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FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

Assessors, Selectmen, Auditor

— AND —

Superintendent of Schools,

— OF THE —

TOWN OF SEARSPORT,

— FOR THE —

MUNICIPAL YEAR,

1903.



BELFAST, MAINE.
W. F. LANGILL PRINTING COMPANY,
1904.

THE WARRANT.

To L. W. Rich, 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 the town of Searsport, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House, in said town, on Monday the 14th day of March, instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

- 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2 To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3 To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen and Assessors as printed.
- 4 To see if the town will accept the report of the Auditor of Town accounts as printed.
- 5 To see if the town will accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools as printed.
- 6 To choose three or more Selectmen.
- 7 To choose Assessors of Taxes.
- 8 To choose Overseers of the Poor.
- 9 To choose a Town Agent.
- 10 To choose a Town Treasurer.
- 11 To choose an Auditor of Town Accounts.
- 12 To choose Constables.
- 13 To choose a Road Commissioner, and to see what compensation he shall be allowed; or to choose Highway Surveyors.
- 14 To choose Surveyors of Sawed Lumber.
- 15 To choose Surveyors of Wood and Bark.

- 16 To choose Surveyors of Spars and Timber.
- 17 To choose Fire Wards.
- 18 To choose Fence Viewers.
- 19 To choose Sealers of Weights and Measures.
- 20 To choose Sealers of Leather.
- 21 To choose Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves.
- 22 To see if the town will continue the Free High School, and how much money it will raise therefor.
- 23 To see how much money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools.
- 24 To see how much money the town will raise for text books for schools.
- 25 To see how much money the town will raise to repair school houses.
- 26 To choose a member of the School Committee to serve 3 years.
- 27 To choose a Truant Officer.
- 28 To see how much money the town will raise for the Support for the Poor and other town expenses.
- 29 To see how much money the town will raise to repair highways and bridges.
- 30 To see how much money the town will raise to repair sidewalks.
- 31 To see how much money the town will raise to pay for road breaking the past winter.
- 32 To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills against the town to persons who owe the town for taxes,
- 33 To see if the town will raise \$50 for a memorial service.
- 34 To hear the report of the Fire Department.
- 35 To see if the town will vote to pay members of the Phineas Pendleton Engine Company and Fire Wards \$3 each not to exceed sixty-three members ; said money being payable to the clerk of the En-

- gine Company in a gross sum on or before January 1, 1905.
- 36 To see if the town will raise \$400 towards paying for 1,000 feet of hose lately purchased by the Selectmen.
 - 37 To see what action the town will take in regard to putting in a Rotary Fire Pump in Merrill's mill.
 - 38 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 Jan. 1, 1905.
 - 39 To see how much money the town will raise to pay discount on Taxes.
 - 40 To choose a Collector of Taxes.
 - 41 To see if the town will vote to avail itself of the State, and expend a certain sum, not to exceed \$200, for permanently improving some definite section of the highways, and how much it will raise therefor.
 - 42 To see if the town will pay the sum of forty-four dollars due the estate of J. H. Lane on account of Union Hall.
 - 43 To see if the town will raise money for repairs and furnaces for Union Hall, and how much.
 - 44 To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the school house in the Mortland district, so called.
 - 45 To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the Pest House.
 - 46 To see if the town will vote to place two additional street lights on Steamboat Avenue, and maintain same.
 - 47 To see if the town will accept a road leading past the house of Edmund J. Ames to the Kane's pond road, about one-fourth of a mile long, said road to be built without expense to the town.

- 48 To see if the town will vote that all Taxpayers shall have the privilege to work their proportional part of all money expended on highway repairs in their district.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be session at their office on Saturday, the 12th day of March, 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 4th day of March, A. D., 1904.

F. I. PENDLETON, } Selectmen
F. I. MORTLAND, } of
J. A. COLSON, } Searsport.

Report of Assessors.

Valuation of real estate	\$424,342 00
“ “ personal estate	169,878 00
	\$594,220 00

Number of polls 283
 Rate of taxation0171

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 1903, to be collected in cash by the Collector of said town, for the following purposes, viz:

Support of common schools	\$1,100 00
“ “ free high school	500 00
“ “ the poor and other town expenses	2,000 00
Repairs of the highways	1,800 00
“ “ sidewalks	500 00
Breaking roads the past winter	200 00
State road	200 00
Repairs on engine house	300 00
“ “ school houses	200 00
Text books for schools	200 00
Memorial services	50 00
Discount on taxes	1,000 00
	\$ 8,050 00
County tax	676 85
State tax	1,792 68
Overlay	490 63
	\$11,010 16
Supplemental tax	38 98
	\$11,049 14

Assessed as follows :

Real estate valued at \$424,342 at .0171	\$7,256 25
Personal estate valued at \$169,878 at .0171	2,904 91
283 polls at \$3.00	849 00
Supplemental tax	38 98
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	\$11,049 14

Abatements.

On taxes of 1896	\$ 4 75
“ “ “ 1897	4 48
“ “ “ 1899	57
“ “ “ 1900	33 69
“ “ “ 1901	44 10
“ “ “ 1902	19 41
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	\$107 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. PENDLETON,	} Assessors of Searsport.
F. I. MORTLAND,	
J. A. COLSON,	

Report of Selectmen.

Record of Scholars and Account of School Funds for 1903.

Number of scholars, 342.

Balance due common schools Feb. 21, 1903	\$ 426 80
Amount raised for common schools	1,100 00
Mill tax and school fund for 1902	947 93
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	\$2,472 73
Amount expended for common schools	2,343 37
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Balance due common schools Feb. 20, 1904	\$ 131 36

Amount raised for a free high school . . .	\$500 00
Amount received from the State	250 00
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	\$750 00
Less balance overdrawn Feb. 21, 1903 . . .	9 30
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	\$ 740 70
Amount expended for teachers' wages . . .	720 00
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Balance due free high school Feb. 20, 1904 .	\$ 20 70

Bills Allowed by Selectmen and Paid by Their Orders on Town Treasurer.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Abbie C. Chase, for teaching No. 1, 20 weeks	\$100 00
Winfield Packard, for teaching No. 7, 26 weeks	202 00
Sadie J. Clifford, for teaching No. 7, 4 weeks	28 00
Maude Curtis, for teaching No. 7, 8 weeks	52 00
Abbie M. Nichols, for teaching No 8, 10 weeks	70 00
Priscilla A. Nickels, for teaching No. 8, 20 weeks	120 00
Addie B. Crockett, for teaching No 9, 10 weeks	70 00
Alice M. Dow, for teaching No. 9, 10 weeks	70 00
Mabel Matthews, for teaching No. 9, 20 weeks	125 00
Addie B. Crockett, for teaching Union Pri- mary School, 30 weeks	270 00
Annie E. Rhodes, for teaching Union Inter- mediate School, 30 weeks	270 00
Fastnet Erskine, for teaching Union Grammar School, 9 weeks and 1 day	73 60
Katherine Kneeland, for teaching Union Gram- mar School 10 weeks	90 00
W. A. Griffin, as janitor of No. 1, 1 term	3 50
Ernest P. Staples, " " " " 1, 1 "	3 50
Abbie C. Chase, " " " " 1, 1 "	3 50
Fred H. Curtis, " " " " 7, 4 "	10 00
C. F. Thompson. " " " " 8, 3 "	9 00
O. G. Smart, " " " " 8, 1 "	3 50

Percy Harrimau as janitor of No. 9, 4 terms,	\$11 00
W. E. Bowler, " " " Union School house, three terms	62 50
A. W. Nickerson, for conveying scholars to No. 7	41 64
Lizzie Bassick, for conveying scholars to Union school house	100 00
Herbert Dodge, for conveying scholars to Union school house	47 00
F. I. Mortland, for conveying scholars to Union school house	90 00
Silas Young, for conveying scholars to Union school house	55 00
N. C. Shute, for conveying scholars to Union school house	252 50
Chas. U. Curtis, for wood	10 50
Freeman Partridge, " "	3 00
H. G. Peaslee, " "	19 00
E. L. Savery, " "	13 50
J. W. Smart, " "	12 00
E. W. Thompson, " "	3 50
Searsport Coal Co. for coal	16 13
G. A. Bowen, for hauling coal	1 00
W. E. Bowler, for fitting and housing wood .	30 50
Fred H. Curtis, for piling wood	1 00
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	\$2,343 37

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

I. F. Burton, for teaching 3 terms	\$540 00
Ethel M. Dodge, for teaching 2 terms as assist- ant	180 00
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	\$720 00

Repairs and Furnishing of School Houses.

Abbie C. Chase, for broom for No. 1	\$ 25
Warren A. Griffin, for labor on No. 1	1 10
Geo. W. Curtis, for repairs on No. 7	1 75

J. H. Kneeland, for banking No. 7	\$1 00
Mrs. E. J. Thompson, for cleaning No. 8 . . .	3 00
Percy Harriman for removing brush from No. 9, last spring	25
Elden G. Smart, for banking No. 9	1 25
G. A. Bowen, for repairs on Union school house	1 50
W. E. Bowler, for labor " " " "	5 50
A. L. Mosman, " " " " " "	9 75
Michael Ward, " " " " " "	4 50
J. E. Wentworth, " " " " " "	90
L. W. Wentworth, " " " " " "	7 50
G. A. Bowen, for repairs on school houses .	16 50
J. W. Kneeland, for labor and furnishing .	7 60
C. O. Sawyer & Co., for hardware	11 41
Geo. F. Smith, for crayons	2 40
Goodrich Publishing Co., for charts	20 65
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	\$96 81

School Books.

Allyn & Bacon	for school books,	\$ 4 95
American Book Co.,	" " "	25 87
L. Barton,	" " "	6 75
Ginn & Co.,	" " "	61 88
D. C. Heath & Co.,	" " "	14 20
J. L. Hammett Co.,	" " "	3 95
Hinds & Noble,	" " "	12 40
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	" " "	14 44
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	" " "	14 88
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		\$159 32

Sears' Library.

Phineas Pendleton, for rent of room to March 1, 1903,	\$50 00
Mrs. C. E. Rice, for services in full as librarian to April 1, 1903,	15 00
Mrs. C. E. Rice for balance of the J. C. Beals Fund for purchasing new books, . .	25 00
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	\$90 00

Roads and Sidewalks.

Wm. E. Bowler	for winter breaking,	\$	7	80
H. F. Curtis,	" " " . .		7	15
O. E. Curtis.	" " " . .		1	65
Thos E. Dorr,	" " " . .		1	80
Wilson N. Dow,	" " " . .		2	25
W. S. Downs,	" " " . .		10	85
J. S. & L. C. Eaton,	" " " . .		4	05
Irving George,	" " " . .		1	50
William George,	" " " . .		7	75
Chas. H. Gilkey,	" " " . .		4	72
E. C. Harriman,	" " " . .		2	45
J. H. Kneeland,	" " " . .		3	25
C. E. Lenfest,	" " " . .		1	50
Horace Maddocks,	" " " . .			75
J. E. Marden,	" " " . .		4	24
G. R. Marks,	" " " . .		4	12
W. C. Matthews,	" " " . .		1	80
W. M. Merrithew,	" " " . .			82
W. S. Moody,	" " " . .		2	70
David W. Nickels,	" " " . .		12	89
Charles Nickerson,	" " " . .		2	47
J. M. & E. A. Nickerson,	" " " . .		5	74
M. H. Nickerson,	" " " . .		2	40
Warren Nickerson,	" " " . .			45
G. W. Partridge,	" " " . .		4	55
Herbert A. Reed,	" " " . .		1	65
Silas L. Ridley,	" " " . .		5	17
E. A. Sargent,	" " " . .		11	05
H. H. Savery,	" " " . .		2	85
E. W. Seavey,	" " " . .		6	70
C. O. Seekens,	" " " . .		6	10
N. C. Shute,	" " " . .		11	29
Elden G. Smart,	" " " . .		8	70
R. T. Spaulding,	" " " . .		2	18
W. K. Staples,	" " " . .			53
J. B. Sweetser,	" " " . .		1	35
F. L. Trundy,	" " " . .		7	90
Howard Ward,	" " " . .		3	70
Abner Warren,	" " " . .		3	75
Wilson N. West,	" " " . .		3	05
O. W. Whitcomb,	" " " . .		16	75

P. G. Warren, for taking down fence in the fall and putting up the same in the spring,		\$ 2 50
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Total for winter breaking,		\$ 194 87
Edmund J. Ames, for labor		\$ 58 75
Wm. H. Ames, " "		26 09
Chas. E. Averill, " "		6 00
John C. Averill, " "		2 25
E. O. Bailey, " "		25 87
Lizzie A. Bassick, " "		16 42
E. K. Blake, " "		8 09
E. R. Bowen, " "		6 30
G. A. Bowen, " "		5 60
Wm. E. Bowler, " "		10 20
J. W. Brock, " "		17 24
B. A. Chase, " "		3 75
L. P. Closson, " "		18 75
J. F. Coffin, " "		4 00
A. P. Colcord, " "		11 00
F. A. Colcord, " "		4 40
Fred E. Cole, " "		3 90
A. O. Coleman, " "		3 45
H. S. Coleman, " "		9 10
Eli O. Colson, " "		2 02
J. L. Cunningham, " "		4 35
Chas. U. Curtis, " "		28 67
G. W. Curtis, " "		25 20
Hollis F. Curtis, " "		18 95
Lester Curtis, " "		15 75
O. E. Curtis, " "		1 35
T. L. Decrow, " "		41 00
Chas. A. Dorr, " "		9 00
Thos. E. Dorr, " "		12 75
F. J. Dow, " "		1 05
W. N. Dow, " "		19 15
W. S. Downs, " "		86 60
Willis Downs, " "		12 75
H. L. Drew, " "		1 80
Chas. A. Eames, " "		2 65
J. S. & L. C. Eaton, " "		37 50
H. H. Felker, " "		17 80

Geo. A. Flowers,	for labor	\$ 1 30
Chas. H. Ford,	“ “	7 85
Irving George,	“ “	8 10
William George,	“ “	36 60
Levi D. George,	“ “	18 45
Charles H. Gilkey,	“ “	4 90
H. J. Grant,	“ “	1 80
W. E. Grinnell,	“ “	22 50
E. A. Gross,	“ “	11 47
H. S. Harriman,	“ “	8 84
J. W. Harriman,	“ “	20 85
M. D. Harriman,	“ “	8 23
Charles F. Hill,	“ “	27 70
John Hill,	“ “	75
John Innes,	“ “	8 99
J. H. Kneeland,	“ “	19 81
J. O. Kneeland,	“ “	17 55
L. M. Kneeland,	“ “	5 95
John Ladd,	“ “	6 15
John Larrabee,	“ “	1 50
C. E. Lenfest,	“ “	22 35
R. B. Lowe,	“ “	8 10
Henry McCaslin,	“ “	27 00
Fred McDonald,	“ “	21 50
Horace Maddocks,	“ “	4 95
Jas. E. Marden,	“ “	40 70
Geo. E. Marks,	“ “	4 10
Geo. R. Marks,	“ “	8 20
W. H. Mason,	“ “	2 25
Charles N. Massure,	“ “	13 35
L. H. Matthews,	“ “	52
W. C. Matthews,	“ “	8 10
W. J. Matthews,	“ “	36 00
Geo. Q. Merrithew,	“ “	21 45
Wm. M. Merrithew,	“ “	1 50
A. J. Mitchell,	“ “	23 05
W. S. Moody,	“ “	19 35
P. H. Monroe,	“ “	3 90
F. I. Mortland,	“ “	63 00
Samuel Mortland,	“ “	14 55
David W. Nickels,	“ “	17 25
James Nickels,	“ “	17 85
John Nickels,	“ “	13 05
A. W. Nickerson,	“ “	9 25

David E. Nickerson,	for labor	\$12 15
E. A. Nickerson,	“ “	18 30
H. W. Nickerson,	“ “	7 60
J. M. Nickerson,	“ “	20 00
Joshua Nickerson,	“ “	7 95
S. J. Nickerson,	“ “	46 50
Almon M. Park,	“ “	5 50
G. W. Partridge,	“ “	22 00
H. G. Peaslee,	“ “	6 00
M. H. Peaslee,	“ “	29 10
W. C. Pendleton,	“ “	8 75
Timothy Porter,	“ “	6 50
John Putnam,	“ “	1 00
Herbert A. Reed,	“ “	12 30
Wm. P. Rice,	“ “	12 54
Thomas Rich,	“ “	11 00
H. P. Richards,	“ “	3 60
E. W. Robbins,	“ “	5 92
J. A. Roberts,	“ “	12 75
E. A. Sargent,	“ “	66 10
Mial Sargent,	“ “	30 38
Wm. P. Sargent,	“ “	13 53
E. L. Savery,	“ “	96 60
H. T. Scribner,	“ “	5 92
Ralph Scribner,	“ “	9 20
E. W. Seavey,	“ “	15 20
C. O. Seekens,	“ “	29 35
N. C. Shute,	“ “	1 00
Fred A. Small,	“ “	3 15
Elden G. Smart,	“ “	13 20
J. W. Smart,	“ “	56 52
O. G. Smart,	“ “	4 50
W. K. Staples,	“ “	7 50
C. H. Stevens,	“ “	1 25
S. A. Stevens,	“ “	6 55
Alfred Stinson,	“ “	25 05
F. E. Stinson,	“ “	6 45
Geo. E. Sylvester,	“ “	9 23
C. F. Thompson,	“ “	6 70
E. W. Thompson,	“ “	54 65
W. R. Thompson,	“ “	24 00
M. W. Towers,	“ “	7 00
C. F. Treat,	“ “	2 25
C. M. Trundy,	“ “	3 50

F. L. Trundy,	for labor	\$36 65
Howard Ward,	“ “	9 02
Abner Warren,	“ “	21 05
Frank W. Webber,	“ “	15 30
L. W. Wentworth,	“ “	3 00
Alvin B. West,	“ “	4 57
Wilson N. West,	“ “	75
Henry Whitcomb,	“ “	18 55
O. W. Whitcomb,	“ “	27 85
Silas Young,	“ “	3 75
Total for labor		<u>\$2,108 84</u>
C. H. Gilkey, for timber for bridge		\$ 1 50
C. F. Hill, for stringers		6 00
E. A. Nickerson, for plank		12 18
G. W. Partridge, for lumber		4 24
Pike Bros., for plank, sleepers, &c.		49 13
John Putnam, for stone and gravel		3 15
Wm. P. Sargent, for stone for bridge		75
C. O. Sawyer & Co., for nails for sidewalks &c.		19 42
J. W. Smart, for plank for bridge		6 40
Henry Whitcomb, for stone		60
A. E. Trundy, for lumber for sidewalks &c.		382 28
Total for material		<u>\$485 65</u>

Summary of Road Bills.

Paid for winter breaking	\$ 194 87
Paid for labor	2,108 84
Paid for materials	485 65
<u>\$2,789 36</u>	

State Road.

F. I. Mortland, for poles	\$38 65
W. S. Downs, for labor	41 50
W. E. Grinnell, “	17 50
Timothy Porter, “	29 50

Thomas Rich, for labor	\$29 25
E. A. Sargent, "	6 75
Mial Sargent, "	10 00
M. W. Towers, "	9 80
A. E. Trundy, "	11 50

\$194 45

There has been received from the State on account of the above, \$98 98.

Street Lights.

W. E. Bowler, for care of lights	\$ 60 00
F. A. Curtis, for oil	33 85
C. O. Sawyer & Co., for new lamp, chimnies, burners, &c.	14 14

\$107 99

Abatements.

M. F. Gilmore, on taxes of 1896 and 1897 on account of sickness in family	\$ 9 23
Hannah P. Carver, on account of error in tax- ation in 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902,	2 48
A. F. Mathews, collector, on taxes of 1900	33 17
" " " " " " 1901,	43 36
" " " " " " 1902,	18 76

\$ 107 00

Tax Deeds.

A. F. Matthews, collector of taxes for 1902, on real estate held by the town of Searsport, as follows :	
Real estate of Jona. Colcord's heirs,	\$ 5 16
" " Ephraim Colson's heirs	5 16
" " Susan S. George's heirs,	2 58
" " H. J. Hooper,	16 79
" " Chas. H. Monroe,	21 92
" " Joram Nichols' heirs,	10 32

\$61 93

Discount on Taxes.

A. F. Mathews, collector. for 10 per cent discount,	\$ 831 83
A. F. Mathews, collector, for 5 per cent discount,	63 62
	\$ 895 45

Interest.

Estate of Jas. G. Pendleton on town orders, .	\$ 9 29
Searsport National Bank " " . . .	40 39
	\$ 49 68

Memorial Service.

W. B. Sawyer, Q. M. of Freeman McGilvery Post, G. A. R. as per bill rendered, .	\$ 48 68
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Fire Department.

Engine Company for 57 members and 3 fire wards,	\$ 180 00
A. H. Carr, for care of hall and labor on engine,	13 55
G. A. Bowen, for repairs on engine,	75
A. L. Mosman, " " "	6 75
L. H. Rogers & Son, " " "	2 75
C. H. Irving, for brazing hinges on engine .	1 00
A. L. Mosman, for labor on reservoir, . . .	2 75
Michael Ward, for tending fires in engine house to March 27, 1903,	14 00
B. O. & L. M. Sargent for oil,	60
Searsport Coal Co., for coal,	15 00
E. A. Sargent, for hauling coal and hauling engine to fire,	1 50
J. L. Hamilton. for watching night of Curtis fire,	2 00

W. E. Bowler, for watching, night of hotel fire	\$ 2 00
J. F. Coffin, " " "	2 00
C. M. Closson, " " "	2 00
City of Belfast, for assistance in Curtis and Grinnell fires	136 00
G. A. Bowen, for freight on hose and engine fixtures	3 70
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	\$386 35

N. B. We have bought 1,000 feet of hose of the Boston Woven Hose Co. on 90 days time for \$425.

Repairs on Engine House.

A. E. Trundy, for lumber	\$46 54
G. A. Bowen, for labor	8 00
Wm. Cunningham, "	15 50
C. B. Deshon, "	13 50
R. W. Lovell, "	12 50
A. L. Mosman, "	32 75
L. W. Wentworth, "	12 50
J. E. Wentworth, for plastering	1 00
Clement & Adams, for curtains	6 52
C. O. Sawyer & Co., for paint, oil and hardware	47 18
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	\$189 99

Town's Poor.

H. H. Sellers M. D. for services as town physi- cian to Oct. 1, 1903.	\$ 20 00
M. W. Towers for board and care of Mrs. Sam- uel Auspland.	126 00
Manly Foote for digging grave for same. . .	3 00
L. M. Sargent for casket, box, robe, etc., for same.	27 00
James C. Blake for care of Stephen and Sa- rah Blake.	38 57
Pike Bros. for supplies for same.	33 56
City of Rockland for supplies for Blood family	18 00
L. M. Kneeland, for board and clothing for Fred Carr to Oct. 15, 1903	100 00

Clement & Adams, for clothing for Harriet N. Howe	\$10 32
B. O. & L. M. Sargent, for casket and box for same	25 00
Manly Foote, for digging grave for same	3 00
Chas. N. Massure, for care and expense of Jas. R. Massure	61 00
E. W. Seavey, for supplies for same	12 49
Clement & Adams, for clothing for same	7 85
Wm. M. Parse, for shoes for same	1 65
Geo. F. Smith, for medicine for same	1 15
A. A. Howes & Co., for medicine for same	1 90
B. O. & L. M. Sargent, for robe and casket for same	27 75
Town of Castine, for support of Morse family	67 40
City of Waterville, for hospital and funeral expenses of Rufus A. Sargent	69 50
(Rufus E. Sargent has since repaid the town \$25.00 on account of above.)	
Mark C. Ward, for board of Benj. C. Towle, Rosanna Emerson, for board of same,	10 00
Mark Ward for board of same,	2 00
Mark Ward for board of same,	97 50
Clement & Adams, for clothing for same,	14 59
W. M. Parse, for shoes and rubbers for same,	4 45
J. H. Sullivan, for repairing shoes for same,	60
John S. Randlett, for board and care of Hartford Treat,	117 00
W. E. Mason, for work for Eleanor Woodman,	6 85
Emma Mason, for care of same,	6 00
N. C. Shute, for teams on account of moving same,	6 50
Mrs. Olive Roberts, for care of same,	15 50
Clement & Adams, for clothing for same,	6 35
Geo. F. Smith, for medicine for same,	4 05
Pike Bros., for supplies for R. M. Young,	21 45
Wm. M. Parse, for boots and rubbers for same,	4 15
L. W. Rich, for arresting tramps and care of same,	6 30
W. E. Grinnell, for keeping tramps,	5 50
B. O. & L. M. Sargent, for crackers and cheese for tramps,	46
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	\$984 39

Insanity.

L. W. Rich, for serving notice on Fred A. Matthews,	\$ 1 00
N. A. Nickerson, for assisting L. W. Rich, in arresting same,	1 00
H. H. Sellers, M. D., for examination of same,	2 00
N. C. Shute, for teams to Swanville and Belfast on account of same,	4 50
M. M. Whittum, for expenses taking same to Augusta,	17 88
J. F. Coffin, for assistance on account of same,	3 00
M. S. Campbell, Treasurer, for board of same at Asylum,	4 64
	\$ 34 02

Incidentals.

Belfast Printing Co., for printing town reports of 1902,	\$ 26 00
Belfast Printing Co., for printing bill heads,	1 75
N. Roulston, for laying out road from Robbins road to Innes house,	1 00
N. Roulston, for express,	10
N. Roulston, for putting wood in office and town house,	45
John B. Ames, for freight on runners for hearse,	2 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, for town books,	7 00
J. A. Colson, for express, stamped envelopes, etc.,	3 10
F. I. Pendleton, for freight, postage, etc.,	6 50
F. S. Eveleth, M. D., for return of births and deaths from April 1901 to Oct. 1903	8 00
H. H. Sellers, M. D., for return of births and deaths to April 1, 1903,	1 75
Wm. M. Parse, for recording vital statistics, etc.	15 40
H. H. Sellera, M. D., for vaccinating residents of town,	12 50
A. A. Howes & Co., for vaccine and shields,	6 50

H. H. Sellers, M. D., for services on board of health,	13 25
Geo. A. Bowen, for services on board of health,	6 00
Henry Whitcomb, for services on board of health	17 00
Geo. F. Smith, for rent of office	40 00
“ for stationery, ink &c. for office	1 10
C. O. Sawyer & Co., for repairs on town pump, &c.	3 55
C. O. Sawyer, for having Hooper tax deed recorded at Belfast	1 00
R. F. Dunton, for legal advice	7 00
J. R. “ “ “	1 00
Geo. Q. Merrithew, for cleaning Union Hall	2 00
L. W. Rich, as truant officer	2 00
“ “ as dog constable	4 00
“ “ as watchman July 4	2 00
N. C. Shute, for teams for town officers . .	15 50
F. H. Park, for services as election clerk in '02	2 00
Mason & Hall, for repairs on road machine .	36 50
John B. Ames, “ “ “	2 80
Wm. P. Sargent, for wood for office	3 10
Pike Brothers, for kerosene	52
W. E. Bowler, for cleaning office	2 00
Emma F. Davis, for express, printing &c. for schools	5 27
Maverick & Wissinger, for diplomas for high school graduates	6 00
Percy A. Sanborn, for engrossing diplomas .	1 00
P. H. Monroe, for posting warrants, &c. . .	4 00
J. W. Brock, for survey of Innes road . . .	3 00
Henry Whitcomb, for labor on town house .	2 00
John Murphy, for shop burned by order of board of health	15 00
John Murphy, for kerosene to burn shop . .	16
L. W. Rich, for attendance at fire	1 00
W. G. Wallace, “ “	1 00
C. F. Hill, for sheep killed by dogs	3 00
John Innes, “ “ “	3 00
J. E. Marden, for sheep damaged by dogs .	8 00
C. O. Fernald, for use of watering trough for '02	3 00
J. S. Nickerson, for same	3 00
E. W. Seavey, “	3 00

J. W. Smart, for same	\$ 3 00
Alvin B. West, "	3 00
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	\$322 30

Town Officers.

C. E. Adams, for auditing town accounts for 1901 and 1902	\$10 00
F. H. Paul, for services as Moderator . . .	3 00
W. M. Parse, " Town Clerk . . .	15 00
C. O. Sawyer, " Treasurer . . .	60 00
Emma F. Daves " Supt. of Schools	150 00
F. I. Pendleton, " Assessor &c. . .	125 00
F. I. Mortland, " " . . .	75 00
J. A. Colson, " " . . .	100 00
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	\$ 538 00

Summary of Bills Paid by Selectmen During the Year.

Common Schools,	\$ 2,343 37
Free High School,	720 00
Repairs and furnishings for school houses . .	96 81
School books,	159 32
Sears' library,	90 00
Roads and sidewalks,	2,789 36
State road,	194 45
Street lights,	107 59
Abatements,	107 00
Tax deeds,	61 93
Discount on taxes,	895 45
Interest,	49 68
Memortal service,	48 68
Fire department,	386 35
Repairs on Engine house,	189 99
Town's poor,	984 39
Insanity,	34 02
Incidentals,	322 30
Town officers,	538 00
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	\$10,119 09

Report of A. F. Matthews, Collector of Taxes.

Balance due the town Feb. 21, 1903,	\$ 2,132 54
Amount of State tax assessment,	1,792 68
“ “ County tax “	676 85
“ “ Town tax “	8,540 63
“ “ Supplemental tax assessment,	38 98
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	\$13,181 68
·Paid C. O. Sawyer, Treasurer,	10,641 39
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Balance due the town Feb. 20, 1904,	\$ 2,540 29

This balance consists as follows :

Uncollected taxes of 1900,	\$ 47 72
“ “ “ 1901,	218 00
“ “ “ 1902,	476 73
“ “ “ 1903,	1,448 75
Cash due the town,	349 09
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	\$2,540 29

Report of C. O. Sawyer, Town Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per report of 1902,	\$ 10 94
A. F. Matthews, Collector on account of taxes, State Treasurer, dog licenses refunded,	10,641 39
“ “ on account of free high school	36 77
“ “ “ School fund and mill tax	250 00
“ “ “ railroad and tel- graph tax	966 55
“ “ “ State pensions	37 50
“ “ “ State road	210 00
W. M. Parse, town clerk, amount of dog license Town of Hermon, for goods furnished R. M. Young and family	98 98
Rufus E. Sargent, on account of Rufus A. Sargent's burial expenses	46 00
	12 16
	25 00

M. F. Gilmore, amount of tax deeds in full to 1902	\$46 23
Geo. A. Carver, amount of John A. Carver's tax deed	19 60
A. M. Ames, tax on Kidder lot and S. I. Roberts lot for 1901	7 63
A. M. Ames, tax on Kidder lot and S. I. Roberts lot for 1902	8 43
Silas Young, for hay from pest house lot	1 00
F. I. Pendleton, amount received from Union Hall	17 50
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	\$12,435 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid outstanding orders of 1902	1,515 32
State Treasurer, State tax for 1903	1,792 68
County Treasurer, County tax for 1903	676 85
State Treasurer, dog licenses for 1903	46 00
State pensions for 1903	210 00
Bounty on seals	21 00
" " porcupines	22 50
Town orders of 1903	8,146 38
Cash in Treasury	4 96
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	\$12,435 69

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
Samuel Curtis, Jr. fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank	100 00
Chas. J. Gordon fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank	100 00
Abbie J. Sargent fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank	100 00
B. F. Pendleton fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank	1,000 00
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	\$2,000 00

Financial Standing of the Town Feb. 20, 1904.

ASSETS.

Due from A. F. Matthews, collector	\$2,540 29
C. O. Sawyer, treasurer	4 96
the town of Hermon on account of	
R. M. Young	8 30
Tax deeds and receipts	150 57
Due from State for bounty on seals	21 00
" " " porcupines	22 00
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	\$2,747 62

LIABILITIES.

Due Common Schools	\$ 131 36
Free High school	20 70
on outstanding orders	1,972 71
Boston Woven Hose Co., for hose	425 00
" " " washers and	
spanners	3 50
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	\$ 2,553 27
Balance in favor of the town	194 35

We would respectfully recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year, for common Schools \$1,100.; for a Free

High School \$500; for the poor and other town expenses \$2,000; for the highways \$1,800; for repairs on sidewalks \$400; for school books \$200; for repairs on school houses \$200; and for hose already purchased \$400.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. PENDLETON,	} Selectmen of Searsport.
F. I. MORTLAND,	
J. A. COLSON,	

Report of Auditor of Town Accounts.

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, 1904.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF SEARSPORT:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report of the public schools in your town.

There is very little that is new to chronicle of the schools for the past year. There have been few changes in the corps of teachers, and none were made except where cases of resignation occurred.

The Committee have selected from the list of applicants, those whom they thought best fitted for the positions and, I think, in most cases have been successful.

Our teachers have nearly all been trained for their profession. We had, during the past year, one college, one seminary, one academy, and four normal graduates among our teachers. Some years ago, it was thought that anyone who had sufficient education could teach school; now it is an acknowledged fact that in this, as in any other profession, a teacher must be trained for her work. It must be admitted, however, that all the training in the world will not make a successful teacher, if she lacks the requisite ability.

As I am, in a measure reporting the schools collectively,

it is due to the several teachers to say that they all put forth their very best efforts for the success of the schools, and have accepted, and acted upon any suggestions which I made to them. For this and their uniform courtesy, I offer my sincere thanks.

Among the tendencies in modern school life is a dislike on the part of many children for regular attendance at school. This dislike may be and, doubtless is, a natural inclination on the part of children. But, unfortunately, this inclination is encouraged by many of their elders through want of serious consideration.

It seems to me that there is an ever increasing feeling that school is not a serious occupation, and that it may be put aside for almost anything that may occur. It may be that some one gets up an entertainment, or it may be a county fair or some other event and the work of the schools must be interrupted for days. Add to all these things, the regular holidays, the long vacations, and the enforced absences, and is it any wonder that children learn to look upon school as something else than a preparation for life and of supreme importance.

It, therefore, becomes an absolute necessity for parents, teachers, and school officers to work together until the pupils understand the value of regular uninterrupted school work.

THE FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Our high school is attempting to hold its own in the van of progress and to offer an opportunity for those who desire to come in touch with an education that will fit them to enter upon the great battle of life.

A high school properly conducted is a great influence for good in any community and is worth all its costs.

The School Committee have striven to raise the intellectual standard of the school, and to have the pupils thoroughly understand that too great leniency must not be exercised in admissions to the school, or towards pupils in it; that it is a

place where earnest work must be done or delinquents must suffer the consequences.

Principal Burton has carefully followed this line of action with good results. A class of five were graduated in June.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

Mabel Iona Nichols.

Gertrude Elsinora Bowen.

Charles Elbert Monroe.

Ray Emery Kneeland.

Wilfred Nichols McGilvery.

TEXT BOOKS.

It is a law of the State that towns must furnish free textbooks. By this law, the pupils seem to understand that an unlimited supply of books is to be furnished. And in spite of the watchfulness of the teacher, very little care is taken of the books by the majority of the pupils.

I can fully understand the natural repugnance of children to a soiled, ragged book, but when we take into consideration the fact that every book, purchased for the schools, costs from twenty-five cents to a dollar and a half, it must be seen that the expense is large. May I ask that the parents who read this report, will try to impress upon the children the necessity of taking care of the books.

TRANSPORTATION.

The transportation of pupils has been an exceedingly difficult problem throughout the entire year. I will only say that, we have done the best we could.

The committee have various improvements along this line under consideration, and I have no doubt that radical changes will be made.

REPAIRS.

As I said in a previous report, the committee have at-

tended to the repairs, and I feel sure have fulfilled the duty acceptably.

A teacher in one of the rural schools said to me, "Yes, it has been a very cold winter but our school house was nicely banked, and we had good wood, and a good janitor, so we have been very comfortable." I think this was the general verdict in all the schools.

APPROPRIATIONS.

I would recommend the following appropriations:

For Common Schools,	\$1,100 00
“ Free High School,	500 00
“ Text Books,	200 00
“ Repairs,	200 00

CONCLUSION.

I always feel that I cannot conclude a report without thanking the Committee for their unfailing support, and the public for the kindness it has shown me.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA F. DAVIS, SUPT.

SUMMARY.

SPRING TERM.

		Whole No.				
No.	Teacher	Pupils	Av. No.	Weeks	Wages	Amt.
1	Abbie Chase.	13	11	10	\$5	\$50
Union,	I. F. Burton,	27	25	10	18	180
"	Katherine Kneeland	25	22	10	9	90
"	Annie Rhodes,	24	21	10	9	90
"	Addie Crockett,	50	45	10	9	90
7	Winfield Packard,	25	19	10	8	80
8	Priscilla Nickels,	15	13	10	6	60
9	Alice Dow,	11	9	10	7	70

FALL TERM

1	Abbie Chase,	8	8	10	\$5	\$50
Union,	I. F. Burton,	34	31	10	18	50
"	Ethel Dodge,	19	17	10	9	90
"	Annie Rhodes,	37	35	10	9	90
"	Addie Crockett,	35	29	10	9	90
7	Winfield Packard,	16	12	10	8	80
8	Priscilla Nickels.	18	16	10	6	60
9	Mabel Matthews,	13	13	10	6	60

WINTER TERM.

1	Abbie Chase,	11	10	10	\$5	\$50
Union	I. F. Rurton,	36	33	10	18	180
"	Ethel Dodge,	19	14	10	9	90
"	Annie Rhodes,	37	34	10	9	90
"	Addie Crockett,	24	18	10	9	90
7	Maud Curtis,	16	13	8	6½	52
8	Priscilla Nickels,	12	10	10	6½	65
9	Mabel Matthews,	16	15	10	6½	65