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ANNUAL REPORT
 —OF THE—
Assessors, Treasurer,
 —AND—
Chief Engineer
 —OF THE—
SOUTH PARIS VILLAGE CORPORATION

For the Year Ending Feb. 23, 1907.

Real and personal estate, resident,	\$576,298 00
Real and personal estate, non-resident,	38,250 00

Total,	\$614,548 00
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Amount assessed on polls and estates,	\$ 2,145 14
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Number of polls, 408.

Rate, .0028.

Amount Raised by Vote of Corporation, March 6, 1906.

Town clock,	\$ 10 00
Parks,	125 00
Public library,	200 00
Fire department,	200 00
Water and hydrant,	1,000 00
Police,	500 00

Supplementary,	\$ 16 41
Overlay,	93 73

Total,	\$ 2,145 14
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All of which was duly assessed and committed to Alfred Jackson for collection.

EXPENDITURES.

PARK.

Amount raised,
Unexpended from 1905,

Number of orders drawn, 11. Amount,

Unexpended balance, \$ 6 79

TOWN CLOCK.

Amount raised, \$ 10 00
Unexpended from 1905, 4 75

Total, \$ 14 75
Number of orders drawn, 2. Amount, 17 29

WATER AND LIGHT INVESTIGATION FUND.

Unexpended from 1905, \$ 338 64
Number of orders drawn, 1. Amount, 175 51

Unexpended, \$ 163 13

LIBRARY FUND.

Amount voted, \$ 200 00
Orders drawn, 2. Amount, 200 00

WATER AND HYDRANT RENTAL.

Amount raised, \$ 1,000 00
Amount hired by vote of corporation, 100 00
Amount unexpended, 4 11

Total, \$ 1,104 11
Orders drawn for rental, 2, 1,004
Order drawn new hydrant rental, 109

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Amount raised by vote of corporation,	\$	200 00
Amount hired by vote of corporation,		200 00
Unexpended from 1905,		7 14
Unexpended from hose,		35 00
Unexpended from hose carriage,		50 00
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	\$	492 14
Number of orders drawn, 63,		479 82
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Balance,	\$	12 32
Outstanding bills for the fires at the Colby house and at Mr. Jones', estimated at \$100.00.		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Overlay,	\$	93 73
Supplementary,		16 41
Unexpended from 1905,		208 19
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Total,	\$	318 35
Number of orders drawn, 27,		307 61
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	\$	10 72

POLICE FUND.

Amount voted by corporation,	\$	500 00
Orders drawn, 51,		498 90
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Balance,	\$	1 10

Hearse Fund.

GRACE THAYER in account with South Paris Village Corporation.

DR.

To amount collected since last report,	\$	6 00
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By washing and changing,	\$	5 75
Deposit in South Paris Sav. Bank,		25
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	\$	6 00
Uncollected bills,		5 50
Total deposit in bank,		247 93

Recommendations.

Park,	\$	75 00
Park, grading and settees,		75 00
Town clock,		15 00
Fire department,		300 00
Water and hydrant,		1,200 00
Library,		200 00
Police,		600 00
Miscellaneous,		200 00

CHAS. L. BUCK, }
 GEO. H. DAVIS, } Assessors.
 W. S. STARBIRD, }

Treasurer's Report.

FRANK A. SHURTLEFF, Treasurer, in account with the South Paris Village Corporation for the year ending Feb. 23, 1907.

DR.

Rec'd cash, balance last report,	\$	52 13
Temporary loan,		500 00
Rent Engine Hall,		1 50
Alfred H. Jackson, col., balance 1902 tax,		135 93
Alfred H. Jackson, col., 1903 tax,		37 81
Alfred H. Jackson, col., 1904 tax,		30 11
Alfred H. Jackson, col., 1905 tax,		421 13
Alfred H. Jackson, col., 1906 tax,		1,638 73
Alfred H. Jackson, col., interest 1902 tax,		1 27
Alfred H. Jackson, col., interest 1903 tax,		94
Alfred H. Jackson, col., interest 1904 tax,		1 86
Alfred H. Jackson, col., interest 1905 tax,		13 35
Loan, vote Corporation, special meetings,		300 00

\$ 3,134 76

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Cash acct. paid Fire Department,	\$	479 82	
Hydrant rental,		602 25	
Public Library,		200 00	
Miscellaneous orders,		307 61	
Interest,		3 47	
Parks,		127 93	
Police,		498 90	
Care of clock,		17 29	
Water and light committee,		175 51	
Temporary loan,		500 00	
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	\$	2,912 78	
Cash balance,		221 98	
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	\$		3,134 76

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. SHURTLEFF, Treasurer.

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,	\$	221 98
Due from A. H. Jackson, col., on 1903 tax,		48 10
A. H. Jackson, col., on 1904 tax,		215 43
A. H. Jackson, col., on 1905 tax,		189 60
A. H. Jackson, col., on 1906 tax,		474 07
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	\$	1,149 18

LIABILITIES.

Order No. 821, Norway Water Co.,	\$	512 06
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Report of Chief Engineer

Of the South Paris Village Corporation, ending
March 5th, 1907.

Calls for the Fire Department.

April 20, 1906. First call. At Mason Manufacturing Co. at 5:20 A. M. This fire was discovered by the Chief Engineer, alarm being given at Congregational Church. Estimated loss at this fire, Mason Manufacturing Co., S. P. Maxim & Son, Shurtleff Grist Mill, and private parties, \$40,000. With the combustible material this was the worst fire that South Paris ever had. The combined fire departments of South Paris and Norway did their best. Much credit should be given the Norway Fire Department and Chief Engineer Hathaway for their persistent work, also the members of our own fire department. I wrote Mr. Geo. Hathaway for his bill for the fire. He very courteously says, "You can pay us nothing." This fire probably cost Norway Village Corporation nearly \$100. So we Paris people must not complain of a little cost a fire makes to our corporation. Now we telephoned for a steamer at Lewiston, they rung in a call, sent to Lewiston Junction for a flat car, paid the G. T. R. for unloading and loading a flat car and this cost the city nearly \$125, and Chief Engineer M. J. Moriarty informed me the city was only too glad to offer aid in time of conflagration and no charge. Whether this fire was managed right or wrong is left entirely with the citizens.

April 30, 1906. Second fire. Still alarm at Mrs. Lila Woodbury's in forenoon. Caught around chimney. Damage \$10.

June 22, 1906. Third fire. At the Frank Damon place at 10:20 P. M. Fire supposed to have caught from lightning. Loss nearly total. Alarm rung from M. E. church.

Nov. 22d, 1906. Fourth fire. Still alarm in forenoon. Chimney burning out. Watch was kept on this house part of the day.

Dec. 2d, 1906. Fifth fire. At C. C. Colby's house at 3:15 P. M. Cause of fire, defective chimney or chimney burning out and caught around attic floor. Alarm given at M. E. church. Now my idea is that we have no alarm system that amounts to anything. When you remove the rope to ring the bell, and we depend on tolling the bell, it cannot be and was not heard over half of our corporation. We sent a team after the sled factory hose company. They did not hear the bell and we lacked hose. I will admit that we were in hard luck at that fire on many accounts.

Dec. 5, 1906. Sixth fire. Still alarm at Mrs. E. A. Jackson's store and tenement. Defective flue. Damage around \$25.

Feb. 7, 1906. Seventh fire. At J. H. Jones' house. Alarm given at M. E. church at 1 A. M. Cause, burning out of chimney, caught around wood work. Fire extinguishers accomplished the work at this fire. Three hydrants were found frozen nearest this fire. As I understand there were only some fifteen firemen. Now don't you understand the bell has got to ring and put life into the men before they can go to a fire? You have got to wake up your firemen before you get them there.

Feb. 12, 1907. All hydrants tried, all thawed out within two days. The Hall hydrant has been a poor one and they are doing their best. A new hydrant would be put in at once but for shutting off the whole system at a dangerous time of the year.

July 20, 1906. Hose trial at Market Square and trial of Pacific engine. The engine was in excellent working order. Competing contest was won by Hose Company No. 4.

Aug. 28, 1906. Hose trial at Market Square. Connect 200 feet hose and throw water from the top of Maxim Block. Hose Company No. 2 won, time 58 seconds. Hose Company No. 1, not from top, 58 seconds. Hose Company No. 5, not from top, 55 seconds. Hose Company No. 4, not from top, 70 seconds. Our trials have criticism. My idea is they are beneficial for discipline and improvement.

The corporation has favored us some but we are not satisfied, we want lots of new things. Can we have them?

Dec. 3, 1906.

No. 1	Hose Company	has	450	feet	hose
No. 2	"	"	350	"	"
No. 3	"	"	300	"	"
No. 4	"	"	350	"	"
No. 5	"	"	350	"	"

Total of 1800 feet hose. 350 feet is of single jacket and giving out fast. 200 feet of hose given out this summer.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We need 500 feet of new hose costing about \$300, new rubber coats for Hose Company No. 5, new runners for same, hose house, making perhaps \$350 in all will give us enough for our fire department supplies. These recommendations are submitted for your consideration.

Hydrants tried Feb. 21st. G. T. R. hydrant frozen solid.

Hydrants tried Feb. 25, and all right. Four that are liable to freeze any time.

CHAS. W. BOWKER, Chief Engineer.