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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 2, 1903.

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**VALUATION OF TOWN.**

Resident Real Estate,		\$226 867
Non resident real estate,		30 115
Personal estate,		48 330
Non resident personal estate,		160
Rate of taxation, (per M.),	\$18.50	
No. of polls assessed,	267	

**RAISED BY THE TOWN AND ASSESSED.**

State tax,		\$ 926 65
County tax,		525 44
For support of poor,		1000 00
Contingent expenses,		125 00
Town charges,		250 00
Collector and Treasurer commissions,		150 00
Support of schools,		755 20
Roads and bridges,		2100 00
Watering tubs,		10 00
School books,		100 00
Repairs and insurance on school houses,		75 00
Free High School,		150 00
For raising road near school house,		200 00
Overlay on cash tax,		52 94
Supplementary tax,		9 38
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Total amount assessed,		\$6429 61

**UNAVAILABLE PROPERTY OF TOWN.**

9 school houses, (estimated,)		\$3500 00
Road machine,		150 00
Safe in office,		75 00
Old tax deeds abated to Treasurer,		262 00
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		\$3987 00



### RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Due from H. E. Holmes, Coll. of 1902,	\$2689 49
School fund and mill tax,	825 98
Tax deeds in hands of Treasurer,	68 03
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	399 88
Due from Montville for schooling scholars 1902,	100 00
Due from State on dog licenses, (estimated,)	50 00
Due from State for Free High School,	67 00
Due from City of Belfast for support of Mrs. McCabe,	126 83
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	\$4317 21

### LIABILITIES.

Due on County tax,	\$525 44
Will be due J. Rivers for support of poor as per contract March 25, 1903,	60 00
Will be due Geo. T. Lassell for support of W. E. Caswell March 25, 1903,	20 00
Will be due A. S. Thomas for support of W. M. Wood and Abbie Conant Mar. 25, 1903,	33 00
Will be due Maine Insane Hospital for support of W. Whitaker and Granville Richards (estimated,)	70 00
Will be due Eastern Maine Hospital for support of Mrs. McCabe (estimated,)	25 00
Will be due City of Belfast for support of Arvilla Condon (estimated,)	225 00
Outstanding order No. 431, drawn to B. F. Fuller,	600 00
“ “ “ 432, “ “ “ “	400 00
Interest on orders to date,	63 87
Collector's commission for 1902 (estimated,)	100 00
Due W. A. Sheldon for watering tub part of 1901 and 1902,	3 00

Due James Fuller,	2 00
Due Mrs. Lucinda Marden,	2 00
Due Charles Heal,	2 00
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	\$2131 31

### SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Town raised,	\$1000 00
Unexpended from 1901,	113 03
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	\$1113 03

### EXPENDED.

Order to Maine Insane Hospital for support of Granville Richards to Dec. 25, 1902,	\$ 61 69
Order to David Savage for transporting Granville Richards to Insane Hospital,	6 50
Order to Maine Insane Hospital for support of Warren Whitaker,	151 61
Order to Geo. T. Lassell for support of W. E. Caswell,	80 00
Order to A. S. Thomas for support of Wm. Wood and Abbie Conant,	132 00
Order to Joshua Rivers for support of poor as per contract,	260 00
Order to Eastern Maine Insane Hospital for sup- port of Mrs. McCabe,	103 58
Order to A. G. Caswell for committing Mrs. Mc- Cabe to Insane Hospital,	20 25
Order to Adelbert Millett for examination of Mrs. McCabe,	3 00
Order to R. C. Hall for supplies Mrs. James W. Overlock,	14 73
Order to G. T. Kelso wood for T. J. Richards,	3 75
Order to Adelbert Millett for attendance to H. Longfellow,	2 25



Order to City of Rockland for supplies furnished J. W. Overlock,	27 04
Order to V. A. Simmons for felts and rubbers for T. J. Richards,	2 60
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	\$869 00
Unexpended,	244 03
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	\$1113 03

### COLLECTOR AND TREASURER COMMISSIONS.

Town raised and assessed,	\$150 00
Unexpended from 1901,	19 60
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	\$169 60

### EXPENDED.

Paid O. D. Wilson as Treasurer,	\$ 25 00
“ S. S. Bean, Collector of 1901 commission,	105 43
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	\$130 43
Unexpended,	39 17
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	\$169 60

### TOWN CHARGES.

Town raised,	\$250 00
Unexpended from 1901,	86 35
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	\$336 35

### EXPENDED.

Paid A. G. Caswell for services as Selectman, etc.,	\$67 50
“ J. F. Paine, “ “ “ “ “ “	42 75
“ C. Q. Brown “ “ “ “ “ “	47 75
“ C. S. Adams, Supt. of Schools,	64 00

Paid A. L. Maddocks, as Town Clerk,	6 00
“ H. E. Holmes Constable,	6 00
“ A. G. Caswell, Truant Officer,	6 75
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	\$240 75
Unexpended,	95 60
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	\$336 35

### CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Town raised for contingent expenses,	\$125 00
Unexpended from 1901,	31 11
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	\$156 11

### EXPENDED.

Paid G. L. Hemenway wood for office,	\$1 75
“ Geo. N. Cooper for lamb killed 1901,	2 50
“ Geo. A. Jackson for two lambs killed in 1901,	5 00
“ A. G. Caswell for 1902 town reports and bill heads,	20 05
“ James H. Thomas for 1 day running town line,	1 50
“ T. N. Pearson for fumigating Levi Greer house in case of diphtheria,	7 00
“ M. P. Woodcock for blank books for year 1902,	15 00
“ O. D. Wilson for surveying private way at North Searsmont,	4 50
“ Searsmont Bl'd Co. for rent of office and hall to March 6, 1903,	35 00
“ Adelbert Millett for recording births and deaths, etc.,	5 00
“ R. F. Dunton for legal services,	2 00
“ A. L. Maddocks for recording marriages, births and deaths,	7 05



Paid A. G. Caswell for postage, telephone and express,	3 50
“ A. L. Maddocks for postage on election returns,	74
“ A. L. Maddocks for one dog license book,	1 25
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	\$111 84
Unexpended,	44 27
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	\$156 11

### HIGHWAY BILLS.

Town raised,	\$2100 00
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#### EXPENDED.

Order to Mason & Hall, repairs on road machine	16 05
“ “ W. E. Ordway,	50
“ “ W. F. Wellman,	28 00
“ “ Fred Hustis,	35 19
“ “ Bert Black,	17 88
“ “ S. S. Bridges, for lumber,	24 00
“ “ John Hall,	6 00
“ “ James Fuller,	45 64
“ “ C. F. Thompson,	75
“ “ E. L. Buzzell,	2 63
“ “ E. P. Marriner,	3 98
“ “ N. B. Wentworth,	1 19
“ “ W. E. Hall,	13 68
“ “ L. H. Thomas,	11 13
“ “ Don C. Thomas,	26 16
“ “ W. L. Wilder,	1 38
“ “ H. C. Mahoney,	25
“ “ David Young,	38
“ “ Leroy Heal,	1 00
“ “ W. N. Elmes,	3 26
“ “ Alton Heal,	2 25
“ “ A. Lathropp,	21 25
“ “ A. F. Lawrey,	2 50



Order to	W. L. Bickford,		38
"	" F. L. Batchelder,	10	55
"	" H. C. Thomas,		88
"	" J. G. Packard,	55	18
"	" Rodney Thomas,		50
"	" Frank P. Woods,	1	00
"	" Peter Gilkey,	11	25
"	" O. A. Wellman,	104	49
"	" O. A. Googins,	5	19
"	" M. I. Blake,	20	38
"	" L. L. Morse,	3	63
"	" C. A. Bryant,		13
"	" H. N. Woodcock,		35
"	" L. Lincoln,		38
"	" G. W. Butler,		25
"	" Fred Butler,		63
"	" Ed Butler,	30	38
"	" C. D. Richards,	5	75
"	" Wm. Richards,	1	00
"	" Geo. M. Bryant,	13	30
"	" Morrison Young,	5	99
"	" G. H. Clark,	8	50
"	" Geo. T. Lassell,		63
"	" E. O. Robbins,	4	63
"	" Geo. W. Heal,	2	80
"	" A. T. Toothaker,		50
"	" Arthur Ness,	2	55
"	" Wm. H. Bryant,	3	52
"	" B. F. Simmons,	1	25
"	" M. A. Fowler,	4	40
"	" J. R. Davis,	1	87
"	" W. F. Bryant,	20	00
"	" B. C. Wentworth,	6	12
"	" C. Frank Berry,	3	25

Order to Leroy Marriner,	21 00
“ “ G. E. Donnell,	32 99
“ “ A. P. Heal,	7 00
“ “ L. S. Marriner,	9 90
“ “ Everett Heal,	9 19
“ “ C. E. Luce,	4 37
“ “ L. W. Luce,	13 92
“ “ Frank Donnell,	15 25
“ “ H. A. Elmes,	14 12
“ “ C. G. Hemenway,	22 35
“ “ Geo. Campbell,	55 36
“ “ Alfred Tibbetts,	18 25
“ “ James Fuller,	27 47
“ “ B. H. Crie,	21 98
“ “ Moody Bickford,	4 37
“ “ A. S. Thomas,	2 62
“ “ J. W. Skinner,	6 88
“ “ E. H. Brown,	14 65
“ “ Sanford Martin,	3 35
“ “ D. B. Cobb & Son,	2 04
“ “ D. Sweetland,	48 38
“ “ A. G. Caswell,	2 00
“ “ Charles Plaisted,	11 62
“ “ A. F. Brown,	25 48
“ “ David Savage,	14 89
“ “ Preston Freeman,	20 02
“ “ Abner Richards,	25
“ “ J. L. B. Young,	6 50
“ “ S. R. Bennett,	2 00
“ “ J. S. Burgess,	8 75
“ “ C. H. Burgess,	158 50
“ “ J. F. Richards,	98
“ “ John A. Wellman,	3 31
“ “ Wm. H. Wood,	1 58



Order to	J. W. Lassell,	2	95
"	" Fenderson Heal,	3	05
"	" Warren Hammond,	5	17
"	" Wm. Burgess,	6	66
"	" Wm. G. Wood,		50
"	" Geo. Davis,		50
"	" Arthur Sweetland,	26	22
"	" Judson Sweetland,	5	87
"	" Albert Robbins,	7	09
"	" O. E. Robbins,	10	96
"	" Herbert Plaisted,	5	07
"	" John Keen,	1	25
"	" Alden Robbins,	3	50
"	" G. W. Richards,	2	08
"	" Everett Bennett,	2	45
"	" Chas. Bennett,	1	00
"	" B. F. Fuller,	32	32
"	" James Luce,	9	47
"	" H. H. Skinner,		95
"	" Allie Ripley,		63
"	" Chas. E. Heal,	3	12
"	" Clifford Richards,	3	75
"	" A. A. Buck,		65
"	" O. B. Fuller,	1	75
"	" E. C. Golloupe,	1	25
"	" Merton Wood,	15	50
"	" E. R. Packard,	8	02
"	" Geo. Spear,	3	88
"	" J. L. Bean,	1	25
"	" Frank Bean,	3	12
"	" Wm. H. Frohock,		35
"	" R. Ness,		50
"	" W. U. Marriner,		25
"	" H. E. Holmes,	14	00

Order to E. C. Cross,	90
“ “ E. S. Adams,	59 59
“ “ C. S. Adams,	9 81
“ “ Chas. Banks,	11 91
“ “ I. S. Bartlett,	90
“ “ J. L. Boynton,	5 40
“ “ A. C. Boynton,	21 96
“ “ Geo. Cooper,	26 19
“ “ C. F. Cushman,	15 00
“ “ James Furbush,	5 37
“ “ Geo. Gove,	4 62
“ “ Chas. Gilman,	9 00
“ “ I. A. Hall,	8 00
“ “ F. S. Hall,	4 12
“ “ R. E. Howes,	7 08
“ “ W. S. Hunt,	9 87
“ “ Del Higgins,	3 25
“ “ E. S. Hook,	13 45
“ “ J. A. Harrington,	25 68
“ “ E. Kendall,	6 94
“ “ Wm. Knowlton,	2 50
“ “ T. W. Nickerson,	15 17
“ “ Fred Lucas,	25 60
“ “ W. B. Morse,	1 51
“ “ Oscar Newell,	9 38
“ “ J. F. Paine,	11 15
“ “ F. Roakes,	9 63
“ “ Geo. Randell,	1 15
“ “ O. A. Shibles,	12 00
“ “ Geo. E. Thompson,	3 75
“ “ J. F. Thompson,	7 25
“ “ W. M. Thompson,	9 18
“ “ Arnold Turner,	9 76
“ “ H. A. Thorndike,	4 99



Order to M. O. Wilson,	6 27
“ “ L. A. Warren,	3 25
“ “ L. Jackson,	60
“ “ O. I. Boynton,	4 42
“ “ C. P. Black,	2 02
“ “ W. R. Thomas,	25
“ “ H. B. Thompson,	1 00
“ “ Geo. Fuller,	3 85
“ “ Geo. E. Heal,	2 19
“ “ T. M. Simmons,	2 25
“ “ A. N. Jewett,	3 43
“ “ Levi Greer,	93
“ “ G. G. Hook,	88
“ “ J. H. Luce,	1 25
“ “ J. Rivers,	1 00
“ “ I. W. Paul,	5 80
“ “ B. F. Knowles,	63
“ “ J. L. Donican,	2 38
“ “ F. Moore,	3 06
“ “ S. S. Miller,	2 00

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Unexpended,

295 97

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\$2100 00

Overdrawn from 1901,

\$564 34

Town raised for road near school house,

\$200 00

Expended,

235 96

Overdrawn,

35 96

### SCHOOLS.

Town raised for schools,

\$759 20

Unexpended from 1902,

292 40

School fund and mill tax from State,

825 98

Due from Montville,

100 00

Received for tuition,

52 59

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\$2030 17

## EXPENDED.

Order to	Mrs. Abbie Ordway,	for	teaching,	\$	76	00
"	" Miss Etta Lawry,	"	"		72	00
"	" Miss Addie McLain,	"	"		116	50
"	" Miss Annie Wellman	"	"		76	00
"	" Miss Lula M. Thompson,	"	"		76	00
"	" Mrs. L. F. Sukeforth,	"	"		76	00
"	" Miss Ethel M. Howes,	"	"		22	75
"	" Miss Mabel Marriner,	"	"		72	00
"	" Mr. James Carey,	"	"		21	00
"	" Mr. H. M. Daniels,	"	"		99	50
"	" Miss Alice Poor,	"	"		112	00
"	" Miss Hattie Burgess,	"	"		76	00
"	" Miss Edith Wilson,	"	"		36	00
"	" Miss Cora Mahoney,	"	"		76	00
"	" Mr. Stephen Sidelinger,	"	"		62	50
"	" Miss Martha Davis,	"	"		36	00
"	" Mr. George Cooper,	for	board,		18	00
"	" O. B. Fuller,	"	"		8	00
"	" Mrs. Abbie Ordway,	"	"		33	25
"	" Miss Etta Lawry,	"	"		29	25
"	" Miss Annie Wellman,	"	"		28	50
"	" Mr. John Thompson,	"	"		51	25
"	" Mrs. L. F. Sukeforth,	"	"		28	50
"	" James Carey,	"	"		8	40
"	" O. E. Robbins,	"	"		15	75
"	" Lula M. Thompson,	"	"		33	25
"	" Alice Poor,	"	"		50	00
"	" Hattie Burgess,	"	"		30	75
"	" Geo. H. Clark,	"	"		12	25
"	" Daniel Sweetland,				17	50
"	" Wm. F. Bryant,				42	00
"	" Cora Mahoney,				15	75
"	" Edith Wilson,				15	75



Order to Mrs. M. J. Poor,	20 00
“ “ G. F. Randall,	18 00
“ “ Geo. Campbell for conveying scholars,	3 00
“ “ E. D. Brown, “ “ “	29 50
“ “ Abbie Ordway, “ “ “	15 75
“ “ Frank Cooper, janitor services,	1 50
“ “ C. S. Adams, “ “	17 75
“ “ Leslie Wentworth, “ “	1 75
“ “ Bert Robbins, “ “	1 50
“ “ E. S. Adams, “ “	2 50
“ “ Addie McLain, “ “	3 50
“ “ Laura G. Skinner, “ “	3 75
“ “ Alice E. Tibbetts, “ “	2 50
“ “ Mrs. Wm. Burgess, “ “	1 00
“ “ Mrs. Albert Robbins “ “	1 50
“ “ Horace Ripley, “ “	3 00
“ “ E. P. Marriner, for fuel,	3 00
“ “ G. H. Clark, “ “	19 00
“ “ David Savage, “ “	18 25
“ “ Delbert Higgins, “ “	12 00
“ “ Arad Mahoney, “ “	7 00
“ “ A. H. Bagley, “ “	7 00
“ “ C. S. Adams, “ “	5 50
“ “ Wm. Burgess, “ “	1 25
“ “ J. L. Bean, “ “	2 05
“ “ L. S. Marriner, “ “	3 00
“ “ Town of Appleton for tuition,	25 00

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\$1773 95  
256 22

Unexpended,

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\$2030 17

**TEXT BOOKS.**

Town raised, \$100 00  
Unexpended from 1901, 59 81

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\$159 81

## EXPENDED.

Order to American Book Co.,	\$ 113 72
“ “ E. E. Babb,	10 97
“ “ J. D. Carey,	6 00
“ “ L. Barton,	1 50
“ “ Boston School Supply Co.,	21 00
“ “ Levenworth and Green,	5 00
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	\$158 19
Unexpended,	1 62
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	\$159 81

## REPAIRS AND INSURANCE ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Town raised,	\$75 00
Overdrawn,	30 80
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	\$105 80

## EXPENDED.

Order to Mrs Ansel Lothrop,	\$ 3 00
“ “ John W. Jones,	2 40
“ “ Cooper & Co.,	39 01
“ “ C. S. Adams,	29 75
“ “ H. E. McDonald,	80
“ “ C. S. Adams,	4 75
“ “ D. B. Cobb,	11 34
“ “ V. A. Simmons,	6 52
Overdrawn from 1902,	8 23
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	\$105 80
Raised for Free High School,	\$150 00

## EXPENDED.

Order to J. D. Clary for teaching,	110 00
Order to M. J. Poor for board of teacher,	24 00
Unexpended,	16 00
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	\$150 00



**WATERING TUBS.**

Town raised	\$10 00
Unexpended from 1901,	8 00
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	\$18 00

**EXPENDED.**

Paid C. A. Heal for 1901,	\$2 00
Unexpended,	16 00
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	\$18 00

The report of the municipal year 1902 and ending March 2, 1903, is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

A. G. CASWELL,	} Selectmen of Searsmont.
J. F. PAINE,	
C. L. BROWN,	

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Treasurer of 1901,		\$3341 48
“ “ Appleton for tuition of scholars,	\$ 25 75	
“ “ Montville for tuition of scholars,	110 58	
“ “ Town Clerk for license on dogs,	62 00	
“ school fund and mill tax,	825 98	
“ tax of 1902, committed to H. E. Holmes,	6439 61	
“ percentage of 1901 dog tax, refunded,	43 37	
“ from State Treas'r, telegraph and railroad tax,	6 25	
“ from Appleton for tuition of scholars,	51 34	
“ for taxes, and interest on tax deeds,	16 67	
“ from L. Hanson for tuition of scholar,	1 25	
“ interest on Thompson & Hook note,	38	7583 18
		\$10924 66

### PAID OUT.

Selectmen's orders,	\$5732 95	
To State Treasurer,	1734 31	
To County Treasurer,	300 00	
	\$7767 26	



## RESOURCES RETURNED.

Uncollected tax of 1902,	\$2689 49	
Tax deeds,	68 03	
Cash,	399 88	\$3157 40
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		\$10924 66

OTIS D. WILSON,

Treasurer.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT.

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To the Citizens of Searsmont :

I herewith very respectfully present my report for the school year just closed for your consideration.

The average attendance in our schools for the past year has been better than usual.

It gives me pleasure to report that most of the schools have been a success. Most of the teachers employed have given good satisfaction and done good work. They have shown a love and enthusiasm for their work, and a spirit not satisfied with anything short of the best of results.

In some cases the school work has been injured by the pupils circulating reports to their parents about the teacher and they taking it for granted that the report is correct without any inquiry into the truthfulness of it, have talked against teachers and school in the presence of their children and to the injury of them have allowed them to leave the school.

I trust that the parents may come to realize that the success of our schools depend largely upon their helpfulness and co-operation with the teacher, then, and not until then, will the schools accomplish the work that they should.

In a general way every generation is an improvement on its predecessor. We attribute this largely to the improvement of our common schools.

The better the schools the better will be the success and prosperity of our town.

It is the duty and should be the privilege of every citizen to cultivate a continuous interest in our schools and give them your aid and assistance in everything which will tend to advance the work and increase their efficiency.

It is said of Frobel, a man foremost in educational history, who spent his life in the study of child life, and the influence of whose teaching has been fruitful beyond measure.

It is said of him that he saw the tree in the germ, the infinitely great in the small, the child of God in the poorest human being and who went about with the command on his lips, Thou shalt treat Thy child as a manifestation of the Divine Spirit in human form, as the pledge of the love, the nearness, the grace of God ; as a gift from God.



We should be careful that the divine image be not defaced and we should with all our strength work to preserve and shape it more beautifully.

It is from the teachings and lives of such men we get our truest ideas and ideals of character building during the formation period of child life and the schools of this and every other town should be the places where the children can be taught to expand physically, mentally and morally, directed by those who have learned to be a child among children. Yes, to be a true teacher of children one should be a Godly teacher and always set a Godly example and I would that this example might begin in the home every pupil in town so that they might begin early in life to build grand and noble manly and womanly characters, for it is said in the divine word, be careful of these little ones for of such as these is the Kingdom of Heaven.

The school buildings are in fair condition except Muzzy Ridge and Wilson school houses, these need to be repaired very much.

The East Searsmont House has been repaired during the past year at an expense of about \$70, some other slight repairs have been made.

The text books are in fairly good condition. We have purchased thirty copies of United States histories we need twenty copies more.

We also need twelve algebras.

The twelve weeks term of Free High School last Fall taught by James Carey was a success.

List of teachers, wages and board. Spring term, 9 weeks, Fall 10 weeks  
Winter 9 weeks.

VILLAGE SCHOOL.	WAGES PER WEEK.	BOARD.
Spring term taught by J. D. Carey, Pr.,		\$ 2 00
Alice Poor, Ast.,	\$ 4 00	1 75
Fall Term,	J. D. Carey,	9 16
Alice Poor, Ast.,	4 00	1 75
Winter Term,	Stephen Sidelinger, Pr.	6 25
Alice Poor, Ast.,	4 00	2 00

#### NORTH SEARSMONT.

Spring term taught by A. E. McClain,	\$4 00.	\$1 75
Fall " " " " "	4 00	1 75
Winter " " " " "	4 50	2 00

## UNION SCHOOL, SO. MONTVILLE.

Spring term taught by Mrs. L. M. Sukeforth,	\$4 00	\$1 50
Fall " " " " " "	4 00	1 50
Winter " " " Martha Davis,	4 00	2 00

## WILSON SCHOOL.

Spring term taught by Lulu Thompson,	\$4 00	\$1 75
Fall " " " " " "	4 00	1 75
Winter " " " Edith Wilson,	4 00	1 75

## MAGOG SCHOOL.

Spring term taught by Hattie Burgess,	\$4 00	\$1 50
Fall " " " " " "	4 00	1 50
Winter " " " " " "	4 00	1 75

## GHENT SCHOOL.

Spring term taught by Mabel Marriner,	\$4 00	\$1 75
Fall " " " Cora Mahoney,	4 00	1 75
Winter " " " Mabel Marriner,	4 00	2 00

## MOUNTAIN SCHOOL.

Spring term taught by Ethel Howes,	\$3 25	\$1 50
Fall " " " Harry Daniels,	4 50	1 75
Winter " " " " " "	5 00	1 75

## RIDGE SCHOOL.

Spring term taught by Annie Wellman,	\$4 00	\$1 50
Fall " " " " " "	4 00	1 50
Winter " " " Etta Lawrey,	4 00	1 75

## EAST SEARSMONT.

Spring term taught by Abbie M. Ordway,	\$4 00	\$1 75
Fall " " " " " "	4 00	1 75
Winter " " " Cora Mahoney	4 00	1 75

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the School Committee, also citizens of the town who have so generously contributed to make the past year a successful one for our schools.



## TRUANT LAWS.

I give herewith a copy of the truant laws, which I hope every citizen will make themselves familiar with.

Every child between the ages of 7 and 15 years inclusive, shall attend some public day school during the time such school is in session, provided he is not excused because of receiving equivalent instruction for a like period of time in an approved private school, or further provided that his physical or mental condition makes it inexpedient for him to attend such school.

Parents or guardians who fail to comply with this act shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars or shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

Any child, who without sufficient excuse, shall be absent from school six or more times during any term, shall be deemed an habitual truant, and the truant officer when directed by the committee or superintendent in writing shall enforce the above provisions by complaint against the person having control of said child.

Any person having control of a child who is an habitual truant and being in any way responsible for such truancy and any person who induces a child to absent himself from school, or harbors or conceals such a child when he is absent, shall forfeit not exceeding twenty dollars for the use of the public schools of the city or town in which such child resides, to be recovered by the truant officer on complaint, or such person shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days. An habitual truant, if a boy, may be committed to the State Reform School, or, if a girl, to the State Industrial School for Girls. Police or municipal courts and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of the offences above described.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. ADAMS,

Superintendent.

Searsmont, March 2nd, 1903.