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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

WITH WARRANT

OF THE TOWN OF

SULLIVAN, MAINE

FOR THE

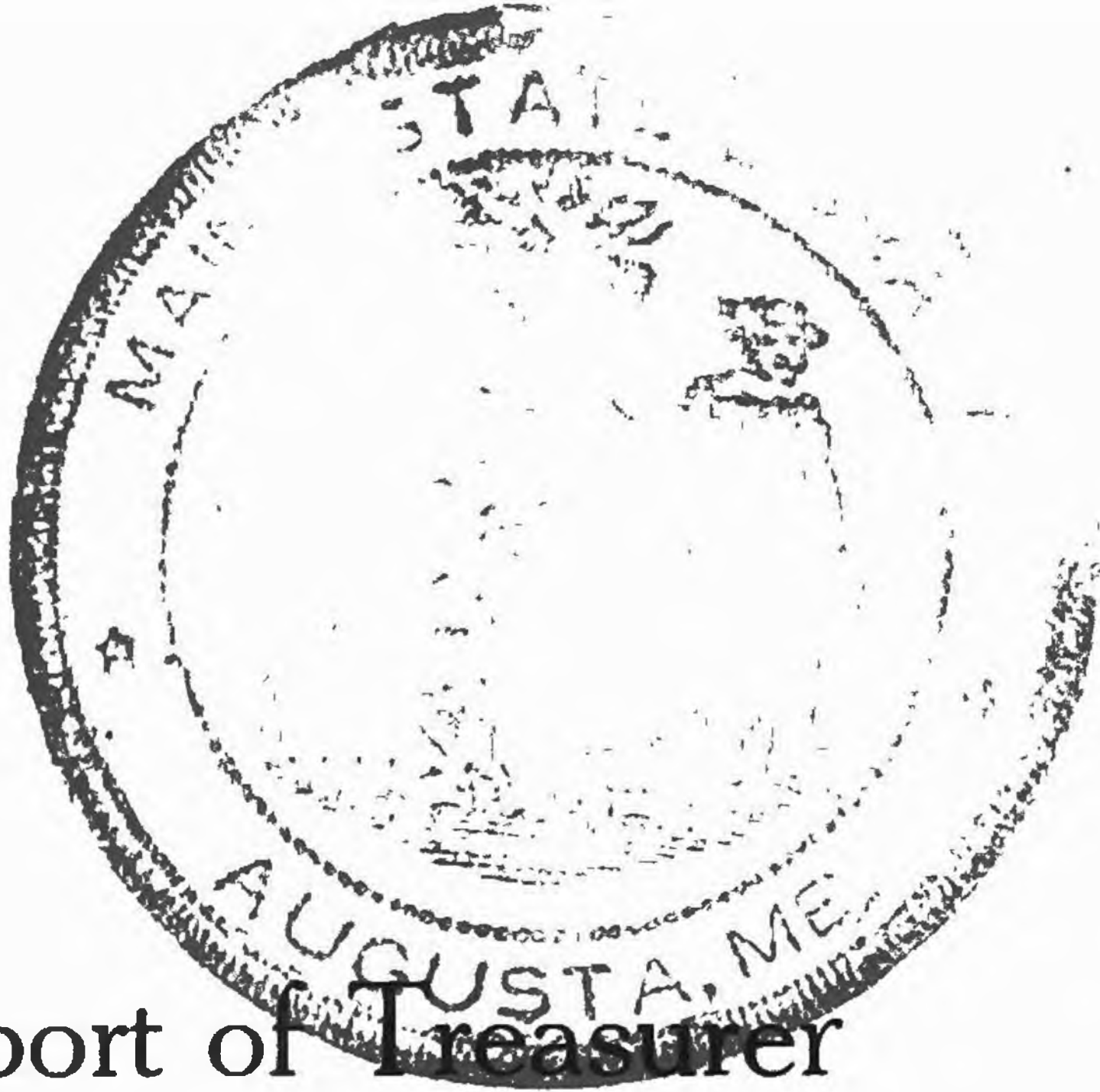
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1

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BAR HARBOR, MAINE
W. H. SHERMAN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER
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Report of Treasurer

W. L. CARPENTER, JR., Treasurer,

In account with TOWN OF SULLIVAN

DR.

To cash in treasury Feb. 28, 1914..... \$ 328 99

Received of State as follows:—

Dog licenses refunded.....	56.76
Soldiers pensions.....	276.00
Paupers.....	242.13
School equalization fund.....	210.00
Free high school.....	500.00
School and Mill fund.....	1,123.75
Common school fund.....	771.23
State roads fund.....	174.00
R. R. and Tel. Tax.....	.05
	<hr/> \$ 3,353.92

Received of A. W. Gordon, District Supt. of Schools
as follows:—

Franklin common schools.....	\$ 60.00
Gouldsboro common schools.....	90.00
Gouldsboro high school.....	200.00
Hancock high school.....	490.00
Sorrento high school.....	70.00
Sorrento common school.....	20.00
Repairs.....	75.00
Sale of text books.....	22.51
	<hr/> \$ 953.26

Received of—

Masonic lodge, hall rent 1913-1914.....	120.00
Lamoine, 1-4 Weights & Measures.....	39.08
Hancock, 1-4 Weights and Measures.....	39.08
Union Trust Co., temporary loan.....	2,500.00
Robertson & Butler, poolroom license.....	10.00
Town of Hancock, acct. Lewis Hodgkins.....	119.43
Town of Lamoine, acct. Lewis Hodgkins.....	178.52
C. W. Havey, dog license.....	89.00

Bradbury Smith, auctioneer's license	2.00
E. A. Dockham, cemetery lot	15.00
A. L. Bunker, York Hill cemetery lot	15.00
R. A. Black, sale of manure	1.00
F. B. Havey, sale of shingles	29.85
Bessie Jenkins, pauper account	12.80
Pearl Tripp, balance 1913 commitment	339.65
Pearl Tripp, acct. 1914 commitment	10,064.91
	<hr/> \$18,211.49

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Paid State as follows:—

Soldiers pensions	\$ 276.00
Tax	1,761.75
Dog licenses—1914	89.00
Dog licenses, bal. 1913	1.00
Repairs of state roads	61.42
	<hr/> \$ 2,189.17
Paid County Tax	547.78
Selectmens orders	15,244.63
Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1915	229.91
	<hr/> \$18,211.49

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. CARPENTER, JR.

Treasurer.

W. L. CARPENTER, JR., Treasurer,

In account with YORK HILL CEMETERY ASSN.

DR.

Cash on hand Feb. 28, 1914	\$.92
Interest from endowment fund	190.00
J. B. Simpson	100.00
	<hr/> \$ 290.92

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Paid trustees orders	\$ 242.67
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1915	48.25
	<hr/> \$ 290.92

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. CARPENTER, JR.

Treasurer.

Report of Assessors

Valuation

Resident real estate.....	\$331,725.00
Non-resident real estate.....	66,680.00
Resident personal estate.....	75,614.00
Non-resident personal estate.....	12,905.00
Total valuation.....	<u>\$386,924.00</u>

Amount Assessed

346 polls at \$3.00.....	\$ 1,026.00
State tax.....	1,761.75
County tax.....	574.78
State road.....	200.00
Superintendent of schools.....	150.00
Roads and bridges.....	1,300.00
Sidewalks.....	300.00
Memorial Day.....	25.00
Support of Poor.....	400.00
Common schools.....	1,400.00
High school.....	825.00
Text books.....	325.00
Repair of school buildings.....	500.00
Incidental.....	750.00
Town notes and interest.....	1,135.00
Overlay.....	499.18
Fractional gain.....	.62
Supplemental.....	45.07
	<u>\$10,165.05</u>

Rate \$23.50 per \$1,000.00.

W. B. BLAISDELL
E. C. HANNA
E. A. HANNA
Assessors.

Incidental Account, 1914

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By appropriation.....	\$ 750.00
For Superintendent of schools.....	150.00
For Memorial Day.....	25.00
For Overlay.....	499.18
Fractional gain.....	.62
Supplementary tax.....	43.89
Amount borrowed—Union Trust Co.....	1,000.00
Amount borrowed—Union Trust Co.....	1,000.00
Amount borrowed—Union Trust Co.....	500.00
Masonic hall rent—1913.....	60.00
Town of Lamoine—weights and measures.....	39.08
Town of Hancock—weights and measures.....	39.08
Robertson & Butler, license.....	10.00
Bradbury Smith, auctioneer's license.....	2.00
E. A. Dockham, cemetery lot.....	15.00
A. L. Bunker, cemetery lot, York Hill.....	15.00
R. R. A. telegraph tax.....	.05
Dog licenses refunded.....	56.76
Masonic hall rent—1914.....	60.00
	<hr/> \$4,265.66

EXPENDITURES

Overdrawn—1914.....	\$ 84.53
R. F. Gerrish, stationery.....	2.50
A. W. Gordon, superintendent services.....	161.04
A. Doran, memorial fund.....	25.00
Alvah Blaisdell, labor.....	7.00
Fairbanks Co.—weights and measures.....	112.50
Dallas Butler, fighting fire.....	1.50
Loring, Short & Harmon—town books.....	.50
James Davis, fighting fire.....	1.50
H. A. Holt, services on Board of Health and fumigating.....	12.00
William Murry, fighting fire.....	1.50
Oscar Nelson, fighting fire.....	1.50
Daniel Osborne, fighting fire.....	1.50
E. C. Hanna, services as selectman.....	97.50
A. W. Gordon, expenses.....	25.10

G. S. Hooper, posting primary warrants	2.70
G. S. Hooper, labor on jail	2.50
F. L. Orcutt, ballot clerk 1913	2.00
Campbell's Job Print—town reports	38.00
H. A. Holt, fumigating three houses	15.00
E. A. Hanna, services selectman	82.50
Union Trust Co.—note	1,025.00
Peter H. Bunker, ballot clerk	4.00
W. B. Blaisdell, expenses	20.00
E. F. Clapham, election clerk	4.00
Ralph O. Perry, fighting fire	4.75
William Southards, fighting fire	3.00
B. C. Baker, fighting fire	4.00
G. H. Tracy, services Board of Health	5.00
W. L. Hardison, fighting fire	6.00
H. L. Cleaves, fighting fire	3.00
Newell White, brown tail moth notices	2.25
Union Trust Co.—paid note	512.50
F. A. Noyes, printing signs	12.00
W. L. Carpenter, work on town books	7.50
Crabtree & Havey, supplies	3.75
G. S. Hooper, fighting fire	1.00
K. of P. hall—elections	10.00
Zemro Hall—election clerk	4.00
Union Trust Co.—paid note	1,036.25
Loring, Short & Harmon—town books	15.40
Henry Preble, fighting fire	4.50
Oscar Preble, fighting fire	4.50
Harvard Bean, fighting fire	2.00
W. M. Pettee, services as moderator	5.00
George Andrews, fighting fire	4.00
Alfred Preble, fighting fire	2.00
John Preble, fighting fire	4.00
Alfred Preble, sheep killed	4.00
H. D. Hanna, fighting fire	7.00
D. I. Bunker, fighting fire	9.00
Fred Urann, fighting fire	9.00
Francis Sinclair, fighting fire	7.00
Harold Whalen, fighting fire	7.00
Harold Hanna, feeding men at fire	5.00
Merrill White, fighting fire	7.00
Charles White, fighting fire	5.00
Frank Ferrin, fighting fire	4.00
Earl Whalen, fighting fire	3.00
W. R. Hanna, fighting fire	2.00

W. R. Hanna, fighting fire	8.00
Fred Patten, housing hearse	10.00
Munroe Bunker, fighting fire	3.00
Leon Whalen, fighting fire	2.00
John Ferrin, fighting fire	6.00
D. I. Bunker, fighting fire	4.00
W. R. Hanna, water tub	3.00
E. F. Martin, fighting fire	3.00
Charles Martin, fighting fire	6.00
Harold Hanna, ballot clerk	4.00
Charles Robertson, fighting fire	2.00
N. A. Haskell, fighting fire	3.00
R. A. Black, reporting births and deaths	5.00
R. A. Black, services on school committee	10.00
G. H. Tracy, truant officer	12.00
F. B. Havey, services and expenses on school com- mittee	12.50
A. T. Hill, supplies for fire	1.30
W. B. Blaisdell, services as selectman	135.00
E. A. Hanna, expenses	2.60
E. C. Hanna, supplies for fire	4.93
Pearl Tripp, balance of commission on commitment	8.39
Pearl Tripp, tax on estate of Juliette Simpson	24.09
Pearl Tripp, abatements	76.25
Frank Smith, water tub	3.00
C. W. Havey, services as town clerk	26.62
Pearl Tripp, commission on \$10,064.91	201.30
Oakman Bunker, posting town and election warrants	5.72
Bar Harbor Banking & Trust Co.—town note	1,050.00
Bar Harbor Banking & Trust Co.—interest on note . .	50.00
B. B. Havey, land rent for jail, 1913	8.00
B. B. Havey, land rent for jail, 1914	12.00
W. L. Carpenter, services town treasurer	50.00
W. L. Carpenter, expenses	6.54
W. B. Blaisdell, office rent	10.00
	<hr/> \$5,225.51
Overdrawn, March 1st, 1915	\$ 959.85

Report of Overseers of the Poor

Town Pauper Account

CREDITS

By Appropriation	\$ 400.00
Received from Town of Hancock on account of L. Hodgkins	119.43
Received from Town of Lamoine on account of L. Hodgkins	178.52
Received from J. Jenkins on account of Bessie Jenkins	12.80
	<hr/> \$ 710.75

EXPENDITURES

Overdrawn, March, 1914	\$ 386.60
Paid rent for John Holmes—one year	48.00
Supplies for John Holmes	26.57
Maurice Kelley, board for Eldora Crabtree	57.50
Ed. Tracy, supplies and rent	58.89
Emery Tracy's funeral expenses and supplies	58.00
Peter McKenzie, board one year, Mrs. Bruce	156.01
Dr. N. A. King, medical attendance on Rodney White family	10.00
Wm. Robertson, on account of tramp	1.50
H. A. Holt, on account of Bessie Jenkins	7.50
	<hr/> \$ 810.57
Overdrawn, March, 1915	\$ 99.82

State Pauper Account

CREDIT

By amount received from state	\$ 242.13
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EXPENDITURES

Supplies for Simon Young's family	\$ 267.18
Supplies for Edwin Roberts	53.22
Supplies for E. C. Hilgrove	6.00
Amount due from 1913	39.32
	<hr/> \$ 345.72
Due from state March, 1915	\$ 103.59

Town of Franklin

Supplies furnished Maurice Tracy	\$	56.54	
Supplies furnished Hattie Tracy		89.57	
		<hr/>	146.11

Town of Steuben

Supplies, board and burial expenses on account of Al Brooks	\$	97.48
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W. B. BLAISDELL

E. C. HANNA

E. A. HANNA

Overseers of Poor.

Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks

Sidewalk Account

FRED WHEELER, Commissioner.

By amount appropriated	\$ 300.00
Unexpended balance, March, 1914	3.28
	<hr/> \$ 303.28

EXPENDITURES

Paid Crabtree & Havey, supplies	\$ 2.40
G. S. Hooper, labor	51.99
Leon Brinkworth, labor	5.25
W. R. Hooper, labor	36.50
James McNaughton, labor	1.25
A. W. Blaisdell, labor	2.63
John Sargent, labor	13.12
A. O. Wentworth, labor	3.37
Daniel Osborne, labor	1.25
Ed Tracy, labor	2.00
A. T. Wilson, building sidewalk	70.00
Brad Smith, labor	2.00
C. M. Conant, supplies	9.60
Crabtree & Havey, supplies	10.47
Dunbar Bros., lumber	52.21
Dunbar Bros., supplies	3.57
Wm. P. Goodwin, labor50
Fred Wheeler, labor with team	59.25
	<hr/> \$ 327.36
Overdrawn March 1st	\$ 24.08

Road District No. 1

FRED WHEELER, Commissioner.

By appropriation	\$ 650.00
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EXPENDITURES

Overdrawn March 1st, 1914	\$ 145.42
Paid Augustus Perry (1913 order) clay	2.10
John Sargent labor	12.00
V. B. Gordon gravel	8.40

H. M. Bunker, labor with team.....	57.75	
Fred Wheeler, labor with team.....	197.00	
John Sargent, labor.....	12.25	
E. C. Gordon, stone and gravel.....	3.50	
Frank Hooper, labor.....	21.38	
Harry Butler, labor.....	23.75	
George A. Bunker, labor.....	6.75	
James Mattocks, labor.....	14.80	
George Ferrin, labor.....	12.00	
Peter H. Bunker, labor.....	1.50	
Daniel Osborne, labor.....	3.50	
Edward Tracy, labor.....	34.00	
G. S. Hooper, labor.....	1.68	
H. E. Joy, labor.....	38.25	
Charles Clapham, labor (1913 order).....	6.47	
Archie Bunker, labor (1913 order).....	5.00	
W. B. Blaisdell, gravel (1912 order).....	2.28	
Edward Johnson, labor.....	40.00	
Sherman Libby, labor team.....	22.50	
F. E. Pettengill, supplies.....	1.50	
W. L. Hardison, labor.....	2.00	
H. L. Cleaves, labor team.....	5.00	
A. T. Wilson, labor.....	1.50	
Preble & Clark, blacksmith work.....	8.07	
Arno Bowden, labor.....	.30	
Dunbar Bros., lumber.....	34.56	
Maintenance work on sections of state road....	23.92	
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		\$ 748.93
Overdrawn March 1st.....		<hr/>
		\$ 98.93

Roads and Bridges, District No. 2

FRED L. ORCUTT, Commissioner, 1914.

Overdrawn March 1st, 1914.....	\$ 200.01
Henry O. Whalen, labor.....	2.88
F. L. Orcutt, labor.....	22.50
F. L. Orcutt, labor.....	20.25
Walter Estabrook, labor.....	5.00
H. E. Joy, labor.....	5.00
Harry Hill, labor.....	8.32
Forest Dunbar, labor.....	8.32
W. R. Hanna, labor.....	6.00
E. A. Hanna, labor with team.....	12.00
Fred Bean, labor, gravel.....	15.60
Benj. Johnson, labor.....	3.70

A. M. Havey, labor.....	2.00
E. C. Hanna, team.....	8.00
Henry Ashley, labor with team.....	4.00
Herbert Sinclair, labor.....	1.85
Fred Patten, gravel.....	1.00
Charles Doyle, gravel.....	1.00
A. T. Hill, supplies.....	1.77
Dunbar Bros., lumber.....	48.78
F. L. Orcutt, labor.....	50.00
F. L. Orcutt, labor.....	34.74
F. L. Orcutt, labor, team.....	4.00
Lawrence Orcutt, labor with team.....	107.25
B. C. Baker, gravel.....	1.50
Ruel Johnson, labor.....	4.00
A. M. Havey, snow bills 1913.....	18.40
W. R. Hanna, labor, 1913.....	10.00
Ruel Johnson, labor.....	35.50
B. F. Robbins, labor.....	7.40
Fred Robbins, labor.....	7.40
Henry Johnson, labor.....	3.23
E. A. Hanna, labor, team.....	4.00
E. W. Johnson, labor.....	1.50
Paid for state maintenance.....	37.50
	<hr/> \$ 704.40

CREDIT

By amount appropriated.....	\$ 650.00
Overdrawn.....	<hr/> \$ 54.40

State Road Account

Amount appropriated.....	\$ 200.00
Unexpended balance.....	.86
Received from state.....	174.00
	<hr/> \$ 374.86

EXPENDITURES

Albert Jewett, labor.....	\$ 40.00
C. W. Grindle, cement.....	7.05
H. E. Joy, labor.....	60.00
George Whalen, labor.....	22.00
Ed. Johnson, labor.....	46.00
John Springer, labor.....	10.00
M. M. Urann, gravel.....	2.30
Ruel Johnson, labor.....	20.00
A. T. Wilson, cement.....	3.20

Fred Wheeler, labor, team.....	70.00	
M. M. Urann, gravel.....	3.00	
George Graham, labor.....	21.00	
Preble & Clark, dynamite and sharpening.....	23.70	
Benvenue Granite Co., stone.....	15.00	
Bradbury Smith, freight on cement.....	2.06	
Dunbar Bros., lumber.....	.46	
E. C. Gordon, labor.....	12.00	
F. B. Havey, labor.....	16.00	
Fred Urann, labor.....	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 381.77
Overdrawn.....		\$ 6.91

Delinquent Tax Payers

Daniel I. Bunker.....	\$ 5.35	
George F. Colson.....	5.35	
Bradbury Griffin.....	3.00	
Charles Griffin.....	11.75	
Allen Griffin.....	3.00	
Wm. Hardison.....	3.53	
Adelbert Jellison.....	3.00	
Jerry Warren.....	3.00	
Adelbert Reed.....	1.50	
Ed Sargent.....	3.00	
John Sargent.....	3.00	
Sullivan Steamboat Wharf Co.....	11.75	
Maurice Tracy.....	3.00	
Harold Whalen.....	3.00	
Wyman Warren.....	3.00	
Kirstien & Hamlin.....	25.85	
Henry A. Hooper.....	3.00	
W. H. Grass.....	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 98.08

Assets

Town property.....	\$ 300.00	
Tax deeds.....	115.00	
Cemetery lots.....	105.00	
State pauper account.....	103.59	
Franklin—on account of paupers.....	147.11	
Steuben—on account of paupers.....	97.48	
Balance in treasury, March, 1915.....	229.91	
	<hr/>	\$1,098.09

Liabilities

Outstanding orders	\$ 4.30
Bills estimated	60.00
Town notes (school)	1,700.00
Town note (from U. T. Co.)	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$2,764.30
Balance against town March 1, 1915	<hr/> \$1,666.21

W. B. BLAISDELL

E. C. HANNA

E. A. HANNA

Selectmen.

Report of Town Clerk

Number of male dogs licensed in 1914, 54 at \$1.00 each \$54.00
 Number of female dogs licensed in 1914, 7 at \$5.00 each 35.00

Total number dogs licensed 61

Cash paid to treasurer, W. L. Carpenter, Jr., for year 1914.. \$89.00

Vital Statistics

Number of births recorded in 1914, 19: males, 11; females, 8; living, 17; stillborn, 2. Number of births recorded in 1913, 15.

Number of marriages recorded in 1914, 13 Number of marriages recorded in 1913, 9.

Number of deaths recorded in 1914, 20; in 1913, 15.

Deaths in 1914 of infants less than one year old, 3; between one and five years of age, 1; between twenty and thirty years, 3; between forty and fifty years, 1; between fifty and sixty years, 2; between sixty and seventy years, 6; between seventy and eighty years, 3; between eighty and ninety years, 1.

CAUSES OF DEATH

Tuberculosis, 4; Stillborn, 2; Peritonitis, 1; Pneumonia, 1; Senility complicated by chronic cystitis, 1; Organic Heart Disease, 2; Spinal sclerosis, 1; Senility, 1; Inanition from indigestion, 1; Cardiac Dropsy, 1; Valvular disease of the heart, 1; Chronic obstructive jaundice, 1; Acute Ileocolitis; Physical exhaustion due to cold on lungs, 1.

Respectfully submitted

C. W. HAVEY
 Town Clerk.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

R. A. BLACK, Chairman. Term expires March, 1915
 F. B. HAVEY. Term expires March, 1916
 B. C. BAKER. Term expires March, 1917

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. W. Gordon

Sullivan, Maine, Feb. 1, 1915.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND
 THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF SULLIVAN:—

I present herewith my eighth annual report of the condition, progress and needs of the schools of the Town of Sullivan.

Common Schools

The larger appropriation made by the town together with a substantial increase in the state equalization fund and also an increase in the other state funds on account of a larger number of scholars in town when the school census was taken has enabled us to have a school year of thirty-four weeks which is a most encouraging gain. An additional gain of two weeks would give us the minimum school year recommended for Maine towns and which we hope to reach in the near future.

A few changes have been made in teachers this year and it will be noticed that the proportion of trained teachers has been considerably increased; five of the eight teachers at present employed being normal graduates while two others are teachers of much experience. Every teacher in town, including the high school teachers, has a state certificate. It is hardly necessary to say that a teaching force of high efficiency and professional zeal is one of the most important factors in any school system and we feel that a gradual improvement is being made in this direction from year to year.

High School

We have had a complete change in high school teachers this year and while such changes are not to be desired and usually interrupt the progress of a school for a time yet a very complete system of records and a well defined plan of work made it possible for the new teachers

to begin the year's work with little of the delay usually incident to such changes. We have been fortunate in the choice of new teachers and the high school, in our opinion, is in as good condition as it ever was if not the best. This year we have been able to combine the school music with the English work of the high school under one teacher with satisfactory results and with a considerable financial saving to the town.

The high school courses have been somewhat changed this year with the view of making them more flexible and thereby giving the students a wider range in the choice of subjects. The work in English has been thoroughly revised, strengthened, and a more definite outline of work made. Economics have been added to the subjects offered. Printed copies of the courses of study may be obtained from the principal or superintendent.

The class of 1914 carried out the usual order of graduating exercises in a most creditable manner at the K. of P. Hall and the following students received diplomas: English Course; Sara I. Bunker, Willie A. Dow, Mona E. Gordon, Doris M. Hatch, Sidney Osborne, Raymond D. Partidge. College Preparatory Course; Harvard W. Blaisdell, Dorothy L. Merchant.

Loss of Time

In the average school system a great deal of time is lost each year on account of school holidays, stormy weather, oftentimes funerals, and for other reasons. Some of this lost time is unnecessary and it seems a poor business policy for a town to pay a corps of teachers for a great many days time each year for which no adequate return is received. The school holidays are fixed by law and must be observed accordingly although the tendency of every new legislature to add new holidays to the school calendar is a subject of frequent and we believe justified criticism.

The custom of closing schools on stormy days is a practice which has increased so much in recent years that it has become a decided nuisance in many places, every little shower being taken by some teachers as an excuse to close school. It often happens when schools are closed for this reason that it clears up early in the day and in most cases when schools are closed on this account it is very noticeable that children are able to play out of doors in spite of the weather. The local school board, in common with a number of school boards in this vicinity, has taken this matter under consideration and has decided to instruct teachers to be at their schools every day prepared to teach and to hold school unless the attendance should be too small to make it profitable. This leaves the matter of deciding whether the weather is suitable for a child to attend school or not to the parent who is the proper person to decide such questions. We believe parents will find few days when in their judgment the weather is too severe for the children to go to school, due consideration of course being given to very small children and those living at any great distance.

The custom of closing schools on account of funerals is a common one in this section and often is the cause of considerable loss of time in the course of a year. School officials are often embarrassed when called upon to decide whether a deceased person was of sufficient prominence to receive this doubtful honor and the custom takes on a ridiculous aspect when looked upon from the small boy's point of view, every death in the community being joyously hailed as another opportunity for a half-holiday. Surely no one could wish to deny any honor which could be conferred by such a custom but the honor thereby conferred seems much in doubt. In fact, it seems so much in doubt and the custom has so many objectionable features that we believe it would be wise policy to entirely abolish it and have a general understanding to that effect. In case the school wishes to show special respect to the memory of a person who has died in the community a period set apart from the regular school exercises for appropriate remarks on the person's life would be a most fitting mark of honor.

Dictionaries

The constant and intelligent use of the dictionary by any person or pupil is of almost inestimable value from an educational point of view and is well expressed by an experienced educator who says, "I have never yet seen a person, whether pupil or teacher, who was accustomed to a frequent use of the dictionary and reference books, and who was alert in the detection of errors in his own speech, or in that of others, who was not at the same time a good or superior all-round scholar." The dictionary habit should be acquired when young and the teaching of the proper and skillful use of the dictionary is one of the important duties of the school. For this to be efficiently done not only every school should be provided with an advanced or unabridged dictionary but every pupil from the fourth grade up through high school should have a dictionary of proper grade. While most of our schools are provided with an unabridged dictionary the presence of a single copy of an advanced dictionary in a schoolroom is entirely inadequate and as our text book appropriations are not sufficiently large to purchase individual dictionaries we urge upon parents the importance of providing dictionaries for each child above the third grade. Webster's dictionaries are used in our schools and recently a series of graded dictionaries has been published especially for school use and very reasonable in price, the cost being from 40 cents for a primary dictionary to \$1.20 for one of high school grade. We should be glad to purchase dictionaries for parents at cost prices and hope to see a much larger proportion of the pupils furnished with dictionaries next year.

Improvements and Repairs

Modern progress and science have proved beyond a doubt to the satisfaction of everybody except the ignorant and selfish that the good

health of school children depends in no small degree upon properly constructed and well arranged school buildings in which so many hours of their childhood is passed while comfortable and attractive school surroundings are considered to have a most beneficial effect upon the moral welfare of the child. The necessity for improvements in our school buildings has often been called to the attention of the citizens of this town who have usually responded with liberal appropriations but unfortunately, however, all the common school buildings in town were constructed many years ago when little attention was given to the proper ventilation, lighting, heating, and general sanitation of school buildings and after going for many years without any improvements and often without much-needed repairs they have come to a condition which necessitates liberal appropriations for some time to come before they will be in a condition which modern ideas demand. The whole tendency of the present time is for better conditions for the school child and marked improvements in this direction are inevitable everywhere in the near future. We believe the citizens of Sullivan understand this and will desire to be among the first in this as in other matters of educational progress in the past. To delay such improvements until some future time will effect no financial saving and we trust to see these improvements made now that the pupils at present attending school may benefit therefrom.

Some towns in improving their school buildings are following the plan of putting one building each year in first class condition and this might be a practical plan for this town to follow. Some of the most needed improvements are ventilating stoves, which as the name suggests ventilate as well as heat; single desks for all the schools, hardwood floors, better lighting, and many other minor improvements.

A large amount of repairs has been made this year, most of the work being done on the exteriors which seemed a wise plan before attempting any interior improvements of importance. The improvements include: shingling and painting both sides of the roof at West Sullivan and repairs to the belfry, outside painting of the Center school house, shingling at the Ash district, repair and painting of the woodshed at Bridgham Hill, and shingling, painting and underpinning repairs at Tunk. Every school flag pole has been put in commission and furnished with wire halyards which will save the constant annoyance and expense of replacing rope halyards. A new law took effect the first of June making it a penalty to have a common water pail, drinking cup, or towel in a school building and in accordance with the new law each school has been furnished with an earthen water cooler with a self-closing faucet and pupils requested to furnish their own drinking cups. Before beginning repairs the members of the school board together visited every school building in town and made a list of the most necessary repairs and the cost of the same. The account, however, has been largely

overdrawn but it seemed for the town's best interests to do so as additional repairs were found necessary and they could be done much cheaper in connection with repairs planned for this year than at a future time.

State Certification of Teachers

The law passed by the last legislature and now in force regarding the state certification of teachers is a matter of general interest. By the provision of this law all public school teachers must now hold state certificates with a few exceptions. State examinations are given at stated places twice each year and a candidate for common school certificates must be at least seventeen years of age and a graduate of a standard high school or academy. This law will undoubtedly prove a great benefit to the schools of this state in requiring a much higher standard for teachers than formerly when the taking of the state examination was optional with teachers. We have made it a practice to place statistics of teachers in each school report for the double purpose of encouraging teachers to improve themselves and giving the public an opportunity to know just what the qualifications of their teachers were. An examination of these reports will show a constant improvement in the qualifications of our teachers. This law will prove an additional advantage to the graduates of the local high school in making them eligible to this examination from which they would otherwise be debarred.

Teachers' Meetings

A series of practical teacher's meetings each year is an excellent thing to increase the interest and efficiency of teachers and thereby improve schools. A limited number of such meetings has been held each year for the teachers of this and the neighboring towns and they have proved of much practical benefit. To be of the greatest benefit, however, we should have outside speakers at a part of the meetings who are experts along their special lines such as special teachers of primary reading, arithmetic, geography, penmanship, etc. We have been unable to do this except occasionally on account of no funds for this purpose and believe a small appropriation for this purpose would be of much practical benefit. The teachers from the state normal schools are authorized to attend such meetings for their expenses and other experts can be secured without great expense.

Noon Hour

The teachers of all the rural schools have remained at their schools this year in accordance with the ideas suggested in last year's report. This has naturally resulted in a great improvement in the conditions which usually exist when pupils at this time are without proper supervision. In several of the schools the idea of having the pupils eat their dinners together and serving hot cocoa has been successfully carried out. Tables have been furnished some of the schools and the pupils

conduct themselves in as orderly and polite manner as in the well conducted home. The successful continuance of the plan requires the co-operation of parents and we trust parents will encourage and aid teachers to make it a success.

Statistics—Accounts

The early settling of the town business this year made it necessary to close the school report before the end of the winter term and on this account the school statistics are incomplete and it has been necessary to omit the roll of honor for attendance, which we regret. However, an effort will be made to have the attendance records of the pupils of the various schools included in the various newspaper items as soon as the winter term closes.

In regard to the school accounts, practically the same balances are shown as would have been shown at the usual time of settlement as all the teachers' salaries, bills for janitor service and other bills have been drawn in advance.

I take the opportunity in closing this report to thank all whose support and influence have assisted in advancing the interests of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELBERT W. GORDON

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

TO A. W. GORDON, Superintendent of Schools:—

I herewith present my first annual report of the work in music in the schools of Sullivan.

The music in the common schools has made rapid progress this year. The work in theory has been so arranged to meet the requirements of each grade. Much time has been devoted to individual instruction, especially in the lower grades. Here the individual slip method has been introduced. This not only aids the student in gaining confidence in himself in music, but in other subjects as well. The higher grades have made excellent progress in two and three part songs. New rote songs have been given each week celebrating different events or seasons of the year. An exhibition of the music will be given some time in May.

The music in the high school has made good progress. We have devoted our time to two and three part songs taken from the "Halcyon" and sheet music. The high school is to give an operetta this term to serve as a means to clear the debt on the piano. We are to form an orchestra which will include some of the grammar school students. Work will soon begin in preparation for the High School Music Festival to be

given in Bangor next fall in connection with the Teachers' Convention, in which some of the Sullivan High School students are to participate.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the superintendent, school board, and teachers for their hearty co-operation in the music work of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

CORA P. PRESSON

Supervisor of Music.

Comm School Statistics

Schools	Terms	Teachers	Salary per week...	Scholars in District	Enrollment	Ave. attendance ..	Cases of tardiness	Not absent 1-2 day	Weeks in term....
W. Sullivan Grammar.....	Spring....	Hazel MacGown.....	\$13.00	177	39	33.5	21	3	11
	Fall.....	Hazel MacGown.....	13.00	...	43	37.5	23	10	11
	Winter....	Hazel MacGown.....	13.00	...	39	*	*	*	11
W. Sullivan Intermediate..	Spring....	Annie Woodbury.....	11.50	...	38	32.3	47	2	12
	Fall.....	Katherine A. Spear.....	11.00	...	25	22.4	32	6	11
	Winter....	Villa B. Houghton.....	11.00	...	24	*	*	*	11
W. Sullivan Primary.....	Spring....	Ethel Holway.....	12.00	...	46	39.8	76	5	12
	Fall.....	Nettie A. Morris.....	11.00	...	46	36.6	67	2	11
	Winter....	Nettie A. Morris.....	11.00	...	40	*	*	*	11
Sullivan Harbor.....	Spring....	Rena E. Springer.....	11.00	47	28	21.5	67	1	12
	Fall.....	Rena E. Springer.....	11.50	...	30	25.8	31	6	11
	Winter....	Rena E. Springer.....	11.50	...	18	*	*	*	11
Sullivan Center.....	Spring....	Effie A. Baker.....	8.00	14	13	10.0	26	0	12
	Fall.....	Effie A. Baker.....	8.00	...	14	12.9	46	2	11
	Winter....	Effie A. Baker.....	8.00	...	13	*	*	*	11

Ash District	Spring	Elizabeth Jellison . . .
	Fall	Barbara A. Heald . . .
	Winter	Barbara A. Heald . . .
Bridgham Hill	Spring	Albertis LeGacy
	Fall	Frances P. Atwater . . .
	Winter	Frances P. Atwater . . .
	Winter	Frances P. Atwater . . .
Tunk Pond	Spring	Rosie A. Bowden
	Fall	Rosie A. Bowden
	Winter	Rosie A. Bowden
Totals		
Averages for the year		
Increase from last year		

* Schools in session.

.....	10.00	25	16	14.4	10	2	12
.....	10.00	...	16	14.4	27	1	11
.....	10.00	...	16	*	*	*	11
.....	15.00	39	33	30.8	26	12	12
.....	12.50	...	32	30.0	8	8	11
.....	12.50	...	32	30.0	8	8	11
.....	12.50	...	31	*	*	*	11
.....	7.50	16	7	5.4	7	4	12
.....	7.50	...	7	5.3	9	2	11
.....	7.50	...	7	*	*	*	11
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.....		318				271	
.....		207					
.....		32	8				8

High School Statistics

TEACHERS	SUBJECTS TAUGHT	YEARLY SALARY
Robert R. Webber, Principal..	Mathematics, science, economics	\$800.00
Anna B. Perkins.....	Latin, French, history.....	515.00
Cora P. Presson.....	English, music.....	*540.00

* Includes salary as supervisor of music for common schools.

Enrollment and Attendance

TERM	ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	WEEKS IN TERM
Spring.....	43	39.7	10
Fall.....	50	45.3	14
Winter.....	49	*	12

* Term not closed.

Enrollment by Classes, Courses and Sex

Course		1st Yr.	2nd Yr.	3rd Yr.	4th Yr	Totals
English.....	Boys.....	8	6	4	4	22
	Girls.....	4	5	6	3	18
Latin-Scientific.....	Boys.....	0	1	2	0	3
	Girls.....	0	0	1	0	1
Classical.....	Boys.....	0	0	3	0	3
	Girls.....	1	1	0	0	2
Totals.....		13	13	16	7	49

Enrollment of Town and Tuition Scholars

TOWN SCHOLARS		TUITION SCHOLARS	
North Sullivan.....	7	Hancock.....	12
West Sullivan.....	6	Gouldsboro.....	6
Sullivan Harbor.....	7	Sorrento.....	2
Sullivan Center.....	2	Brooksville.....	1
Ash District.....	2		
Bridgham Hill.....	3		
Tunk Pond.....	1		
Totals _	28		21

Teachers Employed—School Year 1914-15

NAME	RESIDENCE	WHERE EDUCATED	STATE CERTIFICATE	TERMS EXPERIENCE
Robert R. Webber.....	North Vassalboro.....	Colby College.....	Two Years.....	2
Anna B. Perkins.....	North Brooksville.....	University of Maine.....	Two Years.....	2
Cora P. Presson.....	Farmington.....	Mt. Holyoke College.....	One Year.....	5
Hazel MacGown.....	North Ellsworth.....	Castine Normal.....	Three Years.....	13
Katherine A. Spear.....	Rockport.....	Castine Normal.....	Three Years.....	5
Villa B. Houghton.....	Lee.....	Lee Normal Academy.....	Life.....	25
Nettie A. Morris.....	East Holden.....	Castine Normal.....	Five Years.....	8
Rena E. Springer.....	Hancock.....	Castine Normal *.....	Five Years.....	17
Effie A. Baker.....	Sullivan.....	— — —.....	Life.....	50
Barbara A. Heald.....	Lincolnville.....	Castine Normal.....	Two Years.....	3
Frances P. Atwater.....	West Jonesport.....	Washington Normal.....	Two Years.....	6
Rosie A. Bowden.....	North Sullivan.....	Sullivan High.....	Two Years.....	5
Average salary of male teachers in common schools per month.....				\$60.00
Average salary of female teachers in common schools per week.....				10.04
Average salary of male teachers in high school per month.....				91.94
Average salary of female teachers in high school per week.....				14.89

Common School Account

RESOURCES

Amount raised by town	\$1,400.00
Received from state, school and mill fund	1,123.75
Received from state, common school fund	771.23
Received from state, equalization fund	210.00
Received from Town of Gouldsboro, tuition	90.00
Received from Town of Sorrento, tuition	20.00
	<u>\$3,614.98</u>

EXPENDITURES

Overdraw from last year	\$ 13.97
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West Sullivan:—

Teachers' salaries	\$1,195.00
Fuel bills	93.50
Janitor service	50.25
	<u>\$1,338.75</u>

Sullivan Harbor:—

Teachers' salaries	\$ 385.00
Fuel bills	33.50
Janitor service	17.00
	<u>\$ 435.50</u>

Sullivan Center:—

Teachers' salaries	\$ 272.00
Fuel bills	17.50
Janitor service	17.00
	<u>\$ 306.50</u>

Ash District:—

Teachers' salaries	\$ 340.00
Fuel bills	27.75
Janitor service	17.00
	<u>\$ 384.75</u>

Bridgham Hill:—

Teachers' salaries	\$ 455.00
Fuel bills	30.63
Janitor service	17.00
	<u>\$ 502.63</u>

Tunk Pond:—

Teachers' salaries	\$ 255.00
Fuel bills	17.00
Janitor service	17.00
	<u>\$ 289.00</u>

Supervisor of Music	\$ 356.99
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\$3,628.09

Overdrawn March 1, 1915	\$ 13.11
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High School Accounts

ACCOUNT NUMBER ONE—TEACHERS SALARIES

RESOURCES

Unexpended balance from last year.....	\$ 142.59
Amount raised by town.....	400.00
Received from state.....	500.00
Received from Town of Hancock, tuition.....	408.34
Received from Town of Gouldsboro, tuition.....	166.67
Received from Town of Sorrento, tuition.....	58.33
	<hr/> \$1,675.93

EXPENDITURES

Paid E. L. Linscott, teaching.....	\$ 337.50
Robert R. Webber, teaching.....	488.89
Mildred Mansfield, teaching.....	213.22
Alice Phillips, teaching.....	151.00
Anna B. Perkins, teaching.....	308.86
Mary H. Hutton, teaching.....	42.93
Cora P. Presson, teaching.....	135.00
	<hr/> \$1,677.40

Overdrawn March 1, 1915..... \$ 1.47

ACCOUNT NUMBER TWO—JANITOR AND FUEL BILLS

RESOURCES

Amount raised by town..... \$ 425.00

EXPENDITURES

Overdraw form last year.....	\$ 412.20
Paid Watson N. Joy, janitor service.....	48.00
W. H. Seavey, janitor service.....	96.00
Dunbar Bros., coal and wood.....	144.40
W. H. Seavey, wood.....	2.00
A. T. Wilson, wood.....	12.00
Crabtree & Havey, coal.....	89.69
Charles Doyle, wood.....	16.00
	<hr/> \$ 820.29

Overdrawn March 1, 1915..... \$ 395.29

Text Books and Supplies

RESOURCES

Amount raised by the town.....	\$ 325.00
Received from books and supplies sold.....	22.51
Received from high school tuition students.....	126.66
	<hr/> \$ 474.17

EXPENDITURES

Overdraw from last year	\$.03	
Paid Marine Biological Laboratory	3.45	
J. Fisher & Brother68	
White-Smith Co	1.05	
Wm. H. Earle60	
Longsman, Green & Co88	
Hinds, Noble & Eldredge	1.00	
Ginn & Company	123.58	
Silver, Burdett & Company	71.05	
Howard & Brown	6.44	
Loring, Short & Harmon	4.40	
Charles Scribners' Sons	1.55	
Houghton Mifflin Company	1.36	
D. Appleton & Co	2.63	
Bangor Co-Operative Printing Co	13.25	
R. F. Gerrish	8.00	
D. H. Knowlton & Co	4.00	
D. C. Heath & Company	32.35	
American Book Company	108.48	
Edward E. Babb & Company	92.59	
Freight, expressage, trucking, etc	15.01	
	<hr/>	\$ 492.38
Overdrawn		\$ 18.21

Repairs Account

RESOURCES

Amount raised by town	\$ 500.00	
Received for damage, etc	1.75	
Received, F. B. Havey	29.84	
	<hr/>	\$ 531.59

EXPENDITURES

Overdraw from last year	\$ 84.11	
Paid Edward E. Babb & Co., school furniture		
water coolers		
flags, etc	82.39	
H. E. Ashley, supplies	1.00	
A. M. Havey, supplies	3.00	
Crabtree & Havey, supplies	21.63	
Snow & Nealley Company, supplies	16.50	
W. H. Seavey, labor	2.50	
J. F. Meynell, labor	13.12	
Frank E. Robbins, labor	5.00	

H. F. Andrews, shingles.....	164.95
Morse & Company, lumber.....	11.44
Henry Whalen, labor.....	24.00
D. H. Connors, labor.....	10.95
C. H. Brinton, labor.....	46.00
Ralph Perry, labor.....	20.00
B. C. Baker, labor and bills paid.....	30.74
Knowlton Hodgkins, labor.....	55.00
B. Smith, frieght and trucking.....	17.21
Cleaves & Coffin, labor.....	2.50
C. W. Basford, labor.....	2.50
W. E. Martin, labor and supplies.....	34.16
Hugh Pettee, bills paid.....	.40
Kennard Haskell, labor.....	.40
Daniel Osborne, labor.....	1.00
G. S. Hooper, labor.....	15.12
James MacNaughton, labor.....	5.50
Alonzo Gordon, trucking.....	1.00
Harvey E. Robertson, supplies.....	6.18
Fred Goodale, freight, trucking.....	7.53
Harvard W. Blaisdell, trucking.....	3.00
Crabtree & Havey, supplies.....	29.52
Eugene Havey, trucking.....	1.50
A. T. Hill, supplies.....	4.01
F. B. Havey, labor.....	9.50
Dunbar Bros., supplies.....	34.68
Hooper, Havey & Company, supplies.....	19.55
J. F. Meynell, labor and supplies.....	38.19
Cleaning school houses.....	39.00
	<hr/> \$ 864.78
Overdrawn March 1, 1915.....	<hr/> \$ 333.19

Warrant

STATE OF MAINE

Hancock ss.

TO OAKMAN BUNKER, CONSTABLE FOR THE TOWN OF SULLIVAN, IN
SAID COUNTY:—

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sullivan, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the K. of P. Hall, West Sullivan, on the eighth day of March, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2—To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3—To hear the report of town officers and act thereon.

Article 4—To choose three of more selectmen.

Article 5—To choose three or more assessors.

Article 6—To choose three or more overseers of poor.

Article 7—To choose a town treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 8—To determine the number of road commissioners.

Article 9—To see if the town will vote “yes” or “no” on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to state aid as provided in section 20 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Article 10—To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 for improvement of the sections of the state aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commissioner, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges. The above amount being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provision of section 19 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Article 11—To choose one or more fire wards; fix their compensation and raise a sum of money for the same.

Article 12—To raise a sum of money to pay the salary of the superintendent of schools for the ensuing year.

Article 13—To see if the town will vote to continue the school at Tunk Pond, as recommended by the superintending school committee.

Article 14—To see how much money the town will appropriate for the repair of roads and bridges.

Article 15—To see how much money the town will raise to repair the road leading to Franklin via A. S. Gray's.

Article 16—To see how much money the town will raise for the repair of sidewalks.

Article 17—To see if the town will vote to expend a part of the sidewalk money on the sidewalk at E. Sullivan, and if so, how much.

Article 18—To see what action the town will take relative to the collection of taxes.

Article 19—To choose a collector of taxes.

Article 20—To choose a member of the superintending school committee.

Article 21—To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 22—To see if the town will vote to exempt the Sullivan Steamboat Wharf Company from taxation for a term of years.

Article 23—To see what action the town will take relative to the payment of the amount due those who worked on the road in District No. 1.

Article 24—To see if the town will instruct its selectmen to move the jail to the lot at North Sullivan owned by the town, and remodel the same for a dwelling.

Article 25—To see how much money the town will raise for the support of poor.

Article 26—To see how much money the town will raise for memorial services.

Article 27—To see how much money the town will raise for the support of common schools.

Article 28—To see how much money the town will raise for teachers' meetings, to be expended under the direction of the superintendent of schools.

Article 29—To see how much money the town will raise for free high school.

Article 30—To see how much money the town will raise for free text books.

Article 31—To see how much money the town will raise for the repair of school buildings.

Article 32—To see how much money the town will raise for incidental expenses.

Article 33—To see how much money the town will raise to pay town notes and the interest on same.

Article 34—To see how much money the town will raise to repair Johnson Hill at No. 7, and designate that part to be repaired.

Article 35—To see how much money the town will raise for high school apparatus.

Article 36—To see if the town will vote to instruct its Superintendent of Schools and Superintending School Committee to re-establish the discontinued Bridgham Hill Grammar School.

Article 37—To see what action the town will take relative to electing or appointing a sidewalk commissioner, said commissioner to have full power concerning the building and repairing of sidewalks for the entire town.

Article 38—To see what action the town will take relative to the tax deeds now held by the town.

Article 39—To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to hire a sum of money sufficient to pay teachers salaries and other town expenses until taxes are available.

