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ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
 OF
FORT FAIRFIELD, ME.,

For the Year Ending March 12, 1898.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of the town of Fort Fairfield herewith submit their annual report for the Municipal Year ending March 12th, 1898.

Valuation Year Ending	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total Valuation	No. of 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
„ 15, 1894,	630,005	224,625	854,630	960
„ 7, 1895,	695,850	240,959	936,809	1,020
„ 15, 1896,	712,740	194,410	907,150	997
„ 12, 1897,	726,700	174,525	901,225	892

Cash Tax, Year 1897.

Common schools,	\$3,500 00
Town expenses,	5,000 00
Support of paupers,	1,000 00
Interest on town debt,	1,400 00
Free high school,	1,000 00
Furnishing and repairing school houses,	500 00
Memorial day,	50 00
Fire protection,	500 00
Free text books,	500 00
Lighting bridge and streets,	412 00
Free town library,	150 00
Repairing roads, bridges and sidewalks,	1,500 00
State tax,	3,312 67
County tax,	4,263 48
To pay town farm mortgage,	400 00
Overlay in assessment,	817 27
	\$24,305 42

Number of Polls 892.

Rate \$3.00 each.

Amt. of Poll tax, \$2676.

Rate per cent., 24 mills.

Highway Tax.

Amount raised, statute labor,	\$8,000 00
Overlays,	97 18
	\$8,097 18

Number of Polls 892.

Rate on Polls \$1.50 each.

Rate per cent, .07.5.

School Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$3,500 00
Received from state,	3,889 83
Ministerial and school fund,	97 76
Unexpended in year 1896,	957 74
Received from tuition,	8 35

\$8,453 68

Expended as follows:

Amount expended to date,	7,511 35
Undrawn to balance,	942 33

\$8,453 68

Free High School Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$1,000 00
received from state,	250 00
received from tuition,	45 00
unexpended, year 1896,	2 87
Overdrawn, year 1897,	112 80

\$1,410 67

Expended as follows:

Amount paid H. F. Kalloch, principal,	\$366 67
W. L. Bonney ,,	600 00
Clara P. Morrill, Assistant,	444 00

\$1,410 67

Free Text Book Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$500 00
Unexpended in 1896,	510 55
received, books sold,	4 54

\$1,015 09

Expended as follows:

Amount expended to date,	\$774 11
unexpended in year 1897,	240 98
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	\$1,015 09

Electric Light Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$412 00
Expended as follows:	
Stevens Electric Co.,	\$397 62
Unexpended in year 1897,	14 38
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	\$412 00

Fire Protection Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$500 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid J. F. Hacker, treasurer of Frontier Water Co.,	\$500 00

Interest Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$1,400 00
Unexpended in 1896,	17 05
Received of C. H. Dinsmore, 1894 tax,	119 00
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	\$1,536 05

Amount paid by J. F. Hacker, treasurer, as follows:

Interest on temporary loans,	\$269 22
railroad bonds, A. H. Gay & Co.,	630 00
bond to Treas., M. & S. fund,	97 76
bond to B. Gathercole,	320 00
mortgage J. A. Woodsum,	28 00
Unexpended to balance,	191 07
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	\$1,536 05

Memorial Day Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$50 00
paid Geo. E. Caldwell, Q. M. Kilpatrick Post, G. A. R.,	50 00

Fort Fairfield Public Library Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$150 00
received from state,	15 00
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	\$165 00
Paid C. W. Johnston, treasurer of Fort Fairfield public library,	159 55
Unexpended,	5 45
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	\$165 00

Furnishings, Repairs, School House Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$500 00
overdrawn in 1897,	91 21
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	\$591 21
Expended as follows:	
Expended to date,	489 62
Overdrawn in 1896,	101 59
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	\$591 21

Bridge and Highway Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$1,500 00
Expended as follows:	
Paid Isaac F. Barnes, balance 1894 acc't.,	10 00
Francis McDonald, labor in year 1895,	2 00
F. S. Burpee, fgt. road machine repairs,	2 64
A. L. Haines, use of plow,	1 50
John A. Day, labor on Day bridge,	1 61
John Burtchell, labor in Goodrich swamp,	14 00
McMann & Chambers, labor in Everett district,	30 00
Wm. Penn Varney, labor on Munce road,	45 00
George Bell, labor on river bridge,	2 10
Charles McGlinn, labor on base line road,	16 00
W. A. Johnson, snowing bridge, 1896,	6 54
W. A. Johnson, hauling road machine,	1 50
P. McGroty, 15 days' labor on river bridge,	18 75
Chas. Gaunce, 15 1-4 days' labor on river bridge,	19 07
R. Phillips, 13 1-4 days' labor on river bridge,	16 56
Eli Thibodeau, labor in Blaisdell district,	5 00
Joseph Crock, labor in Blaisdell district.	1 56
E. Soucie, 4 3-4 days' labor on river bridge,	5 93
Fred McDonald, 2 3-4 days' labor on river bridge,	3 45
L. S. Osgood, 25 days' labor on river bridge,	50 00
W. L. Barker, 22 3-4 days' labor on river bridge,	28 44
Tyler & Conant, road machine repairs,	48 90
B. S. Smith, bolts and iron for river bridge,	8 60
W. H. Pool, labor on Strickland road,	27 74
Chas. E. Heath, repairs road machine,	50
Warren Knights, 3 3-4 days' labor on river bridge,	4 68
American Express Co., express on castings,	1 15
	Carried forward, \$366 68

	Brought forward,	\$366 68
Geo. E. Childs, boards for river bridge,		1 15
M. C. Pond, repairing road machines,		7 00
S. E. Jewett, thawing and opening drains,		9 30
W. H. Fisher, rocks for road and bridge,		6 00
Runyan & Chamberlain, bolts, nails, etc.,		9 50
B. S. Smith, bolts and spikes for river bridge,		2 26
M. Munson, lumber for river bridge,		220 82
M. Munson labor in winter, 1895-6 as per contract,		40 00
Wm. Amsden, labor on highway,		5 00
H. W. Varney, wedges for river bridge,		6 45
John E. Price, repairing road machine and tools,		2 45
W. A. Haines plank for culverts,		15 61
J. S. Hall, supplies for bridge and road machines,		18 75
Julius Peterson, fixing scraper and spikes for bridge,		20 00
Frank Chambers, labor on highway,		8 00
H. S. Blaisdell, labor on Day bridge,		10 00
H. S. Blaisdell, cedar etc. for Day bridge,		2 20
Unexpended in 1897, carried to town expense acct.,		742 29
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		\$1,500 00

Pauper Account

Amount raised by town,	\$1,000 00
undrawn in town farm account,	99 57
received from town of Caribou, acct. of Mrs. Ann Daily,	7 00
expended, support Mary McDonald, chgd. State pauper account,	6 20
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	Carried forward, \$1,112 77

	Brought forward,	\$1,112 77
Amount expended, acct. of Mrs. Dugless Drost, chgd.		
State pauper account,		33 75
expended, support of Mrs. Thos. Cray and		
children, chgd. State pauper account,		41 56
expended, support of Howard Lindsey and family,		
chgd. State pauper account,		66 43
expended support of S. S. Cray and wife, chgd.		
State pauper account,		228 95
overdrawn carried to town expense account,		218 72
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		\$1,702 18
Expended to date,		\$1,702 18

Itimized Account of Paupers' Expenditures.

MRS. WALTER BROWN.

Paid town of Caribou, 5 00

DELLIE COTA.

J. F. Hacker, clothing, 1 75

CHAMBERS GIRL.

J. H. Murphy, attendance, 10 00

JAMES CONANT AND WIFE.

H. Knight & Co, groceries, 1 05

H. N. Goodhue, groceries, 2 53

To be paid by town of Limestone, \$3 58

MRS. THOS. CRAY AND CHILDREN.

F. W. Burns, moving, \$3 00

Hopkins Bros. supplies, 9 05

Carried forward, \$ 12 03

	Brought forward,	\$12 05
H. N. Goodhue, supplies,		\$3 00
Frank Osborne, wood,		3 00
Henry Kinney, wood,		3 50
A. D. Sawyer, attendance,		3 50
J. F. Hacker, shoes, etc.,		2 78
C. E. Hoit, Jr., shoes,		3 65
L. S. Osgood, rent and supplies,		8 75
H. Knight & Co., supplies,		1 33
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Charged to state pauper account,		\$41 56

CLEMENT CYR AND FAMILY.

H. N. Goodhue, supplies,		50
J. F. Hacker, „		3 74
Joseph Pearce, „		35
H. Knight & Co., „		95
Scates & Co., medicine,		95
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		\$ 6 49

MRS. ANGILE CORMIER.

Paid town of Orono, support,		\$40 90
J. M. Thurlough expenses, going after Mrs.		
Angile Cormier,		14 00
Mrs. James Murray, board,		1 50
Dr. J. H. Murphy, attendance,		2 00
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		\$58 40

S. S. CRAY AND WIFE.

Scates & Co., plaster,	45
A. D. Sawyer, medicine and attendance,	12 50
J. F. Hacker paid for board,	206 00
J. F. Hacker, clothing,	10 00
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	\$228 95

Charged to state pauper account.

SAMUEL DROST AND FAMILY.

Joseph Pearce, groceries,	\$1 90
H. Knight & Co., supplies,	35
Hopkins Bros., supplies,	10 00
M. F. Dorsey, wood,	1 50
H. N. Goodhue, supplies,	98
J. F. Hacker, pair of shoes,	1 50
A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	5 75
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	\$21 98

MRS. JOHN DESHANE.

Joseph Bishop, Board,	\$1 15
J. H. Murphy, medical attendance,	2 00
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	\$3 15

JOHN DESHANE.

Wm. Small, casket, robe, etc.,	23 00
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ALLEN DROST AND FAMILY.

H. Knight, & Co., supplies,	3 53
Joseph Pearce, supplies,	5 98
H. N. Goodhue, supplies,	1 43
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	\$10 94

DUGLASS DROST AND WIFE.

Mrs. John Brown, nursing,	\$4 50
Matilda Delong, nursing,	5 25
A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	1 00
Wm. Small & Co., casket and burial expenses Mrs. Drost,	23 00
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	\$33 75

Charged to state pauper account.

GEORGE DEVOE AND FAMILY.

H. N. Goodhue, 1896, supplies,	\$9 58
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ARTHUR DUBAY AND FAMILY.

H. N. Goodhue, supplies, 1896,	2 45
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MRS. ANN DAILY.

H. N. Goodhue, supplies,	7 00
Paid by town of Caribou.	

MRS. DOYLE.

A. D. Sawyer, truss,	3 00
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DENNIS DEVOE AND FAMILY.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	2 00
J. H. Murphy, " "	3 00
J. F. Hacker, supplies,	55
Joseph Pearce, supplies,	91
H. N. Goodhue,	3 09
Hopkins Bros., wood,	4 33
E. E. Scates, medicine,	95
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	\$14 83

MRS. HENRI DUEBE.

J. H. Murphy, medical attendance,	\$13 00
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THOMAS DESHANE AND FAMILY.

Joseph Pearce, supplies,	\$6 45
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BATTES DESHANE AND FAMILY.

Joseph Pearce, supplies,	\$3 50
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MRS. JOHN EYARS.

Wm. Small & Co., casket and robe,	\$20 00
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GEORGE EMERSON.

Ft. Fairfield Clothing Co., Clothing,	\$7 80
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J. B. GRASS FAMILY.

Town of Washburn, supplies,	\$9 17
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MRS. WM. LINDSEY.

J. H. Fisher, wood,	\$3 00
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J. F. Hacker, clothing,	1 32
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	\$4 32
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HOWARD LINDSEY AND FAMILY.

Hopkins Bros, groceries,	\$1 36
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H. Knight & Co., supplies,	5 00
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H. N. Goodhue. supplies,	1 83
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Joseph Pearce, supplies,	3 40
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French Bros. & Austin, clothing,	6 93
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J. H. Murphy, medical attendance,	4 25
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A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	7 00
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Wm. Small & Co., postage, etc.,	1 66
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F. W. Burns, moving,	5 00
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Stephen Crock, board,	30 00
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	\$66 43
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Charged to state pauper account.

BESSIE LOVELY CHILD.

Wm. Small & Co., burial expense \$2 50

THOMAS McGRATH AND FAMILY.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance, \$8 00

Joseph Pearce, supplies, 80

Hopkins Bros. supplies, 3 18

H. N. Goodhue, supplies, 3 85

Julius Peterson, milk, 4 00

\$19 83

JOSEPHENE MORROW.

J. F. Hacker, supplies, 6 00

Wm. Small & Co., casket, robe, etc., 20 00

\$26 00

SIMEON MARTIN.

Paid city of Lewiston, support, \$16 00

BORDY McDONALD.

J. H. Murphy, medical attendance, \$3 00

MARY LOVELY.

D. J. Bell, medical attendance, \$5 00

MRS. MARY McDONALD AND FAMILY.

S. Colbath, wood, \$2 00

Jos. Pearce groceries, 2 62

H. Knight & Co., groceries, 1 58

\$6 20

Charged to state pauper account.

MRS. GEORGE MONTGOMERY.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	\$4 50
To be paid by town of Limestone.	

FREEMAN OUILATT.

Octave Sirois, board,	\$35 00
A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	1 00
W. W. Slocomb & Co., clothing,	2 50
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	\$38 50

MOSEA O'NEAL.

Stephen Crock, board,	7 50
C. H. Dinsmore, board,	29 70
Francis McDonald, board,	31 00
J. F. Hacker, clothing and tobacco,	7 40
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	\$75 60

EDWARD PERKINS AND FAMILY.

D. E. Edwards, supplies,	\$6 60
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MARY JANE RUSSELL.

John McDonald, transportation,	3 00
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BLANCHE RUSSELL.

Fred Thomas, board,	52 00
Scates & Co., medicine,	1 50
J. H. Murphy, medicine,	4 50
H. C. Holmes, medicine,	1 50
French Bros. & Austin, clothing,	1 00
George Bartlett, clothing,	2 75
C. E. Hoit, Jr., shoes and rubbers,	2 70
J. F. Hacker, shoes and clothing,	5 70
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	\$71 65

MRS. JOHN RUSSELL.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	\$2 00
Wm. Small & Co., casket,	15 00
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	\$17 00

MRS. JOHN SCOTT.

Mrs. Ansil Rogers, board, 1896,	\$3 00
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MRS. VITALL ST. THOMAS.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	1 00
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MISS ANNIE ST. THOMAS.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	2 00
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ELSEY SMITH.

Michael Rogers, transportation and board,	6 50
Mrs. Winn Scott, board,	20 50
Town of Woodland, support,	25 00
Mrs. Wayman Guiggey, board,	57 00
French Bros. & Austin, clothing,	2 01
J. F. Hacker, shoes and clothing,	4 00
A. D. Sawyer, medicine and attendance,	7 50
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	\$122 51

ARTHUR MURPHY.

Ansil Rogers, board,	\$73 23
Ft. Fairfield Clothing Co., clothing,	2 35
Wm. Small & Co., shoes,	1 50
W. W. Slocomb & Co., clothing,	3 50
J. F. Hacker, clothing,	1 90
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	\$82 48

CHARLES SANDERS' FAMILY.

Mrs. Winn Scott, boarding children,	\$15 83
Mrs. Ansil Rogers, transportation,	75
Mrs. A. C. Paul, taking boy to Portland,	10 00
H. Knight & Co., supplies,	10 70
Hopkins Bros., supplies,	7 11
H. N. Goodhue, supplies,	4 21
J. F. Hacker, supplies,	7 69
Ft. Fairfield Clothing Co., clothing,	3 65
G. E. Bartlett & Co., clothing,	8 22
W. W. Slocomb & Co., clothing,	3 25
A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	2 00
F. W. Burns, moving,	4 00
C. E. Hoit, Jr., shoes,	4 80
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	\$82 21

CHARLES TOPHAM AND FAMILY.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance,	\$8 00
Joseph Pearce, supplies,	45
H. Knight & Co., supplies,	2 06
H. N. Goodhue, supplies,	5 82
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	\$16 33

OLIVE THERIAULT.

Mary Leveque, nursing,	\$1 00
Mrs. Jane Madore, "	1 00
Mrs. Agnes Theriault, nursing,	21 00
H. N. Goodhue, supplies,	40
Hopkins Bros., supplies,	2 64

Joseph Pearce, supplies,	\$98 04
Wm. Small & Co., use of invalid bed,	10 00
D. J. Bell, assisting in three operations,	30 00
C. F. Thomas, assisting in amputating thigh,	15 00
A. D. Sawyer, amputating thigh and daily attendance from April 1st to Sept. 18th,	149 50
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	\$328 58

JOHN TRASK.

Town of Brownville expenses in sickness,	\$112 00
J. M. Thurlough expenses going to Brownville,	8 90
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	\$120 90

CHARLES WETMORE FAMILY.

J. F. Hacker, groceries,	\$5 00
“ “ cash,	5 00
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	\$10 00

W. H. WALTON FAMILY.

Hopkins Bros., supplies,	\$ 97
J. F. Hacker, supplies,	3 62
J. Pearce, supplies,	1 51
Israel Dean, wood,	2 50
C. E. Hoit, Jr., shoes,	3 35
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	\$11 95

LEWIS YOUNG FAMILY.

H. N. Goodhue, supplies in 1896,	\$ 70
Town of Presque Isle, supplies in 1896,	3 00
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	\$ 3 70
Transient paupers and miscellaneous bills,	6 06

Town Farm Account.

Received E. J. Dorsey, hay,	\$ 34 50
F. A. Thurlough, potatoes,	145 50
J. F. Hacker, oats.	10 20
	\$190 20

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Paid Julius Peterson, shoeing horses,	\$ 3 50
Mrs. Nelson Grant, labor,	6 80
H. Knight & Co., supplies,	26 04
Runyan & Chamberlain, (old bill)	34 61
Houghton Hardware Co., dishes etc.,	3 35
H. Knight & Co., supplies,	13 33
J. W. Plummer, potatoes,	3 00
Undrawn and carried to pauper account,	99 57
	\$190 20

State Pauper Account.

Amount due from state,	\$462 64
Expended as follows:	
Support of S. S. Cray and wife and medical attendance in 1896,	85 75
For support of Mrs. Mary McDonald,	6 20
expenses and burial of Mrs. Duglass Drost,	33 75
support of Mrs. Thos. Cray and children,	41 56
support of Howard Lindsey and family,	66 43
support of S. S. Cray and wife,	228 95
	\$462 64

Town Expense Account.

Amount raised by town,	\$5,000 00
Unexpended in year 1896,	415 34
Overlay in assessment,	817 27
Received from tax deeds,	299 30
Received, dog licence, state treasury,	5 38
Received, A. P. Spear, town farm,	1,284 52
Amount raised by town to pay mortgage,	400 00
Received, Stevens Lumber Co., road machine,	50 00
Received, C. V. King, error returned,	5 00
Unexpended balance in bridge and highway account,	742 29
,, ,, interest account,	191 07
	\$9,210 17

Expended in Town Expense Account.

W. S. Teague, police pay and night watch,	\$193 25
John P. McDonald, police pay,	3 00
James Shannon, police pay,	3 00
C. V. King, Police pay,	26 00
C. A. Powers, police pay,	3 00
R. S. Hoyt, police pay,	3 00
Stephen Barker, police pay, 1894,	3 00
Warren Knight, police pay,	3 00
F. P. Grant, police pay,	2 50
L. S. Osgood, police pay,	3 00
J. S. Fall, police pay,	5 00
Houghton Hardware Co., locks for lockup,	15 10
J. S. Hall, nails and bolts for lockup,	1 14
H. Bearsto, labor on lockup,	4 50

French Bros. & Austin, blankets for lockup,	\$ 2 00
F. W. Osborne, expenses in Enoch Nightingale case,	13 08
C. H. Dinsmore, expenses in Hugh Crossin case,	11 88
W. A. Kay, board of Hugh Crossin in jail.	30 00
James Dorsey, fees and expenses in committing A. Wentworth to insane hospital,	42 20
H. T. Powers for making papers to committ Alonzo Wentworh to insane hospital,	5 00
Maine Insane Hospital, for support of A. Wentworth,	49 54
R. H. Perkins, chariman board of health,	28 00
D. J. Bell, member " " "	25 00
Mrs. Doak, cleaning C. Topham's house, order board of health,	2 00
Thos. Deshane, cleaning filth, order board of health,	10 50
W. H. Fisher, burying horse. " " " "	2 50
F. W. Burns, burying horse, " " " "	1 00
A. D. Sawyer, visit to F. Hewett's, order board of health,	1 00
Northern Leader, printing town reports,	40 00
Northern Leader, publishing notice,	1 00
W. H. Stevens & Co., Chattel mortgage, record,	8 55
H. W. Perry, stationary and recording tax sales,	4 00
Mrs. A. C. Paul, books,	10 30
Loring, Short & Harmon, books,	11 15
H. C. Holmes, books,	75
D. J. Bell, reporting births and deaths,	8 50
A. D. Sawyer, " " " "	17 25
J. H. Murphy, " " " "	14 50
H. W. Perry, recording births, deaths and marriages,	35 70
S. E. Jewett for fixing watering tubs,	13 86
E. Swartz, labor on watering tubs,	1 00
S. E. Jewett, service as fire ward,	5 00

H. T. Powers, making papers, proof of debt in matter of E. E. Scates,	5 00
H. T. Powers, making papers, proof of debt in matter of W. W. Averill,	5 00
M. F. Dorsey, election clerk,	9 00
James Kidder, recording tax deeds,	22 50
Town of Caribou, support of H. Walton,	69 14
J. F. Hacker, use of hall,	15 00
Nicholas Fessenden, legal advice, etc.,	26 00
C. W. Locke, for breaking plow,	4 00
C. H. Dinsmore, for tax deeds sold to town,	391 64
" abatements 1892 tax,	31 29
" 1893 tax,	60 32
" 1894 tax,	376 69
" 1895 tax,	508 55
" 1896 tax,	369 99
" Commission, 1892-3 tax, 5 per cent,	23 58
" 1894-5, tax, 3 per cent,	122 46
" 1896 tax, 3 per cent,	358 81
H. W. Trafton, abatements, 1897 tax,	86 16
commissions, 1897 tax, 4 per cent,	697 63
H. W. Perry, services as town clerk,	40 00
H. T. Powers, service as auditor,	25 00
J. F. Hacker, service as treasurer,	150 00
J. M. Thurlough, services as S. A. & O.,	100 00
Geo. E. Childs, " " "	100 00
Arthur P. Libby, " " "	200 00
C. H. Stevens, supervisor of schools,	400 00
Wm. Small & Co., burial expenses of Amos Boulier,	30 00
Overdrawn in pauper account,	218 72
Paid B. Gathercole bond,	3,000 00
Unexpended in year 1897 to balance,	1,100 94
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Resources and Liabilities.

RESOURCES.

Amount due C. H. Dinsmore, collector, 1894 tax,	\$ 218 34
1895 tax,	326 21
1896 tax,	559 82
H. W. Trafton, collector, 1897 tax,	6,864 48
from state pauper account,	462 64
Tax deeds estimated,	1,850 00
Amount due from state account of Amos Boulier,	30 00
Amount of cash in treasury,	1,485 17
J. A. Day note,	100 00
B. Hagerman note,	10 00
Amount due from S. W. Ames, rent of town farm,	110 00
J. W. Plummer for straw,	9 50
James McShay for wood,	6 00
Jessie Kennedy for wood,	8 00
S. W. Ames, potatoes,	15 00
other towns estimated,	25 00
	\$12,080 16

LIABILITIES.

Amount of railroad bonds,	\$14,000 00
outstanding orders,	197 83
outstanding bills estimated,	100 00
	\$14,297 83
Excess of liabilities over resources,	2,217 67

Explanations.

We leased the town farm, except the house, to S. W. Ames for \$110 and later, sold the farm to A. P. Spear for \$1700, which he paid to treasurer less the mortgage paid.

Our uncollected taxes are now in such condition that both collectors will be able to settle with the treasurer in a few months. We recommend that each tax should be collected within one year from its commitment. The town has lost in previous years by negligence in collecting and by tax deeds which have accumulated in the treasurer's hands, many thousands of dollars.

It is very gratifying to us to report a reduction of about three thousand dollars in our town's indebtedness, making our town nearly out of debt. We recommend appropriations for 1898 that will fully cover expenditures for the year 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. LIBBY,	}	Selectmen
GEO. E. CHILDS,		of
JOHN M. THURLOUGH,		Fort Fairfield.

Treasurer's Account.

Cash received:

Cash and note in treasury, March 15, 1897,	\$ 399 97
Received from state treasury, dog license,	5 38
" " public library,	15 00
" " state pensions,	240 00
" " free high school,	250 00
" " tax on telephone,	1 12
" " school fund,	3,889 83
town clerk, dog license,	10 00
Received from supervisor free high school,	45 00
" supervisor common schools,	8 35
" supervisor text books sold,	4 54
" Stevens Lumber Co., road machine,	50 00
" A. P. Spear for town farm,	1,284 52
" town of Caribou, Mrs. Daily,	7 00
" C. V. King, town expense,	5 00
" hay sold from town farm,	34 50
" potatoes sold from town farm,	145 50
" oats " "	10 20
" treas. M. and S. fund school account,	97 76
" tax deeds,	299 30
" C. H. Dinsmore, collector, for 1892,	149 79
" " " " 1893,	413 50
" " " " 1894,	1,755 96
" " " " 1895,	3,211 37
" " " " 1896,	12,330 54
" H. W. Trafton, " " 1897,	17,440 92
	\$42,105 05

Cash paid out:

Paid county tax,	\$9,011 00
state tax,	3,312 67
state pension,	240 00
state treasurer, dog license,	10 00
temporary loan of 1896,	5,000 00
interest on temporary loans,	269 22
interest on railroad bond,	630 00
interest to treasurer of M. & S. fund,	97 76
bond to B. Gathercole,	3,000 00
interest on bond to B. Gathercole,	320 00
interest to J. A. Woodsum,	28 00
town orders,	18,591 23
In treasury, J. A. Day note,	100 00
“ B. Hagerman note,	10 00
“ cash,	1,485 17
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	\$42,105 05

J. F. HACKER,

Treasurer.

Fort Fairfield, March 15, 1898.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

TO THE CITIZENS OF FORT FAIRFIELD:

The following report of the condition of the public schools is respectfully submitted to you for examination.

Common School Account.

Unexpended in '97,	\$ 957 74
Raised by town,	3,500 00
Received from state,	3,889 83
M. & S. fund,	97 76
Received from tuition,	8 35
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	\$8,453 68

Expended:

Teacher's wages,	\$4,616 00
Teacher's board,	1,388 50
Fuel,	437 65
Janitor service, cleaning, banking, etc.,	501 66
Supplies,	285 81
Tuition, town of Easton,	24 73
Transportation of pupils,	257 00
Unexpended to balance,	942 33
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	\$8,453 68

LIABILITIES.

Teachers' wages and board,	\$610 00
Janitor service, about	25 00
Transportation,	50 00
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	\$685 00

Furnishing and Repair Account.

Raised by town,	\$500 00
Overdrawn to balance,	95 43
	\$595 43
Expended:	
Overdraft '97,	\$101 59
Bills due, '97,	75 12
C. W. Locke, labor,	95 11
G. W. Parks, labor and furnishing,	19 04
F. E. Billings, repairs on clock,	1 50
Houghton Hardware Co., material,	68 73
J. C. Corey, labor,	9 50
F. Hanson, labor,	5 60
W. Hunt, labor,	8 25
F. Hurbert,	7 50
Montgomery, labor,	3 00
Stevens Lumber Co., lumber and material,	100 00
S. E. Jewett, repairs,	9 11
H. Knight & Co., material,	1 18
G. W. Parks, material,	17 07
Stevens Electric Co., four electric bells in high school building,	11 00
W. A. Haines, lumber,	4 22
J. S. Hall, material,	2 35
C. Bartlett, material,	2 10
Wm. Small & Co., furnishings,	4 25
L. K. Cary & Son, stoves and material,	47 21
B. C. Rollins, labor,	2 00
	\$595 43

LIABILITIES.

Stevens Lumber Co.,	\$11 33
S. D. Beckwith,	7 00

\$18 33

Text Books Account.

Unexpended, '97,	\$510 55
Raised by town,	500 00
Books sold,	4 54

\$1,015 09

Expended:	
Paid for books,	\$745 92
for furnishings and repairs,	12 14
H. M. Orris, binding,	16 05
Unexpended to balance,	240 98

\$1,015 09

LIABILITIES.

Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	108 04
Ginn & Co.,	332 15

\$140 19

High School Account.

Unexpended, '97,	2 87
Received for tuition,	30 00
Raised by town,	1,000 00
Received from state,	250 00
Overdrawn to balance,	127 80

\$1,410 67

Expended:	
Miss Clara Morrill,	\$ 444 00
H. F. Kalloch,	366 67
W. L. Bonney,	600 00

\$1,410 67

RESOURCES.

Amount receivable for tuition,	20 00
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COMMON SCHOOLS.

While there has been the usual amount of dissatisfaction, in some sections, our rural schools have been, on the whole, very satisfactory. Have had two terms of ten weeks and one term of nine weeks, making twenty-nine weeks for the year, or one week more in each school than the previous year. Last spring we had twenty-three schools in session (outside of the village), last fall we had twenty-five and this winter, twenty-three. Last spring we tried to unite the Varney with the Grange Hall and Maple Grove with the McIntosh but it was not a success. Last fall we had school in the Varney and Maple Grove houses. This winter the Varney and Grange Hall schools were united very successfully. This winter the Page school had to be closed on account of the scholars not being able to attend, owing to the condition of the roads. We have only one school house (Foss) that has not been used this year. We have in all, outside the village, twenty-six houses, far too many. Some of these schools should be united for several reasons:—It is cheaper to transport pupils than to run so many schools. The schools would be larger and the teachers could do better work. We could afford to pay more for teaching, thereby ensuring the best teachers. The schools would in every way be more satisfactory.

GRADED SCHOOLS.

Our graded schools are in excellent condition. They are under the control of teachers who take an interest in their schools. The work done in them has been in every way satisfactory.

To sum up:—The schools of Fort Fairfield have been for the past year, generally satisfactory. Nothing has been done or money expended unless, in the minds of the committee, it

was necessary to the betterment of the schools or the health of the pupils. Teachers have been employed with a view to fitness, and have been placed in schools where it was thought they could do the best work.

The account shows a small amount less undrawn than last year and a larger amount of liabilities, because, all supply bills reported last year have been paid besides one of seventy-four dollars of nearly two years standing. A large amount of the wood bought for next year has been paid for and a large amount of necessary supplies have been purchased. There are no liabilities under this account except those reported.

Furnishing and Repairs.

On this account a large amount of work has been done. At the beginning of the year there was an overdraft of \$101.59 to pay, besides bills due of \$75.12. These have both been paid and \$418.72 spent in furnishing and repairing, leaving an overdraft of \$95.43 and liabilities of only \$18.33.

Work done as follows:—

Stevens and Dorsey houses have been sheathed throughout, outhouses have been built for the Dorsey and Goodrich houses, the Dorsey house has been shingled on one side, a flue has been rebuilt in the Stevens house, extra stoves have been placed in the hill primary and intermediate schools, involving an expenditure of \$39.16. Slate blackboards have been placed in the Ed Murphy and Turner houses and a large number of outhouses have been cleaned and repaired. Besides these, numerous other repairs have been made such as: parts of stoves and broken glass replaced, stove pipe and doors replaced and mended and other things done which have to be attended

to each year, not a small item of which is employing a man to go to the different houses and do them. The work has been done thoroughly and will last for years. It seems that the proper way to do is to repair one or two houses thoroughly each year, as has been done this, so that at the end of a few years we will have all good school houses in town, a thing which is so essential to the health of the scholars and the efficiency of the schools. The same amount for this account should be raised for the coming year. The Ames and Turner houses sadly need inside repairs. One or two woodsheds should be built, one or two slate blackboards should be purchased and new seats should be furnished for at least two houses, besides general repairs for all houses, I think this could be done and the overdraft paid for \$500.00.

Text Books.

This year a new series of readers, a new primary geography and a system of verticle writing have been introduced. Two of the large, long standing bills have been paid. Books have been bought only as needed, and excepting those newly introduced, in small quantities. Quite a number ought to be bought the coming year, including a new advanced geography.

As Prof. Kalloch was unable to stay with us after the spring term, (much to the regret of all) it was necessary to look about for some one to take his place. Fortunately the services of W. L. Bonney were secured. The assistants have been the same as last year. The town is to be congratulated on having such an efficient corps of teachers. It is to be hoped that their services can be retained for another year. The school is in excellent condition. The aim of both teachers and school board has been to raise the standard. The school

is crowded. Last year seats were added so that all available space is filled. We sadly need better accommodations for this school. We need \$1200 for this school next year in order to enable us to pay the teachers and the overdraft.

In closing I do not hesitate to recommend the following appropriations:—

For common schools,	\$3,500 00
Free high school,	1,200 00
Free text books,	500 00
Furnishings and repairs,	500 00
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	\$5,700 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. STEVENS,

Supt. of Schools.

I have examined the books of account kept by the various Town Officers for the past year and find the foregoing to be a correct account of the financial transactions and of the present condition of town affairs as shown by the books and vouchers.

H. T. POWERS, Auditor.

Report of the Trustees of Fort Fairfield Public Library.

Our Public Library is in a flourishing condition, and continues to be one of our most popular institutions.

The increased patronage during the past year indicates that the opportunity for obtaining good literature is appreciated by our citizens.

Since our last report, 5980 books have been taken out. We would again call attention to the fact that our Library contains a good selection of standard works which ought to be more generally read.

Mr. Jeffs, who has efficiently served as Librarian since the establishment of the Library, declined to serve another term, and at the annual meeting of the Trustees, Mr. C. E. Hoit, Jr., was elected Librarian.

Mr. Hoit has provided a convenient room for the Library at the rear of his store, to which the books were removed February 9th, 1898.

The Trustees have added to the Library, during the past year, 164 volumes, making a total of 854 volumes.

We recommend that the usual amount, \$150, be raised for the Library at the next annual meeting.

It should be the policy of the town to purchase each year a few new books, so that in time we may have a large and well-stocked Public Library. In this connection we would again invite the citizens of the town to make contributions of books.

March 19th, 1898.

A. D. SAWYER,	}	Trustees.
W. T. SPEAR,		
H. T. POWERS,		
C. W. JOHNSTON,		
H. W. TRAFTON,		

Treasurer's Report.

March 19th, 1898.

*Fort Fairfield Public Library in acct. with
C. W. JOHNSTON, Treasurer.*

1897.		Cr.	Dr.
Jan.	1. By balance in hand from last year,	\$ 9 90	
Apr.	12. To paid Insuring Public Library,		\$ 8 78
May	19. To pd. freight and truck- ing on books,		2 11
July	20. By Town Orders,	109 55	
"	To paid De Wolfe Fisher & Co.,		109 55
July	29. To paid C. A. Gammon, printing bill,		3 00
Nov.	1. To pd. H.M. Orriss, bind- ing bill rendered,		11 55
1898.			
Feb.	7. By Herbert W. Trafton, for Dictionary,	8 00	
"	By fines collected by Jeffs,	10 42	
Feb.	11. To paid C. A. Gammon, bill rendered,		1 50
"	To paid for Treas. book,		75

Mar. 2.	By Town Orders,	50 00	
“	To paid F. C. Jeffs, Li- brarian,		50 00
Mar. 8.	To pd. freight and truck- ing, (book covers,)		1 10
Mar. 19.	To F. C. Jeffs, bill for acct. book,		75
“	By overdrawn,	1 22	
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		\$189 09	\$189 09

C. W. JOHNSTON,

Treasurer.

Report of Board of Health.

To the Selectmen of Fort Fairfield:

The Board of Health wishes to state that the past year has been devoid of much sickness. Five cases of scarlet fever, none fatal.

The Board has found the majority of the people ready and willing to place their surroundings in a good, sanitary condition.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. PERKINS,

Sec. of Board of Health.

WARRANT.

*To Jacob Bridges, one of the Constables of the
Town of Fort Fairfield, County of Aroostook,
State of Maine,* *GREETING.*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Fort Fairfield, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at Memorial Hall, in said town on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- “ 2. “ choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- “ 4. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for town expenses for the year ensuing.
- “ 5. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for the support of paupers for the year ensuing.
- “ 6. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise to be expended in cash on the highways and sidewalks for the year ensuing.

- “ 7. “ see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of Road Commissioner for the year ensuing. And to see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay same.
- “ 8. “ see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of bridges for the year ensuing.
- “ 9. “ see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to buy one or more road machines.
- “ 10. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for interest on town debt for the year ensuing.
- “ 11. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for free high schools for the year ensuing.
- “ 12. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for the support of common schools for the year ensuing.
- “ 13. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise to purchase free text books for schools for the year ensuing.
- “ 14. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for furnishing and repairs on school houses for the year ensuing.

- “ 15. “ see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs on Grange Hall school house for the year ensuing.
- “ 16. “ see if the town will vote to build a school house on the Strickland Road, so-called, between the present site of the Strickland school house and the Limestone town line. And how much money they will raise for building same.
- “ 17. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for lighting bridge and streets with electricity for the year ensuing.
- “ 18. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise to be paid to Kilpatrick Post for Memorial Day.
- “ 19. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise to pay water rents for fire protection for the year ensuing.
- “ 20. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for the Fort Fairfield free town library for the year ensuing.
- “ 21. “ see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make a temporary loan during the year to protect town orders duly issued, provided the same shall become necessary, and to anticipate taxes.

- “ 22. “ see if the town will vote to make any discount upon taxes paid at such time or times as it may determine, and if so, what per cent.; also to fix a time of payment and rate of interest to be added upon taxes remaining unpaid after such time of payment.
- “ 23. “ see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to place a street electric light on Currier street near or between the residences of S. D. Beckwith and J. M. Whittier.
- “ 24. “ see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to provide a certain tower on some building in the village for a tower clock, to be donated to the town, and how much money the town will vote and raise for said purpose.
- “ 25. “ see if the town will vote to authorize the superintending school committee to unite with other towns in employing a superintendent of schools, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made for such a union.
- “ 26. “ see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to prosecute all persons in town who violate the prohibitory law during the municipal year 1898.
- “ 27. “ see if the town will vote to accept the road as laid out by the selectmen, beginning at the south-west corner of

G. W. Parks' dwelling lot, thence westerly on the land of John C. Rackliff, two rods, thence westerly on line between land of J. F. Hacker and syndicate so-called, eight rods to Nelson street.

“ 28. “ see if the town will vote to discontinue so much of the town way (formerly known as the W. T. True road) leading from the Presque Isle road near the residence of James Good past the farms of Franklin Grant and Clarence Powers to the highway leading from the center line road past Maple Grove post-office to Grange Hall, as lies between the north end of the bridge which crosses Johnston brook near the new barn on the Jewell Williams farm and a point on said road three rods northerly of the dwelling of said Franklin Grant.

The Selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters at the Selectmen's office during the 24, 25, and 26 days of March, inst., from nine until twelve o'clock in the forenoon, and from one till five o'clock in the afternoon.

Given under our hands at Fort Fairfield this 9th day of March, A. D., 1898.

ARTHUR P. LIBBY,	}	Selectmen
GEO. E. CHILDS,		of
JOHN M. THURLOUGH,		Fort Fairfield.

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