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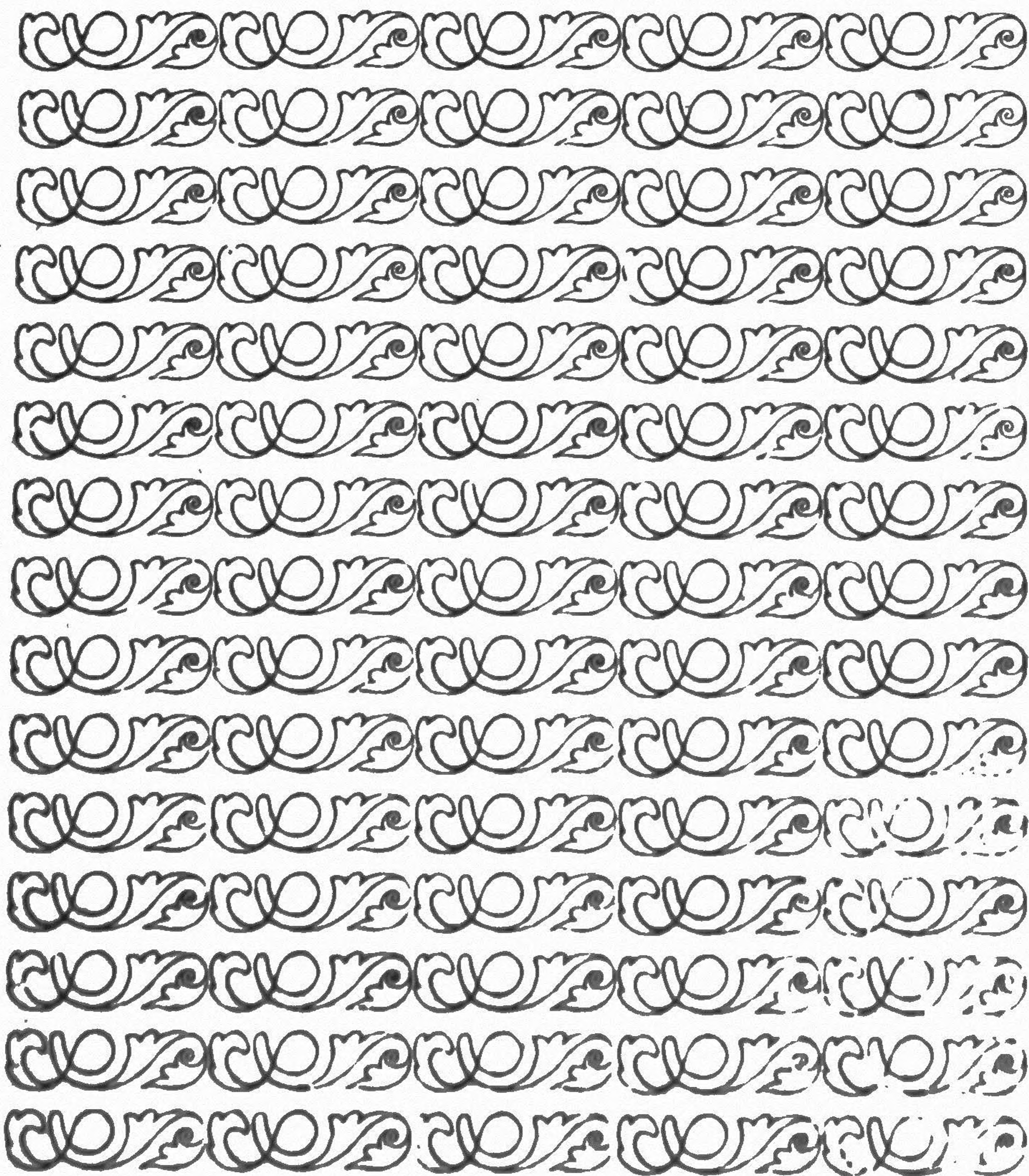
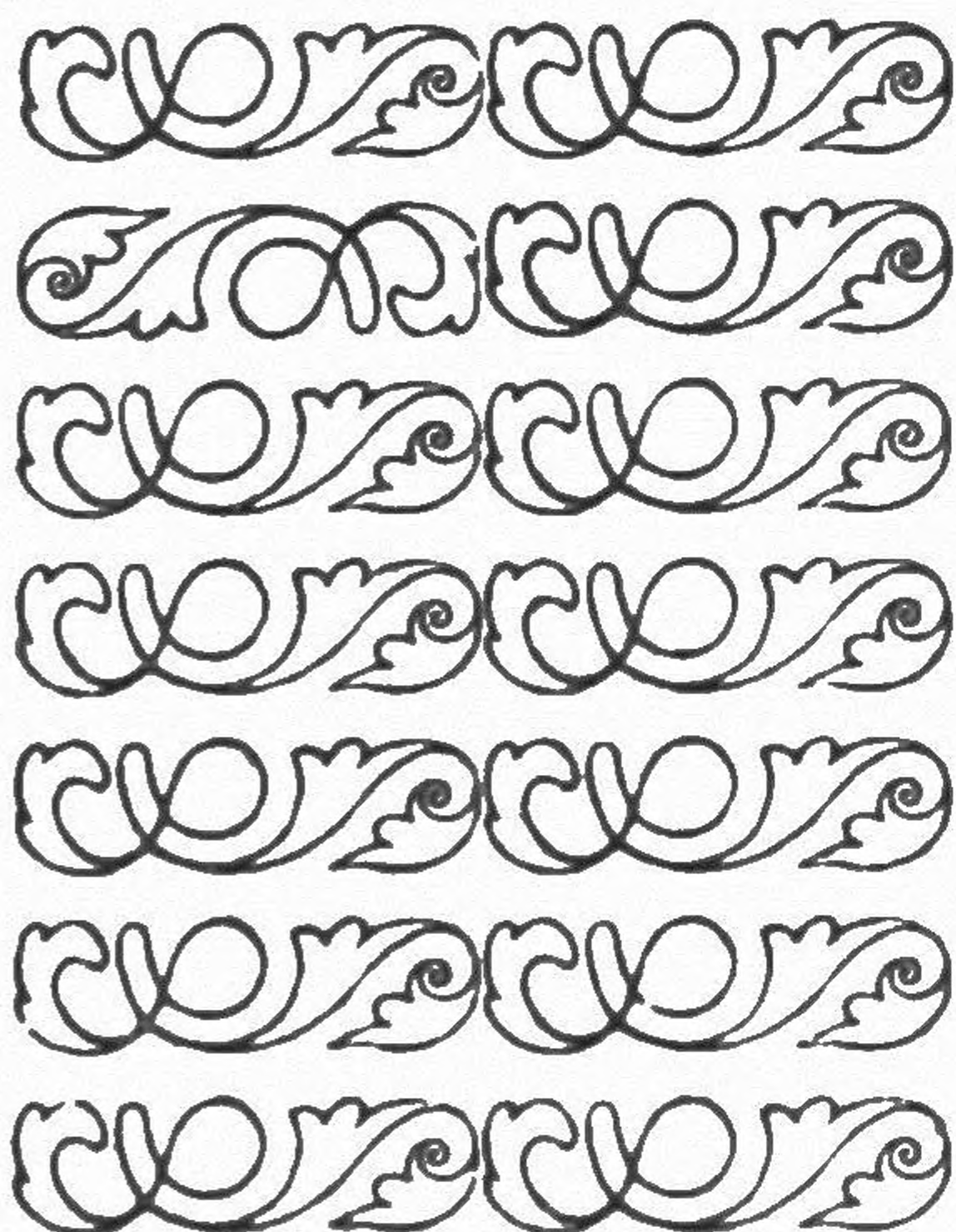
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Town Officers of Fort Fairfield.

YEAR ENDING MARCH 15, 1899.

TOWN MEETING MARCH 27, 99.



C. A. GAMMON, PRINTER, FORT FAIRFIELD.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS OF FORT FAIRFIELD.

For the Year Ending March 15, 1899.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Fort Fairfield, herewith submit their annual report for the Municipal Year ending March 15th, 1899.

Valuation Year ending	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total Valuation	No. of Polls.
March 15, 1890	\$464,158	\$148,160	\$612,318	705
" 15, 1891	510,534	178,421	688,955	761
" 15, 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
" 15, 1898	742,995	165,245	908,240	914

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CASH TAX, YEAR 1898.

Common schools	\$3,500 00
Town expenses	1,000 00
Support of paupers	1,200 00
Interest on town debt	800 00
Free high school	1,200 00
Furnishing and repairing school houses	500 00
Kilpatrick Post, Memorial Day	25 00
Fire protection	500 00
Free text-books	500 00
Lighting bridge and streets	400 00
Free town library	150 00
Repairing highways	2,500 00
Repairing bridges	500 00
Clock tower	200 00
Road commissioner	500 00
Road machine	200 00
Repairing Grange Hall	100 00
State tax	3,312 67
County tax	4,263 48
Overlay in assessment	188 61

\$24,539 76

Number of polls, 914.
 Rate \$3 each.
 Amount of poll tax, \$2,742.
 Rate per cent 24 mills.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$3,500 00
Unexpended in year 1898	942 33
M. & S. fund	97 76
Received from State	3,822 44
Received from tuition	16 75

\$8,379 28

Expended as follows:

Amount of Orders drawn	\$8,144 45
Unexpended	234 83
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	\$8,379 28

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$1,200 00
Received from State	250 00
Received from tuition	16 50
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	\$1,469 50

Expended as follows:

W. L. Bonney, Principal	\$966 67
Clara P. Morrill, Assistant	150 00
Harriet S. Holmes, Assistant	125 00
Overdrawn in 1898	112 80
Unexpended in 1899	115 03
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	\$1,469 50

FREE TEXT-BOOKS ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$500 00
Unexpended in 1898	240 98
Books sold	3 75
Overdrawn in 1899	292 81
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	\$1,037 54

Expended as follows:

Orders drawn for text-books	\$918 25
Orders drawn for supplies	119 29
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	\$1,037 54

ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$400 00
Unexpended in year 1898	14 38
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	\$414 38

Expended as follows:

Stevens Electric Co.	\$379 50
Unexpended in year 1899	34 88
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	\$414 38

FIRE PROTECTION ACCOUNT.

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

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$800 00
Received from C. H. Dinsmore 1898 tax	70 79
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	\$870 79

Expended as follows:

By Treasurer on temporary loans	\$ 53 20
R. R. bonds and A. H. Gay & Co.	630 00
Bond to Treasurer M. & S. Fund	97 76
Unexpended in 1899	89 83
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	\$870 79

MEMORIAL DAY ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$25 00
Expended as follows:	
H. C. Randall, Q. M., Kilpatrick Post, G. A. R.	\$25 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$150 00
Received from State	15 00
Unexpended in 1898	5 45
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	\$170 45

Expended as follows:

C. W. Johnston, Treasurer	\$170 45
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FURNISHING AND REPAIRS, SCHOOL HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$500 00
Expended as follows:	
Overdrawn in year 1898	91 21
Orders drawn	389 37
Unexpended in 1899	19 42
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	\$500 00

CLOCK TOWER ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$200 00
Expended as follows:	
S. D. Beckwith	120 00
S. E. Jewett, repairs on hose house	12 95
Unexpended	67 05
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	\$200 00

ROAD MACHINE ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$200 00
Expended as follows:	
C. M. Conant for road machine	\$200 00

ROAD COMMISSIONERS ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$500 00
Expended as follows:	
C. H. Dinsmore, service	250 00
Undrawn, carried to town expense account	250 00
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	\$500 00

REPAIRING, GRANGE HALL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$100 00
Expended as follows:	
C. H. Stevens	92 65
Unexpended	7 35
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	\$100 00

STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Received from state 1898	\$394 26
Amount due from state 1899	250 85
	<hr/> \$645 11

Expended as follows:

Due from state 1898	\$462 64
J.F.Hacker support S. S. Cray & Wife	163 72
A. D. Sawyer medical attention S. S. Cray & wife	7 00
Supplies Thomas Cray Family	11 75
	<hr/> \$645 11

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Raised by town	\$1,200 00
Supplies furnished Thomas Cray family charged to State pauper account	11 75
Overdrawn 1899	55 81
	<hr/> \$1,267 56

Expended as follows:

As per itemized account	\$1,267 56
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ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF PAUPER EXPENDITURES.

FRANK BOULIER FAMILY

J. F. Hacker shoes & clothing	7 98
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B. C. E. BRODIE

R. L. Baker ticket & clothing	15 00
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GEORGIANNA CHAMBERS

H. F. Kalloch medical attendance	12 00
Mrs. Bean nursing	7 00
Wm. Small & Co., Casket and burial expenses	19 00
	<hr/> \$38 00

CLEMANT CYR

H. N. Goodhue supplies	1 25
J. F. Hacker supplies	6 57
Jos. Pearce supplies	2 75
Wm. Small & Co. casket & burial expenses	19 00
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	\$29 57

JAMES CONANT & WIFE

H. Knight & Co. supplies	3 40
H. N. Goodhue supplies	3 61
C. E. Hoit Jr. shoes	75
Jos. Pearce supplies	5 53
W. A. Haines wood	1 75
To be paid by town Limestone.	<hr/>
	\$15 04

CORA M. COOMBS

Moses Simmons expenses going to Augusta with Miss Coombs	32 15
A. D. Sawyer attendance, lunacy certificate	5 00
Maine Insane Asylum	115 07
H. O. Perry express charges	18 70
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	\$170 92

THOMAS CRAY FAMILY.

F. M. Haines, wood	\$3 50
L. S. Osgood, house rent and supplies	3 25
J. F. Hacker, supplies	1 45
Jos. Pearce, supplies	3 55
To be paid by State	<hr/>
	\$11 75

DENNIS DEVOE.

Jos. Pearce, supplies	\$1 00
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MRS. ROBERT DOAK.

J. F. Hacker, shoes, etc	\$3 00
Jos. Pearce, supplies	90
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	\$3 90

ALLEN DROST & FAMILY.

H. Knight & Co., supplies	\$2 00
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WM. DOYLE & FAMILY.

H. Knight & Co., supplies	\$1 79
J. F. Hacker, shoes, etc.	6 05

	\$7 84
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SAMUEL EMERSON.

Jos. Pearce, supplies	\$5 00
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GEORGE EMERSON.

Ft. Fairfield Clo. Co.	\$4 60
C. E. Hoit, Jr., shoes	2 00
W. W. Slocomb & Co., clothing	4 00

	\$10 60
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FANNY EVERETT.

Wm. Small & Co., robe and casket	\$12 00
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MRS. LOIS GUIGGEY.

Florence Churchill, nursing	\$12 00
J. F. Hacker, supplies	2 25
A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance	91 00

	\$105 25
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JAMES IVERSON,

Hopkins Bros., supplies	\$3 00
Jos. Pearce, supplies	2 10

	\$5 10
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HENRY JUDKINS & WIFE.

Town of Caribou, supplies, etc.	\$85 20
H. F. Kalloch, medicine	1 00
W. W. Slocomb & Co., shoes	2 50

	\$88 70
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HOWARD LINDSAY & FAMILY.

W. A. Harlow, wood	\$3 00
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BENNIE LOVELY.

A. D. Sawyer, amputating arm and attendance	\$25 00
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JOHN MURRAY CHILD.

Wm. Small & Co., casket	\$3 50
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THOMAS McGRATH.

Hopkins Bros., supplies	\$3 00
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MRS. GEORGE MONTGOMERY.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance	\$10 50
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Charged to town of Limestone.

ANNIE MADORE.

Wm. Small & Co., casket	\$12 00
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ARTHUR MURPHY.

Ansil Rogers, board	\$78 00
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C. E. Hoit, Jr., boots	2 50
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J. F. Hacker, shoes	1 65
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\$82 15

FRANK O'BEAR FAMILY.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance	\$3 50
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H. Knight & Co., supplies	41 37
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Wm. Small & Co., robe and casket	12 00
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\$56 87

MOSES O'NEIL.

J. H. Murphy, medical attendance	\$1 00
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G. W. Richardson, repairing boots	65
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J. F. Hacker, clothing, etc.	7 20
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Mrs. F. McDonald, board	58 40
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\$67 25

FREEMAN OUILLETT.

Octave Sirois, board	\$48 00
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VENOR PARADIS GIRL.

J. H. Murphy, medical attendance	\$2 00
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BLANCH RUSSEL.

J. H. Murphy, medical attendance	\$1 50
G. W. Richardson, repairing shoes	1 10
C. E. Hoit, Jr., shoes and rubbers	1 60
F. W. Burns, team	1 00
H. F. Kalloch, medical attendance	11 00
G. E. Bartlett & Co., cotton, etc	2 00
J. S. Hall, broken windows	1 50
A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance	3 25
J. F. Hacker, shoes	1 75
J. E. Wiley, medical attendance	3 00
Mrs. Fred Thomas, board	55 00

 \$82 70

CHARLES SAUNDERS.

Town of Canaan	\$61 93
A. D. Sawyer going to Canaan	30 00
Octave Sirois, board	20 70
J. F. Hacker paid for board & pair rubbers	9 50
A. P. Libby for ticket & expenses	4 00

 \$126 13

ELSEY SMITH.

Mrs. Wayman Guiggey, board	\$65 75
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MRS. CHARLES SAUNDERS & CHILDREN.

French Brothers & Austin, clothing	\$1 55
C. E. Hoit Jr., hats & shoes	3 25
G. E. Bartlett & Co., clothing	4 26
A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance	3 25
H. N. Goodhue, supplies	88 50

 \$100 81

EDDIE TRUE FAMILY.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance	\$7 00
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CHARLES TOPHAM FAMILY.

A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance	\$2 00
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PAULINE TRUE.

Mrs. Seaborn, nursing	\$2 00
H. F. Kalloch, medical attendance	2 00
A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance	4 50
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	\$8 50

OLIVE THERIAULT.

A. D. Sawyer, setting arm	\$6 00
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VARNEY CHILDREN.

Paid town of Exeter	\$15 75
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MRS. ELIZABETH WHITE.

H. F. Kalloch medical attendance	\$1 00
A. M. Foss, board	9 00
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	\$10 00

HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town for highways	\$2,500 00
Amount raised by town for repairs on bridges	500 00
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	\$3,000 00

Expended as follows for labor and material:

Israel Dean, labor, team	50
F. S. Burpee, freight	1 85
M. Munson labor and lumber	138 94
Asa Barnes, labor	6 25
George Cox, labor	76 80
Lowell Barker, labor	67 62
Alfred Hockenhall, cedar	5 75
Levis Marshall, labor and cedar	4 75
Hopkins Brothers, labor, teams	272 50
Warren Johnston, labor	8 25
L. N. Richards, plow points	1 50
L. S. Osgood, labor	50 37
Hugh Kiernan, labor	21 25

BLANCH RUSSEL.

J. H. Murphy, medical attendance	\$1 50
G. W. Richardson, repairing shoes	1 10
C. E. Hoit, Jr., shoes and rubbers	1 60
F. W. Burns, team	1 00
H. F. Kalloch, medical attendance	11 00
G. E. Bartlett & Co., cotton, etc	2 00
J. S. Hall, broken windows	1 50
A. D. Sawyer, medical attendance	3 25
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M. Munson labor and lumber	138 94
Asa Barnes, labor	6 25
George Cox, labor	76 80
Lowell Barker, labor	67 62
Alfred Hockenhall, cedar	5 75
Levis Marshall, labor and cedar	4 75
Hopkins Brothers, labor, teams	272 50
Warren Johnston, labor	8 25
L. N. Richards, plow points	1 50
L. S. Osgood, labor	50 37
Hugh Kiernan, labor	21 25

Charles Kimball, labor	5 93
Fred Morrow, labor	4 00
F. P. Grant, cedars	1 00
George Bell, labor	1 25
Jos. Levasseur, labor	1 00
Simeon YOUN, labor	2 50
Allen Drost, labor	1 10
Geo. E. Childs, plow	5 00
J. R. Thurlough, sleepers	14 20
Joel Guiggey, labor	2 19
Ira D. Walls, labor and cedars	4 00
W. A. Haines, labor and lumber	253 60
Geo. Eastman, labor	30 00
M. F. Dorsey, labor and teams	169 62
Alfred Todd, cedar	25
Jos. Levesque, labor	5 00
Edward Guiggey, labor	11 12
Wm. Penn Varney, labor	11 50
Bradford Rediker, labor	1 00
Randolph Guiggey, labor	5 00
F. W. Osborne, labor	15 25
Lewis Ouilett, labor	11 25
W. H. Poole, cedar	60
Frank Chambers, labor	2 50
John Chambers, labor	5 00
James Chambers, labor	7 50
Richard Chambers, labor	3 75
C. H. Dinsmore, cedars and labor	11 48
George Laveway, labor	6 75
Albert Bernard, labor	2 37
Henry Murray, labor	1 37
Clement Cyr, labor	2 37
Michael Theriault, labor	2 05
James Day, labor	8 12
Joseph Morrow, labor	4 50
Wm. Chambers, labor	4 75
Charles McMann, labor	62
Isaac Flanery, labor	62

John Haines, watering tub	\$5 50
Alonzo Shaw, labor	7 50
H. O. Perry, ex. on papers	30
Richard Eyars, labor	8 00
George Huntress, labor	50
Silas Cox, labor	15 87
Sylvester Goodrich, labor	10 00
C. A. Powers, cedars	1 50
Frank Osborne, labor	5 00
Henry Theriault, labor	62
Francis Sirois, labor	4 37
Eli Thitodeau, labor	7 50
Dennis Devoe, labor	1 00
Daniel Haines, labor	1 00
Charles McGraw, labor	1 00
John McIntosh, cedar	2 50
David Murphy, cedar	5 25
Jerry White, cedar	5 00
Albert Lovely, labor	2 00
Eliphalet Watson, cedar	1 00
Nelson Maskell, labor	3 75
D. E. Edwards, labor	13 83
M. C. Pond, labor	10 00
J. A. Bridges, trucking and labor	11 60
J. S. Hall, nails, etc.	19 07
L. K. Cary & Son, nails and tools	14 78
W. S. Teague, building scraper	5 65
Henry Shaw, iron work	5 00
Julius Peterson, iron work	10 20
Stevens Lumber Co. lumber	17 32
George Parks, labor	62
Thos. McGrath, labor	3 00
F. W. Burns, labor, teams	86 63
B. S. Smith, labor, etc.	4 60
John McNamee, labor	15 00
W. S. Teague, labor	16 00
Wesley Lint, labor	80
John Byron, labor	65

Thos. Deshane, labor	\$	35
H. W. Varney, machine brace		20
C. J. Knights, labor		14 75
C. S. Rich, labor		1 35
C. M. Conant, road scraper		17 75
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Total amount expended	\$1,694	75
Amount unexpended	1,305	25
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	\$3,000	00

TOWN EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town	\$4,000	00
Unexpended in 1897	1,100	94
Overlay in assessment, 1898	188	61
Received from tax deeds	137	74
" State Treas., dog lieense, 1897	8	72
" show license	5	00
" R. & T. tax	1	63
" cash highway surveyors, 1897	14	74
Chas. Kimball to care for clock	29	03
Unexpended in road commissioners account	250	00
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	\$5,736	41

Expended as follows:

C. A. Gammon, printing reports	\$28	50
" " bill heads and pauper orders	4	00
C. V. King, police pay and night watch	30	00
W. S. Teague " "	16	00
F. M. Haines, "	3	00
F. W. Osborne, police 1897-98	10	00
James Dorsey " "	12	75
Loring Short, & Harmon, books	17	29
J. H. Murphy, reporting births	2	75
H. F. Kalloch, "	8	50
Sarah J. Rediker, reporting births and deaths	2	25
J. E. Willey. " "	16	75
H. W. Perry, blanks for dog license	1	25

John McKinney, sheep killed	\$6 00
H. C. Richardson, lamb killed	3 00
W.S. Teague, killing dogs	51 00
L. S. Osgood, moving safe	2 30
Hugh Kiernan, “	1 25
J. A. Bridges “	4 50
Northern Leader, printing voting list	5 00
L. P. Knowles, work on lockup	3 00
Caleb Bartlett, irons for lockup	6 95
J. H. Watt blankets for lockup	3 00
J. S. Hall, locks and bolts for lockup	11 06
L. K. Cary & Son, hardware for lockup	1 98
Chas W. Lock, truant officer	3 00
Jerry H. Libby, ballot clerk	3 00
N. H. Martin, ballot clerk	3 00
W. T. Spear, moderator	5 00
C. A. Gammon, order books for schools	5 50
Mrs. A. C. Paul, books etc.	2 84
Northern Leader, printing for schools	11 20
W. A. Haines, lumber for lockup	4 00
E. E. Austin, water for schools	12 00
Julius Peterson, bolts for clock	1 90
Nicholas Fessenden com. on collection from state	25 00
Nicholas Fessenden for council, pauper cases	50 00
J. F. Hacker, use of hall	30 00
J. F. Hacker, paid for printing warrant	2 00
F. C. Jeffs, careing for clock	29 06
R. H. Perkins, for virus points	8 00
R. H. Perkins, for board of health	40 00
D. J. Bell, for lunacy certificate	3 00
H. W. Perry, recording births, deaths and marriages	30 75
H. W. Perry, record book	8 00
C. H. Dinsmore, abatements 1894 tax	107 04
“ “ 1895 tax	134 72
“ “ 1896 tax	131 07
“ com. 1894-95-96 tax	21 95
“ abatements 1898 tax	146 76
“ com. 1898 tax 2 3-4 per cent	517 16

H. W. Trafton, abatements, 1897 tax	\$208 58
“ comission “	225 00
H. W. Perry, services as town clerk	50 00
J. F. Hacker, services as treasurer	150 00
J. M. Thurlough services as S. A. & O.	150 00
Geo. E. Childs, “ “	150 00
Arthur P. Libby, “ “	300 00
Geo. B. Nicholson, “ supervisor	400 00
Unexpended in 1898	2,514 80
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	\$5,736 41

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

RESOURCES

Amount due from H. W. Trafton 1897 tax—	\$394 62
“ “ “ C. H. Dinsmore 1898 tax	5,480 84
“ “ “ State pauper account	250 85
Tax deeds estimated	1,500 00
Amount due from State account, Amos Boulier	30 00
“ cash in treasury	5,819 03
“ J. A. Day note in treasury	100 00
“ Benj. Hagerman note in treasury	10 00
Due from S. W. Ames, rent of town farm	110 00
“ J. W. Plummer for straw	9 50
“ James McShea, wood	6 00
“ Jessie Kennedy, wood	8 00
“ S. W. Ames, potatoes	15 00
“ other town pauper acct.	25 00
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	\$13,758 84

LIABILITIES

Amount of R. R. Bonds	\$1400 00
“ outstanding orders	408 76
“ “ bills estimated	800 00
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	\$15,208 76
Excess of liabilities over resources	1,449 92

EXPLANATIONS.

We estimate that the total abatements to H. W. Trafton on the 1897 tax will be less than four hundred dollars and as there has been a loss in abatements, discounts, tax deeds and interest—of over three thousand dollars per year on some of our previous taxes we therefore recommend the present system of collecting taxes. We also recommend the present interest on taxes not paid at a fixed date arguing that delinquents should pay interest charges. One of the advantages accruing from the interest charge is the possibility of hiring a collector for about three hundred dollars less. Should the present system continue it would be unnecessary for the town to authorize the selectmen to make temporary loans.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Cash received:

Cash and notes in treasury March 15, 1898,	\$1,595 17
Received from C. W. Kimball new clock acct.	29 03
“ “ G. W. Childs, highway acct.	14 74
“ “ town clerk, dog license, 1898	155 00
“ “ state treasury, dog license 1897	8 72
“ “ temporary loan	2,500 00
“ “ show license	5 00
“ “ tax deeds	137 74
“ “ supervisor tuition common schools	16 75
“ “ “ “ high school	19 50
“ “ “ text books sold	3 75
“ “ treas. of school fund, school acct.	97 76

Received from state treasurer, state pensions		\$252 00
“ “ “ public library		15 00
“ “ “ state paupers		394 26
“ “ “ school fund		3,822 44
“ “ “ R. R. and tel. tax		1 63
“ “ C. H. Dinsmore, collector, for 1894		218 34
“ “ “ “ 1895		326 21
“ “ “ “ 1896		559 82
“ “ “ “ 1898		19,058 92
“ “ “ interest on tax		70 79
“ “ H. W. Trafton, collector for 1897		6,469 36
“ “ state treasurer, free high school		250 00
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		\$36,022 43

Cash paid out:

Paid state tax, for 1898		\$3,434 67
county tax, for 1898		4,263 48
state treasurer, dog license		155 00
interest on bond		630 00
“ to treasurer of school fund		97 76
“ on temporary loan		53 20
temporary loan		2,500 00
state pensions		252 00
town orders of 1897		197 83
“ of 1898		18,509 46
In treasury, J. A. Day note		100 00
“ B. Hagerman note		10 00
“ cash		5819 03
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		\$36,022 43

J. F. HACKER, Treasurer.

Fort Fairfield, March 15, 1899.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE CITIZENS OF FORT FAIRFIELD:

The following report of the condition of your schools is presented for your consideration. The financial statement appears first.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount unexpended in '98	\$ 942 33
“ raised by town	3,500 00
“ received from state	3,822 44
“ M. & S. fund	97 76
“ received from tuition	16 75
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	\$8,379 28
Expended as follows:	
Paid for teachers wages	\$6,505 45
“ transportation	623 00
“ janitors	531 70
“ fuel	586 80
Unexpended	132 33
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	\$8,379 28

FREE TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Amount unexpended in '98	\$ 240 98
“ raised by town	500 00
“ received from books sold	3 75
“ overdrawn	292 81
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	\$1,037 54
Expended:	
Paid for text books	\$918 25
“ for supplies	119 29
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	\$1,037 54

FURNISHING AND REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$500 00
Expended:	
Overdrawn in '98	\$ 95 43
Paid for rent of grammar school room	100 00
Fitting up " " "	36 81
Ordinary repairs	248 34
Unexpended	19 42
	<hr/> \$500 00

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town	\$1,200 00
" received by state	250 00
" " from tuition	19 50
" overdrawn	24 97
	<hr/> \$1,494 47
Expended:	
Overdrawn in '98	\$127 80
Paid W. L. Bonney	966 67
" Clara P. Morrill	150 00
" Harriet F. Holmes	250 00
	<hr/> \$1,494 47

GRANGE HALL SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIR ACCOUNT

Amount raised by town	\$100 00
" received from Grange	8 45
	<hr/> \$108 45
Expended:	
Paid J. S. Hall	\$71 56
" Stevens Lumber Co.	29 54
Unexpended	7 35
	<hr/> \$108 45

In the common school account but two items call for any particular mention. It will be noticed that the item of transportation is considerably larger than it has been before. This is owing to a requirement in the latest school statute, which provides that any school maintaining an average attendance of less than eight for the period of one year shall be discontinued and the children conveyed to some other school, and which further defines the duty of the Superintendent of Schools regarding transportation of pupils. Under these conditions the McIntosh school was closed, and I have been required to furnish conveyance to many scholars this year who have not enjoyed that concession before. The other item is the small unexpended balance. It is a matter of satisfaction to your committee and your superintendent, that they have been able to give the rural schools three terms of ten weeks each, thus equalling the school year of the graded schools in the village. It is earnestly hoped that this standard may hereafter be maintained. The schools have now all closed, and with the exception of two or three teachers who were making up time lost the bills against the account have practically all been paid. The liabilities are a trifle more than the unexpended balance.

The overdraft in the free high school account has been reduced over one hundred dollars, and with the same appropriation from the town, should disappear entirely next year.

The overdraft in the text-book account results from the requirements of the statute. The law compels towns to furnish every pupil with text books. This year only such books have been purchased as were necessary, to supply immediate needs and no new introductions have been made. The law of 1897 prohibits paying for supplies, such as maps, crayon, copy-books, etc., from common school funds as heretofore, and this has added \$119.29 to this account. And finally by common law towns as well as individuals must pay their bills, and since the town has had the money all outstanding bills have been paid. It will be remembered that three years ago the town owed nearly \$1000 for books. The last of these bills have been paid and all text books accounts settled.

In the furnishings and repairs account \$136.81 appears as

paid for rent and furnishing of a room for the grammar school. The necessity for this will be discussed elsewhere. I will only say in connection with the financial statement that there was no other account to which this item could be charged. The ordinary repairs include, besides the annual expenditures for broken glass, locks, door-panels parts of stoves, brooms, etc., \$52 for the temporary repairs on the high school building, and \$30 for patching plastering in the district houses through the town.

It will be remembered that the school legislation of 1897 retired all school officers in the state in March 1898, and it therefore became the duty of the town to elect at that time a new Superintending School Committee. It seemed an excellent opportunity to inaugurate a new policy in the management of our schools, one in which the members of the committee should bear a portion of the responsibility, while the superintendent would enjoy the privilege of their co-operation and advice. Instead therefore of considering its duty completed when it had elected a superintendent, the committee has met frequently, and no step of importance has been taken without careful consideration by the entire board of school officers. The fact that the school committee is keeping thoroughly in touch with the progress of the schools, should give added confidence to the citizens, in the work of that important department. For myself, I gladly take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for their uniform courtesy and patience, their generous expenditure of time, and their valuable assistance.

There have been many changes in our corps of teachers during the year. The village schools opened the school year with four new teachers. A number of those who had been doing successful work in the country districts also left us. It is gratifying to note that some of them are fitting themselves at the Normal schools to return and do better work in the future. Such efforts on the part of young women of the town should be encouraged.

The work done has been in the main satisfactory. Each year shows an improvement in the graded schools as their

work becomes more and systematized. The superior advantages of these schools have been the subject of frequent remark to me during the year, by parents whose children have been conveyed to the village for the first time. It is most desirable that such advantages should be extended. It would be entirely feasible, and practical to combine five existing districts in a good graded system near Maple Grove, and to consolidate three more in the same manner at Stevensville. I urge upon the citizens of those districts the consideration of this matter. Should such a policy be adopted it would be the most progressive step the town has taken in educational matters for many years.

With the teaching ability at our disposal, it is not possible to have all schools equally good. Where a teacher has shown marked success in a school, I have endeavored in selecting her successor, to choose a teacher who will maintain her standard and not allow the school to relapse into a state of mediocrity. This may seem like partiality to certain districts, but it seems to be unwise management, to lose any ground that may have been gained. The effort is maintained at the same time, by the elimination of the hopelessly incompetent, and the careful oversight and direction of the inexperienced, to raise the standard all along the line.

The School Committee is making a report, urging the necessity of action for the accommodation of the village schools. Without desiring to intrude upon their prerogatives I wish to call attention to one or two facts which may not come under their notice. The five schools, below the high school, have registered three hundred and twenty-five pupils at one time during the year. This is more than a sufficient number to form seven schools. One primary school alone contained seventy-five children, ranging in age from five to eight years. If those who have ever undertaken the task of entertaining and keeping quiet one or two children of that age for an hour, will try to imagine the effort required to teach such a school, they will not only have larger charity for any possible shortcomings of the teacher, but will appreciate the necessity of immediate steps to relieve the condition. In all the schools,

children are seated at tables in corners of the room, and in some cases, are also occupying the teachers desk, leaving her practically without accommodation for herself.

This condition of affairs resulted in the autumn, in crowding one school out of the lower school-house. Fortunately very acceptable quarters were secured at Elm Block, and the grammar school has been placed there. The absence of a suitable play-ground has been the only undesirable feature of this arrangement. If it could be secured, it might be possible to postpone the evil day another year by submitting to the same uncomfortable and unhealthy conditions as have prevailed in the past, but as we are compelled to vacate the premises at the close of the present year, and no other room seems available, the outlook for the grammar school seems hopeless, unless the recommendation of the committee is accepted with by the town.

I am going to recommend that the town raise \$800 for text-books and supplies this year. After paying the overdraft this will leave available the amount which has been appropriated annually during the past three years. Some new introductions are very necessary. In fact, one was adopted by your committee during the past year, but owing to the anticipated over draft it was reconsidered.

With this single exception I would recommend that the appropriations be made the same as last year viz:—

For Common schools	\$3,500 00
“ Free high school	1,200 00
“ Furnishing and repairs	500 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE BRUCE NICHOLSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

The school committee, in approving the report and recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, as we most earnestly do, feel it our duty to call attention to two matters of pressing importance.

First. The high school building needs extensive repairs. Not well or wisely constructed in the beginning, time and wear have rendered it unfit as well as unsafe for continued use. Economy of money, as well as the safety of teachers and pupils, demand that the building receive such repairs as will put it in as good condition as it can be put in, before the commencement of the coming school year.

To do this will require an outlay of something like fifteen hundred dollars. If not done now, if we content ourselves with insufficient "patching up," the result will be a much greater outlay in the future. It is an old maxim that "a stitch in time saves nine." This maxim is peculiarly applicable to this particular school building at this time.

Second. The committee call your attention to the imperative need of another school house in the village. Year by year the school population increases in the cities, towns and villages, and decreases in the country districts. This is true of the whole country, and this town is no exception. We believe that there is but one rational course to pursue, which is to provide additional school houses whenever and wherever needed. We can see no other course consistent with the duty which the town owes to itself, to its school children and to the state and nation. The one thing no town can afford, is to be negligent or remiss in furnishing adequate and necessary educational facilities. No investment yields so great and lasting returns as the money expended for education, and nothing more surely indicates a non-progressive, decaying town, than a lack of proper and sufficient school houses.

March 15th, 1899.

C. H. STEVENS,	} School Com.
NICHOLAS FESSENDEN,	
H. T. POWERS,	

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

We take pleasure in reporting that our Public Library has been more largely patronized during the past year than in any previous year since it was established. The Librarian's record shows that 6451 books have been taken out of the library since our last report. Although many of the books have been read many times they have generally been well cared for by the people and comparatively few book have been lost or destroyed or unnecessarily injured.

An examination of the books shows that the works of fiction and the lighter literature have been more largely read than the works of biography, history and other standard literature of which our library contains a very good selection.

The large and increasing number of books taken out indicates that the library is very generally appreciated by the people of the town and that it is of very great educational value to them. It is to be regretted that some of the standard works which the library contains are not more generally read as its literary and educational value to our people would thereby be greatly enhanced.

Mr. C. E. Hoit, Jr. who took charge of the library last year has proved himself a very efficient librarian and has been elected for the coming year. The library under his administration has been and will continue to be kept open two full days of each week, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

During the past year 130 new books have been added to the library, making the total number of volumes at present, 984. Many of the old books which had become worn out or destroyed by use have been repaired or replaced by new ones.

The constantly increasing number of books and the increased cost of repairs each year as the books become older have quite materially increased the expense of operating the library and keeping the books in good repair.

We would therefore recommend that the town increase its appropriation this year to the sum of \$200 in order that the amount available for the purchase of new books may not be diminished.

We think that no money appropriated by the town is of more general benefit and advantage to the people than the small sum appropriated each year to our Public Library.

The financial condition of the library will be found in the Treasurer's report, to which you are referred.

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

1898			Cr.	Dr.
March	19.	To overdrawn last year		\$ 1 22
April	11	To pd. Holden Patent Cover Co.		12 77
May	5	To pd. H. O. Perry & Son insurance		9 45
"	7	By Town Order	\$ 25 00	
June	28	To pd. freight and trucking on books		1 04
Sept.	9	By Town Order	116 05	
"	10	To pd. DeWolfe Fiske & Co.		102 80
"	10	To pd. H. M. Orriss, binding books		13 25
Nov.	8	By cash of C. E. Hoit Jr., Librarian, fines	15 00	
Nov.	25	To pd. C. A. Gammon bill ren.		2 25
1899				
Feb.	3	By cash of C. E. Hoit Jr. fines	6 68	
"	4	To pd. DeWolfe Fiske & Co.		6 93
"	14	By H. W. Trafton	6 88	
"	20	By Town Order	23 95	
"	20	To pd. C. E. Hoit Jr., Lib. salery		50 00
March	9	By Town Order	5 45	
"	13	To pd. Ex. on books		50
"	22	By overdrawn to balance	1 20	
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			\$200 21	\$200 21

C. W. JOHNSTON, Treasurer.

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-seventh day of March, 1899, 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 year ensuing.

“ 3. “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for town expenses for the year ensuing.

“ 4 “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for the support of paupers for the year ensuing

“ 5 “ 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.

“ 6 “ 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.

“ 7 “ see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of bridges for the year ensuing.

“ 8 “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for interest on town debt for the year ensuing.

“ 9 “ see what sum of money or statue labor the town will vote to raise for the repair of highways the year ensuing, and at what time and prices the labor shall be performed.

- “ 10 “ see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to sell and by proper instruments assign or quit its claim to any tax deeds of real estate purchased by the town, the title to which real estates has not become absolute.
- “ 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 sums of money the town will vote and raise for repairs on High School Building for the year ensuing.
- “ 16 “ see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to build a school house in the village.
- “ 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 if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term of years the property formerly owned by the Fort Fairfield Creamery Company.
- “ 19 “ see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer to pay the first two one thousand dollar bonds provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with the holders of said bonds.
- “ 20 “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise to be paid to Kilpatrick Post for Memorial Day.

- “ 21 “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise to pay water rents for fire protection for the year ensuing.
- “ 22 “ see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for the Fort Fairfield free town library for the year ensuing.
- “ 23 “ 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.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters at the Selectmen's office during the 23, 24, and 25 days of March from nine until twelve o'clock in the forenoon, and from one until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Given under our hands at Fort Fairfield this 18th day of March A. D. 1899.

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

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Do you think you had better have that Ring repaired or a new stone put in the setting?

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JOHN E. MAGILL,

Att'y at Law.

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BULL NAME

RATTLER.

Color red, calved February 14, 1896, bred by Albert Boswell Pownall, P. E. I. 2d owner Andover Agricultural Society, Andover, N. B. 3d owner D. W. Pickett, Andover, N. B. 4th owner Hopkins Bros. Got by Cleveland, 17891, dam, Red Tape, Vol. XV, by Bonny Lad, 8208, Red Letter, Vol. XV, by Ambassador, imp. 52408, Red Rose, Vol. XV, by Glensman 2d, 28027, Louisa 4th, 6933, by Kinellar, 1939, by Louisa 2d, 6928, by Sir William, 2466, Louisa, 3715, by Sir William, 2466, Mayflower, 3935, by Velvet Jacket, 2551, Rolla, 4498, by Fawkes, imp., 106, 14539, Esterville 4th, 978 by Boz 372, 11200, Esterville 2d, imp. in dam, 155, by Dan O'Connell, 3557, Esterville, imp. 154, by Alfred, 2987, Amethyst, by Prince of Northumberland, 4826, Young Amazon, by Crusader, 934 Amazon, by Sultan, 1483, Bellona, by Mars, 411, Rolla, by North Star, 458.

Rattler will stand the present season at Hopkins Bros. farm.

Terms, \$1.00 by the season.

In case cows do not prove in calf we will allow return priviledges the same, or another cow next season. Where cows are disposed of, no return privileges allowed.

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Fort Fairfield, Me.

Standard Bred Trotting Stallion,
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Foaled June 10, 1882, by Blackwood, (74), 2.31 as a 3-year-old. Sire of 5 in 2.30 list. Sire of Proteine, record 2.18; Blackwood, Jr., 2.22 1-4; Blackwood Prince, 2.23 3-4; Rosewood, 2.27 as a 5-year-old, and Wildwood, 2.30. 1st dam by Alburn; 2d dam by "Imported Hooten." sire of the dam of "Lulu." 2.14 3-4; Blackwood, (74), by Norman, (25), sire of Lulu, 2.14 3-4. May Queen, 2.20; dam by Mambrino Chief, (11), sire of 6 in 2.30 list; "Alburn," by "Almont," (33), sire of 34 in the 2.30 list; dam by "Brown Chief," by "Mambrino Chief," (11); "Norman," (25), by "Morse Horse," (6), sire of Gray Eddie, 2.30.

Orville W. is a mahogany bay, 15 3-4 hands high, weighs over 1,100 lbs., with feet and legs to suit those who look for the best; has a beautiful main and tail; perfectly gentle in and out of harness; has wonderful courage and always appears to feel JUST RIGHT; was bred and raised by Col. R. West, Lexington, Kentucky, and sold when 2 years old to C. W. Nelson, Sunnyside Farm, Waterville, Me. His get rank among the most promising in the country, as their enviable color, size, style, disposition, trotting action and general appearance is transmitted to them in a marked degree by their sire.

Ovrille W., sire of Blackwood Boy, 2.28. Black-Boy stands 16 hands high and weighs 1,150 lbs.

Orville W.'s service fee has been \$25.00 by the season the fast years at Bangor, but wishing to put the service fee where all will use him, he will stand at the owners stable, Fort Fairfield, at \$5.00 by the season. All mares at owners risk. Season closes Sept. 1, 1899.

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