3 00
Brown, W. H.,	3 00
Blaisdell, Rev. S. A.,	3 75
Colby, Fred A.,	3 00
Colby, C. O.,	3 00
Desjardins, Alfred,	3 00
Hunter, Thos.,	3 00
Hodgkins, Nelson,	15 60
Julia, Joseph,	3 00
Metcalf, W. H.,	4 10
Moren, Mitchell,	3 00
Marco, J.	3 00
Orr, Chas.,	3 00
Orr, Frank,	3 00
Ramsdell, Arthur,	3 00
Richardson, Geo. A.,	3 60
Roy, Alfred,	3 00
Stackhouse, W. H.,	3 00
St. Onge, Ludger,	3 00
Strout, Leroy,	3 00
Tedford, Pearl,	6 00

Totten, O. L.,	4 88
Ondchmek, M.,	3 00
Towne, Jesse,	3 00
Karroek	3 00
Gripp, John,	3 00
Casha, K.,	3 00
Plasha A.,	3 00
Orandus, J.,	3 00
Powelchunk, Aud.,	3 00
Perches, J.,	3 00
Dora, J.,	3 00
Richme, A.,	3 00
Gaus, A.,	3 00
Ponaiski, P.,	3 00
Ouellette, Leone,	3 00
Pretty, A.,	3 00
Petro, Joseph,	3 00
Barron, Geo.,	3 00
Bodier, Geo.,	3 00
Stephens, Joseph.	3 00
Pratt, Richard,	75
Lucking, Fred,	3 00
Ward, Geo.,	3 00
Neiver, A.,	3 00
Ragine, M.,	3 00
Sherba, M.,	3 00
Sayonk, A.,	3 00
Beecher, M.,	3 00

 \$170 68

UNCOLLECTED TAXES 1909

Avery, Joseph,	3 00
Avery, Frank E.,	3 00
Atwood, Geo.,	3 00
Brown, W. H.,	3 00

Barker, Edwin D.,	3 00
Burrows, A. C.,	3 41
Bartlett, Ernest,	3 00
Brown, Harry D.,	3 00
Balko, Mike,	3 00
Colby, C. O.,	3 00
Christopher, H. A.,	3 00
Colby, Jas. W.,	3 00
Coulombe, Phidine	3 00
Cripps, Walter,	3 00
Everard, Bert,	3 00
French, Rob't.	3 00
Freeman, Fred L.,	3 00
Gagne, Joseph,	3 00
Hodgkins, Nelson,	5 83
Harriman, E. J.,	3 00
Huntress, Chas. E.,	3 00
Knight, Sam'l,	3 00
Leavitt, Chas. C. Jr.,	3 00
Leavitt, John P.,	3 66
Lowery, Thos.,	5 47
Lowery, Geo. E.,	3 00
Merriman, Ray,	3 00
Metcalf, W. H.,	3 00
Plummer, Harry,	3 00
Quint, Wallace,	5 06
Robinson, Millard H.,	3 00
Small, Mrs. Huldah,	1 03
Small, H. S.	7 12
Spear, Walter,	3 00
St. Pierre, Elzeard,	3 00
Tripp, Wm.,	3 00
Thompson, Wm. O.,	3 00
Tibbetts, Jonas,	3 00
Thibeault, N.,	3 00
Terrien, Joseph,	3 00
Vogtka, John,	3 00

Wilson, Sam'l.	3 00
Whitney, Archie B.,	5 12
Preble, Walter,	3 00
Thomas, N.,	3 00
Thomas, John,	3 00
Peterson, Peter,	7 42
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	\$158 95

UNCOLLECTED TAXES, 1910

Avery, Joseph,	3 00
Avery, Frank E.,	3 00
Berry, Ralph B.,	3 00
Barker, Edwin D.,	3 00
Bradbury, Wallace,	3 00
Breckett, Frank,	3 00
Bernier, Erase.	3 00
Bartlett, F. R.,	3 00
Belanger, Leonce,	3 00
Brawn, Harry B.,	3 00
Colby, C. O.,	3 00
Chandler, Geo. E.,	3 00
Colby, Howard,	3 00
Coulombe, Phidine,	3 00
Coulombe, Lauire,	3 00
Carrier, Arthur,	3 00
Christopher, W. B.,	3 00
Colby, Chas. E.,	14 90
Clefford, Geo. M.,	3 00
Clefford, Wm. G.,	3 00
Colby, Jas. W.,	3 00
Chapman, C. H.,	15 24
Collins, Josiah,	3 00
Carlos, Phileos,	3 00
Doll, Geo.,	3 00
Doll, John,	3 00

Day, Clarence,	3 00
Edgecomb, C. P.,	17 00
Edgecomb, Pembroke,	3 00
Everard, Bert,	3 00
Furbush, Everett J.,	5 55
French, Rob't.,	3 00
Fornier, John,	3 00
Getchell, Irving,	3 00
Gagnon, Joseph D.,	18 30
Gagne, N.,	3 00
Graves, A. Melcher,	54 00
Groves, Geo.,	3 00
Graham, Geo. M.,	3 00
Graham, Walter,	3 00
Green, Lester,	3 00
Howland, Geo. L.,	1 47
Howland, W. H.,	3 00
Hodgkins, Nelson C.,	15 75
Holbrooke, Richard and wife	1 80,
Hends, John T.,	5 55
Harriman, E. J.,	3 00
Haskell, Fred C.,	3 00
Hunter, James,	3 00
Hume, Ezra,	3 00
Hopper, H. A.,	3 00
Hoyt, F. A.,	3 34
Hodko, George,	3 00
Jack, John,	4 70
Knight, Samuel,	3 00
Leavitt, Chas. C., Jr.,	3 85
Leavitt, J. P.,	3 77
Lebel, Arthur,	3 00
Lebel, Ernest,	3 00
Labbe, Fred,	3 00
Labbey, Adola,	3 00
Metcalf, W. H.,	3 00
Morin, Mitchell,	3 00

Michaud, Henry,	3 00
McDuff, Peter,	3 00
Michaud, Adolph,	3 00
Moreau, Frank,	3 00
Orr, Chas.,	3 00
Orr, Frank,	3 00
Plummer, Harry,	3 00
Purinton, W. P. W.,	53 32
Potter, Camelia A.,	21 67
Pride, A. B.,	6 40
Peters, Fred F.,	3 00
Quint, Wallace,	3 85
Rogers, Geo.,	4 70
Ridley, Mark,	3 00
Rowell, S. W.,	3 00
Robinson, Willard H.,	3 00
Robertson, Wm.,	3 43
Raymond, Chas.,	3 00
Small, Mrs. Hulda	4 00
Small, H. S.,	3 00
Sedgeley, Will,	3 00
Sawyer, Chas. P.,	3 60
Smith, W. H.,	3 00
Smith, Edgar H.,	3 00
Small, Ralph M.,	3 85
St. Cyr, E.,	3 00
Tripp, Wm.,	3 00
Temple, Irving,	3 00
Thompson, Wm. O.,	3 00
Thompson, Daniel,	3 00
Tibbetts, Walter,	3 00
Trufant, J. Frank,	5 55
Thebault, Adelard,	3 00
Trufant, Geo. O.,	3 00
Trufant, Cyrus H.,	6 40
Tardiff, Arthur,	3 00
Vannah, Jas.,	3 00

Villa, Phillip,	3 00
Wilson, Sam'l,	3 00
Walker, Ruth E.,	4 60
Tranzo, N.,	3 00
Guernsey, J.,	3 00
Liscomb, J.,	3 00
Skisko, A.,	3 00
Peroelehunk, J.,	3 00
Barlock, J.,	3 00
Tambo, J.,	3 00
Wilson, Chas.,	3 00
George, J.,	3 00
Libby, P.,	3 00
Prenig, J.,	3 00
Youbert, M.,	3 00
Pancake, Joe,	3 00
Jensen, M.,	3 00
Urban, M.,	3 15
Canopsy, P.,	3 00
Babcock, A.,	3 00
Gardoc, J.,	3 00
Bolko, J.,	3 00
Toot, Paul,	3 00
Sarick, M.,	3 00
Toot, T.,	3 00
Maggar, Joe,	1 00
Croney, A.,	3 00
Morko, J.,	3 00
Morko, M.,	3 00
Michalchenk, A.,	3 00
Patuka, A.,	3 00
Sewucis, M.,	3 13
Gambo, J.,	3 00
Belcher, M.,	3 00
Youbie, M.,	3 00
Surchko, J.,	3 00
Urban, J.,	3 00

Swerlue, A.,	3 00
Yasso, Joseph,	3 00
Dora, Joseph,	3 00
Mouske, J.,	3 00
Glass, Paul	3 00
Thomas, N.,	3 00
Gardoc, M.,	3 00
Priggle, Joe,	3 00
Tonko, Joe	3 00
Jenisis, J.,	3 00
Avarl, B.,	3 00
Urban, Paul,	3 00
Taraellor, M.,	3 00
Bourgoine, Joe,	3 00
Thomas, J.,	3 00
Sugar, M.,	3 00
Conesko, A.,	3 00
Cymball, J.,	3 00
Gardos, Geo.,	3 00
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	\$677 58

NON-RESIDENT UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Alexander, John.,	6 80
Bernier, Cyrus,	1 70
Burton, Lena,	1 27
Carson, Mary,	3 40
Peterson, Peter,	7 65
Spinney, W. H. & J. L.,	8 70
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	\$ 29 52
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Total taxes uncollected, 1910,	707 10
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Total uncollected taxes	\$1,036 73

School Report

To the Citizens of Topsham:—

I herewith submit my second annual report of the public schools of Topsham under the district formed by the union of Topsham and Brunswick.

The conditions for a prosperous school year have been favorable. There have been few severe storms to interfere with regular attendance, and infectious diseases have not been sufficiently prevalent to cause the closing of any school, or to retard greatly the regular work. The Superintendent has endeavored to keep in close touch with the teachers in relation to their work, to observe carefully the physical conditions surrounding pupils and teachers in the various school rooms, and to furnish as promptly as possible the proper equipment necessary for successful teaching.

SCHOOL HOUSES

At the last annual town meeting there was raised for repairs and supplies a sum somewhat larger than the amount usually raised for those purposes. The greater part of this money has been spent upon the rural school houses, and the school officials believe it has been wisely expended.

At the Brick school house new doors and transoms have been installed and minor repairs made.

At the Foreside a new out-building has been built, new desks and chairs and a teacher's desk purchased for the school room, the ceiling whitened, and the underpinning pointed.

At Middlesex the ceiling was whitened and the underpinning repaired.

At the Branch district, a new out-building has been built, and other improvements added.

At the Haley school house a new sill was placed under one end of the building, new doors hung, and a new out-building built.

In the Alexander district, a new wire fence has been built around the school lot.

At Pejepscot it was found necessary to install a new furnace, repair the out-building, finish off a new cloak room and partition off a part of the main hall for a recitation room.

At Topsham Heights a new stove was placed in the recitation room and a portion of the roof shingled.

At the High School building, a new concrete walk has been laid from the street to the entrance, new grates have been added to the furnace, a portion of the building has been painted and various minor improvements added.

The school houses have all been thoroughly cleaned and the usual number of general repairs made.

Three new out-buildings have been built at an expense of about \$175, and the coming year at least three new ones should be built. The out-building at the average country school house is often a disgrace to a civilized community, and a menace to good morals. With old delapidated buildings but little can be done in the way of improvement, but with a perfectly new closet, efforts to keep the place in a neat and sanitary condition are more easily successful. Each new closet is divided into two separate sections, the doors are locked at night by the teacher, and are unlocked by the teacher in the morning. Frequent inspection is given by teacher and by superintendent, so that any attempt at defacing the property may be checked at once. New closets are urgently needed at the Alexander district, at Middlesex and at Cathance.

THE HIGH SCHOOL

Several changes have been made in the teaching force since the report of last year. During the summer vacation the school board received the resignation of Ralph M. Small, who had served as principal for the previous school year. Mr. Small left Topsham to accept a position as teacher of Latin in the Fall River, Mass. High School. At the same time the assistant, Miss Geneva Carpenter, resigned to accept a place as assistant in the Freeport, Me. High School.

The principalship left vacant by Mr. Small was filled in September by the election of Daniel F. Koughan of Bath, a member of the class of 1908, Bowdoin College. Miss Thetis S. Questrom, a graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1908, was elected as assistant. Both these teachers still hold the positions to which they were elected, and both are doing efficient work. The attendance has increased both in numbers and in regularity, the discipline is excellent, while the courses offered and the amount of work accomplished will compare very favorably with other institutions having the same number of teachers.

The High School is still rated by the State as in the A class, but if it is to remain there, it may be necessary in the near future to employ an additional assistant.

The new laboratory built last year admirably serves the purpose for which it was intended, and a course in chemistry has been given during the year. A set of new International Cyclopaedia has been added to the reference library, and the school is now well supplied with text books.

VILLAGE GRADED SCHOOLS

Miss Grace Frow, now Mrs. George Earl, who served for two terms as principal of the Grammar School, resigned at the end of the winter term, and her place was filled by the election of Miss Marion G. Strout, a graduate of Gorham Normal School, class of 1908. Miss Ethel Allen has continued as assistant during the year. Both Miss Strout and

Miss Allen are conscientious teachers and have been highly successful in their work.

Miss Viola Adell and Miss Clare P. Hussey have continued as principals of the Intermediate and Primary departments, and they have maintained the same high grade of service that has characterized their work in the past. In the intermediate department two different assistants have been employed during the year. In the winter term assistance was given by Miss Eleanor Powers, and in the fall term the place was held by Miss Alma White. The assistant gives but a part of the day to this work.

Last Spring, through an invitation from the Saturday club, a joint exhibition was given in Brunswick town hall by the village schools of Topsham and Brunswick. The object was to give, as far as possible, examples of every day grade work, and each grade of the Topsham schools was represented. Papers were displayed showing number work, language lessons, spelling and dictation exercises, while some of the upper grades sent examples of modelling, map drawing and designing.

In addition to the exhibit, Topsham children took a prominent part in the entertainment which consisted of songs, drills and recitations. A very large number of visitors attended the exhibition and there were many expressions of appreciation of the excellent character of the work shown by the Topsham children. Teachers and pupils deserve praise for the successful accomplishment of an undertaking which involved a considerable amount of hard work.

REDUCTION OF GRADES IN VILLAGE SCHOOLS

In the report of last year reference was made to a reduction in the number of grades in the village schools of Topsham and Brunswick. For many years the two towns have maintained ten grades preparatory to entrance to the high school. As there are now no cities and few towns in New England which maintain ten grades, it seemed advisable to arrange our grade work to correspond with that in

other places. A dropping out of an entire year made necessary the revising of the entire grade program. During the summer vacation a new course of study was prepared by the Superintendent, and it was at once introduced at the beginning of the fall term in September. The new course was by no means regarded as a finality. Teachers were urged to report imperfections which they found after actual trial in the class room. The teachers have cordially co-operated with the Superintendent and all indications point to the complete success of the plan. This brings about the saving of an entire year on the part of pupils in the grades, and the saving of a considerable expenditure of money on the part of the town. Grade pupils in the schools of Topsham and Brunswick are now pursuing practically the same work, and a change from one school system to the other may be accomplished without examination.

The schools of Pejepscot have been graded in accordance with the new course of study, and the work there is substantially the same as that accomplished in the village.

RURAL SCHOOLS

The schools at the Foreside, Alexander, Haley and Mallett districts have been under the charge of the same teachers during the entire year, but changes have been made in all the other districts. A reference to the detailed statistics given in another place will show what these changes have been.

The town has lost by resignation four teachers who have rendered the town efficient service for several years. These are Miss Grace Clifford, now Mrs. Samuel Cobb, who served for two years as principal of the Pejepscot grammar school; Miss Elizabeth Waltman, now Mrs. Horace Whitney; Miss Edith Carr for five years principal of Pejepscot primary; Miss Anna Barron, for nine years principal at the Heights school, and Miss Janette Purington, teacher at Cathance.

Attention is called here to the rapid growth in the

schools at Pejepscoot. For several years after the new building was erected, all the pupils were accommodated in one room, and one teacher had no difficulty in attending to the needs of the school. Now three teachers are employed, nine grades are maintained and the total enrollment for the year is 76. While a section of the hall is now being utilized as a recitation room, this arrangement should not be regarded as permanent. A suitable recitation room should be added to the south side of the building. There are no reasons for believing that the attendance at the Pejepscoot schools will be less in the future than at present, and the probability is that the attendance will be even larger than it now is. The present teachers at Pejepscoot are doing good work and are receiving the hearty co-operation of parents.

While a large portion of the boys and girls in the rural schools are prompt and regular in their attendance, there are others who are too busy with outside matters, or are too negligent to do their duty in this direction.

This hindrance to satisfactory work exists also in the village but it is more noticeable in the country districts. Parents can lend no better aid to teachers, school officials and to the children themselves, than by a determined effort to remedy this prevalent hindrance to school progress. Tardiness becomes easier each time it is allowed to occur. While under certain circumstances, by reason of bad weather conditions, illness, distance or home duties, tardiness or absence may seem necessary; in a great majority of cases they are inexcusable.

SIGHT AND HEARING TEST

The law requiring the examination of the sight and hearing of pupils in the public schools has been complied with in Topsham and the results are as follows:

Number of children examined	412
Number of children with defective sight	28

Number of children with defective hearing	8
Number of parents notified	16

As was the case last year, teachers were instructed not to be over-critical in their examinations, and to report to parents only such cases as seemed to demand immediate attention. The results obtained justify the existence of the law.

BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

For two years the teachers and school children of Topsham have had the privilege of using the Brunswick Public Library. The librarian reports that more than one hundred boys and girls have taken out cards and that a very large proportion of the cards are in active use. Now and then the matter of establishing a public library in Topsham is discussed by interested citizens, but while the use of an excellent library can be obtained for so reasonable an expenditure of money, it hardly seems advisable to establish one in Topsham. Its support would form an additional burden upon the community, and it would of necessity be in all respects inferior to the one maintained in Brunswick. The School Board recommend the appropriation of the same amount as was raised last year for the continuation of the library privilege.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Last year, on account of the increased amount received from the State, the sum raised by the town for common schools was over two thousand dollars less than was raised the preceeding year. A reference to the report of the various departments will show that no school account has been overdrawn, and that there is a substantial balance left to the credit of the school department as a whole.

There is an apparent deficit in the high school account, but this is because no money has been received the past year from the State. From this source there is now due \$375.

Had this amount been received, there would be a considerable balance to the credit of the high school.

There will be no need of increased appropriations the present year if the amount to be paid by the State equals the sum received last year.

The recommendations for school appropriations made by the School Committee for the coming year, have been carefully considered and are as small as seems consistent with true economy and the best interests of our school system.

CONCLUSION

Each year of school administration should show some improvement over the preceeding year, and the Superintendent believes that in some respects a substantial advance has been made in the schools of Topsham during the year of 1910. There has been an increase in the number of pupils registered and in the average attendance. The physical conditions at many of the school houses have been greatly improved. The teachers employed have exhibited an increased enthusiasm which has been gratifying; the work has gone on with an unusual absence of friction between teachers and pupils, and an absence of complaints on the part of the parents.

The Committee and Superintendent invite a frank and free criticism of school methods and school management, and promise the citizens of the town that every effort will be made to remedy unsatisfactory conditions.

The Superintendent wishes to express his renewed obligations to the teachers for their cheerful co-operation, and to the members of the School Committee for their cordial support in his efforts to carry on his work of supervision.

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

W. S. ROGERS

WALTER M. WILLIAMS

CHARLES G. WHEELER

School Committee

School Statistics

Total enrollment, 518
Enrollment in village schools, 216
Enrollment in rural schools, 302
School year, 36 weeks
Winter term, 11 weeks
Spring term, 11 weeks
Fall term, 14 weeks

HIGH SCHOOL

Ralph M. Small, teacher for winter and spring terms;
Daniel F. Koughan, teacher for fall term. Geneva Carpenter, assistant for winter and spring terms; Thetis Questrom, assistant for fall term.

Total enrollment, 67	
Attendance for winter term, 50	Average, 40
Attendance for spring term, 42	Average, 39
Attendance for fall term, 52	Average, 41

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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

Total enrollment, 52	
Attendance for winter term, 41	Average, 33
Attendance for spring term, 40	Average, 34
Attendance for fall term, 39	Average, 36

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Viola L. Adell, teacher for the year. Eleanor Powers, assistant for winter term; Alma Wihte, assistant for fall term.

Total enrollment, 42	
Attendance for winter term, 24	Average, 19
Attendance for spring term, 23	Average, 19
Attendance for fall term, 31	Average, 26

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Total enrollment, 31	
Attendance for winter term, 26	Average, 19
Attendance for spring term, 25	Average, 20
Attendance for fall term, 22	Average, 19

TOPSHAM HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Anna L. Barron, teacher for winter term; Carrie M. Dinsmore, teacher for spring term; Elizabeth P. Toothaker, teacher for fall term. Florence Tarr, assistant for winter term; Berneice Barker, assistant for spring and fall terms.

Total enrollment, 77	
Attendance for winter term, 47	Average, 44
Attendance for spring term, 41	Average, 33
Attendance for fall term, 47	Average, 38

PEJEPSCOT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Eva M. Thomas, teacher for the year

Total enrollment, 24	
Attendance for winter term, 19	Average, 11
Attendance for spring term, 20	Average, 19
Attendance for fall term, 21	Average, 20

PEJEPSCOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Edith M. Carr, teacher for winter term; Ethel C. French, teacher for spring and fall terms.

Total enrollment, 52

Attendance for winter term, 27	Average, 20
Attendance for spring term, 32	Average, 24
Attendance for fall term, 46	Average, 39

FORESIDE SCHOOL

Mae E. Ripley, teacher for the year.

Total enrollment, 16	
Attendance for winter term, 13	Average, 10
Attendance for spring term, 15	Average, 12
Attendance for fall term, 15	Average, 13

CATHANCE SCHOOL

Janette B. Purington, teacher for winter and spring terms; Frances C. Purington, teacher for fall term.

Total enrollment, 21	
Attendance for winter term, 19	Average, 14
Attendance for spring term, 20	Average, 16
Attendance for fall term, 19	Average, 17

BRICK SCHOOL

Mary A. Giveen, teacher for the year

Total enrollment, 13	
Attendance for winter term, 10	Average, 7
Attendance for spring term, 10	Average, 8
Attendance for fall term, 10	Average, 7

ALEXANDER SCHOOL

Sarah W. Drew, teacher for the year

Total enrollment, 14	
Attendance for winter term, 12	Average, 10
Attendance for spring term, 9	Average, 7
Attendance for fall term, 9	Average, 8

MALLETT SCHOOL

Jessie M. Tarr, teacher for the year

Total enrollment, 14	
Attendance for winter term, 13	Average, 10
Attendance for spring term, 12	Average, 9
Attendance for fall term, 9	Average, 7

BRANCH SCHOOL

Elizabeth Waltman, teacher for winter term; Eleanor B. Powers, teacher for spring and fall terms.

Total enrollment, 24	
Attendance for winter term, 15	Average, 11
Attendance for spring term, 21	Average, 14
Attendance for fall term, 18	Average, 13

HALEY SCHOOL

Evelyn W. Dunning, teacher for the year

Total enrollment, 14	
Attendance for winter term, 9	Average, 7
Attendance for spring term, 11	Average, 9
Attendance for fall term, 13	Average, 10

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL

Frances C. Purington, teacher for winter and spring terms; Mildred L. Hunt, teacher for fall term.

Total enrollment, 19	
Attendance for winter term, 17	Average, 13
Attendance for spring term, 16	Average, 11
Attendance for fall term, 14	Average, 11