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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Selectmen and Treasurer,

—AND—

Superintendent of Schools,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF SEARSMONT,

—FOR THE—

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 5th, 1900.

BELFAST:

G. E. BURGESS, PRINTER.

1900.

VALUATION OF TOWN.

Resident Real Estate,	\$231242 00
Non resident real estate,	24200 00
Personal property,	45836 00
Rate of taxation,	.015
No. of assessed polls,	293

RAISED BY TOWN AND ASSESSED.

Contingent expenses,	\$100 00
Collector and Treasurer's commissions,	150 00
Support of poor,	1000 00
Support of schools,	915 20
Repairs on school houses,	50 00
School books,	100 00
Highways and bridges,	1000 00
Deficiencies on highway in 1897,	300 00
Overlay,	61 23

\$4026 43

State tax,	\$921 37
County tax,	447 53
School fund and mill tax from State,	761 14

UNAVAILABLE PROPERTY OF TOWN.

10 School houses, (estimated,)	\$3575 00
1 road machine, “	150 00
1 safe in office, “	75 00
Old tax deeds abated to Treasurer,	266 03
Bridge plank on hand, (estimated,)	15 00

RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Due from H. E. Holmes, Coll. for 1899,	\$2000 00
“ on tax deeds of 1895,	44 92
“ “ “ “ “ 1896,	29 75
“ “ “ “ “ 1897,	41 83
“ “ “ “ “ 1898,	56 63

Due from Montville for schooling scholars, etc.,	106 75
“ “ Appleton “ “ “	37 04
“ “ State on dog licenses, (estimated,)	40 00
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	\$2359 92

LIABILITIES.

Will be due of J. Rivers Mar. 25, for the support of Wm. E. Caswell, Jason Richards, Josiah Ladd, John G. Mahoney and Mary Luce,	\$100 25
Will be due Insane Hospital Mar. 1, for support of W. Whitaker and Eva Peirce, (estimated,)	75 00
Will be due Reform School on Frank Metcalf,	13 00
“ “ “ on Collectors commission for 1899, (estimated,)	100 00
Order to Wm. Ripley with interest,	312 00
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	\$600 25
Assets more than liabilities,	1759 67
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	\$2359 92

Town raised for support of poor,	\$1000 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid Ezra Reeves for support of Abbie Conant, 1898,	\$2 50
“ Delbert Higgins for board of Wm. E. Caswell, '98,	26 00
“ Joshua Rivers, as per contract of 1898 for sup- port of poor,	61 25
“ Joshua Rivers for support of W. E. Caswell, Jason Richards, Josiah Ladd, John G. Mahoney and Mary Luce, as per contract,	300 75
Paid for support of G. Childs and wife, bill of 1898,	5 00
“ Rockport for support of Marcus Wentworth and family, 1898,	1 10
“ Insane Hospital for support of W. Whitaker and Eva Pierce,	305 05

Paid Mrs. Sewell Thomas for support of J. G. Mahoney, 1898,	19 50
“ Joshua Rivers for support of Arville Condon,	4 50
“ State Reform School for support of Frank E. Metcalf,	52 00
“ Girls Home, board and transportation of Anabelle Metcalf,	11 62
“ A. Millett, medical attendance on Charles Heal,	24 70
“ “ “ “ “ “ J. E. Mahoney, and W. E. Caswell,	1 75
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	\$815 72
Unexpended,	184 28
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	\$1000 00

COLLECTOR AND TREASURER'S COMMISSIONS.

Town raised for Coll. and Treas. Commissions,	\$150 00
Unexpended from 1898,	40 93
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	\$190 93

EXPENDED.

Paid O. D. Wilson as Treasurer,	\$25 00
“ S. S. Bean as Coll. com. for 1898 tax,	132 83
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	\$157 83
Unexpended from 1898,	33 10
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	\$190 93

TOWN CHARGES.

Town raised for town charges,	\$350 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid B. F. Knowls as election clerk, 1898,	\$1 50
“ A. L. Maddocks as Supt. of schools,	80 00
“ “ “ “ “ town clerk,	6 00

Paid S. S. Bean as truant officer,	3 25
“ A. G. Caswell as Selectman, Assessor and overseer of poor,	69 25
“ C. S. Adams as Selectman, Assessor and overseer of poor,	40 50
“ J. F. Paine as Selectman, Assessor and overseer of poor,	37 40
“ H. E. Holmes as Constable,	6 00
“ O. D. Wilson as Auditor,	4 50
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	\$248 40
Unexpended,	101 60
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	\$350 00

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Town raised for contingent expenses,	\$100 00
Unexpended from 1898,	54 07
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	\$154 07

EXPENDED.

Paid Searsmont Building Co. for rent of 1898,	\$8 75
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1899,	35 00
“ L. C. Poor, getting reports printed for 1898,	2 00
“ Camden Pub. Co. for printing 1898 reports,	19 20
“ Geo. D. McCrillis for recording deeds,	6 25
“ A. Millett damage on highway in 1898,	5 00
“ A. G. Caswell for assessment and other town books,	15 70
“ G. L. Hemenway for wood for office,	1 75
“ Dunton & Dunton for legal advise, '97, '99,	6 00
“ O. D. Wilson, stationery, stamps and rubber bands,	1 50
“ A. L. Maddocks for blank book,	89
“ “ “ “ recording berths, deaths and marriages.	6 45
“ A. Millett, services as Health Officer,	3 00
“ “ “ supplies for Health office,	1 15

Paid A. Millett for vaccinating,	1 00
“ “ “ “ certificates of births and deaths,	5 00
“ S. S. Bean for surveying wood,	1 00
“ A. G. Caswell for stationery and postage,	2 25
“ “ “ “ as Town Agent,	8 50
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	\$130 39
Unexpended,	23 68
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	\$154 07

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Town raised for Highways and Bridges,	\$ 1000 00
Unexpended from 1898,	100 70
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Total,	\$ 1100 70

EXPENDED.

Paid Sanford Martin for winter road in 1898,	\$ 3 00
“ W. S. Hunt for watering tub for 1898,	2 00
“ James Fuller for 3 days' work as road com'r 1898,	6 00
“ C. W. Kennedy for road com'r blanks,	1 00
“ J. Fuller as road com'r for the month of March 1899,	35 06
“ R. S. Keene for bridge plank,	24 30
“ Geo. F. Randall for bridge plank,	19 32
“ V. A. Simmons for nails and oil for road machine,	88
“ C. E. Gilman for bridge timber,	28 10
Paid C. S. Adams, 15 25	Paid J. F. Paine, 6 75
“ E. S. Adams, 7 49	“ C. F. Cushman, 20 66
“ James Harrington, 11 62	“ C. F. Cushman, 7 64
“ I. S. Bartlett, 6 20	“ A. G. Caswell, 26 05
“ W. A. Bennett, 4 37	“ G. L. Hemenway, 9 67
“ W. B. Morse, 4 99	“ Alfred Tibbitts, 2 50
“ Preston Freeman, 4 47	“ Greenlief Childs, 7 22

Paid C. E. Gilman,	2 50	Paid Chas. A. Boynton,	7 25
“ Merton Woods,	1 99	“ Jedediah Simmons,	1 88
“ Geo. Davis,	3 75	“ Will Burgess,	2 08
“ H. H. Skinner,	2 11	“ Geo. F. Campbell,	7 25
“ Mark Rolerson,	62	“ Fenderson Heal,	72
“ Dudley Farnham,	1 00	“ Chas. E. Dyer,	3 25
“ J. W. Lassell,	2 88	“ Herbert Robbins,	1 43
“ L. C. Poor,	5 35	“ Alden Robbins,	1 25
“ J. R. Bryant,	2 75	“ Albert Robbins,	63
“ H. N. Woodcock,	1 13	“ Sanford Martin,	2 76
“ T. J. Richards,	19	“ L. S. Marriner,	19 48
“ M. A. Fowler,	1 25	“ Leroy Marriner,	9 25
“ W. A. Dunton,	2 87	“ H. C. Mahoney,	5 63
“ M. O. Wilson,	8 13	“ H. M. Donnell,	2 50
“ J. F. Hall,	3 25	“ A. T. Marriner,	9 12
“ O. Jackson,	2 25	“ Ben Pendleton,	3 00
“ S. W. Paul,	6 87	“ S. H. Cables,	4 50
“ C. A. Heal,	5 62	“ L. Lincoln,	3 12
“ D. B. Young,	7 00	“ H. E. Holmes,	5 50
“ Geo. E. Donnell,	6 44	“ L. L. Cross,	7 88
“ Arnold Turner,	5 34	“ Benj. Mixer,	62
“ Frank Hall,	63	“ O. W. Berry,	4 38
“ Clarence Hall,	63	“ J. K. Davis,	1 25
“ R. E. Howes,	1 38	“ Geo. Lassell,	2 07
“ I. A. Hall,	1 38	“ A. F. Brown,	94
“ D. Sweetland,	8 38	“ Obed Fuller,	4 45
“ H. B. Thompson,	5 62	“ B. C. Wentworth,	1 88
“ Geo. W. Heal,	1 42	“ F. A. Wentworth,	63
“ L. H. Thomas,	5 00	“ Ansel Lothrop,	4 75
“ L. W. Luce,	6 25	“ G. N. Cooper,	17 87
“ Will Hall,	7 25	“ S. R. Hook,	9 51
“ A. O. Heal,	4 44	“ W.M. Thompson,	9 75
“ E. D. Butler,	4 50	“ A. N. Jewett,	7 75
“ A. C. Butler,	2 50	“ Chas. Thompson,	5 13

Paid Fred Butler,	1 88	Paid Geo. E. Ring,	1 88
“ A. S. Thomas,	2 31	“ F. C. Proctor,	4 37
“ Alton Heal,	1 00	“ W. S. Hunt,	3 50
“ Wm. M. Elms,	1 00	“ Frank Roaks,	1 25
“ L. W. Heal,	3 50	“ Samuel Miller,	5 62
“ J. W. Crawford,	4 63	“ Oscar Shibles,	11 87
“ O. A. Googings,	1 00	“ John Longfellow,	6 50
“ J. F. Googings,	75	“ J. E. Dolief,	5 00
“ A. T. Toothaker,	5 00	“ C. H. Clark,	10 50
“ Geo. Spear,	2 25	“ W. F. Bryant,	16 89
“ Wm. P. Moore,	1 76	“ W. A. Sheldon,	63
“ Geo. M. Bryant,	1 25	“ G. W. Richards,	75
“ Fred Bachelder,	99	“ A. H. Bagley,	1 25
“ O. A. Wellman,	4 25	“ B. F. Knowles,	50
“ Willie Wellman,	1 75	“ A. F. Lawrey,	1 87
“ Harrison Clark,	2 75	“ Geo. Lawrey,	2 50
“ Fred N. Ames,	2 25	“ Frank Wood,	1 25
“ W. L. Bickford,	6 55	“ Alex. Fuller,	1 00
“ H. Pierce,	2 38	“ T. J. Butler,	63
“ C. I. H. Ness,	3 25	“ L. L. Morse,	7 12
“ D. C. Thomas,	4 38	“ C. H. Burgess,	5 75
“ James Fuller,	9 62	“ James Luce,	4 63
“ Peter Gilkey,	62	“ B. F. Fuller,	13 41
“ A. B. Ripley,	2 00	“ A. A. Buck,	3 75
“ Geo. E. Heal,	3 50	“ Wm. H. Wood,	2 00
“ Chas. D. Richards,	38	“ A. P. Heal,	2 81
“ Prince Luce,	1 00	“ Fred Lucas,	1 36
“ H. A. Thorndike,	37	“ L. T. Ness,	37
“ J. L. Bean,	3 50	“ W. U. Marriner,	50
“ W. L. Elms,	3 38	“ Chas. Banks,	4 50

\$ 749 88
350 82

\$ 1100 70

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Town raised for repairs on School Houses,	\$50 00
Unexpended from 1898,	42 08
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	\$92 08

EXPENDED.

Wm. F. Bryant for repairs in Dist. No. 4,	\$3 00
O. B. Fuller, " " " " " 10,	2 00
A. N. Jewett for fencing school lot in Dist. No. 1,	9 91
Ansel Lothrop for repairs in Dist. No. 7,	1 50
John Lane, " " " " " 2,	1 50
M. O. Wilson " " " " " 13,	1 00
Leroy Marriner " " " " " 3,	1 00
Mason & Hall for door lock,	85
E. S. Adams for repairs in Dist. No. 14,	4 75
G. H. Talbot for insurance,	26 25
Frank StClare for repairs in Dist. No. 14,	2 50
H. E. Robbins " " " " " 5,	1 75

\$56 01

Unexpended,

36 07

\$92 08**SCHOOL BOOKS.**

Town raised for school books,	\$100 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid Thomas R. Shewell & Co., for books,	\$33 75
" Burleigh & Flynt printing labels,	1 03
" Thomas R. Shewell & Co., for book,	2 50
" Newell White for printing labels,	2 00
" Boston Book Binding Co.,	17 08
" American Book Co.,	31 20

\$87 56

Unexpended,

12 44

\$100 00

SCHOOLS.

Town raised for schools,	\$915 20
Unexpended from 1898,	373 24
School fund and mill tax from State,	761 14
Due from Montville,	106 75
“ “ Appleton,	37 04
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	\$2193 37

EXPENDED.

Josephine Knight for teaching,	\$144 00
“ “ “ board,	33 25
Geo. Bryant “ “	18 00
E. P. Marriner for wood,	6 00
Ralph W. Howard for teaching,	62 50
Sadie L. Fuller “ “	45 00
“ “ “ “ board,	18 00
Town of Belmont for schooling scholars,	30 87
A. N. Jewett for painting school house,	7 60
Albert Robbins for janitor services,	1 50
Leslie Wentworth “ “	1 50
J. E. Dollief “ “	3 50
H. C. Mahoney “ “	2 75
Alice E. Tibbetts “ “	2 50
“ “ “ for teaching,	71 00
“ “ “ “ board,	28 50
J. C. Peavey for wood,	6 49
Edith C. Wilson for teaching,	62 00
“ “ “ “ board,	33 25
Mary W. Bean for board,	29 25
Harriet E. Bean for teaching,	121 50
“ “ “ “ board,	12 00
L. H. Thomas as janitor,	1 50
H. E. Holmes for board,	33 25
Stanley D. Wilson as janitor,	1 70

Annette Mahoney for boarding,	33 25
Nellie Brown for transporting scholars,	9 00
Lulu Mayhew for teaching,	112 00
Flora Robbins as janitor,	1 65
Alice M. Poor for teaching,	36 00
Lulu E. Payson for teaching,	36 00
Jennie McInnis for teaching,	113 75
" " " " board,	35 75
A. E. McLain for teaching,	81 00
G. F. Randall for board,	55 25
T. M. Simmons for board,	14 00
Annie J. Miller for teaching,	105 00
A. F. Brown for transporting scholars,	30 10
Geo. N. Cooper for board,	56 00
Annie M. Allenwood for teaching,	3 00
Mrs. A. Robbins for board,	21 00
O. B. Fuller " "	30 00
Eddie Moore for janitor service,	3 50
Delbert Higgins, for wood,	20 73
Emma F. Davis for teaching,	104 00
O. E. Robbins for wood,	17 61
Marcia Lothrop for board,	13 50
L. S. Marriner for board,	18 00
Liller M. Miller for teaching,	45 00
Austin Marriner for fuel,	75
Lizzie Burgess as janitor,	75
A. L. Marriner for transportation,	1 50
Geo. N. Cooper for fuel,	2 00
Geo. M. Bailey for teaching,	90 00
" " " " board,	18 00
Henry T. Malley for teaching,	40 63
Wm. F. Bryant for board,	18 00
Ivory Moore as janitor,	4 00
Lizzie Maddocks as janitor,	3 00
Edna Rackliffe for teaching,	45 00
J. L. Bean for wood,	3 00
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	\$2096 13
Unexpended,	97 24
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	\$2193 37

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED.

Tax deeds previous to 1895 to Treasurer,	\$268 34
Abatements to S. S. Bean, Coll. of 1898,	71 51
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	\$349 85

A. G. CASWELL, } Selectmen
 C. S. ADAMS, } of
 J. F. PAINE, } Searsmont.

This certifies that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and find proper vouchers on file against every order drawn, and the foregoing report is a fair statement of the town's standing, as shown by their books so far as I have ability to judge.

Searsmont, Feb. 19, 1900.

OTIS D. WILSON,

Auditor of Accounts.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of treasurer of 1898.		\$3673 85
“ of Montville for schooling scholars in 1898,	\$ 85 00	
“ “ Appleton for schooling scholars in 1898,	37 31	
“ tax list of 1899 committed to H. E. Holmes,	5402 38	
“ for peddler's license,	6 00	
“ school fund and mill tax,	761 14	
“ of Town Clerk for dog licenses,	47 00	
“ “ State Treasurer from dog licenses,	44 29	
“ “ State Treasurer for sheep killed,	3 50	
“ “ Union for pauper supplies furnished,	63 50	
“ for school books sold,	75	
“ for old road machine,	7 00	
“ for unpaid tax of 1893,	2 31	
“ interest on tax deeds paid,	11 70	
“ expenses on insane patient, repaid,	11 50	
	\$ 6483 38	
		\$ 10157 23

PAID OUT.

Selectmen's orders,		\$ 4911 52
State Treasurer, on tax of 1878,		868 28
“ “ full tax of 1899,		921 37
“ “ amount for dog licenses in 1899,		47 00
County Treasurer, tax of 1898,		602 74
“ “ tax of 1899,		447 53
		\$ 7798 44

RESOURCES RETURNED.

Uncollected taxes of 1899,	\$ 2000 00	
Tax deeds of 1895,	44 92	
“ “ “ 1896,	29 75	
“ “ “ 1897,	44 83	
“ “ “ 1898,	56 63	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	182 66	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2358 79
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		\$ 10157 23

OTIS D. WILSON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

—FOR THE—

TOWN OF SEARSMONT,

For the year ending February 17, 1900.

At the first meeting March 6, the committee elected J. W. Farrar, chairman and voted that the superintendent examine, certify and employ the teachers.

The schools have all been the same length, twenty-eight weeks for the year.

VILLAGE SCHOOL.

Spring term. Principal teacher, Madge Thompson. Assistant teacher, Edith Wilson. Wages per week, \$6.00 and \$3.00. Price of board, \$1.75. Pupils attending school, 44. Average attendance, 37. Visits of citizens, 12.

Fall term. Principal teacher, Annie Miller. Assistant teacher, Edith Wilson. Wages per week, \$6.00 and \$3.50. Price of board, \$1.75. Pupils attending school, 54. Average attendance, 44. Visits of citizens, 30.

Winter term. Principal teacher, George M. Bailey. Assistant teacher Harriet Bean. Wages per week, \$10.00 and \$4.50. Price of board, \$2.00 and \$1.75. Pupils attending school, 52. Average attendance, 45. Visits of citizens, 17.

NORTH SEARSMONT.

Teacher for the year, Lulu Mayhew. Spring term, wages per week, \$4.00. Price of board, \$2.00. Pupils attending school, 10. Average attendance, 9. Visits of citizens, 9. Fall term, wages per week, \$4.00. Price of board, \$2.00. Pupils attending school, 10. Average attendance, 8. Visits of citizens, 17. Winter term, wages per week, \$4.00. Price of board, \$2.00. Pupils attending school, 10. Average attendance 7. Visits of citizens, 4.

EAST SEARSMONT.

Spring term, teacher, Addie McLain. Wages per week, \$4.00. Price of board, \$1.75. Pupils attending school, 10. Average attendance, 9. Visits of citizens 2. Fall term, teacher, Addie McLain. Wages, \$4.50. Price of board, \$1.75. Pupils attending school, 11. Average attendance, 8. Visits of citizens, 10. Winter term, teacher, Annie Miller. Wages per week, \$5.00. Price of board, \$2.00. Pupils attending school, 10. Average attendance, 9. Visits of citizens, 5.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL.

Spring term, teacher, Alice Tibbets. Wages per week, \$3.50. Price of board, \$1.50. Pupils attending school, 23. Average attendance, 20. Visits of citizens, 4. Fall term, teacher, Alice Tibbets. Wages, \$4.00. Price of board, \$1.50. Pupils attending school, 19. Average attendance, 15. Visits of citizens, 17. Winter term, teacher, Lilla M. Miller. Wages per week, \$5.00. Price of board, \$2.00. Pupils attending school, 21. Average attendance, 16. Visits of citizens, 2.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Spring term, teacher, Harriet Bean. Wages per week, \$4.00. Price of board, \$1.50. Pupils attending school, 18. Average attendance, 16. Visits of citizens, 8. Fall term, teacher, Edna Rackliff. Wages per week, \$4.50. Price of board, \$1.90. Pupils attending school, 21. Average attendance, 17. Visits of citizens, 2.

Winter term, teacher, Jennie McInnes. Wages \$5.00. Price of board, \$1.50. Pupils attending school, 18. Average attendance, 14. Visits of citizens, 7.

RIDGE SCHOOL.

Spring term, teacher, Jennie McInnes, Wages per week, \$3.75. Price of board, \$1.25. Pupils attending school, 13. Average attendance, 12. Visits of citizens, 10.

Fall term, teacher, Jennie McInnes. Wages, \$4.00. Price of board, \$1.25. Pupils attending school, 10. Average attendance, 9. Visits of citizens, 20.

Winter term, teacher, Addie McLain. Wages per week, \$4.50. Price of board, \$1.50. Pupils attending school, 8. Average attendance, 6.

SCHOOL NO. 10.

(Records not received.)

Spring term, teacher, Alice Poor. Wages per week, \$4.00. Price of board, \$1.00.

Fall term, teacher, Harriet Bean. Wages, \$4.50. Price of board, \$1.50.

Winter term, commenced by R. W. Howard who taught two and one-half weeks. Henry Millay completed the term. Wages per week, \$6.25. Price of board, \$2.00.

SCHOOL NO. 13.

Teacher for the year, Josephine Knight.

Spring term. Wages per week, \$5.00. Price of board, \$1.75.

Fall term. Wages, \$5.00. Price of board, \$1.75. Pupils attending school, 12. Average attendance 11. Visits of citizens, 2.

Winter term. Wages, \$6.00. Board, \$1.75. Pupils attending school, 12. Average attendance, 11. Visits of citizens, 1.

UNION SCHOOL (So. Montville.)

Spring term, teacher, Lulu Payson. Wages, \$4.00. Board, \$1.75. Pupils attending school, 19. Average attendance, 15. Visits of citizens, 17.

Fall term, teacher, Mrs. E. F. Davis. Wages, \$5.00. Board, \$2.00. Pupils attending school, 21. Average attendance, 20. Visits of citizens, 21.

Winter term, teacher, Mrs. E. F. Davis. Wages, \$6.00. Board, \$2.00. Pupils attending school, 19. Average attendance, 17. Visits of citizens, 35.

It has been my endeavor to employ capable teachers but there have been two or three exceptions. Some schools ought to have the best teachers, others appear to be more satisfactory with teachers adapted to the situation.

One or two town teachers lack in qualifications, they should attend school a few terms. The schools in general have been successful while in a few the pupils have made great improvement due mainly to the ability and hard work of the teacher.

The wages should be decided by the capacity of the teacher and the work required and not by the number of pupils attending school.

Some persons argue that the price of board and a few dollars for

building fires makes taxes higher. But it is right the other way. These bills help the people who board the teachers and build the fires and they are paid out of the school money, and we are obliged to raise just so much school money. Of course the school money should be expended to the best advantage but some mistakes will occur.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

A part of the books are in very poor condition. The histories and fifth readers have been in use nine or ten years and have worn well. Think the arithmetics and grammars are not made as they should be, they do not wear like the old arithmetics and grammars we used to have. The geographies are heavy books and with the usage of some scholars, stay in the covers only a short time. The books are abused and in some cases it can not be helped. I do not believe in the free text book law, think scholars or their parents should pay for their books as far as they are able instead of the tax payers. Children brought up to be neat at home, do not want the dirty books of other scholars. They want their own books to care for and keep clean.

In conclusion will say there is a chance for quite an improvement in different ways, but it all costs money and the people in general are far too heavily taxed already. So I see little use in making recommendations for further outlay of money.

A. L. MADDOCKS,

Superintendent.