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ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
TOWN OFFICERS
—OF—
FORT FAIRFIELD, MAINE,
—FOR THE—
Municipal Year Ending March 15th, 1895.
Annual Town Meeting Monday, March 25th, 1895.

1895
LEADER JOB OFFICE,
FORT FAIRFIELD, MAINE.
Tobacco

At Wholesale or Retail.

Our Stock and Prices make us the largest retailers of Tobacco in Aroostook.

Hopkins Bros
ANNUAL REPORT
— OF THE —

TOWN OFFICERS OF FORT FAIRFIELD,

For the year ending March 15, 1895.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Fort Fairfield herewith submit their annual report for the Municipal year ending March 15th, 1895:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year ending</th>
<th>Real Estate</th>
<th>Personal Estate</th>
<th>Total Valuation</th>
<th>No. of Polls</th>
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<td>March 15, 1890</td>
<td>$464,158</td>
<td>$148,160</td>
<td>$612,318</td>
<td>705</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; 1891</td>
<td>510,534</td>
<td>178,421</td>
<td>688,955</td>
<td>761</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; 1892</td>
<td>541,550</td>
<td>181,190</td>
<td>722,740</td>
<td>831</td>
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<td>10, 1893</td>
<td>553,761</td>
<td>218,531</td>
<td>772,292</td>
<td>844</td>
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<td>15, 1894</td>
<td>630,005</td>
<td>224,625</td>
<td>854,630</td>
<td>960</td>
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Highway Tax for Year 1894.

Amount raised by town, $10,000 00

Overlay, 135 53

$10,135 53

Supplementary Highway Tax, 193 00

$10,328 53

No. of Polls, 960

Tax onPolls, $1.00 each

Rate per cent., 11 mills on the dollar
Common Schools, $3,200 00
Free High School, 1,000 00
Town expenses, 4,000 00
Paupers, 1,000 00
Interest on Town debt, 1,200 00
Railroad Sinking Fund, 418 50
Repairs on bridges, 500 00
Furnishing, repairing and finishing schoolhouses 500 00
Cash for highways, 800 00
Memorial Day, 50 00
Fire protection, 500 00
Free text books, 450 00
Lighting bridge and streets, 400 00
Town Library, 200 00
State Tax, 2,320 74
County Tax, 1,989 17
Overlay on assessments, 124 27
Supplementary Tax, 432 84

$19,044 28

Number of polls, 960.
Rate $3.00 each.
Amount of Poll Tax, $2,721 00
Rate per cent., 19 mills.

Amount raised by Town, $3,200 00
" received from State, 4,009 09
" of Ministerial School fund, 97 76
" unexpended in year 1893, 729 63

$8,036 48
Expended as follows:

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<td>Amount expended to date</td>
<td>6,700 63</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; undrawn to balance</td>
<td>1,335 85</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$8,036 48</strong></td>
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**Free High School Account.**

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<tr>
<td>Amount raised by Town</td>
<td>1,000 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; received for tuition</td>
<td>15 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; &quot; from State</td>
<td>125 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; unexpended in year 1893</td>
<td>155 14</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,295 14</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; overdrawn to balance</td>
<td>11 53</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,306 67</strong></td>
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Expended as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Amount paid H. F. Kalloch</td>
<td>466 67</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; &quot; H. M. Cook</td>
<td>600 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Clara Merrill</td>
<td>240 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,306 67</strong></td>
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**Fire Protection Account.**

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<td>Amount raised by Town</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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<td>&quot; paid J. F. Hacker, Treasurer of Frontier Water Co.</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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**Interest Account.**

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<td>Amount raised by Town</td>
<td>$1,200 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot; overdrawn to balance</td>
<td>43 04</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,243 04</strong></td>
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Amount paid by J. F. Hacker, Treasurer, as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Amount of Ministerial School fund,</th>
<th>$97.76</th>
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<td>&quot; paid B. Gathercole,</td>
<td>180.00</td>
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<td>&quot; on temporary loan,</td>
<td>114.58</td>
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<td>&quot; Railroad Bonds,</td>
<td>837.00</td>
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<td>&quot; Town Orders,</td>
<td>13.70</td>
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**RAILROAD SINKING FUND.**

Amount raised by Town from 1878 to 1893. $6,696.00

| for year 1894, | 418.50 |

**Total Amount,** $7,114.50

**MEMORIAL DAY.**

Amount raised by Town, $50.00

| paid H. O Perry, Q. M. Kilpatrick Post G. A. R., | 50.00 |

**FORT FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.**

Amount raised by Town, $200.00

| received on subscription made by citizens, | 200.00 |

**Total Amount,** $400.00

| paid C. W. Johnston, Treasurer Fort Fairfield Town Library, | 400.00 |

**BRIDGE ACCOUNT.**

Amount raised by Town, $500.00

| paid G. W. Plummer for cedar, | 102.62 |
| " Luther Bryant, sawing, | 19.19 |
| " James E. Porter, plank, | 48.00 |
| " W. T. Spear, duties on plank, | 8.30 |
| " Isaac Flannery for work, | 13.49 |
Amount " H. A. Haines for plank, 75 59
    " W. M. Cox for labor, 3 00
    " Julius Peterson for iron work, 6 10
    " Elden Everett for work, 8 00
    " Tom Deshan " " 1 00
    " for labor, 9 50
    " M. Monson for lumber, 152 90
    " J. S. Hall for hardware, 2 05
    " Ozeme Bell for snowing bridge, 5 00
    " Stevens Lumber Co., lumber 18 00
    " undrawn to balance, 27 26

$500 00

FINISHING AND FURNISHING SCHOOLHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by Town, $500 00
    received from desk sold, 7 50

$507 50

Expended as follows:

Amount paid L. K. Cary, supplies, $110 02
    " U. S. School Furniture Co., 108 40
    " A. D. Sawyer for freight, 11 08
    " C. D. Cutts, supplies, 120 94
    " Herbert Rogers, labor, 3 00
    " W. T. Sullivan, work, 8 00
    " S. E. Jewett, repairs, 1 50
    " G. W. Parks, supplies, 8 12
    " undrawn to balance, 136 44

$507 50

FREE TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by Town, $450 00
    received for books sold, 16 50
    " undrawn to balance, 42 73

$509 23
Expended as follows:
Amount paid American Book Co., books, 67 25
  " Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books, 46 50
  " C. P. Railway Co., freight on books, 6 66
  " Wm. Ware & Co., 108 20
  " A. C. Paul, school supplies, 4 50
  " A. D. Sawyer, freight on 14 65
  " Ginn & Co., 250 00
  overdrawn in year 1893, 10 47

$509 23

Lighting Bridge Account.
Amount raised by town, $400 00
  " overdrawn to balance in 1893, 47 34

$447 34

Expended as follows:
  " paid Caribou Water Co., 428 52
  " undrawn to balance, 18 82

$447 34

Highway Cash Account.
Amount raised by town, $800 00
  " overdrawn to balance, 7 83

$807 83

Expended as follows:
Amount paid Ozeme Bell, labor 3 00
  " David Murphy, 207 70
  " Isaac T. Barnes, 97 00
  " E. H. Thompson, 25 00
  " J. S. Dorsey, 79 00
  " John McKinney, 43 00
  " Geo. W. Johnston," 39 00
Amount paid Wm. R. Reese, labor, 28 87
" " Wm. Haley, " 25 00
" " Charles McMan, " 15 00
" " George Dyer, " 18 00
" " C. A. Powers, " 7 75
" " John McMan, " 20 00
" " A. D. McKennon, " 4 00
" " John Lundy, " 15 00
" " J. A. Bridges, " 2 50
" " W. A. Haines, " 57 44
" " S. E. Jewett, drain pipe, 19 65
" " Chambers Brothers, labor, 17 00
" " John Chambers, " 22 19
" " Elias W. Sloat, " 7 50
" " L. K. Cary & Co. hardware, 3 73
" paid H. C. Townsend for land damage, 30 00
" " Miss Addie Cummings, plough brok'n on road, 4 00
" " Geo. Tyler & Co., cutters, 16 50

**PAUPER ACCOUNT.**

Amount raised by Town, $1,000 00

Amount paid French Brothers, supplies, 5 33
" " John McDonald, board of B. Russel, 12 00
" " Scates & Co., medicine 5 65
" " J. H. Ervin, board of paupers in lockup, 10 45
" " J. H. Murphy, medical services, 8 50
" " Knight & Co., supplies, 57 50
" " John Buber, support P. Murphy, 35 00
" " Mary E. Collins, R. R. ticket for pauper, 6 50

Expended as follows:

$807 63
Amount paid Cutts & Scates, supplies, 3 50
  "  " J. F. Hacker, supplies, 52 70
  "  " J. H. Murphy, medical services, 2 00
  "  " Wm. Small & Co., coffin, robe and burial expenses of T. Wilton, 19 00
  "  " A McDougald, supplies, 4 05
  "  " H. Knight & Co., " 29 60
  "  " H. N. Goodhue, " 5 38
  undrawn to balance, and carried to town farm account, 742 84

$1,000 00

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Amount unexpended on Pauper Account, 742 84
  " cash received, 5 00
  " received for potatoes sold, 43 30
  "  " oats " 76 99

$868 13

unexpended on town farm and pauper account to balance, 352 51

$1,220 64

Expended as follows:

Amount paid Hugh Munce, wood, 50 00
  "  " H. S. Beckwith, labor, 8 00
  "  " S. T. Merrill, " 5 00
  "  " Palmer & Holmes, medicine, 7 90
  "  " Beckwith & Beairsto, 8 75
  "  " Finley McIntosh, seed oats, 43 50
  "  " George L. Foss, supplies, 59 14
  "  " John H. Foster, drilling well, 103 50
  "  " James White, labor on barn, 78 00
  "  " Miles F. Dorsey, use of jack-screws, 3 25
  "  " J. M. Noyes, lumber for lockup, 24 68
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<td>H. Knight &amp; Co., seed potatoes,</td>
<td>85.75</td>
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<td>W. H. Haynes, fence stakes,</td>
<td>2.50</td>
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<td>Wm. Small &amp; Co., casket, robe and burial of Mrs. M. Daley,</td>
<td>19.26</td>
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<td>C. W. Hatch, meat,</td>
<td>15.42</td>
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<td>W. H. Poole, work on farm,</td>
<td>7.50</td>
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<td>H. Hight &amp; Co., supplies,</td>
<td>32.92</td>
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<td>W. A. Haines, lumber,</td>
<td>8.34</td>
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<td>L. K. Cary, &amp; Co., supplies,</td>
<td>33.44</td>
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<td>S. E. Jewett, work &amp; fixtures for well,</td>
<td>14.31</td>
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<td>Scates &amp; Co., medicine,</td>
<td>2.35</td>
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<td>C. H. Dinsmore, work with team,</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td>Cutts &amp; Dinsmore, supplies,</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td>L. Petroner, iron work,</td>
<td>4.50</td>
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<td>J. E. Hacker, supplies and cash paid,</td>
<td>72.52</td>
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<td>Hopkins Bros., meat,</td>
<td>31.25</td>
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<td>A. L. Haines, fertilizers,</td>
<td>48.13</td>
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<td>J. S. Hall, hardware,</td>
<td>13.73</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jesse Kennedy, wood</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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<td>D. J. Bell, M. D., professional services,</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$1,220.64</td>
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**Paupers Supplied Off of Town Farm.**

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<td>Josephine Morreau, rubbers,</td>
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<td>Mrs. Alex Morreau, provisions</td>
<td>&quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>James Chambers, seed and provisions</td>
<td>&quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>Wm. Saunders, 2 meals at Ervin's</td>
<td>&quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>Wm. Kelley</td>
<td>&quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>James Colman</td>
<td>&quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>Colby Gray, provisions</td>
<td>&quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>Joseph Cota</td>
<td>&quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>Wm. Chambers</td>
<td>&quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>Arthur Murphy, board and clothes</td>
<td>&quot; &quot;</td>
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Mrs. Vetal Santimore, supplies, 
George Mason, R. R. ticket, 
Clark girl, 
Thomas McGraw, provisions, 
Bushau child, casket, 
Joseph Cormier, medicine, 
Hannah Harmon, medical attendance, 
Mrs. John Rameau and family, supplies, 
Patrick Murphy, board, 
Mrs. Marian Daley, burial expenses, 
Clement Cyr, provisions, 

Paupers on Town Farm in Year 1894.
M. Amraux, 
Thomas Wilton, 
Blanche Russel, 
Sarah J. Pearsons, 
Mosa O'Neal, 
John Wilson, 
Dinia Cyr 

Died on Town Farm in Year 1894,
Thomas Wilton, 
Sarah J. Pearsons, 

Town Expense Account. 

Amount raised by Town, $4,000 00
" bounty on bear, 5 00
" dog license for year 1893, 153 64
" license for circus, 60 00
" blanks sold by Town Clerk, 6 06
" billiard license, 10 00
" overlay on assessments, 124 27
" tax deeds paid, 478 37
" overdrewn to balance, 441 97 

$5,279 87
Expended as follows:

Amount paid W. H. Estabrook, constable fees, 3 50
" " C. H. Dinsmore, wood, 2 00
" " W. H. Estabrook, land sold for taxes for year 1892 232 65
" " costs for selling same, 36 32
" " W. H. Smith, printing town reports and blanks, 26 00
" " M. C. Pond, constable fees 1892, 13 00
" " A. C. Cary, Board of Health, 25 00
" " W. A. Johnston, snowing bridge 1893 14 00
" " W. S. Teague, Police 1893, 36 85
" " W. T. Spear, Moderator, 5 00
" " W. H. Smith, postal cards and printing, 3 00
" " G. W. Peavy, burying carrion, 2 00
" " Stevens & Jones, blanks & tax collector, 3 00
" " J. S. Fall, services as police, 180 50
" " H. M. Orriss, binding and repairing Town Records, 7 00
" " James Dorsey, Police 1893, 21 00
" " A. C. Cary for cleaning filth from buildings & railroad, 9 75
" " Miles F. Dorsey, wood for lockup, 2 62
" " T. B. Mosher, records for Town Clerk, 20 00
" " Boutelle Bros., publish'g notice on R.R., 4 00
" " Wm. Small & Co., supplies, 1 15
" " City of Portland, case Dinni Cyr, 53 00
" " Drew & Whitehouse, att'y fees, case D. Cyr, 15 00
" " H. Knight & Co., supplies for lockup, 61
" " C. H. Dinsmore, wood for office, 3 00
" " J. A. Bridges, Constable fees & truck'g, 14 35
"A. C. Paul, blank books, supplies for office, etc.  13 55
"G. L. Foss, R. R. tickets and expenses in case of Dinni Cyr,  27 15
"N. H. Martin, Ballot Clerk,  3 00
"Stevens & Jones, Town Order book,  3 75
"A. M. Earle, funeral expenses Sidney Curtis,  32 00
"L. S. Osgood, work on lockup,  2 50
"L. S. Osgood, Police,  3 00
"H. D. Stevens,  12 25
"Smith & Harvey, blank notices,  2 75
"C. L. B. Miles, surveying roads,  10 00
"J. F. Hacker, rent of hall and sundry other expenses,  48 16
"G. F. Huntress, Police,  3 00
"W. H. Estabrook, land sold for taxes  340 57
"J. H. Murphy, M. D., records of births and deaths,  14 25
"H. W. Perry, Town Clerk, etc.,  19 88
"L. N. Richards, Election Clerk,  3 00
"D. J. Bell, M. D., births and deaths,  9 75
"S. E. Jewett, work on lockup, etc.,  9 25
"H. C. Townsend, wood for office 1892,  2 62
"Thurlough & Richards, wood for office,  5 66
"John Clark, wood,  10 00
"A. C. Paul, supplies,  40
"E. Knight, surveying roads,  1 00
"A. D. Sawyer, reporting births & deaths  17 25
"C. H. Dinsmore, wood,  2 00
"Wm. Small & Co., supplies,  45
"A. C. Cary, Board of Health,  25 00
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<td>W. H. Estabrook, abatement on taxes for year 1892,</td>
<td>637.74</td>
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<td>W. H. Estabrook, for year 1893,</td>
<td>606.56</td>
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<td>W. H. Estabrook, commissions on collecting taxes for year 1892,</td>
<td>52.59</td>
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<td>W. H. Estabrook, commissions, on taxes collected for year 1893,</td>
<td>188.25</td>
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<td>J. F. Hacker, postage &amp; printing, discounts of 10 per cent, made by treasurer on taxes paid on or before the 1st day of Nov., 1894,</td>
<td>1209.02</td>
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<td>H. W. Perry, record births &amp; deaths,</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td>W. T. Spear, Auditor &amp; Town Agent,</td>
<td>52.59</td>
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<td>J. F. Hacker, Collector &amp; Treasurer,</td>
<td>150.00</td>
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<td>A. D. Sawyer, Supervisor of Schools,</td>
<td>300.00</td>
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<td>George L. Foss, Selectman,</td>
<td>225.00</td>
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<td>C. H. Dinsmore,</td>
<td>150.00</td>
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<td>R. L. Baker,</td>
<td>300.00</td>
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$\text{Amount of the John A. Day account,}$

100.00

\text{note and mortgage for same, 100.00}

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<td>Overdrawn Balance:</td>
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<td>Amount overdrawn on Interest Account,</td>
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<td>Free Text Book Account,</td>
<td>42.73</td>
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<td>Highway Cash</td>
<td>7.83</td>
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<td>Town Farm and Pauper Account,</td>
<td>369.01</td>
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<td>Town Expense Account,</td>
<td>441.97</td>
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$\text{8932.58}$
Amount unexpended on Finishing and Furnishing Schoolhouse Account, $182.52

Total amount due on overdrawn balance, $750.06
Deduct the Supplemental Tax for year 1894, $432.87

$317.19

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

RESOURCES.
Amount due from collector of taxes for 1892, $409.85

1893, $1,565.93

1894, $6,019.38

Clark McLaughlin notes, $300.00
J. A. Day, $100.00
Edward Murphy, $50.00
James McShea, $35.00
cash in treasury, $771.29
tax deeds, $1,600.00
due from town of Limestone paupers, $15.00
" State, burial expenses Sidney Curtis, $32.00
State bounty on bear, $5.00

$10,303.45

LIABILITIES.
Amount outstanding bills, $250.00
due on Town Farm, $400.00
commissions and abatements, estimated, $600.00
Railroad Bonds, $13,950.00
bonds B. Gathercole, $3,000.00
overdrawn balance for 1894, $319.19

$18,519.19

Liabilities above resources, $8,216.74
EXPLANATION.

At your last annual meeting you raised $10,000.00 to be expended upon highways, in statute labor. In some parts of the town the roads did not require that amount, while in other parts of the town it required that a still larger sum of money should be expended. We suggest for your consideration whether it would not produce better results to raise a less amount in statute labor and raise a larger amount in money to be expended on the roads. We have several new roads that will require more or less money to be expended upon to put them in a safe and passable condition the coming season. These roads are known as the Edward Murphy road, the Strickland road, the Base line road, the Samuel Everett road, the road leading from the Monson mill to the Townsend road, also the long swamp on the Goodrich road. All these roads will require work to be done on them the next summer, as there is more or less ill feeling about the division of money appropriated. We suggest whether it would not be better for the town to appropriate the amount of money to be expended respectively upon each of these roads, thereby avoiding any complications that might arise in the division of the money appropriated by the selectmen. It has been suggested by several of our citizens that it would be well for the town to appropriate money to build a number of rollers to be used in breaking roads in the winter. We are informed that the town of Limestone and other towns that have tried the experiment of the snow rollers find them a great improvement over the snow ploughs. These rollers are calculated to cost about thirty-five dollars each. In connection with this road question it will be necessary for the town to take into consideration the purchase of two or more road machines; the old road machines have become so demoralized that it is not safe longer to depend upon them.

Another important question which will be brought before you to act upon at your next annual meeting, is the refunding a
part or the whole of our railroad bonds. These bonds, amounting to $13,950.00, fall due the 5th day of August next. There is today in tax deeds and in the hands of the collectors $9,894.16. Of this amount there is $8,000.00 we consider collectable tax and should be collected at once. If payment is enforced and this tax collected by the first day of July next, then it will be necessary to refund only $5,950.00 of the railroad bonds. It will be imperatively necessary for the incoming board of selectmen to take such measures as will be necessary to force the collection of said taxes immediately.

You will see by our report that the abatements on taxes are unusually large. This is owing in part to the fact that a large number of names of transient persons was put upon the tax lists, and when the book was placed in the hands of the collector these persons could not be found. This, with the abatement of tax on the waterworks and other causes, is the reason why said abatements became necessary. These abatements, with the large overdrawn balance on Pauper and Town Farm and other accounts, is the cause of the heavy overdrawn balance reported.

Respectfully submitted.

Fort Fairfield, March 10, 1895.

G. L. Foss,
C. H. Dinsmore,
R. L. Baker, 

Selectmen of Fort Fairfield.
## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

**Received.**

In treasury March 15, 1894, $1,108 44

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<td>From State Treasurer, bounty on bear,</td>
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<td>&quot; potatoes sold from Town Farm,</td>
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$29,724 83
State Pension
Interest on town order,
" bond to B. Gathercole,
" R. R. Bond,
" bond to Treas. of school fund,
" Temporary Loan,
" Orser Note,
Bounty on bear,
County Tax for 1893,
" 1894,
State " 1894,
State Treasurer, Dog License,
Temporary Loan,
Old Town Order,
1894 "
In treasury, Chas. McLaughlin note,
" J. A. Day,
" Edward Murphy,
" Jas. McShea,
" Cash,

$20,724.83

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

The following report of schools is herewith submitted:

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by Town, $3,200 00
  " received from State, 4,009 09
  " of M. and S. Funds, 97 76
  " unexpended in 1893, 729 63

$8,036 48

EXPENDED.

Paid teachers’ wages, 4,021 35
  " board, 1,542 65
  " for wood, 564 47
  " care of schoolhouses, building fires, etc., 317 77
  " school supplies, 239 14
Unexpended to balance, 13,511 10

$8,036 48

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by Town, 1,000 00
  " received from State, 125 00
  " for tuition, 15 00
  " unexpended in 1893, 155 14
Overdrawn to balance, 11 53

$1,306 67

EXPENDED.

Paid H. F. Kalloch, Principal, 466 67
  " H. M. Cook, 600 00
  " Clara P. Morrill, Assistant, 240 00

$1,306 67

There is now due from the State $125, which added to the above leaves an unexpended balance of $113.47.
Repairs and Finishing and Furnishing Account.

Amount raised by Town, $500 00

" received for desks sold, 7 50

Expended,

Unexpended to balance,

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$507 50

Free Text Book Account.

Amount raised by Town, $450 00

" received for books sold, 16 50

Overdrawn,

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$511 08

Expended,

Overdrawn in 1893,

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$511 08

The actual surplus in the Common School fund is not as large as appears. Several winter schools are in session at the time of making out this report in which the teachers have not been paid. But there will be, however, a surplus of $300 or $400 after all bills have been paid.

The capacity of the teachers employed during the year, as a whole, has not been up to the average of former years. In the most of the schools, excellent work has been accomplished, but in several instances the schools have not been all that could be desired. This is due largely to the fact that we were compelled to employ an unusually large number of inexperienced teachers. Failures were due not to want of interest or educational qualifications on the part of teacher, but to methods of instruction and tact to govern. Every one with a good education cannot become a successful teacher. Teachers must have
a certain ability in that direction born in them, as well as put
there by training, yet it should be remembered that natural
tact for teaching cannot alone, without proper fitting, make
successful teachers. Those who have a natural gift for educa-
tional work and who wish to make good teachers, thereby
warranting their employment, must fit themselves for the work.
If capable teachers can not be secured in our own town, they
must be sought outside its limits, much as such a course would
be regretted.

The efficiency of some schools has also been impaired by pa-
rental influence with other objects than to benefit the school.
Even if the teacher has been in error in some trivial matter,
would it not be wiser to excuse it than to take the scholar out
of school and to influence others to make trouble. No school
is so poor but what a faithful pupil can learn something. If
parents would visit schools more frequently, trusting their
own observation more, and the stories of pupils less, fewer
complaints would be made.

The attendance during the year has very largely increased
over last year, but there are many yet who are losing valuable
opportunities which will be regretted when it is too late.

No truant officers were elected at the last annual town meet-
ing, as required by law. Such should be chosen and teachers
should be required strictly to report all those not attending
school.

The increased appropriations of last year have enabled us to
support an extra term of school throughout the town, with few
exceptions, and these exceptions were beyond our control. Two
schoolhouses are unfit for winter schools and in a third we were
unable to procure a suitable teacher for the fall term. With
the same appropriations this year and economical management
30 weeks of school can be had in every district. Better work
can be accomplished by having the spring terms begin not later
than the middle of April, instead of having them begin the mid­
dle of June as formerly, and continuing through July and Aug­
ust, which are the very worst months in the year for school
work. While it is true that some boys will necessarily be de­
prived of school during planting time, many more scholars will
attend and do far better work than can be done during the hot
months of the summer.

The work of the High School has been eminently successful,
notwithstanding we were obliged to begin the year's work with
a new corps of teachers. The new Principal and Assistants
have labored faithfully and hard. In the death of Miss Rack­
liffe the school has lost a conscientious, earnest and faithful
teacher. She will long be missed among our ranks.

It is to be regretted that so few of our boys attend the High
School. They are outnumbered by the girls, two to one. In
the fifth class there are nearly twice as many boys as girls, and
more than half of the whole number of boys in the school are
in this class, which shows that but a proportionately few of
those who attend at all remain in the school more than one year.
If these conditions are universal the time will certainly come
when women will fill the important stations in life where
education and intelligence are required.

The schoolhouses in the Maple Grove, Page, Ames and John
Haines districts need considerable repairing the coming year.
The Page schoolhouse has never been plastered, and in the oth­
ers much of the plastering has fallen off on account of poor ma­
terials and poorer workmanship. There are five schoolhouses
without woodsheds. A part, or all of these, should be supplied
this year. Also two or three schoolhouses should be furnished
with new desks. As the present law prohibits the use of any
part of the Common School fund for repairs, it will be neces­
sary for an appropriation for this purpose.

Messrs. G. B. Hescock and C. C. Harvey have rendered me
much valuable assistance and advice in the school work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. Sawyer, Supervisor of Schools.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined with much care the books and accounts of the town for the municipal year ending March 10, 1895, and I hereby certify that the foregoing reports 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.

W. T. Spear, Auditor.
ABSTRACT OF WARRANT.

Act. 1. To choose a Moderator.
2. all necessary Town officers.
3. raise money for Common Schools.
5. “ support of paupers.
6. “ repairs on Town Farm buildings.
7. “ interest on Town debt.
11. “ to be expended upon highways in cash.
15. “ lighting bridge and streets.
17. “ to purchase road machines.
18. “ build rollers to break out roads in winter.
19. “ authorize School Committee to appoint a Supervisor of Schools.
20. “ discontinue road leading from Easton north on or near the eastern boundary line of the State to south line of Patrick Campbell's farm.
21. “ vote to make a discount on all taxes paid on or before a certain date.
22. “ see if Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes not paid on or before a certain date.
23. “ see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make a temporary loan to pay Town orders issued before such date as the Town shall fix that discount on taxes may be made.
“see if the Town will vote to instruct and authorize
the Selectmen to sell and convey by deed the real
estate which the Town owns by tax deeds, also to
instruct and authorize the said Selectmen to adver­tise said real estate for sale in one or both of our
local papers, thirty days, and to permit the person
against whose real estate such deeds were made or
their assigns the privilege to purchase said real es­
tate by paying the amount of the tax for which said
property was sold, the legal rate of interest and the
costs thereon during said thirty days.

“see if the Town will vote to elect the Town Treas­
urer collector of taxes for the year ensuing.

“see what sum of money the Town will vote and
raise to be expended upon the mill hill near the res­
idence of Cyrus Achorn.

“see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the
Selectmen of the laying of a town way beginning at
the River road nearly opposite the south end of
the Aroostook river bridge, thence south past the
residence of J. F. Hacker and the schoolhouse to
land owned by the Fort Fairfield Land Co.

Also to lay a Town way beginning on the Presque Isle
road, thence north past the residence of Leslie Hall,
J. Q. A. Choate and others to land of Thurlough &
Richards.

Also to lay out a Town way lying near the Dinsmore
schoolhouse, thence past the residences of S. II.
Harmon and Joseph Findlen, to land occupied by
Charles Whitmore.

“see if the Town will vote and authorize the Select­
men to convey by deed to Benjamin Robinson the
real estate known as the Mrs. John Scott farm, it
being the same real estate that the said Robinson conveyed by deed to the town of Fort Fairfield to hold in trust for the said Mrs. John Scott and her children.

31. " authorize the Selectmen or a committee of three whom they may select to refund the Town debt.

32. " see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinances to stop fast driving and playing ball upon Main street.

33. " abate tax on trotting park for years 1891-92-93-94.

34 " see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to be expended on highway in statute labor, and fix the price per hour for man or team.

35 " see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay town debt.

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town Office Saturday at 2, p. m., March 23d, 1895, and at Memorial Hall Monday at 9, a. m., to revise lists of voters.

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