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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

# TOWN OF HOPE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1890.

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# Selectmen's Report

## VALUATION.

Real estate,	\$181,080 00
Personal property,	43,417 00
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Total valuation of town,	\$224,497 00

Rate of taxation, .01 on each \$1.  
 No. of polls, 183. Tax on each, \$1.50.

## TAX ASSESSED IN 1889.

State tax,	\$585 33
County tax,	409 21

For town purposes:	\$994 54
For support of schools,	\$664 50
For support of poor,	200 00
For repair of roads and bridges,	150 00
For town and miscellaneous expenses,	250 00
For breaking roads in Winter,	150 00
For overlay,	110 43
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	1,524 93

Total committed to E. E. Upham to collect, \$2,519 47

## TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

For abatements,	\$11 50
For breaking roads,	35 10
For support of poor,	304 97
For roads and bridges,	500 86
For town and miscellaneous expenses,	214 41
For schools,	1,547 46
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	\$2,614 30

## TAX ABATEMENTS.

C. H. Wellman,	\$1 00
Ezekiel Bowley,	1 00
Charles Huntley,	2 50
W. C. Whitehouse,	7 00
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	\$11 50

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SHOVELING SNOW AND BREAKING  
ROADS.

G. M. Payson,	\$1 20
G. M. Robbins,	1 05
S. Trask,	1 57
D. H. Ludwig,	3 00
George H. Brown.	1 50
Isaac Conant,	1 00
J. P. Hobbs,	3 00
A. M. Crabtree,	2 00
Lyman Frye et als,	7 19
Hiram Hall,	3 00
John Delano,	2 60
E. G. Harkness,	1 05
S. W. Upham,	1 50
N. E. Wellman,	2 10
Halsey Payson,	84
A. S. Lermond,	60
B. H. Carleton,	1 90
	\$35 10

AMOUNT PAID OUT FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid John W. Chase for support of Ira W. Bills,	\$25 76
S. W. Upham for support of Warren Gould,	40 00
John W. Chase for support of Alvaretta Metcalf,	72 95
Expense of taking to hospital of Alvaretta Metcalf,	15 00
A. H. Newbert for support of James L. Went- worth,	13 76
E. D. Gushee for support of James L. Went- worth,	35 00
F. E. Varney for medical attendance, U. G. Merrifield,	26 50
I. Bartlett for medical attendance, U. G. Merrifield,	2 00
Mrs. H. M. Cole for support of U. G. Merrifield,	65 88
Chester Quiggle for support U. G. Merrifield,	4 00
W. Starrett for supplies furnished U. G. Merri- field,	3 57
F. L. Payson for supplies furnished U. G. Merrifield,	55
	\$304 97

## ORDERS DRAWN FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid for rent of road machine,		\$75	00
For freight on road machine,		11	90
T. H. Calderwood, labor on road,		5	79
T. H. Calderwood,	.. ..		75
Jethro Simmons,	.. ..	10	50
J. Gould,	.. ..	15	00
George Wellman,	.. ..	15	00
W. N. Vogler,	.. ..	4	98
F. L. Mansfield,	.. ..	30	00
G. M. Payson,	.. ..	5	75
C. T. Kimball,	.. ..	3	00
E. E. Upham,	.. ..	7	75
S. L. Bills,	.. ..	6	00
G. M. Robbins,	.. ..	1	00
E. Upham,	.. ..	4	50
E. Roy,	.. ..	9	00
Jethro Simmons,	.. ..	6	00
C. H. Jones,	.. ..	2	25
W. P. Barrett,	.. ..	3	80
N. F. Barrett,	.. ..	14	30
H. M. Cole,	.. ..	40	25
Hilliard Jones,	.. ..	1	26
J. P. Hobbs,	.. ..	3	00
Levere Howard,	.. ..	6	00
A. M. Crabtree,	.. ..	16	75
S. H. Bowley,	.. ..	1	50
A. M. Crabtree,	.. ..	4	00
Charles Bartlett,	.. ..	3	75
S. J. Kimball,	.. ..	1	50
G. M. Robbins,	.. ..	14	25
S. W. Upham,	.. ..	15	00
G. O. Wentworth,	.. ..	1	50
E. G. Mink,	.. ..	9	27
J. A. Heal,	.. ..	6	00
M. F. Taylor,	.. ..	6	00
M. F. Taylor,	.. ..	1	25
W. J. Taylor,	.. ..	3	75
Elisha Philbrick,	.. ..	15	00
E. H. Heal,	.. ..	11	16
F. A. Handley,	.. ..	4	50
F. L. Payson,	.. ..		61

W. H. Bartlett, labor on road,	8 00
W. B. Fish, " "	25 59
Elbridge Gould, " "	2 25
Alvin I. Perry, " "	5 00
Sprague & Humes, plank,	24 00
Albion Allen, work on road,	13 45
E. E. Upham, " "	2 00
B. H. Carleton, " "	22 00
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	\$500 86

#### ORDERS FOR TOWN AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Paid Robbins & Otis, printing town reports, 1889,	\$15 00
For legal advice, T. P. Pierce,	1 00
C. I. Burrows, damage to wagon,	10 00
D. H. Mansfield, services as supervisor,	35 00
H. M. Cole, services as town clerk,	4 00
H. M. Cole, services as selectman,	30 00
H. M. Cole, blank books,	7 40
W. B. Fish, services as selectman,	30 00
D. H. Mansfield, services as selectman,	30 00
For stationery, postage and express bills,	3 70
E. E. Upham, for collecting tax, 1889,	40 31
J. H. Hobbs, services as treasurer, 1889,	8 00
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	\$214 41

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1.

Balance left in 1888,	\$11 01
Amount apportioned, 1889,	120 00
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	\$131 01

#### EXPENDITURES.

Lucy Cole, teaching and board,	\$22 00
Freeman Wellman, wood,	8 00
Ada B. Young, teaching,	44 00
C. H. Jones, board and supplies,	24 50
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	98 50
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Balance due district,	\$32 51

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2.

Balance left from 1888,	\$14 10
Amount apportioned, 1889,	120 00
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	\$134 10

## EXPENDITURES.

A. J. Bradley, for school charts,	\$15 00	
Gertrude F. Payson, teaching and board,	50 00	
Delia Quinn, teaching and board,	40 00	
Thaddeus Hastings, supplies,	4 92	
W. Starrett, board,	14 00	
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Balance due district,		\$10 18

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 3.

Balance left in 1888,	\$32 66
Amount apportioned in 1889,	75 00
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	\$107 66

## EXPENDITURES.

F. L. Mansfield, fuel, 1888,	\$7 29	
Millie Beverage, teaching,	20 00	
F. H. Calderwood, board,	16 00	
Lelia E. Wentworth, teaching and board,	50 00	
F. L. Mansfield, wood, 1889,	4 37	
	<hr/>	\$97 66
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Balance due district,		\$10 00

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4.

Amount of tax assessed in 1887, not previously reported,	\$23 44
Balance left from 1888,	14 72
Amount apportioned 1889,	185 00
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	\$223 16

## EXPENDITURES.

A. J. Bradley for charts,	\$15 00
Mary Carleton, teaching,	50 00
Mary Carleton, board,	11 80
Mary Carleton, teaching and board,	66 10

A. F. Dunton, wood and board,	12 50	
H. E. Woster, supplies,	1 65	
	<u>          </u>	157 05
Balance due district,		<u>          </u> \$66 11

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 5.

Balance left from 1888,		\$45 25
Amount apportioned, 1889,		170 00
Paid by John Woster,		8 00
		<u>          </u>
		\$223 25

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid A. J. Bradley for school charts,	\$15 00	
Mary Bills, teaching,	28 00	
D. A. Payson, board in 1888,	24 00	
Mary Bills, teaching and board,	39 25	
J. P. Hobbs, wood,	7 00	
Mary Bills, teaching,	60 00	
Albion Allen, board,	12 00	
Mrs. D. A. Payson, board,	25 44	
	<u>          </u>	210 69
Balance due district,		<u>          </u> \$12 56

## SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6.

Tax assessed for repairs on schoolhouse in district No. 6,		\$192 25
Bills paid out on same :		
For assessing tax,	\$2 00	
For collecting tax,	3 07	
Alanson Wentworth, rebuilding,	187 50	
	<u>          </u>	\$192 57
Balance due town for tax assessed for rebuilding,		<u>          </u> 32
Balance left from 1888,		\$65 10
Amount apportioned in 1889,		150 00
		<u>          </u>
		\$215 10

## EXPENDITURES.

L. O. Brown, board,	\$10 80
Alice Hewett, teaching,	28 00



Alice Hewett, teaching,	40 00	
L. O. Brown, board,	10 80	
George H. Brown, services as agent,	5 55	
A. Wentworth, wood,	4 00	
L. O. Brown, board,	19 38	
Alice Hewett, teaching,	51 00	
	<hr/>	\$169 53
Balance due district,		\$45 57
Overdrawn on tax,		32
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Net balance due district,		\$45 25

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7.

Tax assessed for repairs on schoolhouse in district No. 7.		\$170 41
Balance unexpended from last year,		47 80
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		\$218 21

#### Bills paid out on same :

For assessing tax,	\$3 00	
For collecting tax,	2 72	
For abatement of tax, W. C. Whitehouse,	3 40	
C. E. Dunbar, work,	47 80	
W. H. Glover & Co., lumber,	10 57	
Albert Esency, cash lent,	154 73	
C. E. Dunbar, paint, etc.,	13 58	
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Balance overdrawn by district for repairs,		\$17 59
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Balance left in 1888,		\$35 90
Amount apportioned, 1889,		244 51
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		\$280 41

#### EXPENDITURES.

Retta Dunton, teaching,	\$44 00
A. J. Bradley, for school charts,	15 00
A. S. Carter, board of teacher,	13 60
Eva L. Taylor, teaching and board,	40 20
A. M. Crabtree, wood,	10 25
D. H. Mansfield, teaching,	90 00

A. Y. Boggs, supplies,	4 96	
D. J. Bowley, board,	19 80	
C. E. Dunbar, repairs in 1888,	23 93	
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Balance due district,		\$18 67
Overdrawn on tax assessed,		17 59
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Net balance due district,		\$1 08

AMOUNT IN TREASURER'S HANDS.

Sum committed to collector for town paupers,	\$1,524 93
Sum committed to collector for district No. 7,	170 41
Sum committed to collector for district No. 6,	192 25
Sum due from E. E. Upham, collector of 1888,	431 89
Sum due from John Woster,	8 00
Cash on hand at last report,	226 08
Cash received, due district No. 4, collected in 1887,	23 44
Cash received from licenses,	3 00
Cash received from State for crows destroyed,	3 30
Cash received for school fund,	400 01
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	\$2,983 31

Treasurer is credited with :

Paying orders of 1889,	\$2,475 55	
Paying bounty on crows,	3 30	
Due from Upham, collector,	493 05	
Cash in treasury,	11 41	
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RESOURCES OF TOWN FOR 1889.

Due from E. E. Upham, collector, 1888,	\$431 89
Due from Ira Bills for support of son,	139 42
Cash in treasury on settlement,	226 08
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Total on settlement March 1, 1889,	\$797 39
Tax committed to E. E. Upham, collector for 1889,	2,519 47
Tax committed to collector for repairs on school-house in district No. 7,	170 41
Tax committed to collector for repairs on school-house in district No. 6,	192 25
Tax collected in district No. 4 in 1887, not previously reported,	23 44
Amount paid by John Woster for school district No. 5,	8 00

State school fund,	400 01
Received for licenses and bounty on crows,	6 30
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	\$4,117 27

## AMOUNTS PAID OUT, OR ON HAND.

State tax,	\$585 33
County tax,	409 21
Due from Ira Bills,	139 42
Orders drawn this year,	2,614 30
Cash in treasurer's hands March 1, 1890,	11 41
Due from E. E. Upham, tax uncollected,	493 05
Bounty on crows,	3 30
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	\$4,256 02
Outstanding orders,	138 75
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	\$4,117 27

## RESOURCES. MARCH 1, 1890.

Cash in Treasurer's hands :	
Due from E. E. Upham, tax not collected,	\$493 05
Due from Mrs. M. G. Metcalf for support of Alvaretta Metcalf,	87 95
Due from Ira Bills for support of son,	\$139 42
Due from Ira Bills, 1-2 of last bill,	12 88
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	152 30
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	\$733 30

## LIABILITIES MARCH 1, 1890.

Orders outstanding :	
Order No. 19,	\$10 50
“ “ 54,	2 25
“ “ 105,	24 50
“ “ 120,	26 50
“ “ 135,	51 00
“ “ 138,	24 00
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	\$138 75

Respectfully submitted,

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W. B. FISH,  
D. H. MANSFIELD,  
Selectmen of Hope.

In Memoriam.

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# Henry M. Cole.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

EIGHT YEARS.

TOWN CLERK,

FIFTEEN YEARS.

DIED FEBRUARY THIRD, 1890,

AGED

60 YEARS, 8 MONTHS, 25 DAYS.

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A Faithful Officer.

A Good Citizen.

A Kind Neighbor.

# Report of Supervisor of Schools.

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As required by law, I submit the following report of the schools of this town for the year ending March 1, 1890.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

Spring term began May 6 and continued eight weeks under the instruction of Miss Lucy M. Cole, of Hope; attendance and order good. Although this was her first attempt at teaching I think the school was fully a success and Miss Cole is entitled to great credit and I hope she may be continued in the schools of this town.

Winter term began November 18, under the instruction of Miss Ada B. Young of Matinicus. Miss Young is a graduate of Farmington Normal School and began under favorable circumstances. At the close of eleven weeks, so many of the pupils were out of school, sick, that the school closed one week sooner than intended and I did not visit it the second time.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

Mrs. Gertrude Payson began the Spring term, April 22, and taught ten weeks very successfully.

Beginning October 28, the Winter term continued eight weeks, under the successful teacher, Delia Quinn of Hope. The agent of this district was fortunate in securing the services of these teachers.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

Spring term under the tuition of Millie Beverage of Camden, opened May 6, and continued eight weeks. This teacher was ambitious and energetic, and deserved success.

Winter term opened November 5, and continued ten weeks, with Mrs. Lelia Wentworth, as teacher. She tried to the best of her ability to make the school interesting. Both these teachers worked hard for the welfare of the school.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Spring term began April 29, and continued ten weeks. A Winter term of ten weeks began October 4. Both

terms were under the instruction of Mary Carleton of Hope, a teacher of established reputation.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

This district had three terms, all under the instruction of Miss May Bills of Hope. Miss Bills is an able and earnest teacher, and the terms were all successful.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

Here Miss Alice Hewett of South Hope, taught three terms, all entirely successful. I believe that the schools here the past year have been the best for years. This district thoroughly rebuilt the schoolhouse last Fall and now have a good, pleasant schoolroom.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

This district also had three terms each under the instruction of a different teacher.

The Spring term began May 6, and was taught by Retta Dunton of Union, an experienced and energetic teacher.

Fall term by Mrs. Eva Taylor of South Hope, opened September 23, and continued eight weeks.

Very successful Winter term taught by D. H. Mansfield of Hope. I cannot conscientiously say that this teacher did as well as he might, or that the school was all that could be desired; although I believe the scholars made good progress.

At the last session of the State legislature the following law was enacted:

“Towns shall provide school books for the use of the pupils in the public schools, at the expense of said town, and all money raised and appropriated for that purpose, shall be assessed like other money.”

“School Committees shall make such rules and regulations not repugnant to law, as they deem proper, for the distribution and preservation of school books and appliances furnished at the expense of the town.”

While I am of the opinion that this law is decidedly against the interest of the town, and will result in doing much damage to the scholars, the town must raise money to purchase the required books.

After a careful estimate of the number of books needed I am of the opinion that the town will need not less than \$340

with which to buy the books, if the town decides to furnish all the books used. This is the price that we must pay for hiring lawmakers, who do not study the subject upon which they legislate. I believe that this law is largely due to the utter incompetence of the present State Supervisor of Schools, and I hope the time will soon come when we shall have at the head of our schools a man who can tell a shark from a sucker.

In district No. 3 I recommend that only one term of school be held the coming year, as there are but few scholars, and nearly all of them can as well attend school in some of the other districts during the Summer months.

As a rule the agents of the several districts have made strong efforts to secure good teachers. An agent should employ his teachers soon after being chosen. If he neglects to do so, the best will be engaged, and no alternative remains but to employ such as are in pursuit of schools. The best instructors are not usually compelled to seek employment, as they are early secured. In times past some agents, desiring a long school, have fixed the wages of the teacher so low that no good teacher would engage and the agent has been compelled to accept the services of poor teachers. This ought not to be. It is better policy to pay good wages to good teachers than to have incompetent ones teach free of charge. It is not the *long* school that is beneficial, but the *good* one, the school which will advance the scholars most in their studies, and have the best influence upon their morals.

Another evil which has wrought much harm in our schools, is that of irregular attendance. Time is lost, money wasted, teachers annoyed, and schools rendered greatly inefficient, if not utterly useless, by the constant coming and going allowed in many of our schools. The effect is injurious to the school at large, and almost ruinous to the scholar indulged. It is a fact, and the statement will be borne out by the experience of every practical teacher, that a scholar who is absent one day in a week loses *one-half* the advantages of the school. The practice, too, which some have of being tardy has a mischievous effect upon the schools. Parents should send their children to school, when possible, every day, and in season, and know that they go directly to school.

Before closing I wish to say a word to the incoming

school district agents. Engage your teacher within two weeks from the time you are elected, and if possible for the whole year. If within two weeks from your election, you do not find a satisfactory teacher, write to the "Principal of E. S. Normal School, Castine, Me.," for a teacher. State the time when your school is to begin, length of the school, number of scholars, distance of boarding place from school-house, and price you will pay, and you will be almost sure to secure a good teacher.

Upon my successor will fall, under the new law, the business of supplying the free text books to the pupils of the different schools. This will require a large outlay of time and patience and he will need to be a man of business ability. Realizing the arduous task to be performed, I do not care for another re-election to this position. Neither do I desire another election to the other office which I have held for the past two years.

D. H. MANSFIELD,  
Supervisor of Schools.

Hope, February 28, 1890.



APPENDIX.

	Charles S. Jones . .	Thaddeus Hastings	Charles Morse . . .	Henry E. Woster .	Albion Allen . . . . .	George H. Brown .	Allen Y. Boggs . . .
	Dist. 1	Dist. 2	Dist. 3	Dist. 4	Dist. 5	Dist. 6	Dist. 7
Whole number of scholars in district . . . . .	24	24	13	37	34	30	55
Length of school in weeks, Spring term . . . . .	8	10	8	10	8	8	8
Length of school in weeks, Fall term . . . . .	*	*	*	*	8	8	6
Length of school in weeks, Winter term . . . . .	11	8	10	10	12	10	9
Wages of teacher per week, Spring term . . . . .	\$2.75	\$5.00	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$5.50
Wages of teacher per week, Fall term . . . . .	*	*	*	*	\$3.50	\$5.00	\$5.00
Wages of teacher per week, Winter term . . . . .	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
Price of board per week, Spring term . . . . .	**	**	\$2.00	\$1.48	\$1.50	\$1.35	\$1.75
Price of board per week, Fall term . . . . .	*	*	*	*	\$1.40	\$1.35	\$1.70
Price of board per week, Winter term . . . . .	\$2.00	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$1.48	\$2.12	\$1.90	\$2.20
Whole number of scholars at school, Spring term . . . . .	7	17	7	24	15	22	30
Whole number of scholars at school, Fall term . . . . .	*	*	*	*	12	24	33
Whole number of scholars at school, Winter term . . . . .	10	20	11	26	12	19	40
Average number of scholars at school, Spring term . . . . .	6	13	6	22	13	18	22
Average number of scholars at school, Fall term . . . . .	*	*	*	*	11	19	28
Average number of scholars at school, Winter term . . . . .	8	16	7	22	9	14	33
Number of visits by citizens, whole year . . . . .	19	11	6	28	28	16	25

\*No Fall term. \*\*Teacher boarded herself.