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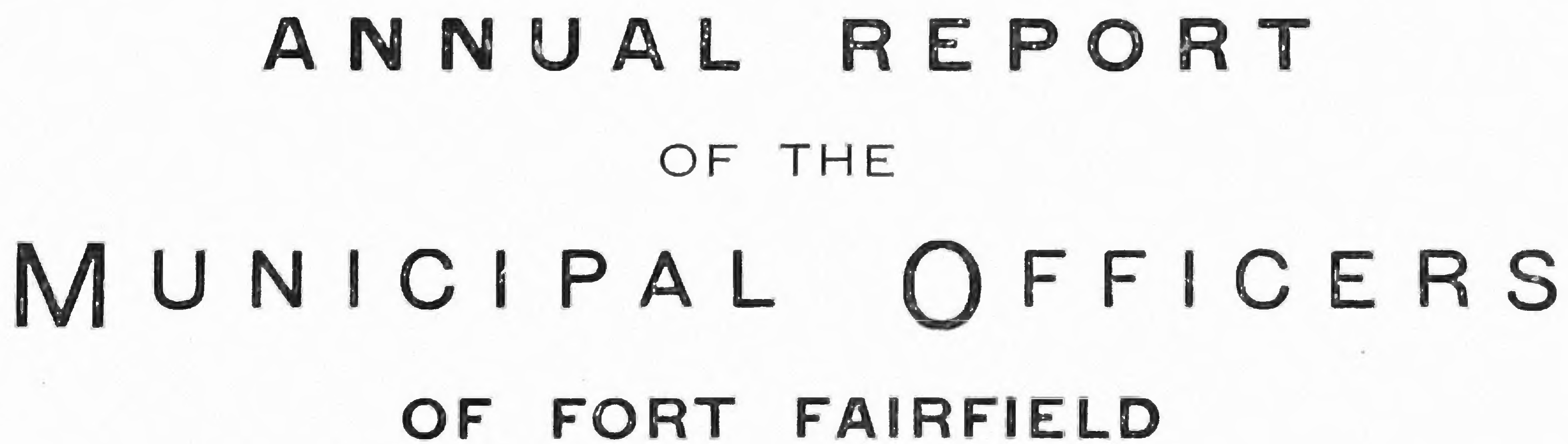
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF FORT FAIRFIELD

For the Year Ending February 20, 1909

PRESS OF FORT FAIRFIELD REVIEW

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen of the Town of Fort Fairfield herewith submit their annual report for the municipal year ending February 20, 1909 :—

VALUATION	REAL ESTATE	PERSONAL ESTATE	TOTAL VALUATION	NO. of POLLS
April 1, 1864			\$114,820	168
April 1, 1870			231,222	345
April 1, 1880	\$316,820	\$81,415	398,235	464
April 1, 1890	464,158	148,160	612,318	705
April 1, 1900	822,810	239,810	1,062,620	921
April 1, 1905	1,257,850	359,270	1,617,120	1,052
April 1, 1906	1,531,325	394,370	1,925,695	1,096
April 1, 1907	1,592,625	451,850	2,044,480	1,110
April 1, 1908	1,639,100	511,060	2,510,160	1,050

CASH TAX, YEAR 1908

Town Expenses	\$4,000 80
Paupers	1,500 00
Highways	5,000 00
Interest	2,000 00
Salary Superintendent of Schools	500 00
Common Schools	10,000 00
Free High Schools	2,000 00
Free Text Books	800 00
Furnishing and Repairs, Schoolhouses	2,000 00
Free Town Library	450 00
Special Appropriation, State Road	251 50
Lighting Streets and Bridge	750 00
Memorial Day Expense	75 00
Hydrant Rental	500 00
Bond No 9	1,000 00
Town Debt	13,000 00
Grange Hall Schoolhouse	750 00
Findlen Road	250 00
Salary Road Commissioners	1,200 00
Overlayings	1,434 13
State Tax	6,051 49
County Tax	3,382 69

Total, 56,894 81

Number of polls taxed, 1,050
 Rate of Poll Tax, \$3.00
 Amount of Poll Tax, \$3,150
 Rate of Taxation on Estates, \$0.025

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Common School Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$10,000	00
Amount received from the State	6,439	44
Amount received from M. & S. Fund	97	76
Amount received from other sources	4	00
Amount received from Tuition	10	00
	16,551 20	
Expended as follows :—		
Amount of Town Orders drawn	\$13,335	85
Amount undrawn to balance	3,215	35
	16,551 20	

Free High School Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$2,000	00
Amount received from the State	125	00
Amount undrawn in 1907	248	98
	2,373 98	

Expended as follows :—

Amount of Town Orders drawn	\$2,003 44
Amount undrawn to balance	370 54
	2,373 98

Salary Supt. of Schools Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$500 00
Expended as follows :—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn, W. L. Powers	\$500 00

Furnishing and Repairs of Schoolhouses

Amount Appropriated by Town	\$2,000 00
Expended as follows :—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn	\$1,984 55
Amount undrawn to balance	15 45
	2,000 00

Free Text Book Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$800 00
Expended as follows :—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn	\$783 30
Amount undrawn to balance	16 70
	800 00

Grange Hall Schoolhouse Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$750 00
Amount unexpended of last year's appropriation	250 00
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	1,000 00
Expended as follows:—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn	\$738 71
Amount undrawn to balance	261 29
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	1,000 00

Street Lighting Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$750 00
Amount unexpended from last year	81 66
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	831 66
Expended as follows:—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn	\$785 37
Amount Undrawn to balance	46 29
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	831 66

Hydrant Rental Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$500 00
Expended as follows:—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn	\$500 00

Bond Payment Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$1,000 00
Expended as follows:—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn	\$1,000 00

Free Library Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$450 00
Amount received from the State	45 00
	495 00
Expended as follows :—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn	\$495 00

Memorial Day Expense Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$75 00
Expended as follows :—	
Amount of Town Order drawn	\$75 00

Town Debt Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$13,000 00
Expended as follows :—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn for breaking winter roads, winter of 1907-1908 :—	
Cora Houghton	\$145 00
Stacey Webb	100 00
Howard Todd	80 00

Robert L. Guiggey	\$ 50 00
Milledge Armstrong	55 00
Mrs. C. N. Bard	62 00
Ray O. Haines	70 00
W. A. Haines	85 00
W. H. Haynes	40 00
L. R. Seeley	60 00
Edward Elliott	80 00
John Cahill	66 00
David Murphy	37 00
Clinton White	63 00
Howard Todd	5 00
	998 00
Amount undrawn to balance, carried to Town	
Expense Account	12,002 00
	13,000 00

Findlen Road Repair Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$250 00
Expended as follows:—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn	\$129 89
Amount undrawn, carried to Highway account	120 11
	250 00

Road Commissioners' Salary Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$1,200 00
Expended as follows:—	
Amount of Town Orders drawn, A. L. Haines	\$446 75
W. A. Harlow	145 00
H. S. Blaisdell	127 75
G. W. Currier	25 00
Amount undrawn to balance	455 50
	1,200 00

Interest Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$2,000 00
Amount received from C. H. Dinsmore, collector of 1907	148 79
	2,148 79
Expended as follows:—	
Amount of Town Order drawn to D. H. Boyd, Treas.	\$1,993 86
Amount of Town Order drawn to H. W. Trafton	18 00
Amount undrawn to balance	136 93
	2,148 79

Town Pauper Account

Amount appropriated by Town	\$1,500 00
Amount received from Town of Amity, Tracey Case	296 90
Amount received from the State, Dyer Case	79 25
Amount received from the State, Scott Case	98 60
Amount received from Barnes family	15 00
Amount received from Powers & Guild, R. J. Nelson case.	15 19
	2,004 94

Expended as follows: —

George Cox	
Paid John Dorsey, rent in 1907	\$18 00
J. E. Wiley, medical services	8 50
S. W. Ames, rent	8 00
D. H. Boyd, wood	3 50
Hopkins Bros., supplies	26 00
Caribou, supplies	16 00
E. Watson, wood	2 50
	82 50

Leila Fisher

Paid J. H. Fisher, support	\$66 00
burial expenses	30 00
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	96 00

Mrs. Viola Tracey, Amity

Paid W. G. Chamberlain, nurse's bill	\$75 00
W. G. Chamberlain, medical services, self and others	188 10
K. C. Haycock & Co., burial expenses	28 00
French Bros., robe, etc.	3 75
A. Tracey, R. R. ticket	2 05
Johnston Co., bedding	9 50
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	306 40

Frank Scott, State

Paid Hopkins Bros., supplies at \$2 per week	\$74 00
Jos. Pearce & Sons, supplies at \$2 per week	40 00
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	114 00

Jessie May Little, State

A FEEBLE-MINDED CHILD

Paid Mrs. Fannie L. Rhodes, board at \$2 per week, Belfast, Maine	\$62 00
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Mrs. Dorcas Dyer

Paid Dr. Kalloch, medical services	\$10 00
Mrs. Ansel Rogers, board	37 75
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	47 75

Joe Crock, 1907

Paid G. W. Currier, wood	\$5 00
W. H. Doran, supplies	19 73
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	24 73

Joe Brown

Paid J. F. Hopkinson, board	\$50 00
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F. W. Towle Family

Paid Bangor, support	\$222 85
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Pat Murphy

Paid E. Colony, board	\$75 00
Gabriel Bros., clothing	18 00
Boyd Bros.	2 65
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	105 65

Mary Chambers

Paid Tom E. Hacker, shoes	\$2 50
W. H. Doran, supplies	147 02
Boyd Bros., shoes	1 06
Dr Kalloch, medical services,	2 50
John Chambers, board	24 00
	177 08

Elsie Smith

Paid Mrs Ansel Rogers, moving by team	\$2 00
Caribou, supplies	20 00
	22 00

George Emerson

Paid Mrs. Susan Kelley, board	\$50 00
Fort Fairfield Clothing Co., clothing	19 45
W. G. Chamberlain, medical services	3 00
	72 45

Mary Levesque

Paid Mrs. Ansel Rogers, board	\$12 50
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Jane Smith

Paid Mrs. R. Lovely, board and care	\$10 00
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Delia Gudroe

Paid Dr. Kalloch, medical services	\$10 00
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Tramps

Paid R. J. McKee, board	\$9 00
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	1,424 91
Amount undrawn to balance	580 03
	2,004 49

State Road Account

Amount appropriated by Town, special	\$251 50
Amount taken by law from appropriation for Highways	503 00
Amount received from State	565 87
	1,320 37

Town Orders drawn as follows :—

Paid W. Antworth, labor	\$4 00
R. Sirois, labor	3 00
R. Sirois, labor	6 75
W. Antworth, labor	10 50
John Cahill, labor	15 00
Felix Hunter, labor	10 50
Mary G. Stevens, team	27 00
W. Antworth, labor	20 00

B. Spear, labor	\$3 75
W. Nodding, labor	7 00
H. Foss, labor	33 75
W. Ryder, labor	11 00
E. Johnson, labor	3 50
Jos. Burbe, labor	10 50
R. Sirois, labor	10 50
E. Paradis, labor	1 50
John L. Rodgers, labor	3 00
N. Sirois, labor	6 00
Henry Hansen, labor	3 50
W. Bell, labor	3 00
Frank Averill, team	64 50
W. Antworth, labor	12 50
Jos. Burbe, labor	2 11
R. Sirois, labor	8 05
N. Sirois, labor	1 50
W. Ryder, labor	10 00
H. Hansen, labor	8 05
W. Nodding, labor	8 05
H. Foss, labor	18 80
John L. Rodgers, labor	8 25
E. Paradis, labor	7 50
E. Johnson, labor	8 05
W. Bell, labor	7 05
F. L. McDonald, labor	2 81
R. Sirois, labor	70
U. Violette, labor	3 30

Fred Violette, labor	\$3 00
M. McCaron, stone	2 50
Geo. Lint, stone	5 00
U. Violette, labor	2 50
G. W. Williams, stone	12 00
H. D. Stevens, team	43 75
W. Nodding, labor	8 75
E. Johnson, labor	1 75
U. Violette, labor	3 00
H. Hansen, labor	8 75
W. Ryder, labor	6 00
Grover Dorsey, labor	8 75
W. Antworth, labor	12 50
Fred Everett, labor	6 13
R. Sirois, labor	8 75
W. Bell, labor	7 50
F. L. McDonald, labor	7 00
F. Bellfleur, labor	7 88
H. Foss, team	20 00
A. L. Averill, stone	8 50
B. S. Smith, stone	25 00
Fred Oldenburg, stone	9 50
H. Hansen, labor	2 62
W. Nodding, labor	4 37
R. Sirois, labor	9 62
W. Bell, labor	6 75
F. L. McDonald, labor	7 00
W. Ryder, labor	14 00

Grover Dorsey, labor	\$10 50
W. Antworth, labor	16 00
F. Everett, labor	7 00
A. Spinney, stone	3 20
F. Bellfleur, labor	10 50
H. Foss, team	20 00
Stephen Higgins, stone	6 50
E. Schwartz, labor	2 25
H. Hansen, labor	3 50
Ed Levesque, labor	2 25
E. V. Rodgers, labor	3 00
Grover Dorsey, labor	5 25
Frank J. Averill, stone	17 50
W. Burke, stone	10 00
G. Hewett, stone	2 50
H. Leslie, labor	8 75
S. Eyers, labor	7 50
Geo. H. Everett, stone	18 50
E. Johnson, labor	3 50
H. Hansen, labor	1 75
George Johnston, stone	10 50
F. Bellfleur, labor	8 75
W. Ryder, labor	12 00
F. Everett, labor	1 75
W. Antworth, labor	7 00
H. Foss, team	16 00
R. Sirois, labor	10 50
L. G. Kimball, stone	11 00

John S. Dorsey, stone	\$40 00
A. R. Everett, labor	2 75
Charles Lovely, stone	9 50
W. Bell, labor	2 25
J. E. McIntosh, team	93 75
A. Spinney, stone	3 80
R. Sirois, labor	3 50
Charles Currier, stone	9 50
B. O. Smith, stone	5 00
H. Fisher, stone	22 20
George W. Parks, cement	12 50
R. Sirois, labor	1 75
Mary G. Stevens, team	9 35
A. L. Averill, stone	3 00
A. P. Libby, stone	29 00
Hopkins Bros., cement	12 50
W. A. Harlow, team	19 50
Fred Osborne, stone	3 50
N. Nichols, stone	2 00
Mary G. Stevens, team	48 60
C. White, stone	2 50
W. A. Haines, team	18 00
H. G. Richards, stone	4 50
E. J. Dorsey, stone	15 00
Charles Kalloch, stone	7 00
J. F. Currier, stone	1 50
Mary G Stevens, team	9 00
M. F. Dorsey, plank	2 00

F. A. Thurlough, sprinkler	\$10 00
W. Churchill, stone	2 00
Caribou Sewer Co., pipe	16 49
P. L. Hardison, inspector	33 14
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	1,320 37

HIGHWAYS ACCOUNT

Amount appropriated by Town	\$5,000 00
Amount unexpended of appropriation for Findlen Road	120 11
Amounts received as follows :—	
Paid Gabriel Bros., curbing	45 90
I. O. O. F., curbing	33 00
George Fisher, tar	22 00
Henry Darkis, tar	5 50
Bishop Bros., tar	13 50
E. S. Patterson, tar	5 50
P. W. Deane, grading	2 00
E. E. Holt, sand	7 00
R. R. Reynolds, tar	1 89
B. Kimball, sand	2 40
L. Haines, sand	6 00
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	5,264 80

Taken from appropriation and carried to State
Road Account according to provisions of law \$503 00

Town Orders drawn as follows :—

Paid Joseph Dolly, breaking winter roads, 1907	\$55 00
A. R. Everett, breaking winter roads, 1907	33 00
Taylor Bros., breaking winter roads, 1907	35 00
G. W. Turner, breaking winter roads, 1907	40 00
E. Watson, breaking winter roads, 1907	75 00
Sam Russell, breaking winter roads, 1907	25 00
J. E. Price, work on snow plow	13 25
Geo. W. Parker, breaking winter roads, 1907	20 00
Mrs. D. Burtsell, breaking winter roads, 1907	5 00
Hugh Kiernan, breaking winter roads, 1907	80 00
John S. Dorsey, breaking winter roads, 1907	82 00
James Graves, labor	5 00
R. Sirois, labor	7 00
Joseph Burebe, labor	5 30
Walter Holder, labor	3 40
Ed Schwartz, labor	4 75
M. Ferriter, labor	3 50
Bert L. Parker, labor	3 85
Henry Theriault, labor	5 30
Paul Boulier, labor	1 20
Will Smith, labor,	10 00
W. Murphy, labor	3 50
A. H. Averill, labor	10 80
John Cahill, labor	20 00
M. G. Stevens, labor	27 00
Henry Burke, breaking winter roads, 1907	20 00
Nicholas Somers, labor	12 00

Wm. Guiggey, labor	\$12 00
James Graves, labor	6 00
W. Smith, labor	10 00
Jos. Burebe, labor	10 00
C. Weston, labor	7 00
Paul Boulier, labor	11 00
Henry Theriault, labor	7 00
Mike Theriault, labor	7 00
R. Sirois, labor	11 00
H. Foss, labor	14 00
W. A. Haines, labor	47 25
John Cahill, labor	8 00
Mike Theriault, labor	4 00
Joseph Burebe, labor	12 00
W. Smith, labor	12 00
R. Sirois, labor	12 00
C. Weston, labor	2 00
Paul Boulier, labor	12 00
E. Schwartz, labor	2 62
Stephen Higgins, labor	10 00
John Christian, breaking winter roads, 1907	3 00
C. O. Beckwith, labor	30 00
Joseph Burebe, labor	9 40
Paul Boulier, labor	9 40
R. Sirois, labor	12 00
E. Smith, labor	6 15
Grover Martin, labor	4 05
M. Theriault, labor	8 00

J. Levesque, labor	\$7 50
W. Bell, labor	6 75
Joseph Burebe 2d, labor	3 00
H. Hansen, labor	3 00
Fred Theriault, labor	3 00
H. Foss, labor	22 50
Geo. Foss, labor	13 00
H. A. Johnston, labor	7 00
F. O. Osborne, labor	4 50
C. E. Heath, labor	5 00
W. Guiggey, labor	13 50
Horace Green, labor	9 00
W. Fraser, breaking winter roads, 1907	5 00
James Day, labor	8 00
Joseph Burebe, labor	12 00
R. Sirois, labor	12 00
Paul Boulier, labor	12 00
M. Theriault, labor	12 00
Joseph Burebe 2d, labor	9 00
W. Antworth labor	15 00
W. Bell, labor	9 00
A. Demerchant, labor	10 25
C. Cox, labor	75
Grover Martin, labor	10 25
H. Hansen, labor	7 87
J. Levesque, labor	9 00
H. Foss, labor	27 00
Geo. Foss, labor	33 00

W. Guiggey, labor	\$12 00
M. Monson, plank	95 70
W. Murphy, labor	9 75
S. Hersey, labor	2 00
W. Ward, labor	10 00
Albert Holmes, labor	11 90
Nelson Grant, labor	11 90
A. Day, labor	8 00
H. Day, labor	4 00
N. Somers, labor	24 75
Thos. Dorsey, labor	16 00
Vetal Boulier, labor	2 00
H. Foss, labor	5 50
R. Johnston, labor	4 37
H. Hansen, labor	4 37
Grover Martin, labor	4 37
A. Bailey, labor	3 00
W. Antworth, labor	6 25
W. Bell, labor	3 75
R. Sirois, labor	5 00
Paul Boulier, labor	2 50
A. Demerchant, labor	4 37
Joseph Bnrebe 2d, labor	5 00
W. Bell, labor	4 50
W. Hitchcock, labor	20 00
H. Hansen, labor	1 75
A. Demerchant, labor	2 63
W. Antworth, labor	5 00

M. Theriault, labor	\$1 50
R. Johnston, labor	2 63
Perry Doak, labor	5 25
Ansel Rogers, labor	5 00
R. Sirois, labor	3 00
Nelson Grant, labor	12 00
Albert Holmes, labor	12 00
F. D. Haynes, labor	45 00
F. P Grant, breaking winter roads, 1907	35 00
Vetal Boulier, labor	85
Isaac Nichols, labor	9 00
R. Burtsell, labor	18 00
W. Guiggey, labor	10 00
Perry Clark, labor	4 00
A. Day, labor	6 00
W. Ward, labor	10 00
H. Day, labor	20 00
Perley Johnston, labor	45 00
G. W. Williams, labor	11 00
W. Foss, labor	2 50
Frank Dorsey, labor	1 00
Homer Fisher, labor	5 50
Charles Currier, labor	31 50
Charles Beckwith, labor	16 00
L. Lavoix, labor	46 00
James Day, labor	14 00
John Day, labor	4 00
Jos. Fisher, labor	10 00

A. Spinney, labor	\$18 00
Thos. A. Kennedy, cedars for culvert, 1907	2 50
B. G Rediker, labor	5 00
E. L. Conant,	84 30
W. Guiggey, labor	8 00
Jos. Bishop, labor	15 00
W. Hitchcock, labor	16 00
M. Theriault, labor	5 00
Joseph Burebe, labor	5 00
Grover Martin, labor	6 00
Wm. White, labor	8 00
Frank White, labor	8 00
M. Nichols, stone	9 00
John Dorsey, stone	5 00
Geo. Strickland, labor	4 00
Jud Chapman, labor	4 50
D. Nichols, labor	4 00
D. Nichols, stone	3 00
R. Sirois, labor	5 50
Tom Deschane, labor	4 00
E. Johnson, labor	5 50
H. Foss, labor	11 00
A. Maiore, labor	2 50
M. McCaron, labor	6 50
W. Murphy, labor	1 25
F. W. Osborne, labor	20 00
W. A. Haines, labor	48 00
John Lundy, labor	5 00

C. L. Dill, cedars	\$15 00
Gordon Glew, labor	8 75
Ira Putnam, labor	1 50
R. Burtsell, labor	8 00
Geo. W. Currier	45 00
John Dorsey, labor	60 00
J. E. McIntosh, labor	7 13
M. G. Stevens, labor	39 00
Charles Beckwith, labor	38 97
John Kelley, labor	10 00
Amos Crock, labor	16 00
Clyde Crock, labor	16 00
Charles Locke, labor	4 37
Charles Grant, labor	18 00
Charles Churchill, labor	4 00
W. A. Harlow, labor	31 50
Albert Holmes	2 00
Nelson Grant, labor	2 00
H. S. Blaisdell, labor	17 62
Wm. Ward, labor	18 00
Wm. Guiggey, labor	12 00
N. Somers, labor	26 00
Geo. W. Eastman, labor	3 50
E. Pimlett, labor	17 50
H. Achorn, labor	16 00
W. Antworth, labor	16 00
Tom Deschane, labor	12 00
R. Sirois, labor	12 00

H. Foss, labor	\$19 00
J. Simonds, labor	1 50
Charles Currier, labor	24 75
Gordon Glew, labor	5 25
F. Oldenburg, labor	2 00
F. D. Haynes, labor	40 00
Fred Butler, labor	22 40
Geo. Kinney, labor	8 00
R. Sirois, labor	4 00
E. Pimlott, labor	10 00
H. Achorn, labor	2 00
Jos. Burebe, labor	2 00
Gabriel Bros., labor	1 50
H. Foss, labor	4 00
C. J. Knight, labor	4 50
E. V. Rogers, labor	80
D. Hitchcock, labor	8 00
Gordon Glew, labor	6 13
Alf. Flanery, labor	2 00
S. Colbroth, labor	106 39
E. E. Munce, labor	33 50
W. A. Haines, labor	25 00
H. L. Grant, labor	1 00
W. Nichols, labor	8 00
W. Somers, labor	8 00
W. Chambers, labor	3 50
H. S. Blaisdell, labor	11 90
A. H. Tapley, labor	2 00

Charles Currier, labor	\$14 25
L. Lavoix, labor	11 00
Geo. Guiggey, labor	9 50
John Kelly, labor	8 25
W. Hitchcock, labor	10 00
John Flanery, labor	6 00
Wm. Guiggey, labor	10 00
F. D. Haynes, labor	5 00
Holden Turner, labor	9 00
Hopkins Bros., breaking winter roads 1907	49 00
S. Nichols, labor	2 00
Isaac Flanery, labor	2 00
John C. Foster, breaking winter roads 1907	7 00
Fred Osborne, labor	5 25
R. Sirois, labor	1 75
Charles Currier, labor	2 00
Charles Everett, labor	10 50
Charles Fisher, labor	1 75
H. S. Harlow, labor	1 00
Charles Doak, labor	1 50
W. A. Harlow, labor	19 95
M. N. Dorsey, labor	5 00
Geo. W. Currier, labor	5 00
John McGlynn, labor	8 00
Frank McDonald, labor	8 00
A. J. Higgins, labor	18 00
H. Nadean, labor,	1 13
John McNamee, jr.,	8 00

Fred Butler, labor	\$6 13
H. S. Blaisdell, labor	6 40
James Day, labor	2 00
John McDonald, labor	14 00
Doug Hitchcock, labor	8 00
James Day, labor	8 00
S. Nichols, labor	20 00
W. Ward	8 00
J. E. McIntosh, labor	1 87
Leigh Goodrich, labor	4 00
C. A. Plummer, labor	30 00
Geo. Stone, labor	3 00
Perry Doak, labor	4 81
Thos. Dorsey, labor	18 00
John McKinney, labor	20 00
Amos Crock, labor	9 50
Geo. Turner, labor	6 00
H. L. Grant, breaking winter roads, 1907	2 50
F. D. Haynes, labor	8 89
W. H. Haynes, labor	15 56
E. E. Munce, labor	5 00
Frank Averill, labor	7 50
Peter Christianson, labor	25 00
A. J. Higgins, labor	1 25
Fred Butler, labor	5 25
John Levesque, labor	2 00
Fred Russell, labor	12 00
Doug Hitchcock, labor	4 00

Herbert Hitchcock, labor	\$4 00
W. J. Flanery, labor in 1907	5 00
S. Tomlinson, labor	2 29
Charles Doak, labor	7 00
W. A. Harlow, labor	25 00
Fred Butler, labor	2 00
W. A. Harlow, labor	35 12
Lyman Everett, labor	1 00
J. A. Parker, labor	3 00
E. N. Davis, labor	5 25
B. A. Flewelling, labor	24 00
Hans Christianson, labor	6 00
S. E. Ames, labor	5 00
Gardner Perkins, labor	8 15
H. S. Blaisdell, labor	18 00
N. Somers, labor	5 50
Aroostook Lumber Co., plank	35 80
W. E. Knight, labor	4 50
A. Spinney, labor	2 00
Bishop Bros., labor	15 00
N. Somers, labor	5 00
Frank Turner, breaking winter roads, 1007	5 00
Charles Lovely, labor	1 00
J. Peterson, rent of dump cart	75
M. Morison, lumber	71 16
H. G. Richards, stone	17 00
W. A. Harlow, labor	7 00
W. Morris, labor	2 50

W. Higgins, labor	\$2 00
Stacey Webb, labor	2 00
A. A. Hockenhull	10 00
Hopkins Bros., lumber and labor	8 00
L. K. Cary & Son, supplies	65 37
Frank White, repairing bridge	5 00
G. W. Currier, repairing snow plows	12 75
A. D. McKinnon, labor	2 10
L. W. Stevens, labor and lumber	9 74
Lincoln Guiggey, labor and lumber	8 00
A. L. Harris, sundry small bills	19 29
J. F. Currier, stone and breaking roads	1 50
H. S. Blaisdell, cash paid out for labor	113 25
J. D. Locke, labor	8 00
C. A. Plummer, labor	8 00
M. McLaughlin, labor	4 00
Mrs. C. N. Bard, labor	5 00
B. S. Smith, labor	1 00
Aroostook Tel. Co., cedars	1 50
Hopkins Bros., boards	4 95
H. W. Perry & Co, materials	3 68
G. W. Currier, cash paid out for labor	17 32
Geo. H. McKee, labor and lumber	4 45
Rogers Varney Co., materials	14 43
Amount undrawn to balance	573 77
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	5,264 80

Expended by Road Commissioners as follows:—

Paid A. L. Haines	\$1,244	54
H. S. Blaisdell	1,223	12
W. A. Harlow	1,014	83
G. W. Currier	34	52

TOWN EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Amount appropriated by Town	\$4,000	00
Amount unexpended from last year	1,037	62
Amount of overlay in assessment	1,434	14
Amounts received from State		
Olson case, insane	215	33
State, dog license money (1907)	88	09
From Mrs. M. Dorsey, account of E. L. Dorsey,		
insane	156	86
S. E. Ames, account of A. S. Ames, insane	59	14
N. H. Martin, victualler's license	1	00
J. A. Magill, victualler's license	1	00
R. J. McKee, victualler's license	1	00
E. Watson, merry-go-round	5	00
E. Bubar, note	22	75
A. R. Gould, stone crusher rent	250	00
Rose A. Haley, ground rent	5	00
Unexpended from appropriation for Town debt	12,002	00
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	19,278	93

Expended as follows:—

Paid C. C. Harvey, printing town report, 1907	\$83 50
H. D. Stevens, light, town office	2 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books	20 25
J. E. Wiley, reporting deaths	4 50
P. W. Deane, labor on sewer	7 50
E. W. Curtis, overpaid poll tax, 1907	3 00
A. L. Haines, overpaid poll tax, 1907	3 00
John H. Avery, overpaid poll tax, 1907	3 00
E. W. Freeman, street lighting bill, 1907	83 72
C. C. Harvey, printing and voucher books	9 00
Geo. W. Hilton, bridge signs	5 00
C. S. Dudley, treas. account of Mildred Brown	11 25
Tom E. Hacker, rent of hall	20 00
Osime Bell, cleaning lockup	9 00
H. O. Perry & Son, insurance, Town barn	32 00
C. M. Conant & Co, cutters for road machine	18 43
C. V. King, services, small pox matter	12 00
A. C Paul, supplies, ink, etc., 1907	60
E. R. Blaisdell, burying dead animal	2 00
Geo. H. McKee, repairs on crusher	12 60
H. D. Stevens, light, town office	1 00
C. McDougal, constable and night watch	6 50
A. F. Goodhue, care of town clock	25 00
Van Knowles, painting drinking fountain	4 50
C. H. Dinsmore, part pay, collecting taxes, 1907	300 00
Good Roads Machinery Co., plates for crusher	50 00

Aroostook Republican, printing state road notice	\$3 50
Osime Bell, constable and night watch	7 40
A. R. Everett, constable and night watch	5 00
Geo. H. McKee, constable and night watch	6 50
Charles S. Pearl, treas: support Emma L. Dorsey, insane	39 43
Charles S. Pearl, treas, Blanche Russell, insane	146 38
Charles S. Pearl, treas, support R. C. Coes, insane	253 38
Charles S. Pearl, support A. S. Ames, insane	59 14
C. P. Railway, freight and express	2 63
H. D. Stevens, light town office	1 00
American Express Co., express on toggles for crusher	3 10
A. L. Haines, repairs on bridge over river	14 50
H. D. Stevens, light town office	1 00
Frank Hanson, labor on voting booths	16 53
B. & A., R. R. freight on castings	4 69
Osime Bell, night watch	12 00
P. L. Hardison, services, state road	31 11
H. D. Stevens, light town office	1 00
Josephine Kennedy, sheep killed by dogs	17 00
Chas. J. Knight, constable and night watch	5 00
Town of Durham, committal exp. to Hospital, Mrs. Shaw	20 75
H. W. Trafton, year book	2 00

C. V. King, constable and night watch	\$9 00
E. Watson, part pay, selectman, A. & O.	200 00
J. R. Thurlough, part pay, selectman, A. & O.	200 00
N. Fessenden, part pay, selectman, A. & O.	200 00
C. V. King, services, dog tax cases	10 00
H. W. Trafton, services, dog tax cases	10 00
Town of Durham, hosp. expenses of Mrs Shaw	43 90
Frank Ames, wood town office	5 00
Ft. F. Light & Power Co., light town office	1 00
Osime Bell, night watch	24 00
John H. Watt, supplies for crusher	3 10
Tom E. Hacker, rent of hall, elections	30 00
A. L. Haines, Gray's bill, repairs on machines	33 43
R. A. Shaw, maintaining watering tub	3 00
W. H. Knight, constable and night watch	5 00
F. O. Osborne, constable and night watch	5 00
Silas Jameson, overpaid tax	45 00
C. H. Dinsmore, abatements tax of 1907	182 90
C. H. Dinsmore, balance commissions, tax of 1907	86 13
J. G. Paul, repairs, machines and carts	11 25
E. C. Osgood sidewalk snow plow	85 00
Mrs. C. F. Williams, rent to Nov. 1, town office	36 00
C. S. Pearl, treasurer, Blanche Russell, insane	52 65
C. S. Pearl, treasurer, R. C. Coes, insane	52 50
C. S. Pearl, treasurer, Emma L. Dorsey, insane	39 00

C. S. Pearl, treasurer, A. S. Ames, insane	\$62 95
C. H. Dinsmore, truant officer, health officer	50 00
Fort Fairfield Light & Power Co., light town office	1 00
Fort Fairfield Light & Power Co., light town office	1 00
B. & A., R. R. freight	2 48
F. W. Osborne, sheep killed by dogs	48 00
Frank Magee, sheep killed oy dogs	14 00
Good Roads, Machinery Co., plates and toggles	65 00
J. R. Thurlough, books, R. R. farcs, etc.,	6 58
John Gregg, wood, town office	3 50
C. C. Harvey, printing road notices	4 50
C. C. Harvey, services as ballot clerk	6 00
E. K. Guild, services as ballot clerk	6 00
N. H. Martin, services as election clerk	3 00
H. O. Perry, services as election clerk	6 00
W. A. Haines, services as election clerk	3 00
F. W. Osborne, sheep killed by dogs	36 00
A. F. Goodhue, care of town clock and stationery	25 20
A. H. Damon, reporting births and deaths	6 25
Fort Fairfield Light & Power Co., light town office	1 00
A. L. Sawyer. reporting births and deaths	2 75
E. Watson, balance pay selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	100 00

J. R. Thurlough, balance pay selectman, assistant overseer of poor,	\$100 00
N. Fessenden, balance pay selectman, assistant overseer of poor,	600 00
D. H. Boyd, postage	6 08
N. Fessenden, stationery, postage, teams, etc.,	13 46
C. C. Harvey, printing	27 75
Hacker Heirs, land damage	29 30
H. W. Perry & Co., locks, lockup	3 35
P. W. Deane, labor, lockup and fountain	12 80
W. G. Chamberlain, reporting births and deaths	20 00
B. A. Churchill, abatements on taxes 1908	219 00
B. A. Churchill, abatements on taxes 1908	533 75
B. A. Churchill, commissions on \$49,000 collected	490 00
H. F. Kalloch, reporting births and deaths	13 50
A. D. Sawyer, services, board of health	25 00
D. H. Boyd, services, town treasurer	250 00
D. H. Boyd, cash paid C. S. Pearl, treasurer	
Insane Hospital, care of E. L. Dorsey,	39 43
Insane Hospital, care of A. S. Ames,	63 59
Insane Hospital, care of R. C. Coes,	46 53
Insane Hospital, care of B. Russell,	44 68
Amount undrawn to balance	13,528 25
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	\$19,278 93

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

Resources

Amount of cash in treasury	\$4,186 50
Amount due from B. A. Churchill, collector, gross	7,368 35
Liabilities above resources	13,978 90
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	25,533 75

Liabilities

Bridge bonded debt	\$20,000 00
Railway bonded debt	5,000 00
Outstanding town order No. 1009	533 75
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	25,533 74

Outstanding Bills Due Town

A. R. Gould, use of stone crusher from 1907	\$50 00
Trotting Park Association from 1907	50 00
J. A. Magill, curbing and sidewalk from 1906	78 00

Town Property

Stone crushers	\$1,800 00
Town barn and lot	800 00
Road machines	400 00
Dump carts, plows, wagon, etc.,	250 00
Tools	50 00

STATEMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Bridge Bonds. Amount of Each Bond \$1000. Interest 3 1-2 per cent

NOS.	DATE OF MATURITY	NAME OF PRESENT HOLDER
1 and 2	Feb. 1, 1910	Gardiner Savings Inst., Gardiner, Maine
3 and 4	1, 1911	
5 and 6	1, 1912	
7 and 8	1, 1913	
9 and 10	1, 1914	
11	1, 1915	Penobscot Savings Bank, Bangor, Maine
14	1, 1916	
16	1, 1917	
18	1, 1918	
19	1, 1919	
12	1, 1915	Houlton Savings Bank, Houlton, Maine
13	1, 1916	
15	1, 1917	
17	1, 1918	
20	1, 1919	

Railroad Bonds. Amount of Each Bond \$1000. Interest 4 1-2 per cent.

NOS.	DATE OF MATURITY	NAME OF PRESENT HOLDER
10	Aug. 1, 1909	Broadway Sv'gs Bank, Lawrence, Mass.
11	1, 1910	
12	1, 1911	
13	1, 1912	
14	1, 1913	

REMARKS

Your selectmen desire to state in concluding this report that not a single appropriation has been overdrawn during this municipal year. There is an undrawn balance in every account.

We have paid the current expenses of the year in full, except a few bills which have not been presented at the date of closing the books.

We have paid balance of 1907 county tax	\$1,382 69
Old Town Order, held by	
Augusta Savings Bank	4,000 00
Balance of temporary	
loan of 1907	8,500 00
Road breaking bills of	
1907	1,582 00

All of which came to us this year, as an unpaid legacy from last year.

We have paid in full all the temporary loans made during this year of 1908.

At this date the town owes nothing except its bonded debt of \$25,000.00, which can be paid only as it comes due, the scattering small bills which have not been presented, one outstanding town order of \$533.75, and what

may be due for road breaking during the present winter which cannot be determined until May 1st next.

Against these items may be placed—amount in the hands of B. A. Churchill, collector of 1908, the

sum of \$7,368 35

In treasury the further sum of 4,186 50

11,554 85

E. WATSON

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN

Selectmen of Fort Fairfield

February 20, 1909.



REPORT OF TREASURER

D. H. Boyd, Treasurer, In Account With Town of Fort Fairfield:

February 20, 1908

To cash and notes in treasury	\$1,390 46
M. M. Dorsey, account Emma L. Dorsey	156 86
Barnes Family	15 00
Temporary Loans	17,985 00
C. H. Dinsmore, superintendent, tuition common school	10 00
Coal sold	4 00
State treasurer, dog license 1907	88 09
State treasurer, public library	45 00
State treasurer, Chas. Dyer, pauper account	79 25
State treasurer, Free High School	125 00
State treasurer, Frank Scott, pauper	98 60
State treasurer, Insane State Beneficiary	215 33
State treasurer, state pensions	168 00
State treasurer, state roads	565 87
State treasurer, school and mill fund	6,439 44
Inn-keeper license	3 00

Sidewalks and curbing	\$78 90
S. E. Ames, account A. S Ames	59 14
Tar sold	48 39
Town clerk, dog license 1908	189 00
Eddie and Rans Bubar, note	322 75
Merry-go-round license	5 00
A. R. Gould, use stone crusher	250 00
Rose Haley, land rent	5 00
Town Amity, account Mrs. Viola Tracy	296 90
Sand sold	15 40
Grading	2 00
Powers & Guild, account R. J. Nelson	15 19
C. H. Dinsmore, supplemental tax 1907	211 90
C. H. Dinsmore, collected tax 1907	5,008 21
C. H. Dinsmore, collected tax 1907 interest	148 79
B. A. Churchill, collected tax 1908	50,412 61
Treasurer M. & S. fund, school account	97 76

\$84,555 84

By Paid State pensions

Temporary loans	26,500 00
Balance on county tax 1907	1,382 69
County tax 1908	3,382 69
State tax 1908	6,063 49
Dog license 1908	189 00
H. W. Trafton, account Carrie Bubar	50 00
Town orders	42,235 71

Bubar note given up	\$300 00
Interest, treasurer M. and S. fund	97 76
Balance in treasury	4,186 50
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	84,555 84

D. H. BOYD, Treasurer.

Fort Fairfield, Me., February 20, 1909.



PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report of Trustees

During the year last past, nine thousand two hundred books were taken from the library. This is an increase of more than seven hundred over the preceeding year, and it shows that our library is increasing in popularity each year. Mr. C. E. Hoit, our librarian, has given faithful and efficient supervision to the library, and all the details of his work have been well attended to. The old catalogues, issued several years ago, are all gone, and it will be necessary to issue a new catalogue this spring. This will involve an additional outlay of something over \$100. We recommend, therefore, that the sum of \$550.00 be raised for the library for the ensuing year.

A. D. SAWYER,
H. T. POWERS,
C. W. JOHNSTON,
A. O. FRENCH,
H. W. TRAFTON,
Trustees.

Fort Fairfield, Me., February 26, 1909.

FORT FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT
WITH C. W. JOHNSTON, TREASURER.

1908	DR.	
April 2.	Paid freight and trucking on books	\$1 09
April 16.	C. C. Harvey, printing	5 25
April 25.	Genevieve Wellington, labor	1 50
May 1.	C. E. Hoit, librarian (first qr.)	75 00
May 23.	DeWolfe & Fisher Co., books	96 14
May 23.	Insurance on books	20 00
Aug. 1.	C. E. Hoit, librarian (second qr)	75 00
Nov. 3.	C. E. Hoit, librarian (third qr)	75 00
Dec. 16.	Chas. A. Nichols, books	42 75
1909		
Feb. 1.	C. E. Hoit, librarian (fourth qr)	75 00
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		466 73
March 1.	Cash in hand	294 47
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		761 20
1908	CR.	
March 14.	By Cash in hand	213 40
April 10.	Received from K. C. Haycock	1 80
April 10.	Received from A. S. Johnston for book	1 00
May 25.	Received from R. R. Johnston for book	1 00

Aug. 3.	Received from Town	\$200 00
Nov. 3.	Received from librarian and fines	35 00
Nov. 4.	Received from Town	250 00
Nov. 10.	Received from State	45 00
Feb. 1.	Received from fines	10 00
Feb. 1.	Received books lost	4 00
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		761 20

The cash in hand will be required to pay for books just received since this account was closed.



SCHOOL REPORT

To the Superintending School Committee of the Town of
Fort Fairfield:—

I hereby submit to you my first annual report of the schools of Fort Fairfield.

The whole number of pupils

1367 ~~1,615~~

Whole number registered

960 843

Average number attending

710 600

On looking over the school reports of the past years, I find them all without exception reporting a highly satisfactory condition of the schools. On my return to Fort Fairfield last April, I found matters educational in much better condition than when I left sixteen years before. We have to-day better school houses, better school grounds and more teachers than we had at that time. Progress has been made along all lines of educational matters. Our new High School building is very much superior to the one in which I taught, while the advantages enjoyed by the lower grades in our village can hardly be compared with the conditions that existed at that time.

The school history of the town of Fort Fairfield has been written by men of intelligence, with sympathy for their work. It seems to me that Fort Fairfield has been distinctive in this direction. Her record in the number of

young men and young women who have gone to college and normal schools would surely prove this. Taking our school history year by year, one fact becomes evident, and this fact is, we have gone on making progress from the "good" to the "better."

It now remains for us to take the last step and have the "best."

The following are some of the lines along which it seems to me that immediate changes should be made:—

LONGER SCHOOL YEAR

The school year in Massachusetts and the middle states is 40 weeks; in the central and southern part of our own state it varies from 36 to 40 weeks. The time has come for Fort Fairfield to extend her school year to 36 weeks. Our High School at the present time does not occupy the high standing it should. This is due to the lack of training in the grades. A pupil to enter High School should have not less than nine years of 36 weeks each. Under the present system our pupils enter High School with a handicap of 54 weeks' loss. This is equivalent to almost two years of schooling at the present time in this town. To state this fact differently, the pupils who finish the ninth grade in our town should have two years more work in the eighth and ninth grades before they enter any High School of standard grade.

This lack of training in the grades is felt throughout

the entire High School course. The only way to overcome it is to graduate no class from the High School this year, and promote no classes in the grades. Even then the High School pupils will still lack 24 weeks of school work to put them on an equality with the graduates of our best High Schools. The work done by the Seniors this year is not up to standard grade. In the Junior and Sophomore classes there are some students whose work would warrant their promotion, but the great majority of High School pupils will be benefited by a thorough review.

This plan will call for more school room in the lower grades, and this difficulty can be overcome by fitting up the Hacker building for two schools, or, better yet, by selling this building and erecting a modern school house at the upper end of the town.

When this change is inaugurated, our boys and girls on completing the ninth grade will be fitted to do successfully High School work; our High School graduates will then enter any college in the land without conditions, and be prepared to do college work.

HIGH SCHOOL

Reasons already given should explain to all why our High School is seriously handicapped in its work. Its four years should be devoted to High School work only. It is now obliged to reach down a helping hand to the grade and spend the first year of its course in reviewing those

subjects which should have been thoroughly mastered in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades.

A complete commercial course has been added this year. Nine students of the Senior class are taking this work. Three machines were procured last fall and three more are needed at once.

This brings us naturally to the appropriation for the High School; hitherto one of the High School teachers has been paid from the common school fund. It would seem better to appropriate money enough for the High School to maintain the same on its own footing. The present Principal has given entire satisfaction and should be retained another year at whatever cost. Fort Fairfield can afford to pay for a good man, and they cannot afford to lose him when found. Our neighboring town of Caribou is paying its principal \$1,450 rather than let him go elsewhere. Men of tact who have rare scholarship and ability to govern are not easily found.

LABORATORY

If our High School is to remain on the list of standard schools of our state, a chemical and physical laboratory must be provided. This will occasion an outlay of \$1,000, A start has already been made by utilizing one of the boys play rooms in the basement. This would make a very satisfactory laboratory by sheathing overhead and putting

in a fireplace for ventilation. This room is large enough for both Chemistry and Physics until our school has a great many more pupils than at the present time. A system of plumbing must be installed for the chemical tables, and apparatus provided for both Chemistry and Physics.

The Principal's private office is in use at the present time for a recitation room. Another room should be provided for this work and the office be used for the purpose for which it was intended. This can best be done by taking the fifth-grade room on the first floor for the use of the commercial department. In this connection, note what is said later under the caption "Manual Training."

THE HIGH SCHOOL ROOF

A special appropriation should be made for tinning the High School roof for a distance of six feet from the eaves. The warmth of the building melts the snow that falls upon the roof. The water runs down to the eaves and freezes, and backs under the shingles, and leaks down through the building. Our High School building is too valuable to be destroyed in this way.

THE HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS

Some definite plan should be made for the future of our High School grounds. There is enough land about the

building for a beautiful campus, whether a part is to be set aside for a ball field or not.

SCHOOL GARDENS

I hope to see a school garden begun on every school ground in this town the coming spring.

Professor McClintock of the University of Maine has agreed to come and give us the necessary instructions for planting and maintaining such a garden. Such gardens in other places have been productive of great educational value to the community, not only by creating a greater love for the school home, but also by arousing a sentiment for more beautiful home grounds.

GENERAL REPAIR DEPOT

I would suggest that a part of the High School basement be taken for a general repair depot, where all the movable supplies belonging to the school department could be kept. At present our new desks are kept in the attic of the primary building; our old desks, in the attic of the High School building and in the entries of the various school buildings throughout the town; our extra stoves are kept in the basement of the primary building, and other things belonging to the repair department are scattered about in various other places. It would be a great saving to the town if these could all be put under the supervision of

the High School janitor and be distributed from one central point.

TEACHERS

The success of any graded school system and the successful working out of any course of study demands not only expert supervision but also efficient teachers. A bill before the present legislature provides that hereafter no person may teach in the State of Maine unless he holds a State certificate. In anticipation of this bill I would suggest that hereafter no new teacher be employed that does not hold a State certificate, or is not a graduate of a normal school, or a college. The more I study the subject of teaching, the more I am convinced that we cannot teach what we do not know. The normal graduate knows how to go to work, and she gets control of her school before the pupils do, and while a normal-school diploma cannot make a teacher out of one who is not by natural gifts fitted for the work, yet a normal-school training is of great value to those who would teach school.

MORE MALE TEACHERS

The cry is going up over our land to-day that too many female teachers are employed. When a boy reaches the age of ten years, he should come under the instruction of a man. The departure of the men from the teaching profes-

sion is due solely to the fact that teachers' wages have not kept pace with the wages paid in other lines of work. Our best paid grade teachers to-day earn a yearly wage of \$360. This amounts to \$1.15 per working day for the year. On this wage of \$1.15 per day we expect our teachers to dress well, look cheerful, and keep up with the times. We pay our potato-diggers twice as much, give them their board in addition, and care not what their personal appearance may be.

SPECIAL TEACHERS FOR PENMANSHIP, MANUAL TRAINING, MUSIC AND DRAWING

It seems to me a very unfortunate thing for a child to grow up in ignorance of the two modes of expression that appeal to all that is beautiful in us. I would not put the teaching of music and drawing into our schools with the expectation of making artists or musicians of any of our children, but music and drawing are languages in themselves, and as such should be a common inheritance of our race. They add but little to the work of the pupil, and serve as a relaxation from the drudgery of school life.

If manual training is introduced into our school system, a manual-training teacher is imperatively necessary. Now that our normal schools have introduced manual training into their courses, such teachers can be readily found.

Since the introduction of the commercial course into our school, the fact that our students' penmanship is deplorable stands out more striking than ever. A special teacher in penmanship could hold teachers' meetings once a week and visit the grades and rural schools often enough to see that her directions were carried out. Penmanship would thus become one of the regular studies of our schools, and good work in penmanship would be necessary for promotion. A good hand-writing is a stepping-stone to a position. Business men claim that our students can not "do" anything. The teacher of penmanship would remove one of the grounds of complaint.

TEXT-BOOKS

In view of the fact that text-books are the only tools put into the hands of our boys and girls to-day, simple justice to the boys and girls would seem to demand that the best possible books be supplied. I do not see the policy of supplying one kind of Geography to the pupils of one school and another kind of Geography to the pupils of another school. There are seven different text-books on this subject in use to-day in the schools of Fort Fairfield. Now while each one of these books may be good in itself, the lack of uniformity is detrimental to the best results.

I found two different kinds of Arithmetics in general use throughout the town. These I have exchanged for

new book, and I have supplied the same to every teacher in town. In like manner, I have replaced with one spelling book the five different text-books on that subject. The course in Grammar has been made uniform in all the schools. The old books have been disposed of to the firms from which the new books were bought, \$64 being realized from their sale.

COURSE OF STUDY

During the summer vacation, a new course of study for the High School and for the grades was prepared. This was printed and distributed to all teachers in town, with definite instructions to follow the same to the letter. In attempting to do this some of the teachers met with difficulties. Pupils who called themselves in the eighth grade were unable to do the work of this grade, and the teacher was obliged either to allow the pupil to go on without understanding the work, or to put him back into the grade in which he belonged. Either alternative was disagreeable and unfortunate.

Pupils desire to grade oftener than their work warrants. This is peculiarly true in the rural schools, and when changing from one school to another. It has been tried several times this year. Pupils who were doing good work in the sixth grade of a rural school have come into the village and desired to do seventh and even eighth grade

work. All such cases have been satisfactorily settled by written examinations.

TRUANCY

Too many of our boys and girls between the ages of five and 15 years are not attending school regularly. The State law is very explicit on this point, and the truant officer has done good work during the year. But one man can not possibly attend to all of the calls that come from the various teachers. There should be two officers in the village, one at the north end of the town, and another at Maplegrove.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSES

The school house at Grange Hall will be finished as soon as it is warm enough to plaster. There are some features in this building which will commend it to the consideration of future architects of rural school houses. As soon as the school is opened here, all persons who believe in social purity are invited to visit this building and note the toilet arrangements.

I have spoken elsewhere of the need of a new building for primary pupils to be located at the upper end of the village. See "Longer School Year."

AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

There is a bill now before congress to found High Schools of Agriculture throughout the various States of the Union. If this bill becomes a law, Maine's share of this appropriation will be \$70,000 per year. This amount will be expended annually in our State for paying the running expenses of the school, provided the State installs the building and equipment. Arthur P. Libby will give land enough for such a school, and it behooves the good people of Fort Fairfield to bestir themselves to secure the location of such school in our village. Three schools will be Maine's share of the allotment, and one of these will certainly be located in Aroostook county. Why not in Fort Fairfield?

THE HACKER SCHOOL HOUSE

A school at the upper end of the town is an absolute necessity. So long as the town owns the Hacker school building, that is the place to hold such a school. It should be repaired the present summer and put into shape for a two-room building. A cellar should be excavated and a concrete foundation put underneath. A water-closet for each room should be so placed that it cannot freeze in the winter, and a good furnace provided.

At the present time the building is cold, unsafe in case of fire, and the toilet arrangements are abominable. No

decent child should attend the school under such conditions. Both a first and a second grade should be maintained in this building, and the scholars equally divided between this and the other village school.

REPAIRS

Several of our rural school houses are unfit for occupancy in their present condition. The Conant school should have new sills, new floor, new windows, and be replastered. The Haines school house is practically in the same condition. The house in the McIntosh district needs all of the above, and if it is not to be used it should have its windows boarded over to protect them. The school in the Stevens district is too large for either of the two buildings now standing there. If the two one-room buildings could be united into one two-room building, a much better school could be maintained than under the present arrangements. Repairs were made last summer on every one of the rural schools. Practically all the money raised last year for repairs was expended on the school houses outside of the village. If three times as much had been raised, it could all have been expended with profit.

INSURANCE, APPARATUS, AND APPLIANCES

This account has been overlooked in past years. The State Law puts these items all in the same account.

MANUAL TRAINING

Farming in Aroostook county to-day is largely a mechanical operation. We prepare our land by the use of machines, we plant our potatoes with machines, we hoe them with machines, we dig them with machines; the only part of the work which cannot be done with a machine is picking up the potatoes after they are dug. There is not in our school curriculum of to-day one single study that teaches our boys how to use machines. I believe that manual training should be instituted at once to train our boys for their life work. I believe that this manual training should be begun in the fifth grade, so that it might reach the greatest number of students possible, and that it should be continued throughout the High School.

Every rural school should have a manual training bench in the room with a teacher who could instruct the boys and girls. If manual training were introduced I believe that truancy would be far less common than it is to-day. Our children would stay in school until more of them have completed the high school course, and I believe that those who graduate would go into life better fitted to meet the problems which confront us all.

The simplest way to meet the problem of manual training in the village schools is by raising the primary building one story and putting a manual-training room and a fifth-grade room on the first floor. By utilizing one half of the building for a manual-training room, the floor space

would be large enough to accommodate every grade in the village. And by moving the fifth grade into this building, the pupils would begin their work in manual training without having to leave their own building, and the room vacated by them in the larger building could be utilized for High School work to the great advantage of its pupils.

It is a small percentage of our boys and girls that go to college. But the colleges have too long dominated the secondary schools. So long as we allow this domination to continue, so long will the larger part of our children hunger and thirst after knowledge of practical value. I believe that every high school should offer at least one course to prepare for college. But I do not believe that the home makers, the mechanics, and the artisans should be entirely neglected. There are many motor-minded boys and girls in our schools to whom the study of languages and literature does not appeal. They will become good citizens, and they will make good students, if we appeal to the thinking brain through the doing hand.

BETTER TOILET ARRANGEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY SCHOOLS

The toilet arrangements in the rural schools are disgustingly filthy, and under present arrangements it seems impossible to better them. The new school houses, "Longfellow," "Strickland," and "Haley," should be fitted

with separate toilet rooms, one for the boys and one for the girls, each opening out of the school room as per my plans for the Grange Hall school. This plan has already been tried in two schools in Easton, and it works admirably. By this plan the toilet rooms are under the control and immediate supervision of the teacher, and no pupil can commit a nuisance without being detected. The old buildings should be fitted up in a similar manner as fast as possible.

SCHOOL FLAGS

The State Law requires that each school house be supplied with a flag and staff at the expense of the town. Only one school house, The Stevensville, besides the High School building, now displays our national banner.

I recommend the following appropriations:—

High School	\$4,000
Common Schools	12,000
Text Books	1,200
Insurance, Apparatus and Appliances	1,000
Repairs	3,000
Flags	250
Superintendent	667

Respectfully submitted

WM. L. POWERS, Supt.

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

Averill, Mildred, Mrs.	\$15 00	
Amsden, William J.	3 00	
Averill, Alvah H.	7 50	
Anderson, Frank	3 00	
Ames, Willie H.	3 00	
Albert, Frank	3 00	
Barnes, Asa	23 50	
Bennett, Clarence E.	34 00	
Bellfleur, Cyr	5 50	
Beckwith, Arline, Mrs.	25 00	
Bishop, Ambrose and Percy	180 75	
Bishop, Ambrose	46 25	
Blaisdell, Herbert T.	50 00	
Blanchard, William E.	3 00	
Boulier, Frank E.	29 67	1-2
Bolster, Fernando C.	7 50	
Barker, Albert	31 62	1-2
Beckwith, S. D.	3 00	
Bell, George O.	3 00	
Bernard, Thomas	3 00	
Bernard, William G.	3 00	
Beaulieu, Paul	3 00	
Beaulieu, Reuben	3 00	
Bolster, LeRoy	3 00	

Barker, Charles	\$3 00	
Brissette, Louis	7 50	
Burns, James	3 00	
Beairsto, H. B.	3 00	
Burpee, Fred S.	3 00	
Brown, Randolph	3 00	
Brown, Stephen	3 00	
Brayson, Stephen	3 00	
Beaulieu, William H.	3 00	
Bernstein, Samuel	3 00	
Brown, Fred C.	3 00	
Bishop, Archie	3 37	1-2
Beaulieu, Fred	3 00	
Burtsell, Harry	3 00	
Beckwith, Emily L.	11 25	
Clark, John	60 25	
Colbath, Sampson L.	58 25	
Crock, Stephen	11 00	
Currier, Charles	26 00	
Crockodile, Theodore	3 00	
Campbell, Herbert	3 00	
Clark, William H.	26 50	
Campbell, Irving	3 00	
Campbell, Joseph	3 00	
Clark, Frank E. G.	3 00	
Colony, John	3 00	
Chambers, Thomas	3 00	
Curliss, James	3 00	

Chambers, Frank	\$3 37	1-2
Chambers, William	3 37	1-2
Curtis, Wilbert	3 00	
Campbell, Henry	3 00	
Crock, Peter	3 00	
Crock, Charles	3 00	
Cahill, John	6 00	
Cook, Ernest	3 00	
Cook, William	3 00	
Clark, Rufus	3 00	
Cronkite, Steven	3 00	
Cahill, Frank	4 37	1-2
Crock, Herschel T.	3 00	
Carr, James W.	3 00	
Chapman, Joseph	3 00	
Donaldson, Ichabod	7 50	
Day, John A.	49 12	1-2
Dean, Perry	5 50	
Devoe, Octave	12 50	
Dorsey, Mary, Mrs.	44 12	1-2
Dorsey, Thomas	26 00	
Drost, Howard	5 50	
Dubey, Marshall	13 00	
Dyer, Lewis, Mrs.	18 75	
Dyer, Lewis M.	4 87	1-2
Downey, Richard	3 00	
Davenport, Jerome	3 00	
Davis, Richard	3 00	

Dorsey, Grover C.	\$3 00	
Dubey, William	3 00	
Doyle, Bert	3 00	
Doughty, George	3 05	
Doyle, Rachel, Mrs.	17 50	
Ervine, Guy	3 00	
Ervine, Gray	3 00	
Emery, Frank	3 00	
Everett, George	7 75	
Eastman, Roy	3 00	
Estabrook, Marvis	4 12	1-2
Eaton, Charles	3 00	
Emery, Harry	3 00	
Eyers, John	3 00	
Fisher, Joseph E.	6 75	
Fitzherbert, Albert	38 00	
Flannery, Alfred	26 50	
Flannery, Thomas E.	34 00	
Foss, George L.	2 50	
Foss, Daniel W.	33 37	1-2
Farley, Fred	3 00	
Fitzherbert, James	9 50	
Flannery, Hiram	3 00	
Fitzherbert, Thomas	3 00	
Guiggey, Robert L.	67 12	1-2
Guerritte, Freeman	8 00	
Gaunce, Charles	3 00	
Grenier, Thomas	3 00	

Giberson, Rufus	\$3 00	
Giberson, Walter Pete	3 00	
Giberson, Edward	3 00	
Grey, Brainard	30 50	
Green, Horace R.	3 37	1-2
Green, Charles	3 00	
Green, Percy	3 00	
Grenier, Paul	3 00	
Gellerson, Walter	5 00	
Guiggey, George	6 87	1-2
Griffin, Havelock	3 00	
Henderson, George W.	3 37	1-2
Hersey, Andrew S.	14 25	
Hewett, Sarah J. Mrs.	21 62	1-2
Hill, Irving	35 37	1-2
Holt, Albion B.	69 87	1-2
Holt, Edwin L.	88 12	1-2
Hoyt, Dorcas, Mrs.	5 00	
Hersey Leroy	3 37	1-2
Hersey, Ernest	5 00	
Henry, Ansel	3 00	
Hutcheon, Alexander	6 12	1-2
Hodsdon, George	3 50	
Hamilton, Howard	3 00	
Hallet, George	3 00	
Hewett, Frank J.	4 00	
Hartsgrove, Leonard	3 00	
Holder, Walter L.	3 00	

Hunter, Felix	\$3 00	
Hanson, Henry	3 00	
Hale, George	15 00	
Ireland, William	40 00	
Johnston, George W.	113 87	1-2
Johnston, Elmer	3 00	
Johnston, Fred T.	3 00	
Jones, LeBaron	3 00	
Kelly, Annie	8 47	
Kelly, James A.	22 00	
Kelly, Nelson	3 00	
Kent, Benjamin	3 00	
Kilcollins, Edmund	3 00	
Knight, Perry	3 00	
Knowles, Maurice C.	5 50	
Lanegin, Sherman N.	10 50	
LaForge, Joseph	7 12	1-2
Lint, George	3 00	
Locke, Charles W.	20 87	1-2
Lovely, Charles W.	55 87	1-2
Lawrence, David	3 00	
Lauritson, Lewis	3 00	
Lavoix, George	3 00	
LeVecque, Edmund	3 00	
Lint, Wesley	3 00	
Lint, Norval	3 00	
Lint, Elden	3 00	
Locke, Henry	3 00	

Lovely, James	\$3 00	
Lovely, Wilbert	3 00	
Legasse, Felix	3 00	
LeVasseur, Edward	3 62	1-2
Lint, Miles	5 00	
Leslie, David	3 00	
Leslie, James	3 00	
Madore, Joseph	10 50	
Magill, James A.	83 00	
Meyon, Archie	9 25	
Michand, Fred	11 75	
Minnard, Wesley	6 12	1-2
Monson, Marion	266 00	
Murphy, David	30 00	
Murphy, Edward H.	11 87	1-2
Murphy, George	59 25	
Murphy, Martin	9 00	
Murphy, William	8 75	
Markee, William	3 00	
Maskell, Nelson	3 00	
Murphy, William James	3 00	
Murphy, Collingwood C.	7 50	
Murphy, Newman S.	3 00	
Morrison, C. E.	1 25	
Murry, Vetat	3 00	
Myrshrall, Celey	3 00	
Myrshrall, Joseph	3 00	
Maskell, Hilman	3 00	

Maskell, Edwin	\$3 00	
Myrshrall, James	3 00	
Monson, Laurell	3 00	
McKenney, John S. (heirs)	95 00	
McKenney, Michael	17 62	1-2
McDonald, John	49 25	
McDougald Calvin L.	10 87	1-2
McDougald, John	7 50	
McKee, George H.	35 50	
McNamee John	25 12	
McNamee, John, Jr.	44 87	1-2
McDougald, Daniel	5 50	
McDougald, Archie	3 00	
McFarlan, Robert	3 00	
McIntosh, Ralph	3 00	
McKenney, George	18 50	
McKenney, James B.	3 00	
McNamee, James	3 00	
McGuire, Zebulon	3 00	
McMann, Bert	3 00	
McQuaid, Hugh	3 00	
Nichols, Isaac	3 00	
Nichols, John	3 00	
Nadeau, Henry	3 00	
Nadeau, Herrick	3 00	
Nadeau, Freeman	3 00	
Nightingale, Edward	3 00	
Nightingale, Leslie	3 00	

Nodding, Wallace	\$3 00	
Osborne, Clarence	3 00	
Parker, George	3 00	
Page, Hazen	3 00	
Parker, Bert	3 00	
Peoples, Frank	3 00	
Perry, Frank D.	3 00	
Pickett, Ed.	5 50	
Putreau, William	3 00	
Rollins, Wallace W.	92 12	1-2
Richards, Leonard N.	1,004 25	
Russell, William	3 00	
Rameau, Vene	3 00	
Rameau, Fred	3 00	
Robbins, George	5 87	1-2
Roche, David	3 00	
Ross, Bird	3 00	
Rogers, Alden	3 00	
Ritchie, George	3 00	
Savage, Edward C.	160 75	
Shaw, Henry	11 50	
Spearin, Charles H.	100 50	
Stafford, Daniel	3 00	
Somers, Nicholas	3 00	
Shaw, Wendal	3 00	
Sullivan, Jesse	3 00	
Sylvester, Edward	1 25	
Segee, George W.	3 00	

St. Fancon, Alex.	\$3 00	
Sirois, Francis	3 00	
Sirois, Raymond R.	3 00	
Scott, Edward	3 00	
Smith, George L.	8 75	
Smith, Seth, Mrs.	10 00	
Saunders, Charles	3 00	
Scott, William	3 00	
Scott, Holland	3 00	
Scott, John W.	3 00	
Shorey, George	3 00	
Sinnott, William	3 00	
St. Thomas, James	3 00	
Toner, John	28 62	1-2
Toner, Hugh, Mrs.	33 12	1-2
True, Edward B.	25 62	1-2
Tapley, Albert	3 00	
Tapley, Edgar	3 00	
Theriault, Michael	3 00	
Thibedeau, Reuben	3 00	
Tompkins, Bert	3 00	
Tomlinson, Havelock	3 00	
Trenholme, Chester	3 00	
Toner, Hugh	3 00	
Walton, William	5 25	
Webster, Albert D.	10 50	
Weston, Charles O.	33 00	
Warks, Samuel (Heirs)	37 50	

Williams, George W.	\$109	75	
Wise, Samuel	8	00	
White, Albion	74	62	1-2
White, William J.	26	00	
White, Stillman J.	25	22	
Whitmore, Randolph	9	00	
White, Harry	3	00	
White, Leigh	3	00	
Winter, William	3	00	
White, James	3	00	
Young, John W.	9	25	



Abstract of Warrant for March Meeting, March 1909.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the Town Report as printed for the municipal year 1908.

Art. 4. To see if town will elect one or more Road Commissioners.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town expenses for the year ensuing.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of paupers for the year ensuing.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to be expended in cash on the highways and sidewalks for the year ensuing.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for interest on the town debt for the year ensuing.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the salary of Superintendent of Schools for the year ensuing.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the Free High School for the year ensuing.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of common schools for the year ensuing.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to purchase books, apparatus and appliances for the year ensuing.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for insurance and repairs on schoolhouses for the year ensuing, and improvements on school properties.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to be expended toward the support of the Fort Fairfield Free Town Library for the year ensuing.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote 'yes' or 'no' upon the adoption of the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine, for the year 1907, relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State aid for highways for the year 1909.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise, appropriate and set apart, for the permanent improvement of the main highways within the town, such sum of money as is contemplated and directed by Section 5 of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, being the sum of \$313.00.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to be expended in lighting the Aroostook River bridge and the streets of Fort Fairfield village for the year ensuing.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to be applied towards defraying the expenses of observing Memorial Day.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay hydrant rental for fire protection for the year ensuing.

Art. 20. To see whether the town will vote and raise the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to pay and take up Town Fort Fairfield Refunding Bond No. 10 one of a series of Bonds executed August 1st, 1895, which Bond becomes due on August 1st, 1909.

Art. 21. To see whether the town will vote to fix the time for the payment of taxes, and to fix the rate of interest to be added upon taxes remaining unpaid after such time of payment.

Art. 22. To see whether the town will authorize the Selectmen to make temporary loans, if necessary, during the year ensuing, to anticipate taxes and protect town orders duly issued.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for a night watch for the year ensuing.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to build and complete schoolhouse in the Grange Hall district.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to accept list of Jurors.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to build the Frank H. Haines road and pay land damage as ordered by County Commissioners.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to accept a town way laid February 20, 1909 on petition of Clyde A McIntosh and others, and what sum of money to build same.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to discontinue so much of the old McIntosh road as is renbered unnecessary for further use, by reason of change set forth in Art 27

Art. 29. To see if town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a steam roller.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to make a contract with Frontier Water Co. substantially same as former contract.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay services of Road Commissioners.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to authorize selectmen to purchase the old National Bank Building and lot for town offices and library and what sum of money town will vote and raise therefor.

Art. 33. To see if the town wil vote to instruct selectmen to sell the old school house and lot on Hacker hill

Art. 34. To see if town will vote to purchase road rollers and road machines and what sum of money town will vote therefor

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$2000, to redeem Bridge Bonds, 1 and 2 falling due February 1, 1910.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to instruct and authorize the selectmen to sell and convey to George L. Strickland the old school house and lot on the Strickland farm.

Art. 37. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to build the George H Fisher road.

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