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\* ANNUAL \* REPORT \*

— OF THE —



TOWN OF WINTUROP

— FOR THE —

\* \* YEAR ENDING MARCH 11, 1889. \* \*





ANNUAL REPORTS  
— OF THE —  
**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS,**  
OVERSEERS OF ROADS,  
TOWN TREASURER,  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE



— AND —

**CHIEF ENGINEER**

— OF THE —

TOWN OF WINTHROP,

*For the Year Ending March 11, 1889.*

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EAST WINTHROP, ME. :  
BANNER STEAM JOB PRINT.  
1889.

**\* TOWN \* OFFICERS. \***

*Elected March 12, 1888.*

**MODERATOR.**

**W. H. PARLIN.**

**TOWN CLERK.**

**E. O. KELLY.**

**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.**

**CHAS. D. WOOD. T. H. WHITE. P. H. SNELL.**

**TREASURER.**

**JOHN M. BENJAMIN.**

**SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.**

**A. R. CRANE. W. H. KEITH. L. T. CARLETON.**

**CHIEF ENGINEER.**

**C. A. WING.**

**ROAD COMMISSIONER.**

**C. H. GALE.**

**COLLECTOR.**

**A. C. CARR.**

**CONSTABLES,**

<b>A. C. CARR,</b>	<b>GEO. W. GLIDDEN,</b>
<b>WALLACE E. BERRY,</b>	<b>S. G. DAVIS,</b>
<b>E. W. WENTWORTH,</b>	<b>AUG. THOMPSON,</b>
<b>J. L. METCALF.</b>	

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF WINTHROP:—

We herewith submit our report for the municipal year ending March 11, 1889.

### VALUATION AND TAX.

Total amount of real and personal estate,	\$1,038,345 00
Amount of tax on same, rate being 11.6 mills,	12,044 80
Whole number of polls 578 at \$3.00,	1,734 00
Percentage paid for collecting, 2 per cent.	

### TOWN GRANTS.

Common schools,	\$1800 00
Support of poor and other necessary town charges,	2000 00
For highways,	3500 00
“ free high school,	250 00
“ hose,	275 00
“ memorial day,	100 00
“ laying floor in school house,	400 00
“ cemeteries,	400 00
	\$8725 00
State tax,	\$3100 81
County tax,	1352 77
Overlayings,	600 22
	\$5053 80
	\$13,778 80

### COMMON SCHOOLS.

Balance from last year,	\$ 510 69
Appropriation by the town,	1800 00
Appropriation by the state,	1014 54
Interest on school fund,	170 24
	\$3495 47
Amount expended,	3368 18
	\$ 127 29

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation by the town,	\$250 00
Amount due from the State,	250 00
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	\$500 00
Amount overdrawn,	20 30
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	\$520 30
Amount overdrawn last year,	\$ 11 10
Paid F. E. Russell for apparatus,	9 20
"            for teaching,	500 00
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	\$520 30

## TOWN FARM.

We have at the present time at the farm, Silas Pettengill, Hope Briggs, Samuel Torsey and wife, Rebecca Lambert. Mrs. David Torsey and two children and Nancy Carr. May 16, David Torsey died after a long sickness. Oct. 3, three of David Torsey's children were taken to the Baldwin Place Home, one has since died. Jan. 14, of this year, Nancy Carr came, we are trying to ascertain her rightful settlement. We have lodged and fed forty-three tramps. We found the house neat and the household furnishings in good repair, have added quite a quantity of new bedding. We think, considering the large family we have had, that our farm has been managed by the Superintendent to show the best results the past season. The following statement will give you the details:

Schedule of personal property at farm,	\$771 30
Cash in hands of superintendent,	6 49
Paid for family supplies,	520 05
"    medical attendance,	25 25
"    grain for stock,	294 00
"    fertilizers,	20 90
"    yoke of oxen,	135 00
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	\$1772 99
Received for oxen sold,	\$140 49
"    corn,	31 85
"    pork,	80 43
"    sweet corn,	20 60
"    cider apples,	14 00
"    cream,	340 79
Due for cream from factory, (estimated)	45 00
Cash in hands of superintendent,	15 89
Schedule of personal property at farm,	773 55
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	\$1462 60
Balance against the farm	210 39

Salary of superintendent, 250 00

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE FARM.

1 horse,	\$150 00
8 cows,	275 00
2 shoats,	22 00
17 tons hay,	204 00
1-2 ton straw,	3 50
350 pounds middlings,	4 75
5 bushels meal,	2 50
5 " beans,	15 00
10 barrels apples,	10 00
20 bushels potatoes,	10 00
14 " roots,	7 00
350 pounds pork,	35 00
40 " ham,	5 20
60 " lard,	7 20
14 " butter,	3 25
1 barrel flour,	6 75
1-2 " crackers,	1 40
4 " ashes,	2 00
1 cask cider,	3 00
3 casks,	3 00
15 barrels,	3 00
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	\$773 55

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid A. Bolduc, support Mary Pareut,	5 00
I. Loon " "	8 00
E. F. Hurley, " "	15 00
H. J. Bailey, " Hope Briggs,	60 00
C. W. Taggart, med. attendance, Hope Briggs,	4 75
C. W. Dillingham, funeral expense D. Torsey,	21 00
C. W. Taggart, med. attend. child A. Hammond,	2 00
C. W. Taggart, " " Mrs. McCully,	2 00
M. M. Moulton, G. Judkins, acct. of Madison,	17 50
Town of Topsham, med. attend. L. Shepherd,	13 50
" Willimantic, support Mary Frost,	91 07
H. Grover, " "	37 60



Mrs. E. Weston, support Annie Atkins,	36 00
City of Augusta, " Day and Frost children, 1886-87-88,	160 05
Dr. Driscoll, med. attendance Dolores Young,	19 50
Rev. T. F. Jones, funeral services D. Torsey,	3 50
H. Penniman, supplies for children of Z. Wing,	6 10
A. J. Crowell, " " "	1 90
N. Galouch, board and care W. H. Brown, acct. of Presque Isle.	30 50
C. W. Taggart, med. attendance W H. Brown,	18 50
C. W. Dillingham, casket &c., "	24 25
L. Jones & Co., supplies for children C. Welch,	16 72
A. H. Bailey & Co., " " "	1 19
L. Jones & Co., supplies furnished Wm. Frost,	7 79
A. H. Bailey & Co., " " "	5 19
C. W. Taggart, med. attendance "	3 00
C. W. Taggart, " " Mrs. W. Besse,	4 50
L. F. Hurley, support P. Obie,	16 65
P. H. Snell, pauper expenses,	11 25
C. D. Wood, " "	21 00
T. H. White, " "	7 80

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\$672 31

Received from town of Madison on account

Gliman Judkins,	\$17 50
Due from Presque Isle, acct W H. Brown,	72 75
	<hr/> 90 25

\$582 06

Paid Maine Ind. school support Minnie Laughton, 1887,	47 25
Maine Insane Hospital, board Lucy Smith,	147 35

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\$194 60

#### CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid L. Jones, services as Selectman,	\$100 00
C. D. Wood, services as Selectman,	100 00
T. H. White, services as Selectman,	100 00
E. O. Kelley, services as Town Clerk,	20 00
W H. Parlin, services as Moderator,	5 00

L. T. Calfleton, services as Supt. School Com.,	55 00
W. H. Keith, services as Supt. School Com.,	10 00
A. R. Crane, services as Supt. School Com.,	60 00
A. P. Snow, member Board of Health, 1887, '88,	25 75
C. A. Wing, member Board of Health, 1887,	10 00
L. K. Litchfield, committee in Lowell case.	3 00
A. N. Remick, salary Supt. town farm,	250 00
J. A. Stanley, printing town reports,	32 00
J. H. Raymond, damage to horse,	29 50
D. Cargill, insurance on town farm buildings,	24 00
W. E. Berry, repairs on Town Hall and water lines,	28 50
W. E. Berry, care hose and hydrants,	23 48
Stationery,	3 90
C. H. Gale, building new road,	110 00
H. W. Packard, rent of hall,	10 00
A. C. Carr, abatement of taxes,	150 65
A. C. Carr, collecting taxes 1887,	49 00
A. C. Carr, collecting taxes 1888.	275 57
A. C. Carr, constable fees,	21 90
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	\$1495 25

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Overdraft 1888,	\$ 26 48
Snow Bills, 1887-88,	2207 16
Summer repairs,	1881 06
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	\$4114 70
Amount appropriated March 1888,	\$3500 00
Amount of overdraft,	614 70
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	\$4114 70

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriated by the town,	\$100 00
Paid A. H. Frost Post,	\$100 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Balance unexpended last year,	\$ 33 55
Appropriation by the town,	275 00
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	\$308 55

Paid C. S. Burr for hose,	\$281 51
Paid Fales & French Machine Co. for cylinder to pump,	20 00
	\$301 51
Unexpended,	\$ 7 04

### CEMETERIES.

Amount unexpended last year,	\$ 7 58
Appropriated by the town,	400 00
	\$407 58
Paid for painting fences and repairs,	159 44
Unexpended,	\$257 14

### APPROPRIATION FOR NEW FLOORS IN SCHOOL HOUSE.

Appropriated by the town,	\$400 00
Paid for lumber and material,	\$331 25
Paid for labor,	68 75
	\$400 00

### TOWN HALL.

Received for use of hall,	\$147 20
Paid for care and repairs of hall,	\$66 50
Repairs,	16 00
	\$ 82 50
Leaving a net income of	\$ 64 70

### GENERAL STATEMENT.

#### LIABILITIES.

Amount of water loan notes,	\$2750 00
"    building loan,	2000 00
"    Bailey Hill loan,	200 00
Interest on bonds and notes, (estimated),	75 00
Bills of town officers, (estimated),	700 00
Snow bills, (estimated),	200 00
Outstanding orders,	98 88
Unsettled bills,	200 00
	\$6223 88

## ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

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1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To choose all necessary town officers.
3. To raise a sum of money for support of schools.
4. To raise a sum of money for support of poor and other necessary town charges.
5. To raise a sum of money for repair of highways.
6. To raise a sum of money to discharge indebtedness.
7. To raise a sum of money for Free High School.
8. To raise a sum of money for street lights.
9. To see if the town will build school-house in the Norcross district.
10. To see if the town will put a hydrant on Mechanic's Row.
11. To see if town will reimburse Winthrop Mills Co. for loss of hose.
12. To raise a sum of money for Memorial day.
13. To raise a sum of money for a Public Library.
14. To see if the town will reduce the poll tax.
15. To see if the town will tax dogs.
16. To see if the town will vote to abate taxes for ten years on improvements made on Whitman Privilege.
17. To raise a sum of money to repair town hall.
18. To hire a sum of money to repair town hall.
19. To see what action town will take about tax on property of heirs of J. L. Stanley.
20. To see if town will accept Fairbanks fund.
21. To raise a sum of money for Hose Company.
22. To hear reports of, choose and instruct committees.
23. To allow accounts against the town.



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The following report for the year ending March, 1889, is respectfully submitted.

The number of school children in town the first day of April, 1888, was 577.

The amount of money available for school purposes the past year was \$3,995.47. and was derived from the following sources, viz.:

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$ 510 69
Appropriated,	1800 00
Mill tax, etc. ,	1014 54
Interest on fund.	170 24
Appropriated for High School.	250 00
Received from state for same,	250 00
Total,	<hr/> \$3995 47

With this money the four graded schools of the village and six mixed schools in different parts of the town have been maintained, each thirty or thirty-one weeks during the year. In a few instances, scholars living at a distance from the schools have been allowed a small sum of money to pay in part for their conveyance to and from school. Our aim has been to furnish, as nearly as we could, equal school privileges to all the school children in the town.

The records of the schools, which the teachers have kept with more than their usual care, show the exact number of scholars enrolled, the number of days they have attended, the studies they have pursued and the progress and deportment of each pupil. From these records we select the following statistics :

### UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

#### EAST WINTHROP.

M. Alice Robbins, teacher. Summer term, No. scholars enrolled, 25; average attendance, 22. Fall term, No. scholars, 29; average attendance, 24. Winter term, No. scholars, 24; average attendance, 21.

#### WINTHROP CENTRE.

Summer term Lettie M. Smith, teacher, No. scholars, 35; average attendance, 31. Fall term, Lettie M. Smith, teacher. No. scholars, 33; average attendance, 26. Winter term, Mr. H. E. Wadsworth, teacher, No. scholars, 26; average attendance, 22.

#### SNELL SCHOOL.

Summer term, Annie L. Bearce, teacher. No scholars, 30; average attendance, 26. Fall term, Lizzie E. Bass, teacher. No. scholars, 29; average attendance, 27. Winter term, Lizzie E. Bass, teacher. No. scholars, 30; average attendance, 27.

#### WEST WINTHROP.

Summer term, Louisa B. Lacroix teacher. No. scholars, 16; average attendance, 14. Fall term, Louisa B. Lacroix, teacher. No. scholars, 13; average attendance, 11. Winter term, Mr. J. C. Nichols, teacher. No. scholars, 17; average attendance, 14.

#### NORCROSS SCHOOL.

Summer term, Alice H. Longfellow, teacher. No. scholars, 10; average attendance, 8. Fall term, Alice H. Longfellow, teacher. No. scholars, 12; average attendance, 10. Winter term, Geo. L. Coffin, teacher. No. scholars, 12; average attendance, 11.

#### MT. PISGAH SCHOOL.

Summer term, Olive S. Robbins, teacher. No. scholars, 10; average attendance, 9. Fall term, Olive S. Robbins, teacher. No. scholars, 10; average attendance, 7. Winter term, Mabel Robbins, teacher. No. scholars, 12; average attendance, 9.

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### GRADED SCHOOLS.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Emma F Robbins, teacher. Summer term. No. scholars, 71; average attendance, 63. Fall term, No. scholars, 84; average attendance 72. Winter term, No. scholars, 74; average attendance, 62.

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Kate A. Hegarty, teacher. Summer term, No. scholars, 45; average attendance, 42. Fall term, No. scholars, 45; average attendance, 41. Winter term, No. scholars, 45; average attendance, 41.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Mr. W. C. Akers teacher. Summer term No. scholars, 35 average attendance, 31. Fall term, No. scholars, 30; average attendance, 28. Winter term, No. scholars, 33; average attendance, 31.

## CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF WINTHROP:—

I herewith submit my fourth annual report of the condition and workings of the Fire Department for the municipal year ending March 11, 1889.

The village has been highly favored, as but one fire of any considerable importance has occurred during the year, for which we have much cause for gratitude.

During the year there has been added to the apparatus 350 feet of first quality hose—the "Paragon," so called—and two hydrant gates, from the appropriation made for hose at the last annual town meeting.

May 5. The frost being out of the ground, an attempt was made to test the pipes and hydrants, but in starting the pump a piece of hard wood was drawn into it from the stream through the suction pipe, in a measure disabling the pump, so we were obliged to abandon the test for the time being. That part of the pump necessary to repair the damage was at once ordered from the makers of the same and it was very promptly forthcoming, the order being sent to Pawtucket, R. I., on Saturday, at 3.30 o'clock, p. m., and the parts ordered received the following Tuesday at 9 o'clock, a. m., when the pump was put in good running order as soon as possible.

May 9. At 8 o'clock, a. m. an alarm of fire was sounded, which proved to be in one of the tenement houses of the Winthrop Mills Co., to which the department promptly responded, but the fire, which was the result of the burning out of a chimney communicating with furniture in a chamber, was extinguished without putting water through the hose.

May 10. Twelve o'clock noon. The pump being fully repaired and in good working condition, a thorough test was made of the same as well as of the pipes and hydrants, and all found to be in good working condition, having withstood the cold winter unaffected.



June 2. At ten o'clock a. m. an alarm of fire was sounded, which was found to be S. G. Davis' building in which was located his boiler in his machine shop, the fire taking from sparks from his iron chimney, falling on the roof of the building. The department responded promptly but the fire was extinguished with pails of water, so no water was taken from the hydrants. A very fortunate escape from what might have been a disastrous conflagration.

July 3. The Hose Co. came out and wet down in a very thorough manner all the central portion of the village, as a precaution against fire, the more likely to occur, as the result of the burning of fireworks on the day following—viz. the "Fourth of July,"—when a vast amount of water was distributed.

September 29. The department turned out and tested the works, putting water through all the hydrants and all were found to be in good working condition.

November 22. An alarm was sounded at 8.30 o'clock, a. m., which proved to be in the stable of C. H. Gale but had not so far progressed but what it was extinguished with pails of water. The Hose Co. was promptly on hand and the same, however. The fire took from the chimney in the office or harness room.

December 20. At 4.30 o'clock, a. m., an alarm of fire was sounded, which proved to be the Town Hall. When discovered the attic was found to be thoroughly on fire which at once burst out through the window in the north gable end.

The fire department was soon on the ground with two streams of water on the fire, and soon another stream from the Winthrop Mills Co.'s pump in the lower mill was brought to bear on the fire in the south end and west side of the building, for which voluntary act on their part they have our thanks. The fire was soon under control, leaving the walls uninjured, to all appearances, as well as some other parts of the building, at that time. What effect the rain and snow will have on the building remains to be seen. The Hose Co. did their part well and are entitled to the appreciation of the town for thus doing. How the fire caught is not certain, but possibly from one of the chimneys, as the hall was occupied the night previous. There was no insurance on the building.



## REPORT OF THE BANNER JOB PRINTING OFFICE.

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Egotism? Perhaps so, but we want to tell you something about the Banner Book and Job Printing Office and its rapidly growing business. In November, 1887, we bought a "Kidder" job press, weighing 1000 pounds and capable of printing 1000 to 1500 impressions an hour, exchanging in part payment for this press our old hand press which had become too slow for our use. In May, 1888, finding that one press was not sufficient to enable us to meet the demands of our increasing business, and wanting a faster press for small work, we bought an "Empire Rotary" which weighs 550 pounds and easily prints 2000 impressions an hour. During the latter part of the year 1888 it became necessary to keep our presses running almost constantly in order to keep up with our orders, and as so much "kicking" became a "weariness to the flesh", especially to the lower limbs of the pressmen, we bought, in January, 1889, a steam engine, built expressly for us by Mr. S. F. Davenport of Hallowell, whose work in this line is unexcelled, and a more thoroughly built or perfectly finished piece of machinery than this engine is seldom seen. Being still unable to meet the requirements of our patrons as promptly as we wished, we purchased in February, 1889, of Messrs. Golding & Co., Boston, one of their No. 8 Jobbers. This is one of the largest, fastest and most perfect job presses made. It weighs 1850 pounds and can be run at a speed of 2500 impressions an hour. We now have three first class steam presses, and we have also bought, during the time included between the purchase of the first and the last press mentioned, several hundred dollars' worth of new type and other material.

We feel very grateful to our patrons whose generous favors have enabled us to make this progress, and in the future, as in the past, we shall make every effort to please those who favor us with their orders for printing. Estimates cheerfully furnished. All orders by mail will receive prompt attention.

Address,

BANNER JOB PRINTING OFFICE.

March 6, 1889.

East Winthrop, Maine,