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# ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

TOWN OFFICERS OF

# Fort Fairfield, Maine,

— FOR THE —


Municipal Year Ending March 10, 1894.

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FORT FAIRFIELD.

WHEN YOU ARE BUYING  
**Don't Overlook our Specialties**



We want your trade and with low prices and good values WE  
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cent for footwear this spring.

**HOVEY & PARTRIDGE,**

Opp. Postoffice . . . Sign of the Big Boot.

# Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of the town of Fort Fairfield herewith submit their annual report for the Municipal Year ending March 10th, 1894:

| Valuation<br>Year ending: | Real<br>Estate: | Personal<br>Estate: | Total<br>Valuation: | No. of<br>Polls: |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| March 15, 1890,           | \$464,158       | \$148,160           | \$612,318           | 705              |
| “ “ 1891,                 | 510,534         | 178,421             | 688,955             | 761              |
| “ “ 1892,                 | 541,550         | 181,190             | 722,740             | 831              |
| “ 10 1893,                | 553,761         | 218,531             | 772,292             | 844              |

## HIGHWAY TAX FOR YEAR 1893.

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Amount raised by town, | \$5,000 00 |
| Overlayings,           | 118 00     |
|                        | <hr/>      |
|                        | \$5,118 00 |

No. of polls, 844.

Poll tax, \$1.50.

Rate per cent, 5.2 mills on one dollar.

## CASH TAX FOR 1893.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Common schools,                         | \$2800 00   |
| Free High School,                       | 750 00      |
| Paupers,                                | 800 00      |
| Free Text Books,                        | 450 00      |
| Fire Protection,                        | 500 00      |
| Memorial Day,                           | 40 00       |
| Building New School House,              | 500 00      |
| Finishing and Furnishing School Houses, | 1000 00     |
| Finishing Nichols' School House,        | 300 00      |
| Finishing E. Murphy School House,       | 300 00      |
| Railroad Sinking Fund,                  | 418 50      |
| Interest on town debt,                  | 1,300 00    |
| Cash for highways,                      | 1,000 00    |
| Repair of bridges,                      | 100 00      |
| Town expense,                           | 4,000 00    |
| Repair of buildings at town farm,       | 150 00      |
| State Tax,                              | 2,552 04    |
| County Tax,                             | 1,989 17    |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$18,949 71 |
| Overlayings,                            | 434 23      |
|   | <hr/>       |
| Total,                                  | \$19,383 94 |

No. of polls, 844.

Poll Tax, \$3.00 each.

Amount of Poll Tax, \$2,532.00.

Rate per cent, 22 mills.

## NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE ACCOUNT.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Amount raised by town,                                | \$500 00   |
| For building school-house in E. Murphy District,      | 300 00     |
| “ Finishing Nichols’ school-house,                    | 300 00     |
| “ “ Foster “ “  | 50 00      |
| Amount received for old school-house, E. Murphy Dist, |            |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$1,150 00 |
| Amount expended:                                      |            |
| Pd. John Brooks, Murphy school-house,                 | \$500 00   |
| “ “ “ Nichols’ “ “                                    | 200 00     |
| “ “ “ Foster “ “                                      | 200 00     |
| “ For seating Nichols’ “ “                            | 100 00     |
| “ “ “ Foster “ “                                      | 100 00     |
| Amount appropriated to Conant school-house,           | 48 33      |
|   | <hr/>      |
| Total amount expended,                                | \$1,148 33 |
| Amount undrawn to balance,                            | 1 67       |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$1,150 00 |

## FIRE PROTECTION ACCOUNT.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Amount raised by town,  | \$500 00 |
| Amount paid J. F. Hacker, treasurer of Frontier<br>Water Co., | \$500 00 |

## COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Amount raised by town,             | \$2,800 00 |
| “ unexpended in 1892,              | 1,259 54   |
| “ received from State,             | 3,787 50   |
| “ “ “ ministerial and school fund, | 97 76      |
|                                    | <hr/>      |
|                                    | \$7,944 80 |
| Amount expended as follows:        |            |
| Amount expended to March 10, 1894, | \$7,215 17 |
| Amount undrawn to balance,         | 729 63     |
|                                    | <hr/>      |
|                                    | \$7,944 80 |

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Amount raised by town,          | \$750 00   |
| “ received from State due 1892, | 125 00     |
| “ “ “ “ for 1893,               | 250 00     |
| “ “ for tuition,                | 25 00      |
|                                 | <hr/>      |
|                                 | \$1,150 00 |

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Amount expended:               |            |
| Paid H. F. Kalloch, Principal, | \$800 00   |
| “ M. E. Merrill, Assistant,    | 120 00     |
| “ for catalogues,              | 24 50      |
| Amount overdrawn, 1892,        | 50 36      |
|                                | <hr/>      |
|                                | \$994 86   |
| Amount undrawn to balance,     | 155 14     |
|                                | <hr/>      |
|                                | \$1,150 00 |

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNT.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Amount raised by town in 1892 unexpended, | \$300 00 |
| Amount paid Caribou Electric Light Co.,   | \$252 66 |
| Amount unexpended to balance,             | 47 34    |
|   | <hr/>    |
|   | \$300 00 |

#### MEMORIAL DAY.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Amount appropriated by town,                                  | \$40 00 |
| Expended as follows:  |         |
| Amount paid H. O. Perry, Q. M., Kilpatrick<br>Post, G. A. R., | \$40 00 |

#### RAILROAD SINKING FUND.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Amount raised by town from 1878 to 1892, | 6,277 50   |
| “ “ “ “ for the year 1893,               | 418 50     |
|  | <hr/>      |
| Total amount raised by town,             | \$6,696 00 |

#### INTEREST ACCOUNT.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Amount raised by town,                            | \$1,300 00 |
| Expended as follows:                              |            |
| Paid to Treasurer of Ministerial and School fund, | \$97 76    |
| “ “ B. Gathercole,                                | 180 00     |
| “ on temporary loan,                              | 89 41      |
| “ “ town orders,                                  | 53 98      |
| “ “ railroad bonds,                               | 837 00     |
| Amount undrawn,                                   | 41 85      |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$1,300 00 |

#### FINISHING AND FURNISHING SCHOOL HOUSE ACCT.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Amount raised by town,                 | \$1,000 00 |
| Amount expended as follows:            |            |
| Amount paid H. N. Burpee for painting, | \$283 31   |
| “ “ S. Steves “ plastering,            | 31 82      |
| “ “ A. Fitzherbert “ “                 | 18 00      |
| “ “ L. K. Cary & Co., paints etc.,     | 263 49     |

|   |   |                             |     |    |
|---|---|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| " | " | J. M. Noyes for lumber,     | 24  | 21 |
| " | " | U. S. School Furniture Co., | 339 | 80 |
| " | " | C. P. Railway for freight,  | 43  | 52 |

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\$1,004 15

Overdrawn,

\$4 15

### FREE TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

|                             |       |    |
|-----------------------------|-------|----|
| Amount raised by town,      | \$450 | 00 |
| " received from books sold, | 20    | 90 |

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\$470 90

Amount expended as follows:

|  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| Amount paid Effingham Maynard & Co.,     | \$6 | 81 |
| " " American Book Co.,                   | 101 | 85 |
| " " Ginn & Co.                           | 79  | 26 |
| " " Wm. Ware & Co.,                      | 75  | 75 |
| " " J. L. Hammett,                       | 45  | 63 |
| " " L. Barton,                           | 19  | 95 |
| " " Thompson Brown & Co.,                | 49  | 41 |
| " " Leach Shewell & Sanborn,             | 52  | 70 |
| " " H. M. Orriss for binding text books, | 35  | 40 |
| " " for freight on text books,           | 14  | 61 |

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\$481 37

Overdrawn,

\$10 47

### HIGHWAY CASH AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

|                        |         |    |
|------------------------|---------|----|
| Amount raised by town, | \$1,100 | 00 |
|------------------------|---------|----|

Amount expended as follows:

|                                     |       |    |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----|
| Amount expended on Strickland road, | \$353 | 50 |
| " " " Murphy "                      | 279   | 50 |
| " " " Everett "                     | 209   | 00 |
| " " " Goodrich "                    | 50    | 22 |
| " " " Woodard "                     | 218   | 75 |

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\$1,110 97

Overdrawn,

\$10 97

### PAUPER ACCOUNT.

|                        |       |    |
|------------------------|-------|----|
| Amount raised by town, | \$800 | 00 |
|------------------------|-------|----|

Expended as follows:

|  |      |    |
|--|------|----|
| Paid J. H. Murphy, attending Tom Duchaine,   | \$15 | 00 |
| " Hopkins Brothers, supplies, 1891 and 1892, | 7    | 78 |
| " Thurlough Richards & Co., supplies,        | 45   | 71 |
| " S. Everett,                                | 10   | 80 |
| " Blanche Russell,                           | 17   | 00 |
| " Tom Duchaine,                              | 16   | 86 |
| " Mrs. Jack Fisher,                          | 15   | 45 |

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| " Patrick Murphy,                       | 40 00  |
| " John Pryor,                           | 11 52  |
| " Wm. Small & Co. supplies,             | 6 50   |
| " Thomas Cray,                          | 16 20  |
| " Scates & Co., medicines,              | 24 20  |
| " Mrs. John Remo,                       | 55 32  |
| " Vetel Sa timore for 1892,             | 2 00   |
| " H. Knight & Co., supplies,            | 16 70  |
| " Miss S. J. Parsons,                   | 50 00  |
| " G. E. Bartlett, supplies,             | 2 50   |
| " Jane Hammond,                         | 16 30  |
| " J. A. Miller, care T. Wilton,         | 5 00   |
| " J. B. Williams, supplies,             | 9 50   |
| " A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,     | 40 50  |
| " Peter Fisher for 1892.                | 12 22  |
| " Casket for John Friar,                | 17 50  |
| " Casket and Robe for S. Runnels,       | 21 00  |
| " D. J. Bell, attending Eliza Murphy,   | 7 00   |
| " Joseph Pearce, supplies,              | 5 04   |
| " Casket for Mrs. Freeman Jerrett,      | 15 00  |
| " Luma Cyr,                             | 99 40  |
| " J. H. Murphy, medical attendance,     | 23 00  |
| " James Murry, care of sick at farm,    | 15 00  |
| " E. J. Dorsey, teams for 1891 and 1892 | 22 00  |
| " Burns & Kinney, supplies,             | 75     |
| " J. F. Hacker, " "                     | 172 61 |

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\$835 36

Overdrawn,

\$35 36

### TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Paid Spurgeon Everett for labor, | \$9 35 |
| " F. M. Haines " seed,           | 23 47  |
| " Thomas Maskell " labor,        | 8 00   |
| " J. Kennedy " " "               | 9 00   |
| " L. K. Cary & Co. " supplies,   | 2 67   |
| " Thurlough Richards & Co.,      | 16 11  |
| " for fertilizer,                | 192 50 |
| " M. S. Johnson for labor,       | 15 00  |
| " J. B. Williams " " "           | 21 25  |
| " H. Knight & Co. supplies,      | 1 10   |
| " J. F. Hacker for labor,        | 73 50  |
| " J. F. Hacker " supplies,       | 622 59 |

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\$994 54

Rec'd for mdse sold from farm,

566 68

Balance against farm,

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\$427 86



## TOWN EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Amount raised by town,        | \$4000 00  |
| “ received from Boulier farm, | 200 00     |
| “ “ “ O. F. Tyler,            | 4 00       |
| “ “ for old Town Hall,        | 75 00      |
| “ “ “ licenses,               | 10 00      |
| “ “ “ blanks sold,            | 3 91       |
| “ “ on tax deeds,             | 80 75      |
| “ undrawn for 1892,           | 35 72      |
| “ of overlayings,             | 434 23     |
|                               | <hr/>      |
|                               | \$4,843 61 |

## Amount expended as follows:

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Paid Oseme Bell, snowing bridge 1892,                 | 15 00  |
| “ John Christian, “ “ 1890 and 1891                   | 70 00  |
| “ C. H. Ellis, printing town reports,                 | 28 00  |
| “ H. M. Orriss, books for clerk,                      | 3 25   |
| “ W. H. Linton, taking school census,                 | 28 15  |
| “ Amos Boulier amount due on farm,                    | 200 00 |
| “ board of health cleaning Tyler yard,                | 4 00   |
| “ John Berry, special constable,                      | 2 00   |
| “ G. F. Huntress, “ “                                 | 4 00   |
| “ W. S. Teague, “ “                                   | 12 50  |
| “ H. W. Trafton, ballot clerk and freight,            | 6 50   |
| “ H. D. Stevens, “ “                                  | 5 00   |
| “ Wm. Small & Co., for oil 1892,                      | 76     |
| “ A. C. Paul, valuation book, collector's book, etc., | 18 52  |
| “ J. A. Bridges, special constable,                   | 11 00  |
| “ L. N. Richards, “ “                                 | 3 00   |
| “ W. W. Rollins, “ “                                  | 2 00   |
| “ C. H. Ellis, for printing,                          | 5 00   |
| “ M. N. Drew, attorney for town,                      | 28 00  |
| “ H. Knight & Co. for oil,                            | 15     |
| “ A. D. Sawyer, reporting births and deaths,          | 11 25  |
| “ D. J. Bell, “ “ “ “                                 | 10 75  |
| “ J. H. Murphy, “ “ “ “                               | 15 75  |
| “ C. Bartlett, repairs on lockup,                     | 3 68   |
| “ J. F. Hacker, rent of Hall, recording and postage,  | 26 75  |
| “ A. W. Putnam, special constable,                    | 4 00   |
| “ S. E. Jewett, fire ward,                            | 5 00   |
| “ “ “ “ repairing stoves etc.,                        | 4 05   |
| “ F. O. Osborne, special constable,                   | 4 50   |
| “ E. J. Dorsey, teams for 1891, '92 and '93,          | 9 00   |
| “ insurance on town farm buildings,                   | 18 00  |
| “ insurance on high school building,                  | 60 00  |
| “ Henry Johnston, on Johnston bridge, 1892,           | 6 00   |
| “ Fort Fairfield Water Co.,                           | 20 00  |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| " H. W. Perry, recording births and deaths,              | 20 20      |
| " " " " services as town clerk,                          | 20 00      |
| " W. S. Teague, night watch,                             | 410 00     |
| " W. T. Spear, moderator March meeting,                  | 5 00       |
| " W. T. Spear, auditor,                                  | 10 00      |
| " W. H. Estabrook, abatements for 1890,                  | 127 76     |
| " " " " " " " 1891,                                      | 698,52     |
| " " " " commission " 1890,                               | 49 49      |
| " " " " " " " 1891,                                      | 19 90      |
| " " " " " " " 1892,                                      | 190 86     |
| " H. W. Trafton, supervisor,                             | 300 00     |
| " J. F. Hacker, treasurer and collector,                 | 150 00     |
| " H. O. Perry, selectman,                                | 300 00     |
| " Geo. L. Foss, "  | 150 00     |
| " F. A. Thurlough, "                                     | 150 00     |
| Discount on taxes paid to treasurer as per vote of town, | 1,191 29   |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$4,438 58 |
| Amount undrawn to balance,                               | 405 03     |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$4,843 61 |
| Amount undrawn expense account,                          | \$405 03   |
| " " electric light "                                     | 47 34      |
| " " interest "   | 41 85      |
| " " new school house account,                            | 1 67       |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$495 89   |
| Amount overdrawn town farm account,                      | \$427 86   |
| " " finishing and furnishing account,                    | 4 15       |
| " " new road, "  | 10 97      |
| " " free text book "                                     | 10 47      |
| " " pauper account,                                      | 35 36      |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$488 81   |
| Undrawn balance,   | 7 08       |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$495 89   |

## RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

### RESOURCES.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Amount due from collector of taxes for 1892, | \$2,041 81 |
| " " " " " " " 1893,                          | 6,537 71   |
| " of cash and notes in treasury,             | 1,108 44   |
| " " value of town farm,                      | 2,000 00   |
| " " tax deeds estimated,                     | 1,600 00   |
| " due from town of Limestone (pauper)        | 15 00      |
| " " " State bear bounty,                     | 5 00       |

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| “ “ for plastering at town farm, | 5 34        |
|                                  | \$13,313 30 |

LIABILITIES.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Amount of outstanding orders,              | \$108 55    |
| “ “ “ bills estimated,                     | 250 00      |
| “ due on town farm,                        | 400 00      |
| “ of commissions and abatements estimated, | 900 00      |
| “ “ railroad bonds,                        | 13,950 00   |
| “ “ bond to B. Gathercole,                 | 3,000 00    |
|  | \$18,608 55 |
| Resources,                                 | 13,313 30   |
|  | \$5,295 25  |

The railroad sinking fund and the ministerial and school fund have usually been reported among the liabilities of the town, but as the sinking fund is a sum raised for the payment of the railroad bonds, we cannot see how the railroad bonds are both liabilities of the town, and as the ministerial and school fund is a sum really belonging to the town, never to be paid, and only a small amount of interest is paid each year for the benefit of schools, we think it should not be reported among the liabilities of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

|                 |   |                 |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| HENRY O. PERRY, | } | Selectmen       |
| GEORGE L. FOSS, |   | of              |
| F. A. THURLOUGH |   | Fort Fairfield. |

# Treasurer's Account.

## CASH RECEIVED.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| In treasury March 3, 1893,                      | \$2,045 31 |
| From town of Caribou account Mr. J. Daily       | 13 00      |
| “ J. F. Hacker for old town house,              | 75 00      |
| “ Chas. McLaughlin for Boulier Farm,            | 200 00     |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ (Notes)                             | 300 00     |
| “ Circus and auctioneer license,                | 10 00      |
| “ Edward Murphy old school-house (Note)         | 50 00      |
| “ mdse sold from town farm,                     | 566 68     |
| “ temporary loan,                               | 3,400 00   |
| “ town clerk for dog license,                   | 172 00     |
| “ “ “ “ blanks sold,                            | 3 91       |
| “ State Treasurer, funeral expenses E. Frances, | 32 50      |
| “ “ “ Free High School                          | 375 00     |
| “ “ “ damage by dogs,                           | 19 25      |
| “ “ “ School Fund,                              | 3,787 50   |
| “ “ “ State Pensions,                           | 192 00     |
| “ Treas. School Fund,                           | 97 76      |
| “ tuition Free High School,                     | 25 00      |
| “ text books sold,                              | 20 90      |
| “ tax deeds,                                    | 80 75      |
| “ O. F. Tyler,                                  | 4 00       |
| “ W. H. Estabrook, Col. 1888,                   | 26 40      |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1890,                                 | 261 95     |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1891,                                 | 824 63     |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1892,                                 | 3340 78    |
| “ taxes of 1893,                                | 11,692 82  |

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\$27,617 14

## CASH PAID OUT.

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| State pensions,                       | \$192 00  |
| Interest to treasurer of school fund, | 97 76     |
| “ “ B. Gathercole,                    | 180 00    |
| “ on temporary loan,                  | 89 41     |
| “ “ town orders,                      | 53 98     |
| “ “ R. R. Bonds,                      | 837 00    |
| State tax 1893,                       | 2,552 04  |
| County tax 1893,                      | 574 70    |
| State Treasurer, dog license,         | 172 00    |
| Temporary loan,                       | 3,400 00  |
| Bounty on bear,                       | 5 00      |
| Town Order,                           | 18,354 81 |
| Cash and notes in treasury,           | 1,108 44  |

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\$27,617 14

Fort Fairfield, March 12, 1894.

J. F. HACKER, Treasurer.

# Report of Supervisor of Schools.

The following report of your schools is herewith submitted for your consideration:

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Amount raised by town, | 2,800 00 |
| “ received from State, | 3,787 50 |
| “ of M. and S. Fund,   | 97 76    |
| “ unexpended in 1892,  | 1,259 54 |
|                        | <hr/>    |
|                        | 7,944 80 |

## EXPENDED.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Paid teachers' wages,                          | 4,138 10 |
| “ “ board,                                     | 1,538 10 |
| “ for fuel,                                    | 426 27   |
| “ “ repairs on schoolhouses,                   | 523 10   |
| “ “ care of schoolhouses, building fires etc., | 268 51   |
| “ “ school supplies,                           | 321 09   |
| Unexpended to balance,                         | 729 63   |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | 7,944 80 |

## HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Amount raised by town,                | 750 00     |
| “ received from State, due from 1892, | 125 00     |
| “ “ “ “                               | 250 00     |
| “ “ for tuition,                      | 25 00      |
|                                       | <hr/>      |
|                                       | \$1,150 00 |

## EXPENDED.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Paid H. F. Kalloch, | \$800 00   |
| “ Mary E. Merrill,  | 120 00     |
| “ for catalogues,   | 24 50      |
| Overdrawn in 1892,  | 50 36      |
| Unexpended in 1893, | 155 14     |
|                     | <hr/>      |
|                     | \$1,150 00 |

Of the above unexpended balance, \$133.33 is due to H. F. Kalloch on salary for winter term, leaving the real balance \$21.81

## FREE TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Amount raised by town,     | \$450 00 |
| “ received for books sold, | 20 90    |
| “ overdrawn,               | 10 47    |
|                            | <hr/>    |
|                            | \$481 37 |
| Expended.                  |          |
| Amount paid for books,     | \$481 37 |

The statement of the New School House and Finishing and Furnishing accounts will be found in the report of the Selectmen, to which your attention is called.

Good progress has been made in school work during the past year. The teachers have generally been interested in their work, and but few occasions have arisen where special attention or criticism on my part has been needed. The attendance has been somewhat better than last year, but it is still far below what it ought to be. In very many cases the children are allowed to remain out of school for trivial causes, or perhaps compelled to remain at home to work. The school year is short at best and it is only by a regular and constant attendance on the part of the pupil, that anything like satisfactory results can be obtained. If parents would only realize that the place for their pupils is in the school room, and not upon the street or in the field, the attendance upon our schools might be very largely increased, and proportionately better results obtained. I think that possibly a better average attendance could be secured, if the school year were to begin in the fall and continue till spring, as is now done in the village. The months of March and April are better school months than July and August. Several citizens have suggested to me that the change might be made with advantage.

The work of the High School this year has been up to its previous high standard, and furnishes additional evidence, if any were needed, of the good work which this school is doing in our town. The same teachers have been employed as last year. Their work has been faithful, conscientious and efficient. No part of our school system is of more importance than the High School.

The liberal appropriation of last year has made possible many much needed repairs and improvements in the school property. Nineteen of the rural school houses have been painted two coats at a cost of \$530 for labor and materials.

The Murphy and Foster school houses have been finished and new sheds built. New floors have been laid in the McIntosh and Conant school houses, and the Conant house has been newly plastered. The village school house has been newly painted and otherwise repaired. All these houses are now in good condition and ought not to require any large expenditures for repairs for several years.

The new school house in the Ed. Murphy district is large and convenient, and furnishes the people of that neighborhood with ample school accommodations.

New seats have been provided for the Murphy, Foster, McIntosh and Conant schools, and a few supplied to the Ed. Murphy and village schools to complete the necessary number. Several school houses are yet unprovided with modern seats, and these should be supplied at once.

The Grange Hall building needs painting and other repairs in

order to preserve the property. Some arrangement should be made with the Grange for that purpose. I think that \$250 in addition to the usual \$500 will be sufficient to purchase what seats are necessary this year and make all needed repairs to school property. I therefore recommend that the sum of \$750 be raised for finishing, furnishing and repairing schoolhouse.

As several of our school houses are regularly used for religious services, the town should adopt such reasonable regulations in regard to such use as will preserve the rights of all parties interested in the services, and at the same time protect the town property.

I wish once more to urge upon the citizens and especially the parents of the town, the importance of a more active and intelligent interest in the educational work of the town.

More and better work will be accomplished in our schools if the parents show to teachers and school officers that they take an active interest in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. TRAFTON, Supervisor.

March 15, 1893.

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## Auditor's Report.

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I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the town for the Municipal year ending March 10, 1894, and I hereby certify that the foregoing reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Supervisor of Schools contain a correct statement of the financial transactions of the town during said year and its present financial condition as shown by said books and accounts.

I also certify that I compared the orders issued during said year with the vouchers on file and found them to agree.

W. T. SPEAR, Auditor.

# ABSTRACT OF WARRANT.

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1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers.
3. To raise money for support of schools.
4. To raise money for town expenses.
5. To raise money for support of paupers.
6. To raise money for interest on town debt.
7. To raise money for Free High School.
8. To raise money for railroad sinking fund.
9. To raise money for repairs on bridges.
10. To raise money for finishing and furnishing school-houses.
11. To raise money to be expended on the highways, in cash.
12. To raise money for Memorial Day.
13. To raise money for fire protection.
14. To raise money for free text books for schools.
15. To raise money for lighting the bridge and streets with electricity.
16. To raise money for draining Main Street, from Bridge Street to the Depot.
17. To see if the town will vote to arrate taxes on property of Fort Fairfield Trotting Association.
18. To see if the town will vote to empower and authorize the school committee to elect a superintendent of schools who may or may not be a member of said committee in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided.
19. To see if the town will vote to pay Eliphalet Watson for a horse which was injured by breaking through a bridge in said town.
20. To see if the town will vote to pay Hugh Munce for a horse which he claims was injured upon the highway in said town.
21. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to pay for labor on the roads the past winter.
22. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise towards purchasing a town library.
23. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise towards a soldier's monument.
24. To see if the town will vote to discontinue a road leading from the Grange Hall near the residence of Frank H. Haines, to the Dorsey road near the residence of N. H. Herrick.
25. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from the north line of the town of Easton to the north line of land of Patrick Campbell or any part thereof.



26. To see if the town will vote to accept a road as laid out by the selectmen March 17, 1894, beginning at a point on land of Fort Fairfield Land Company, near the residence of W. H. Knight and ending on the Hibbard road so called.

27. To see what action the town will take relative to the use of school houses for religious meetings and other purposes.

28. To see what sum of money or how much in statute labor the town will vote and raise to be expended upon the highways and bridges in said town for the year ensuing and at what time and price the labor shall be performed.

29. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to renew loans falling due the ensuing year.

30. To see what action the town will take relative to refunding railroad bonds falling due in 1895.

31. To see if the town will vote to fix a time at which all taxes assessed during the ensuing year shall be paid.

32. To see if the town shall vote that interest shall be paid on all unpaid taxes after a certain date and to fix said date.

33. To see if the town will vote to make a discount on all taxes paid before a certain date, the amount of said discount, and the date at which said discount shall cease.

34. To see if the town will vote to elect the town treasurer collector of taxes.

The selectmen will be in session at the town office on Saturday the 24th day of March, 1894 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Also at Memorial Hall the place of meeting on Monday the 26th day of March, 1894 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the check list.

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