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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

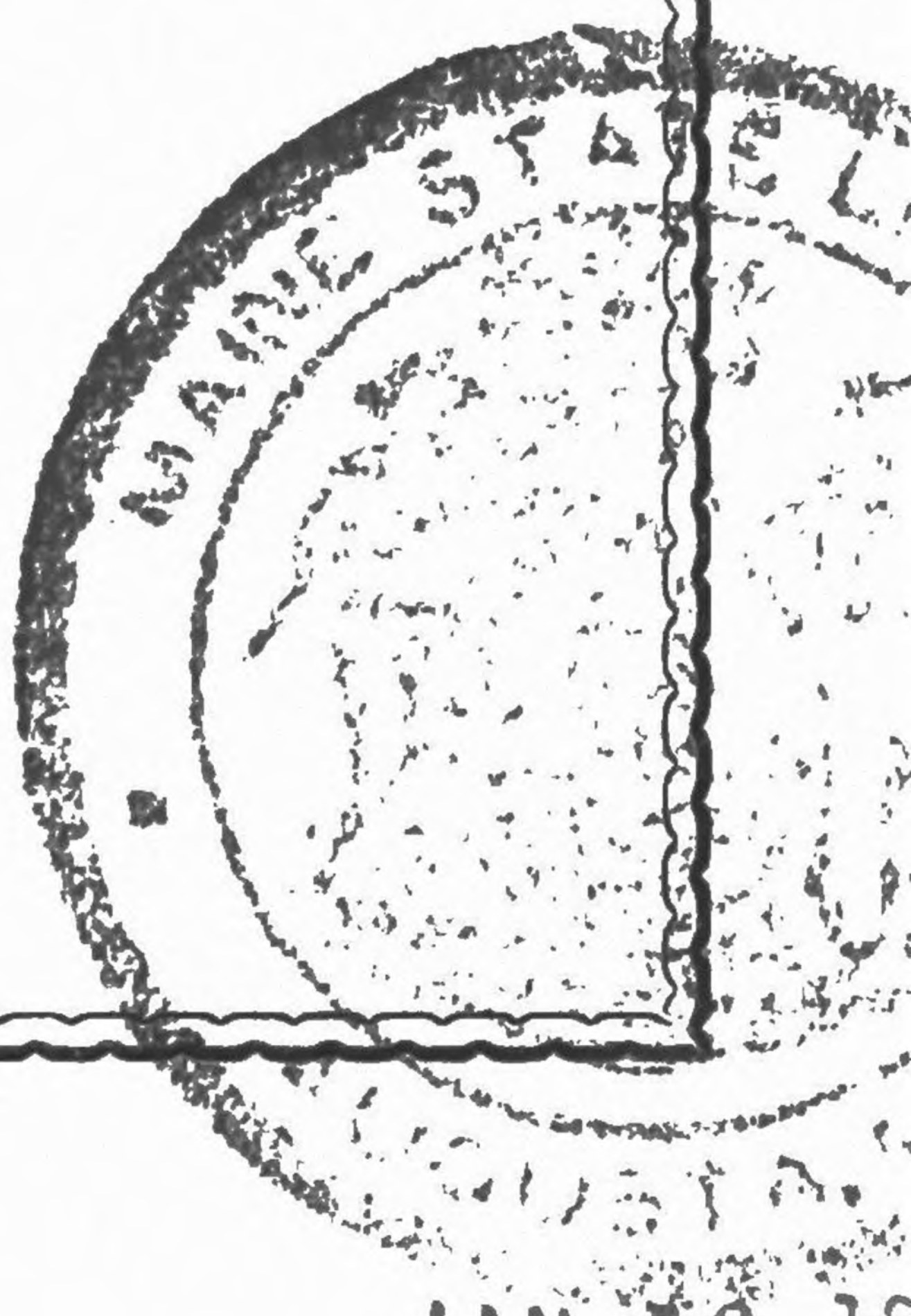
TOWN OFFICERS

— OF THE —

TOWN OF MOPE,

For the Year Ending February 28, 1886.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Real Estate,	\$144,142
Personal Estate,	44,827
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Total,	\$188,969

Rate of tax, \$17.00 on one thousand.

No of Polls, 197. Tax per Poll, \$2.75.

TAX ASSESSED AND COMMITTED TO M. F. TAYLOR, COLLECTOR.

State Tax,	\$797 31
County Tax,	409 21
For Support of Schools,	664 50
For Support of Poor,	600 00
For Roads and Bridges,	150 00
For removing fences and substituting wire fences where necessary where snow drifts in the highways, and paying damages for crossing fields,	200 00
Breaking Snow, winter of 1884-5,	350 00
For Repair of Mowry Cemetery,	50 00
For Town and Miscellaneous Expenses,	475 00
Overlay,	63 05
Uncollected Highway Tax,	8 25
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	\$3767 32

ORDERS DRAWN FOR BREAKING SNOW IN WINTER OF 1884-5.
1885.

June 19. E. O. Robbins, \$19 72

Paid as follows: E. O. Robbins, \$13 05
G. M. Payson, 5 17
Geo. Merrifield, 1 50

\$19 72

June 19. M. Metcalf, \$3 80

Paid as follows: M. Metcalf, \$2 00
Frank Handly, 1 35
A. J. Pearse, 45

\$3 80

June 19. A. M. Crabtree, \$7 35
1886.

Feb. 4. A. M. Crabtree, 1 50

Paid as follows: A. M. Crabtree, \$2 25
John Bowley, 1 50
A. A. Carter, 1 95
J. M. Crabtree, 2 25
F. A. Crabtree, 90

\$8 85

1885.

June 19. J. H. Wright, \$15 60

Paid as follows: J. H. Wright, \$8 40
F. H. Barnes, 3 15
S. C. Bowley, 2 55
I. D. Heal, 1 50

\$15 60

June 19. E. W. Hewett, \$19 00

Paid as follows: E. W. Hewett, \$2 00

1885.

	P. W. Hewett,	3 00	
	H. E. Woster,	14 00	
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		\$19 00	
June 19.	Jethro Simmons,		\$19 34
	Paid as follows :		
	Jethro Simmons,	\$6 30	
	Eben Blaisdell,	90	
	Jesse Wentworth,	6 14	
	F. A. Wentworth,	1 80	
	Otis Mills,	4 20	
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		\$19 34	
June 19.	D. J. Bowley,		\$5 78
	Paid as follows :		
	D. J. Bowley,	\$4 35	
	H. J. Fitch,	1 43	
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		\$5.78	
June 19.	M. F. Taylor,		\$11 25
" "	B. F. Merrifield,		\$7 80
	Paid as follows :		
	B. F. Merrifield,	\$5 40	
	Geo. Merrifield,	2 40	
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		\$7 80	
June 19.	Rose Merrifield,		\$3 00
" "	Geo. Wellman,		\$16 83
	Paid as follows :		
	Geo. Wellman,	\$6 37	
	F. M. Taylor,	5 55	
	W. J. Taylor,	3 71	
	Smith Maxey,	1 20	
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		\$16 83	
June 19.	Chas. Morse,		\$17 83
	Paid as follows :		
	Chas. Morse,	\$6 85	
	Edw. Roy,	7 08	
	F. H. Calderwood,	3 90	
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		\$17 83	

June 19.	Ansel Keene,		\$15 30
	Paid as follows :	Ansel Keene,	\$7 35
		Nath'l Wellman,	7 95
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			\$15 30
June 19.	Geo. O. Wentworth,		\$13 65
	Paid as follows :	G. O. Wentworth,	\$4 05
		Elisha Philbrick,	9 60
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			\$13 65
June 19.	E. Upham,		\$11 00
	Paid as follows :	E. Upham,	\$7 35
		E. E. Upham,	3 65
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			\$11 00
June 19.	B. H. Carleton,		\$17 68
	Paid as follows :	B. H. Carleton,	\$15 50
		W. H. Bartlett,	2 18
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			\$17 68
June 19.	Frank P. Conant,		\$22 55
	Paid as follows :	F. P. Conant,	\$5 40
		H. M. Philbrick,	3 90
		D. H. Ludwig,	3 90
		G. H. Brown,	4 50
		Isaac Conant,	4 85
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			\$22 55
June 19.	Geo. Athearn,		\$6 67
	Paid as follows :	Geo. Athearn,	\$1 95
		Eph'm Heal,	2 40
		Orren Wellman,	75
		W. D. Wellman,	1 57
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			\$6 67

June 19.	C. A. Payson,		\$8 15
	Paid as follows,	C. A. Payson,	\$3 20
		E. A. Payson,	2 60
		Nathan Barrett,	1 60
		D. A. Payson,	75
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			\$8 15
June 19.	Alanson Wentworth,		\$32 85
	Paid as follows :	A. Wentworth,	\$9 45
		L. Brown,	5 25
		R. Brown,	3 00
		A. R. Wentworth,	3 60
		W. A. Fuller,	3 60
		D. S. Hall,	7 95
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			\$32 85
Aug. 8.	Samuel Wentworth,		\$52 31
	Paid as follows :	S. Wentworth,	\$11 77
		H. Wentworth,	14 32
		J. W. Hilt,	9 04
		C. A. Simmons,	11 40
		S. Trask,	5 78
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			\$52 31
Aug 8.	Leroy Jackson,		\$14 35
	Paid as follows :	Leroy Jackson,	\$5 55
		Thomas Wentworth,	5 80
		D. B. Wentworth,	3 00
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			\$14 35
Aug. 8.	H. H. Fogler,		\$5 40
	1886.		
Feb. 4.	Arthur Wentworth,		\$5 87
Feb. 18.	C. T. Kimball,		\$4 20
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	Total amount of orders drawn for breaking snow,		\$358 78

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE.

Resources.

Balance from 1884,	\$10 77
Amt. apportioned for 1885,	120 32
	<hr/> \$131 09

Expenditures.

1885.		
June 23.	To Fannie J. Taylor, for teaching,	\$21 00
Sept. 25.	“ Fannie J. Taylor “ “	21 00
1886.		
Feb. 17.	“ Jethro Simmons, 10 ft. wood,	5 00
“ 17.	“ C. H. Jones, for board of teacher,	18 00
“ 19.	“ H. M. Cole, repairs,	\$2 25
	“ Supplies,	3 22
	“ Building fires,	1 10
		<hr/> \$ 6 57
“ 22	“ Fannie J. Taylor, for teaching,	54 00
	Total Expenditures,	<hr/> \$125 57
	Balance due District,	5 52
		<hr/> \$131 09

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO TWO.

Resources.

Balance from 1884,	\$ 13
Amt. apportioned for 1885,	140 92
	<hr/> \$141 05

Expenditures.

1885.		
July 2.	To Helen B. Leach, teaching,	\$21 00
Nov. 4.	“ Helen B. Leach, “	21 00

Nov. 4.	To	Smith Maxcy, boarding teacher,	23 00
1886.			
Jan. 13.	"	Chas. O. Rokes, teaching,	52 00
Feb. 4.	"	Smith Maxcy, board of teacher,	16 00
	"	Crayons,	50
" 18.	"	Nath'l Alford, Fuel,	5 60
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		Total Expenditures,	\$139 10
		Balance due District,	1 95
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			\$141 05

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. THREE.

Resources.

Balance from 1884,	\$2 03
Amt. apportioned for 1885,	116 00
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	\$118 03

Expenditures.

1885.			
June 24.	To	Fred H. Calderwood, boarding teacher,	\$10 70
July 2.	"	Mary C. Maxcy, teaching,	24 50
Oct. 3.	"	Minnie Barnes, "	21 00
" 3.	"	Mrs. Geo. O. Wentworth,	
		boarding teacher,	10 50
Dec. 12.	"	Mrs. Geo. O. Wentworth,	
		boarding teacher,	7 50
1886.			
Feb. 18.	"	F. H. Calderwood, services as agent,	2 00
" 18.	"	G. M. Payson, wood, 1½ cords at \$4.40,	6 60
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		Total Expenditures,	\$82 80
		Balance due District,	35 23
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			\$118 03

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. FOUR.

Resources.

Balance from 1884,	\$22 50
Amount apportioned for 1885,	155 52
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Total,	\$178 02

Expenditures.

1885.			
April 1.	To	W. S. Payson, teaching,	\$22 50
June 27.	"	Mary E. Rowe, "	34 70
Dec. 7.	"	Mary E. Rowe, "	30 00
1886.			
Jan. 12.	"	Mary E. Rowe, "	45 00
Feb. 18.	"	H. H. Payson, supplies,	\$ 80
	"	Removing boughs and bough-	
		ing house,	1 25
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			2 05
Feb. 18.	"	Daniel Bartlett, fuel,	8 75
" 18.	"	A. F. Dunton, board of teacher,	
		3 terms, 21 weeks,	35 25
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		Total Expenditures,	\$178 25
		Amt. Overdrawn,	23
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			\$178 02

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. FIVE.

Resources.

Balance from 1884,	\$ 41 89
Amount paid by J. Woster of Camden,	4 50
Amount apportioned for 1885,	159 84
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Total,	\$206 23

Expenditures.

1885.		
May 28.	To	Minnie Barrett, teaching and board,
June 27.	"	" " " " " "
		\$25 20
		35 00

1886.

Jan. 2.	To Minnie Barrett, teaching and board,	\$45 00
Feb. 19.	“ W. H. Bartlett, “ “ “	84 00
“ 19.	“ E. A. Payson, Stove,	\$10 25
	Supplies,	1 80
		<hr/> 12 05
“ “	“ James P. Hobbs, fuel,	9 00
	Total Expenditures,	<hr/> \$210 25
	Overdrawn,	4 02
		<hr/> \$206 23

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. SIX.

Resources.

Balance from 1884,	\$ 79
Amount apportioned for 1885,	137 07
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Total,	\$137 86

Expenditures.

1885.

June 27.	To Minnie Barnes, teaching,	\$27 00
July 4.	“ D. S. Hall, boarding teacher,	13 95
Nov. 27.	“ W. A. Fuller, fuel,	7 80

1886.

Jan. 12.	“ W. H. Hull, teaching,	60 00
“ 17.	“ F. P. Conant, boarding teacher,	20 90
Feb. 19.	“ D. H. Mansfield, for supplies,	1 00
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	Total Expenditures,	\$130 65
	Balance due District,	7 21
		<hr/> \$137 86

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. SEVEN.

Resources.

Balance from 1884,	<hr/>
Amount appropriated for 1885,	224 88
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Total,	\$224 88

Expenditures.

1885.			
July 24.	To	Rena Martin, teaching and board,	\$44 00
Nov. 19.	"	" " " " " "	54 00
1886.			
Feb. 4.	"	D. J. Bowley, supplies,	10 86
		Labor,	\$4 05
		Supplies,	4 31
		Cleaning house,	2 50
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			\$10 86
Feb. 4.	"	A. M. Crabtree, fuel,	\$11 00
" 18.	"	Rena Martin, teaching and board,	90 00
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		Total Expenditures,	\$209 86
		Amount due District,	15 02
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			\$224 88

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1885.			
June 27.	To	H. H. Fogler, lumber,	\$ 7 00
Sept. 26.	"	M. Metcalf, plank,	6 65
Nov. 4.	"	Hamlin Burkett, plank,	13 00
" "	"	John Fogler, "	11 19
" "	"	S. H. Bowley, labor on highway,	3 00
" "	"	E. G. Mink, " " "	5 00
" "	"	E. O. Bowley, " " "	2 75
" "	"	D. J. Bowley, " " " and plank,	10 25
" "	"	S. W. Upham, labor on highway,	6 50
" 19.	"	E. G. Mink, " " "	75
" "	"	J. L. Fullerton, " " "	1 00
1886.			
Feb. 4.	"	F. S. Gould, bridge plank,	2 77

Feb. 4.	To A. M. Crabtree,		
	Labor in the Merrifield dis't,	\$4 00	
	Crabtree bridge,	2 50	
	Upham road,	50	
		<u> </u>	7 00
“ 18.	“ B. H. Carleton,		
	Damage to plow,	\$ 2 50	
	Labor on highway,	40 60	
	Bridge plank,	2 60	
		<u> </u>	45 70
“ “	“ Chas. E. Bartlett, labor on highway,		3 00
“ “	“ W. H. Bartlett, “ “ “		5 00
“ “	“ Alanson Wentworth, labor		
	on highway,	\$13 30	
	D. S. Hall, labor,	1 00	
	Isaac Wellman, labor,	1 00	
	Alfred Wentworth, labor,	1 00	
	Stringers for bridge,	2 50	
		<u> </u>	18 80
“ “	“ E. G. Mink, labor on highway,		75
“ “	“ W. J. Allen, plank,		13 10
“ “	“ Orren Wellman, labor on highway,		6 50
	Orren Wellman,	\$1 50	
	W. Wellman,	1 50	
	A. Wentworth,	3 50	
“ “	“ M. F. Taylor, plank and stone for		
	bridges,		1 50
“ “	“ G. M. Payson, labor on highway,		1 50
“ 19.	“ M. Metcalf, “ “ “		3 00
	Total orders drawn for roads and bridges,		<u>\$175 71</u>
	Appropriation,		150 00
	Overdrawn,		<u>\$25 71</u>

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

1885.

Apr. 1.	To	M. Metcalf, for support of Ira W. Bills,	\$28 92
" 1.	"	Elisha Philbrick, support of poor,	37 50
May 2.	"	H. E. Woster, " " "	35 00
" 28.	"	H. E. Woster, " " "	35 00
June 13.	"	M. Metcalf, " " I. W. Bills,	37 33
" 17.	"	A. P. St. Clair, supplies for E. Walker,	6 25
July 8.	"	H. E. Woster, support of poor,	35 00
Aug. 8.	"	H. E. Woster, " " "	35 00
Sept 5.	"	H. E. Woster, " " "	35 00
" 16.	"	M. Metcalf, support of I. W. Bills,	32 44
Oct. 10.	"	H. E. Woster, support of poor,	35 00
Nov. 2.	"	H. E. Woster, " " "	35 00
" 27.	"	H. E. Woster, " " "	35 00

1886.

Jan. 2.	"	M. Metcalf, support of I. W. Bills,	43 88
" 2.	"	H. E. Woster, support of Poor,	35 00
Feb. 18.	"	H. E. Woster, " " "	35 00
" 18.	"	D. E. Fiske, board of tramps, 15 meals, 5 lodgings,	13 00
" 18.	"	H. E. Woster, support of poor,	35 00

\$584 32

Amount of appropriation, 600 00

Unexpended, \$15 68

Amt. paid by Ira Bills for support of son, 17 52

Amt. paid by Rockland, acct. of E. Walker, 6 25

Total covered back, \$23 77

Net expense of poor, \$560 55

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

1885.

June 17.	To	Edwin Sprague, printing and binding town reports,	\$19 00
" 17.	"	A. P. St. Clair, blank books for collector, highway surveyors and valuation,	5 90

1886,

Feb. 18.	"	H. M. Cole, for Rice and Hall, expense in Appleton lawsuit,	30 00
" 19.	"	Dr. Isaac Bartlett, for vaccine quills and vaccination of residents of town,	8 00
" 19.	"	H. M. Cole, for order book,	\$3 00
" "	"	" " " " record "	2 00
" "	"	" " " " stationery and postage,	1 37
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			6 37
" 19.	"	To M. F. Taylor, for error in commitment of 1884,	1 00
" 22.	"	John Fogler, for breaking plow,	5 11
" 22.	"	H. M. Cole, for Rice and Hall, term fee in Appleton case, Mar. term, 1885,	6 00

Total for miscellaneous purposes, \$81 38

ORDERS DRAWN FOR ABATEMENTS OF TAXES.

1886.

Feb 18.	To	M. F. Taylor, Collector for 1884,	\$12 50
" "	"	" " " " " " " "	5 00
" "	"	" " " " " " 1885,	8 25

Total abatements, \$25 75

The following is a list of persons whose poll tax has been abated :

S. W. Upham,	tax of 1884,	\$2 50
W. E. Haskell,	“ “ “	2 50
Geo. Carter,	“ “ “	2 50
Jethro Simmons, Jr.,	“ “ “	2 50
Jason Bills,	“ “ “	2 50
D. B. Blackinton,	“ “ “	2 50
Lewis Waterman,	“ “ “	2 50
C. H. Raye,	“ “ 1885,	2 75
M. G. Titus,	“ “ “	2 75
Lewis Waterman,	“ “ “	2 75
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		\$25 75

ORDERS DRAWN FOR REMOVING FENCES, SUBSTITUTING WIRE FENCE WHERE NECESSARY, AND PAYING DAMAGES FOR CROSSING LANDS.

1886.

Jan. 8.	To Samuel Wentworth, leveling about 60 rods fence,	\$ 7 00
Feb. 18.	“ W. J. Allen, for 315 lbs. wire,	17 58
	Distributed as follows :	
	J. W. Hilt, 120 lbs.	
	G. O. Wentworth, 90 lbs.	
	Geo. Brown, 105 lbs.	
Feb. 18.	“ W. J. Allen, services as town agent, making contracts for removing fences, etc.,	10 50
Feb. 18.	“ John Fogler, for removing 33½ rods stone wall at \$1.00,	33 33

1885.

Dec. 1.	“ H. E. Woster, removing 38 rods wall at \$.75,	28 50
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1886.

Feb. 18.	To	D. J. Bowley, crossing field and breaking road in same,	2 50
"	"	" M. F. Taylor, removing 11 rods wall,	7 00
"	"	" J. P. Hobbs, for damage crossing land, home farm and I. Hobbs place,	5 00
" 22.	"	" S. C. Hewett, removing 30 rods wall at 60 cts.,	18 00
		Amount Expended,	<u>\$129 41</u>
		Amount of Appropriations,	200 00
		Unexpended,	<u>\$70 59</u>

Amount of fence removed, $172\frac{1}{8}$ rods.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR LABOR ON MOWRY CEMETERY.

1885.

Nov. 19.	To	E. O. Robbins, labor on cemetery,	\$ 3 00
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1886.

Jan. 8.	"	G. M. Robbins,	"	"	"	10 00
Feb. 4.	"	E. G. Mink,	"	"	"	2 00
"	"	" J. L. Fullerton,	"	"	"	2 00
" 18.	"	M. Metcalf,	"	"	"	6 00
"	"	" H. M. Cole,	"	"	"	6 00
"	"	" " " " damage to wagon,				1 75
						<u>7 75</u>
" 19.	"	Myron Wentworth, labor,				1 50
		Amount Expended,				<u>\$32 25</u>
		Appropriation,				50 00
		Amount Unexpended,				<u>\$17 75</u>

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 22, 1886.

CERTIFICATES OF INTENTION OF MARRIAGE ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

1885.

Feb. 23. Adelbert E. Rokes and Abbie L. Wentworth, both of Hope.

April 20. Willard E. Suckforth and Huldah E. Lermond, both of Hope.

July 15. Albert L. Payson, of Hope, and Sadie F. Gray, of Rockland.

Aug. 24. Charles E. Fernald, of Lincolnville, and Julia M. Wellman, of Hope.

Aug. 24. Frank L. Payson and Hattie E. Fletcher, both of Hope.

Oct. 7. Wilder D. Wellman and Amatia N. Holbrook, both of Hope.

Oct. 7. Elwyn C. Fish, of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and Nellie W. Sibley, of Hope.

Oct. 29. Oscar F. Payson, of Hope, and Nellie M. Parsons, of Rockport.

Oct, 30. George D. Bowley, of Hope, and Almedia Thorn-dike, of Camden.

Dec. 15. Reuben E. Howard, of Hope, and Lizzie Hosley, of Cushing.

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN FOR THE YEAR.

1885.

Feb. 28. Traverse, George Wellman.

Sept. 8. Grand Juror, Cyrus Taylor. Traverse, W. J
Allen.

Nov. 27. Traverse, Otis Mills.

The inhabitants of the Town are notified to be in readiness to give to the Assessors the dates of births and deaths which occurred from January 1, 1885, to January 1, 1886, for record. The ages of deceased persons must be stated in years, months and days.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Cole, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

By a vote of the town passed March 9th, 1885, the sum of two hundred dollars was raised to be expended in removing fences, building wire fence, and paying damage for crossing private land in winter. Of that amount the following sums have been expended :

For moving stone wall on land of H. Woster,	\$28 50	
“ “ “ “ “ “ S. C. Hewett,	18 00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ J. Hilt,	7 00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ S. Fish,	33 33	
“ “ “ “ “ “ M. F. Taylor,	7 00	
		\$93 83
For 315 lbs. wire,	\$15 75	
For damage by crossing land in winter to J. P. Hobbs,	5 00	
For damage by crossing land in winter to D. J. Bowley,	2 50	

W. J. ALLEN, *Town Agent.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. C. HEWETT, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF HOPE.

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1886.

February 22.

To Balance on settlement March 4th, 1885,	\$ 24 71
“ Amount of uncollected tax for 1884,	645 52
“ Cash on tax for 1883,	77 75
“ Cash from John Woster,	4 50
“ Cash from Ira Bills for support of Ira W. Bills,	17 52
“ Cash from W. H. Bartlett for bridge lumber,	2 00
“ Cash from Rockland for supplies furnished Eben Walker,	6 25
“ Cash from Appleton on Jones lawsuit,	165 23
“ State school fund and mill tax for 1885,	390 05
“ Amount of tax bills for 1885,	2560 80
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	\$3894 33

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By Paying town orders drawn before Mar. 8, 1885,	\$ 138 10
“ Paying town orders drawn for 1885,	2625 83
“ Uncollected tax for 1884,	50 00
“ Uncollected tax for 1885,	931 89
“ Cash to balance in treasury,	148 51
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	\$3894 33

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

SELECTMEN OF HOPE:

Gentlemen,—As required by law, I herewith submit my annual report on the schools of this town, for the year ending Feb. 28, 1886.

Yours respectfully,

D. H. MANSFIELD,

Supervisor of Schools.

Hope, Me., Mar. 1, 1886.

TEACHERS AND TEACHING.

District number one had three terms of school, each taught by Miss F. J. Taylor of Hope, a Normal graduate and an excellent scholar. The scholars made good progress under her tuition, and her services were valuable to the school.

District number two. Spring and Fall terms taught by Miss Nellie B. Leach of South Union, a teacher of ability and experience. Progress satisfactory.

Winter term taught by Chas. O. Rokes of West Camden, a teacher of some experience but of limited scholarship. The scholars were interested in their studies and made fair progress.

District number three. Spring term taught by Mary Maxcy of Hope. This was hardly a satisfactory term of school, but it was not *all* the fault of the teacher. I believe she conscientiously worked for the good of the school.

Fall term taught by Minnie Barnes of Hope. She labored hard to make the school a success, and her efforts were not in vain.

Winter term taught by Chas. Smith of Appleton. As it was but five weeks in length, but little benefit could be expected.

District number four. A short term of three weeks was held in March, under the instruction of W. S. Payson of Hope. Mr. Payson knows what he is teaching, and knows how to teach it. His equal as a teacher is seldom seen.

The regular school year was divided into three terms, all taught by Miss May E. Rowe of Newport. Quick, active and energetic in her movements, and ambitious in her vocation, she met with success in the school.

District number five had also a short term in the Spring, besides the regular Spring and Fall terms, all three taught by Minnie C. Barrett of Hope, a Normal graduate of long experience and ability. Her labor in this school was crowned with success.

The Winter term was taught by W. H. Bartlett, a teacher of much experience and so well known in this town that comment is unnecessary.

The scholars were much interested in their studies and made progress, but the order was not so good as in other schools. As a whole the scholars in this district are far ahead of the other scholars in Hope.

District number six had but two terms of school, yet the scholars made much improvement.

The Spring term was taught by Minnie Barnes of Hope. This was her first experience in teaching, and she labored hard for success and fully achieved it, satisfying every one.

Winter term taught by Wm. H. Hull of Damariscotta, the same teacher who so successfully taught there last winter. This school has made rapid progress within the last two years.

District number seven, which is nearly twice the size of any other district, had three terms, all under the instruction of Miss Rena Martin of South Hope. She is a hardworking teacher,

whose labor in this school was of great benefit; each term being very satisfactory and profitable.

Our schools have equaled, at least, if not surpassed what they have been in former years; yet I cannot feel that all has been done that ought to have been; that the scholars have made all that improvement, or received all that advantage from attending school that might have been made and received. There appears to be too much indifference on the part of parents. They will send their scholars to school at the commencement; if they learn, it is all right; if not, the same. You ask them about their school and they say: "I guess we are having a good school, I don't hear any complaint;" instead of saying, "We are having a good school, I have been there to see." But we need better schools and longer terms, and every scholar in school each day. We need to choose agents who are earnest in the work of education, and who will seek for the best teachers and be in season before such are engaged. Each annual school meeting should be called as soon after the annual town election as possible, so that the incoming agent may have time to get a good teacher. And let there be permanency in teachers; a really good teacher is worth to the school nearly twice as much the second term as the first.

Also I would most earnestly and respectfully call upon all interested to enforce a better attendance of their pupils on their respective schools, as there appears to be a great lack of it in our schools. Let each parent see that his or her scholars are in school at the proper time, and on all occasions within the range of possibility.

We pay a large sum each year, besides the cost of school-houses, books, etc., for each scholar, and then send him to school only a part of the time, some none at all. As near as I can tell from the returns of the teachers, over fifty scholars

neglect the privilege of our schools almost entirely. Let us employ the very best teachers we can get, compel the punctual attendance of our children, and encourage them to strive for such an education as will fit them for the greatest usefulness and happiness. Do not let your children stay away from school for trivial causes, but remember that every day they are absent is *a day lost*, never to be regained, and sure to place them at a disadvantage with those who regularly attend.

A great evil in our school, fostered by the impatience or mistaken ambition on the part of the parents, is the premature advancement of pupils, especially in reading. It is no advantage, but on the contrary it is a positive injury to a scholar to be stumbling through a book in which he is not qualified to read. Let no reading book be changed for a higher grade until you have ascertained from the teacher that the change is really desirable, and that the book is adapted to the needs of the child for whom it is required.

But above all, whatever else you do, never speak of the teacher in disparaging terms before your children. Never destroy your children's respect for their instructor by unguarded remarks in their presence. No course can be more destructive of order and discipline in the school than this. It is the chief cause of failure in many schools. Let it be reformed altogether.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

There are sixty dollars worth of books owned by the town, and kept for sale to the scholars. They have been divided, and one third placed in the hands of A. P. St. Clair, one third in the hands of L. P. True, and the remainder are in my possession, besides books which I have bought with my own money, to the value of \$24.31, making schoolbooks now on hand to the value of \$84.31.

Not deeming the Fish-Robinson arithmetic suitable for the use of scholars in our schools, and after a thorough examination

of several arithmetics I decided to change for Raub's arithmetic. The change has been made in all the districts but one, and at a cost of \$31.20. The actual cash value of the new book was at least, on an average, one third more than the old one, so that the actual cost of the exchange was not far from \$20, and the new book is sold for 60 cents, whereas the old arithmetic cost 72 cents. I am satisfied that the change will be of much value to the scholars in the near future.

STATISTICAL.

A G E N T S.....	H. M. Cole.	Smith Maxcy.	F. Calderwood.	Henry Payson.	E. A. Payson.	D. H. Mansfield.	D. J. Bowley.
<i>No. of District,</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Number of scholars in each district,.....	26	31	25	36	37	30	59
Wages of teacher per week, extra spring term,...				\$7 50	\$4 25		
Wages of teacher per week, regular spring term,.	\$3 50	\$3 00	\$3 50	\$5 00	\$3 35	\$3 00	\$4 00
Wages of teacher per week, fall term,	\$3 50	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$5 00	\$3 30		\$4 50
Wages of teacher per week, winter term,.....	\$4 50	\$6 50	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 50	\$5 75
Length of school in weeks, extra spring term,....				3	4		
Length of the school in weeks, regular spring term,	6	7	7	6	7	9	8
Length of the school in weeks, fall term,	6	7	7	6	9	0	9
Length of the school in weeks, winter term,.....	12	8	5	9	12	11	12
Whole No. scholars at school extra spring term,..				17	25		
Whole No. scholars at school, regular spring term,.	11	16	15	21	21	19	37
Average No. scholars at school, regular spring term	10	15	13	19	19	13	32
Whole No. scholars at school, fall term,.....	12	17	14	23	29	0	43
Average No. scholars at school, fall term,	11	16	13	19	20	0	37
Whole No. scholars at school, winter term,.....	20	20	19	23	*	20	41
Average No. scholars at school, winter term,.....	17	14	15	20	*	16	31
No. of visits by citizens for the year,	19	25	13	10	9*	23	34

*No returns.