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—OF THE—

Town Officers.

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Town of Unity,

—FROM—

Feb. 20, 1900 to Feb. 20, 1901.



PITTSFIELD, MAINE:
THE DAZZLER PUBLISHING CO.
1901.

Selectmens Report for the Year 1900.

R. E. Resident	\$202,587 00
P. E. Resident	93,786 00
R. E. Non-resident	19,651 00
P. E. Non-resident	1,234 00
Total,	\$317,258 00

AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED.

Poor and other charges	\$1,200 00
Roads and bridges	2,000 00
Pilley post	25 00
Repairing school houses	25 00
For Mrs. Lane in Mass.	50 00
To pay town debt	1,000 00
For schools	737 60
To pay county tax	513 31
To pay state tax	1055 65
Overlays	175 40
Total,	\$6,781 96
248 polls at \$2.50	\$620 00
Per cent .0195 on a dollar.	
R. E supplemental tax	\$7 80

MONEY AT INTEREST.

Taxed in 1899	\$8721 00
Same taxed in 1900	\$19,169 00

STOCK IN TRADE.

Taxed in 1899	\$7085 00
Same taxed in 1900	\$7800 00
Valuation of town reported to state assessors in 1899	\$319,388 00
To which state assessors added	87,460 00
Total,	\$406,848 00
Valuation reported to state assessors in 1900	\$317,258 00
To which state assessors added	47,425 00
Total,	\$364,683 00

We account for part of the rise in valuation by the State Assessors, as follows:—

The town's average valuation of horses is \$39 76 each.
State valuation on same is \$47 25.

Town's average valuation on cows is \$19 37 each.
State valuation on same is \$21 71.

Town's average valuation on sheep is \$2 25 each
State valuation on same is \$2 57.

And on our real estate, we are classified with small cities, and towns having large villages, thus having a tendency to increase our valuation on real estate.

Then again, we account for the rise in State taxation in this way. While the population in the state for the past decade increased from 661,085 to 694,466, about five per cent. The expenses of the State government have nearly doubled in the last eight years, rising from \$1,169,052 in 1892, to \$2,123,048 in 1900, thus constantly increasing taxation by the state on the towns. We are now paying the fifth heaviest state tax in the county.

We have been somewhat handicapped this year in reducing our State valuation. The State Assessors have held no meeting in this County this year, as they have done heretofore. Could we have explained to them that we have forty-six farms in this town composed largely of bog or worthless land, also eighteen farms broken and ledgy, nearly worthless, we doubt if they would have raised our real estate valuation.

List of Orders Drawn by Selectmen 1900.

Mar. 14 C. M. Whitney School Supt.	No. 220	\$ 60 00
“ 14 Joseph F. Stevens Selectman	“ 221	41 25
“ 14 W. H. J. Moulton, Selectman	“ 222	54 00
“ 14 E. B. Hunt, Treasurer	“ 223	25 00
“ 14 E. A. Boulter S. S. Com.	“ 224	9 00
“ 14 J. A. Stevens S. S. Com.	“ 226	9 00
“ 14 J. L. Ames Selectman	“ 227	47 25
“ 14 E. D. Chase Town Clerk	“ 228	10 50
“ 17 Paul Ames School wood	“ 229	6 00
“ 17 J. H. Ames S. S. Com.	“ 230	7 00
“ 17 Eva Roseland Nursing Morrison's family	“ 231	16 00
“ 24 E. D. Chase Recording births and deaths	“ 232	5 40

	" 31 P. S. Littlefield Teaching F. H. school	" 233	125 00
	" 31 Elizabeth Trafton keeping E. Reynolds	" 234	4 50
Apr. 3	Lucy Hunt Teaching school	" 235	55 00
	" 10 F. M. Fairbanks C for Morrison's wife	" 236	27 50
	" 10 W. S. Merrick borrowed money by vote of town at four per cent, for F. H. S.	" 237	100 00
	" 11 L. Thompson dig. Morrison's grave	" 238	6 00
	" 21 J. F. Stevens supplies for Morrison's family,	" 239	13 47
	" 24 Peter Whitney School Janitor	" 240	15 50
	" 26 Doff. Myrick moving Thos. Reynolds	" 241	1 50
	" 26 Hollis Reynolds keeping E. Reynolds	" 242	6 00

BEGINNING TO NUMBER ORDERS FROM 1 UP.

Apr. 26	C. H. Waning Service on town farm No. 1		\$100 00
	" 28 C. M. Whitney Services Morrison fam.	" 2	25 50
May 2	W. F. Woods School wood	" 3	9 00
	" 5 W. S. Lowell moving Ed Reynolds	" 4	2 00
	" 5 Weston Whitten Rep. road machine	" 5	29 05
	" 14 H. Baker Cook stove for town farm	" 6	3 50
	" 19 J. Clifford Labor at T. F. buildings	" 7	13 75
	" 21 E. Nutt Transporting pupils	" 8	6 00
	" 21 J. L. Nutt Papering at town farm	" 9	5 00
	" M. H. Stevens Labor at T. F. buildings	" 10	3 25
	" 25 Bert Adams Labor at T. F. buildings	" 11	4 69
	" 26 Ed Roberts Labor at town farm	" 12	7 50
	" 26 W. J. Magee Constable fee for 1899	" 13	6 00
	" 28 Pilley Post by vote of town	" 14	25 00
	" 29 Weston Whitten Rep. road machine	" 15	4 30
June 2	Frank Dorman Labor at T. F. buildings	" 16	5 25
	" 12 Hollis Reynolds Keeping Ed Reynolds	" 17	6 00
	" 14 E. Nutt Transporting pupils	" 18	6 00
	" 14 J. W. Hunt keeping Ed Reynolds	" 19	6 26
	" 20 Leta Taylor Teaching school	" 20	40 00
	" 22 R. Parsons Labor on T. F. buildings	" 21	3 75
	" 28 E. C. Bowler Teaching school	" 22	40 00
	" 29 Ada J. Berry Teaching school	" 23	40 00
	" 29 E. Nutt Transporting pupils	" 24	4 00
	" 30 Mrs. C. L. Johnson teaching school	" 25	48 00
	" 30 Kittie March teaching school	" 26	40 00

	" 30 E. Stuart Transporting pupils	" 27	15 00
	" 30 W. Whitten Rep. road machine	" 28	11 65
	" 30 Geo. Pushor Transporting pupils	" 29	12 00
July	3 Laura Hunt teaching school	" 30	56 00
	" 3 Myra Libby teaching school	" 31	64 00
	" 7 E. B. Hunt, Mowing machine	" 32	40 50
	" 12 Paul Ames School wood	" 33	51 00
	" 12 A. R. Myrick Supplies for Morrison fam.	" 34	3 85
	" 20 Mrs. N. A. Cates Chairs for town farm	" 35	1 75
	" 24 J. W. Hunt Keeping Ed Reynolds	" 36	6 26
	" 31 Skowhegan on Olive Childs	" 37	80 41
	" 31 Mrs. L. R. Lane Mass. vote of town	" 38	50 00
	" 31 Loring Short & Harmon Blank books	" 39	10 20
	" 31 L. O. Haskell Town Report for 1899	" 40	10 20
Aug.	3 E. T. Reynolds Service etc. road com.	" 41	137 05
	" 4 James Reynolds Transporting pupils	" 42	10 50
	" 4 W. B. Trombly D. Harnesses for town farm	" 43	12 00
	" 21 F. M. Fuller Supplies for town farm	" 44	27 31
	" 27 Mrs. Ryan nursing at town farm	" 45	6 50
	" 30 H. Baker Painting school house	" 46	11 00
	" 30 C. M. Whitney Attending W. W. Rey- nold's wife.	" 47	16 25
Sept.	4 Reuel Willey Services etc. road com.	" 48	81 53
	" 4 E. M. Jones Pump for town farm	" 49	6 50
	" 4 Peter Whitney Janitor's service	" 50	13 00
	" 4 Rev W. Luce Serving at Morrison funeral	" 51	5 00
	" 15 J. W. Hunt Keeping Ed Reynolds	" 52	7 00
	" 12 A. H. Burse Sup. furnished road com.	" 54	17 98
	" N. D. Blethen Part pay on town farm	" 55	30 00
	" E. T. Reynolds Paint for school house	" 57	25 11
	" 19 N. D. Blethen Part pay on town farm	" 58	25 00
	" 21 Chas. E. Stevens 2 shoats for town farm	" 59	6 00
	" Walter Hurd Lumber etc. for town farm	" 60	16 13
Oct.	1 Burnham Oscar Reynold's wife	" 61	74 17
	" 20 Gertie Gerry Teaching school	" 62	35 00
	" 20 Kittie March Teaching school	" 63	35 00
	" 20 Ada Berry Teaching school	" 64	35 00
	" 20 Geo. Roseland Transporting pupils	" 65	14 00
	" 20 Geo. Pushor Transporting pupils	" 66	7 50
	" 20 N. D. Blethen Part pay on town farm	" 67	45 00

	" 23 J. W. Hunt Keeping Ed Reynolds	" 68	8 00
	" 27 J. M. Thompson Buck for town farm	" 69	3 25
	" 27 G. E. Worth Repairing school house	" 70	2 25
	" 27 Mrs W. S. Kelley cleaning school house	" 71	1 50
Nov.	2 E. V. Call Teaching school	" 72	70 00
	" 2 Myra Libby Teaching school	" 73	56 00
	" 3 Archie Tozier Transporting pupils	" 74	14 00
	" 3 American Book Co. for books	" 75	20 22
	" 3 Len. Reynolds Transporting pupils	" 76	14 00
	" 3 Peter Lafland Transporting pupils	" 77	12 25
	" 3 Reuel Willey Labor etc. road com.	" 78	14 77
	" 7 Peter Whitney Janitor's service	" 79	9 45
	" 7 J. C. Morgan taking Ozias E. Reynolds	" 80	25 00
	" 10 Cyrus Schriro Goods furnished town farm	" 81	14 77
	" 10 Cooper & Co. Sup. furnished road com.	" 82	19 92
	" 24 D. Whitaker Sheep for town farm	" 83	66 00
	" 27 E. L. Woods Sleds for town farm	" 84	12 00
Dec.	13 E. C. Fowler Service etc. road com.	" 85	71 35
	" 14 China for supplies furnished Philip Childs 1899	No. 86	6 75
	" 14 B. F. Hill for examining E. Rey- nold's eyes 1899	" 87	3 50
	" 14 C. B. Wellington for public water tub	" 88	3 00
	" 14 L. H. Mosher paid register of deed	" 89	2 25
	" 20 Ella C. Bowler teaching school	" 90	35 00
	" 26 J. W. Hunt keeping Ed. Reynolds	" 91	12 00
	" 27 E. V. Call teaching school	" 92	70 00
	" 27 Peter Lafland transporting pupils	" 93	14 00
	" 27 Myra Libby teaching school	" 94	56 00
	" 27 Levi Walker transporting pupils	" 95	14 00
	" 27 Archie Tozier " "	96	21 00
	" 29 F. Gilchrist sup. for Morrison family	" 97	1 25
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Jan	10 Peter Whitney janitor's service	" 98	8 75
	" 10 C. L. Whitten teaching school	" 99	42 00
	" 14 Dick Cornforth transporting pupils	" 100	13 75
	" 18 E. R. Roberts " "	" 101	12 00
	" 21 Geo. Pushor transportation and wood for school	" 102	26 50
	" 26 J. W. Hunt keeping Ed Reynolds	" 103	6 00
	" 29 Ada Berry teaching school	" 104	35 00
	" 31 John Woods " "	" 105	35 00

Feb	1	Kittie Farwell " " " "	106	31 00
"	8	Chas Fowler Transporting pupils	107	22 50
"	9	George Varney Service with hearse	108	30 00
"	18	D T Fowler Col for E T Reynolds road com. orders	109	507 83
"	18	D T Fowler Col for E C Fowler's road com. orders	110	360 23
"	18	D T Fowler Col for Reuel Willey's road com orders	111	340 55
"	18	C C Fowler sawing shingles for town farm	112	6 07
"	19	Town of Burnham on Carrie Reynolds	113	32 50
"	19	Simon Magee janitors service	114	1 50
"	19	Chas B Cox smith work	115	1 37
"	19	W A Gerrish smith work	116	6 90
"	19	Lewis Thompson labor at cemetery and for Board of Health etc	117	19 75
"	19	Weston Whitten smith work	118	2 10
"		Town of Troy Sup Thomas Reynolds in March 1900	119	5 82
"		L H Mosher sup. for town farm and pauper support	120	88 50
"	19	J E Cook med att. paupers in town	121	45 13
"	19	O J Farwell sup. for town farm and Morrison family	122	118 10
"	19	O J Farwell for pub. watering tub year 1900	123	3 00
"	19	A R Myrick sup. for town farm	124	35 05
"	19	F M Fuller tin ware etc for town farm	125	5 73
"	19	E E McCauslin feed for town farm	126	25 52
"	19	James Libby Jr rev. stamps, shoat, cash expenses to Skowhegan	127	11 43
"	19	H H Grant & son sup. for town farm and Morrison family	128	21 25
"	19	J A Adams sup. for town farm	129	44 53
"	19	Taylor & Mitchell sup for town farm	130	34 81
"	19	Walter Hurd building fence on Hussey place	131	1 50
"	19	B P Hurd med att. at town farm and recording births	132	5 50
"	20	Claud Kelley janitors service	133	2 00
"	20	Frank Mussey bondsman for W J		

	Magee coll. for year 1897 being bal. due for col tax of the year 1897	“ 134	15 98
“ 20	Frank Mussey bondsman for W J Magee col. for year 1898 being pay for col. tax of 1898 payment in full	“ 135	158 39
“ 20	Frank Mussey bondsman of W J Magee col. for 1898 for taxes abated for the year 1898	“ 136	52 65
“ 20	Frank Mussey bondsman of W J Magee for road orders of 1898	“ 137	2 15
“ 21	Mrs M Flye janitors service	“ 138	1 50
“ 21	Clair Willey “ “	“ 139	1 50
“ 21	Martin Nickless wood for schools	“ 140	1 75
“ 21	William Douglas “ “ “	“ 141	1 75
“ 21	W F Wood “ “ “	“ 142	75
“ 21	E T Reynolds “ “ “	“ 143	3 38
“ 21	Albert Murch repairing school house	“ 144	2 35
“ 21	J R Taber school supplies	“ 145	4 29
“ 21	Taylor & Mitchell school supplies	“ 146	4 15
“ 21	American Book Co text books	“ 147	8 80
“ 21	J R Taber disinfecting lamp	“ 148	7 17
“ 21	Caroline D Fuller sup. town farm	“ 149	75
“ 23	D T Fowler col. of taxes for 23 road commissioners orders	“ 150	185 69
“ 23	D T Fowler col. of taxes for Ed Roberts kept his road in repair for same	“ 151	14 20
“ 23	D T Fowler com for col taxes for the year 1900	“ 152	135 63
“ 23	D T Fowler taxes abated year 1900	“ 153	33 13
“ 23	W T Stevens windows town farm	“ 154	1 00

OUTSTANDING INTEREST BEARING ORDERS CALLED IN AND PAID
IN 1900.

1899

	Holden by F. A. Whitehouse.		
Apr. 4.	Issued to J. R. Taber,		\$35.00
		Int. on same,	2.13
Oct. 10	“ “ A. T. Woods	“ “ “	78.62
		“ “ “	2 28
Oct. 12	“ “ C. M. Whitney	“ “ “	32.50
		“ “ “	95
Oct. 16	“ “ Annie M. Libby	“ “ “	36.00
		“ “ “	1.04

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	" 23	" "	Ada Berry		36.00
				" " "	1.00
Oct.	24	" "	Laura Hunt		42.00
				" " "	1.16
1898					
Holden by E. D. Chase.					
Apr.	8	Issued to	F. R. Cornforth		2000
				Int. on same	2.56
Mar.	30	" "	Samuel Webb		7.75
				" " "	1.01
Mar.	17	" "	I. R. Blethen		9.00
				Int. on same	1.17
Mar.	"	" "	F. A. Bartlett		18.00
				" " "	2.35
Mar.	26	" "	C. E. Stevens		41.15
				" " "	5.39
Mar.	28	" "	E. D. Chase		10.50
				" " "	1.37
Mar.	28	" "	E. D. Chase		1.00
				" " "	.13
Mar.	28	" "	E. D. Chase		7.20
				" " "	.93
Mar.	28	" "	E. H. Stewart		8.25
				" " "	1.05
1897					
Holden by Clough Estate.					
Sept.	16	Issued to	American Book Co.		37.00
				Int. on same	6.92
Sept.	14	" "	Reuel Willey		34.00
				" " "	6.36
Dec.	10	" "	Reuel Willey		27.00
				" " "	4.68
May	28	Issued to	Ginn & Co.		\$35 38
				Int. on same	6 62
July	10	" "	Kittie March		40 00
				" " "	7 92
"	"	" "	Lou Cook		40 00
				" " "	7 92
Oct.	16	" "	Edgar Harding		112 50
				" " "	20 50
1898.					
Nov.	4	" "	Geo. E. Worth		76 00
				" " "	12 11

Holden by Maud Cornforth		
July 2 Issued to J. R. Taber		12 26
	Int. on same	1 90
July 8 " " Mabel A. Bacon		56 00
	" " "	8 70
Oct. 29 " " M. Pearl Blethen		40 00
	" " "	5 51
Nov. 16 " " Mattie Jones		48 00
	" " "	6 47
Nov. 22 " " Faustina Whittaker		56 00
	" " "	7 35
1899.		
Jan. 23 " " J. R. Taber		25 65
	" " "	3 15
Jan. 28 " " Joe Farwell		49 00
	" " "	6 02
Oct. 16 " " Mary L. Taylor		30 00
	" " "	2 22
Oct. 23 " " W. H. J. Moulton		42 40
	" " "	3 07
Nov. 20 " " Mattie E. Jones		35 25
	" " "	2 60
Nov. 28 " " C. M. Whitney		21 00
	" " "	1 52
1898.		
July 23 " " John E. Brown		428 92
	" " "	53 83
Holden by C. E. Mitchell		
Aug. 11 Issued to Joe W. Sawyer		500 00
	" " "	69 42
1899.		
Holden by E. B. Hunt.		
Dec. 15 Issued to C. L. Boulter		\$60 00
	Int. on same	4 03
1900.		
Jan. 1. " " Parker S. Littlefield		96 00
	Int. on same	6 19
Orders above amount to		\$2,287 33
Int. on same		\$279 81
Total		\$2,567 14
TOWN ORDERS OUTSTANDING.		
Accepted and on int. prior to 1900		\$4,759 10
These orders, the most of them, were issued in 1897 and 1898.		

We have taken up this year	\$2,567 14
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	\$2,191 96

1897

LIST OF ORDERS NOW OUTSTANDING ON INTEREST.

July 2	Issued to Myra Libby	No. 51	64.00
" 3	" " J. L. Ames	" 53	30.00
Aug. 24	" " E. E. York	" 76	6.75
1898			
Mar. 26	" " J. R. Tabor	" 280	90.62
" 26	" " F. A. Bartlett	" 283	77.40
Apr. 9	" " Chas. Mitcheli	" 33	50
" "	" " Scott Reynolds	" 36	1.25
May 23	" " H. R. Parker	" 65	125.00
July 4	" " Alida Heald	" 110	64.00
Oct. 22	" " Jos. Sawyer	" 159	695.00
Nov. 11	" " Mrs. Rodney Whittaker	" 172	64.00
" 21	" " E. A. Legg	" 181	125.00
Dec. 24	" " Geo. West	" 205	1.50
" 26	" " F. M. Fuller	" 209	196.50
1899			
Jan. 23	" " J. R. Tabor	" 226	56.00
Feb. 3	" " J. R. Tabor	" 236	69.10
Feb. 18	" " F. L. Ames	" 246	95.20
" 28	" " Town of Skowhegan	" 283	50.40
" 28	" " Town of Troy	" 284	83.87
Apr. 8	" " Walter Murch	" 26	85.00
Oct. 10	" " A. T. Monk	" 98	78.62
" 12	" " C. M. Whitnev	" 104	17.25
1897			
May 23	" " J. R. Tabor	" 71	125.00
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			\$2,191 96
Estimated interest			\$ 250 00
Total			\$2,441 96
Traced as holden in this Town			\$2,150 35

L. H. MOSHER, TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF UNITY
FOR THE YEAR 1900.

1900	DR.
May 21 to tax deed of 1895	\$ 41 36
" " " " " 1896	13 35
" " " " " 1898	171 75

" " " " " 1899	70 89
" " " S. and J. Adams fund	200 00
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" " " cash of E. B. Hunt by hand of J. Libby	\$ 44 54
" " " cash of Willis S. Merrick by hand of J. Libby	100 00
Mar. 19 to cash of F. A. Whitehouse M. C. R. R. tax	22 02
Apr. 8. to cash of Charles Waning for calf sold	6 00
" 18 to receipt of State Treas. amt. refunded dog tax	40 94
May 25 cash of N. D. Blethen for wood sold	11 96
June 11 " " " " " " calf sold	8 00
" 30 to cash of C. E. Stevens for pr. of steers and cow	105 00
Aug. 27 to cash of Skowhegan by error in their account	4 00
Sept. 10 to cash of E. D. Chase tax on dogs	39 00
Oct. 22 to cash of N. D. Blethen for chickens sold	5 90
Nov. 9 to cash of town of Palermo for Morrison's sup.	\$ 129 79
" 13 to cash of N. D. Blethen for Bbls. sold 1901.	1 00
Jan. 11 to cash of State Treas. for Free High School fund	90 00
" " to cash of State Treas. for School fund and Mill tax	579 13
Jan. 28 to cash of E. B. Hurd balance in his hands	185 57
Feb. 15 to cash of James Libby for lamb sold	1 50
" 18 " " " D. P. Fowler by hand of J. Libby N. R. T. D.	16 47
" 20 to cash of W. J. Magee and bondsmen on tax 1897	81 31
" 20 to cash of W. J. Magee and bondsmen on tax 1898	769 03
" 20 to cash of W. J. Magee and bondsmen on tax 1899	2,023 74
" 20 to cash of D. T. Fowler on tax of 1900	6,225 00
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	\$ 10,489 90

1900		CR.
May 21	By error in footing D. T. Fowler bills	8 98
Sept 14	" paid State Treas. Dog tax of 1900	39 00
Nov. 28	" " county tax of 1900 per receipt 1901.	513 31
Jan. 11	" " state tax of 1900 per receipt	1,055 65
" 28	" " W. J. Magee tax of M. C. R. R.	16 80
Feb. 21	" " 223 orders turned in	7,751 86
" " " "	cash to ballence account	1,104 35
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		\$10,489 90

PROPERTY ON TOWN FARM.

LIVE STOCK.

3 cows	\$	90 00
2 horses		125 00
37 sheep		130 00
2 shoats		15 00
34 hens		13 60
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Total		\$373 60

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.

Hay 8 tons	\$	96 00
Straw 1 ton		5 00
Potatoes 40 bushels		16 00
Beans		3 75
Oats		3 20
Flour		4 50
Pork		4 50
Groceries		2 20
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Total		\$135 15
Farm Stock	\$	373 60
Total farm property		\$508 75

SOLD FROM FARM.

steers and cow to C. E. Stevens	\$	105 00
2 calves		14 00
Wool to H. H. Grant		11 96
Poultry		5 90
Flour bbls		1 00
Potatoes to O. J. Farwell		61 70
Eggs to stores		17 18
Bark to Bessey		1 95
1 small lamb to J. M. Thompson		1 50
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Total		\$220 19

FAMILY SUPPLIES FURNISHED TOWN FARM.

A. R. Myrick	\$35 05
L. H. Mosher	88 51
O. J. Farwell, \$179 78 less credit potatoes and eggs \$ 78 07	\$101 71
Taylor & Mitchell	34 81
J. A. Adams	44 53
H. H. Grant & Son	21 25
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Total	\$325 86

Of the above bills, \$25 21 was for hardware, paints, paper etc., leaving \$300 65 the actual amount expended for family supplies.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Stock feed	\$25 42
Hardware and tinsmith's goods	29 11
Smith work	10 37
Bull service	1 50

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE FOR FARM.

J. E. Cook for paupers in town	\$ 45 13
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REPAIRING BUILDINGS AT TOWN FARM.

Labor and material	\$ 68 72
Overseers salary	200 00
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Total	\$ 380 25
Family supplies	325 86
Total	\$ 706 11

PROPERTY BOUGHT FOR TOWN FARM 1900.

Seed potatoes of O. J. Farwell	\$ 4 80
Shoat of J. Libby Jr.	3 50
Cook stove of H. Baker	3 50
Mowing machine of E. B. Hunt	40 50
One half dozen chairs of Mrs. N. A. Cates	1 75
Double harness of W. B. Twombly	12 00
Pump of E. M. Jones	6 50
2 shoats of C. E. Stevens	6 00
Buck of J. M. Thompson	3 25
22 sheep of Delestin Whitaker	66 00
Double sleds of E. L. Woods	12 00
Scythe and sneth of O. J. Farwell	1 30
Bush scythe of H. H. Grant	1 00
1 barn shovel	70
2 hoes	80

1 hand rake	25
1 wood saw and frame	75
1 cross cut saw	2 00
1 manure fork	80
1 wrench	25
1 hammer	50
1 bit	08
	\$168 23

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

E. T. Reynolds reports 18 miles of roads in his section, east of Sandy Stream, with 16 bridges and culverts. The full amount expended by him is \$925.02. He reports his roads in bad shape last spring. Troy and Burnham roads badly washed out. That on the Waterville road it became necessary to build a new bridge. That he has widened and repaired the roads to quite an extent. That he has given Tax Payers in his section, an opportunity to labor. That he furnished \$37.90 worth of tiling. That he puts in his private bills of \$191.82 in which he claims paid for lumber and labor \$100.63. Commissioners services \$91.19.

E. C. Fowler reports 16 miles road in his section, 8 bridges and culverts. That he has newly planked the most of the bridges in his section. That his roads were in bad shape when he took them. That the Farwell hill and Quaker hill were in bad shape, and there has been a considerable amount expended on them. The southerly end of the bridge at Sandy Stream is in bad shape, and needs rebuilding. He reports his roads in very good shape now. He reports expended on his roads \$390.79. Dec. 13, he put in his private bill of \$71.35 as follows. Labor \$63.50, Material \$7.85.

Ruel Willey reports 18 miles of roads in his section, with some 18 bridges and culverts. That he has repaired them and covered some of them. That he found his roads in need of considerable work done. That he has tried to fix them as best he could, that he has expended \$500. Sept. 4, he presented his private bill of \$96.00, as follows. Labor \$80.99, Material \$15.00.

E. T. Reynolds, thus far, has expended about 46 per cent	
E. C. Fowler, " " " " " "	20 " "
Ruel Willey, " " " " " "	25 " "

Thus leaving about 9 per cent of the appropriation unexpended.

Feb. 15, 1901.

Full appropriation \$2000. We fear, with the amount of work to be done on the roads, the result of this last storm, will more than exhaust the appropriation.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

Receiving notice from Dr. Small that there was a case of Scarletina in the family of J. L. Ames, Dr. Whitney went over and quarantined the family for which he charged \$2.00. The fact that one of the scholars who had been sick with the same disease, had attended school and mingled with the scholars caused us to have the School House disinfected, and the school books burned. For doing this Lewis Thompson charged \$3.00. It was thought advisable to purchase a disinfecting lamp, which was done at a cost of \$7.17

Unity, Feb. 14, 1901.

Signed, C. J. Bartlett, Chairman Board of Health.

The other members of the Board are J. R. Tabor and C. M. Whitney.

We learn that about \$25.00 worth of school books and \$8.00 worth of property, belonging to the Teacher, John Woods, was burned, and under the circumstances, the town being in debt, we think it would have been better to have got along without the expense of a lamp etc.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN OF UNITY MARCH 1, 1901.

RESOURCES.

Assets not available	
Tax deeds of 1895	\$4 136
" " " 1896	13 35
" " " 1898	171 75
" " " 1899	70 89
Adams fund	200 00
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	\$497 35

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due on W. J. Magee's tax bills 1899 (less commission when collection is completed)	\$837 31
Cash in treasury Feb. 19, 1901	1,104 35
Due from Thorndike or Belfast on expenses of Eben Hull	59 56

Crosby Brothers for school house	15 50
Total	<u>\$2,514 07</u>

LIABILITIES.

Orders now outstanding on int.	\$2,191 96
Estimated int. on same	250 00
Town officers' fees estimated	275 00
Burnham, for expense of Carrie Reynolds (now in Insane Asylum at Augusta)	32 00
Due overseer of town farm (at expiration of time)	100 00
	<u>\$2,848 96</u>

LIABILITIES.

Resources	<u>2,514 07</u>
Balance against the town	\$334 89
Of the whole amount of the resources we estimate 70 per cent available, thus adding to our indebtedness	<u>\$755 00</u>
True balance against the town	\$1,089 89

We found the condition of the town last spring in very bad financial standing, with records for years back that would try the patience of a saint.

Selectmen's records show as follows:

1883	no settlement with either treasurer or collector
1884	" " " " " " " "
1886	" " " " " " " "
1887	" " " " " " " "
1888	" " " " " " " "
1889	" " " " " " " "
1891	settled with treasurer not with collector
1892	" " " " " " " "
1893	" " " " " " " "
1896	" " " " " " " "
1897	" " " " " " " "
1898	" " " " " " " "
1899	" " " " " " " "

One peculiar feature those who have had the most experience in town affairs have kept the slackest records. It seems to have been "happy-go-lucky, drifting for luck." We find by the records it was very easy issuing orders. We account for the most of our indebtedness to the slack way in which business of the town has been done. We have no doubt some will

find fault with this statement of facts. "If the saddle suits, clap it on," for it is time the town knows how the business is done. The tax payers have a right to know what use has been made of their money.

When we realize that appropriations by the town have heretofore been made and assessed to pay all the now outstanding indebtedness, it shows something "rotten in Denmark."

We have this year bounded every farm and nearly every piece of land in this town on our listing records, which has never been done before. The law requires this done in order to assess a legal tax. We have closed up many of our old matters, such as the uncollected taxes of 1894, 1897 and 1898—1899 remain unsettled.

We feel highly pleased with the energetic work of D. T. Fowler, Col. this year. There was committed to him \$6,781 96 all of which he has collected and settled with the selectmen and treasurer Feb. 23, 1901, and asked abatement on only \$33 13, thus showing that the taxes can all be collected within ten months from commitment.

We have paid all orders drawn and presented in 1900, and have funds in the treasury to pay in full for the year. All expenditures have been held below the appropriation excepting Road Commissioner's appropriation.

We have several classes in town to contend with:

First, The evaders of taxation, this comprises the wealthiest men we have, who take every device to cover up their property.

Second, Another full as shrewd a class, who can discount a United States Congress in seeking new avenues to the treasury.

Third, The poor yet honest man, who takes his medicine as best he can.

Fourth, The pessimist, who puts in the most of his time looking up something to find fault about. Had he put in the same time studying his Bible, he might long since, have been qualified to act as Pope of Rome. In this report we have not called tinkling brass, gold.

Respectfully submitted,

James Libby Jr.	} Selectmen	
Walter Hurd		of
Fred M. Fuller		} Unity, Me.

Unity, Feb. 25, 1901

P. S. I thank my associates for their courtesy and good judgment in assisting me this year, and ask all fault finders to direct their animosity to me alone.

James Libby Jr.

School Superintendent's Report for the Fiscal Year 1900.

MYRA T. LIBBY, Supt. of Schools.

J. H. Ames, S. S. Committee, Resigned. E. T. Reynolds Successor.

Eugene Boulter, S. S. Committee, Deceased. Geo. E. Worth, Successor.

Charles Fowler, S. S. Committee.

SCHOOL RESOURCES.

Raised by vote of town	\$737 60
" " " " " (repairs)	25 00
State Mill appropriation fund	579 13
For repairs unexpended in 1899	92 68
	\$1434 41

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers	\$863 00
" conveying pupils	223 00
" janitors services	38 20
" fuel	88 63
" repairs	66 91
" supplies	10 43
" text books	29 02
	\$1319 19
Unexpended in favor of the town	\$115 22
Whole number of pupils in town	230
Expense per capita	\$5 58

The number of pupils in town seems to have decreased with each decade. For years our schools have been constantly growing smaller, and it has become necessary to reduce the original thirteen districts in town to five, causing for the transportation of pupils a large expenditure, which was formerly expended for instruction.

There are, however, advantages in consolidating schools, chief of which is an increase of interest among the pupils, and the employment of a better class of teachers.

We have been highly pleased during the year to note the interest shown by the parents. They have proved themselves

faithful co-workers with the teachers and have manifested a great interest in the advancement of their children.

Your Superintendent has been associated with a Committee who have spared no pains to render her every possible assistance.

The teachers during the year have taught by practice, as well as precept, the fundamental principles of character building. Most of our teachers have had not only the advantage of an education; but they possess the natural ability of imparting knowledge in a simple and pleasing manner, showing their love for and interest in their work.

The school-houses, with the exception of the one in the Mill District, are in very good condition.

At the beginning of the school year, there was a Free High School in session at the Village, under the instruction of P. S. Littlefield assisted by Lucy Hunt.

We regret that no money was raised for Free High School this year.

Our town raised this year only 80 cts. per capita and our State appropriation is \$53.92 less than last year, notwithstanding this, we have maintained twenty-two weeks in each school.

Intelligent citizens of Unity, there is ability in our schools second to none in the state. Can you not raise, the coming year, at least \$1000 for the support of public schools? We need but a larger amount of money to have our schools occupy a prominent place among the schools of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra T. Libby,

Supt. of Schools.

Unity Me., Feb. 22, 1901.

POOR SUPPORTED ON TOWN FARM.

William Scribner	52 weeks
Oscar Reynolds	52 weeks
Frank Dorman	4 weeks
Mrs. Frank Dorman	4 "
Thomas Reynolds	44 "
Mrs. Thomas Reynolds	44 "
Eba Reynolds	44 "
Eunice Reynolds	44 "
Grace Reynolds	
Overseer	52 "
Overseer's wife	52 "
Total No. weeks	436 "

COST OF POOR OUTSIDE OF TOWN FARM.

Paid town of Troy for supplies furnished	
Thomas Reynolds	\$ 5 82
" Elizabeth Trafton, for keeping Ed Reynolds	4 50
" Hollis Reynolds for keeping Ed Reynolds	6 00
" " " " " "	6 00
(As per contract \$1.00 per week.)	
" J. W. Hunt for keeping Ed Reynolds	45 00
" town of Skowhegan for Olive Childs (dis.)	80 41
" town of Burnham for Carrie E. Reynolds	107 03
(At insane asylum, Augusta.)	
" town of China for Philip Childs	6 75
Total	<u>\$261 51</u>

The amount paid Skowhegan includes expenses incurred by last sickness and burial of Olive Childs.

EXPENDED IN UNITY FOR PAUPERS BELONGING IN OTHER TOWNS.

J. W. Morrison and family, residence Palermo	\$129 79
Palermo has paid the same.	129 79

Mrs. Edith Danforth is now at Mrs. Frances Hustus' in Unity, receiving aid. Mrs. Danforth's settlement is in Freedom;

LIABILITY ON PAUPERS DUE OTHER TOWNS.

Old Town on E. L. Reynolds and family	\$ 3 00
Auburn on A. A. Hines	3 50
China on Philip Childs	9 00
Total	<u>\$15 50</u>

All of which paupers were notified that we needed them on the Town Farm, and communication from Overseers shows

them not receiving help at this time

Due Burnham on Carrie Reynolds Ins. Asy.	\$32 50	
		\$ 48 00
Cost of poor outside of town farm brought up	261 51	
		\$309 51
Same expended in 1899		\$646 64
The amount expended at the town farm farm for		
family supplies actually consumed is		\$300 00
Medical attendance by Drs. Cook and Hurd		50 65
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Total		\$351 30

This includes what was expended and consumed by the Overseer and paupers on the farm, for which we have 436 weeks board of Overseer and paupers on the farm.

We give the actual figures of all expenses in the different departments on the farm without figuring for or against the farm, which can be easily traced by looking over the list of our orders drawn this year and published herewith, for the reason we found the farm entirely destitute of all provisions furniture etc. last spring. For instance, last spring reported 100 lbs. pork: actual weight 15 1-2 lbs. (No shoot wintered on the farm and we have had to buy pork all summer.) This is a fair sample of last spring's report connected with the farm. We bought a shoat last spring which was killed last fall, and are wintering two good shoats. We found on the farm, a pair of five year old cattle, unbroken, and a dry cow, which we sold and replaced with sheep. The property bought for the farm is now there and will not have to be bought the coming year. The following named have been stopped receiving support, Frank Dorman and wife, Scott Reynolds and wife, W. W. Reynolds and family, E. L. Reynolds and family, A. A. Hines and wife, Sylvania Welch and Philip Childs and family, by ordering them onto the farm, if they wished aid.

PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN.

Town farm	\$ 600 00
Farming tools and wagons	200 00
Household goods including \$50. worth bought in 1900	75 00
Town hearse	150 00
Road machine	50 00
School property	3,800 00
Stone derrick	10 00
Stock on farm	373 60

Produce and provisions	
Fifteen loads manufactured wood	50 00
Tax deeds, worthless,	00 00
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Total	\$5,308 60

The above is reported simply to show the property of the town, not as available assets to pay anything.