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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE TOWN OF

HEBRON

1908-1909



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF HEBRON

FOR THE

Year Ending February 3d,

1909

NORWAY, ME.:
ADVERTISER BOOK PRINT
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Town Officers

Clerk:

A. M. RICHARDSON

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor:

H. H. MERRILL

S. J. WHITTEMORE

F. H. MARSHALL

Treasurer:

A. M. RICHARDSON

Collector and Constable:

W. SCOTT BEARCE

Superintending School Committee:

C. W. CUMMINGS

H. W. BEARCE

W. H. CONANT

Supervisor:

H. G. BOWMAN

Board of Health:

DR. JAMES McFADYEN

W. H. PACKARD

E. C. TEAGUE

Warrant for Town Meeting

To W. SCOTT BEARCE, constable of the town of Hebron, 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 affairs, to assemble at Hebron Grange Hall in said town, Monday, the 1st day of March next at ten o'clock a. m., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d. To see if the town will accept the report 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 for the board of selectmen.
- 6th. To choose a second selectman.
- 7th. To choose a third selectman.
- 8th. To choose one member of the superintending school committee for three years.
- 9th. To see if the town will choose a road commissioner for the term of one or three years.
- 10th. To choose all other officers that may be necessary for the ensuing year.
- 11th. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" upon the adoption of the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State aid for highways for the year 1909.
- 12th. To see if the town will raise, appropriate and set apart for the permanent improvement of the main highways within the town such sums of money as is contemplated and directed by Section 5 of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1909, being the sum of \$37.50.

13th. 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 poor, repairs of schoolhouses and to defray all other charges for the ensuing year.

14th. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of ten dollars for A. A. Dwinal Post for Memorial Day expenses.

15th. To see what action the town will take to authorize its Superintending school committee to contract with and pay the trustees of Hebron Academy for the tuition of its High school scholars at said Academy for the Academic year beginning Sept. 14, 1909 in accordance with the provision of Sec. 62, Chapter 15, Revised Statutes of 1903.

16th. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$75 for Free High School according to the school laws of 1903.

17th. To see what method the town will take in regard to collecting their taxes for the ensuing year.

18th. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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

Given under our hands at Hebron this third day of February, A. D. 1909.

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|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| H. H. MERRILL, | } | <i>Selectmen of Hebron.</i> |
| S. J. WHITTEMORE, | | |
| F. H. MARSHALL, | | |

Report of Selectmen

AND ASSESSORS.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Resident real estate..... | \$162,377 00 | |
| Resident personal estate..... | 47,382 00 | |
| Non-resident real estate..... | 13,265 00 | |
| " " personal estate..... | 145 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$223,169 00 |

Number of taxable polls 160.

Town raised at their meeting March 2d the following sums:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| For Support of schools..... | \$1,000 00 | |
| School books..... | 50 00 | |
| Repairs on schoolhouses..... | 75 00 | |
| Free High school..... | 200 00 | |
| Summer work on roads and bridges..... | 1,000 00 | |
| Snow bills..... | 500 00 | |
| Support of poor..... | 500 00 | |
| Town office bills..... | 300 00 | |
| Miscellaneous..... | 100 00 | |
| A. A. Dwinal Post..... | 10 00 | |
| State highway..... | 100 00 | |
| Brown-tail moths..... | 10 00 | |
| Interest..... | 100 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |

Total amount raised by town.....\$3,945 00

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|-----------------|----------|-------|
| State tax..... | \$677 75 | |
| County tax..... | 387 75 | |
| Overlay..... | 146 05 | |
| | | <hr/> |

Total amount committed for collection.....\$5,156 55

Rate per cent., .021.

| No. | | Value. |
|-----|---|-------------|
| 203 | Horses | \$18,270 00 |
| 7 | Colts 2 to 3 years old..... | 505 00 |
| 2 | Ponies..... | 75 00 |
| 4 | Colts under two..... | 140 00 |
| 499 | Cows..... | 11,750 00 |
| 18 | Oxen | 1,315 00 |
| 92 | Three years old..... | 1,880 00 |
| 137 | Two years old..... | 1,751 00 |
| 136 | One year old..... | 1,179 00 |
| 128 | Sheep | 424 00 |
| 76 | Swine..... | 648 00 |
| 13 | Bank stock..... | 1,000 00 |
| | Stock in trade..... | 2,600 00 |
| | Logs and lumber..... | 350 00 |
| | Wood and bark..... | 100 00 |
| 2 | Motor cycles..... | 100 00 |
| 107 | Carriages..... | 2,965 00 |
| 17 | Musical instruments..... | 1,250 00 |
| | Gas engines..... | 425 00 |
| | Machinery not taxed as real estate..... | 300 00 |
| | Saw mill..... | 500 00 |

AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Town raised for support of schools..... | \$1,000 00 |
| State school fund..... | 530 32 |
| From other sources..... | 207 00 |
| | \$1,737 32 |
| Overdraft previous year..... | 20 05 |
| | \$1,717 27 |

ORDERS DRAWN FOR TEACHING.

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Myra E. Wood..... | \$24 00 |
| Gladys R. Leavitt..... | 8 00 |
| Georgia C. Carter..... | 35 00 |
| Beulah M. Hutchinson..... | 28 75 |
| Gladys R. Leavitt..... | 64 00 |
| Myra E. Wood..... | 56 00 |
| Beulah M. Hutchinson..... | 23 00 |
| Ruth E. Goud..... | 72 00 |

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Harriett Ladd..... | \$67 50 |
| Georgia C. Carter..... | 28 00 |
| Agnes M. Bearce..... | 75 00 |
| Agnes M. Bearce..... | 40 00 |
| Beulah M. Hutchinson..... | 30 00 |
| Bernice Blair..... | 40 00 |
| Georgia C. Carter..... | 37 50 |
| Harriett Ladd..... | 37 50 |
| Ruth E. Goud..... | 40 00 |
| Mary A. Bisbee..... | 40 00 |
| Harriett L. Ladd..... | 30 00 |
| Mary A. Bisbee..... | 32 00 |
| Ruth E. Goud..... | 32 00 |
| Bernice Blair..... | 32 00 |
| Georgia C. Carter..... | 30 00 |
| Beulah M. Hutchinson..... | 24 00 |
| Agnes M. Bearce..... | 40 00 |
| Mary A. Bisbee..... | 32 00 |
| Beulah M. Hutchinson..... | 26 00 |
| Helen A. Rowe..... | 40 00 |
| Georgia C. Carter..... | 37 50 |
| Agnes M. Bearce..... | 40 00 |
| Bernice Blair..... | 40 00 |
| Gertrude V. Conant..... | 40 00 |
| Georgia C. Carter..... | 30 00 |
| Gertrude M. Conant..... | 32 00 |
| Helen A. Rowe..... | 32 00 |
| Beulah M. Hutchinson..... | 32 50 |
| Agnes M. Bearce..... | 32 00 |
| Mary A. Bisbee..... | 32 00 |
| Bernice Blair..... | 32 00 |
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| | \$1,444 25 |

A. A. DWINAL POST.

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| A. A. Dwiual Post..... | \$10 00 |
|------------------------|---------|

ORDERS DRAWN FOR WOOD.

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| C. W. Cummings..... | \$51 00 |
| H. W. Bearce..... | 8 00 |
| W. H. Conant..... | 15 30 |
| C. W. Cummings..... | 7 50 |
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| | \$81 80 |

 ORDERS DRAWN FOR CLEANING AND JANITORS.

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Gladys R. Leavitt..... | \$1 00 |
| Myra E. Wood..... | 5 00 |
| Harriett Ladd..... | 3 00 |
| Linnie Carroll..... | 1 00 |
| Lester Packard..... | 1 00 |
| Edna George..... | 1 00 |
| Edna George..... | 75 |
| Beulah Hutchinson..... | 5 00 |
| Linnie Carroll..... | 2 00 |
| Nichols Packard..... | 2 00 |
| Edna George..... | 2 00 |
| Bernice Blair..... | 2 00 |
| Harry W. Bearce..... | 2 00 |
| W. H. Conant..... | 1 50 |
| Lester Packard..... | 2 00 |
| Edna George..... | 2 00 |
| Forest Conant..... | 2 00 |
| Linnie Carroll..... | 1 75 |
| Nellie Phillips..... | 3 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$40 00 |

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOLHOUSES.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| C. W. Cummings..... | \$12 75 |
| F. E. Gurney..... | 25 13 |
| C. W. Cummings..... | 3 75 |
| C. W. Cummings..... | 10 25 |
| Dirigo Mutual Fire Ins. Co..... | 5 00 |
| S. Palock..... | 1 00 |
| Newell White..... | 1 00 |
| Newell White..... | 13 00 |
| H. H. Merrill..... | 2 70 |
| W. H. Conant..... | 9 80 |
| J. L. Bumpus..... | 1 70 |
| H. G. Bowman..... | 4 73 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$90 81 |

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SCHOOL BOOKS.

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| F. W. Sanborn..... | \$ 1 25 |
| Silver, Burdett & Co..... | 4 00 |
| American Book Co..... | 4 24 |

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|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| American Book Co..... | \$ 7 60 | |
| Ginn & Co..... | 49 51 | |
| H. G. Bowman..... | 2 68 | |
| | | \$69 28 |

ORDERS DRAWN FOR FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Trustees of Hebron Academy..... | \$ 85 00 | |
| “ “ “ | 105 00 | |
| E. C. Teague..... | 36 50 | |
| Trustees of Hebron Academy..... | 90 00 | |
| Newell White..... | 1 00 | |
| | | \$317 50 |

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| G. H. Packard..... | \$12 50 | |
| G. H. Packard..... | 22 50 | |
| G. H. Packard..... | 22 50 | |
| | | \$57 50 |

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| J. A. Hibbs..... | \$ 6 00 |
| Carl Monk..... | 3 65 |
| H. R. Keen..... | 65 00 |
| F. B. Keen..... | 40 00 |
| L. W. Keen..... | 3 00 |
| W. W. Harrington..... | 25 00 |
| Victor DeCoster..... | 29 75 |
| F. C. Ramsdell..... | 29 75 |
| D. M. Needham & Son..... | 8 45 |
| B. B. Bean..... | 4 20 |
| W. W. Harrington..... | 38 00 |
| F. B. Keen..... | 40 00 |
| H. R. Keen..... | 65 00 |
| C. B. Farris..... | 36 00 |
| Irving C. Monk..... | 8 50 |
| F. B. Keen..... | 40 00 |
| H. R. Keen..... | 45 00 |
| F. C. Ramsdell..... | 15 75 |
| Irving C. Monk..... | 14 00 |
| F. B. Keen..... | 55 00 |
| W. B. French..... | 12 24 |
| L. W. Keen..... | 4 00 |

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|--------------------------|---------|
| H. R. Keen..... | \$70 00 |
| W. W. Harrington..... | 60 00 |
| W. W. Harrington..... | 16 50 |
| J. L. Bumpus..... | 21 50 |
| Irving Monk..... | 7 88 |
| Moses Spell..... | 5 00 |
| D. M. Needham & Son..... | 1 55 |
| C. B. Farris..... | 40 00 |
| F. B. Keen..... | 20 00 |
| W. R. Keen..... | 10 00 |
| Irving C. Monk..... | 8 75 |
| E. E. Hutchinson..... | 5 00 |
| C. B. Farris..... | 24 00 |
| Irving C. Monk..... | 5 24 |
| Frank Pierce..... | 2 00 |
| E. C. Foster..... | 3 00 |
| H. R. Keen..... | 11 00 |
| W. R. Keen..... | 4 00 |
| B. N. Stone..... | 13 50 |
| J. E. Fuller..... | 4 17 |
| Irving C. Monk..... | 2 63 |
| C. B. Farris..... | 2 00 |
| W. B. French..... | 4 05 |
| J. L. Bumpus..... | 6 53 |
| H. R. Keen..... | 8 50 |
| M. W. Bessey..... | 5 80 |
| O. P. Brown..... | 6 45 |
| F. C. Ramsdell..... | 15 75 |
| J. E. Dow..... | 3 00 |
| H. R. Keen..... | 30 00 |
| Fred Keen..... | 15 00 |
| D. M. Needham & Son..... | 3 81 |
| F. C. Ramsdell..... | 15 75 |
| W. R. Keen..... | 10 00 |
| Irving Monk..... | 13 00 |
| H. R. Keen..... | 43 50 |
| W. W. Harrington..... | 25 50 |
| F. C. Ramsdell..... | 18 00 |
| Staples & Irish..... | 12 75 |
| L. W. Keen..... | 6 75 |
| H. R. Keen..... | 21 50 |
| Charles Young..... | 3 10 |
| P. J. Whitman..... | 11 90 |
| P. J. Whitman..... | 8 00 |

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| O. P. Brown..... | \$ 3 00 | |
| H. R. Keen..... | 25 00 | |
| F. C. Ramsdell..... | 4 00 | |
| E. A. Bradford..... | 4 25 | |
| E. R. & A. P. Given..... | 2 70 | |
| | | \$1,253 00 |

ORDERS DRAWN FOR WINTER WORK.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Archie Gurney..... | \$ 3 00 |
| Archie Gurney..... | 1 50 |
| J. A. Hibbs..... | 5 13 |
| F. E. Gurney..... | 3 50 |
| F. E. Gurney..... | 6 20 |
| W. W. Harrington..... | 2 00 |
| S. E. Bradford..... | 2 00 |
| S. E. Bradford..... | 2 00 |
| J. E. Fuller..... | 2 50 |
| C. W. Cummings..... | 4 25 |
| C. W. Cummings..... | 1 40 |
| W. G. Conant..... | 2 80 |
| Irving C. Monk..... | 3 50 |
| C. B. Farris..... | 4 00 |
| C. B. Farris..... | 21 50 |
| Guy E. Farris..... | 30 00 |
| W. W. Harrington..... | 3 80 |
| Lemuel Pike..... | 2 55 |
| H. K. Stearns..... | 10 75 |
| Fred Sturtevant..... | 1 95 |
| C. E. Tripp..... | 1 50 |
| C. B. Phillips..... | 1 00 |
| D. B. Perry..... | 3 55 |
| H. H. Merrill..... | 1 35 |
| Charles Clark..... | 35 00 |
| C. S. Keen..... | 2 50 |
| Ralph Glover..... | 11 25 |
| G. H. Packard..... | 1 92 |
| B. C. Keen..... | 12 82 |
| H. E. George..... | 7 30 |
| J. A. Hibbs..... | 11 08 |
| Ralph Glover..... | 9 25 |
| Archie Johnson..... | 4 50 |
| DeCoster Bros..... | 25 00 |
| A. P. Allen..... | 2 00 |
| Baker Phillips..... | 6 75 |
| O. P. Brown..... | 4 50 |

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| S. J. Whittemore..... | \$ 3 25 |
| H. R. Keen..... | 11 00 |
| R. J. Whitman..... | 4 50 |
| L. G. Perry & Son..... | 2 46 |
| F. C. Ramsdell..... | 3 80 |
| J. M. Farris..... | 9 38 |
| H. K. Stearns..... | 4 00 |
| W. Scott Bearce..... | 3 00 |
| E. A. Bradford..... | 2 40 |
| W. E. Gurney..... | 2 30 |
| H. G. Bowman..... | 85 |
| C. S. Clark..... | 12 35 |
| C. H. George..... | 4 95 |
| W. A. Bartlett..... | 5 58 |
| L. L. Phillips..... | 1 66 |
| H. T. Glover & Son..... | 25 85 |
| C. H. George..... | 6 75 |
| F. I. Sturtevant..... | 15 10 |
| F. H. Marshall..... | 8 10 |
| F. E. Gurney..... | 4 80 |
| H. A. Whittemore..... | 9 80 |
| W. H. Scotthorne..... | 1 50 |
| A. E. George..... | 4 65 |
| Charles Sawyer..... | 12 78 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$416 41 |

ORDERS DRAWN FOR STATE ROAD.

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| W. R. Keen..... | \$16 00 |
| W. J. Merrill..... | 38 50 |
| C. B. Farris..... | 26 00 |
| E. C. Monk..... | 12 25 |
| H. R. Keen..... | 5 55 |
| W. R. Keen..... | 2 00 |
| C. B. Phillips..... | 14 00 |
| Northeast Metal Culvert Co..... | 19 20 |
| E. Merrill..... | 10 00 |
| F. C. Ramsdell..... | 26 00 |
| H. R. Keene..... | 64 50 |
| W. W. Harrington..... | 22 25 |
| E. C. Monk..... | 10 50 |
| W. W. Harrington..... | 20 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$286 75 |
| Received from State..... | 155 80 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$130 95 |

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Money raised for interest..... | \$100 00 | |
| Interest paid..... | 92 42 | |
| | | \$7 58 |

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| G. W. Sawyer, board and care Mrs. Marshall..... | \$51 00 | |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ | 21 00 | |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ | 27 00 | |
| S. R. Bradford, board and care Miss Cox..... | 25 00 | |
| G. W. Sawyer, board and care Mrs. Marshall..... | 45 50 | |
| C. W. Verrill, board and care J. J. Fuller..... | 30 00 | |
| S. R. Bradford, board and care Miss Cox..... | 25 00 | |
| C. W. Verrill, board and care J. J. Fuller..... | 6 00 | |
| Chas. N. Decoster, board and care C. A. Decoster..... | 3 57 | |
| Dr. H. R. Farris, attendance on W. A. Pratt family | 11 00 | |
| Dr. C. B. Rankin, attendance Miss Cox..... | 4 50 | |
| S. R. Bradford, board and care of Miss Cox..... | 25 00 | |
| D. M. Needham & Son, supplies for Geo. Decoster | 3 75 | |
| Dr. E. J. Marsten, attendance W. H. Works..... | 12 20 | |
| Dr. E. J. Marsten, hospital bill..... | 45 00 | |
| G. W. Sawyer, board and care Mrs. Marshall..... | 21 00 | |
| Roscoe Staples, rent of W. A. Pratt..... | 36 00 | |
| Dr. W. T. Merrill, attendance S. E. Brown..... | 14 75 | |
| S. R. Bradford, board and care Miss Cox..... | 25 00 | |
| A. M. Richardson, papers for Geo. Decoster..... | 1 00 | |
| F. H. Marshall, keeping tramps..... | 2 00 | |
| | | \$485 27 |

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Walter L. Gray, attorney services, 1907..... | \$ 5 00 | |
| F. W. Sanborn, printing town reports, 1907..... | 27 50 | |
| Merrill & Denning, town books..... | 12 80 | |
| C. W. Cummings, ballot clerk..... | 3 50 | |
| Franklin Pierce, ballot clerk..... | 3 50 | |
| H. T. Glover & Son, rent of stable..... | 5 00 | |
| H. L. Melcher, rent of office..... | 5 00 | |
| Hebron Grange, rent of hall, three elections..... | 10 00 | |
| Walter L. Gray, services as attorney, 1908..... | 5 00 | |
| W. Scott Bearce, constable and posting notices... | 11 50 | |
| H. H. Merrill, postage, oath, telephoning, etc.... | 7 62 | |
| H. G. Bowman, postage, telephoning, etc..... | 9 70 | |
| A. M. Richardson..... | 4 50 | |
| | | \$110 62 |

 ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1907.

George Decoster, unable to collect.....\$3 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1908.

George Decoster, unable to collect.....\$3 00

Sam Brown, town charge..... 7 91

Harry Bodes, unable to collect..... 3 00

Nathan York, not collectable..... 3 00

—————
\$16 91

H. H. Merrill, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 1908.

April 8½ days making taxes and writing boundaries.....\$21 25

May 6, ½ day on State road with commissioner Delano.... 1 25

9, ½ day telephone hearing..... 1 25

June 11, 1 day at South Paris with assessors..... 2 50

½ day at office..... 1 25

Aug. ½ day with highway commissioner Sargent..... 1 25

13, ½ day on account of paupers..... 1 25

Sept. 7, ½ day at office..... 1 25

14, 1 day at election, State..... 2 50

19, ½ day to Norway on account of paupers..... 1 25

21, 1 day to Buckfield on account paupers..... 2 50

Oct. 15, ½ day to Oxford to get highway inspector..... 2 25

Nov. 3, 1 day at election National..... 2 50

Dec. 8, 1 day on account of paupers..... 2 50

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Jan. 1, ½ day on account of paupers..... 1 25

27, 1 day on account of paupers, etc..... 2 50

Jan. and Feb., 6 days drawing orders and making reports.... 15 00

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\$63 50

S. J. Whittemore, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 1908.

April 5 days taking valuation.....\$12 50

8½ days making taxes and writing boundaries.... 21 50

May 6, ½ day on State road with commissioner Delano.... 1 25

9, ½ day at telephone hearing..... 1 25

June ½ day at office..... 1 25

Aug. ½ day with highway commissioner Sargent..... 1 25

Sept. 7, ½ day at office..... 1 25

14, 1 day at election, State..... 2 50

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|----------------|--|---------------|
| Sept. 19, | ½ day to Norway on account of paupers..... | \$ 1 25 |
| Oct. 15, | ½ day with highway inspector..... | 1 25 |
| Nov. 3, | 1 day at National election..... | 2 50 |
| 1909: | | |
| Jan. 27, | 1 day on account of paupers..... | 2 50 |
| Jan. and Feb., | 6 days drawing orders and making reports.... | 15 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$65 25 |

F. H. Marshall, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, 1908.

| | | |
|----------------|--|---------------|
| April | 5 days taking valuation..... | \$12 50 |
| | 7, 7½ days making taxes, writing boundaries..... | 18 75 |
| May | 6, ½ day with commissioner Delano..... | 1 25 |
| | 9, ½ day at telephone hearing..... | 1 25 |
| June | ½ day at office..... | 1 25 |
| Aug. 13, | ½ day on account of paupers..... | 1 25 |
| Sept. 7, | ½ day at office..... | 1 25 |
| | 14, 1 day at election, State..... | 2 50 |
| Oct. 15, | ½ day with highway inspector..... | 1 25 |
| Nov. 3, | 1 day at National election..... | 2 50 |
| Dec. 8, | 1 day on account of paupers..... | 2 50 |
| 1909. | | |
| Jan. 1, | ½ day on account of paupers..... | 1 25 |
| Jan. and Feb., | 6 days drawing orders and making reports.... | 15 00 |
| Jan. 11, | attendance on George Decoster..... | 1 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$63 50 |

ORDERS DRAWN FOR TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, 1907.

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------|
| James L. Bumpus..... | \$ 3 00 | |
| W. H. Packard..... | 3 00 | |
| Dr. James McFadyen..... | 3 00 | |
| Dr. Estis Nichols..... | 3 00 | |
| H. G. Bowman..... | 50 00 | |
| A. M. Richardson..... | 20 00 | |
| F. H. Marshall..... | 50 75 | |
| S. J. Whittemore..... | 49 50 | |
| H. H. Merrill..... | 15 00 | |
| W. Scott Bearce..... | 20 96 | |
| | | <hr/> \$218 21 |

 ORDERS DRAWN TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, 1908.

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| C. H. George..... | \$ 2 00 | |
| W. Scott Bearce..... | 70 00 | |
| H. H. Merrill..... | 58 00 | |
| A. M. Richardson..... | 5 10 | |
| | ----- | \$185 10 |

BALANCE OF TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, 1908.

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| H. H. Merrill..... | \$ 5 50 | |
| S. J. Whittemore..... | 65 25 | |
| F. H. Marshall..... | 63 50 | |
| A. M. Richardson..... | 20 00 | |
| H. G. Bowman..... | 50 00 | |
| W. Scott Bearce..... | 7 49 | |
| Dr. James McFadyen..... | 3 00 | |
| W. H. Packard..... | 3 00 | |
| E. C. Teague..... | 3 00 | |
| | ----- | \$220 74 |

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS, 1908.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Joseph Bernier..... | \$ 3 00 |
| Victor Bernier..... | 7 35 |
| Manley Bessey..... | 8 10 |
| John Brody..... | 9 53 |
| E. A. Bradford..... | 25 05 |
| S. E. Bradford..... | 15 29 |
| Sherman Bearce..... | 4 68 |
| John Decoster..... | 6 00 |
| Charles Decoster..... | 6 00 |
| J. M. Dow..... | 5 41 |
| J. E. Fuller..... | 3 46 |
| A. E. George..... | 16 19 |
| H. E. George..... | 9 60 |
| U. G. Keene..... | 3 00 |
| Fred Keene..... | 9 99 |
| Charles Clark..... | 11 19 |
| Joseph Lizotte..... | 3 53 |
| Geo. A. Mitchell..... | 3 00 |
| Erving Monk..... | 6 53 |
| Charles McCollis..... | 3 00 |

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| W. A. Nichols..... | \$12 60 | |
| F. C. Ramsdell..... | 8 31 | |
| J. M. Farris..... | 11 35 | |
| Charles M. Record..... | 3 84 | |
| Merl Sturtevant..... | 3 00 | |
| Atlie Sturtevant..... | 3 00 | |
| H. B. Sturtevant..... | 8 31 | |
| C. W. Verrill..... | 6 68 | |
| Henry Whitman..... | 3 00 | |
| Ralph Whitney..... | 3 00 | |
| Leon Whitney..... | 3 00 | |
| L. C. Johnson..... | 3 39 | |
| | | \$229 44 |

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENSES.

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|---|------------|------------|
| Support of schools..... | \$1,623 55 | |
| School books..... | 69 28 | |
| Repairs on schoolhouses..... | 90 81 | |
| Tuition..... | 317 50 | |
| Support of roads and bridges..... | 1,253 60 | |
| Winter work..... | 416 41 | |
| State road..... | 130 95 | |
| Support of poor..... | 435 27 | |
| A. A. Dwinal Post..... | 10 00 | |
| Miscellaneous..... | 110 62 | |
| Interest..... | 7 58 | |
| Abatement of taxes..... | 19 91 | |
| Orders drawn for town office bill 1907..... | 218 21 | |
| " " " " " 1908..... | 135 10 | |
| | | \$4,838 79 |

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| Outstanding orders not on interest..... | \$ 52 30 | |
| " " on interest..... | 1,000 00 | |
| Town office bills, 1908..... | 220 74 | |
| Due physicians for reporting deaths..... | 9 75 | |
| Due town of Minot, estimated..... | 45 00 | |
| | | \$1,327 79 |

TO MEET THE LIABILITIES.

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| Cash in treasury..... | \$264 59 |
| Due on tax bills, 1908..... | 229 44 |
| Due from Town of Minot..... | 76 40 |
| Town of Turner..... | 50 00 |

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|--|----------|----------|
| Due from Town of Buckfield..... | \$ 10 00 | |
| Town of Oxford..... | 51 55 | |
| State account high school..... | 45 00 | |
| Towns on account of paupers..... | 59 70 | |
| State on account of paupers..... | 11 82 | |
| Dog tax estimated..... | 45 00 | |
| J. E. Fuller account J. J. Fuller..... | 36 00 | |
| | | \$879 50 |
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| Leaving an overdraft of..... | | \$448 29 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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| H. H. MERRILL, S. J. WHITTEMORE, F. H. MARSHALL, | } | <i>Selectmen of Hebron.</i> |
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We recommend raising the following amounts:

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| Support of poor..... | \$ 500 00 |
| Roads and bridges..... | 1,000 00 |
| Snow bills..... | 500 00 |
| State highway..... | 37 50 |
| Town office bills..... | 350 00 |
| Interest..... | 100 00 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 150 00 |
| Outstanding orders on interest..... | 500 00 |

Treasurer's Report

A. M. Richardson in account with the town of Hebron for the year
ending February 2, 1909.

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|---|------------|--|
| To cash on hand as per last report..... | \$ 593 05 | |
| And orders from W. Scott Bearce, Coll., | | |
| 1907 tax..... | \$ 39 90 | |
| 1908 tax..... | 4,959 31 | |
| | 4,999 21 | |
| For dog licenses, 1908..... | 62 00 | |
| From town of Buckfield, 1905..... | 6 00 | |
| “ “ “ 1908..... | 10 00 | |
| “ “ Minot, 1907..... | 92 67 | |
| “ “ Turner, 1907..... | 53 33 | |
| “ State Treas., school fund..... | 530 32 | |
| “ “ “ high school, 1907... | 187 50 | |
| “ “ “ “ “ ½ 1908 | 95 00 | |
| “ “ “ State road..... | 155 80 | |
| “ “ “ State pensions..... | 28 00 | |
| “ “ “ dog licenses refunded | 34 61 | |
| Hired money..... | 1,955 00 | |
| | \$8,810 59 | |

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| By paid State tax for 1908..... | \$ 677 75 | |
| County tax for 1908..... | 387 75 | |
| State pensions..... | 28 00 | |
| State Treas., dog licenses..... | 62 00 | |
| Selectmen's orders..... | 5,334 98 | |
| Hired money..... | 1,955 00 | |
| Interest on all hired money..... | 92 42 | |
| Cash on hand..... | 264 59 | |
| | \$8,810 59 | |

School Report

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

COMMON SCHOOL FUND.

Resources:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation of town, 1908..... | \$1,000 00 | |
| State mill tax..... | 530 32 | |
| Tuition due from Minot, 1908..... | 76 40 | |
| " " " Turner, 1908..... | 50 00 | |
| " " " Oxford, 1908..... | 51 00 | |
| " " " Buckfield, 1908..... | 10 00 | |
| | | \$1,717 72 |

Expenditures:

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| Overdrawn, 1907..... | \$ 20 05 | |
| Teachers' wages..... | 1,444 25 | |
| Janitors' wages, by orders drawn..... | 32 75 | |
| Amount of janitors' wages transferred to the repair fund in payment for school prop- erty destroyed..... | 2 25 | |
| Cleaning schoolhouses..... | 7 25 | |
| Wood..... | 81 80 | |
| Transportation of scholars..... | 57 50 | |
| | | \$1,045 85 |

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|---|---------|--|
| Unexpended balance..... | \$71 87 | |
| Tuition due Minot, 1908, estimated..... | 45 00 | |
| Approximate balance..... | \$26 87 | |

BOOKS.

Resources:

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Appropriation of town, 1903..... | \$50 00 | |
| Due from Minot for use of books, 1908..... | 1 58 | |
| Due for books injured..... | 55 | |
| | | \$52 13 |

Expenditures:

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Overdrawn, 1907..... | \$ 5 59 | |
| F. W. Sanborn, text book labels..... | 1 25 | |
| Silver, Burdette & Co., books and express..... | 4 00 | |
| American Book Co., " " | 4 24 | |
| " " " " " | 7 60 | |
| Ginn & Co., books..... | 49 51 | |
| H. G. Bowman, express on books from West Mi- not to Hebron, also freight and express on two orders from Ginn & Co. and on dic- tionaries..... | 2 68 | |
| | | \$74 87 |
| Overdrawn | \$22 74 | |

REPAIRS, INSURANCE AND SUPPLIES.

RESOURCES.

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Unexpended balance from 1907..... | \$28 33 | |
| Appropriation of town, 1908..... | 75 00 | |
| Transferred from janitor's account under common school fund..... | 2 25 | |
| | | \$105 58 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Dirigo Mutual Fire Ins. Co..... | \$ 5 00 | |
| C. W. Cummings, paint..... | 12 75 | |
| F. E. Gurney, painting and putting up flag pole... | 25 13 | |
| C. W. Cummings, labor and material for inside painting of schoolhouses..... | 10 25 | |
| C. W. Cummings, repairs, No.'s 2 and 6..... | 3 75 | |
| Newell White, printing course of study..... | 13 00 | |
| Newell White, 250 rank cards..... | 1 00 | |
| W. H. Conant, labor, repairs and supplies, No.'s 3, 4 and 5..... | 9 80 | |
| J. L. Bumpus, repairs and making flag irons..... | 1 70 | |
| H. H. Merrill, flag for No. 2..... | 2 70 | |
| H. G. Bowman, supplies..... | 4 73 | |
| S. Polock, printing..... | 1 00 | |
| | | \$90 81 |
| Unexpended balance..... | \$14 77 | |

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.
RESOURCES.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Unexpended balance from 1907..... | \$166 00 | |
| Appropriation of town, 1908..... | 200 00 | |
| Received from State, 1908..... | 95 00 | |
| Due from State, 1908..... | 45 00 | |
| | | ————— \$506 00 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------------|
| Tuition of 11 pupils at Hebron Academy for term ending March 20, 1908..... | \$105 00 | |
| Tuition of 9 pupils at Hebron Academy for term ending June 17, 1908..... | 85 00 | |
| Newell White, text-book labels..... | 1 00 | |
| E. C. Teague, books..... | 36 50 | |
| Tuition of 10 pupils at Hebron Academy for term ending Dec. 18, 1908..... | 90 00 | |
| | | ————— \$317 50 |
| | | ————— |
| Unexpended balance..... | \$188 50 | |

EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

During the past year effort has been directed toward establishing the work of our schools upon such a basis as has seemed most likely to secure definite results. Experience has clearly shown that a pupil's progress in the studies offered by the common school should be, to a certain extent, uniform. The boy or girl who, at the age of fourteen or fifteen years, is deficient in even one branch of study is often put at a serious disadvantage. It is true that cases of this kind will sometimes exist of necessity, but often they can be avoided. At the same time it is important that the different elementary branches be taken up in a fixed and logical order. Besides, it is highly desirable and very important that teachers be furnished with a carefully prearranged plan of work, which will better enable them to determine the amount of work that their classes should do in a certain length of time, under ordinary conditions, in order to make

sufficiently uniform and rapid advancement in all studies. In addition such a plan or outline may well emphasize essential points and methods, the aim being to assist teachers in making their work effective, yet at the same time not to restrain them in the use of such methods in detail as their individual experience has proved valuable. In the desire to meet these apparent needs, a course of study has been prepared at a considerable sacrifice in time on the part of your Superintendent and at the comparatively small cost on the part of the town of \$13 for printing. The adoption and printing of this course were authorized by the Committee and its use begun early in the fall term.

In further explanation of the purpose of this Course of Study, certain facts are emphasized. While it has been prepared with a view to making the work of our common schools more systematic, the fact has been constantly recognized from the first, that it is neither possible nor advisable to grade the work in rural schools to the same degree as in city schools. Yet it is an established fact, that a course of study properly used can become a great power for the improvement of rural schools. It is not to be expected that a course of study will always adapt itself perfectly to all cases, and the adoption of this course does not mean that the special needs of certain pupils are not to be recognized, nor does it imply that the legitimate progress of a pupil is to be restricted. Emphasis, however, is placed upon the importance of thoroughness and definite progress and of preventing pupils from making too rapid advancement in a few studies that they like, to the neglect of others that are of equal importance. The work that is required in certain subjects before pupils are to be admitted to the Academy is, in nearly all particulars, the same that any boy or girl ought to do in order to obtain adequate knowledge in the elementary branches of the common school. There is at the same time, for those who wish, opportunity to remain in the common schools and do additional review work as well as more advanced work in Civics and other common school studies. High school studies should not, as a rule, be taught in common schools since the facilities and time for doing this grade of work are usually lacking. When conditions seem to warrant an exception, the Committee may jointly take action. The establishment of a fixed standard of work, to which pupils shall attain before attempting a high school course, is not only essential to the interests of individual pupils, but also is in accordance with the right and duty of towns to demand certain educational qualifications of this class of pupils before paying tuition for them with the expectation of receiving aid from the State.

This course, very likely differing in several essential particulars from other courses, has been so planned, it is believed, as to meet more nearly the conditions of our schools; namely, a short school year and the overcrowded daily program so often a characteristic of mixed schools. Moreover, it has been prepared with the expectation that need of certain changes might subsequently be found and necessitate its revision after a time. The only apology to be offered for the introduction of the course is the conviction that this is the first step necessary, if our schools are to meet satisfactorily even a part of the demands that they should meet. This movement, however, will result in utter failure unless there is careful supervision and unless teachers will, by means of careful study and frequent reference, make a proper interpretation of the purpose of the course and continue to exercise skill and good judgment in its use.

A further brief account of the year's work and a discussion of a few significant facts may be of interest. One feature of the work this year has been the recording by teachers, on blank forms furnished for the purpose, the extent of each pupil's progress in all studies during each term. One of the principal advantages of this practice is, that by such a method it is more nearly possible to secure continuous advancement from term to term. Although a more comprehensive system of recording the work and standing of pupils might be devised and adopted, this simple method has served, except in those instances in which reviews of previous work are necessary, to prevent pupils from being put back in a part or all of their work, in the event of a new teacher or of uncertainty as to the exact point at which the preceding term's work terminated. The progress made by pupils in their studies as indicated by these records has, for the most part, been very satisfactory. The quality of their work, as observed during personal visits and by examination of test papers, has been good. But this statement is not intended to create the impression that the work in every particular has been entirely satisfactory. It is to be noted that unfavorable as well as favorable conditions enter into the determining of results and that the most difficult problems met in school work are often those that relate to the removing of unfavorable conditions before the results secured can be the most satisfactory. In this connection, it is desired to call attention to certain facts. It is found that the number of visits to the schools by citizens is sixty less this year than last. Another startling fact is, that the number of instances of tardiness in all schools for the year is six hundred and sixty-five, an increase over the number last year of about one hundred and fifty. Undoubtedly some instances of tardiness are unavoidable

and therefore excusable, but it is noticeable that many occur with no adequate reason apparent. It must be evident to all, that it is desirable to make effort to correct this practice on the part of pupils of being frequently late to school. In some schools, in which there has been special effort in this direction, the improvement has been marked and gratifying. The teacher is expected to exercise a certain influence and authority in matters of this kind; but, as a means to a more agreeable and efficient remedy, the co-operation of parents must not be lacking. No teacher can be justly blamed for the fact, that pupils are not making satisfactory progress in their work, when they are not punctual in reaching school and are absent from school on an average of one or two days each week. It is hoped that the tabular statement found elsewhere in this Report will receive careful examination. During the year five schools have procured copies of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. In most cases this has been done largely by teachers and pupils taking care of their schoolhouses and receiving the money that is usually paid to individual janitors. This will explain why so many orders for janitor work have been drawn in teachers' names. There remains a balance of 75c due each of three schools: Brighton Hill, Sodom, and No. 8. This money is held by the Superintendent and will be paid to the schools to which it belongs. The Village school besides purchasing a dictionary has accumulated a fund of \$5.46.

STATISTICS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

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| Number of persons between the ages of five and twenty-one years belonging in town April 1, 1908..... | 133 |
| Average number of Hebron pupils attending common schools of Hebron for the year..... | 92 6 |
| Average number of Hebron pupils attending school at West Minot..... | 3 6 |
| Average number attending Hebron schools from other towns. | 16 6 |

Names of pupils not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day for the year: Walter Jasper, Ethel Skillings, Thomas Johnson, Frances Whitman, George Glover, Harold George, Bennie Sturtevant, Norman Sturtevant, Lennie Carroll, Albert Carroll. Not absent 1 day: Kathryn Cantello, Elsie Conant, Charles Glover, Ethel Marshall, Dwight Cushman, Edelle Cushman, Helen Bradford. Not absent 2 days: Florence Allen, Drew Stearns, Florence Scothorne.



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| Number of teachers attending Teachers' Conventions.. | 5 |
| Average number of terms' experience of all teachers, spring term..... | 9 1 |
| Average number of terms' experience of all teachers, fall term..... | 9 5 |
| Average number of terms' experience of all teachers, winter term..... | 10 8 |
| Average wages of all teachers per week for the year.... | \$7 56 |
| Number of weeks in the school year..... | 27 |
| Average length of school year in the common schools of Maine for the year ending July 1, 1907.. | 25 wks, 4 dys |
| Number of visits to schools by Superintendent in excess of number required by law..... | 7 |

TABULAR STATEMENT.

| TERM | NAME OF TEACHER | No. Weeks | No. Pupils | Average | Not absent ½ Day | No Times Tardy | Daily Recitations | Visits by Citizens | Wages per Week |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|------------|---------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| No. 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring | Beulah M. Hutchinson..... | 9 | 9 | 5.8 | 0 | 59 | 29 | 3 | \$5 75 |
| Fall... | Beulah M. Hutchinson..... | 9 | 9 | 5.8 | 0 | 64 | 30 | 6 | 6 00 |
| Winter | Beulah M. Hutchinson..... | 9 | 6 | 5.3 | 0 | 39 | 28 | 5 | 6 50 |
| | Total for year..... | 27 | | | 0 | 162 | | 14 | |
| No. 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring | Harriet Ladd..... | 9 | 18 | 16.7 | 8 | 20 | 24 | 5 | 7 50 |
| Fall... | Harriet Ladd..... | 9 | 19 | 17 | 4 | 17 | 25 | 22 | 7 50 |
| Winter | Helen A. Rowe..... | 9 | 19 | 17.7 | 7 | 72 | 26 | 9 | 8 00 |
| | Total for year..... | 27 | | | 19 | 109 | | 36 | |
| No. 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring | Ruth E. Goud..... | 9 | 18 | 14.5 | 4 | 35 | 22 | 7 | 8 00 |
| Fall... | Ruth E. Goud..... | 9 | 18 | 15.9 | 2 | 29 | 26 | 2 | 8 00 |
| Winter | Gertrude V. Conant..... | 9 | 19 | 17.6 | 3 | 68 | 34 | 0 | 8 00 |
| | Total for year..... | 27 | | | 9 | 132 | | 9 | |
| No. 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring | Gladys R. Leavitt..... | 9 | 20 | 17.6 | 8 | 23 | 30 | 8 | 8 00 |
| Fall... | Bernice Blair..... | 9 | 13 | 12.3 | 5 | 18 | 28 | 30 | 8 00 |
| Winter | Bernice Blair..... | 9 | 13 | 11.3 | 3 | 22 | 27 | 5 | 8 00 |
| | Total for year..... | 27 | | | 16 | 63 | | 43 | |
| No. 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring | Agnes M. Bearce..... | 10 | 24 | 21.3 | 8 | 45 | 29 | 20 | 7 50 |
| Fall... | Agnes M. Bearce..... | 10 | 26 | 23 | 6 | 40 | 33 | 19 | 8 00 |
| Winter | Agnes M. Bearce..... | 9 | 26 | 21.9 | 2 | 30 | 30 | 12 | 8 00 |
| | Total for year..... | 29 | | | 17 | 115 | | 51 | |
| No. 7 | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring | Georgia C. Carter..... | 9 | 13 | 11.6 | 8 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 7 00 |
| Fall... | Georgia C. Carter..... | 9 | 14 | 13.7 | 7 | 1 | 20 | 10 | 7 50 |
| Winter | Georgia C. Carter..... | 9 | 10 | 9.8 | 6 | 6 | 23 | 8 | 7 50 |
| | Total for year..... | 27 | | | 21 | 9 | | 30 | |
| No. 8 | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring | Myra E. Wood..... | 10 | 13 | 11.5 | 2 | 19 | 28 | 8 | 8 00 |
| Fall... | Mary A. Bisbee..... | 9 | 11 | 9.8 | 1 | 41 | 27 | 11 | 8 00 |
| Winter | Mary A. Bisbee..... | 8 | 10 | 9.3 | 0 | 15 | 26 | 7 | 8 00 |
| | Total for year..... | 27 | | | 3 | 75 | | 26 | |
| | Total in all schools. | | | | 85 | 665 | | 209 | |

COMMON SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

Although the appropriation for the support of common schools for the year 1908 is larger than any previous appropriation, the school year has been one week less than last year. The reasons to be advanced in explanation of this fact are: first, that the paying of higher wages to teachers has been continued in most cases through the whole year, whereas last year there was but slight increase in this expense until the second term of the year; second, that the amount expended for transportation this year has been sufficient to maintain all schools for one week; third, that the amount of tuition from other towns is constantly on the decrease, while our expense in this item is noticeably on the increase; fourth, that the common school fund was overdrawn last year and that, in addition, two weeks lost by one school have been made up this year; fifth, that the larger amount of State aid this year but little more than offsets the unexpended balance of 1906, which was available last year. It will not be possible to know the exact amount of tuition due Minot in time for this Report, but it is estimated at \$45.

The appropriation for common school text books has been overdrawn. Could certain circumstances have been foreseen early in the year, this expense would have been somewhat less. It is impossible at the beginning of the year to ascertain the exact number of books that will be required. If the few new books now on hand are not needed next year, they can probably be returned to the publishers. There are writing books purchased to the value of \$4 50, which of course can be used next year. It has been necessary to replace many worn out books. The small arithmetics were in so bad condition that it was thought advisable to exchange them for the new Elementary Arithmetic by the same author. The need of doing more work in Civics and Agriculture has necessitated the purchase of books in these subjects. Among others bought are grammars, physiologies, large arithmetics, geographies, etc. No supplementary readers have been bought this year.

The order found among miscellaneous orders includes taking oaths on school returns to the State department, postage, stationery, telephoning, and a few other small items, which it has not been customary to place under any of the school funds.

The inside woodwork of three schoolhouses—Alders, Center, and No. 8—has been thoroughly painted, the cost being greater than would have been necessary, had the wood not been without paint for so long a time. In most respects, the condition of our school build-

ings may well be a source of pride to the people of the town. To a certain extent, the responsibility for the care and protection of this property representing hard earned money rests upon all. At the Alders and at Solom glass has been broken during the year by persons unknown to the school officers. At the latter school the flag rope has been drawn through the pulley of the pole; and, before the flag can be raised, the pole must be taken down. Let any one of that large class of people whose sympathies are enlisted in the cause of education come forward at any time with whatever knowledge of such matters he may possess, with a view to convicting any person, who shows so little regard for the public rights and property as to engage in malicious mischief of this kind.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The average attendance of free high school pupils at the Academy for the three terms since the last School Report has been ten. The following were admitted from the common schools at the beginning of the fall term: John Edgecomb, Archie Gurney, Wilfred Scothorne, Ellen Glover, Lucy Teague. These pupils took the examination required for admission. The town has paid full tuition for three and one-half tuition for two, the latter number having taken but one-half regular first year work. The work of these students, as indicated by the rank which they have secured in their studies, gives evidence that they have kept well up to the standard maintained by them in the common schools, and for the most part is very satisfactory.

Relating to Article 15 found in the Warrant, the following explanation is made. It appears that, if the people of the town wish to maintain that which is in effect a high school of its own and thus be exempt beyond question from paying the tuition of any of its high school pupils in high schools or academies of standard grade in other towns, they should vote as this article specifies. If this action shall be taken, it is evident that the town must continue to furnish its high school pupils with free text-books in those branches of study to which reference is made in Sec. 62, these branches being distinctly specified in Sec. 59 of the school laws. If a negative vote is taken, then our advanced pupils, after passing the required examination, will be entitled to free tuition in any high schools or academies of standard grade which they may prefer to attend; but, so far as all indications point, not to free text-books. By the former arrangement the amount of tuition would perhaps be somewhat less than by the latter; but, judging from the past few years, there would probably be little difference. The cost of books cannot at

this time be accurately estimated. This expense may be expected to average from \$30 to \$75 per year, the amount depending on the number of pupils in attendance and the frequency with which the Academy changes its text-books.

There are several reasons why an arrangement by a town with a high school or an academy for receiving all its high school pupils may seem a more satisfactory method of making provisions for this class of pupils. It is not the purpose, however, at this time to advance arguments in favor of either method, but to bring the matter before the minds of the citizens of the town. In conclusion it is urged by your Committee and Superintendent that this article shall not be passed over, but that definite action be taken, since it is desirable that the duty of the school officers in this matter be more clearly defined.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

It is the custom in some towns to place with the book account all expenditures relating to supplies; as, maps, pails, brooms, crayons, etc., whereas in this town it has been the usual practice to include supplies with insurance and repairs. The Committee considers the former system a more consistent method of classifying these items, and makes its recommendations in accordance with this opinion. Following are the appropriations recommended by the Committee for the school year 1909-10:

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| For support of common schools..... | \$1,000 00 |
| Support of free high school..... | 75 00 |
| Repairs and insurance on schoolhouses.... | 75 00 |
| Books and supplies..... | 80 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. BOWMAN, Superintendent of Schools.

Feb. 3, 1909.

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| C. W. CUMMINGS, | } <i>Superintending</i> | |
| H. W. BEARCE, | | } <i>School</i> |
| H. W. CONANT, | | |