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Forty-Fifth Annual Report

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN, AUDITOR

—AND—

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF SEARSPORT,

—FOR THE—

MUNICIPAL YEAR 1889.

FREEDOM:
NEWELL WHITE, PRINTER,
1890

THE WARRANT.

STATE OF MAINE.

TO FRANK E. WHITCOMB, a constable of the town of
Searsport, in the County of Waldo, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Searsport, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the 17th. day of March, instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2nd. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3rd—5th. To see if the town will accept the report of its officers as printed.
- 6th. To choose three or more Selectmen.
- 7th. To choose Assessors of Taxes.
- 8th. To choose Overseers of the Poor.
- 9th. To choose a Town Agent.
- 10th. To choose a Town Treasurer.
- 11th. To choose Auditor of Town Accounts.
- 12th—23rd. To choose other town officers.
- 24th. To see if the town will continue the Free High School, how much money it will raise therefor, and what action the town will take to render the school more efficient.
- 25th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools.
- 26th. To see how much money the town will raise for text books for town schools.
- 27th. To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the School Committee or Supervisor to make such changes in the school books now used in the town as they may deem expedient.
- 28th. To choose a Superintending School Committee or Supervisor.
- 29th. To choose School Agents.

- 30th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the poor, and other town expenses.
- 31st. To see how much money the town will raise to repair the highways, and whether in labor or money; and if in labor, how much per hour for men, oxen and horses.
- 32nd. To see if the town will vote to lay out a road from the road leading to the house of Wm. Bassick, to the house of Crawford F. Treat.
- 33rd. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills for labor or other services so long as the parties are indebted to the town for taxes.
- 34th. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk in road district No. 5, on Prospect Street, from its junction with Main Street to L. M. Sargent's house; the same to cost about \$100.
- 35th. To see if the town will vote to expend \$100 for plank for sidewalks in road district No. 1, at the Harbor.
- 36th. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on Magoon Street.
- 37th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to re-build and extend the plank sidewalk across "Mill Brook Bridge," so called, to its western side.
- 38th. To see if the town will vote to maintain and light the street lamp on Water Street, near Mrs. Whitcomb's house.
- 39th. To see if the town will vote to put up three street lights on Water Street; the same to be maintained and lighted on dark nights from June 1 to Oct. 1, 1890.
- 40th. To see how much money the town will raise to buy books for the Sears Library.
- 41st. To see if the town will vote to raise \$50 for a Memorial Service.
- 42nd. To hear the report of the Fire Department.
- 43rd. To see if the town will vote to pay members of the Engine Co. and Fire Wards \$3 each—not to

exceed sixty-three members; said money being payable to Clerk of the Engine Co. in a gross sum, on or before Jan. 1, 1891.

- 44th. To see how much discount the town will allow to those who pay their taxes on or before the first day of July next, and how much to those who pay on or before the first day of January, 1891.
- 45th. To see what discount the town will allow to those who pay their highway taxes on or before the first day of June next, in cash to the surveyor.
- 46th. To see how much money the town will raise to pay discount on taxes.
- 47th. To see if the town will vote to prohibit the taking of clams for sale out of this town.
- 48th. To see if the town will vote to tax male dogs \$1, and female dog \$2; said tax to be collected of owners, or any person or persons having said dogs in their possession.
- 49th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to make it the duty of the Highway Surveyors to have the weeds and thistles mowed twice during the season, within the limits of the highway.
- 50th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to open up, or widen the road known as North Street, to a width of two and one-half rods, as originally laid out by the Selectmen on the first day of October, 1864.
- 51st. To see if the town will vote to accept the portion of the Mount Ephriam road as widened to three rods wide by the Selectmen on the fourth day of March, 1890.
- 52nd. To see if the town will vote to locate and build a reservoir to take the place of the one on Mount Ephriam Street; the same being useless.
- 53rd. To chose a Collector of taxes.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office on Saturday, the 15th. instant, at

one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, this 6th. day of March, A. D. 1890.

D. S. GOODELL,	}	Selectmen of Searsport.
C. C. HAMILTON,		
E. A. COLSON,		

REPORT.

ASSESSORS' DOINGS.

Valuation of Real Estate,	\$418,999
" " Personal Estate,	367,783
Total,	\$786,782

Number of Polls,	403
Rate of Taxation,	.0169

The following amounts were assessed on the inhabitants of Searsport and the non-residents owning real estate therein:

For support of Common Schools,	\$1,860 00
" " Free High School,	500 00
" " the Poor, and other expenses,	2,500 00
roads and bridges,	2,500 00
discount on taxes,	1,300 00
Sears Library,	100 00
apparatus for Free High School,	100 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
	<u>\$8,910 00</u>
For County Tax,	2,082 27
State	2,892 92
overlay,	620 24
	<u>\$14,505 43</u>
For supplemental tax,	126 67
	<u>\$14,631 10</u>

ABATEMENTS.

On taxes of 1886,	\$ 98 74
" " 1887,	44 83
" " 1888,	47 42
" " 1889,	249 10
	<u>\$440 09</u>

SELECTMEN'S DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders drawn on the Treasurer to pay as follows:

Abatements,	\$440 09
Interest,	24 23
Discount on taxes,	1296 33
Common schools,	2895 05
Free High schools,	500 00
Apparatus for free high schools,	100 00
Sears Library,	188 30
Roads and bridges,	1627 49
Street lights,	109 36
Fire department,	206 12
Memorial service,	50 00
Town farm,	376 99
Town's poor, not on farm,	173 12
Insanity,	427 62
Incidentals,	283 47
Town Officers,	822 14
	\$9520 31

INTEREST.

Searsport N. Bank on various orders of 1888, \$24 23

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

J. H. Kneeland for 10 per ct. discount,	1261 72
“ “ “ 5 “ “ “	34 61
	\$1296 33

SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	Underdrawn last year.	Overdrawn last year.	School Fund.	Orders Drawn.	Balance underdr'n.	Balance overdr'n.
1	79 70		381 50	388 84	72 36	
2	38 39		479 60	442 97	75 02	
3, 4, 5	20 93		1003 50	1108 28		83 85
6	27		110 00	109 08	1 19	
7	3 27		189 85	191 10	2 02	
8		3 48	222 55	225 75		6 68
9	08		194 40	181 61	12 87	
10	6 66		111 00	104 97	12 69	

11	5 01	109 00	106 45	7 56
12	3 62	32 70	36 00	32
		500 00	500 00	
	<u>157 93</u>	<u>3 48</u>	<u>3334 10</u>	<u>3395 05</u>
				<u>184 03 90 53</u>
				<u>90 53</u>
Balance due the districts,				\$93 50

SEARS LIBRARY.

Ada E. Ridley for services as librarian to Apr. 4, 1889,	\$25 00
Ada E. Ridley for repairs on books,	4 00
Phineas Libby for binding books,	11 25
Wm. H. Zinn for books as per vote of town,	42 61
De Wolfe, Fisk & Co. for books as per vote of town,	40 81
State Atlas,	10 00
Geo. F. Smith for record book,	1 50
Phineas Pendleton for rent of room,	50 00
Hamilton, Kneeland & Co. for wood,	3 13
	<u>\$188 30</u>

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Labor in district No. 1,	\$58 05
“ “ “ 2,	50 25
“ “ “ 3,	150 60
“ “ “ 4,	149 50
“ “ “ 5,	74 55
“ “ “ 6,	104 31
“ “ “ 7,	38 30
“ “ “ 8,	22 73
“ “ “ 9,	28 65
“ “ “ 10,	49 40
“ “ “ 11,	47 80
“ “ “ 12,	26 20
“ “ “ 13,	52 50
“ “ “ 14,	49 05
“ “ “ 15,	32 45

"	"	"	16,	32	34
"	"	"	17,	41	90
"	"	"	18,	46	00
"	"	"	19,	43	00
"	"	"	20,	16	65
"	"	"	21,	40	18
"	"	"	22,	117	53
"	"	"	23,	48	56

\$1320 50

Frank Eastman for moving and storing road machine,	5 00
J. H. Lane for storing road machine,	6 00
Geo. Tyler & Co. for sections for road machine,	16 00
J. B. Ames for repairing road machine,	1 00
W. O. & C. Barney for repairing road machine,	1 00
Levi Trundy for plank and lumber,	209 80
Herbert Black for plank,	24 00
J. H. Lane for wharfage on plank,	1 24
M. Packard for cedar for sidewalks,	10 00
Geo. E. Merrill for sawing cedar,	2 50
F. E. Whitcomb for nails for sidewalks etc.,	1 67
C. O. Sawyer & Co. " " " "	9 16
A. H. Ellis " " " "	3 62
A. E. Nickerson for hay,	2 00
J. H. Pendleton for use of watering trough,	3 00
W. Seavey " " " "	3 00
Alvin B. West " " " "	3 00
D. S. Goodell for services on highways at N. Seaisport.	5 00

Total amount expended, \$1627 49

Less about 3200 feet plank on hand, 40 00

" amount paid for bills of 1888, 120 10

160 10

Amount used on highways, etc. for 1889, \$1467 39

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

E. J. Wentworth, Q. M. of Freeman Mc Gilvery Post, as per vote of town.	\$50 00
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STREET LIGHTS.

Geo. W. Young for balance for tending lights to Apr. 1, 1889,	\$ 9 50	
Cass Lamp Works for lamps,	8 61	
A. H. Ellis for chimneys, wicks etc.,	8 15	
John F. Nichols for making lamp post,	3 00	
W. A. Woods for kerosene,	27 83	
Freight on kerosene,	1 02	
L. A. Furbush for tending lights,	20 00	
Willie Hamilton " " "	31 00	
		\$109 36

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

C. O. Sawyer, Clerk, as per vote of town,	\$189 00	
C. O. Sawyer, Clerk, for furnishing	17 12	
		\$206 12

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

E. S. Ritchie & Co. for apparatus as per vote of town,		\$100 00
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TOWN FARM.

Store bills,	\$151 99	
W. T. Cochran for services as overseer from Jan. 1, to Apr. 1, 1889,	75 00	
W. T. Cochran for services as overseer from Apr. 1, to July 1, 1889,	75 00	
W. T. Cochran for services as overseer from July 1, to Oct. 1, 1889,	75 00	
		\$376 99

The Superintendent's account stands as follows:

Received from sale of butter,	\$207 36
" " " eggs,	36 87
" " " pigs,	66 50
" " " calves,	18 50
" " " pork,	117 65
" " " hay,	38 48

"	"	"	oats,	18	55
"	"	"	straw,	7	22
"	"	"	poultry,	4	32
"	"	"	cabbage,		56
"	"	"	steers,	60	00
"			for use of hog,	1	00
					<u>\$577 01</u>
Paid store bills,				407	82
"	for labor,			60	75
"	"	blacksmithing,		19	79
"	"	grass seed and fertilizer,		24	05
"	"	pasturing,		9	00
"	"	stock animals,		4	50
"	"	pressing hay,		15	00
"	"	lumber,		4	80
					<u>545 71</u>
	Balance due the town,				<u>\$31 30</u>

Inventory of Stock, Produce etc. Feb. 23, 1890.

6 cows,		\$180	00
1 three-year-old heifer,		25	00
1 two-year-old heifer,		18	00
2 one-year-old heifers,		20	00
1 calf,		6	00
3 hogs,		35	00
5 shoats,		30	00
35 hens,		11	66
20 tons hay,		170	00
12 " pressed hay,		120	00
1 " " straw,		14	00
2 " loose "		12	00
150 bushels oats,		52	50
1 1-2 " beans,		4	27
20 " potatoes,		12	00
75 " turnips,		11	25
40 lbs. lard,		3	60
1 bbl. pork,		12	00
1 " vinegar,		6	00

1 disk harrow,	22 50	
1 truck wagon,	32 50	
1 grocery wagon,	20 00	
1 sled,	10 00	
Harnesses,	22 50	
		<u>\$850 78</u>

NAME OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON THE FARM.

Fred Carr. John Park.
Clarence Smith. Elmer Smith.

TOWN'S POOR NOT ON FARM.

Olive Bowen supplied at Belfast,	\$41 69	
Mrs. Quinlin for fare to Philadelphia,	20 25	
“ “ “ supplies,	3 28	
Ruth Blake's burial expenses,	21 50	
Hamilton, Kneeland & Co. for supplies for tramp,	3 30	
Geo. W. Bowen supplied at Belfast,	88	
W. Grinnell for boarding tramps,	2 50	
Expenses for James Bowen,	31 10	
Dr. Geo. C. Horn for services as town physician to Apr. 1, 1890,	12 50	
		<u>\$137 00</u>
Robert M. Young for supplies etc.; afterward repaid by the town of Hermon,		36 12
		<u>\$173 12</u>

INSANITY.

Support of James C. Hanson at hospital,	\$143 02	
“ “ Addison Warren “ “	146 32	
“ “ Axel Williams “ “	138 28	
		<u>\$427 62</u>
Less amount paid by John Williams on account of his son,		10 00
		<u>\$417 62</u>

INCIDENTALS.

Printing town reports and blanks for 1888,	\$27 60
Town books,	7 20

School books for 1888,	7 80
Stationary, express, etc.,	2 32
W. O. & C. Barney for repairs on town pump,	1 25
M. Packard for wood for town house,	1 60
W. V. Nichols for rent of office to July 12, 1889,	20 00
E. J. Wentworth for repairs on engine house,	4 00
W. J. Matthews for labor on hearse house,	9 75
F. E. Whitcomb for services as Fish and Game Warden,	90
D. S. Goodell for use of horse, post- age etc.,	28 73
C. C. Hamilton for wood for office for 1889 and 1890,	6 62
C. C. Hamilton for use of horses,	3 50
Freight etc.,	1 75
E. S. Ritchie & Co. for extra pieces of appa- ratus for free high school, on account of breakage,	3 15
Dr. E. Hopkins for services as health officer,	5 00
W. O. Barney for services as health officer,	1 50
J. F. Bickmore for damages to carriage etc.,	5 00
Advertising at Republican Journal office,	1 00
J. W. Brock for services as committee on purchasing apparatus for the free high school,	6 00
J. W. Brock for bill of sundries for school,	5 10
J. H. Kneeland for final settlement for taxes of 1887,	55 03
H. Hume for school books for 1889,	68 67
J. H. Kneeland for services on committee in selecting school books for '87,	10 00

\$283 47

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. H. Sullivan for services as Moderator,	\$	5	00
C. C. Crary " " " Constable,		6	50
Joseph Field " " " Clerk,		25	00
J. H. Kneeland for balance of com- missions for collecting taxes for 1887,		20	39
J. H. Kneeland in part for collecting taxes for 1888,		220	00
M. F. Whitcomb for services as Truant Officer,		17	25
E. B. Sheldon for services as Treasurer.		60	00
J. W. Brock " " " Supervisor,		97	00
D. S. Goodell for services as Selectman etc		185	00
C. C. Hamilton " " " " "		60	00
E. A. Colson " " " " "		100	00
" " for making up State valu- ation book, Military census etc.,		20	00
J. A. Colson for services as Auditor,		6	00

\$822 14

COLLECTOR'S AND TREASURER'S DOINGS.

On settlement with J. H. Kneeland, Collector for the years 1884-5-6-7-8-9, we find his account to stand as follows;

Balance due the town March 1, 1889,	\$1785	12
Amount of State tax assessment,	2892	92
" " County tax assessment,	2082	27
" " Town " "	9530	24
" " Supplemental tax assessment,	126	67
	\$16417	22
Paid E. B. Sheldon, Treasurer,	14928	24
	1488	98

This balance consists of the following uncollected taxes:

Uncollected taxes for 1888,	\$	288	98
" " " 1889,		1200	00
		1488	98

On settlement with E. B. Sheldon Treasurer, we find his account to stand as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance due the town March 1, 1889,	\$175 00
James H. Curtis of Belfast for license to peddle goods,	6 00
Wilson Randall of Belfast for license to peddle goods,	6 00
Town of Hermon for supplies etc. furnish- ed Robert M. Young and family,	36 12
John Williams for transporting the remains of his son from Augusta,	10 00
Geo. F. Smith for school books sold,	44 87
F. E. Whitcomb for clam hoe sold,	25
Selectmen on account of errors in town orders of 1889,	2 10
Taxes of 1884 from J. H. Kneeland,	37 64
“ “ 1885 “ “	36 01
“ “ 1886 “ “	231 69
“ “ 1887 “ “	285 38
“ “ 1888 “ “	905 42
“ “ 1889 “ “	13432 10
Mill tax and School fund for 1889,	942 41
R. R. and Telegraph Scrip for 1889,	298 69
European and N. A. R. R. Scrip for 1884-5-6,	42 90
Free High School Scrip for 1889,	250 00
State pension Scrip for 1889,	300 00
Amount allowed by the State for bounty on crows,	11 20
	<hr/>
	\$17053 78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Town orders of 1888,	\$1210 03
“ “ “ 1889,	9520 31
County tax of 1889,	2082 27
State “ “ 1889,	2892 92
State Pensions,	300 00

Bounty on crows,	11 20
	<u>16016 73</u>
Balance due the town March 1, 1890,	\$1037 05

ASSETS.

School books in hands of Geo. F. Smith,	\$ 119 38
Due from J. H. Kneeland as collector (less com's. for collecting),	1488 98
Due from E. B. Sheldon as Treasurer,	1037 05
“ “ State for Free High School,	<u>125 00</u>
	2770 41

LIABILITIES.

Due the several school districts,	93 50
Balance to the town's credit	<u>\$2676 91</u>

We would respectfully recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year—for schools, \$2000; for a free high school, \$500; for the poor and other town expenses, \$2000; and for the highways, \$2000, in money.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. GOODELL,	}	Selectmen of Searsport.
C. C. HAMILTON,		
E. A. COLSON,		

I have examined the above accounts and vouchers for the same, and recast the bills, and find all correct, and believe the foregoing report to represent a true account of the financial transactions of the town officers for the past year.

JAMES A. COLSON,
Auditor of Town Accounts.

REPORT

—OF THE—

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

For the Year Ending March, 1890.

To the Citizens of Searsport :

In accordance with the requirement of the law, the following report of the condition of the schools of this town for the past year is submitted to your attention.

District No. 1 (Harbor District.)

Ira Staples Agent. No. of scholars in district, 70.

Whole number attending Spring term,				37
Average “ “ “ “				35
Whole number “ Fall “				39
Average “ “ “ “				36
Whole “ “ Winter “				35
Average “ “ “ “				32

The spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Eugenie Devereux, and winter term by Mr. Clifton Snell, both of which are successful instructors. There is reason for satisfaction in reviewing the work of this school through the year. The teachers have been assisted in some of the Primary studies by one of the older scholars, giving the teachers more time for the more advanced classes; this with the aid of the Primary Reading Chart, which the district purchased last spring, has caused marked improvement in the work of the school.

District No. 2 (Nichols District.)

Daniel Y. Mitchell, Agent.

Number of scholars in district, 88.

Whole number attending Grammar Spring term,	14
Average " " " " "	12
Whole " " Primary " "	27
Average " " " " "	25
Whole " " Grammar Fall " "	15
Average " " " " "	11
Whole " " Primary " "	25
Average " " " " "	23
Whole " " Grammar Winter " "	31
Average " " " " "	27

Miss Caroline Packard, who had charge of both terms of the Primary succeeded well and I believe satisfied all. Miss Mary McClure taught spring term of Grammar, she having taught this school last year, her ability is well known as a teacher to the people in the district. The work was systematic and thoroughly done.

Miss Minnie Kelbert taught fall term, she having taught but one term of school before. At my first visit there seemed to be a lack of discipline, although the teacher tried hard to get her school interested. At the close of the term some improvement had been made though not so much as might be reasonably expected.

The two schools being small were united during the winter term and were taught by Mr. J. Ferguson, who is a live energetic teacher, although young in years yet his influence was felt by those under his instruction. These two schools being so small I would recommend as a question of economy that they be united in one school, during the winter term at least, for it will increase the length of school and consequently give better results.

District 3, 4 and 5 (Union District.)

E. A. Colson Agent. Whole number in district, 212.

Whole number attending High School, Spring term,	55
Average " " " "	52
Whole " " " Fall term,	65
Average " " " "	58
Whole " " " Winter term,	58
Average " " " "	44
Whole " " " Intermediate Spring Term,	32
Average " " " " "	30

Whole number attending High School, Fall term,	35
Average " " " " "	32
Whole " " " Winter term,	36
Average " " " "	33
Whole " " " First Primary Spring term,	34
Average " " " " "	28
Whole " " " " Fall term,	42
Average " " " " "	39
Whole " " " " Winter term,	45
Average " " " " "	40
Whole " " " Third Primary Spring term,	7
Average " " " " "	6
Whole " " " " Fall term,	8
Average " " " " "	7

I believe that I express the sentiment of the community when I say that our High School has now become a fixed department, more efficiently affording the youth a more complete preparation for life than the common schools can furnish. As an experiment it was appreciated by its friends, but now recognized as a power by all. Firmly established its mission should be to offer to all desirous of higher education, opportunity for study and improvement. The four years course is continued, the completion of which, and the passing of satisfactory examinations entitle the student to a diploma. Those who cannot take the regular course are admitted as special students. Frequent examinations, written and oral, and the rank in daily recitation, show each scholars' standing in the school. The spring term taught by Mr. F. S. Brick, and fall and winter term by Mr. Ralph Marsh, assisted by Miss Angie Carver, all of them faithful and efficient instructors, and I think I am safe in saying the school has been advanced 25 per. cent. While we do not claim perfection or superiority yet we do consider the school an honor to the town. Its scholars show a zeal and studious disposition that can but raise its standard of scholarship, and its teachers are scholarly, careful instructors earnest in their work and exert an elevating influence.

The appropriation for school apparatus has been expended so that the teachers are provided with objects to illustrate branches taught. Last November we graduated the first class who pursued the regular course. Below is the order of exercises which was pleasantly presented.

MUSIC.

PRAYER.

MUSIC.

SALUTATORY,		Clara Blanche Whittum.
	MUSIC.	
POEM,		Caroline Gray Closson.
	MUSIC.	
HISTORY & PROPHECY,		Margaret Butman Sargent.
	MUSIC.	
VALEDICTORY,		Grace Dunbar Nickels.
CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS.		
	CLASS ODE.	
BENEDICTION.		

Intermediate.

Only words of praise and commendation can be spoken of this school. Miss Emma Mortland, the teacher, who has taught this school so many years, has the power of gaining the confidence and respect of her scholars.

First Primary.

The three terms of this school were under the charge of Miss Kate C. Towle, who is a teacher of long experience. I found the scholars very interested in their school work, although at times a little noisy.

Third Primary.

The spring term of this school, taught by Miss Minnie Kelbert and the fall term taught by Miss Annie Morse, were both profitable schools and made good advancement.

There has been no Second Primary school this year, the scholars in this district attending the First Primary. I would recommend this plan to be continued so long as the First Primary is not crowded.

District No. 6, (Sargent District.)

Geo. Innes Agent. Whole No. of scholars in district. 12.

Whole number attending Spring term,	6
Average " " "	5
Whole " " Fall term,	6
Average " " "	5

Spring term of this school was taught by Miss Hattie Felker and although this was Miss Felker's first experience in teaching, the interest and work done in the school was worthy of commendation. Fall term was taught by Miss Aldie Sargent she having taught this school two terms previous to this. Good discipline and improvement were the characteristics of this school.

District No. 7, (Porter District.)

Mark Ward Agent. Whole No. of scholars in district, 33.

This school for the past two years has been taught by Miss Susie

Gould. This is one of the best schools in the town, and fact of the same teacher being retained by the district for six consecutive terms, is proof sufficient of her worth as a teacher. Although the most of the scholars are quite young, yet they are very quick to catch an idea.

Whole Number of scholars attending Spring term,	16
Average " " " "	15
Whole " " " Fall term,	17
Average " " " "	15
Whole " " " Winter term,	15
Average " " " "	13

District No. 8 (Mathews District.)

A. J. Crooker Agent. Number of scholars in district 39.

Whole number attending Spring term,	28
Average " " "	23
Whole " " " Fall term,	28
Average " " "	24
Whole " " " Winter term,	30
Average " " "	25

Spring and fall terms of this school were under the charge of Miss Datie Matthews who tried hard to have a profitable school. Although a partial failure in discipline existed, yet upon the whole I think the school was a success. As quite a large percentage of the scholars of this school are Primary scholars this fact may account for its being noisy. The winter term was taught by Mr. Philip Greely who with but little previous experience, gave evidence of ability as an instructor. Quite a number of scholars from outside the limits of the district attended this term and made it more interesting.

District Number 9 (N. Searsport District.)

Geo. C. Seavey Agent. Number of scholars in district 32.

Whole number attending Spring term,	16
Average " " "	14
Whole " " " Fall term,	15
Average " " "	12
Whole " " " Winter, term,	19
Average " " "	17

Miss Alma T. Kingsbury, who taught the spring and fall terms, is a teacher of experience and skill, faithful and zealous in her school work. She advanced her scholars to the satisfaction of the most fastidious. The winter term with Mr. Horace Marden as teacher, was in point of industry and profit, a continuation of the work, which characterized this school for the two previous terms.

District No. 10 (Dodge District.)

Wm. J. Matthews Agent. Number of scholars in district 18.

Whole number attending Spring term,	15
Average " " "	13
Whole " " Fall term,	16
Average " " "	14

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Luella Parsons, who succeeded well; good order and plenty of work were the prominent features of this school.

District Number 11 (Roulstone Dist.)

Allen Webber Agent. Number of scholars in district, 11.

Only one term of school in this district for the year, which was taught by Miss Dotie Matthews. A desire to make the school profitable, was shown by both teacher and scholars, and I believe all was accomplished that could be reasonably expected.

Whole number of scholars attending Winter term,	7
Average " " " "	5

District Number 12.

Benjamin Nickerson Agent. Number of scholars in district 6.

This district by a continuation of the former arrangement is in charge of the Belfast officials.

The number of scholars in the town still shows a decrease. By the last census there were 520, a decrease of 34 from the year before. The town raised for the support of schools \$1860, an average of \$3 57 per scholar and also \$500 00 for Free High School.

The number of terms of school 33, and the whole number of weeks 318, making the average length of the school terms 9 weeks and 3 days. Of the teachers employed 8 of the 12 in the spring terms, 7 of the 12 in the fall terms and 5 of the 9 in the winter terms, belong in town.

The average attendance was 58 per cent of the whole number of scholars in town, and about 90 per cent of the whole number registered in the schools.

Text-Books.

No changes in the text-books have been made the past year. As there are a few changes in school books which ought to be made, I think it would be well to make the necessary changes when the Free Text-Book Law takes effect, and I would suggest, that the town authorize and direct the School Committee or Supervisor to make such changes in the school books now used in the town, as they may deem expedient.

Truancy.

Only a few cases of truancy have been reported and in most every case it was found that the child was not at fault. I believe that the effect of the truancy law in this town the past year has been beneficial to the schools.

Apportionment.

Your selectmen and supervisor apportioned the Common School Fund as is shown by "Schedule A" annexed. Those who have claimed that the rural districts did not receive a just proportion should notice that we have favored the smaller districts, and not depended entirely upon the number of scholars reported by agent's census. The money was divided after investigation and careful consideration.

Appropriations for 1890 and 1891.

I would recommend that there be appropriated for Common Schools \$2000 00, Free High School \$500 00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Brock. Supervisor.

SCHEDULE A.

District	1	2	3, 4 & 5	6	7	
Agent's Census	70	88	211	12	33	
Per cap. Apptm't	381 50	479 60	1149 95	65 40	179 85	
Apportioned	381 50	479 60	1003 50	110 00	189 85	
	8	9	10	11	12	Whole No., twelve.
	39	32	18	11	6	Total, 520.
	212 55	174 40	98 10	59 95	32 70	\$5 45 per scholar.
	222 55	194 40	111 00	109 00	32 70	\$2834 10

COURSE OF STUDY

OF THE

SEARSPORT HIGH SCHOOL.

	SPRING TERM.	FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM.
FIRST YEAR	Arithmetic. Grammar. Geography. Hist'y United States. Reading.	Arithmetic. Grammar. Geography. Hist'y United States. Reading.	Arithmetic. Grammar. Geography. Hist'y United States. Reading.
SECOND YEAR.	Arithmetic. Grammar and Analysis. Book-Keeping. Reading.	Arithmetic. Grammar and Analysis. Book-Keeping. Reading.	Arithmetic. Grammar and Analysis. Physiology. Reading.
THIRD YEAR.	Algebra. Composition. and Rhetoric. Botany. Physiology.	Algebra. Composition and Rhetoric. Physics. Physiology.	Algebra. Civil Government. Physics. Hist. Eng.
FOURTH YEAR.	Algebra. Civil Government. Physical Geography. Hist. Eng. Eng. Lit.	Geometry. Astronomy. Physical Geography. Hist. Eng. Eng. Lit.	Geometry. Astronomy. Arithmetic (review) Eng. Lit.

*Spelling Exercises, Declamations and Compositions
throughout the whole course.*