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Assessors, Selectmen, Auditor

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for the

Municipal Year 1900.

Knox, Me.
Newell White, Printer.
1901.
THE WARRANT.

To Geo. W. Field, 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 11th day of March, next, 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 and Assessors 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 Superintendent of Schools 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. To choose Constables.

13th. To choose a Road Commissioner, and to see what compensation he shall be allowed; or to choose Highway Surveyors.

14th. To choose Surveyors of Sawed Lumber.
15th. To choose Surveyors of Wood and Bark.
16th. To choose Surveyors of Spars and Timber.
17th. To choose Fire Wards.
18th. To choose Fence Viewers.
19th. To choose a Pound Keeper.
20th. To choose Sealers of Weights and Measures.
21st. To choose Sealers of Leather.
22nd. To choose Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves.
23rd. To see if the town will continue the Free High School, and how much money it will raise therefor.
24th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools.
25th. To see how much money the town will raise for text-books for town schools.
26th. To see how much money the town will raise to repair school houses.
27th. To choose a member of the School Committee to serve three years.
28th. To choose a Superintendent of Schools.
29th. To choose a Truant Officer.
30th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the poor and other town expenses.
31st. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen, or such a committee as it may choose, to purchase an alms house, or build an addition to the pest house, to accommodate the town's poor, and how much money it will raise therefor.
32nd. To see how much money the town will raise for repairs on highways and bridges.
33rd. To see how much money the town will raise to repair sidewalks.

34th. To see how much money the town will raise to pay for road breaking the past winter.

35th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to lay out a road from a point in the eastern side of the old town road near Pyam Gilkey’s house, thence across land of James P. Butman, Charlotte Ford and Hannah B. Ford to a point on the main road, near Charlotte Ford’s house.

36th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills against the town to people who owe the town for taxes.

37th. To see how much money the town will raise to buy books for the Sears Library.

38th. To see if the town will vote to raise $50 for a Memorial service.

39th. To see if the town will accept Union Hall free of cost, and agree to keep said Hall in repair, said town to receive all rents.

40th. To hear the report of the Fire Department.

41st. To see if the town will vote to pay members of Phineas Pendleton Engine Company and Fire Wards $3 each, not to exceed sixty-three members; said money being payable to the Clerk of the Engine Company in a gross sum on or before January 1, 1902.

42nd. To see what 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, 1902.

43rd. To see how much money the town will raise
to pay discount on taxes.
44th. To choose a Collector of Taxes.
45th. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to erect and maintain a street lamp on Church Street, near the Congregational Church.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office on Saturday the 9th day of March next, 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, 26th day of February, A. D. 1901.

N. ROULSTON, Selectmen
E. A. BUKER, of
J. A. COLSON, Searsport.
Report of Assessors.

Valuation of real estate. $425,682
Valuation of personal estate. 185,224

Total, $610,906

Number of polls, 289.
Rate of taxation, .014.

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 1900, to be collected in cash by the collector of said town, for the following purposes, viz:

Support of common schools, $1360.00
Support of a free high school, 300.00
Support of the poor and other town expenses, 2000.00
Repair of roads and bridges, 1500.00
Breaking roads the past winter, 50.00
Repair of school houses, 125.00
Text-books for schools, 200.00
Memorial service, 50.00
Discount on taxes, 600.00

$6185.00

County tax, 953.29
State tax, 1959.63
Overlay, $321.77
Supplemental tax, $9419.69
90.77
$9510.46

Assessed as follows:
Real estate valued at $425,682 at .014, $5959.55
Personal estate valued at $185,224, at .014, 2593.14
289 polls at $3.00, 867.00

Supplemental tax, $9419.69
90.77
$9510.46

Abatements.
On taxes of 1897, $16.07
On taxes of 1898, 43.92
On taxes of 1899, 34.37
On taxes of 1900, 21.41
$115.77

Respectfully submitted,

N. ROULSTON, E. A. BUKER, J. A. COLSON,
Selectmen of Searsport.
Report of Selectmen.

Record of Scholars and Account of School Funds for 1900.

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Bills allowed by Selectmen and paid by their Orders on Town Treasurer.

Common Schools.
Addie B. Crockett for teaching No. 1, 40 weeks, $320.00
Andrew W. Allen for teaching No. 2, 21 days, $21.00
Carrie G. Closson " " 7 10 weeks, 80.00
Eudavilla Cleaves " " 7 10 " 80.00
Orrie E. Rendell " " 7 10 " 80.00
Andrew W. Allen " " 8 15 " 120.00
Mrs. M. P. Dutton " " 8 10 " 80.00
Fred M. Nickerson " " 9 40 " 320.00
Katherine Kneeland for teaching Union primary school 39 weeks, 381.00
Emma S. Nickels as assistant in Union primary school 9 weeks, 45.00
Jennet B. Rice for teaching Union intermediate school 39 weeks, 312.00
Geo. C. Park as janitor of No. 1 1 term, 3.50
Addie B. Crockett " " " 13 " 10.50
Andrew W. Allen " " 2 21 days, 1.20
Fred H. Curtis, " " " 7 3 terms, 7.50
Irvin George " " " 8 1 " 3.00
C. F. Thompson " " " 8 2 " 5.50
Lester Dow " " " 9 1 " 3.00
Chester Dow " " " 9 3 " 8.00
C. F. Hill " " " Union school house 1 term, 20.00
W. E. Closson as janitor of Union school house 3 terms, 62.00
Augustus W. Nickerson for transporting scholars from No. 12 to No. 7 3 terms, 39.99
N. C. Shute for transporting scholars from No. 2 to Union school house 3 terms, 93.00
A. E. Trundy for transporting scholars from No. 6 to Union school house 1 term, 22.50
Martha Towers for transporting scholars from No. 6 to Union school house 2 terms, 63.00
Martha T. Gray for transporting scholars from No. 6 to Union school house 1 term, 30.00
N. C. Shute for transporting scholars from No. 11 to Union school house 1 term, 45.00
Henry McCaslin for transporting scholars from No. 11 to Union school house, 40.00
F. I. Mortland for transporting scholars from No. 11 to Union school house, 98.50
T. T. Merrill & Son for slabwood in 1897, 1.20
David E. Nickerson for wood, 11.00
Pike Brothers, " " 19.50
Horace Maddocks " " 2.00
E. L. Savery " " 40.69
E. W. Seavey " " 16.50
E. W. Thompson " " 13.50
Searsport Coal Co. for coal for Union school house, 14.45
W. E. Closson for manufacturing and housing wood for Union school house, 25.75

$2539.78

Free High School

Milton P. Dutton for teaching 39 weeks, $684.00
Fastnet Erskine, assistant, for teaching 38 3-5 weeks, 308.80

$992.80

School Books.

Ginn & Co. for school books purchased in 1899, $145.14
American Book Co. for school books, 38.50
D. C. Heath & Co. for school books. $18.13
Hinds & Noble " " " 12.00
Houghton Mifflin & Co for school books. 6.83
Silver, Burdett & Co. " " " 1.75
Werner School Book Co. for school books. 9.60

Repairs and Furnishing for School Houses.

Geo. F. Smith for crayons etc, for 1899. $ 3.19
F. E. Whitcomb for crayons. .48
Geo. F. Smith for crayons etc. 2.47
E. E. Babb & Co. for erasers, 3.00
Geo. A. Bowen for wall maps, 3.00
Mrs. E. L. Brackett for wall maps, 6.00
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for paint, oil, nails, glass, etc. 25.97
Clement & Adams for curtains for Union school house, 2.80
Geo. A. Bowen for labor and repairs on Union school house, 13.35
W. E. Closson for labor on Union school house. 7.75
A. L. Mosman " " " " " 12.75
Michael Ward " " " " " 3.75
L. W. Wentworth " " " " " 3.75
A. E. Trundy for lumber for Union school house, 1.40
Geo. C. Park for dust pan for No. 1, .20
Geo. A. Bowen for labor and repairs on No. 1, 2.50
A. L. Mosman for labor on No. 1, .25
Geo. A. Bowen for labor and repairs on No. 2, 2.50
A. E. Trundy for lumber for No. 2, 8.80
A. L. Mosman for labor on No. 2, 2.50
Wm. Cunningham for labor on No. 2, 2.50
Geo. A. Bowen for labor and repairs on No. 7, 4.00
J. H. Kneeland for repairs on No. 7, 4.07
Geo. A. Bowen for labor and repairs on No. 8, 4.75
A. E. Trundy for lumber for No. 8, 1.10
E. W. Thompson for cleaning No. 8, 3.00
A. L. Mosman for labor on No. 8, 1.75
Lester Dow for cleaning No. 9, 2.00
F. L. Trundy for labor on No. 9, 3.00
G. A. Bowen for labor and repairs on No. 9, 5.15

$137.48

Sears Library.

Jennet B. Rice for services as librarian to April 1, 1900, $25.00
Ph. Pendleton for rent of room to Mar. 1, 1900, 50.00
Clement & Adams for carpet, 16.54
Mrs. Geo. Q. Merithew for cleaning room and putting down carpet, 4.00
Henry Whitcomb for moving wood, .30
Jennet B. Rice, money from Beals fund to buy books, 25.00

$120.84

Roads and Bridges.

F. H. Cleaves for taking down fence in fall of 1899 and putting up same in spring of 1900, $3.00
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Total for labor, $1549.60

Herbert Black for plank, $78.15
T. T. Merrill & Son for lumber and sawing, $51.58
John Putnam for gravel, $1.40
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for nails, $14.98
Jas. W. Smart for plank, sleepers, etc., $4.88
E. A. Sargent for lumber, $14.40
A. E. Trundy for plank and lumber, $151.91
F. E. Whitcomb for nails, $0.06

Total for material, $3,177.36

Summary of Road Bills.

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A. F. Mathews, Collector, on taxes of 1900. $115.77

Discount on Taxes
A. F. Mathews, Collector, for 6 per cent. disct., $420.10
" " " 3 " " ",$27.11

$447.21

Interest.
Searsport National Bank on outstanding orders, $34.12
N. Roulston " " " 1.01
J. A. Colson " " " .73

$35.86

Tax Deeds.
J. H. Kneeland, Collector of Taxes for 1899, on real estate held by the town of Searsport, as follows:

Real estate of Jona. Colcord heirs, $5.96
" " " Ephraim Colson’s heirs, 4.47
" " " M. F. Gilmore, 5.21
" " " E. F. Hanson, 19.37
" " " I. N. Harriman, 27.60
" " " C. H. Monroe, 16.57
" " " Mrs. W. A. Stairs,. 60

$79.78
Memorial Service.

W. B. Sawyer, Q. M. of Freeman McGilvery Post, as per bill rendered, $50.00

Fire Department.

Clerk of P. Pendleton Engine Co. for 53 members, and firewards, $159.00
Clerk of Penobscot Engine Co. for members to March 1, 1900, 17.00
American Fire Engine Co. for suction hose, 62.67
Searsport Coal Co. for coal, 9.45
E. A. Sargent for hauling coal, .75
W. P. Sargent for wood, 2.50
B. O. & L. M. Sargent for crackers, etc. for Engine Co. at Colcord fire, 2.51
C. L. Bailey for work and stewardship of Penobscot Engine Co., 1.80
A. H. Carr for care of engine house, 12.00
A. H. Carr for labor on engine, 7.80
Nickerson & Bailey for labor on engine, 3.28
C. H. Monroe for repairs on engine, 14.00
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for leather, labor etc. on engine, .95
E. A. Buker for can of polish for engine, .25
F. E. Whitcomb for oil, matches, etc., 1.56
C. E. Averill for watching at Colcord fire, 2.00
A. H. Carr for watching at Rogers fire, 1.80
E, A. Sargent for hauling engine to Colcord fire, 1.00
G. A. Bowen " " " " Rogers " 1.00

$301.32
Town's Poor.

E. Hopkins, M. D., for services as town physician to April 1, 1900, $20.00
H. H. Sellers, M. D., for services in part as town physician for 1900, 10.00
Geo. W. Field for board and care of tramps, 7.00
Geo. Veasey for putting up tramps, 1.65
M. W. Towers for care and support of Mrs. Samuel Auspland, 208.00
James C. Blake for care of Stephen and Sarah Blake, 14.00
Geo. F. Smith for medicine etc. for same, 2.35
W. M. Parse for boots for Stephen Blake, 2.50
Jas. H. Jacobs for support of Chas W. Carr's family, 200.00
F. E. Whitcomb for flour for Percy Brock, 0.50
L. M. Kneeland for care, support and clothing Fred Carr, 110.40
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for repairing stove for Courtney B. Ellis, 3.12
E. A. Sargent for wood for same, 22.75
Clement & Adams for clothing for same, 9.45
Pike Bros. for supplies for same, 1.93
B. O. & L. M. Sargent for supplies for same, 76.08
W. M. Parse for shoes and hat for same, 3.25
Geo. F. Smith for medicine for same, 1.20
W. E. Grinnell for bedstead etc. for Mrs. Ellis, 3.00
G. A. Bowen for hauling bed and moving Mrs. Ellis, 1.50
Margaret Delano for care of same, 12.00
Maria Newton for watching and attendance on same, 1.00
J. L. Hamilton for watching and attendance on same, $15.00
E. A. Buker for rubber cloth for same, 1.30
B. O. & L. M. Sargent for casket, digging grave, etc. for same, 28.18
Rosanna Emerson for care and support of Benj. Emerson, 13.00
Alfred W. Berry for care and support of same, 12.00
F. A. Curtis for supplies for Albert George, 5.00
A. P. Colcord for care and support of Joel A. Howe, 47.57
Emma S. Sweetser for care and support of Joel A. Howe, 39.75
Geo. H. Webb for care and support Harriet N. Howe, 41.00
Pike Bros. supplies for James Massure, 1.56
E. W. Seavey for supplies same, 20.19
F. F. Whitcomb for supplies, 65.14
W. M. Parse for shoes and leggings for same, 3.35
H. M. Black for wood for same, 7.00
F. L. Trundy for hoeing potatoes for same, 2.00
John S. Randlett for board of Hartford Treat, for year ending Jan. 22, 1901, 130.00
F. A. Curtis for supplies for L. L. Walker, 12.02
Pike Bros. for supplies for R. M. Young, 7.97

$1,163.71

**Insanity.**

Manning S. Campbell Treasurer of Insane Asylum, for care and support of Edwin B. Sawyer, 152.43
Incidentals.

Newell White for printing town reports and blanks, $31.65
C. W. Kennedy for printing letter heads, 1.25
Loring, Short & Harmon for town books, 7.00
Geo. F. Smith for office rent, 40.00
Geo. F. Smith for check list, stationery, etc., 2.07
W. M. Parse for postage etc., 1.23
J. A. Colson for stamps, stationery, express, etc., 2.24
N. Roulston for stamped envelopes, freight and express, 2.34
Emma F. Davis for stationery, express, postage, etc., 12.06
W. P. Sargent for wood for office, 2.75
E. A. Buker for same, 4.30
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for repairing town pump, .75
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for stove pipe for town house, .85
A. L. Mosman for labor on town house, .50
F. E. Whitcomb for dipper for watch house, .05
Geo. W. Field for posting town warrants, 6.00
B. B. Garey for same, 1.50
H. H. Sellers M. D. for return of births and deaths for 1899, 1.50
F. W. Larrabee, M. D., for return of births and deaths for 1900, 4.75
F. S. Eveleth M. D., for return of births and deaths for 1900, 3.75
W. M. Parse for recording vital statistics, 10.90
F. B. Smith for services as secretary of Board of health to July, 1899, 5.00
H. H. Sellers, M. D., for services as secretary
of Board of Health, etc., 7.00
Estate of Wm. B. Flint for professional services of Dr. Flint in 1898, 1.00
Lewis Rich for services as clam warden, 15.00
Margaret B. Sargent for ribbon for graduating class in free high school, 1.36
Percy A. Sanborn for engrossing diplomas for graduating class in free high school, 2.00
N. C. Shute for teams for selectmen to look after roads and town paupers, 18.50
O. W. Whitcomb for painting and lettering guide boards, 2.50
Mial Sargent for painting and putting up guide boards, 11.25
C. O. Fernald for painting guide board at Dodge’s Corner, 1.00
Geo. W. Field for services as dog constable, 10.00
G. A. Bowen for team for constable to hunt dogs, 1.50
John Innes for sheep killed by dogs, 3.00
W. P. Sargent for same, 7.00
F. W. Webber for same, 45.00
Eaton Bros. for same, 39.00
Pike Bros. for same, 42.00
S. H. Pike for same, 33.00
Mason & Hall for repairs on road machine, 12.10
C. M. Conant for same, 2.00
John B. Ames for same, 6.10
E. A. Buker for casting for road machine and freight on same, .35
Pike Bros. for lard for road machine, .10
Geo. W. Field for services as watchman night of July 3-4, 2.00
John A. Carver for services as truant officer in 1898, 10.00
F. H. Park for services as election clerk, 4.00
F. I. Pendleton for same, 4.00
J. H. Sullivan for same, 4.00
L. W. Wentworth for same, 4.00
C. O. Fernald for use of watering trough for 1899, 3.00
J. S. Nickerson for same, 3.00
J. H. Pendleton for same, 3.00
E. W. Seavey for same, 3.00
J. W. Smart for same, 3.00
A. B. West for same, 3.00

$449.20

**Town Officers.**

F. H. Park for services as Moderator, 3.00
C. E. Adams for auditing town accounts for '99, 5.00
J. H. Kneeland, Collector, for final settlement of taxes of 1897, and remainder of commission on same, 37.32
A. F. Mathews, Collector, for commission in part, 50.00
Emma F. Davis for services as Supt. of Schools, 150.00
W. M. Parse for services as Town Clerk, 15.00
C. O. Sawyer for services as Treasurer, 50.00
N. Roulston for services as Assessor, etc., 164.74
E. A. Buker for same, 65.00
J. A. Colson for same, 115.00

$655.06

On settlement with J. H. Kneeland, Collector of Taxes, for 1897-8-9, we find his account to stand as follows:

Balance due the town Feb. 19, 1900, 2006.70
Paid C. O. Sawyer, Treasurer, 1626.36

Balance due the town Feb. 23, 1901, $380.34

This balance consists as follows:
Uncollected taxes of 1898, $ 36.35
Uncollected taxes of 1899, 224.56
Cash in hand, 119.43

$380.34


On settlement with A. F. Matthews, Collector of Taxes for 1900, we find his account to stand as follows:

Amount of State tax assessment, $1959.63
" " County tax assessment, 953.29
" " Town " " 6506.77
" " supplemental tax assessment, 90.77

$9510.46

Paid C. O. Sawyer, Treasurer, 7961.04
Balance due the town Feb. 20, 1901, $1549.42
This balance consists as follows:
Uncollected taxes of 1900, $1528.09
Cash in hand, 21.33
$1549.42

Report of C. O. Sawyer, Treasurer.

Receipts.

Cash in treasury as per report of 1899, $2.13
J. H. Kneeland, Collector for 1897, 57.03
" " " for 1898, 212.19
" " " for 1899, 1357.14
A. F. Matthews " for 1900, 7961.04
State Librarian on account of public library, 7.50
State Treasurer " " " " " 9.55
" " for damage to sheep by dogs, 166.00
" " dog licenses refunded, 43.49
" " Free High School, 250.00
" " school fund and mill tax, 824.44
" " State pension scrip, 186.00
" " R. R. and telegraph tax, 48.95
W. M. Parse, Clerk, amount of dog licenses 1900, 51.00
N. Roulston for sale of hay on pest house lot, 1.50
C. L. Merithew on acct. of tax of 1897, 1.50
A. M. Kane for auctioneer's license, 2.00
Town of Hermon on account of R. M. Young, 10.62
" " Jonesboro on account of Edwin B. Sawyer, 185.12

$11377.20
Disbursements.

Paid outstanding orders of 1899, $666.26
Paid State Treasurer State tax for 1900, 1959.63
Paid State Treasurer dog licenses for 1900, 51.00
Paid State Treasurer error in dog licenses last year, 1.00
Paid County Treasurer County tax for 1900, 953.29
Paid State pensions, 186.00
Paid bounty on 34 seals, 34.00
Paid on town orders of 1900, 7525.19

$11376.37

Cash in treasury Feb. 22, 1901, .83

Trust Funds.

The Treasurer reports the following list of Cemetery Trust Funds in his hands, the interest on which, or such part thereof as is necessary, to be applied to keeping in order the cemetery lots of the persons designated by the donors of the funds:

James Staples fund, cash in Belfast Savings Bank, $250.00
Jeremiah Merithew fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 100.00
John C. Beals fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 150.00
Mary A. Nichols fund, one share of Searsport National Bank stock, par value, 100.00
Daniel Sullivan fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 100.00

$700.00

Financial Standing of the Town February 23, 1901.

Assets.
Due from J. H. Kneeland, Collector, $380.34
Due from A. F. Matthews, Collector, 1549.42
Due from C. O. Sawyer, Treasurer, .83
Due from Free High School, 69.30
Due from the town of Thorndike on account of L. L. Walker, 12.02
Due from the town of Jonesboro on account of Edwin B. Sawyer, 42.33
Due from the State for bounty on seals, 34.00
Pest house and lot, 150.00
Tax deeds and receipts, 185.31
4000 feet of plank, 60.00

Total Assets: $2483.55

Liabilities.
Due common schools, $393.24
Due Sears Library from the Beals fund, 25.00
Outstanding orders of 1900, 2006.66

Total Liabilities: $2424.90
Balance in favor of town, $58.65

We would respectfully recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year—for common schools, $1360; for a Free High School, $300; for the poor and other town expenses, $2500; for the highways, $1500; for repairs on sidewalks, $200; for school books, $200; and repairs on school houses, $200.

Respectfully submitted,

N. ROULSTON, E. A. BUKER, J. A. COLSON, Selectmen of Searsport.

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

CHARLES E. ADAMS, Auditor.
REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF SEARSPORT,

For the Year ending March, 1901.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

This school has been under the instruction of Mr. Milton P. Dutton as principal and Miss Fastnet Erskine as assistant. These teachers have sustained their previous good reputation as instructors and disciplinarians, and the school ranks well with others in the state of corresponding grade.

The course of study which went into effect at the beginning of the school year, has been closely followed and is proving highly satisfactory. I would, however, earnestly suggest that another year be added to the time allowed in the Grammar grade, as I find that with a three years' course in the High school, the pupils need a larger amount of preparatory work than they can possibly get in the two years allotted to the Grammar room.

A School Improvement League, under the leadership of Prin. Dutton, has been organized in the village schools, which has resulted in greatly improving the appearance of the school-rooms and school grounds.
The walls and ceiling of the High school room have been whitened and the room otherwise improved.

The other schools have each added to their rooms, pictures, flags, etc., which gives them a very attractive appearance.

A large number of trees were planted on the lawn and nearly all of them lived. I hope that this work will receive encouragement from all who are interested in our schools.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

Harriette Maria Erskine,
Lincoln Ross Colcord,
Ethel Eames Rice,
Helen Rilla Pike,
Flora Eva Towle,
Julia Bartlette Brown,
Francis Howe Webster,
Sadie Marie Marks.

The Intermediate school has been taught by Miss Jeanette B. Rice, who works hard to interest her pupils. She also gives them a great deal of valuable information outside the limits of the text-books. The pupils in this room have, under the instruction of their teacher, provided and furnished a cabinet of curiosities which is a great help to them in their various studies.

The Primary school has been fortunate to retain as a teacher, Miss Katherine Kneeland, whose success in this department is well known. This is an especially interesting grade, as it is here the little ones receive their first impression of school life. I found the pupils in this room busy, bright and orderly.
NO. 1, HARBOR.

Miss Addie B. Crockett has had charge of this school for the past two years, and has done good work. As most of the older pupils have entered the High school, the majority of those that remain are very young; notwithstanding this fact, the pupils have made excellent progress in their studies and compare very favorably with those of the other schools in town.

NO. 7, PORTER.

The spring term of this school was taught by Miss Eudavilla Cleaves, a bright, ambitious young teacher, who worked hard to win the love of her pupils and make her school a success.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Mrs. Orrie E. Randell, who is a teacher of wide experience, and whose discipline is unrivalled. Quite a large class in this school are preparing to enter the High school next year, and have done excellent work.

NO. 8, Matthews.

The spring term was taught by Mr. Andrew Allen, who left at the close of the school to pursue his studies at Kent's Hill.

The fall term by Mrs. Milton P. Dutton and the winter term by Mrs. W. L. Matthews. Although this school had a new teacher each term, it was fortunate in securing those who labored faithfully for the good of the school, and were highly successful.

Two of the older pupils are striving to fit themselves for teachers and have been assisted in every possible way by their teacher, Mrs. W. L. Matthews.
NO. 9, N. SEARSPORT.

For the past two years this school has been under the instruction of Mr. Fred M. Nickerson, and it is with sincere regret that I learn he is to resign his position as a teacher in our schools. The pupils seem to work in perfect harmony with their teacher, and the result has been very gratifying. They have, by entertainments, purchased a fine bell for their school building, also two large pictures and a dictionary holder. By the advice of the Committee, I bought for them a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, with which they are greatly pleased.

TEXT BOOKS.

Montgomery's U. S. History has been introduced in all of the schools, taking the place of the Barnes' History which has been in use so many years.

Cry's Reader and Carpenter's Geographical Reader are being used with good success. Many other books have been bought to take the place of a large number that were entirely worthless.

TRANSPORTATION.

The scholars in Sargent and Roulston districts were transported to the village; those in Union district, Belfast, to No. 7, Porter; the small scholars in No. 2, Nichols district, to the Union school house.

REPAIRS.

The school buildings throughout the town are in very good condition, with the exception of Union school house, which need extensive repairs.
APPROPRIATIONS.

I would recommend the following appropriations: For common schools, $1400; for Free High School, $300; for books, $200; for repairs, $200.

Respectfully submitted.

EMMA F. DAVIS, Supt.

Searsport, Feb. 20, 1901.
### SUMMARY.

#### Spring Term.

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