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Forty-Sixth Annual Report

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN, AUDITOR

—AND—

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF SEARSPORT,

—FOR THE—

MUNICIPAL YEAR 1890.

SEARSPORT:
NEWELL WHITE, PRINTER.
1891.

NOTICE.

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 16th 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. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen as printed.
- 4th. To see if the town will accept the report of the Auditor of town accounts as printed.
- 5th. To see if the town will accept the report of the S. S. Committee 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 an Auditor of Town Accounts.
- 12th—23rd. To choose other town officers.
- 24th. To see if the town will continue the Free High School, and 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 choose a Superintending School Committee or Supervisor.
- 28th. To choose School Agents.

- 29th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the poor, and other town expenses.
- 30th. 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.
- 31st. To see if the town will accept a road as laid out by the Selectmen, beginning at land of Benjamin Carver, near house of Crawford F. Treat and ending at the house of William Bassick. Said road is about one hundred and fifteen rods long and two rods wide, over land of Wm. Bassick, and we have assessed fifty dollars damages; and also to see how much money the town will raise for building said road.
- 32nd. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills against the town so long as the parties are indebted to the town for taxes.
- 33rd. To see how much money the town will raise to buy books for the Sears Library.
- 34th. To see if the town will vote to raise \$50 for a Memorial Service.
- 35th. To hear the report of the Fire Department.
- 36th. 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 the Clerk of the Engine Co. in a gross sum, on or before Jan. 1, 1892.
- 37th. 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, 1892.
- 38th. 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 or Town Treasurer.
- 39th. To see how much money the town will raise to pay discount on taxes.

- 40th. To see if the town will vote to tax male dogs \$1, and female dogs \$2 each; said tax to be collected of owners, or any person or persons having said dogs in their possession.
- 41st. To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred dollars to be expended in building new sidewalk in the Harbor District.
- 42nd. To see if the town will accept the sidewalk in the Harbor District as now laid.
- 43rd. To see if the town will vote to raise six hundred dollars to purchase the Merithew field, so called, lying north of Bay View Street, and containing about eight acres; said field to be used as a public park for the free use of the town.
- 44th. To see if the town will vote to build a sewer from the south-west corner of Geo. F. Smith's store on Leach Street, to high water mark; said sewer to be built on the easterly side of Leach Street of sufficient capacity to carry off the drainage of said street.
- 45th. To see if the town will vote to place and maintain a street lamp on Reservoir Street, near the northeast corner of E. P. Nichols' house.
- 46th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to sell the house and lot purchased of Amanda M. Curtis for a pest house.
- 47th. To see how much the town will vote to pay David Mosman for dirt taken from his land on the east side of Mt. Ephriam Street, north of M. M. Whittum's.
- 48th. To see if the town will vote to pay David Mosman ten dollars, for use of square, south of Howard St. near Dr. E. Hopkins' house, for base ball and play grounds for boys.
- 49th. To choose a Collector of Taxes.
- 50th. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay for breaking roads the past winter.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office, on Saturday, the 14th instant,

at 1 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. 1891.

N. ROULSTON,	}	Selectmen of Searsport.
E. W. ROBBINS,		
H. H. GRANT,		

REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

Valuation of Real Estate,		\$420386
Valuation of Personal Estate,		366060
	Total,	<u>\$786446</u>
Number of Polls,	387	
Rate of Taxation,	.0121	

The following amounts were assessed on the polls and estates of resident proprietors, and on the estates of non-resident proprietors, in the town of Searsport, for the year 1890, to be collected in cash by the collector of said town for the following purposes, viz:

Support of Common Schools,		\$2500 00
Support of a Free High School,		500 00
Support of the Poor, and other town expenses,		2000 00
Discount on Taxes,		800 00
Memorial Service,		50 00
		<u>\$5850 00</u>
County Tax,		2082 27
State Tax,		2368 09
Overlay and fractions,		444 00
		<u>\$10744 36</u>
Supplemental Tax,		111 96
		<u>\$10856 32</u>

Assessed as follows: on

Real Estate, valued at \$420386, at .0121,		\$5086 67
Personal Est. valued at 366060, at .0121,		4429 33
387 Polls, at \$3,		1161 00
67 Dogs, at 1,		67 00
Fractions,		36
		<u>\$10744 36</u>
Supplemental Tax,		111 96
		<u>\$10856 32</u>

REPORT OF ASSESSORS CONTINUED.

The following amount was assessed on the polls and estates of resident proprietors, and on the estate of non-resident proprietors, in the town of Searsport for the year 1890, for the repair of the highways, to be raised and expended in labor and materials, and put in the hands of the Highway Surveyors elected by the town, viz: \$3000 00
 Overlay and fractions assessing same, 137 82
 Total, \$3137 82

and distributed among the several road districts as follows:

District No.	1.	H. G. Peaslee	Surveyor,	\$229	56
"	"	2.	L. M. Kneeland,	"	75 26
"	"	3.	D. Y. Mitchell,	"	341 88
"	"	4.	T. H. Decrow,	"	578 02
"	"	5.	R. E. Patterson,	"	238 70
"	"	6.	Henry G. Curtis,	"	152 30
"	"	7.	Mial Sargent,	"	149 61
"	"	8.	E. W. Robbins,	"	75 68
"	"	9.	Edmund Ames,	"	121 93
"	"	10.	Harrison Steele,	"	121 64
"	"	11.	Frank H. Cleaves,	"	79 06
"	"	12.	W. C. Matthews,	"	73 54
"	"	13.	Horace E. Robbins,	"	75 28
"	"	14.	John Nichols,	"	76 11
"	"	15.	O. W. Whitcomb,	"	45 10
"	"	16.	James A. Carter,	"	43 21
"	"	17.	Horace Maddox,	"	72 75
"	"	18.	W. J. Matthews,	"	77 77
"	"	19.	James E. Marden,	"	76 72
"	"	20.	Nahum M. Webber,	"	54 42
"	"	21.	David Webber,	"	100 83
"	"	22.	Herbert Black,	"	203 76
"	"	23.	Edward L. Savery,	"	74 69
				<u>\$3137 82</u>	

RECORD OF SCHOLARS AND DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL FUNDS FOR 1890.

Amount raised for Free High School,	\$500 00
“ “ “ Common Schools,	2500 00
Mill Tax and School Fund from State for 1889,	<u>942 41</u>
	\$3942 41

Distributed as follows:

District No.	1.	70	Scholars,		\$430 92
“	2.	81	“		498 64
Union	3.	}	204	“	1395 36
District	4.				
“	5.				
District	6.	12	“		128 97
“	7.	29	“		213 36
“	8.	37	“		243 08
“	9.	34	“		222 56
“	10.	16	“		127 72
“	11.	9	“		106 56
“	12.	9	“		61 56
No District,		2	“		13 68
Free High School,					<u>500 00</u>
					\$3942 41

SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTS.

No. of District.	Underdrawn last year.	Overdrawn last year.	School Fund.	Bills paid.	Balance underdr'n.	Balance overdr'n
1	72 36		430 92	469 21	34 07	
2	75 02		498 64	563 27	10 39	
3	} Union Dist.	83 85	1395 36	917 63	393 88	
4						
5						
6						
6	1 19		128 97	127 90	2 26	
7	2 02		213 36	224 57		9 19
8		6 68	243 08	127 75	108 65	
9	12 87		222 56	223 06	12 37	
10	12 69		127 72	108 15	32 26	
11	7 56		106 56	109 40	4 72	
12	32		61 56		61 88	
Individual Scholars. { Free High School. }			13 68	13 68		
			500 00	500 00		
	184 03	90 53	3942 41	3384 62	660 48	9 19
					9 19	
	Bal. due the several Districts,				\$651 29	

BILLS ALLOWED BY SELECTMEN AND PAID BY THEIR ORDERS ON TOWN TREASURER.

COMMON SCHOOLS AND FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Dist. No.	1.	Amt. of bills paid by order of Agt.					\$469	21	
"	"	2.	"	"	"	"	563	27	
Union	3.	}	"	"	"	"	917	63	
Dist.	4.								
	5.								
Dist. No.	6.	"	"	"	"	"	127	90	
"	"	7.	"	"	"	"	224	57	
"	"	8.	"	"	"	"	127	75	
"	"	9.	"	"	"	"	223	06	
"	"	10.	"	"	"	"	108	15	
"	"	11.	"	"	"	"	109	40	
Individual Scholars. Amt. paid Levi D. George for his children,							13	68	
Free High School. Amt. of bills paid by order of School Committee,							500	00	3384 62

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Sundry persons for road breaking winter 1889-90,	\$355	71	
J. W. Nickerson for repairing road machine,	3	50	
J. W. Nickerson for housing " "	2	50	
Howard Towle for labor on highways in 1888-9	5	85	
Jona. S. Nickerson for use of watering trough,	3	00	
James. H. Pendleton " " "	3	00	
E. W. Seavey " " "	3	00	
Alvin B. West " " "	3	00	
D. Y. Mitchell for making drain across Colcord field in District No. 3	30	00	
J. H. Lane for land rent of road machine shed,	4	50	
W. P. Towle for hauling lumber,		75	
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for nails for Closson bridge,	1	40	
L. Trundy for lumber for same,	7	45	423 66
Amount carried forward,			\$3808 28

INCIDENTALS.

Newell White for printing town report for 1889,	\$18 00
McLellan, Mosher & Co. for acct. book for Treas.	6 25
Stevens & Jones for town valuation book,	5 00
E. Hopkins for services as Secretary of local Board of Health for 1889,	5 00
E. A. Colson for express on Treasurer's book,	35
W. O. Barney for services as a member of local Board of Health from 1st May '89 to 1st May '90,	3 00
S. W. Sargent for wood for office,	1 12
J. W. Brock for Surveying Mt. Ephraim road, one day, March 4th, 1890,	4 00
W. P. Towle for burning dead horse,	6 00
N. Roulston bill record book, stamps, &c.	1 98
F. E. Whitcomb, Constable, for services March 7, 8, & 10, 1890,	7 00
A. Clement for account book,	4 70
Newell White for bill heads,	1 00
Newell White for printing circulars by order of local Board of Health,	2 50
D. S. Goodell for sundries, per bill,	1 85
W. O. & C. Barney for repairing town pump,	1 00
E. Hopkins for services as Secy. of local Board of Health from Apr. 1st to June 18th 1890,	10 00
N. Roulston for stamps, stationery, &c.	50
C. B. Deshon for labor on town house,	5 53
Republican Journal for advertising for examin- ation of Teachers,	1 25
A. L. Mosman for labor on town house,	3 75
W. P. Towle for banking reservoirs,	2 00
Levi Trundy for lumber,	5 57
W. B. Sawyer for services as a member of the local Board of Health for 1889,	3 00
For 1890,	15 00
For expenses on account of same,	2 00
Amount carried forward,	<u>117 35</u>

Amount brought forward, \$3808 21

INCIDENTALS CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward,	\$117	35	
Joseph Williamson for legal advice, making papers, &c. in Mt. Ephraim road case, Feby. 1890,		10	00
Geo. F. Smith & others for stat'n'y, postage, &c.		1	76
			129 1

SMALL POX EXPENSES.

Amanda M. Curtis for pest house and lot per deed,	\$300	00	
“ “ furniture &c. for same,		33	35
J. H. Lane for a wagon for an ambulance,		20	00
Chas. Sullivan for digging grave for L. E. Fowler,		3	00
A. H. Dickey, nurse at pest house,		164	00
T. R. Howe for milk and for painting a wagon used to move a small pox patient,		3	60
W. P. Towle for attendance on pest house,		10	00
L. H. Rogers for milk &c.		9	73
B. O. & L. M. Sargent for groceries &c.		50	46
H. L. Towle for hauling wood &c.		2	00
W. U. Tel. Co. for telegrams,		2	30
Dr. E. W. Gould for services attending 4 small pox patients,		350	00
Dr. E. W. Gould for helping bury L. E. Fowler per agreement,		50	00
Dr. E. W. Gould for 60 vaccinations,		12	00
“ “ “ “ for disinfectants,		8	71
J. A. Clement's bill, expenses &c.		11	40
Dr. S. W. Johnson of Belfast for consultation,		25	00
Dr. E. Hopkins for vaccinating,		3	40
A. M. Carr for watching the Crosby house,		2	00
Samuel George for use of team,		2	00
Clement & Adams for clothing and bedding,		6	31
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for supplies for pest house,		2	17
N. C. Shute for use of teams,		16	00
Geo. F. Smith for disinfectants &c.		4	77
P. J. Beals for bedding &c. for pest house,		19	12
B. O. & L. M. Sargent for a coffin and box for L. E. Fowler,		25	00
Amount carried forward,	\$1136	32	\$3937 39
Amount carried forward,			

Amount brought forward,

\$39.

SMALL POX EXPENSES CONTINUED.

\$ 3935 39

Amount brought forward, .

\$1136 32

Reg. of deeds for recording deed of pest house,

50

1136 82

Less sale of small pox ambulance to A. H. Dickey,

20 00 11

SEARS LIBRARY.

1116 82

Ada E. Ridley for services as Librarian from

Apr. 4th, 1889 to Apr. 4th, 1890,

\$25 00

For repairing books,

4 00

For amt she paid a woman for cleaning room,

1 70

Phineas Pendleton for rent of Library room from

March 1st, 1889 to March 1st 1890,

50 00

Phineas Libby for binding books and ex. charges,

9 70

Geo. F. Smith for record books,

5 10

C. C. Hamilton for wood,

3 25

STREET LIGHTS.

9875

W. F. Hamilton for care of and lighting street lamps,

\$20 00

N. Roulston for freight on 3 street lamps from Chicago,

1 50

For 3 street lamp posts,

1 50

For carting 3 lamp posts,

15

Cass Lamp Works bill 3 street lamps for Water St.,

17 10

John and Charles Sullivan for setting and painting 3 lamp posts on Water St.,

2 24

C. C. Hamilton for oil and matches,

9 98

B. F. Young for care of and lighting street lamps,

38 00

C. O. Sawyer & Co. for lamp chimneys, wicks &c.,

11 10.

C. C. Hamilton for oil,

6 39

L. M. & B. O. Sargent for a basket for lamplighter,

40

10

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

E. J. Wentworth, Q. M. of Freeman Mc Gilvery

Post, as per vote of town,

Amount carried forward,

\$531

Amount brought forward,

\$5311 3

NEW SIDEWALKS.

L. Trundy for 7025 feet of plank,	87	82	
Samuel George for trucking plank,		25	
Fred W. Field for labor,	2	93	
E. A. Sargent for hauling plank &c.	7	07	
C. B. Deshon for labor,	2	00	
Mial Sargent for cedar,	3	00	
William Meyers for labor,	7	65	
A. L. Mosman " "	1	87	
Chas. Sullivan " "	1	87	
J. H. Lane for wharfage on plank,	1	50	
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for nails,	3	80	
T. T. Merrill & Son for sawing sleepers,	2	80	122 50

INSANITY.

Support of Jas. C. Hanson at Me. Insane Hospital,	\$136	53	
" " Addison Warren " " "	137	91	
Mistake in Hospital bill afterwards paid back to Town Treasurer,		7 62	282 00

TOWN FARM.

W. T. Cochran for services as Superintendent of Town Farm from Oct. 1, '89 to Apr. 1, '90,	\$150	00	
and from Apr. 1, 1890 to July 1, 1890,		75 00	
A. J. Nickerson for grain, flour, &c.	410	00	
		635 00	
Less allowance by W. T. Cochran for balance due the town on last settlement,		31 30	603 70

TOWNS POOR NOT ON FARM.

J. A. Curtis for supplies furnished Olive Bowen in Belfast,	\$10	50	
W. M. Parse and Clement & Adams for supplies furnished Zetham Berry's family,	13	17	
W. E. Grinnell for putting up tramps,	3	00	
C. C. Hamilton for supplies furnished R. M. Young of Hermon,	8	08	34 75
Amount carried forward,			\$6354 38

Amount brought forward,

\$63.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

6354-38

Sundry firms and individuals for school books for the use of scholars in the public schools, bought by vote of town and in compliance the laws of the State, per bills on file,	\$689 46
Express charges on same,	12 70
Labels for same,	2 50
Girls for pasting labels in books and mucilage for same,	3 25
	<hr/> 707 91
Less amt. rec'd for school books exchanged with Boston School Supply Co.,	14 40

\$6

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

69357

C. O. Sawyer, Clerk of Engine Co. pay roll for 63 members at \$3 each, per vote of town,	\$189 00
For supplies per bill,	62 01

25

TOWN OFFICERS.

25101

N. Roulston for services as Selectman, Assessor &c.	185 00
E. W. Robbins, " " " " "	75 00
H. H. Grant, " " " " "	75 00
J. H. Sullivan for services as Moderator of Town Meeting March 25th, 1890,	5 00
J. M. Burleigh for services on School Com. per bill,	38 22
J. W. Brock for services on School Com. per bill,	37 00
Mrs. F. E. Roulston for services on School Com. per bill,	37 50
E. B. Sheldon for services as Town Treasurer,	60 00
M. F. Whitcomb for services as Truant Officer,	10 00
J. H. Kneeland, Collector, in part for collecting taxes of 1889,	110 00
J. H. Kneeland, Collector, in part for collecting taxes of 1890,	100 00

73

Amount carried forward,

\$803

73272

803165

amount brought forward,

\$8031 62

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

H. Kneeland, Collector, for discount to July
1st, 1890,
For discount to Jan. 1st, 1891,

\$730 21	
25 08	755 29
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ABATEMENTS OF TAXES.

M. Packard for dog tax assessed by mistake,
H. Kneeland, Collector, for abatements on
1888 taxes,
For abatements on 1889 taxes,
" " " 1890 "

\$1 00	
45 33	
93 51	
102 67	242 51
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Total,

\$9029 42

Report of W. T. Cochran Superintendent of Town Farm.

Received for sale of butter,		\$217 42
" " " eggs,		33 37
" " " pigs,		38 50
" " " Calves,		16 00
" " " pork,		131 38
" " " hay,		12 32
" " " oats,		24 00
" " " straw,		4 20
" " " cow,		30 00
" " " turnips,		3 50
" " " use of hog,		2 00
		\$512 69
Paid store bills,	\$306 02	
" for labor,	54 00	
" blacksmith,	18 14	
" for grass seed and fertilizers,	17 86	
" for pasturing,	10 00	
" for stock animals,	5 00	
" for pressing straw,	5 00	416 02
Balance in hands of Superintendent,		\$96 67

Inventory of Stock, Produce &c. on the Town Farm Feb. 23rd, 1891.

6 cows,		\$180 00
1 3 years old heifer,		25 00
2 2 years old heifer,		40 00
3 yearling heifers,		30 00
1 calf,		6 00
3 hogs,		36 00
2 shoats,		12 00
40 hens,		16 00
10 tons pressed hay,		90 00
20 tons loose hay,		150 00
1 ton straw,		6 00
24 bushels oats,		13 20
8 bushels barley,		5 20
Amount carried forward,		\$609 40

INVENTORY OF STOCK, PRODUCE, &c. CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward,	\$609 40
1 1-2 bushels beans,	4 12
15 bushels potatoes,	10 50
25 bushels turnips,	5 75
36 lbs. lard,	3 60
3-4 bbl. pork,	12 00
1-2 bbl. vinegar,	3 00
40 lbs. beef,	2 80
50 lbs. fish,	2 50
30 lbs. butter,	6 00
1 bbl. super-phosphate,	4 50
1 disk harrow,	20 00
1 truck wagon,	30 00
1 grocery wagon,	20 00
1 horse sled,	10 00
Harnesses,	20 00
Groceries,	5 00
	<u>5 00</u>
	\$769 17

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON THE FARM.

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

Report of J. H. Kneeland Collector of Taxes.

Bal. due the town March 1st, 1890,	\$1488 98	
Amt. of town assessment for 1890,	5850 00	
“ “ State tax “ “	2368 09	
“ “ County tax “ “	2082 27	
“ “ Overlay “ “	444 00	
“ “ Supplemental tax “ “	111 96	
	<u>111 96</u>	
	\$12345 30	
Amt. paid E. B. Sheldon,		
Town Treasurer,	11032 69	
	<u>11032 69</u>	
Bal. due the town Feb. 28, 1891,		\$1312 61
This balance consists of the following uncollected taxes:—		
Uncollected taxes for 1888,	\$57 21	
“ “ “ 1889,	428 67	
“ “ “ 1890,	826 73	\$1312 61
	<u>826 73</u>	

REPORT OF E. B. SHELDON, TOWN TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance due the town March 1, 1890,	\$1037 05
H. H. Grant for return Ins. prem. on pest house,	36
N. Roulston for amt. returned by Maine Insane Hospital for error in bill,	7 62
E. Emerson for amt. due on taxes of 1887-8,	66
State Treas. to pay burial expenses of S. E. Smith,	35 00
Geo. F. Smith for school books sold,	38 24
F. E. Roulston " " " "	3 05
T. C. Crockett for grass from pest house lot,	1 50
N. Roulston for plank sold,	3 12
W. O. Barney for stove from Engine House,	71
J. H. Kneeland Coll. of Taxes on tax of 1888,	231 77
" " " " 1889,	244 46
" " " " 1890,	10556 46
State for mill tax and school fund for 1890,	936 04
" " R. R. and Telegraph Scrip " 1890,	321 20
" " Free High School, " " 1889,	125 00
" " State Pension, " " 1890,	228 00
" " Bounty on crows, " 1890,	11 80
	\$13782 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Selectmen's orders of 1890,	\$8619 42
" B. O. & L. M. Sargent burial expenses of S. E. Smith,	35 00
Paid bounty on crows for 1890,	11 80
" State Pensions " "	228 00
" County tax " "	2082 27
" State " " "	2368 09
	13344 58
Balance due the Town Feb. 28th, 1891,	\$437 46

RECAPITULATION.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN FEB. 28, 1891.

ASSETS.

School Books in hands of G. F. Smith,	\$61 36	
Due from J. H. Kneeland Collector of Taxes,	1312 61	
<small>(Less about \$60. due him for coms. collecting.)</small>		
Due from E. B. Sheldon Town Treas.	437 46	
“ “ W. T. Cochran Supt. of Town Farm,	96 67	
Stock, Produce, &c. on Town Farm, per inventory,	769 17	
Due from town of Hermon,	8 08	
“ “ the State for Free High School,	250 00	
Pest House and lot,	300 00	\$3235 35

LIABILITIES.

Bal. due the several school districts.	\$651 29	
Salary due Supt. Town Farm to March 1, 1891,	200 00	
Outstanding orders, viz:—		
No. 302 favor A. J. Nickerson,	410 00	\$1261 29
Balance of assets over liabilities,		\$1974 06

We would respectfully recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year — for schools, \$2500; for free high school, \$600; for the poor and other town expenses, \$2500; and for the highways \$2000 in money.

Respectfully submitted,

N. ROULSTON,	}	Selectmen
E. W. ROBBINS,		of
H. H. Grant,		Searsport.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and vouchers for same, recast the bills, and find all correct, and believe this report to represent the true financial condition of the town at the present time.

EDGAR A. COLSON,
Auditor of Town Accounts.

REPORT

—OF THE—

SUPERVISING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the Year ending March, 1891.

To the Citizens of Searsport:—

Gentlemen:

The Supervising School Committee of your town, in accordance to the law in such case made and provided, herewith submit to you their report for the year ending March 1, 1891.

The Committee would say; while it is impossible, under the present sub-division of the town into school districts, unequal both in size and in the number of scholars, that all the schools should show an even progress toward the goal of perfection desired, none have retrograded and some have made a marked advance.

The teachers have all been faithful, and worked according to their ability for the advancement of the scholars placed under their charge, and for the best interests of the schools; but the Committee is obliged to admit that their ability was not in all cases equal, nor always of as high a degree of excellence as should be desired and expected in our schools.

In this place it would be proper to call your attention to the manner in which the teachers are selected for our schools in the several districts and suggest that some change should be made in the same.

As we have before said, there was a marked difference in the ability of the teachers in our schools; while some showed ability of a very high order in the management of the school under their charge, others, we are sorry to say, showed ability of so low an order as to be evidently unfit, properly to teach, or maintain order, in the schools over which they were placed.

This was probably due to the inability of the Agent from lack of funds to secure a properly qualified teacher for the length of time that he thought it necessary to keep the school in session in his district; this joined to the fact that some of our districts have very few scholars, in which the relative expense per scholar of maintaining the school must be very high, leads your committee to suggest that some change be made in the near future, either to a town system of schools, a re-districting of

the town, or the temporary annexation of certain districts to other districts, together with a more effectual supervision of the selection of the teachers for the various schools by the Supervising Committee. With these hints we leave this subject for your action, we hope in the near future.

The average percentage of scholars attending the schools the past year has been good, and there has been but little complaint of truancy; still it seems to your Committee that with a little effort a much larger attendance could be mainrained.

There have been additions to the school property in some of the districts during the past year; still there is in most of the districts a noticeable lack of suitable apparatus, including maps and charts, to properly explain the subjects taught. We would therefore suggest to the Agents in the several districts, that they should remedy this deficiency as soon as possible.

District No. 1 (Harbor.)

Agent Linley M. Kneeland. No. of scholars in district, 75.

Whole number attending Spring term,				36
Average " " " "				25
Whole " " Fall "				36
Average " " " "				52
Whole " " Winter "				33
Average " " " "				30

The spring and fall terms of this school were taught by Miss Eugenie Devereux, and the winter term by Mr. Frank Morse. The work in this school was highly satisfactory, especially when we consider the difficulties that the teacher must labor under, in teaching a school having every grade from primary to high school. We would commend to the notice of this district, the advisability of maintaining two graded schools instead of one ungraded.

District No. 2. (Nichols District.)

Agent W. B. Sawyer.

Whole number of scholars in district, 81.

Whole number attending Grammar School, Spring term,				13
Average " " " "				12
Whole " " Primary School, "				26
Average " " " "				20
Whole " " Grammar School, Fall Term,				17
Average " " " "				15
Whole " " Primary School, "				29
Average " " " "				28
Whole " " Grammar School, Winter Term,				22
Average " " " "				18
Whole " " Primary School, "				18
Average " " " "				17

The Primary school in this district has been under the efficient management of Miss Kate C. Towle. The attendance has been good, the

interest unflagging and the progress constant. Miss Towle is a teacher of much experience, and is considered one of the best of our Primary school teachers:—indeed, the work accomplished in this school sufficiently demonstrates this fact.

The Grammar school in this district was taught during the Spring and Fall terms by Miss Hattie E. Cunningham. Miss Cunningham is a teacher of experience, and although the number attending this school was small, the attendance constant and the progress satisfactory. The best of order was maintained in this school during these terms.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. S. T. Blanchard. Although Mr. Blanchard was said to be a teacher of large experience, he apparently made no effort to maintain order in this school, nor was the progress satisfactory, if, indeed, any was made. The Committee is of the opinion that any school kept under such tuition would in time become thoroughly demoralized.

Districts No. 3, 4 and 5, (Union District.)

Agent E. B. Sheldon.	Whole number of scholars in district, 204.	
	Gordon School.	
Whole number attending Spring Term		6
Average “ “ “		4
	First Primary.	
Whole number attending Spring Term,		32
Average “ “ “		31
Whole “ “ Fall Term,		32
Average “ “ “		27
	Intermediate School.	
Whole number attending Spring Term,		37
Average “ “ “		35
Whole “ “ Fall Term,		32
Average “ “ “		29
	Grammar School.	
Whole number attending Spring Term,		33
Average “ “ “		31
Whole “ “ Fall Term,		31
Average “ “ “		28
	High School.	
Whole number attending Spring Term,		33
Average “ “ “		30
Whole “ “ Fall Term,		24
Average “ “ “		20

It is impossible to give correct returns from this district, owing to the fact that the schools are in session at time of writing.

The Gordon School in this district was in session during the Spring term under the charge of Miss Grace Nichols, and was conducted in a satisfactory manner. This school was then closed because it was thought unprofitable to continue it for the small number of scholars attending.

First Primary School.

This school has been during the three terms under the charge of Mrs. Caroline N. Waterhouse, who has maintained good order and discipline during the entire year.

Intermediate.

The Spring term of this school was under the charge of Miss Emma Mortland, and the Fall and Winter terms under that of Miss Jennie C. Barnes. This school is to be congratulated for having been under so competent instruction during the entire year.

Miss Mortland has been favorably known to you for some years and Miss Barnes, although a new teacher in our school, has had valuable experience elsewhere, and has shown wonderful tact in interesting her pupils in their school work. The work accomplished in this school has been more than satisfactory.

Grammar School.

This school, established mainly to relieve the pressure of studies in the High and Intermediate schools, has fully accomplished the objects for which it was formed, and has enabled the Committee to so change and improve the course of study in the High school as will make it, in the near future, as efficient as can be expected, and fully meet all the requirements of our scholars, either as a fitting school for the colleges of our country, or to furnish a competent business education.

The Spring term of this school was under the charge of Miss Angie Carver, and the Fall and Winter terms under that of Miss Emma Mortland, teachers whose names have only to be mentioned to guarantee that this school has been efficiently conducted.

By the courtesy of its agent the advantages of this school have been quite extensively used by students from other districts. The importance of a Grammar school will be seen when it is remembered that according to the Massachusetts school statistics nearly all the boys that are entered in their schools, who live in towns where there is a Grammar school are registered in the Grammar schools, while considerably less than half of them enter the High schools, showing that the Grammar school is the finishing school for more than a majority of our boys.

High School.

The course of study in this school has been materially changed and improved during the year, as will be seen by reference to the following register. Some studies have been dropped and some added to its curriculum, so that it is now in such a condition that by a few additions, supplied when necessary, the school, under competent instruction, will have attained as high a state of perfection as we can reasonably expect.

The school has been under the instruction of Mr. C. A. Snell as principal, assisted by Mrs. Snell during the Spring term and Miss Jessie Nichols during the Fall and Winter terms, all of whom have labored hard and been very successful. The school has materially improved during the year, notwithstanding the fact that the teachers labored under

great disadvantages owing to the imperfect fitting of the pupils for the work required of them.

District No. 6. (Sargent District.)

Agent, Charles A. Eames.	Whole number of scholars in district,	12.
	Whole number attending Spring term,	6
Average	“ “ “	4
Whole	“ “ Fall term,	6
Average	“ “ “	5

This school was under the charge of Miss Helen F. Clarke, a teacher of tact and experience, and, although small, the work of the scholars systematically and thoroughly done.

District No. 7. (Porter District.)

Agent, Mark Ward.	Whole number of scholars in district,	31.
	Whole number attending Spring term,	17
Average	“ “ “	15
Whole	“ “ Fall term,	18
Average	“ “ “	16
Whole	“ “ Winter term,	19
Average	“ “ “	17

The Spring term of this school was under the charge of Mrs. Amanda K. Eames, and the Fall and winter terms under that of Miss Susie E. Gould, both being teachers of experience and ability.

This school shows the good effect of several years of uninterrupted competent instruction, and its agent and scholars are to be congratulated in having maintained a school at least second to none of our ungraded schools.

District No. 8. (Matthews District.)

Agent, Horace E. Robbins.	Whole number of scholars in district,	38
	Whole number attending Spring term,	27
Average	“ “ “	24
Whole	“ “ Fall term,	27
Average	“ “ “	21
Whole	“ “ Winter term,	
Average	“ “ “	

The Spring and Fall terms of this school were under the charge of Mrs. Velzora J. Nickerson, and the winter term under that of Mr. Wm. Mason. Although the scholars in this school are not as far advanced as they should be, the school during the year appears to have been profitably conducted. During the winter term, besides a slight relaxation of discipline, there were disturbances among the scholars outside of the school house that could, perhaps, be best controlled by prompt application of home influences.

District No. 9. (North Searsport District.)

Agent, Alfred Stinson. Whole number of scholars in district, 35.

Whole number attending Spring term,	22
Average " " "	21
Whole " " Fall term,	19
Average " " "	17
Whole " " winter term,	16
Average " " "	12

The Spring and Fall terms of this school were under the charge of Mrs. Hattie F. M. Phillips, and the winter term under that of Mr. Philip H. Greeley.

Mrs. Phillips is a teacher of tact in the management of her scholars and appeared to work hard for their interests. Mr. Greeley has had but little previous experience as a teacher, but on the whole, maintained a creditable school; in fact this school was as satisfactorily kept as could reasonably be expected, when we take into consideration the marked difference in the ages and scholarship of the pupils.

District No. 10. (Dodge District.)

Agent, C. O. Fernald. Whole number of scholars in district,	16
Whole number attending Spring term,	11
Average " " "	8
Whole " " Fall term,	14
Average " " "	11
Whole " " Winter term,	
Average " " "	

The Spring term of this school was under the charge of Miss Abbie S. White, and the fall and winter terms were under that of Miss Mattie E. Stratton, neither of whom showed either ability or tact of a very high order, and although good order was maintained, the progress of this school was on the whole very unsatisfactory.

District No. 11. (Roulston District.)

Agent, David Webber. Whole number of scholars in district,	9.
Whole number attending Spring term,	3
Average " " "	2
Whole " " Fall term,	
Average " " "	

This school was under the charge of Miss Flora E. Webber. Although this was Miss Webber's first trial as a teacher, the school which was composed exclusively of Primary scholars was taught in a satisfactory manner.

District No. 12.

Albert Nickerson, Agent. Whole number of scholars in district, 9.

This district by a continuation of a former arrangement is under the charge of the Belfast school board.

The number of scholars in town has decreased since the census of the year before the enumeration, showing 503 scholars against 520 for the previous year.

The town raised for the support of schools \$2500, an average of \$4.97 per scholar; also \$500 for Free High School.

The number of terms of school taught was 38; the whole number of weeks 321, making the average length of a school term about 8 1-2 weeks. The average attendance cannot be accurately given, as some of the schools are now in session, but it was approximately 55 percent of all the scholars in town, and 85 percent of the whole number registered in the schools.

APPORTIONMENT.

Your Selectmen and Supervising School Committee in apportioning the School Funds among the several districts took from the funds of the larger districts with the exception of the Union district, and added them to the funds of the smaller districts. This division of the funds seemed, after careful consideration, wise, for various reasons: First—to give to the smaller districts more money for school purposes than they would have by a division according to the agents' census; Second—that the Union districts might have a fund sufficient to support the schools now maintained in the district, some of which are used by scholars from other districts without expense either to the scholars themselves or to their districts.

We would recommend that there be appropriated for Common Schools, the sum of \$2500, for Free High School \$500, for the year 1891-2.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Burleigh,	} Supervising School Committee.
J. W. Brock,	
Flora N. Roulston,	

The following text books were adopted during the year, for use in our schools:—

Harper's Readers, Historical Classic Reading, Washington and His Country, Reed's Word Lessons, Hyde's Lessons in English, Reed and Kellogg's one book Course in English, Warren's Geographies, Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic, Wentworth's School Algebra, Gage's Introduction to Physical Science, Collar and Daniels' Book for Beginners, Allen and Grenough's Latin Grammar, Meservey's Political Economy, Meservey's Book Keeping, English Literature

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE.

	SPRING TERM.	FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM.
FIRST YEAR.	Arithmetic, Written and Mental. Grammar and Composition. Book-Keeping. Reading & Spelling.	Arithmetic, Written and Mental. Rhetoric and Composition. Book-Keeping. Reading & Spelling	Arithmetic, Written and Mental. Rhetoric and Composition. Book-Keeping. Reading & Spelling.
SECOND YEAR.	Algebra. Rhetoric and Composition. Botany. Historical Reading Spelling.	Algebra. Rhetoric and Composition. General History. Historical Reading Spelling.	Algebra. General History. Physical Geography. Historical Reading Spelling.
THIRD YEAR.	Algebra. Latin. General History. Physical Geography.	Algebra. Latin. Civil Government. Physical Geography.	Geometry. Latin. Civil Government. Physics.
FOURTH YEAR.	Geometry. Latin. Physics. English Literature. Reading English History.	Geometry. Latin. Physics. English Literature. Reading English History.	Mathematical Review Latin English Literature. Reading English History.