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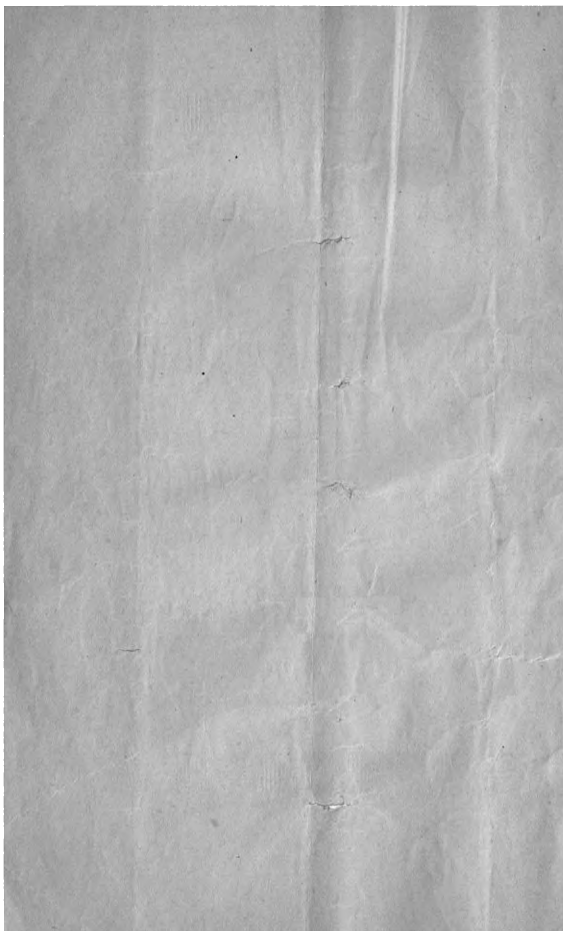
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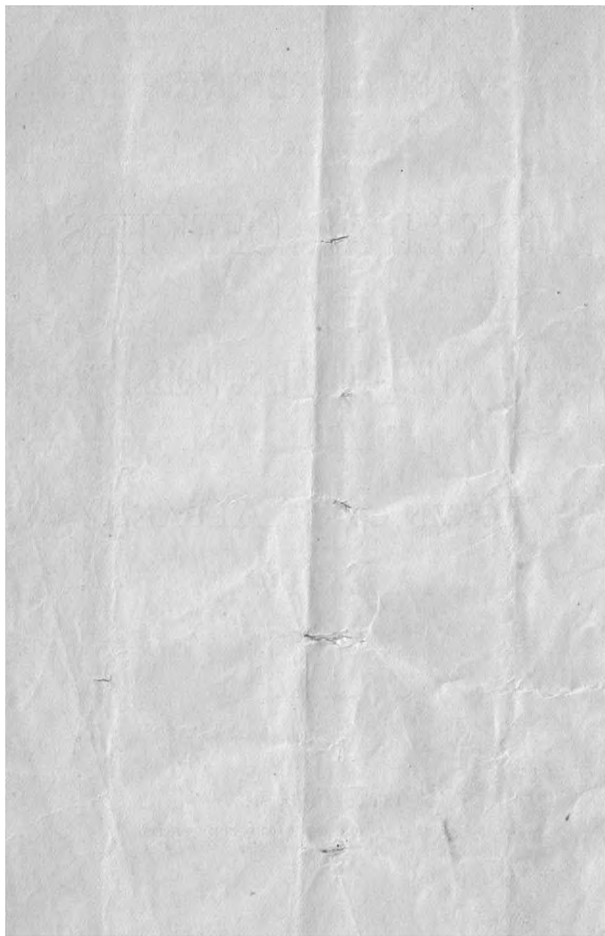
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS.

1889-90.

PITTSFIELD, ME.

O. S. HASKELL & SON, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.

1890.



SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of real estate, April 1, 1889.....	\$226,303 00
Valuation of personal estate, April 1, 1889.....	91,593 00
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	\$317,896 00
Sum raised for support of schools.....	81,190 00
for free high school.....	150 00
for support of poor.....	10 00
to defray town charges.....	10 00
to pay on town debt.....	1,500 00
to purchase a hearse.....	300 00
to purchase school books.....	200 00
for Memorial Day.....	20 00
for State tax.....	1,156 17
for county tax.....	466 11
Tax on dogs.....	49 00
Overlayings.....	248 86
Supplemental tax.....	5 08
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	\$5,305 22

The above sum was committed to A. S. Varney for collection. Number of polls, 294; rate, \$2.18; rate of taxation, 14 1-2 mills.

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Highway Tax.

Sum raised, \$2,500 00
This was committed to the highway surveyors. Rate, 7
mills.

Town Charges Account.

DR.

To balance 1888.....	\$1,974 45
sum raised for general charges.....	10 00
sum raised to buy hearse.....	300 00
sum raised for Memorial services.....	20 00
tax on dogs.....	49 00
overlayings.....	248 86
supplemental tax.....	5 08
sum raised to purchase school books.....	200 00
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	\$2,807 39

CR.

By paid I. O. Winslow for school books for 1889...§	62 22
Day & Bunker for town reports for 1888....	9 00
J. Q. Frost for work on road near Wm. Forseyth's.....	25 00
John S. Parker for cash paid for Memorial services.....	20 00
Merrill & Coffin for services in case of H. A. Hurd vs. St. Albans.....	150 00
Geo. I. Brownell & Co., hearse for town...	280 57
F. E. McIntosh for freight on hearse.....	19 43
Geo. Tyler & Co. for blades for road ma- chines.....	8 00
Hurd & Prescott for school books for 1889...	7 00
C. A. Moulton " " " ...	98 64
A. M. Burton " " " ...	5 60

By paid C. A. Moulton for school books for 1889...	\$ 19 38
Junius Avery for cash paid for work on road,	38 00
A. J. Moore for lumber for bridges for 1889,	29 70
Selectmen of Corinna, setting monuments on town line between St. Albans and Corinna,	10 13
H. D. Raymond for repair of bridge between the ponds.....	2 50
Kincaid & Nelson for lumber and labor for bridges.....	24 13
A. S. Varney, partial services as collector for 1889.....	50 00
D. N. Grant, expenses to Brighton and Wellington	3 72
M. Bigelow, repairs on town hall.....	4 48
M. Bigelow, services as selectman, etc.....	29 50
M. Bigelow, services as selectman, team and expenses out of town.....	25 83
L. C. Dillingham, assistance in conveying Mrs. Nichols to town farm.....	2 25
M. L. Merrill, making returns for State Val- uation Com.....	10 00
M. L. Merrill, expenses to Bangor in case Bangor vs. St. Albans.....	8 10
D. Bugbee & Co., town books and sta- tionery.....	8 70
M. L. Merrill, expense looking up the case of the alleged wife of Edson Wing.....	6 00
M. L. Merrill, cash paid in part of rent of place occupied by F. White.....	25 00
D. N. Grant, services as selectman.....	30 50
M. Bigelow, cash paid for two inventory books and for moving Emma York to town farm.....	5 00
M. Bigelow, expenses on Lothrop and Stinch- field bridges.....	5 25
C. A. Moulton for school books for 1889...	3 19

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By paid M. L. Merrill for freight and repairs for road machine and on the bridge between the ponds.....	5 69
M. L. Merrill for services as town agent including team and expenses.....	9 75
M. L. Merrill for express, postage, etc.....	3 50
M. L. Merrill for services as selectman, etc., including team and expenses.....	85 00
M. L. Merrill for expenses to Augusta before Valuation Commission.....	5 25
Daniel Foss for services as treasurer, 1889..	20 00
C. A. Moulton for services as supervisor, 1889.....	80 00
J. W. Chandler for services as auditor, 1889,	3 00
D. A. Hutchings, treasurer of Wellington in settlement of all bills on account of Eldora Ellis and her son, Irving Ellis, to Sept. 24, 1889.....	150 00
By order of abatements for 1887.....	6 00
“ “ “ “ 1888.....	15 45
“ “ “ “ 1889.....	39 25
Balance.....	1,357 68
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	\$2,807 39

Town Poor Account.

	Dr.
To balance from 1888.....	\$ 824 57
sum raised by vote of town.....	10 00
sum received for stock, etc., from town farm....	622 06
sum received from Old Town.....	20 00
sum due from Brownville.....	18 00
“ “ Industry.....	20 37
“ “ O. G. Smart, guardian of M. O.	

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Smart.....	\$ 88 18
To balance	433 69
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	\$2,036 87

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By order town of Sangerville, support of Joseph Booker for 1888.....	17 76
Aaron Frost, town farm supplies for 1888 and 1889.....	38 68
Aaron Frost, work on town farm to April 3, 1889.....	368 00
C. A. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance to family of A. R. Wells.....	21 75
Town of Brighton, support of J. S. Smart and C. York.....	75 09
Sarah M. Downs, support of Georgie Withington to June 1, 1889.....	4 75
David N. Grant, cash paid for horse for town farm.....	125 00
Hiram Martin, support of John Hilton.....	50 00
M. Bigelow, cash for supplies furnished A. R. Wells.....	50 00
Mrs. Jas. Stott, support of E. D. Mower to July 1, 1889.....	25 00
E. J. Smith, support of J. C. Grover for 1889.....	14 02
M. Bigelow, cash paid for support of Jos. Booker.....	15 85
Town of Brighton, support of J. S. Smart and C. York.....	28 57
M. Bigelow, cash paid for medical attendance on Joseph N. Booker.....	30 00
Town of Palmyra, support of Mrs. Seavey Nichols.....	170 84
Mrs. W. C. Champion, support of E. D. Mower to Jan. 1, 1890.....	25 00

By order M. Bigelow, cash paid on Maggie Hoxie and child.....	52 00
John W. Chase, support of M. McLuer at insane hospital.....	157 27
John W. Chase, support of Edson Wing at insane hospital.....	145 55
John W. Chase, support of M. O. Smart at insane hospital.....	88 18
D. N. Grant, cash paid on C. R. Hopkins..	5 50
M. Bigelow, cash paid for supplies for A. R. Wells.....	38 91
M. Bigelow, supplies for Frank Luce.....	20 37
M. Bigelow, cash paid Dexter Co-operative store.....	36 00
Town of Dexter, support of child of Mrs. John Parker.....	12 00
Town of Sangerville, support of J. Booker.	8 50
Town of Brighton, support of J. S. Smart and C. York.....	33 52
Sarah M. Downs, support of Georgie Withington.....	1 25
Sarah M. Downs, support of Georgie Withington from March 1 to April 1....	6 00
Sarah M. Downs, support of Georgie Withington from April 1 to May 1.....	6 00
M. Bigelow, supplies for Mary J. Hawks and A. White.....	11 09
Calvin Southard, casket and shroud for wife of Addison White.....	15 75
D. N. Grant, supplies for town farm....	281 58
C. A. Moulton, medical attendance on Mrs. White, \$10.50; at town farm, etc., \$6.90.....	17 40
Aaron Frost, supplies for town farm, 1889.	20 99
City of Bangor, supplies, Julia A. Dow or Evans.....	14 00

By order J. T. Johnson, digging grave for wife of A.		
White.....*	2	00
M. Bigelow, supplies for town farm.....	2	70
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		\$2,036 87

Town Farm Account.

	Dr.
To value of farm, Feb. 20, 1890....	\$2,575 00
" " stock, " " 	790 00
" " farming tools, Feb. 20, 1890.....	180 45
" " provision and produce, Feb. 20, 1890...	388 23
" " household furniture, " " ...	159 81
To sum received for lambs.....	146 00
" " wool.....	65 25
" " calves.....	43 00
" " butter.....	57 38
" " milk.....	112 02
" " eggs.....	15 94
" " farm produce.....	53 04
" " hog and pigs.....	40 44
" " steers.....	63 00
" " labor.....	5 00
" " by Aaron Frost from Feb. 20 to April 3.....	20 99
To balance, cost of supporting poor.....	466 90
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	\$5,182 45

	Cr.
By value of farm Feb. 20, 1889.....	\$2,575 00
" " stock " " 	771 00
" " farming tools, Feb. 20, 1889.....	238 90
" " household furniture, Feb. 20, 1889.....	181 77
" " provision and produce, " " 	470 38

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By paid for farming tools.....	\$	1 70
“ “ feed for stock.....		31 00
“ “ fertilizers.....		13 60
“ “ horse-hire.....		6 00
“ “ supplies.....		229 28
“ “ stock.....		125 00
“ “ supplies from Feb. 20 to April 3.....		62 37
“ “ managers.....		264 60
“ “ interest on investment.....		211 85
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		\$5,182 45

Number of weeks board, 457.

School Account.

	Dr.
To balance unexpended, 1885.....	\$ 194 69
sum raised for common schools.....	1,190 00
sum raised for free high school.....	150 00
due from State.....	758 61
interest on school fund.....	71 40
due from State for free high school....	135 00
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	\$2,499 70

	Cr.
By orders drawn since Feb. 20, 1889.....	\$ 395 50
orders drawn for the several districts..	1,402 31
amount due the several districts.....	416 89
orders drawn for free high school.....	270 00
amount due free high school.....	15 00
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	*2,499 70

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Apportioned as Follows:

	Apportioned.	Expended.	Unexpended.	Over- drawn.
Dist. No. 1.....	\$ 92 39	\$ 26 65	* 65 74	
“ 2.....	121 42	116 43	4 99	
“ 3.....	94 36	94 35	01	
“ 4.....	107 41	37 70	69 71	
“ 5.....	89 69	79 79	9 90	
“ 6.....	146 41	134 65	11 76	
“ 7.....	126 09	124 70	1 39	
“ 8.....	70 99		70 99	
“ 9.....	130 76	121 85	8 91	
“ 10.....	16 39		16 39	
“ 11.....	196 05	203 70		\$7 65
“ 12.....	173 03	65 50	107 53	
“ 13.....	20 97		20 97	
“ 14.....	159 72	160 50		78
“ 15.....	151 76	152 51		75
“ 16.....	23 35		23 35	
“ 17.....	84 40	83 98	42	
“ 18.....	14 01		14 01	

Town Debt Account.

	DR.	CR.
To sum raised.....	\$1,500 00	
By balance overpaid 1888.....		\$ 479 61
By old outstanding orders paid.....		1,536 78
Bal., paid in excess of sums raised.....	516 39	
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	\$2,016 39	\$2,016 39

General Standing of the Town.

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury and uncollected.....	\$3,114 83
Town farm investment.....	4,093 49

Moore place	\$ 150 00
Ellis place (Wellington).....	50 00
Due from State.....	785 61
“ “ on State bond.....	60 00
“ from Brownville.....	18 00
“ “ Industry.....	20 37
“ “ O. G. Smart.....	88 18
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	\$8,380 48

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders and renewals of same, prior to 1884.....	\$1,991 47
Interest on the same (approximately)....	150 00
Outstanding orders since 1884—	
Order No. 96 of 1885.....	56 00
Interest on same.....	14 28
Order No. 44 of 1888.....	400 00
Interest on same.....	6 53
Treasury note, issued 1887.....	300 00
Interest on same.....	24 00
Current liabilities (estimated).....	1,200 00
Balance of assets in excess of liabilities...	4,238 20
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	\$8,380 48

Respectfully submitted.

M. L. MERRILL,	} Selectmen	
D. N. GRANT,		of
MELVIN BIGELOW,		St. Albans.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Supervisor of Schools respectfully submits the following report :

In the tabular record of the schools for the past year, which is made a part of this report, will be seen the whole number of weeks taught in each district, the names of teachers employed, attendance, etc. As in the past few years, no special remarks will be made upon each, for the necessary brevity of such remarks makes them liable to be misunderstood, and so tends to defeat the object for which they are made.

There have been twenty-three different teachers employed during the year, besides the teacher of the free high school. About one-half of these are residents of this town. They have, with one or two exceptions, been faithful in their work, and have accomplished good results in proportion to their natural and acquired abilities.

The tables show that 32 different terms have been taught during the year. In them about 296 different pupils have received instruction. There has been an average of about 20 weeks in each district. The percentage of attendance throughout the town is about 71, a little more than in the year 1888, while the whole number of weeks taught is a little less.

In a few of the districts it will be seen that the average attendance is low. The fault is in a great measure with the parents, and an effort has been made to correct this. The

formation of the habit of regular attendance upon school is a matter of the greatest importance to the future welfare of the child. It is a mental discipline that cannot be over-estimated. No man can engage in and carry on a successful business without a systematic and regular use of his time and mental powers. It matters not how much talent or knowledge he may possess, if his habits are not regular he will most surely end in failure. The proper time to acquire good habits is in childhood, and if not then acquired, few are there that ever attain them. If the child is taught that his school is first and all other ordinary occurrences second, he will soon form a habit that will cling to him and aid him through his whole life.

The teachers have been instructed that thoroughness is to be desired more than speed. With this end in view, as well as to encourage the habit of working for a purpose, an attempt to introduce a graded course of primary studies has been made, and we earnestly recommend that the plan be completed so that a course of study shall be established in the schools, from which pupils may graduate in like manner as from graded schools in larger places.

The free high school was taught in the village district. The intention was to have two terms of ten weeks each, but owing to the illness of the teacher and many of his pupils, the last term was only eight weeks in length. The wages and board of the teacher amounted to \$270.00, one-half of which will be paid by the State. Nearly one-third of the pupils attending the high school intend to teach in the near future, which is evidence that the free high school can do and is doing a very important work in preparing a better grade of common school teachers. It also relieves the other schools of some of the more advanced work and gives them more time for the elementary work.

TEXT-BOOKS.—For the last three years the town has made an appropriation for the purchase of text-books. \$400 has thus been raised. At the last annual meeting \$200 was appropriated for this purpose, out of which \$62.22 was paid Mr.

Winslow for books purchased in excess of the appropriation in '88. Much attention has been given to the care of the books, so that the loss by accident and in other ways has been small. And we think by so doing the pupils have manifested a disposition to take better care of the town's books than they did of their own.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Sum raised.....	\$200 00	
Amt. rec'd for sale of books.....	1 77	
	—————	\$201 77
Paid I. O. Winslow.....	\$ 62 22	
Paid for books as per bills.....	135 58	
Balance unexpended.....	3 97	
	—————	\$201 77

TABULAR RECORD.

District No.	Whole number weeks taught.	TEACHERS.	Number of terms taught before.	Summer.		Fall.		Winter.	
				Attendance.	Average.	Attendance.	Average.	Attendance.	Average.
1	22	{ Edna Butler.....	0	14	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
		{ Lizzie Fuller†.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	24	{ Lizzie Fuller.....	2	12	12	14	12	.....	.....
		{ Vertine Nichols.....	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	9
3	18	{ Mary A. Nelson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	6
		{ Ada Durgin.....	4	8	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	19	Cora A. Webb.....	4	11	9	.....	.....	16	15
5	12	Cora A. Webb.....	.....	.....	.....	22	17	.....	.....
6	24	{ Alice Libbey.....	23	16	14	21	16	.....	.....
		{ Mabel Philbrick.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	10
7	16	{ Hattie Ring.....	6	21	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
		{ Sherman Laughton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	18
9	20	{ Blanche Raymond.....	2	16	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
		{ Fannie Marble.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	13
11	28	{ Mary Nelson.....	17	36	31	.....	.....	.....	.....
		{ Addie Turner. { Primary.....	.....	.....	.....	36	31	37	28
12	16	{ Addie Turner. { Grammar.....	12	13	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
		{ Annie Johonett.....	3	19	17	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	16	{ Sara Hurd.....	51	.....	.....	30	24	.....	.....
		{ Harry Snell†.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	24	{ Ida Grant.....	8	22	16	.....	.....	.....	.....
		{ Ada Withee.....	14	.....	.....	28	17	.....	.....
15	25	{ Cora Pennell.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	14
		{ Rubie Harmon.....	4	15	13	15	13	.....	.....
17	14	{ Rosa Winslow.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	12
		{ Flora Laughton.....	36	10	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
* 18	18	{ Amelia Finson.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	12
		{ John W. Hatch.....	13	.....	.....	27	24	24	21

* High School.

† School in session.

C. A. MOULTON, Supervisor.

