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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

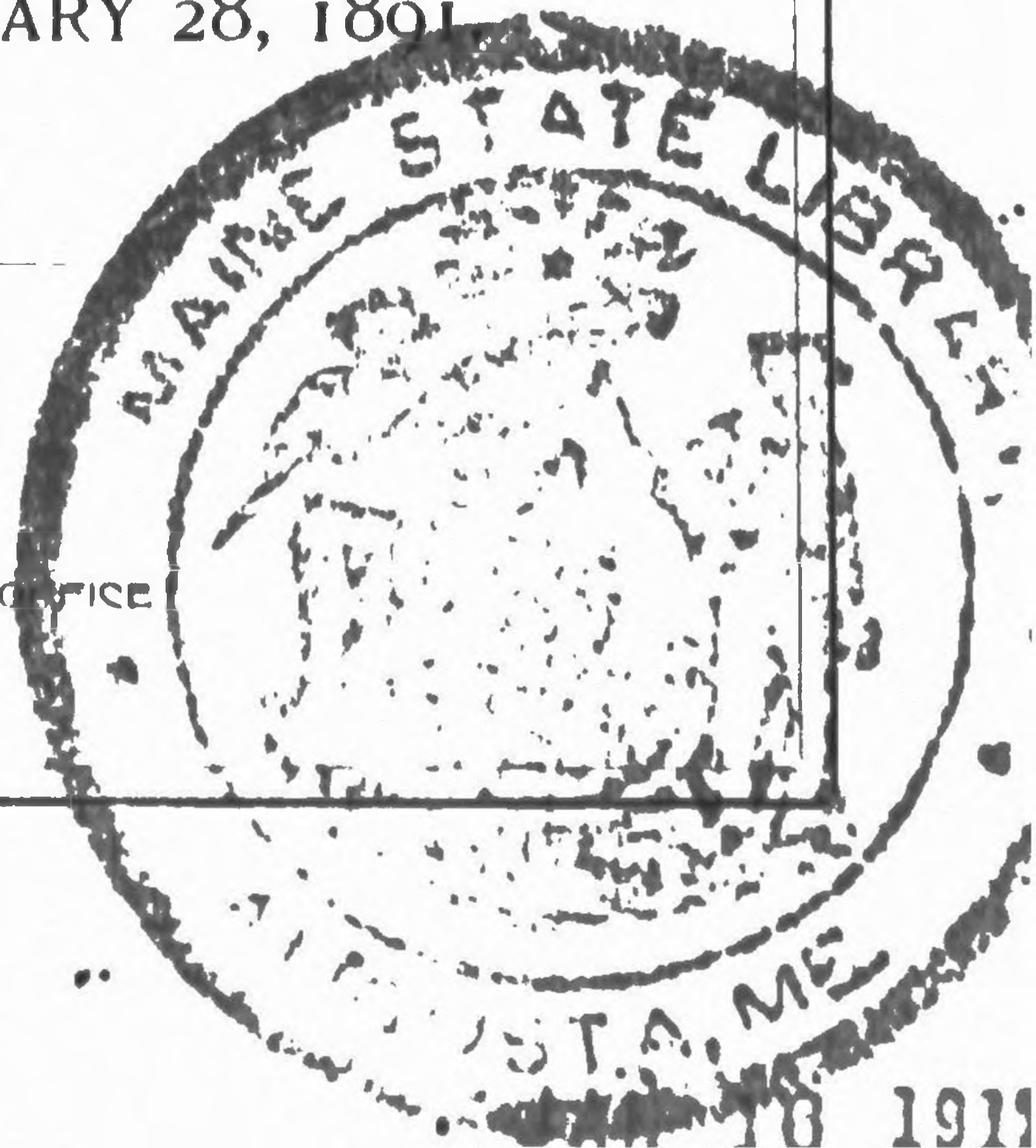
OF THE

TOWN OF HOPE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1891.

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Selectmen's Report

VALUATION.

Real estate,	\$180,955 00
Personal estate,	46,495 00
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Total,	\$227,450 00

Rate of taxation .015 on each \$1.00.
 No. of polls 185. Tax on each, \$2.50.

TAX ASSESSED IN 1890.

State tax,	\$479 34
County tax,	409 21
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	\$888 55

For town purposes :

For support of schools,	\$664 50
For support of poor,	500 00
For repair of roads,	1,000 00
For purchase of school text books,	280 00
For purchase of road machine,	185 50
For Simmons road,	50 00
For breaking roads in winter,	275 00
For overlay,	30 70
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	2,985 70

Assessed and committed to M. F. Taylor, collector, \$3,874 25

AMOUNT CHARGED TO M. F. TAYLOR, COLLECTOR.

Sum committed to collect for town purposes,	\$2,985 70
Sum committed to collect for State tax,	479 34
Sum committed to collect for county tax,	409 21
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	\$3,874 25

AMOUNT COLLECTED AND PAID BY M. F. TAYLOR.

State tax,	\$479 34
County tax,	409 21

Paid L. P. True, Treasurer,	2,315 70	
	<u> </u>	3,204 25
Balance remaining uncollected,		\$ 670 00

AMOUNT IN TREASURER'S HANDS.

Committed to M. F. Taylor to collect for town purposes,		\$2,985 70
Due from Upham, collector in 1889,		493 05
Paid by Ira Bills,		30 00
Paid by John Woster for district No. 5,		11 00
Paid by State for school fund.		429 72
Cash received from J. H. Hobbs, ex-treasurer,		11 41
Cash received from licenses,		3 00
		<u> </u>
		\$3,963 88

Treasurer is credited with :

Paying orders of 1890,	\$3,166 14	
Paying orders of 1889,	112 25	
Due from M. F. Taylor,	670 00	
Cash in treasury,	15 49	
	<u> </u>	3,963 88

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

For abatements,	\$25 54
For shoveling snow,	251 83
For support of paupers,	237 92
For support of schools,	1,126 76
For town and other expenses,	793 89
For roads and bridges, expended by selectmen,	96 55
For roads and bridges, expended by surveyors,	1,215 49
For error in order No. 40,	20 00
	<u> </u>
	\$3,767 98
Orders of 1890 not paid,	601 84
	<u> </u>
Orders paid by L. P. True,	\$3,166 14

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Elmer Fogler, 1890,	\$4 50
O. Bartlett estate, 1889,	4 44
— Hoyle, “	1 50
G. H. Merrifield, 1888,	2 50

F. L. Payson,	1889,	60
J. Simmons,	"	2 50
William Wiley,	"	1 50
George L. Fogler,	"	1 50
Ed. Richards,	"	1 50
Jeddediah Simmons,	1890,	2 50
H. H. Payson,	"	2 50
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		\$25 54

SNOW BILLS PAID.

Brown, George H.	\$6 00	Hemingway, Charles	37
Brown, L. O.	1 80	Heal, J. D.	1 88
Brown, John	1 50	Harkness, Wm. G.	3 00
Bills, Ira W.	2 07	Handley, Frank	1 50
Bowley, G. D.	75	Handley, F. A.	2 10
Bowley, D. J.	2 32	Jackson, Leroy	6 90
Bowley, F. K.	90	Jackson, Leonard	1 20
Bartlett, Will	60	Kimball, S. J.	3 75
Bartlett estate,	2 55	Kimball, C. T.	1 50
Bartlett, W. H.	1 42	Kimball, John	1 95
Barrett, W. P.	2 85	Keene, Ansel	4 42
Barrett, N. T.	3 72	Lermond, A. S.	2 70
Boardman, J.	3 60	Ludwig, D. H.	3 60
Calderwood, F. H.	1 20	Mahoney, Charles	1 50
Carleton, B. H.	1 05	Mink, E. G.	4 63
Conant, F. P.	7 95	Mansfield, F. L.	7 75
Conant, Isaac	1 20	Morse, Charles	1 65
Crabtree, A. M.	3 45	Norwood, Will	1 95
Dow, Victor	1 65	Oxton, John	82
Escency Albert	45	Philbrick, Elisha	6 45
Fish, W. B.	5 70	Payson, G. E.	4 87
Flanders, A.	5 10	Payson, G. M.	8 64
Fry, Lyman	6 00	Quin, F. J.	2 70
Goding, Henry	2 33	Ray, Edw.	1 50
Gould, Elbridge	1 05	Robbins, G. M.	90
Gould, Augustus	5 25	Robbins, G. M.	90
Graves, E. L.	1 50	Simmons, Jethro	3 45
Hastings, Thad	4 20	Simmons, Samuel	2 00
Hall, D. S.	5 02	Simmons, J. P.	2 00
Hewett, E. W.	1 93	Sibley, Jacob	30
Heal, E. H.	2 10	Simmons, C. A.	7 75
Hilt, J. W.	5 33	Taylor, Fred	2 47

Taylor, W. J.	2 32	Wentworth, G. O.	6 30
Taylor, M. F.	5 55	Wentworth, H. E.	1 75
Trask, Syl.	2 10	Wentworth, Chas.	2 14
Upham, Silas	4 07	Wentworth, R. A.	1 95
Upham, E. E.	2 00	Wellman, N. E.	4 35
Wentworth, Thomas	5 92	Wellman, C. H.	4 05
Wentworth, Alanson	7 50	Wellman, Geo.	3 98
Wentworth, Alfred	3 00	Wright, John	3 45
Wentworth, Samuel E.	1 73		
			\$251 83

AMOUNT PAID OUT FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

For burial expenses, &c., of Wentworth child,	\$21 60
For support of Warren Gould—Silas Upham,	40 00
For support of Alvaretta Metcalf—Insane Hospital,	50 00
For support of J. L. Wentworth—E. D. Gushee,	20 82
For support of U. G. Merrifield—Mrs. Cole,	44 25
For medical attendance U. G. Merrifield—Dr. Varney,	20 00
For medical attendance U. G. Merrifield—Stone & Wheeler,	8 00
For support of J. L. Wentworth—E. D. Gushee,	15 00
For support of U. G. Merrifield—W. Starrett,	50
For looking up evidence of marriage of Wealthy Gould,	3 75
D. H. Mansfield, services in several cases,	8 00
W. B. Fish, services in several cases,	6 00
	\$237 92

PAID OUT FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

Paid Loring, Short & Harmon, order book, &c.,	\$ 9 73
A. D. Kennedy, road machine,	75 00
H. P. Farrow, for laying out Simmons road,	3 75
J. P. Simmons, for damages in Simmons road,	25 00
Veranus Pease, for damages in Simmons road,	55 00
C. E. Littlefield, suit of Elmer Fogler,	25 00
Term fee, suit of Elmer Fogler,	2 50
For school text books,	280 00
Supplies for road machine,	2 08
John O. Robinson, Carleton road case,	15 00
F. J. Quinn, repairs on hearse,	2 00
H. H. Fogler, 7 book cases for school districts,	35 00
D. H. Mansfield, services as supervisor,	35 00

Sprague & Hume, bridge plank,	12 62
M. F. Taylor, damage to chain,	1 25
J. P. Hobbs, services as town clerk,	4 00
L. P. True, services as treasurer,	8 00
D. H. Mansfield, services as selectman,	25 50
W. B. Fish, services as selectman,	22 00
E. E. Upham, services as selectman,	20 00
For blank books and labels for school books,	10 42
John Bowley, for painting 40 guide boards,	30 00
Robinson & Libby, services in Moody vs. Barnes,	37 04
Robbins & Otis, printing town reports and receipts,	18 00
M. F. Taylor, part pay for collecting tax of 1890,	40 00
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	\$793 89

WORK ON ROAD IN 1889.

Alanson Wentworth, work and plank,	\$7 17
F. H. Calderwood, work on road machine, 30 days at \$1.75,	52 50
F. H. Calderwood, repairs on road machine,	1 46
Express bill on castings for road machine,	1 00
J. P. Simmons, work and plank,	12 62
E. O. Robbins, work,	1 20
E. E. Upham, work,	9 00
W. Starrett, nails,	20
William G. Harkness,	11 40
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	\$96 55

PAID FOR WORK ON ROAD.

Athern, Lucy	90	Bartlett, W. F.	9 00
Athern, George	2 05	Boggs, A. Y.	3 28
Allen, A.	1 50	Boardman, J.	10 60
Barnes, Clifford	30	Brown, L. O.	12 75
Barrett, W. P.	8 00	Brown, George	2 40
Barrett, Reuben	90	Bowley, S. C.	2 37
Barrett, Emily	5 00	Bowley, F. K.	1 97
Bills, Warren	3 00	Bowley, D. J.	6 00
Bills, C. A.	5 25	Bowley, Bert F.	50

Bills, S. L.	4 07	Morse, Charles	3 88
Blackington, R. R.	5 81	Manley, F. B.	1 05
Bartlett, Charles	10 50	Mansfield, D. H.	6 25
Bowley, Ed. O.	50	Mink, E. G.	33 38
Bowley, S. H.	6 00	Mink, Ali	50
Cole, H. M. est.	6 80	Mink, Albee	50
Conant, F. P.	6 80	Martin, Julia	2 25
Carter, Alonzo	62	Merrifield, Fred	50
Carter, A. A.	1 50	Merrifield, George	1 60
Carter, A. S.	72	Merrifield, Lyman	70
Crabtree, J. M.	4 94	Norwood, A.	1 75
Crabtree, F. A.	63	Oxton, John	1 10
Crabtree, Sam'l est.	50	Payson, C. F.	5 00
Calderwood, F. H.	9 00	Payson, G. E.	3 35
Fish, C. B.	2 55	Payson, Geo. F.	3 00
Fish, K. P.	2 00	Payson, H. H.	4 58
Fisk, D. E.	6 40	Payson, Mrs. D. A.	1 50
Fitch, H.	2 15	Pease, Fred	9 05
Fogler, H. H.	13 45	Pease, Wm. C.	1 50
Fogler, G. A.	3 75	Pease, Albert	38 50
Gould, Elbridge	16 50	Quinn, F. J.	2 40
Gurney, John	45	Ray, Edw.	21 00
Graves, Edw. L.	5 85	Ripley, Jacob U.	8 69
Going, Wm	35	Sibley, Jacob	6 12
Goding, —	5 05	Simmons, Jethro	17 80
Heal, E. H.	29 70	Simmons, H. O.	7 25
Heal, T. B.	7 11	Simmons, Herbert	3 00
Heal, I. D.	7 10	Starrett, W.	1 50
Hewett, E. W.	2 40	St. Clair, A. P.	2 25
Hewett, Wm.	2 90	Taylor, M. F.	31 40
Harkness, G. E.	5 40	Taylor, F. M.	7 42
Hastings, T.	3 75	Taylor, Geo.	5 43
Hobbs, J. P.	9 75	Taylor, M. G.	8 40
Jones, Joseph	1 00	Taylor, Fred	11 15
Jones, C. H.	3 30	True, L. P.	6 00
Jones, Robert	1 80	Trask, Sylvanus	5 10
Jones, Hilliard	3 00	Upham, S. W.	25 10
Jones, Ellen L.	1 50	Vogler, M. N.	13 50
Kimball, John	50	Wentworth, Arthur	3 60
Kimball, C. T.	6 25	Wentworth, Thomas	3 20
Kimball, S. J.	50	Wentworth, Albert	80
Ludwig, D. H.	3 65	Wentworth, H. E.	95

Wentworth, Whettimore	45	Gould, F. S.	1 08
Wentworth, Alanson	38 05	Hobbs, J. P.	2 69
Wentworth, N. & Chas.	8 10	Hobbs, J. H.	3 54
Wellman, George	43 77	Hobbs, Isaac	6 00
Wellman, Freeman	4 50	Hobbs, Isaac	8 54
Wellman, C. H.	3 00	Heal, James A.	7 85
Walker, Marcus	43	Handley, Frank A.	13 50
Wright, John	4 32	Keene, Ansel	2 35
Young, Mrs. H.	30	Lermond, A. S.	6 90
Allen, Wm. J.	16 50	Merrifield, B. F.	1 90
Allen, Albion	3 00	Merrifield, Lewis	50
Bartlett, W. H.	7 43	Merrifield, B. F.	3 50
Bartlett, William F.	3 05	Metcalf, M.	6 50
Bartlett, C. E. & W. F.	25 00	Mahoney, Charles	80
Bartlett, Daniel est.	12 91	Mansfield, F. L.	25 55
Barrett, Nathan	5 25	Mansfield, F. L.	3 00
Barrett, Nathan	3 00	Mansfield, F. L.	75
Barrett, Nathan	3 00	Noyes, John est.	1 35
Barrett, Nathan	3 00	Noyes, Adelbert	50
Barrett, Nathan	3 00	Payson, C. A.	1 50
Barrett, Nathan	3 00	Payson, C. A.	3 00
Barrett, Nathan	8 00	Payson, C. A.	3 00
Barnes, C. D.	6 18	Payson, C. A.	2 10
Bills, Ira	3 55	Payson, Charles F.	3 00
Crabtree, J. M.	7 00	Payson, E. A.	2 10
Crabtree, A. M.	10 14	Payson, G. M.	4 50
Calderwood, F. H.	2 50	Payson, Geo. B.	50
Crane, A. B. est.	5 75	Payson, G. M.	75
Colburn, John	60	Pearse, A. J.	12 00
Carleton, B. H.	1 50	Roy, Ed.	6 45
Carleton, B. H.	6 20	Robbins, E. O.	1 75
Carleton, B. H.	25 93	Robbins, G. M.	3 17
Carleton, B. H.	35 25	Robbins, Alden	20
Delano, John	2 22	Simmons, C. A.	6 90
Doyen, Will	60	Taylor, Wm. J.	1 50
Dunton, A. F.	2 25	Taylor, Wm. J.	6 30
Dornan, James	75	Taylor, Wm. J.	6 00
Frye, Lyman	3 50	Taylor, M. F.	1 50
Fish, W. B.	71 32	Upham, E. E.	3 60
Fogler, H. H.	17 58	Upham, E. E.	1 00
Fogler, H. H.	2 95	Philbrick, Elisha	15 04
Graham, William	30	Wentworth, Horace,	17 90
Gould, Judson	3 00	Wentworth, George	3 11

Wentworth, Myron	2 25	Wentworth, Leslie	1 50
Wellman, N. E.	2 50	Wooster Henry	3 60
			\$1,215 40

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

STANDING OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1.

Balance left in 1889,	\$32 51
Amount apportioned in 1890,	110 00
	\$142 51

EXPENDITURES.

Lucy Cole, teaching, Spring,	\$15 00
Lucy Cole, teaching, Fall,	12 50
Charles Mahoney, board of teacher,	12 00
G. M. Simmons, board of teacher,	6 00
G. M. Simmons, board of teacher,	12 00
G. M. Simmons, board of teacher,	9 00
C. A. Simmons, wood,	5 00
G. M. Simmons, stove and supplies,	12 85
	84 35
Balance due district,	\$58 16

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2.

Balance left in 1889,	\$10 18
Amount apportioned in 1890,	155 00
	\$165 18

EXPENDITURES.

Ada E. Coggan, teaching, Spring,	\$27 00
George Wellman, wood,	11 50

Eva L. Taylor, teaching, Fall,	50 00	
Eva L. Taylor, board, Fall,	17 50	
R. R. Blackington, board, Spring,	13 50	
E. G. Gould, stove,	7 50	
E. G. Gould, repairs and supplies,	7 44	
	<u> </u>	\$134 44
Balance due district,		<u>\$30 74</u>

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 3.

Balance left in 1889,	\$10 00
Amount apportioned in 1890,	80 00
	<u> </u>
	\$90 00

EXPENDITURES.

Charles Morse, supplies in 1889,	\$1 81	
Annie M. Payson, teaching, Winter,	60 00	
Annie M. Payson, board, Winter,	20 40	
G. E. Payson, repair and supplies,	3 00	
G. E. Payson, wood,	8 00	
	<u> </u>	93 21
Overdrawn,		<u>\$3 21</u>

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4.

Balance left in 1889,	\$66 11
Amount apportioned in 1890,	155 00
Error in 1890,	3 00
	<u> </u>
	\$224 11

EXPENDITURES.

May Bills, teaching Spring term,	\$50 00	
May Bills, teaching Fall term,	50 00	
May Bills, teaching Winter term,	55 00	
S. L. Bills, board, Spring term,	16 00	
S. L. Bills, board, Fall term,	15 00	
S. L. Bills, board, Winter term,	16 50	
A. F. Dunton, wood,	11 00	
F. Woster, building fires,	1 00	
	<u> </u>	214 50
Balance due district,		<u>\$9 61</u>

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 5.

Balance left in 1889,	\$12 56
Amount apportioned in 1890,	155 00
Paid by John Woster,	11 00
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	\$178 56

EXPENDITURES.

Alice Cole, teaching Spring term,	\$24 00	
Alice Cole, teaching Fall term,	28 00	
Alice Cole, board, Fall term,	2 70	
Mrs. D. A. Payson, board, Fall term,	8 40	
Mrs. D. A. Payson, board, Spring term,	11 60	
J. P. Hobbs, wood,	7 80	
John Wright, repairs and supplies,	3 18	
Minnie C. Barrett, teaching and board,	83 40	
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Balance due district,		\$9 48

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6.

Balance left in 1889,	\$45 25
Amount apportioned in 1890,	155 00
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	\$200 25

EXPENDITURES.

George H. Brown, stove,	\$10 00	
Ralph Conant, building fires,	1 25	
Josie Knight, teaching, Spring,	32 00	
Josie Knight, teaching, Fall,	32 00	
Josie Knight, teaching, Winter,	60 00	
David S. Hall, board, Spring,	10 80	
David S. Hall, board, Fall,	10 40	
David S. Hall, board, Winter,	21 60	
Alanson Wentworth, wood,	4 50	
A. I. Perry,	4 20	
H. H. Fogler, for table,	5 00	
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Balance due district,		\$8 50

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7.

Balance left in 1889,	\$1 08
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Amount apportioned in 1890,	284 22
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	\$285 30

EXPENDITURES.

Laura Williams, teaching Spring term,	\$8 00	
Mary E. Kelloch, teaching Spring term,	35 00	
Mary E. Kelloch, teaching Fall term,	40 00	
H. J. Fitch, board, Spring term,	13 50	
A. A. Carter, board, Fall term.	12 00	
A. A. Carter, board, Winter term,	14 00	
Statira Vinal, board, Winter term,	49 00	
D. J. Bowley, board, Winter term,	8 00	
D. H. Mansfield, teaching Winter term,	35 00	
A. Y. Boggs, services as agent,	3 00	
A. M. Crabtree, wood,	10 50	
A. Y. Boggs, supplies, etc ,	11 43	
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Balance due district,		\$45 87

RESOURCES MARCH 2, 1891.

Due from M. F. Taylor, collector,		\$670 00
Due from Mrs. M. B. Metcalf, secured by note on interest,		137 95
Due from Ira Bills,		
Reported last year,	\$152 30	
Less cash paid, \$30 00 } Less taxes paid, 32 79 }	62 79	89 51
Cash in treasurer's hands,		15 49
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		\$912 95

LIABILITIES MARCH 2, 1891.

Orders outstanding, of 1890 :

No. 16,	\$50 00	No. 84,	\$8 00
" 26,	12 62	" 85,	6 00
" 50,	15 00	" 86,	60 00
" 56,	80 00	" 87,	21 60
" 62,	80 40	" 88,	4 20
" 64,	12 62	" 89,	30 00
" 66,	49 00	" 92,	22 00
" 67,	12 00	" 107,	35 00
" 79,	2 00	" 110,	18 00

“ 83,	83 40	“ 120, of 1889,	26 50
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			\$628 34
Balance due the school districts,			159 15
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			\$787 49

At the beginning of our term of office a suit was pending against the town, in which the plaintiff, Elmer R. Fogler, claimed damages to the amount of \$1,000. This we settled at a cost of \$27.50.

In September J. W. Simpson, William H. Moody and others caused the County Commissioners to hold a hearing upon a piece of road in the east corner of the town. Through our counsel, John O. Robinson, we successfully contested the case, and the costs of \$33.00 were thrown upon the plaintiffs.

William H. Moody began a suit against the the town at the October term in Waldo County which we successfully cortested at the January term, through the same counsel, and our costs \$28.06 have been paid by Mr. Moody. As this last suit was begun without foundation, we recommend that our successors be authorized to institute a suit against Moody for malicious prosecution.

NEEDS FOR 1891.

If the town decides to use a road machine upon the roads, we think another machine should be purchased, and we recommend that there be raised for that and other purposes the following sums of money :

For support of schools,	\$664 00
For support of poor,	300 00
For support of bridges,	150 00
For support of roads,	1,200 00
For town expenses,	250 00
For school text-books,	100 00
For road machine,	250 00
For breaking roads,	400 00

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. MANSFIELD,

W. B. FISH,

E. E. UPHAM,

Selectmen of Hope.

Hope, February 28, 1891.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount cash in treasury as per settlement February 28, 1890,	\$11 41
Amount cash received from Ira Bills, on account Ira W. Bills,	30 00
Amount cash received from John Woster, as school fund from Camden,	11 00
Amount school fund and mill tax,	429 72
Amount uncollected tax on bills 1889, due from E. E. Upham,	493 05
Amount tax bills committed to M. F. Taylor for collection for the year 1890,	2,985 70
Amount received for peddlers' license,	3 00
	\$3,963 88

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Amount of town orders paid drawn before March 1, 1890,	\$112 25
Amount of town orders paid,	3,166 14
Amount of uncollected tax due from M. F. Taylor,	670 00
Amount of cash in treasury,	15 49
	3,963 88

Report of Supervisor of Schools.

TEACHERS AND TERMS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Three terms. Spring and Fall terms taught by Lucy M. Cole. Winter term taught by Georgia Wentworth of Appleton.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Two terms. Spring term taught by Ada Coggan of Union. Winter term taught by Eva L. Taylor.

DISTRICT No. 3.

One term, Winter, taught by Annie M. Payson.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Three terms, all taught by Mary B. Bills.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Three terms. Spring and Fall terms taught by Alice L. Cole. Winter term taught by Minnie C. Barrett.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Three terms, all taught by Josie M. Knight of Searsmont.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Number of terms uncertain. Laura H. Williams, of Richmond, began the Spring term, but soon left and Mary E. Kelloch, of Warren, finished it and also taught the Fall term.

Statira Vinal, of Waldoboro, taught the Winter school seven weeks, when she also departed, and D. H. Mansfield finished it.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The houses in numbers 1, 2, 3, and 5, are in fair condition. In numbers 4 and 6 they are in good condition. The house in number 7 has been recently rebuilt, but the foundation was not properly laid, so that the house is being damaged by frost.

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS.

Under the new law I have purchased text-books for all the districts and have placed in each school house, a book-case with doors and locks on each, also books as given below.

District No. 1,	75	books	costing,	\$32	00
“ “ 2,	95	“	“	36	00
“ “ 3,	70	“	“	28	00
“ “ 4,	145	“	“	57	18
“ “ 5,	104	“	“	43	94
“ “ 6,	111	“	“	43	94
“ “ 7,	212	“	“	90	94
Total,				\$330	00

Each book is labeled, numbered and marked with the cost. Each district is furnished with a blank book in which is charged the number and cost of the book, and each teacher has been required to keep a strict record of every book loaned to the scholars, and to return all the books to the bookcase at the close of each term.

But few changes were made in text-books, and we are now using Butler's Geographies, Harrington's Speller, Barne's History, Blaisdell's Physiology, and Raub's Grammars, Arithmetics and Readers. Harper's Readers have been placed in about half of the schools with a view of transferring to other districts when the scholars become tired of using them.

In making my report last year, I estimated that the cost of the books needed would be about \$340. This estimate was based upon the actual number of books to be used, but I find that it is necessary to have in each district a few copies each of all the books in use, so that the sum of money raised (\$280) last year is not sufficient to fully supply the needs of the scholars; therefore I recommend that the town raise this year the further sum of \$100. This will give a full supply of books and but few more will be needed for at least five years to come. I have drawn from the treasury the \$280 raised last year and have paid this to the publishers, and have also turned over to them nearly all the stock of books formerly left by the town. There is yet a balance due which must be met soon.

In district No. 7, many of the parents allow their chil-

children to stay away from school for trivial reasons, with apparently no thought that they are doing their children and the town an irreparable injury. There should be a general awakening among the residents of this district, and with that object in view I recommend that a truant officer be elected in district No. 7 with instructions to compel the attendance, under suitable restrictions, of the scholars who habitually stay away from school.

Our schools are not what they should be, and our scholars are not receiving the full benefit of the money appropriated. There is too much of hiring teachers for personal reasons. Too little of hiring them for the benefit of the community. There is great need of a more united action among the citizens to obtain better results. We must more fully realize that one man can tear down as fast as ten men can build up; and that if we are to see our schools become what we desire, it must be by united action on our part. If we would, we cannot shirk the responsibility of educating our scholars so that they may be well equipped for the voyage of life. I appeal to the parents to give the teachers your support the coming year. Throw personal prejudices to the wind and don't throw cold water upon the schemes of the teacher, or cry down her ability to teach. If she isn't your choice don't let your scholars feel that you are not satisfied. Send your scholars to school *every day*; encourage them by precept and example; in a word *do your duty* and our schools and scholars will reach a high plane.

In closing this my seventh (and I hope my last) annual report of the schools of this town, I wish to impress upon the minds of the parents the fact that they have a work to do as well as the teachers and scholars.

D. H. MANSFIELD,

Supervisor of Schools.

Hope, February 28, 1891.

APPENDIX.

	George M. Simmons.	E. C. Gould.....	G. E. Payson.....	C. A. Payson	John Wright	Alvin Perry	A. Y. Boggs
	Dist. 1	Dist. 2	Dist. 3	Dist. 4	Dist. 5	Dist. 6	Dist. 7
Whole number of scholars in each district.....	24	33	15	33	32	30	63
Length of school in weeks, Spring term.....	6	9		10	8	8	8½
Length of school in weeks, Fall term.....	5			10	8	8	8
Length of school in weeks, Winter term.....	12	10	12	11	12	12	11
Wages of teacher per week, Spring term.....	\$2.50	\$3.00		\$5.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Wages of teacher per week, Fall term.....	\$2.50			\$5.00	\$3.50	\$4.00	\$5.00
Wages of teacher per week, Winter term.....	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$7.00
Price of board per week, Spring term.....	\$1.50	\$1.50		\$1.60	\$1.45	\$1.35	\$1.50
Price of board per week, Fall term.....	\$1.50			\$1.50	\$1.40	\$1.30	\$1.50
Price of board per week, Winter term.....	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$1.70	\$1.50	\$1.95	\$1.80	\$2.00
Whole number of scholars at school, Spring term.....	8	20		26	12	18	38
Average number of scholars at school, Spring term....	5	15		23	11	16	33
Whole number of scholars at school, Fall term.....	5			31	13	14	45
Average number of scholars at school, Fall term.....	3			27	11	13	38
Whole number of scholars at school, Winter term.....	10	18	5	24	13	19	37
Average number of scholars at school, Winter term....	7	14	3	21	10	16	27