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1892-93.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

✦ TOWN OFFICERS ✦

— OF —

✦ FORT FAIRFIELD, MAINE, ✦

— FOR THE —

Municipal Year Ending March 15, 1893.



Annual town meeting Monday, March 27th, 1893.



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LEADER JOB OFFICE,  
FORT FAIRFIELD.

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Did you know that

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One of the very finest Boots for ladies' wear there  
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## FRENCH BROS.



# Annual Report of the Town Officers

—OF THE—

## ❖ Town of Fort Fairfield, ❖

*For the year ending March 15, 1893.*

The Selectmen of Fort Fairfield herewith submit their annual report for the Municipal Year ending March 15th, 1893 :

Valuation, the year ending	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total Valuation	No. of Polls.
March 15, 1889.	\$460,011	\$156,835	\$616,847	675
“ “ 1890	464,158	148,160	612,918	705
“ “ 1891	510,534	178,421	688,955	761
“ “ 1892	541,550	181,190	722,740	831

### HIGHWAY TAX FOR YEAR 1892.

Amount raised by town,	\$6,000 00
Amount of overlay on assessments,	163 90
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	\$6,163 90

No. of polls, 831.

Rate, \$1.50 each.

Rate per cent, 7 mills on the dollar.

Supplementary Highway Tax, \$134 72

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CASH TAX FOR YEAR 1892.

State Tax,	\$2,464 85
County Tax,	1,268 90
Common Schools,	2,800 00
Paupers,	800 00
Town Expenses,	3,500 00
Interest on Town Debt,	1,300 00
R. R. Sinking Fund,	418 50
Free High School,	750 00
Repairs on Bridge,	300 00
Cash for Highways,	700 00
Free Text Books for Schools,	500 00
Fire Protection,	300 00
Memorial Day,	25 00
New School House in Village,	1,500 00
Finishing and furnishing, school house account,	1,500 00
Finishing Town Office,	100 00
Electric Lights,	300 00
Building Lockup,	300 00
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	\$18,077 25
Overlay on assessments,	31 45
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	\$18,108 70
Supplementary Tax for year 1892,	319 98
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	\$18,428 68

Number of Polls, 831.

Rate \$3.00 each.

Amount of Poll Tax, \$2,493 00

Rate per cent., 22 mills,

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$1,500 00
Amount overdrawn to balance and carried to finishing and furnishing account,	149 57
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	\$1,649 57



Amount expended as follows:

Amount paid J. C. Rackliff for lot,	\$100 00
Amount paid H. S. Beckwith & Brooks on contract to build School House,	1,549 57
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	\$1,649 57

### FIRE PROTECTION ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$300 00
Amount paid J. F. Hacker, treasurer of Frontier Water Co.,	\$300 00

### SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$2,800 00
Amount unexpended in year 1891,	1,164 20
Amount received from State,	<del>2,300</del> 68
Amount of Ministerial School Fund,	97 76
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	\$7,562 64

Amount expended as follows:

Amount expended to date,	\$6,303 10
Amount undrawn to balance,	1,259 54
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	\$7,562 64

### HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount assessed by town,	\$750 50
Amount unexpended in year 1891,	118 98
Amount received for tuitions,	22 00
Amount received from State,	125 00
Amount overdrawn to balance,	50 36
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	\$1,066 84

Amount expended as follows:

Amount expended to date,	\$1,066 84
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### INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$1,300 00
Amount unexpended in year 1891,	2 16
Amount overdrawn and carried to town expense account,	141 90
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	\$1,444 06



Amount expended as follows :

Amount paid on interest by treasurer,	\$1,444 06
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### MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount raised by town,	\$25 00
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Amount expended as follows :

Amount paid H. O. Perry, Q. M. of Kilpatrick Post, G. A. R.,	\$25 00
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### RAILROAD SINKING FUND.

Amount raised by town from 1878 to 1891,	\$5,859 00
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Amount raised by town for year 1892,	418 50
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Amount unndrawn to balance	\$6,277 50
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### FINISHING AND FURNISHING SCHOOL HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$750 00
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Amount unexpended in year 1891,	5 49
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Amount overdrawn to balance, and carried to town expense account,	49 59
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\$805 08

Amount expended as follows :

Amount paid Wm. H. Libby for grading school house lot,	\$10 63
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Amount paid Union Foundry Co. for stoves,	18 51
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Amount paid C. P. Railway Co., freight,	47 30
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Amount paid the U. S. School Fur. Co., for seats,	305 00
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Amount paid Adams M. F. G. Co.,	24 00
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Amount paid C. D. Cutts for stoves for school h.,	82 72
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Amount paid H. Stevens & Co., for lumber,	4 79
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Amount paid H. S. Beckwith & Brooks, labor,	153 87
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Amount paid J. F. Hacker,	8 69
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Amount overdrawn on school house account,	149 57
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\$805 08



## FREE TEXT SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$500 00
Amount received from text books sold,	25 40
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	\$525 40

### Expended as follows :

Amount paid American Book Co.,	\$161 69
Amount paid Boston School Supply Co.,	5 00
Amount paid Lock, Shewell & Sanborn,	54 25
Amount paid Lee & Shepherd,	12 00
Amount paid W. P. Adams,	67 84
Amount paid Ginn & Co.,	69 30
Amount paid Wm. Ware & Co.,	114 58
Amount paid W. C. Burpee,	14 06
Amount undrawn to balance and carried to town expense account,	26 68
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	\$525 40

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$300 00
Amount undrawn in the year 1891,	30 23
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	\$330 23

### Amount expended as follows :

Amount paid Stephen Crock, labor,	\$6 00
Amount paid Wheeler Daggett, labor,	6 25
Amount paid W. A. Haines, lumber,	162 90
Amount paid M. Munson, lumber,	35 42
Amount paid C. E. Hoit Jr., labor,	2 50
Amount paid R. F. Sirois, labor,	14 00
Amount paid James Haley, labor,	15 00
Amount paid W. H. Pool, labor,	11 00
Amount paid L. K. Cary & Co.,	4 05
Amount paid J. S. Hall,	14 64
Amount undrawn to balance and carried to town expense account,	58 67
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	\$330 23



## HIGHWAY CASH ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$700 00
Amount unexpended in year 1891,	312 08
Amount overdrawn and carried to town ex- pense account,	40 75
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	\$1052 83

### Expended as follows:

Amount expended on the Strickland road,,	541 25
Amount expended on the Base line road,	100 00
Amount expended on the George Clark cross road,	30 00
Amount expended on the West Limestone road,	46 00
Amount expended on other roads,	335 58
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	\$1052 83

## LOCKUP ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$300 00
Amount received from lumber sale,	4 00
Amount undrawn to balance and carried to town expense account,	45 07
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	\$349 07

### Expended as follows:

Amount paid H. S. Beckwith & Brooks,	\$291 28
Amount paid W. H. Libby,	13 25
Amount paid C. D. Cutts,	14 64
Amount paid L. K. Cary & Co.,	16 05
Amount paid Burpee & Knight,	2 35
Amount paid B. J. Gray,	2 50
Amount paid Caleb Bartlett,	9 00
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	\$349 07



## TOWN OFFICE ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$100 00
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	\$100 00
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Expended as follows :

Amount paid H. S. Beckwith & Brooks,	\$12 00
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Amount paid Roderick Powers,	34 70
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Amount paid W. A. Haines,	14 30
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Amount paid H. Stevens & Co.,	11 65
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Amount paid L. K. Cary & Co.,	18 34
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Amount paid Wm. Small & Co.,	3 18
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Amount paid J. S. Hall,	3 90
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Amount undrawn to balance and carried to town expense account,	1 93
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	\$100 00
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## PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$800 00
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Amount received from town of Caribou for support of Mrs. John Daly,	13 00
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	\$813 00
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Expended as follows :

Josephine Moreau,	\$6 90
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Arthur Murphy,	59 85
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Moses Cox's girl,	1 90
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Georgie Cox,	38 95
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Mrs. John Daley,	13 00
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John McGath,	5 00
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Patrick Murphy,	15 00
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Miss S. J. Pearsons,	71 00
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Mrs. Alex Morreau,	6 86
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—— McDougald,	1 00
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Miss Ellen Murphy, burial expenses,	14 50
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Miss Blanche Russell,	64 00
Miss Annie Russell,	4 50
Octave Sirois,	3 65
Vetel Santimore	2 00
John McFadgen,	5 00
Mrs. John Buber,	1 50

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\$314 61

Amount unexpended and carried to town farm account,	499 39
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\$814 00

### TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Amount undrawn in year 1891,	\$361 50
Amount received for produce sold off of farm,	34 92
Amount unexpended on pauper account,	499 39

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\$895 81

#### Expended as follows:

Amount paid W. A. Harlow for wood,	\$35 00
Amount paid W. H. Boynton for soap,	5 50
Amount paid S. Everett for seed and labor,	11 15
Amount paid Jesse Kennedy, line fence,	80 00
Amount paid W. H. Haynes, labor,	5 00
Amount paid C. E. Hoit, labor,	3 18
Amount paid William Small & Co., supplies	12 28
Amount paid F. H. Haines, labor,	12 00
Amount paid Fred M. Haines, labor,	2 00
Amount paid Thurlough & Richards, supplies	26 00
Amount paid J. B. A. Rediker, labor,	4 50
Amount paid A. D. Sawyer, professional ser- vices,	29 00
Amount paid J. C. Rackliffe for cupboard,	5 00
Amount paid C. D. Cutts for supplies,	7 15



Amount paid J. A. Bridges for trucking,	2 50
Amount paid H. N. Goodhue for supplies,	22 27
Amount paid Scates & Co. medicine,	26 75
Amount paid L. K. Cary & Co., supplies,	6 40
Amount paid Jesse Kennedy, labor,	10 00
Amount paid Haynes & Harlow, wood,	25 00
Amount paid J. F. Hacker, cash and supplies,	222 45
Amount paid Jesse Kennedy, wood,	10 00
Amount paid Palmer & Holmes, medicine,	1 95
Amount paid A. C. Cary, supplies,	5 80
Amount paid H. Knight & Co.,	3 64
Amount paid H. N. Goodhue,	5 25
Amount paid Haynes & Harlow,	32 25
Amount paid S. Grant, board of S. J. Pearsons,	11 25
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	\$638 27

Amount undrawn to balance and carried to town expense account,	257 54
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	\$895 81

### TOWN EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$3,500 00
Amount unexpended in the year 1891,	903 83
Amount for blanks sold,	1 81
Amount received on tax deeds,	277 87
Amount received for license for circus,	10 00
Amount overlay on assessments for 1892,	31 45
Amount unexpended on town officer's account,	1 93
Amount unexpended on free text book account,	26 68
Amount undrawn on bridge account,	58 67
Amount undrawn on town farm account,	257 54
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	\$5,069 78



Expended as follows :

Amount paid J. S. Fall, constable fees,	\$5 00
Amount paid Stevens & Jones, stationery,	4 50
Amount paid W. A. Johnston, snowing bridge,	5 00
Amount paid H. M. Orriss, printing reports,	20 00
Amount paid Henry Dean, land damage,	5 00
Amount paid George Tyler & Co., cutter for road machine,	16 50
Amount paid F. W. Osborn, constable fees,	15 00
Amount paid J. H. Murphy, M. D., scarlet fever case,	7 00
Amount paid W. S. Teague, services as police,	181 50
Amount paid John Lundy, land damage,	46 00
Amount paid Miles F. Dorsey, land damage,	10 00
Amount paid Magill Brothers, voting booths,	31 15
Amount paid C. H. Ellis, printing,	11 75
Amount paid Mrs. E. Francis, funeral ex- penses of husband,	32 50
Amount paid John Christian, lighting bridge,	15 00
Amount paid W. H. Estabrook, constable fees,	8 00
Amount paid A. D. Sawyer, M. D., scarlet fever case,	5 00
Amount paid A. C. Paul, stationery,	8 50
Amount paid J. A. Bridges, trucking,	22 45
Amount paid J. A. Bridges, services as police,	5 00
Amount paid C. D. Cutts, handcuffs, etc.,	10 10
Amount paid Fort Fairfield Water Co., water for school house,	11 00
Amount paid H. W. Perry, recording marri- ages, births and deaths,	28 35
Amount paid J. F. Hacker for rent of hall and sundry expenses,	71 98
Amount paid J. F. Hacker, John Fisher estate,	75 21



Amount paid S. W. Ames, wood for office,	4 00
Amount paid R. L. Baker, furniture for office,	16 00
Amount paid J. F. Hacker, abatement on taxes,	232 17
Amount paid D. J. Bell, M. D., for reporting births and deaths to town clerk,	12 00
Amount paid A. D. Sawyer, M. D., for report- ing births and deaths to town clerk,	12 25
Amount paid H. M. Orriss, printing,	2 00
Amount paid James Dorsey, constable fees,	3 00
Amount paid W. H. Eestabrook, abatement on taxes for year 1890,	439 81
Amount paid W. H. Estabrook, abatement on taxes for year 1889,	21 49
Amount paid W. H. Estabrook, commissions for collecting taxes for years 1888 and 1891,	317 01
Amount paid W. H. Estabook, commissions for collecting taxes for year 1890,	219 87
Amount paid W. H. Estabrook for land sold for taxes,	616 80
Amount paid L. S. Osgood, constable fees,	5 00
Amount paid J. H. Murphy, M. D. for for re- porting births and deaths to town clerk,	11 75
Amount paid F. P. Grant, ballot clerk,	6 00
Amount paid L. N. Richards, election clerk,	6 00
Amount paid E. L. Houghton, election clerk,	6 00
Amount paid N. H. Martin, election clerk,	3 00
Amount paid A. C. Cary, amount paid out for cleaning privy,	1 30
Amount paid C. E. Hoit, member of Board of Health,	20 00
Amount paid A C. Cary, member of Board of Health,	25 00



Amount paid E. E. Scates, member of Board of Health,	25 00
Amount paid J. F. Hacker, Treasurer and collecting taxes,	150 00
Amount paid S. W. Ames, Selectman,	150 00
Amount paid C. E. Hoit, Selectman,	150 00
Amount paid R. L. Baker, Selectman,	300 00
Amount paid H. W. Trafton, Supervisor,	300 00
Amount paid H. W. Perry, Clerk,	20 00
Amount paid W. T. Spear, Auditor,	10 00
Amount of discount made by Treasurer as per vote of town at its annual meeting March, 1892, on all taxes paid on or before Dec. 1, 1892,	1,301 41
Amount undrawn to balance,	35 43
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	\$5,069 78
Amount of supplemental tax for year 1892,	\$319 98
Amount undrawn on town expense account,	31 43
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	\$351 41
Amount overdrawn on highway cash account	\$40 75
Amount overdrawn on interest account,	179 78
Amount overdrawn on finishing and furnishing schoolhouse account,	49 59
Amount overdrawn, lockup account,	45 57
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	\$315 69
Amount undrawn on supplemental tax,	\$35 72



## RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

### RESOURCES.

Amount due from W. H. Estabrook, collector of taxes for year 1888,	26 40
Amount due from collector of taxes for year 1890,	261 95
Amount due from collector of taxes for year 1891,	824 63
Amount due from collector of taxes for year 1892,	5,382 59
Amount of tax deeds, estimated,	1,600 00
Amount due from the Free High School,	125 00
Amount of cash in treasury,	2,045 31
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	\$10,205 88

### LIABILITIES.

Amount outstanding orders,	674 12
Amount Railroad Sinking Fund,	6,277 50
Amount commissions and abatements,	800 00
Amount due on town farm,	400 00
Amount outstanding bills,	\$250 00
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	\$8,401 62
Amount of assets over liabilities to balance,	1,804 26
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	\$10,205 88

### BONDED DEBT.

Amount of railroad bonds,	\$13,950 00
Amount of bond to B. Gathercole,	3,000 00
Amount of balance due on town farm,	400 00
Amount of ministerial school fund,	1,629 37
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	\$18,979 37
Amount less resources,	1,804 26
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Amount net indebtedness,	\$17,175 11



## EXPLANATIONS.

The question is oft times asked, and we think very properly asked, "Where is the Rail Road Sinking Fund?" Inasmuch as the time is drawing nigh and it is now even at the door when this question has got to be answered in a more substantial manner than by asking and answering questions, we think it advisable to submit the following statement to the tax payers of this town for their consideration.

Up to this date there has been assessed and placed in the hands of the collectors of taxes of the sinking fund,	\$6,277 50
There is now in the hands of the collectors of taxes unpaid taxes amounting to	6,495 57
Also there has been deposited with the town treasurer tax deeds amounting to	1,600 00
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Total amount of unpaid taxes,	\$8,095 57
Deducting the amount of the sinking fund therefrom,	6,277 50
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	\$1,818 07

Here, gentlemen, you will find the R. R. Sinking Fund. Now in view of the fact that in the year 1895 said bonds will fall due, would it not be well for the town to take action that will compell the delinquent tax payers or non tax payers to come to time? With the view to bring about this result we respectfully call your attention to the three following articles in the town warrant, to wit: Articles No. 25, 26 and 30. We submit the proposition whether it would not bring about a better result in the payment of taxes if the town should adopt or pass resolutions in accordance therewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

March, 15, 1893.

S. W. AMES,	}	Selectmen of Fort Fairfield.
C. E. HOIT,		
R. L. BAKER,		



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

In presenting my report as Auditor, I first invite attention to the financial condition of the town at the close of the municipal year ending March 15, 1892 as shown by my report for that year. The liabilities of the town at that date were as follows:

Amount outstanding orders,	\$750 45
Amount due R. R. Sinking Fund,	5,859 00
Amount due on Town Farm,	542 00
Amount commissions and abatements, estimated	800 00
Amount outstanding bills estimated,	250 00
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Amount floating debt,	\$8,201 45

### BONDED DEBT.

Amount R. R. Bonds,	\$13,950 00
Amount B. Gathercole note,	3,000 00
Amount M. and S. Fund,	1,629 37
Amount C. E. Hoit note temporary loan	1,000 00
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	\$19,479 00
Floating debt brought down,	8,201 45
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Total indebtedness,	\$27,780 82

### RESOURCES.

#### RESOURCES MARCH 15, 1892.

Amount due from W. H. Estabrook, Collector 1888,	\$26 40
Amount due from W. H. Estabrook, Collector, 1889,	*205 40
Amount due from W. H. Estabrook, Collector, 1890,	1,051 51
Amount due from W. H. Estabrook, Collector, 1891,	7,389 77



Amount tax deeds, estimated,	1,600 00
Amount cash in treasury,	1,896 31

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Total available resources,	\$12,169 39
Liabilities, March 15, 1892,	\$27,780 82
Resources, March 15, 1892,	12,169 39

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Net indebtedness, March 15, 1892,	\$15,611 43
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LIABILITIES, MARCH 15, 1893.

Amount outstanding orders,	\$674 12
Amount due R. R. Sinking Fund,	6,277 50
Amount due on town farm,	400 00
Amount commissions and abatements, estimated,	800 00
Amount outstanding bills, estimated,	250 00
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	\$8401 62

BONDED DEBT.

Amount R. R. Bonds,	\$13,950 00
Amount B. Gathercole note,	3000 00
Amount M. and S. Fund,	1,629 37
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	\$18,579 37
Floating debt brought down,	8,401 62
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Total indebtedness,	\$26,980 99

RESOURCES MARCH 15, 1893.

Am't due from W. H. Estabrook Coll., 1888,	\$26 40
Am't due from W. H. Estabrook Coll., 1890,	261 95
Am't due from W. H. Estabrook Coll., 1891,	824 63
Am't due from W. H. Estabrook Coll., 1892,	5,382 59
Am't tax deeds, estimated,	1,600 00
Am't cash in Treasury,	2,045 31
Am't due from State on acc't Free High School,	125 00
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Total available resources,	\$10,265 88



Total indebtedness March 15, 1893,	\$26,980 99
Available resources March 15, 1893,	10,265 88

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Net indebtedness, March 15, 1893,	\$16,715 11
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It will be observed that while the total indebtedness was reduced \$799.93 during the year, yet owing to a decrease in available resources, the net indebtedness increased \$1,103.-68.

The town order account stands as follows:

Am't old orders outstanding Mar. 15, 1892	\$750 45
Am't orders drawn during year,	16,952 73

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Total am't old and new orders,	\$17,703 18
Paid on old orders during year,	\$467 19
Paid on orders drawn during year,	16,561 87

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Total am't paid on old and new orders,	\$17,029 06
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Amount of outstanding orders,	\$674 12
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From such examination of the town books as I have been able to make, I believe the foregoing to be a correct statement of the financial condition of the town at this time.

Fort Fairfield, March 13, 1893.

W. T. SPEAR, Auditor.

\*Erroneously reported last year, as \$214.20.

## Treasurer's Report.

### CASH RECEIVED.

In treasury March 3, 1893.	\$1,896 31
From temporary loan,	4000 00
From circus license,	10 00
From lumber sold,	4 00
From town of Houlton, account Mrs. Lowrey,	13 00
From town clerk (blanks sold),	1 81



From tax deed,	277 87
From Supervisor, text books sold,	35 40
From Supervisor, tuition Free High School,	22 00
From treasurer of school fund,	97 76
From Cogswell for rent of town farm,	100 00
From produce sold from town,	34 92
From State Treasurer, State pensions,	216 00
From State Treasurer, bounty on bear,	5 00
From State Treasurer, Free High School,	125 00
From State Treasurer, School Fund,	3,500 68
From W. H. Estabrook, Col. for 1889,	205 40
From W. H. Estabrook, Col. for 1890,	753 93
From W. H. Estabrook, Col. for 1891,	6,565 14
From taxes of 1892,	11,744 68
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	\$29,608 90

#### CASH PAID OUT.

State pension,	\$216 00
Bounty on bear,	5 00
State tax for 1892,	2,464 85
County tax for 1892,	1,268 90
Interest on bond to B. Gathercole,	180 00
Interest to treasurer of school fund,	97 76
Interest on R. R. Bonds,	837 00
Bond to C. E. Hoit,	1,000 00
Interest on Hoit bond,	61 80
Temporary loan,	4,000 00
Interest on temporary loan,	99 70
Note to J. A. Woodson (town farm),	100 00
Int. on note to J. A. Woodson to June, 1893,	67 75
Town order,	17,029 06
Interest on town order,	135 77
In treasury,	2,045 31
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	\$29,608 90

Fort Fairfield, March 9, 1893.

J. F. HACKER, Treasurer.



## Report of Supervisor of Schools.

I herewith present for your consideration the following report of the schools :

### SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by vote of town,	\$2,800 00
Amount received from State,	3,500 68
Amount of M. & S. Fund,	97 76
Amount unexpended in 1891,	1,164 20
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	\$7,562 64

### EXPENDED.

Paid teachers' wages,	\$3,771 80
Paid teachers' board,	1,368 45
Paid for fuel,	395 45
Paid for repairs on school houses,	167 41
Paid for care of school houses, building fires, etc.,	241 95
Paid for school supplies,	316 28
Paid town of Easton, tuition,	45 00
Unexpended to balance account,	1,256 30
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	\$7,562 64

### HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$750 00
Amount received from State,	125 00
Amount received for tuition,	22 00
Amount unexpended in 1891,	118 98
Amount overdrawn in 1892,	50 36
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	\$1,066 34

### EXPENDED.

Paid George H. Stoddard,	\$250 00
Paid H. F. Kalloch,	588 34
Paid Miss Flora Rackliff,	108 00
Paid Miss Mary E. Merrill,	120 00
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	\$1,066 34



## FREE TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town,	\$500 00
Amount received for books sold,	35 40
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	\$535 40
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Amount paid for books,	\$498 72
Amount unexpended,	36 68
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The financial condition of the schools is very satisfactory. While the unexpended balance must be largely reduced by the payment of outstanding bills which properly belong in this year's business, still the real balance after these bills are paid will be considerable. One week has been added to the length of the schools this year, and with economical management the terms ought to be still further lengthened next year.

The amount overdrawn in the High School account, \$50.36, is apparent only. As may be seen from the Auditor's report, \$125 is still due this account from the State. With this amount paid, the account would show an unexpended balance of \$74.64,

The most economical expenditure of our school money cannot be accomplished until the present large number of small schools is reduced by combining, whenever it is practical, two or more of them into one. Such a combination would not only result in a saving of money and a consequent increase of the length of the school year, but the schools thus united would be greatly benefitted by the change. A school of twenty-five or thirty pupils is far more interesting and profitable than one of ten or twelve.

Improvements and repairs of a considerable extent ought to be made upon the school buildings next year.



Quite a number of the houses need painting and some of them still lack wood sheds. But chiefly I recommend that modern seats be provided for those schools which are still unprovided with them. This is not merely a matter of convenience—it is question of the health and well-being of the pupils. I know of no more prolific cause of round shoulders and weak eyes in pupils than the old straight-back seat.

The Foster schoolhouse is unfit for a school in its present condition. It should be finished this year. I recommend that the building be moved from its present position to some point near the road from the Page district, so that when that road is built the two schools may be united, to the great advantage of both.

The schoolhouse upon the Ridge road, so called, is also unfit for school purposes in its present condition. This building must either be finished, or a cross road built near the Foss schoolhouse, and the schools united. These two schoolhouses are less than one hundred rods from each other, and it is evidently a waste of school resources to maintain them both so near together. The expense of a road to connect the two would be less than the cost of one term of school, and both schools would be benefitted by the union.

The schoolhouse in the Ed Murphy district is too small for the number of pupils who attend. It should either be enlarged or replaced by a new one. The condition of the village school is greatly improved by the construction of the new schoolhouse. This building relieves the former crowded condition of the village school, and affords a better chance to grade them. Each of the lower grades in the village numbers about thirty-five pupils.

Your attention is directed to the large number of pupils in our town who are not attending school. Of 1511



pupils in this town at the last enumeration, only 963 were in attendance during any part of the year, and but 690 were in attendance at any one season. That is, more than one-third of the pupils of the town did not attend school at all during the year, and less than one-half were in attendance at any one time.

A more lively interest in school matters, on the part of the people generally, and a better enforcement of our truant laws, are necessary, if this condition of things is to be improved. It is a lamentable fact that many of our citizens care more for the small pittance which their children can earn, than for the advancement of their educational interests. Such, if they cannot be reasoned with, should be compelled to send their children to school.

The character of the work done in the schools has been generally satisfactory. The teachers, as a rule, have been earnest in their work, and with few exceptions, good work has been done. The High School has maintained its former high standard and has demonstrated beyond any question its right to become a permanent and prominent part of our school system. The value of the school to our town cannot be overestimated. Its influence is felt in all parts of the town and its benefits extend to all the people.

The school work, both in the High School and the other schools can be greatly aided by an intelligent interest in them on the part of parents and citizens generally. The hearty co-operation of the parent is necessary to the best work of the teacher.

More frequent visits to the schools by the parents would serve to awaken their interest more fully in the school work, and would be a source of encouragement to the teachers which would greatly aid them in their efforts. United efforts will accomplish the best results in educational as well as other matters.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. TRAFTON, Supervisor.

March 15, 1893.



## Abstract of Warrant.

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers.
  3. To raise money for support of schools.
  4. To raise money for town expenses.
  5. To raise money for support of paupers.
  6. To raise money for interest on town debts.
  7. To raise money for Free High School.
  8. To raise money for Rail Road Sinking Fund.
  9. To raise money for repairs on bridges.
  10. To raise money for finishing and furnishing School-houses.
  11. To raise money to finish and furnish schoolhouse in Daniel Nichols' district.
  12. To raise money to finish and furnish the school-house in H. L. Foster district.
  13. To raise money to build a schoolhouse in the Edward Murphy district.
  14. To raise money to be expended on the highways, in cash.
  15. To raise money to be expended on highways, in statute labor.
  16. To raise money for free text books for schools.
  17. To raise money for fire protection.
  18. To raise money for Memorial Day.
  19. To see if the town will vote to sell the old lockup to W. A. Haines.
  20. To see if the town will vote to lease the land on the town lot to W. H. Pool and others on which their office now stands.
  21. To authorize selectmen to renew loans falling due the ensuing year.



22. To see if the town will vote to instruct and authorize the selectmen to abate all taxes assessed upon all potatoes in the storehouses and cellars in the village of Ft. Fairfield on the first day of April, 1893, awaiting shipment.

23. To see what sum of money will raise to be expended upon a system of sewerage in the village the coming year.

24. To vote a discount on all taxes paid before certain dates.

25. To see if the town will vote that interest shall be paid on all unpaid taxes after a certain date.

26. To see if the town will vote to fix a date when all unpaid taxes shall be paid.

27. To see if the town will elect the Treasurer, collector of taxes.

28. To raise money to repair buildings on town farm.

29. To see if the town will vote to abate taxes on the Amasa Howe mill for year 1892.

30. To see if the town will vote to instruct the treasurer to have all tax deeds put upon record as soon as the time expires that he is to hold the same for payment.

31. To see if the town will vote to accept report of selectmen of road laid out on petition of Samuel Everett and others, land damage awarded \$300.

32. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay land damage on road as reported in Article 31.

33. To see if the town will accept the report of selectmen of a road laid out on the application of Patrick Campbell and others.

34. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to have all obstructions removed from the streets.

35. To see if the town will vote to pass an ordinance to stop fast driving and racing on Main street from Gellerson's corner to the Boundary Line, and impose a fine of not less



than \$2 nor more than \$10 for each violation.

36. To see if the town will vote to deed a strip of land 16 feet wide off the northern side of the town farm to the society known as the Friends.

37. To see if the town will vote to accept deeds of dedication of the following right of way, to wit: A deed from Mrs. Blanche Rackliff, F. W. Burns and F. A. Crummett, for a road on the dividing line of land of said Rackliff and Burns, and across land of Crummett to connect with the Samuel Everett road; also a deed of J. F. Hacker and others of a right of way known as Blaine street; also a deed of right of way from F. W. Burns, John S. Smith and others, from the Fort Hill road past the Congregational church to the north line of F. W. Burns' village lot.

Annual Town Meeting Monday, March 27, at 10 o'clock A. M. The selectmen will be in session at the town office Saturday, March 25, also at Memorial Hall Monday, March 27, 1893, to revise the list of voters.



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