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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HEBRON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 4, 1903.

O. M. RICHARDSON, PRINTER, CANTON, MAINE.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor:
J. L. BUMPUS, BAKER PHILLIPS, EZEKIEL MERRILL.

Clerk and Treasurer:
F. H. MARSHALL.

Collector and Constable:
W. SCOTT BEARCE.

Superintending School Committee:
A. E. GEORGE, F. J. PIERCE.

Supervisor:
J. C. DONHAM, M. D.

Board of Health:
SYLVANUS BEARCE, H. N. MERRILL, L. I. PHILLIPS.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

To W. Scott Bearce, Constable of the town of Hebron
in the County of Oxford, Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby
required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said
town of Hebron, qualified by law to vote in town af-
fairs, to assemble at the Grange Hall in said town on
Monday, the second day of March next, at ten o'clock
in the forenoon, then and there to act on the follow-
ing articles, to wit:—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meet-
ing.
- 2d. To see if the Town will accept the reports as
printed.
- 3d. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 4th. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 5th. To choose a chairman of the board of Select-
men.
- 6th. To choose a second Selectman.
- 7th. To choose a third Selectman.
- 8th. To choose a Supervisor of schools.

9th. To choose two members of Superintending School Committee, one for one year and one for three years.

10th. To choose a Road Commissioner.

11th. To choose all other officers that may be necessary for the ensuing year.

12th. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, repairs of roads and bridges, the support of the poor, repairs of school houses, and to defray all other Town charges for the year ensuing.

13th. To see if the Town will vote to raise ten dollars for A. A. Dwinal Post for Memorial Day expenses.

14th. To see if the Town will allow a discount of 5 per cent. on all taxes assessed for 1903, paid before September 15th, 1903, and to charge 5 per cent. interest on all taxes not paid before February 1st, 1904.

15th. To see what method the Town will take to collect their taxes for the ensuing year.

16th. To see if the Town will vote to accept the buildings and lots of school-houses in Dist. No. 4 and No. 8.

17th. To see if the Town will vote to re-open the old road over the Dr. Carr hill, so called, or such a part of it as will give Charles Bray an outlet to the County road.

18th. To see if the Town will vote to build a new Town house on the old Town house lot, and raise money to pay for same.

19th. To see if the Town will vote to abate Frank Pike's tax for 1901, also to exempt him from taxation for the year 1903.

20th. To see what action the Town will take in relation to putting iron or steel bridges or girders across the streams near the residence of A. A. Nelson and H. E. George, and raising or building over the abutments of one or both bridges, and paying for same; providing the Town of Oxford will do their share of said work.

The Selectmen will be in session at the Grange Hall on the second day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon for correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Hebron this 5th day of February, A. D., 1903.

J. L. BUMPUS,	}	Selectmen of Hebron.
BAKER PHILLIPS,		
EZEKIEL MERRILL,		

Selectmen's Report.

Owing to the loss of our records by fire we shall have to make our report somewhat shorter than otherwise would have been done, and also to give the totals in most cases instead of items.

The total valuation of real and personal property as taken by the Assessors on the first day of April 1902, was \$215,131.00

Number of taxable polls, 146.

Town raised at their annual meeting, March 3d, 1902, the following sums:

For support of schools.....	\$ 500 00
School books.....	50 00
New school house.....	800 00
Roads and bridges.....	1200 00
Town officers' bills.....	300 00
Support of poor.....	800 00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	100 00
A. A. Dwinal Post.....	10 00
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Total amount raised by Town.....	\$3,760.00
State tax.....	\$562 16
County tax.....	338 53
Overlay.....	79 93
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Total amount committed for collection.....	\$4,740 62
Rate per cent. .02	

 SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Town raised for support of schools . . .	\$500 00
State school fund	371 41
Due from other Towns for tuition	175 00
Unexpended last year	204 14
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Total	\$1,250.55
Total amount of school orders drawn for the year past	\$791 91
For repairs on school houses	30 32
School books	4 50
Orders drawn for School house, Dist. No. 4.	
For lot	\$25 00
Foundation	85 00
For lumber and material	420 77
Building	185 46
Desks and freight	113 16
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Total	\$829 39
Received for old house	\$52 50
“ “ material sold	12 00
Due from P. & R. F. R. R. for damage to blackboards	7 50
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Total	\$72 00
Orders drawn for repairs of Roads and Bridges for winter of 1901 and summer of 1902 to date	\$1,183 34
Orders drawn for support of poor	550 78
Orders drawn for miscellaneous	80 55
Orders drawn for abatement of taxes	18 75
Orders drawn for town officers bills of 1901.	281 85
Orders drawn for town officers bills of 1902.	237 62

J. L. Bumpus, services as Selectmen Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.	
March 8,	one day at town office \$ 1.50
11,	one day at Paris and Welch- ville on account of Pratt family 2 00
April 1,	five days taking valuation 7 50
10,	one day at town office 1 50
28,	seven days booking inventory 10 50
	Postage and taking 50
May 12	one-third day on account of N. Bicknell 50
21,	one-third day on account of N. Bicknell 50
June 14,	one-half day at town office 75
23,	one-half day at town office 75
July 5,	one-half day at town office 75
19,	one-half day at town office 75
	Time spent on account of new school house 1 00
31,	time spent on account of N. Bicknell and money paid out at time of funeral 6 50
Aug. 2,	one day at school Dist. No. 4, on account of new house 1 50
16,	one-half day at town office 75
27,	one day at Norway on account of new school and money paid out for searching record 3 05
30,	one-half day at town office on ac- count of new school house 75
	one-half day at N. Bicknell's auction 75
Sept. 8,	one day at State election 1 50

Nov. 10, one-half day at new school house.....	75
Dec. 13, Paper, postage and express. .	2 15
Jan. 26 to 28, 1903, three days on report	4 50
Feb. 5, three and one-half days on report	5 25
Total.....	\$55 95

Baker Phillips, services as Selectman, Assessor and
and Overseer of the Poor.

March 8, one day making bonds and drawing orders	\$ 1 50
April 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, taking valuation	7 50
10, one day at town house.....	1 50
17, 18, 19, three days booking val- uation.....	4 50
21, 22 23, three days making taxes	4 50
28, one day making taxes.....	1 50
29, two-thirds day at Poland on account of S. A. Cox.....	1 00
June 14, one-half day at town house...	75
23, one-half day at town house...	75
July 5, one-half day at town house. .	75
19, one-half day at town house...	75
Aug. 2, at school house, Dist. No. 4...	1 50
30, one-half day at town house.	75
one-half day at N. Bicknell's auction.....	75
Sept. 2, one-half day at town house..	75
9, one day at State election....	1 50
13, one day at town house.....	1 50
15, one-half day acc. new school. house.....	75

Oct. 10, one-third day on acc. new school house.....	50
Dec. 8, one-third day on acc. of school doors.....	50
Jan. 26, 27, 28, making town reports..	4 50
Feb. 25, three and one-half days making town reports.....	5 25

\$43 25

Ezekiel Merrill for services as Selectman, &c, for 1902.

March 13, one-fourth day on account of Charles Bumpus	\$ 38
April 1 to 5, five days taking valuation	7 50
7 and 15, time spent on account of Morris Bumpus	1 75
17 to 23, six days booking inventory and making taxes.....	9 00
24, one-third day on account of Morris Bumpus	50
28, one day on making taxes ...	1 50
May 8, one day on account of Chas. Bumpus.....	1 50
12, two-thirds day moving Chas. Bumpus and expenses.....	5 00
12, one third day on account of N. Bicknell.....	50
11, one-half day moving N. Bicknell	75
18 and 21, one day on account of Morris Bumpus.....	1 50
27, one-half day at town office..	75
June 14 and 23, one-half day each at town office.....	1 50

July 5 and 19, one-half day each at town office	1 50
30, two-thirds day on account of N. Bicknell.	1 00
Aug. 2, one day at town office.	1 50
7, one-half day acct. new school house.	75
16 and 30, one and one-half days at town office	2 25
Sept. 8, one day at town office	1 50
9, one-half day, acct. new school house.	75
13, one day at town office	1 50
15, one-half day, acct. new school house.	75
1903. Jan. 27 to Feb. 5, seven days on town report.	10 50

\$54 13

RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Due on tax bills of 1902	\$1,479 07
Cash and note in treasury.	304 89

Total \$1,783 96

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Town bonds.	\$1,000 00
Interest on same from Sept. 1st.	16 67
Estimated outstanding orders not on interest	225 00
Due for collecting taxes of 1902.	71 10
Bal. due J. L. Bumpus, selectmen.	6 41
Bal. due Baker Phillips, selectman.	33 25
Bal. due Ezekiel Merrill, selectman.	75

Bal. due J. C. Donham, supervisor..	25 00
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Total.....	\$1,378 18
Leaving a balance in favor of the town of..	\$405 78

We recommend raising the following amounts:

Support of schools.....	\$ 500 00
Support of Poor.....	800 00
Roads and bridges for summer.....	1200 00
Snow bills.....	300 00
Town officers' bills.....	300 00
Miscellaneous.....	150 00

Treasurer's Report.

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To cash and checks in treasury last report...	\$ 36 18
Note in treasury on interest.....	63 71
Cash and checks, W. Scott Bearce, coll...	5,389 15
Selectmen's orders, W. Scott Bearce	1,515 71
Cash from State, dog licence refunded. .	35 86
" school fund.....	371 41
" pension account	72 00
Town clerk, dog license.....	47 00
Carroll Barrows towards sup- port of his family.....	80 00
Town of Auburn, support poor,	34 50
Buckfield, support of poor.....	7 50
N. Bicknell's goods.....	17 49
Old school house, E. Hebron...	52 50
Town of Minot, school wood. .	10 00
Town of Oxford, school account	45 00
Kimball Thomas, school account	4 00
Int. paid on note in treasury. .	1 73
Note on interest	62 00
H. M. Bearce, tax account.....	50 00
S. A. Baker for laths.....	3 00
C. Bumpus, selectmen's orders,	1 05
Discount on taxes of 1902.....	127 83
Total	\$8,027 82

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By paid State tax for 1902	\$ 562 16
County tax for 1902	338 53
State treasurer, dog license	47 00
State pensions	72 00
Caleb Farris for school house lot	25 00
Orders on interest	1,298 55
Orders not on interest	4,588 08
Interest on orders	96 17
Interest on bonds	67 61
Town bond No. 8	500 00
Discount allowed on taxes of 1902	127 83
Note in treasury on interest	62 00
Cash and checks in treasury	242 89
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Total	\$8,027 82

F. H. MARSHALL, Treasurer.

Road Commissioner's Report

Since our last report there has been orders drawn for snow bills and repairs of roads and bridges to the amount of \$1,130.07, with a few small outstanding bills not reported. The rains of last March caused some washouts that we were obliged to repair before the frost was out of the ground and consequently were more costly than would have been later in the season. It has been our aim to keep all roads safe and comfortable for public use, and to make some permanent improvements. Believing that good drainage and dry ground are essential to good roads we have looked well to ditches and culverts; very many culverts have been dug up and rebuilt, and thirty-three new ones have been built, all of them with stone abutments, and more than one-half of them covered with stone, and some of them large ones. Some graveling has been done in the East and West parts of the town in swampy places, and more is needed. Also rebuilt the bridge at Bearce's Mill, and replaced other bridges.—Some money has been expended in cutting off bushes, and much more is needed; many of the apple trees standing by the roadsides need trimming or removing. We hope the time will soon

come when each land owner will take pride in not only keeping all bushes clean, but in clearing up generally the sides of the road as far as his land extends. Perhaps the raising of a sufficient amount of money to once make a clean sweep of all bushes might be a starting point in the right direction.

I wish to extend thanks to all who have so cheerfully assisted and encouraged in striving to have good roads.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. CUMMINGS, Road Commissioner.

School Report.

The figures appearing on the several accounts of the school report do not represent the expenditures of the school year of 1902, but orders drawn up to the time of making the report.

Every school in town was interrupted by the out-break of scarlet fever during the winter term, except No. 3, Brighton Hill. Three of them were in session at the time this report was made. Orders for teachers, janitors, etc. could not be drawn until the terms close. when all bills are paid for the year; the balance unexpended will be not far from \$200, instead of \$472, as given on January 28.

The appropriation for books, \$50. has been expended, but I am not able to give a balance sheet at this date, because I have not got in all the old books which go to the publishing house in exchange for the new books.

In all other respects my accounts will be found complete.

Had it not been for scarlet fever epidemic we would have had 28 weeks schooling this year, instead of 26 as heretofore.

The Board of Health after thoroughly investigating the situation, decided that the schools should be closed in the sections where the disease had appeared. and took effective measures to stop its further invasion. In doing this the winter term was so broken up that some schools have had one and two weeks less schooling than they would have otherwise had. but this can be equalized in the spring and summer terms if desirable.

The School No. 3, Brighton Hill, has been re-opened. There were eight pupils to attend school there from our town and eight from Minot. This has made a good sized school, averaging 15 scholars. No school in town has made better progress or tried harder to keep up the good reputation our schools are getting than have the boys and girls of Brighton Hill.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Hebron has now about \$4,000.00 invested in school buildings and lots. The new one at No. 4 is built on the plan of that in No. 8. It is roomy, well ventilated and perfectly lighted. It is on a lot of one-half an acre, which gives front yard for the small children and a large play ground for the larger ones. It is a handsome school building. In fact all our school houses need but little care in painting, etc., and a little work in beautifying the yards to make them as ornamental and beautiful as any town can in reason wish to have.

The building at No. 3, Brighton Hill, has got to undergo further repairs. It is newly shingled, but must be plastered and should have new seats. The partition which now makes a wood shed out of the front end, the best part of the building, should be moved to across the back end. This will give shed and closet room under one roof.

New shed and closet rooms will have to be provided for No. 6, (Town house) in the near future. A shed eight or ten feet wide can be attached to the back end so it will open into the school room as in Nos. 8 and 4. The expense will be so small and the benefit so much we wish it might be done at once. It should be remembered that in repairing the building on Brighton Hill the town of Minot pays one-half the expense. Her school board seem as willing or anxious as ourselves in having this school house put in a good condition of repair.

Our scholars are now supplied with the best and latest school books printed. Want of space does not allow me to go into a description of the new books nor explain our plans and reasons for such as we have adopted. Besides the new books the committee bought a number of charts, one for each school, which, when the teachers are familiar with them and understand their value will add greatly to the common school education. They are intended to give practical information on everything the scholars learn from other books. In placing the new books in our schools we have not exceeded in either year the annual appropriation for the ten years from 1890 to 1900.

SCHOLARS.

I am sure that the new buildings, the new seats, new slate blackboards, etc., the new books, have all contributed in bringing our town schools up to the high standard and reputation they are

beginning to bear. I am also satisfied that in appreciation for all these things our scholars are doing their best. There has been no complaint against a scholar in town this year. If the parents will take the interest to visit their school they will find their children industrious in their studies and ready with good recitations. Show me a school where this is not true and I can assure you the fault is not found in the scholar. I do not exaggerate when I say there seems to be a fixed purpose among the scholars to make their school a good one, and I want to especially thank the larger boys and girls for their interest in making the year's work what it has been. They have surely been a help to their teachers. There has been a marked improvement in all the schools in scholars not being tardy. In closing I have but a single complaint to make. The children are not careful enough in handling their new books. Part of the blame should be charged to the teachers. I make mention of it hoping and asking that parents will explain to their children the necessity of taking care of their books and keeping them clean. They should be taught at home to have a pride in their new school-houses and books and be as caretaking of everything in the school-room as they would of things in their own home.

THE TEACHERS.

Mr. Clarence Flood, Miss Margaret Everett, Miss Minnie Davie, Miss Edith Whittemore, Miss Maidie Moody, Miss Kate Merrill, Mr. Merl Sturtevant and Miss Lizzie Bearce, are entitled to our thanks for the way they have done their work. They have all proved themselves capable teachers. If it is found desirable to make changes the coming year, it is not because of the inefficiency of the teacher, but because it is best to give the children new ideas, new methods of learning by changing their teachers occasionally.

If we are fortunate in having as good teachers in the coming year as we have had for the past year or two, and the children are inspired by fathers and mothers with the importance of "doing their best," we can go into the work of the coming year with pleasure and an anticipation of the most profitable town schools we have ever had. Our facilities for the work warrant the expectation.

With many thanks to all concerned.

JOSIAH C. DONHAM, SUPT.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Resources.

To appropriation.....	\$500 00
State School Fund and Mill tax...	371 41
Tuition from towns.....	175 23
Balance from 1901.....	249 15

\$1,295 79

Expenditures.

By orders drawn to date for teachers.	\$686 00
transportation	86 00
Wood.....	29 50
Janitors.....	6 50
Cleaning.....	7 25
Tuition.....	4 00
Supplies.....	3 61

\$ 822 85

Unexpended.....\$ 472 93

Repairs.

To balance from 1901.....	\$44 56
Repair bill from Minot.....	21 12

\$65 68

By repairs on school house No. 3.....	\$42 25
No. 4.....	13 22
No. 5.....	1 00
No. 8.....	6 40

\$62 87

Unexpended..... 3 81

BOOKS.

To appropriation	\$50 00	
By orders drawn	4 50	
Unexpended		\$45 50

RECAPITULATION.

Orders drawn for common schools to date	\$822 86	
Orders drawn for books, repairs, sup- plies, etc.	67 37	
Expended by precinct for Free High school	500 00	
Total	\$1,390 23	