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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Assessors, Selectmen,

AUDITOR

And

SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS

Of the

Town of Searsport

For the

Year ending March 1, 1905.

HALLDALE:

NEWELL WHITE, PRINTER,
1905.
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 13th day of March, instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
Art. 3. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen and Assessors as printed.
Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the report of the Auditor of Town Accounts as printed.
Art. 5. To see if the town will accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools as printed.
Art. 6. To choose three or more Selectmen.
Art. 7. To choose Assessors of Taxes.
Art. 8. To choose Overseers of the Poor.
Art. 9. To choose a Town Agent.
Art. 10. To choose a Town Treasurer.
Art. 11. To choose an Auditor of Town Accounts.
Art. 12. To choose Constables.
Art. 13. To choose a Road Commissioner, and to see what compensation he shall be allowed; or to choose Highway Surveyors.
Art. 15. To choose Surveyors of Wood and Bark.
Art. 16. To choose Surveyors of Spars and Timber.
Art. 17. To choose Fire Wards.
Art. 18. To choose Fence Viewers.
Art. 19. To choose Sealers of Weights and Measures,
Art. 20. To choose Sealers of Leather.
Art. 21. To choose Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves.
Art. 22. To see if the town will continue the Free High School, and how much money it will raise therefor.
Art. 23. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools.
Art. 24. To see how much money the town will raise for text books for schools.
Art. 25. To see how much money the town will raise to repair school houses.
Art. 26. To choose a member of the School Committee to serve three years.
Art. 27. To choose a Truant Officer.
Art. 28. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of Poor and other town expenses.
Art. 29. To see how much money the town will raise to repair highways and bridges.
Art. 30. To see how much money the town will raise to repair sidewalks.
Art. 31. To see how much money the town will raise to pay for road breaking the past winter.
Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to avail itself of the offer of the State and expend a certain sum, not to exceed two hundred dollars for permanently improving some definite section of the highways, and how much it will raise therefor.
Art. 33. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills against the town to persons who owe the town for taxes.

Art. 34. To see if the town will raise fifty dollars for for memorial service.

Art. 35. To hear the report of the Fire Department.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to pay members of the Phineas Pendleton Engine Company and Fire Wards three dollars 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, 1906.

Art. 37. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on unpaid taxes after the first day of August next, and how much.

Art. 39. To see if the town will allow discount on taxes on or before the first day of August next, and how much on or before January 1, 1906, and if allowed how much they will raise for discount.

Art. 40. To see if the town will fix a date when all taxes now assessed shall be paid.

Art. 41. To see if the town will fix a date when the taxes for 1905 shall be paid in full.

Art. 42. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office on Saturday the 11th 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. 1905.

F. I. PENDLETON, \quad \text{Selectmen of}
F. I. MORTLAND,
J. A. COLSON, \quad \text{Searsport.}
REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

Valuation of real estate, $433,669
" of personal estate, 162,119
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$595,788

Number of polls, 290.
Rate of taxation, .0192.

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 1904, to be collected in cash by the Collector of said town, for the following purposes, viz:

Support of common schools, $1100.00
Support of free high school, 500.00
Support of the poor and other town expenses, 2000.00
Repair of highways, 1800.00
Repair of sidewalks, 400.00
Breaking roads the past winter, 1000.00
State road, 200.00
Hose for fire engine, 400.00
Repairs and furnaces for Union Hall, 500.00
Text books for schools, 150.00
Repairs on school houses, 200.00
Memorial services, 50.00
Discount on taxes, 1000.00
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$9300.00
County tax, 676.85
State tax, 1792.68
Overlay, 539.60

\[ \text{\underline{\$12309.13}} \]

Supplemental tax, 39.00

\[ \text{\underline{\$12348.13}} \]

Assessed as follows:
Real estate valued at \$433,669 at .0192, \$8326.45
Personal estate valued at \$162,119 at .0192, 3112.68
200 polls at \$3.00, 870.00
Supplemental tax, 39.00

\[ \text{\underline{\$12348.13}} \]

Abatements.

On taxes of 1900, 30.13
On taxes of 1901, 36.03
On taxes of 1902, 38.26
On taxes of 1903, 58.14
On taxes of 1904, 42.70

\[ \text{\underline{\$205.26}} \]

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. PENDLETON, \{ Assessors
F. I. MORTLAND, of
J. A. COLSON, \} Searsport.
REPORT of SELECTMEN.

RECORD OF SCHOLARS AND ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL FUNDS FOR 1904.

Number of scholars, 344.
Balance due common schools Feb. 20, 1904, $131.36
Amount raised for common schools, 1100.00
Mill tax and school fund for 1903, 966.55

$2197.91

Amount expended for common schools, 1845.08

Balance due common schools Feb. 18, 1905, $352.83
Balance due free high school Feb. 20, 1904, $20.70
Amount raised by the town, 500.00
Amount received from the State, 125.00

$645.70

Amount expended for teacher’s wages, $625.00

Balance due Free High School, Feb. 18, 1905, $20.70

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

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Abbie C. Chase for teaching No. 1, 30 weeks, $180.00
Foster C Small “ 7, 20 “ 130.00
Priscilla A. Nichols “ 8 10 “ 65.00
A. T. Merritew “ 8 20 “ 130.00
Mabel Mathews “ 9 11 3-5 “ 75.40
Hattie E. Black teaching No. 96 2-5 weeks, 41.60
Jessie M. Black " Union Primary School 27 weeks 236.00
Deborah Williams " Union Intermediate School 20 weeks 180.00
Ethel M. Dodge for teaching Union Grammar School 10 weeks 90.00
W. E. Closson for conveying pupils to Union School House, 35.00
Henry McCaslin for same, 30.00
F. I. Mortland " 30.00
N. C. Shute " 200.25
D. M. Sylvester " 75.00
Silas Young " 54.00
Aug. W. Nickerson for conveying pupils to No. 7, 43.33
Olive A Roberts for conveying pupils to No. 7, 7.50
W. E. Bowler as Janitor of Union school house 3 terms 56.50
Melvin L. Park as Janitor of No. 1, 2 terms, 7.00
Manuel C. Romero as janitor of No. 1, 1 term, 3.50
Fred H. Curtis " 7, 2 " 5.50
Henry Thompson " 8, 1 " 2.50
Sarah E. Maddocks " 9, 1 " 2.50
Kerwin Rogers, " 9, 1 " 2.00
W. E. Bowler for preparing wood for Union school house, 29.00
W. E. Bowler for hauling coal for same, 1.00
Benj. A. Chase for preparing wood for No. 1, 1.50
Fred H. Curtis for piling wood for No. 7, 1.00
Herbert Black for wood, 52.00
Eaton Brothers " 23.25
J. H. Kneelander " 16.50
Horace Maddocks, for wood, 15.00
J. W. Smart " " 15.00
W. K. Staples, " " 8.25

$1845.08

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

I. F. Burton for teaching 27 weeks, $486.00
Ethel M. Dodge for teaching 10 weeks as assistant, 90.00
Mary N. McClure for teaching 7 weeks as assistant, 49.00

$625.00

REPAIRS AND FURNISHING FOR SCHOOL HOUSES.

Geo. A. Bowen for repairs, $40.48
Clement & Adams for curtains for Union school house, 4.75
W. E. Bowler for shovelling snow from attic of Union school house, 1.50
C. U. Curtis for cleaning Union school house, 1.50
W. K. Staples " " " " " " 3.00
A. L. Mosman for labor on " " " " 15.00
Geo. S. Sargent " " " " " " 8.70
L. W. Wentworth " " " " " " 13.50
Piqua School Furniture Co. for seats for high school room, 77.42
A. E. Trundy for lumber, 44.27
F. E. Merithew for maps of Maine, 1.00
Geo. F. Smith for crayons, 1.36
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for hardware, etc., 23.88
J. H. Kneeland for repairs and furnishing, 7.73
M. H. Peaslee for cleaning No. 1, 5.00
M. C. Romero for glass and putty for No. 1, .35
J. E. Wentworth for repairs on No. 7, 1.32
W. K. Staples " " " 7, 4.72
John B. Ames for mending stove door in No. 8, .40
E. W. Thompson for repairs and banking
No. 8, 2.00
Mrs. E. W. Thompson for cleaning No. 8, 3.00

$260.88

School Books.

Ginn & Co. for school books in 1903, $51.16
Educational Publishing Co. for school books, 1.60
D. C. Heath & Co. " " " " 9.17
Ginn & Co. " " " " 34.70

$96.63

Sears Library.

Ph. Pendleton for rent of room to Mar. 1, 1904, $50.00
E. A. Sargent for wood, 3.65
Mrs. C. E. Rice as Librarian to April 1, 1904, 25.00

$78.65

Roads and Sidewalks.

For Winter Breaking:

E. J. Ames, $16.60
Chas. E. Averill, 16.95
E. F. Averill, 1.06
Mrs. Lizzie Bassick, 8.30
E. K. Blake, 1.34
J. W. Brock, 2.97
Benj. A. Chase, 1.35
F. H. Cleaves, 12.21
E. E. Clemens, 6.82
Lewis P. Closson, 4.90
Charles U. Curtis, 2.17
Geo. W. Curtis, 1.72
Hollis F. Curtis, 6.70
Osman E. Curtis, 5.30
Frank P. Decrow, 2.55
Thomas E. Dorr, 10.29
Wilson N. Dow, 11.35
W. S. Downs, 11.65
Chas. A. Eames, 2.45
Eaton Brothers, 12.85
H. H. Felker, 8.30
I. E. George, 3.00
Levi D. George, 5.62
William George, 36.50
Chas. H. Gilkey, 9.12
W. E. Grinnell, 19.98
Chas. I. Hamilton, 98
F. L. Herriman, 3.00
John Innes, 2.45
A. M. Kane, 2.85
J. H. Kneeland, 6.88
C. I. Lenfest, 12.30
G. B. Lenfest, 6.60
Horace Maddocks, 3.75
Henry McCaslin, 9.60
James E. Marden, 19.57
C. N. Massure, 2.40
Wm. C. Mathews,  .75
Wm. J. Mathews,  18.37
Wm. M. Merithew,  4.55
Leon E. Moody,  4.65
Walter S. Moody,  9.60
F. I. Mortland,  16.00
James Nickels,  3.30
John Nickels,  .75
Chas. Nickerson,  2.81
M. H. Nickerson,  2.10
S. J. Nickerson,  1.80
A. M. Park,  4.65
G. W. Partridge,  3.60
M. H. Peaslee,  7.82
Herbert Reed,  1.50
Thomas Rich,  1.50
Leroy Ridley,  15.35
Arthur E. Robbins,  .30
Horace E. Robbins,  6.25
Chas. E. Robertson,  15.60
C. L. Russell,  1.13
E. A. Sargent,  29.40
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Wm. P. Sargent,  3.05
H. T. Scribner,  4.31
C. O. Seekins,  49.50
N. C. Shute,  45.40
F. A. Small,  .37
E. G. Smart,  13.04
F W. Smart,  3.00
J. W. Smart,  30.50
O. G. Smart  5.41
A. O. Spaulding,  4.65
W. K. Staples, 2.77
A. Stinson, 25.40
Frank Studley, 3.60
G. E. Sylvester, 4.72
E. W. Thompson, 10.50
W. R. Thompson, 5.85
A. E. Trundy, 3.50
F. L. Trundy, 11.05
Abner Warren, 5.85
F. W. Webber, 4.05
W. N. West, 17.65
O. W. Whitcomb, 14.50

Total for winter breaking, $721.68

For Labor.

E. J. & W. H. Ames, 11.50
E. J. Ames, 31.50
W. H. Ames, 20.30
E. O. Bailey, 13.87
Frank Berry, 5.85
Fred Black, 2.55
Herbert Black, 18.30
E. K. Blake, 7.75
Geo. A. Bowen, 2.00
W. E. Bowler, 3.00
J. W. Brock, 14.30
Harvey J. Carr, 4.95
Eugene Carter, 3.15
S. Carter, .75
Benj. A. Chase, .90
F. H. Cleaves, 8.72
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**Total for labor,** $1688.79

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<td>A. E. Trundy for plank and lumber for sidewalks,</td>
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**Summary of Road Bills.**

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Paid for labor,                    1688.79
" material,                        535.80
                                        $2946.27

STATE ROAD.

A. E. Trundy for lumber,           $  3.78
Mial Sargent for labor and material, 10.00
J. L. Cunningham for labor,        7.75
W. S. Downs                        53.05
W. E. Grinnell                     19.75
F. I. Mortland                     40.50
Timothy Porter                     25.00
Thomas Rich                        25.00
Abner Warren                       22.68
                                        $207.52

There has been received from the State on account of the above $100.

STREET LIGHTS.

W. E. Bowler for care of lights,    $60.00
F. A. Curtis for oil, matches, etc., 60.65
A. L. Mosman for labor on posts,   .75
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for wicks, repairs, etc., 14.05
F. E. Whitcomb for glass, etc.,    .76
                                        $136.21

ABATEMENTS.

Geo. E. Marks on poll tax of 1903, he having paid out west, $ .270
C. N. Meyers, Administrator, on account of error in ownership of property taxed in
1904 to William Meyers, 14.18
A. F. Matthews, Collector on taxes of 1900, 30.13
A. F. Matthews, " " " 1901, 36.03
" " " " " 1902, 38.26
" " " " " 1903, 55.44
B. F. Colcord, " " " 1904, 28.52

$205.26

**Tax Deed.**

A. F. Matthews, Collector of Taxes for 1903, on real estate of James W. Dwelley, $1.71

**Discount on Taxes.**

B. F. Colcord, Col., for 10 per cent discount, $1039.87
B. F. Colcord, Col., for 5 per cent discount, 43.85

$1083.72

**Interest.**

Searsport National Bank on town orders, $49.72

**Memorial Service.**

W. B. Sawyer, Quartermaster of Freeman McGilvery Post G. A. R., as per bill Rendered, $50.00

**Fire Department.**

Engine Co for 58 members and 3 fire wards, $183.00
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co. for Hose, 424.80
" " " " " for hats and coats, 47.25
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<td>A. L. Mosman for expense on coats and hats</td>
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<td>C. O. Sawyer &amp; Co. for valve, etc., for engine</td>
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<td>E. A. Buker for repairs to hose</td>
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<td>C. L. Bailey for labor on hose</td>
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<td>A. H. Carr for labor on engine</td>
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<td>Michael Ward for same</td>
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<td>A. L. Mosman for labor on engine house</td>
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<td>Searsport Coal Co. for coal</td>
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<td>G. A. Bowen for labor on engine and reservoir coverings</td>
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<td>F. E. Whitcomb for supplies at Grinnell fire</td>
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<td>Pike Bros. for jug of cylinder oil</td>
<td>.95</td>
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<td>E. A. Sargent for hauling coal, engine to fires, etc.,</td>
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<td>C. F. Hill for hauling engine and labor on same</td>
<td>8.00</td>
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**Union Hall.**

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<td>L. G. Paine’s bill, as per vote of town</td>
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<td>Pike Bros. for lime, plank, etc.,</td>
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<td>C. O. Sawyer &amp; Co. for furnaces, hardware, oil, etc.,</td>
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<td>A. L. Mosman for labor and material</td>
<td>3.75</td>
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<td>A. E. Trundy for lumber</td>
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<td>S. L. Ridley for kalsomining</td>
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<td>John B. Black for labor</td>
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<td>James C. Blake “ “</td>
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<td>George A. Bowen “ “</td>
<td>44.50</td>
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<td>R. W. Lovell, “ “</td>
<td>15.00</td>
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W. B. Sawyer for labor, 31.75
Wm. Wallace “ “ 22.50
J. E. Wentworth, “ “ 36.00
L. W. Wentworth, “ “ 41.25

TOWN'S POOR.

H. H. Sellers as town physician, $20.00
A. A. Howe for medicine for town's poor, 3.20
Jas. C. Blake for care of Stephen and Sarah Blake, 42.00
F. E. Whitcomb for medicine for Sarah Blake, 1.75
Pike Bros. for supplies for Blake family, 108.39
City of Rockland for supplies to L. D. Blood, 13.12
L. M. Kneeland, board and care of Fred Carr, 100.00
F. E. Whitcomb for medicine for Fred Carr, 3.45
W. M. Parse, shoes and rubbers for Percy Brock, 2.15
Silas Young, board and care of Geo. W. Dwelley, 37.00
H. H. Sellers for medical attendance on Geo. W. Dwelley, on acct. of the town of Frankfort, 65.90
Town of Jackson for care of Chas. George and family, 73.08
H. H. Sellers, medical attendance on Lizzie Larrabee, 15.00
H. H. Sellers for medical attendance on Caroline Larrabee, 12.70
Ella Burgin for care and nursing Caroline Larrabee, 7.00
Town of Castine for supplies for Morse family, 21.13
Mark Ward for board and care of B. C. Towle, 132.50
W. M. Parse for shoes and rubbers for R. C. Towle, 4.50
J. H. Sullivan for shoes for B. C. Towle, 1.20
John S. Randlett for board and care of Hartford Treat, 117.00
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<td>Geo. F. Smith for medicine for Mrs. E. Woodman</td>
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<td>Dyer &amp; Colcord for supplies for R. M. Young</td>
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<td>W. M. Parse for felts and rubbers for R. M. Young</td>
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<td>F. E. Whitcomb for supplies for R. M. Young</td>
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<td>L. W. Rich for putting up tramps</td>
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**Insanity.**

M. S. Campbell, Treasurer of Maine Insane Asylum, for board and care of Fred A. Mathews, $166.71

**Incidentals.**

Loring, Short & Harmon for town books, $12.85
L. W. Rich for posting warrants and serving writs, 6.00
W. F. Langill & Co. for printing town reports and blanks, 36.00
Newell White for printing blanks, 4.10
W. M. Parse for stationery and postage, 5.1
H. H. Sellers, M.D., for services on board of health, 16.00
Henry Whitcomb for same, 14.50
W. M. Parse for recording vital statistics, 18.75
Geo. F. Smith for rent of office, 40.00
F. I. Pendleton for freight, express, etc., 5.00
F. A. Curtis for oil and soap for office, 1.20
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for oil can and oil for office, 0.42
H. H. Sellers, M. D., for return of births and deaths, 5.50
Geo. F. Smith for stationery, check lists etc., 2.40
Emma F. Davis, Supt. of Schools, for freight, express, printing etc., 7.80
Maverick & Wissinger for diplomas for Free High School graduates, 10.00
Percy A. Sanborn for engrossing same, 2.75
A. E. Trundy for lumber for town house, 1.14
A. E. Trundy for " " hearse house, 9.09
J. B. Black for labor on " " 5.75
C. O. Sawyer & Co., nails etc., for hearse house, .75
C. B. Deshon, labor on hearse house, 5.75
S. L. Ridley for painting hearse, 20.00
L. W. Wentworth for grading town lot in Village Cemetery, 10.00
C. O. Sawyer & Co. for repairs on town pump, 25.48
L. W. Rich for services as dog constable, 6.00
L. W. Rich " " watchman July 4, 2.00
L. W. Wentworth, services as election clerk, 4.00
J. H. Sullivan, " " " " 4.00
B. F. Colcord, " " " " 4.00
N. C. Shute, teams for town officers, 13.50
N. C. Shute, storing road machine, 1.50
Pike Bros., " " " 2 years, 6.00
Mason & Hall, repairs on road machine, 8.00
J. B. Ames, repairs on road machine, 5.75
Herbert Black for sheep killed by dogs, 15.00
William George " " " 3.00
A. F. Matthews, expenses on tax deeds, 34.12
C. O. Fernald, use of watering trough, 1903, 3.00
Chas. Nickerson, " " " " 3.00
J. W. Smart, " " " " 3.00
Alvin B. West, use of watering trough 1803, $3.00

$380.61

Town Officers.

C. E. Adams as Auditor for 1903, $5.00
Mark Ward as Truant Officer, 6.00
A. F. Matthews, Collector, for commissions in part on taxes of 1902 and 1903 200.00
B. F. Colcord, Collector, for commissions in part on taxes of 1904, 143.13
W. M. Parse for services as Clerk, 15.00
Emma F. Davis as Superintendent of Schools, 150.00
C. O. Sawyer as Town Treasurer, 60.00
F. I. Pendleton as Assessor, Selectman, etc., 125.00
F. I. Mortland " " " 85.00
J. A. Colson " " " 100.00

$889.13

Summary of Bills Paid by Selectmen During the Year.

Common Schools, $1845.08
Free High School, 625.00
Repairs and furnishings for school houses, 260.88
School books, 96.63
Sears Library, 78.65
Roads and sidewalks, 2946.27
State road, 207.51
Street lights, 136.21
Abatements, 205.26
Tax deeds, 1.71
Discount on taxes, 1083.72
Interest, 49.72
Memorial service, 50.00
Fire department, 712.68
Union Hall, 624.54
Towns poor, 918.42
Insanity, 166.71
Incidentals, 380.61
Town officers, 889.13

$11278.73


Balance due the town Feb. 20, 1904, $2540.29
Paid C. O. Sawyer, Treasurer, 1741.01

Balance due the town Feb. 18, 1905, 799.28

This balance consists as follows:
Uncollected taxes of 1900, $14.86
" " 1901, 68.13
" " 1902, 127.18
" " 1903, 430.64
Cash due the town 158.47

$799.28


Amount of State tax assessment, $1792.68
" of County " " 676.85
" of Town " " 9830.60
" of supplemental tax assessment 39.00

$12348.13

Paid C. O. Sawyer, Treasurer, 11450.24

Balance due the town Feb. 18, 1605, consisting of uncollected taxes of 1904, $897.89
Report of C. O. Sawyer, Town Treasurer.

Receipts.

Cash in Treasury as per report of 1903, $  4.96
A. F. Matthews, Col., on account of taxes, 1741.01
B. F. Colcord, " " " " " " 11450.24
State Treasurer, dog licenses refunded, 36.19
" " " for Free High School, 125.00
" " " State pensions, 252.00
" " " State road, 100.00
" " " partial payment of bounty in 1903 on seals, 16.65
State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax, 956.60
" " " R. R. and telegraph tax, 33.75
Town of Hermon, supplies furnished R. M. Young and family, 13.81
Town of Frankfort, care and support of Geo. W. Dwelley, 102.90
Town of Frankfort, care and support of Caroline Larrabee, 19.70
Olive Roberts, amount paid on account of Eleanor Woodman to March 12, 1904, refunded, 65.25
Michael Ward, on account of Union Hall, 8.00
F. I. Pendleton, on " " " " " " 7.00
J. H. Hooper, amount due on tax deeds to 1903 in full, 26.26
C. H. Monroe, amount due on tax deeds of 1900 and 1902, 40.49
W. M. Parse, Town Clerk, amount of dog licenses for 1904, 70.00
Interest on deposit in Searsport National Bank, 6.72

\[ \text{\$15076.53} \]

Disbursements.

Paid outstanding orders of 1903, \( \$1972.71 \)
Paid County Treasurer, County tax for 1904, \( \$676.85 \)
Paid State Treasurer, State tax for 1904, \( \$1792.68 \)
Paid " " dog licenses for 1904, \( \$70.00 \)
Paid State pensions, \( \$252.00 \)
Paid bounty on seals, \( \$2.00 \)
Paid " " porcupines, \( \$5.50 \)
Paid town orders of 1904, \( \$10302.32 \)
Cash in treasury, \( \$2.47 \)

\[ \text{\$15076.53} \]

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, \( \$250.00 \)
Mary A. Nichols fund, one share of Searsport National Bank Stock; par value, \( 100.00 \)
Jeremiah Merithew fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, \( 100.00 \)
John C. Beals fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 150.00
Daniel Sullivan fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 100.00
Samuel Curtis Jr. fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 100.00
Chas. F. 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, 1000.00
Jas. G. Pendleton fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 200.00
Jas. W. Mosman fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 100.00
Harriet H. McGilvery fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 100.00
Samuel and William Butman fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 100.00

Financial Standing of the Town Feb. 18, 1905.

Assets.
Due from A. F. Matthews, Col. (less $154.12 balance of commissions for collecting,) $799.28
Due from B. F. Colcord, Col. (less $11.22 balance of commissions for collecting,) 897.89
Due from C. O. Sawyer, Treasurer, 2.47
Cash received from the town of Hermon on account of R. M. Young, since Treasurer’s report was made up, 13.43
Cash received from the town of Swanville since the Treasurer’s report was made up, on ac-
count of Lizzie Larrabee,  
Due from State for bounty on seals,  
Due from State for bounty on porcupines,  
Due from State for free high school,  
Tax deeds and receipts $86.13, valued at  
Sidewalk plank on hand,  

$2058.92

LIABILITIES.

Due common schools,  
Due free high school,  
Due on outstanding orders of 1904,  

$1349.94

Balance in favor of the town,  

$708.98

We respectfully recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year—for Common Schools $1100; for a Free High School $500; for the poor and other town expenses $200; for the highways $1800; for repairs on sidewalks $400; for school books $200; and for repairs on school houses $200.

Respectfully submitted,

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

CHAS. E. ADAMS, Town Auditor.
REPORT

Of the

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE TOWN OF SEARSPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1905.

To The Inhabitants of the Town of Searsport:

In accordance with the usual custom, I herewith submit my annual report of the schools in your town.

There have been no radical changes made, either in the policy or management of the schools.

The schools in the village were closed three weeks before the expiration of the term, by order of the Board of Health, as it was feared that many of the children had been exposed to diphtheria.

The Fall term of school at N. Searsport was shortened two weeks by the illness of the teacher. The other schools were in session thirty weeks of the year.

In the rural schools good work has been done by both teachers and pupils; and apparently they have lost none of their interest on account of the small number of scholars.

There seems to be no remedy for the alarming decrease of pupils, and the plan of uniting the schools does not seem feasible, as the distance which most of the pupils would have to be transported is great, and in stormy weather well-nigh impossible.

While a large school may serve as an inspiration to the teacher, I think the pupils in the smaller schools receive more individual attention, a thing which has often transformed a dull pupil into a bright, energetic scholar; always provided
that these schools have just as competent teachers as the larger ones. In this respect, I think the Committee have endeavored to be impartial, as the smallest school in town has had for the past two years, an experienced teacher, who is also a Normal graduate.

The village schools have averaged about the same number of pupils as in the preceding year. The grades below the high school were in charge of young ladies, whose homes are in our town, and who have done exceptionally good work.

During the entire year the subject of reading has received especial attention in all the schools of the town; because, I believe it is by far the most important subject in the whole curriculum. As a general thing too little attention is paid to reading. If a child can not read intelligently, he cannot grasp the meaning embraced in the other text-books. I have endeavored to secure for the pupils a great variety of reading matter. There are books that should be read again and again, and that the children enjoy reading, but there should be intervals between the readings. Not infrequently do children form a permanent dislike for a book by being required to read it through two or three times before taking up another. The reading lesson should be one of the most enjoyable of all the school exercises; and if it is, the children will continue to find pleasure in it through life. Our schools should teach the children how to read and what to read, for the boy or girl who likes to read and reads good books, is safe from the corrupt influence of literary trash.

It should, therefore, be the duty of every teacher to see that the minds of her pupils are trained in the right direction. She should, occasionally, read to them in her very best manner appropriate selections, to give them examples of good expressive reading and of the treasures found in literature. It is also well for the children in every grade to memorize short selections and to learn something of the authors. That much good work has been done along this
line by all of our teachers, I have every reason to believe.

Another subject to which considerable attention has been given during the year is spelling. Some children will spell very well without giving any special attention to the matter, but with many, spelling is an art acquired with difficulty.

One may say, spelling is of little importance, yet no one forgives a poor speller. A speaker may make a mistake in pronunciation or even in grammar and be pardoned, but let him in writing mis-spell a word, and there is no escape from a charge of illiteracy. Few, however, would regard spelling as a test of one's education, but it is too important to be neglected by the schools. Our teachers have had various methods of teaching spelling; sometimes the teacher dictates the words given in the text-book and the pupils write them; at another time she dictates the words and the pupils write sentences involving the correct use of the words, while with the younger pupils oral spelling predominates. It is freely granted that the only use of spelling in every-day life is in writing, but in learning to spell the child is greatly helped by oral spelling. It also affords a good drill in clear enunciation and pronunciation. In all of the schools, the pupils have been required to spell at least once, and the younger pupils twice a day as a regular exercise.

I have selected these two branches from our list of studies for the purpose of showing that in our zeal for the "higher education," we are not forgetting the practical, every-day side of life.

The Free High School.

There have come to me, from time to time, criticisms of the course of study in our High School; First, that it embraced too many studies; Second, that, there were not studies enough; Third, that the pupils were required to study French and Latin to the exclusion of the more necessary English branches. In reply to these criticisms, I wish to state that the course of study was prepared with the hope that it
would meet the requirements of all pupils who might enter the school. No scholar is obliged to take French and Latin; he can take a strictly English course and receive a diploma specifying the course of study from which he was graduated.

For those who desire a classical education, enough work has been given in the languages to, at least, enable them to pursue their studies elsewhere.

The small force of teachers employed in our High school and the lack of scientific equipments were also taken into consideration, and I am sure that Principal Burton has always tried to adjust the studies to the needs of his pupils.

I think we have reason to be proud of those who have been graduated from our school. A class of eleven were graduated last June.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.**

Edna Black  
Marguerite Elizabeth Butman  
Georgia Maria Gilkey  
Ethelind Beatrice Havener  
Jessie Louise Morrison  
Thomas Westcott Williams  
Florence Colcord  
Henrietta Mindoro Gerry  
Mildred Amanda Monroe  
Goldie Albertis Robbins  
Rebecca Merithew Ross

**REPAIRS.**

The high school room has received its much needed desks and a new floor, which gives it a very attractive appearance. The other school buildings throughout the town have been kept in a good state of repair.

At No. 7 (Porter) the teacher, Foster C. Small, assisted by the people of that vicinity, purchased a fine, large bell for their school-house.

**TRUANCY.**

I wish to mention the very efficient work of our truant officer, Mr. Mark Ward, through whose efforts the regular attendance of our schools has been increased. Mr. Ward does his work thoroughly and I am sure merits the thanks of all those interested in the cause of education.
Appropriations.

I would recommend the following appropriations:
- For Common Schools, $1100
- For Free High School, 500
- For School Books, 200
- For Repairs, 200

Conclusion.

In closing I wish to express my obligations to the School Committee, and my appreciation of the earnest efforts and co-operation of the teachers and pupils.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA F. DAVIS.

Searsport, Feb. 20, 1905.

The schools have been under the instruction of the following teachers:

Spring Term.

F. H. School, Grammar, Intermediate, Primary, No. 1, Park, No. 7, Porter, No. 8, Matthews, No. 9, N. Searsport, Principal, Irving F. Burton Miss Ethel M. Dodge Miss Deborah Williams Miss Jessie M. Black Miss Abbie C. Chase Mr. Foster C. Small Miss Theodate Merithew Mrs. Mabel Matthews

Fall Term.

F. H. School, Intermediate, Primary, Principal Irving F. Burton Assistant, Ethel M. Dodge Deborah Williams Jessie M. Black
No. 1, Park,
No. 7, Porter,
No. 8, Matthews,
No. 9, N. Searsport,

Abbie C. Chase
Foster C. Small
Theodate Merithew
Mabel Matthews
Hattie Black

F. H. School,

Principal, Irving F. Burton
Assistant, Mary N. McClure
Deborah Williams
Jessie M. Black
Abbie C. Chase
Foster C. Small
Percy L. Nickerson
Winifred Matthews

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Primary,
No. 1, Park,
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