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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Selectmen, Assessors.
OVERSEERS OF POOR, TOWN TREASURER,
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND
CHIEF ENGINEER,
OF THE
TOWN OF WINTHROP,
For the Year Ending March 11, 1895.

WINTHROP, ME.:
BUDGET STEAM PRINT.
1895,

TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED MARCH 12, 1894.

Moderator,
ELLIOTT WOOD.

Town Clerk,
EUGENE S. FRENCH.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,
J. G. YEATON, FRANK I. BISHOP, G. A. PIKE.

Treasurer,
JOHN M. BENJAMIN.

Superintending School Committee,
Elected March 12, 1894.
ELLIOT WOOD, GEORGE N. WAUGH, L. B. JONES,
E. T. CLIFFORD, E. A. BAILEY.

GEORGE A. PIKE chosen to fill vacancy by resignation
of C. W. Taggart, and J. M. LONG to fill vacancy of C. W.
Porter.

Chief Engineer.
ELLIOTT WOOD.

Road Commissioner.
C. H. GALE.

Collector.
MILLARD F. NORCROSS.

Constables,
E. W. WENTWORTH, W. E. BERRY, A. THOMPSON,
S. G. DAVIS, GEORGE W. GLIDDEN.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Winthrop:—

Another year has rolled by and again it becomes necessary to make the annual report required by law.

The past year in many respects has been an eventful one in the affairs of the town. And we fear that unless we make some explanation the present board will be named the billion dollar congress board of selectmen.

While many of the accounts are unusually large, we wish to say right here that while we have tried to make it plain in our report we are prepared to make an explanation where every cent under our jurisdiction has gone, and if any one does not understand let him publicly stand forth and declare it.

The large number of orders reported to have been drawn in the school account is caused by paying for four terms of school, the three of this year and one of last. For a detailed report of expenditures we refer you to the supervisor's report.

We thought the first half of the year that the expense to the town for the support of the poor and unfortunate would be small, instead of which there has been the largest outlay in this department, for the past twenty years, at least, and we think within the history of the town, one case alone causing more expense than ever before reported for one person. Although we find two quite large outlays in previous reports.

We have exercised our best judgment to keep the expenses as low as we could, and at the same time show that charity which we should all expect under the same circumstances.

The current expense account is also unusually large, but you will see by reference to it that it includes several hundred dollars that in late years have been reported as resources, when in reality they were worthless, and ought to have been abated years ago.

On March 19 last we received from L. T. Carlton, administrator, all the tax books to be found belonging to the late A. C. Carr. After a careful and tedious examination of them

and sorting out what taxes appeared to be unpaid, they were committed to P. H. Snell in June. For a detailed report we refer you to the account. We trust that the town in annual meeting will take some decided action in the balance uncollected.

In relation to the town line between this town and Readfield it was thought best not to do anything the present year, but would recommend that the coming board take action in the early spring.

There is one thing we are pleased to mention, Mr. M. F. Norcross has completed the collection of taxes committed to him for the years '92 and '93, and the amount of resources due from him in this report are from the taxes committed to him in '94.

In conclusion we wish to say that while a number of our predecessors have claimed to do a larger amount of work than ever before, we think that there has been more work for the present board to do and we think those making such claims will agree with us, in the interest of the town, than for years, and we trust the citizens will be charitable in passing judgment upon our work.

VALUATION AND TAX.

Total amount of real and personal estate,	\$1,041,840 00
Amount of tax on same, rate being .01.25,	13,023 00
Number of polls at \$3.00 each,	1,713 00
Percentage paid for collecting, .02,	
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	\$14,736 00

TOWN GRANTS.

Support of Schools,	\$2,000 00
Support of Poor, etc.,	2,500 00
For Highways,	3,500 00
Hose Company,	100 00
Free High School,	250 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Public Library,	100 00
Repairs of School Houses,	500 00

Land for Village Cemetery,	250 00	
Charles Gale for new road,	110 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,410 00
State tax,	\$3,219 21	
County,	1,475 43	
Overlayings,	631 36	
	<hr/>	\$5,326 00
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		\$14,736 00

SCHOOLS.

For detailed report of expenditures we refer you to report of supervisors,

Unexpended balance March, 1894,	\$354 12	
Appropriated by town, March, 1894,	2,000 00	
Received from State,	1,237 41	
Interest on school fund,	170 24	
Appropriated by town for Free High School,	250 00	
Received from State for F. H. School,	250 00	
Received for tuition,	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,336 77
We have drawn orders amounting to,		\$5,005 24
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Overdraft,		\$668 47

TOWN FARM.

Geo. W. Glidden and wife have had charge at the farm for the past year. The manner in which they have filled the position has been very satisfactory to us and we believe for the interest of the town and comfort of those in their care.

Inmates at the farm March 12, 1894, were Ruth Bragdon, Frank Wing, Geo. E. Bates, U. Grant Carr, Lucy S. Smith, Ruel A. Rice and wife.

Frank Wing was away from March 19 to June 23. Geo. Bates was taken back to Insane Hospital February 22d. Ruth Brageon died June 15th.

Three tramps have been lodged and fed at the farm, and we think that at least one hundred have spent the night in the lock-up.

Schedule of personal property at farm

March 1894,	\$800 50	
Paid for family supplies,	156 63	
J. G. Yeaton for oxen,	135 00	
J. G. Yeaton for horse,	155 00	
W. J. Ensor for feed for farm,	35 60	
D. H. Maxim for feed for farm,	101 60	
F. H. Buzzell for threshing,	2 00	
Willis Cobb for phosphate,	8 40	
A. J. Crowell goods furnished farm,	9 25	
Foster Bros., goods furnished farm,	28 04	
H. Penniman, goods furnished farm,	31 93	
L. & L. B. Jones, feed for farm,	60 05	
G. C. Parker, med. attendance, farm,	24 20	
for sundries,	67 98	
	<hr/>	\$1,614 18
Received for hay sold,	\$18 00	
for straw sold,	1 75	
for pork sold,	32 50	
for sweet corn sold,	8 00	
for 12 bbls. apples sold,	25 10	
for corn sold,	18 00	
for cream sold,	145 22	
cider apples sold,	16 64	
for oxen sold,	135 00	
for cow sold,	25 00	
for butter and eggs sold,	58 05	
Schedule of personal property at farm		
March 1895,	982 35	
	<hr/>	\$1,465 61
Balance against the farm,		\$148 57

Schedule of personal property on farm.

1 horse,	\$155 00	1 pung,	25 00
5 cows,	150 00	1 wagon,	40 00
1 heifer one year old,	12 00	1 farm wagon,	30 00
2 shotes,	15 00	1 creamer,	20 00
21 tons hay,	168 00	4 5-gallon cans,	8 00
1 ton straw,	5 00	1 buffalo robe,	6 00

1 harness,	9 00	5 bush. barley,	3 25
1 mowing machine,	25 00	1 bbl. flour, etc.,	5 00
1 churn,	8 00	26 bush. beans,	52 00
1 horse rake,	15 00	10 lbs. butter,	2 50
1 ox cart,	12 00	3 cords dry stove wood,	18 00
1 plow,	12 00	28 cords wood,	84 00
1 harrow, cultivator, etc.	10 00	600 lbs. cotton seed meal,	6 60
1 grindstone,	3 00	275 lbs. shorts,	3 00
115 lbs. ham,	11 50	2 bbls. apples,	5 00
50 bush. potatoes,	25 00		
225 lbs. pork,	22 50		\$982 35
160 lbs. lard,	16 00		

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF FARM.

Paid town of Vassalboro for Lizzie Day and children,	\$41 04
A. J. Crowell for goods furnished Luke Shepherd,	5 65
E. P. Libby, goods furnished Luke Shepherd,	8 12
E. S. Hanaford, med. attendance A. Peterson,	1 25
H. F. Shaw, M. D., setting broken leg and attending same, Wm. C. Thurston,	40 00
C. W. Dillingham, burial for Samuel Torsey,	22 75
C. W. Dillingham, burial for Mrs. Bragdon,	22 75
C. W. Shaw, supplies furnished Thomas Blueberry,	8 93
G. C. Parker, med. attendance. Thomas Blueberry,	12 00
Town of Topsham, supplies furnished Luke Shepherd and family,	12 09
J. G. Yeaton, wood furnished Thomas Blueberry,	3 50
City of Augusta, support of William C. Thurston,	100 00
A. J. Barker, expenses and care for Mrs. Hanaford,	25 00
C. A. Cochran, med. attendance, Sewell Whittier,	20 00

Paid C. A. Cochran, med. attendance, Mrs. Henry Hanaford,	15 00
C. A. Cochran, med. attendance, George Ramsdell,	11 00
Town of Buxton, burial expenses of Benjamin F. Austin,	35 00
W. B. Washburn, care of S. G. Chandler,	5 25
Town of Topsham, supplies furnished Luke Shepherd and family,	55 77
J. G. Yeaton, supplies furnished William F. Frost,	3 29
Foster Bros., supplies furnished W. F. Frost,	9 95
Town of Buxton expenses at funeral of Benj. F. Austin,	3 50
A. J. Crowell, goods furnished Jos. Jackson,	4 45
Enos Bragdon, care S. G. Chandler, 3 weeks,	31 50
Herbert Raymond, care S. G. Chandler,	35 00
G. C. Parker, med. attendance, Mrs. Thomas Blueberry,	15 00
H. Penniman, goods furnished Jos. Jackson,	1 00
H. Penniman, goods furnished S.G.Chandler,	15 30
F. E. Webb, care of S. G. Chandler,	1 50
Webb & Briggs, sundries for S. G. Chandler,	3 55
Webb & Briggs, sundries for tramps,	5 89
J. G. Yeaton, wood for Enos Bragdon and Mrs. Geo. Forgie,	12 00
Herbert R. Raymond, balance of pay for care of S. G. Chandler to Feb. 16, '95.	38 50
J. W. Eaton, board, and bed, bedding, furniture, etc., spoiled by S. G. Chandler,	97 85
Levi Jones & Co., for tramp supplies,	1 12
Levi Jones & Co., goods furnished Joe Jackson,	4 95
C. A. Cochran, med. attendance, supplies, assistance, etc., to Feb. 17, '95, for S. G. Chandler,	152 60
C. W. Taggart, med. attendance, Enos Bragdon,	21 75
A. P. Snow, med. attendance John Putnam and Mrs. Rice,	3 00
Foster Bros., supplies furnished A. Fountain,	20 24

Paid F. I. Bishop, sundries, S. G. Chandler,	3 98
W. J. Bonney, care of S. G. Chandler,	3 35
W. S. Maxwell, opening grave, Samuel Torsey,	3 00
W. S. Maxwell, opening grave, A. Peterson,	3 00
C W. Dillingham, burial expenses of Mrs. Emma Kezhic,	26 70
Elma Hayward, care S. G. Chandler,	3 00

Total, \$970 07

Received from State of Maine for burial expenses Benjamin F. Austin,	\$35 00
from State of Maine for burial expenses of Samuel Torsey,	25 75
	<u>60 75</u>

Total, \$909 32

We expect to receive from the town of Oldtown the expenses incurred for Mrs. Kezhic, deceased.

CARE OF INSANE.

Paid Maine Insane Hospital, Rebecca Lambert,	\$143 41
Maine Insane Hospital, Parker J. Remick,	143 96
Insane Hospital, John Putnam,	42 81

Total, \$330 18

We have now at Hospital four patients, Rebecca Lambert, Parker J. Remick, John Putnam, George Bates.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid Elliott Wood, services as Selectman,	\$100 00
Elliott Wood, services on Board of Health,	10 00
F. C. Robie, services as Selectman,	100 00
C. W. Porter, services on School Board,	50 00
E. S. French, services as Town Clerk,	20 00
J. G. Yeaton, services as Selectman,	100 00
C. A. Wing, services as Chief Engineer for nine years,	54 00
John A. Stanley, printing Town Reports,	42 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, office supplies,	14 50

Paid E. D. Kimball, teams in '93,	4 00
G. W. Glidden, balance of salary, '93-'94,	200 00
Thomas Mosher, office supplies,	3 75
Dr. W. A. Wright, reporting one birth,	25
Mary A. Nason, land for burying ground,	
E. Winthrop,	125 00
Bradford, Conant & Co., office chairs,	12 00
W. J. Ensor, express,	2 50
John A. Stanley, printing voting lists,	14 00
F. I. Bishop, material for fence at E. Win-	
throp and Village cemeteries,	64 15
T. H. White, labor and material on E.	
Winthrop cemetery fence,	40 93
C. H. Jackson, services as watchman at	
Hines' fire,	2 00
James Tibbetts, services rendered John Put-	
nam,	7 00
T. A. Pinkham, caring for John Putnam,	3 00
Hiram Gilman, caring for John Putnam,	2 00
F. Tinker, labor and material, Village cem-	
etery fence,	20 40
E. W. Wentworth, Election Clerk,	3 00
Clifton Thompson, watchman Hind's fire,	2 00
E. L. Millett, watchman Hind's fire,	2 00
S. G. Davis, services as constable,	2 00
L. E. Jones, ballot clerk,	3 00
H. E. Martin, preparing grave for Mrs.	
Bragdon,	3 00
C. A. Cochran, for vaccinating 80 children,	40 00
P. H. Snell, collector,	100 00
F. I. Bishop, incidental expenses,	16 12
W. J. Bonney, ballot clerk,	3 00
Heath & Tull, legal counsel,	14 00
David Cargill, insurance almshouse,	30 00
H. W. Packard, poll taxes paid in error,	15 00
A. D. Hall, services as election clerk,	3 00
C. P. Hannaford, office supplies,	2 15
W. A. Whiting, for teams,	8 25
C. A. Wing, services on Board of Health,	10 00
J. G. Yeaton, wood for office and lock-up,	8 75

Paid J. G. Yeaton, incidental expenses,	26 25
W. E. Berry, services as truant officer,	3 72
G. W. Glidden, part superintendent's salary,	43 33
C. H. Gale, services as night watchman,	2 00
C. A. Cochran, services on Board of Health, birth and death certificates, printing and supplies,	19 30
E. S. French, recording marriages, births and deaths,	13 05
W. E. Berry, care hose house and hydrants,	10 00
L. O. Cobb, cold air pipe for furnace at town farm,	16 55
E. D. Kimball, for teams,	2 00
C. W. Taggart, birth and death certificates,	6 25
E. T. Clifford, salary as supervisor of schools,	127 00
M. F. Norcross, constable services,	22 00
M. F. Norcross, abatements '92, '93 and '94,	170 62
M. F. Norcross, part payments collecting taxes '94,	252 73
G. C. Parker, birth and death certificates,	7 50
F. S. Jackson, office supplies for 1892,	45
P. H. Snell, abatement old taxes as per list,	325 58
Total,	<hr/> \$2,305 08
Received for two licenses,	15 00
	<hr/> \$2,290 08

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

We have drawn orders amounting to	\$270 79
Received for books sold and damaged,	14 30
	<hr/> \$256 49

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Emery Frost, breaking snow,	\$13 50
Emery Frost, labor on highway,	3 75
Fred A. Jackson, breaking snow,	196 24
F. L. Buzzell, breaking snow,	47 92
W. N. Kimball, breaking snow,	29 53
A. S. Perry, breaking snow,	62 80

Paid C. A. & A. C. Frost, breaking snow,	15 22
John F. Taylor, breaking snow,	74 27
A. D. King, breaking snow,	138 07
E. A. Whiting, breaking snow,	67 04
T. M. Weston, sidewalk plank,	55 74
A. D. King, labor on highways,	33 70
J. L. Metcalf, breaking snow,	45 30
C. H. Gale, breaking snow,	1,082 75
A. E. Brainard, breaking snow,	143 52
F. Tinker, plank for highway,	36 31
A. H. Webb, breaking snow,	30 00
E. H. Leavitt, watering trough,	3 00
A. D. King, labor on highways,	37 50
H. A. Savage, repairs on road machine,	16 50
H. V. Dudley, repairs on road machine and watering trough,	3 40
F. H. Bearce, breaking snow,	16 42
A. P. Wingate, shoveling snow,	3 45
L. O. Cobb, supplies for road,	4 21
S. G. Davis, material for highway,	4 75
Levi Jones & Co., highway supplies,	5 40
C. H. Gale, labor on highway,	1,543 25
F. Tinker, lumber for highway,	13 90
Total,	<hr/> \$3,727 44
Amount appropriated by town,	<hr/> \$3,500 00
Overdraft,	<hr/> \$227 44

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Unexpended balance,	\$4 13
Appropriated by town,	100 00
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	\$104 13
Paid John A. Stanley,	100 00
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Unexpended balance,	\$4 13

TOWN HALL.

Paid W. E. Berry, tuning piano,	\$1 00
W. E. Berry, repairs on hall,	3 20
W. E. Berry, janitor services,	5 00
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	\$9 20

Received for rent of hall,	\$63 00	
for rent of piano,	34 00	
	<hr/>	\$97 00

Net income,		\$87 80
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SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid Thaddeus Frost, one sheep,	\$3 00
S. B. Page, one sheep,	2 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Unexpended balance,	\$7 04	
Appropriated March, 1894,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$107 04
Paid W. J. Bonny,	\$100 00	
Unexpended balance,	7 04	
	<hr/>	\$107 04

MEMORIAL DAY,

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

FAIRBANKS CEMETERY FUND.

Fund in treasury,	\$50 00
Paid W. S. Maxwell for care of Fairbanks lot,	1 00

CEMETERIES.

Unexpended balance,	\$39 78	
Appropriated by town,	250 00	
Received from A. P. Snow for one lot,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$314 78
Paid Mary J. Bates for land,	\$250 00	
J. G. Yeaton, cleaning up yard,	15 00	
Thomas Dealy for painting hearse house and tomb door,	7 00	
W. S. Maxwell, labor in Haskell cemetery,	6 00	
A. E. Brainard, labor in E. Winthrop yard,	8 50	
C. H. Gale, labor in cemetery,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$296 50
Unexpended balance,		\$18 28

BUILDING NEW ROAD.

Amount appropriated by town,	\$110 00
Paid C. H. Gale for same,	110 00

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriated by town,	\$500 00	
We have drawn orders amounting to	466 36	
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Unexpended balance,	\$33 64	
Received for repairs on Union school-house,	\$11 75	
	<hr/>	\$45 39

THE UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF A. C. CARR.

Total amount committed to P. H. Snell, the new collector,		\$3,210 50
Cash paid to J. M. Benjamin, Treas.,	\$704 50	
Amount of receipts and accounts allowed by commissioners,	449 22	
Amount of receipts found since those allowed by commissioners,	11 50	
Abatements,	325 58	
Balance uncollected taxes,	1,719 70	
	<hr/>	\$3,210 50

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

ON P. H. SNELL'S BOOKS.

1880	Alanson C. Otis, not taxable here,	7 82
1881	B. R. Reynolds & Co., can't collect,	1 70
"	B. R. Reynolds, can't collect,	5 01
"	Carson W. Smith, unknown,	93
"	Isaac Murch, dead,	1 90
1882	Rosco W. Stevens, dead,	3 80
1883	Paul Ruel, can't be found,	3 00
1884	Edward J. Putnam, not of age,	3 53
1885	David Metcalf, dead,	3 00
"	Edward Dillingham, unknown,	3 00
"	Abbott Briery, unknown,	3 00
"	Frank Rodan, unknown,	3 00
1886	H. D. Bates, unknown,	3 00
"	Johnnie Fortier, not taxable,	3 00
"	Joseph Fortier, not of age,	3 00

1886	Chas. L. Robbins, dead,	3 00
"	Hollis Bates, unknown,	3 00
"	Thomas Brown, not-taxable,	3 00
1887	H. D. Bates, unknown,	2 50
"	David Metcalf, dead,	2 50
"	Fred O. Turner, can't be found,	2 72
"	Chas. A. Frost, lived in Monmouth,	2 50
"	Fred L. Sanborn, mistake,	2 50
"	Joseph F. Haines, unknown,	2 54
"	C. W. Moody, unknown,	2 50
"	Fred L. Thurston, can't collect,	3 50
1888	Fred L. Thurston, can't collect,	3 00
"	Barney Talouse, gone to Canada,	2 50
"	David Routier, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Andrew Michaud, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	N. Marcie, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Augustus Marcie, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Fred L. Sanborn, mistake,	3 00
"	Joseph F. Haines,	3 00
"	Louis Guimmo, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Freemont I. Carr, dead,	3 00
"	Geo. Pomeroy, unknown,	3 00
1889	Nat Galoush, can't collect,	3 27
"	David Metcelf, dead,	3 00
"	John L. Jewett,	3 00
"	Fred L. Thurston, can't collect,	3 00
"	Peter Ladoir, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Loffle Labon, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Paul Lessor, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Justin J. Longfellow, unknown,	4 34
"	Frank H. Hammond, unknown,	3 00
"	Joseph F. Haines, can't collect,	3 00
"	Edward Hanks, unknown,	4 34
"	Phillip Dustin, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Frank Cawen, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Peter Couliant, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Peter Beadan, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Joseph Vean, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Barney Talouse, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	David Routier, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	John Margin, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Alexander Martin, gone to Canada,	3 00
1890	T. W. Blaisdell, not-taxable,	3 00
"	James A. Brown, unknown,	3 00
"	Olin Frost, unknown,	3 00
"	C. H. Howard, can't collect,	3 00

1890	David Metcalf, dead,	3 00
"	Alfred Routier, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Fred L. Thurston, can't collect,	3 00
"	Nathan Kimball, dead,	3 00
"	Seth E. Magner, unknown,	3 00
"	John Moulton, unknown,	3 00
"	Akin Lemuel, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Allen P. Lincoln, unknown,	3 00
"	John Jercott, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	James Hatherdon, unknown,	3 00
"	Joseph Haines, unknown,	3 00
"	Joe Gimlet, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Joe Routier, not of age,	3 00
1891	James A. Brown, unknown,	3 00
"	John Routier, unable,	3 00
"	John Borgue, mistake,	3 00
"	Henry W. Fairbanks, mistake,	3 00
"	S. M. Fall, can't collect,	4 00
"	Daniel Galager, unable,	2 00
"	Hiram Hammond, unable,	4 45
"	John Ingham, taxed in Mt. Vernon,	3 00
"	Erastus O. Kelly, dead,	10 80
"	John E. Leausader, can't collect,	5 66
"	James T. Martin, unable,	10 29
"	John B. Saunders, can't collect,	3 96
"	Nathan Kimball, dead,	3 00
"	John A. Wood, unknown,	3 72
"	H. Manterson, unknown,	3 00
"	Johnathan F. Moulton, unknown,	4 80
"	G. E. Leausader, dead,	3 00
"	Joseph Langavine, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Jim Keen, unknown,	4 50
"	S. Drapeau, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Edward Crash, can't be found,	3 00
"	Ceyril Baldie, gone to Canada,	2 00
"	John Baldie, unable,	1 00
"	James Huntington, can't be found,	3 00
"	Frank Hanson,	3 00
"	C. C. Stackpole, no dog,	1 00

\$325 58

ON M. F. NORCROSS BOOKS.

1892	E. H. Peniman, left the State,	3 00
"	Horace D. Robie, left the State,	3 25
1893	W. F. Hewett, over taxed,	6 50
"	Amanda T. Cobb, deceased,	7 80

1893	C. C. Putnam, over taxed,	3 90
"	George L. Macomber, over taxed,	2 60
"	Adele Cobb, can't be found,	6 50
"	James E. Curtis, can't pay,	3 00
"	Jesse S. Coombs, can't collect,	3 00
"	Wilson Caswell, taxed elsewhere,	4 30
"	S. G. Chandler, can't collect,	3 00
"	David Drapeau, not of age,	3 00
"	Stephen M. Fall, no good,	3 00
"	Henry W. Fairbanks, taxed in Augusta,	5 60
"	Chas. E. Glynn, not here,	3 00
"	Richard Harwood, unable,	3 00
"	Chas. H. Howard, can't collect,	3 00
"	Lannard King, no such person,	3 00
"	Warren Knowles, skipped,	1 00
"	John Lavalley, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	George Lambert, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	J. W. Lent, unable,	1 65
"	George Munkittrick, left State,	3 00
"	Jonathan Moulton, unable,	3 65
"	Oberlin Norcross, paid in Readfield,	3 00
"	Horace W. Packard, paid in New York,	3 00
"	John Putnam, unable,	4 95
"	D. W. Perkins, skipped,	3 00
"	Adolf Pouillyard, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Ardvire Pouillyard, gone to Canada,	3 00
"	Laforest N. Remrick, dead,	3 98
"	Walter I. Robinson, taxed in Mt. Vernon,	3 59
"	Albert W. Stevens, left state,	3 00
"	John E. Snow, taxed in Augusta,	3 00
"	J. L. Stanley, devisee of, can't collect,	5 85
"	Edward Thrush, skipped,	3 00
"	Peter W. Taylor, left State,	3 00
"	J. A. Torsey, pleads unable,	3 00
"	John B. Saunders, unable,	1 50
"	E. Winslow Briggs, over taxed,	5 00
"	S. G. Davis, vote of town,	6 25
"	George E. Newman, over taxed,	1 89
"	Joseph Currier, sick at hospital,	3 00
"	Joseph Fluarie, not here,	3 00
"	Fred Fountain, been help by town,	3 00
"	Nathaniel Green, sick,	3 00
"	Elbridge Hinds, mistake,	3 00
"	Joseph Lachance mistake,	3 00
"	S. B. Noyes, dead,	3 00
"	Fred Pullen, taxed under two names,	3 00

1893	Adolf Poullyard, not here,	3 00
"	George E. Palmer, not here,	3 00
"	W. R. Reymond, taxed under two names,	3 00
"	Myer Sharaf, paid in Livermore,	3 00
1894	Clifton Thompson, not of age,	3 00
"	John Tall, not of age,	3 00
"	Fred W. White, taxed in Augusta,	3 00
"	Octave Bessonnet, gone to Canada,	3 00

GENERAL STATEMENT

LIABILITIES.

Water Loan notes outstanding,	\$2400 00
Loan for repairing Town Hall,	1800 00
Due State of Maine on tax 1894,	2891 41
Due County on county tax, 1894,	975 43
Interest on town debt,	171 00
Due on temporary loan,	2000 00
Bills of town officers, estimated,	700 00
Snow bills, estimated,	1200 00
Outstanding town orders, estimated,	100 00
Due Treasurer for services, estimated,	550 00
Outstanding bills, estimated, .	200 00

\$12,487 84

RESOURCES.

Due from M. F. Norcross, Collector,	\$2246 00
Due from P. H. Snell, Collector,	1719 70
Unavailable resources,	11 50
Due from L. T. Carlton, admr. estate A. C. Carr,	88 02
Due from State of Maine,	1237 41
Non-resident taxes uncollected,	443 91
Cash in treasury,	3132 32
Balance against the town,	3608 98

\$12,487 84

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. YEATON,
FRANK I. BISHOP,
GEO. A. PIKE,

} Selectmen
of
Winthrop.

March 12, 1894.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

March 1, 1895.

Balance from last report,	\$3,426 07
Received of M. F. Norcross, Collector,	14,791 83
“ of P. H. Snell, special Collector,	1,030 08
“ of State dog tax, refunded,	135 80
“ of State School fund and Mill tax,	1,220 21
“ of State Free High School,	229 75
“ of State reimbursement of pensions,	192 00
“ of State R. R. and Tel. tax,	21 25
“ of State for burial of soldiers,	60 75
“ of Town Clerk, tax on dogs,	133 00
“ of town of Readfield of schools,	50 00
“ of Supervisor for tuition of scholars,	25 00
“ of Supervisor for books sold and damaged,	14 30
“ of Selectmen for license and sundry sales,	40 00
“ of Selectmen on app. of school repairs,	11 75
“ of G. M. Glidden, proceeds of sales from farm,	177 97
“ of W. E. Berry rent of Town Hall,	97 00
“ of C. H. Gale for material sold him,	10 00
“ of Selectmen for oxen sold,	157 00
“ of Mabel L. Robbins for books sold,	1 70
“ on temporary loan,	2,700 00
“ on non-resident taxes collected,	22 38
	\$24,547 84

EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders on account of support of poor and town charges,	\$4,592 00
“ orders for support of schools,	4,987 92
“ “ for support of highways,	3,787 32
“ “ for school house repairs,	465 37
“ “ for school books and school supplies,	326 56
“ “ in favor of A. H. Frost Post,	100 00

Paid orders in favor of Public Library,	100 00
“ “ in favor of Payson Tucker Hose Co.	100 00
“ “ for sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
“ “ for payment of land for cemeteries,	375 00
“ State pensions for 1894,	192 00
“ balance of county tax for 1893,	700 00
“ county tax for 1894, in part,	500 00
“ State tax for 1893,	3,540 57
“ State tax for 1894, in part,	327 80
“ State dog tax for 1894,	133 00
“ on temporary loan,	700 00
“ interest,	171 00
Non-resident taxes returned and Cr. Collector,	413 73
Balance on hand,	3,032 57

\$24,547 84

LIABILITIES.

Water Loan notes outstanding,	\$2,400 00
Notes for repairing Town Hall,	1,300 00
Due State of Maine on tax of 1894,	2,891 41
Due county on tax of 1894,	975 43
Due for temporary loan,	2,000 00

\$9,566 84

RESOURCES.

Due from M. F. Norcross, Collector,	\$2,345 75
Due from P. H. Snell, Special Collector,	2,180 42
Due from State School fund and Mill tax,	1,237 41
Uncollected non-resident taxes,	443 91
Cash in Treasury,	2,644 47
Balance against the town,	714 88

\$9,566 84

This balance will be increased by payment of outstanding orders and unliquidated claims and the report of the Selectmen is referred to for an estimate of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BENJAMIN, *Treasurer.*

March 1, 1894.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Winthrop:

In submitting my annual report I am pleased to say that fire has done but little damage within the reach of our water works during the year just closing. Only one alarm has been sounded and that caused by the dropping of a large lamp in the store of Levi Jones & Son, on the night of Nov. 10. The flames were quickly extinguished without the use of water, and very little damage was done.

There have been three fires in town outside the village. The first was the barn of E. G. Hinds, which was struck by lightning one Sunday night in August, and burned to the ground. Mr. Hinds lost all his crop of hay and a portion of his farming tools.

The second was December 1st, when the house of Samuel G. Chandler caught fire and together with its contents, was totally consumed. Mr. Chandler was frightfully burned about the arms and head and is now lying at the hotel suffering from the injury.

The last fire occurred in January, when the buildings of Mr. W. K. Atkinson were destroyed, together with seventeen head of cattle, all the hay, farming tools and most of the household furniture. These fires were all beyond the reach of our hose.

The whole apparatus has been inspected and tested several times and found in perfect condition.

Very little outlay to keep the hydrants and hose in order.

As heretofore Mr. W. E. Berry has been in charge of the hose house and hydrants and has performed his duties acceptably.

Payson Tucker Hose Co. is still our defence against fire, and hold themselves ready at all times to respond to every alarm.

The company is composed of twenty-five good men as follows: C. A. Hoyt, Foreman; A. D. Hall, 1st Assistant; C. H. Jackson, 2d Assistant; W. J. Bonney, Clerk and Treas-

urer; E. S. French, Augustus Thompson, G. W. Hoyt, Everett Barbour, F. A. Corthell, W. E. Berry, R. C. McIlroy, J. E. McIlroy, E. R. Staine, Patsey Cochran, J. M. Towle, Geo. W. Bates, Elijah Libby, F. B. Fairbanks, Fred Haines, H. A. Wiggin, Harry Stevens, F. W. Shaw, Fred S. Whiting, H. E. Buckminster, C. G. Longfellow.

I trust the town will be willing to vote them a small sum in recognition of their services.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIOTT WOOD,
Chief Engineer.

Report of Committee on Public Library.

The receipts and expenses for the past year are as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 5, 1894,	\$0 79	
Appropriation from the town,	100 00	
Received from the rent of books,	34 26	
Total,	<hr/>	135 05

EXPENSES.

Rent,	\$36 00	
Salary of librarian,	26 00	
Wood,	2 50	
Supplies, kerosene oil, etc.,	5 06	
Moving library, etc.,	3 45	
Bill due estate of G. F. Fairbanks,	1 48	
Bill due L. O. Cobb,	4 00	
Expended for new books,	55 25	
Cash on hand,	1 31	
Total,	<hr/>	\$135 05

The Library is now in a very prosperous condition, and the outlook for the future most encouraging. For the past year and a half Miss Mary Hegarty has acted as librarian, and has performed her duties to the satisfaction of all. A considerable number of new books have been added, at remarkably favorable prices, and it only needs to have the present interest kept up to make the library an institution to be proud of. As it is the dividends are much more satisfactory than those paid by the milk factory.

About the first of February the quarters were changed to the rooms in Packard Block, formerly occupied by Dr. Taggart. This was done for two reasons. The rooms are much more desirable than those formerly used, and in addition the ladies of the Winthrop Literary Club wished to open a reading room for the benefit of our young people and the change gave them an opportunity to do so. The reading room was opened some two or three weeks ago, and has been quite successful up to the present writing, and promises to be still more so in the future. Magazines and various other periodicals are furnished by the ladies interested, and all is carried on without any expense to the library.

It is impossible to carry on the library without the appropriation granted for the past three years, and it is hoped that the town will continue its aid for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. STANLEY, Committee.

Winthrop, Feb. 24, 1895.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

To the Citizens of Winthrop :

We beg leave to submit the following report of our school work for the year ending Nov. 11, 1895, hoping it may receive the commendation of those who are interested in our public schools.

Beginning the work as a comparative stranger and under an entirely new arrangement, we felt the need of counsel from those who had had more experience in work of this kind. We had vainly hoped that the pen and tongue of the critic might deal lightly with our real or imagined shortcomings.

Being unable to obtain the registers from our predecessors, which the law requires to be deposited with school officers, our State returns were of an entirely unsatisfactory character, and were returned to us twice for further information, which we were unable to give, as we had nothing but our imagination to draw from.

Our Free High School returns showed a discrepancy of \$214 in the town's appropriation. The law states specifically that the town shall receive from the State one-half the amount actually expended for Free High School, not exceeding \$250. "Provided that no town shall receive such State aid unless its appropriation and expenditure for such schools has been exclusive of the amount required by law for common school purposes." As near as we could ascertain the cost of our High school for the year ending April 1, 1894, without registers for reference, was \$1025. The Maine School Report gives our annual appropriation for common schools \$311 in excess of the amount required by law. The appropriation for High school was \$250, State aid \$250, which made the amount available for this school \$811, thus necessitating the misappropriation of \$214 of the common school fund.

We would suggest that a larger appropriation for Free High school be made, which, when added to the State aid will give us a suitable fund for the support of High school.

We feel that a town of this valuation can well support a longer school year. Our vacations are too long, giving pupils ample time to unlearn many things which have taken time and money to teach them. Under the present management we are having thirty weeks of school and twenty-two weeks of vacation per year. We need not explain to you the advantage of adding to our *school* year and deducting from our *vacation* year. Leading towns throughout our State are making their school years thirty-six weeks. This, in our case, would necessitate the increase of our school fund one-fifth of the present expenditures for actual instruction of about \$650.

Many of our school books are entirely worn out, many are not suitable to use, being nearly obsolete in material and method. We recommend that advantage be taken of the liberal terms of exchange offered by publishing houses and supply ourselves with new books whose authors are in touch with present educational methods. We urge a special appropriation for this purpose.

In connection with this subject we emphatically urge stringent measures for the care and preservation of text books; a better system of labeling and recording, and suitable material for recovering books and replacing leaves which become loosened. We have found it impossible to make a correct schedule of books, as they are scattered throughout the town, many of them unlabeled and unrecorded. The greater part of the new books used in school were not labeled. At present every book in school is labeled and recorded.

As near as can be ascertained, we are using 1959 books in our schools. Unused books out of date, 75; out of repair, 76; worthless books, except for exchange, 65; new books on hand, 98; old books on hand suitable for use, 39. Total, 2312. We would suggest that arrangements be made for the storing of unused books, supplies, etc. This can be done at slight cost, by making a book cupboard in the High School building.

We need not reiterate the imperative need of more and

better school room for our village schools. No one can deny the fact ; no one will attempt to. Can we get it ?

Much has been done to improve the sanitary condition of the outbuildings in the different districts. Much more needs to be done. We urge parents to investigate this matter in their several school districts and see if the existing condition of affairs meets their approbation. A water tank is much needed in the High School building. At present drinking water is obtained from a pail which stands in the dust and dirt, gathering filth from all available sources.

We find many things to condemn in our present janitor system. Several times we have found school rooms with dirty floors, littered with paper, dusty seats, etc., a condition of affairs that would at once be condemned if found in our homes.

We would suggest that the amount usually paid the janitors be added to the teacher's salaries and that they be held responsible for the proper condition of the school rooms.

We strongly urge parents to visit the school often. It will be an incentive to more earnest and thorough work on the part of your children and it will prepare them for the trying ordeal of our public examination. It will give you a *personal* insight into the workings of the school, a knowledge of the efficiency or inefficiency of the teacher, and a knowledge of the surroundings of your scholars. Are they being trained in manners and morals as you wish ? Are habits of cleanliness and purity of character being inculcated in their minds ? Are their surroundings free from the germs of disease ?

Inform *yourselves* of these facts and do not criticise from hearsay. Co-operate with the teacher, rather than condemn her entire plan of work when you have no knowledge as to what it is. Be just, and give the teacher a hearing as well as the child who comes home with a real or imaginary grievance. Teachers err. Is it possible that they are the only class of individuals who make mistakes ? Possibly the child has erred. Be sure you know the *facts* before you express too strong an opinion. We fully endorse the employing of local teachers, but place it secondary to competency. We have an excellent corps of teachers in town, but in several instances they need special preparation for their

work. We find teaching to be about the only profession entered into without a special training for the work to be done.

We feel that much good has been accomplished by our local teachers' meetings. Many interesting papers, teaching exercises, etc., have been upon our programs which have been carried out in a manner worthy of the ability of our teachers.

Our teachers fully realize the responsibility of their work. The moral, mental and physical development of our children is to a great extent in their hands. No greater field for the work of good or evil influences presents itself than the school room and the play ground.

The teachers have our future citizenship in their charge. Let them see to it that their work is well done.

We suggest a complete course of study in our common schools which shall fit pupils for our High school. We believe it will instil new life into our scholars, giving them something to work for, bringing them out of the old rut and graduating them to a course of higher work. We would advise that in all schools, when it can be done without interfering with the regular common school work, pupils be given the first year of High school work.

Believing that the existing course of study did not best serve the needs of the majority of our pupils, and that too little attention was given to those practical and useful branches, we have taken the liberty to change the course of study in the High school, adding a year to the length of the regular course, and omitting the college preparatory course.

Very little attention was given to this course, scholars seldom availed themselves of its privileges, often fitting for college in other schools.

We present, for those who are not familiar with it, our present course of study.

First Year.

Fall Term—Algebra, Latin, English Composition.

Winter Term—Algebra, Latin, Physiology.

Spring Term—Algebra, Latin, Physical Geography.

Second Year.

Fall Term—Geometry, Latin, Natural Philosophy.

Winter Term—Geometry, Latin, Natural Philosophy.

Spring Term—Geometry, Latin, Botany.

Third Year.

Fall Term—Commercial Arithmetic, Latin, Rhetoric

Winter Term—Bookkeeping, Latin, Rhetoric.

Spring Term—Geology, Latin, Civil Government.

Fourth Year.

Fall Term—Astronomy, General History, English Literature.

Winter Term—Astronomy, English History, English Literature.

Spring Term—Political Economy, American History, English Literature.

Reading and spelling throughout the course.

Two essays and two declamations each term.

We have endeavored to use the funds entrusted to our care to the best advantage for our schools. At the close of our school year we found our resources to be \$515.52 in excess of our expenditures. Calling upon the selectmen to compare our figures, we were surprised to find that unpaid school bills for the year ending Nov. 12, 1894, amounting to \$1232 had been paid during the present year from our school fund, thus causing an overdraft, after paying these old debts, of \$716.48.

We present the following statement.

RESOURCES.

Balance unexpended,	\$354 12
Amount raised by town for common schools,	2,000 00
Amount raised by town for Free High School,	250 00
Amount received from State for common schools,	1,237 41
Amount received from State for Free High School,	250 00
Interest on school fund,	170 24
Tuition,	75 00
Total,	<hr/> \$4,336 77

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers,	\$3,253 32
Supplies,	55 16
Janitor bills,	221 65
House cleaning,	43 25
Fuel,	247 75
Total,	<hr/> \$3,821 13

Balance unexpended on present year's work,	\$515 64
Bills unpaid for year ending Nov. 12, 1894, per selectmen's books,	\$1,232 00
Overdraft, after paying these old debts,	\$716 36

Believing that if our schools are worth patronizing by other towns they are worth paying for, we have required tuition from all pupils attending our schools from out of town. We have received for tuition during the year, \$75, all of which has been willingly paid.

Our janitors cost us under present arrangements, \$10 per year in the district schools and in the High School \$150.

The chairman of the committee on fuel and repairs will report cost of wood and fuel for individual schools.

The following is the cost of instruction in each school for the school year ending Feb. 15, 1895.

HIGH SCHOOL.	
R. A. Sturges,	\$250 00
T. C. Chapman,	433 32
Katie Hegarty,	235 00
Total,	\$918 32
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
Linnie Clifford,	\$270 00
INTERMEDIATE.	
Annie Nickerson,	\$75 00
Nellie Chandler,	145 00
Total,	\$220 00
PRIMARY.	
Lucia Chandler,	\$220 00
SUB-PRIMARY.	
Belle Williams,	\$190 00
E. WINTHROP.	
Mabel S. Robbins,	\$260 00
SNELL SCHOOL.	
Helen Porter,	\$75 00
Laura Wood,	60 00
Alice Keyes,	70 00
Total,	\$205 00