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OF THE

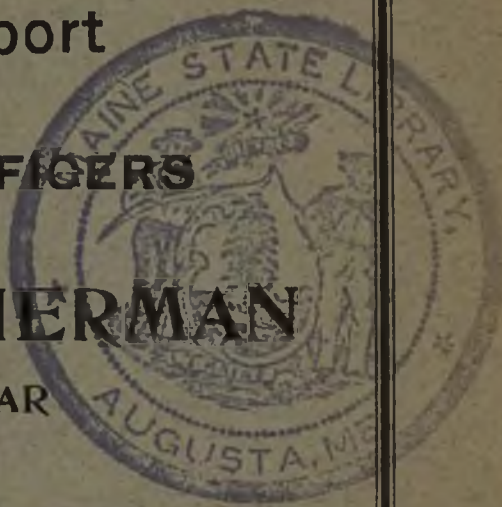
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OF THE

# TOWN OF SHERMAN

FOR THE YEAR

1908-1909



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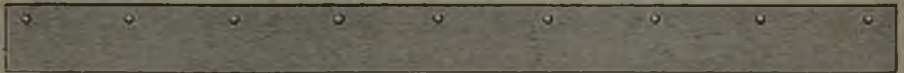
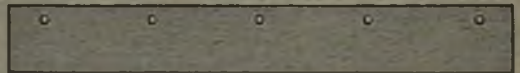
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# Town Officers

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Town Clerk

LEWIS E. JACKMAN

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

FRANK ALLINGHAM, FRED G. DURGAN,  
THAN S. ROBINSON

Treasurer

R. E. BOWERS

Superintendent of Schools

F. E. RUSSELL

School Committee

H. B. SLEEPER, L. E. JACKMAN,  
C. A. WREN

Collector of Taxes

VERDI LUDGATE

Road Commissioner

FRANK A. BURNHAM

Town Agent

VERDI LUDGATE

## Assessors' Report

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SHERMAN, ME., April 20, 1908.

Following is a statement of the inventory and valuation of taxable property and polls as found in the town of Sherman, April 1, 1908, the same being a copy of our return to the State Assessors.

Real estate, resident.....	\$184,145 00	
Real estate, non-resident.....	18,985 00	
Total real estate.....		\$ 203,130 00
Personal estate, resident.....	\$64,850 00	
Personal estate, non-resident.....		
Total personal estate.....		64,850 00
Total valuation.....		\$267,980 00

No. of polls taxed, 274. No of polls not taxed, 29.

### LIVE STOCK.

337 horses .....	\$ 23,155 00	
23 three years old colts .....	1,295 00	
23 two   "   "   " .....	915 00	
18 colts, under two years old.....	495 00	
286 cows .....	5,710 00	
4 oxen .....	140 00	
53 three years old .....	800 00	
68 two years old .....	685 00	
112 one year old.....	565 00	
573 sheep.....	1,665 00	
127 swine.....	785 00	
		\$36,210 00

## ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Trust Co. stock,	\$ 750 00	
Money at interest,	5,100 00	
Stock in trade,	15,630 00	
Carriages.	3,985 00	
Automobiles,	200 00	
Musical instruments,	1,815 00	
Other personal property,	1,160 00	
	<hr/>	\$28,640 00
Amount of live stock brought forward,		36,210 00
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Total amount of personal estate,		\$ 64,850 00
Total amount of real estate,		203,130 00
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		\$267,980 00



## ASSESSMENT, 1908.

On the above polls and estates as per warrants from the State Treasurer and County Treasurer, and as per vote of the town at the annual town meeting held March 16, 1908, the following assessment was made :

For schools,	\$ 539 00	
school books,	200 00	
repairs on school houses,	250 00	
free high school,	175 00	
memorial observances,	25 00	
support of poor,	800 00	
roads, bridges and culverts,	2,500 00	
State road,	38 00	
cemeteries,	200 00	
incidental expenses,	100 00	
town officers,	600 00	
interest,	250 00	
State tax,	695 05	
County tax,	387 75	
Overlay,	219 72	
		\$6,979 52
Tax rate on \$1.00, .024.		
Tax on polls, \$2.00 each, 274,	\$ 548 00	
Tax on real and personal estate,	6,431 52	
		\$6,979 52

FRANK ALLINGHAM, } Assessors  
 FRED G. DURGAN, } of  
 THAN S. ROBINSON, } Sherman.

## Report of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, etc.

### MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES.

Town appropriation,	\$ 25 00
Paid Ira B. Bryant, quartermaster A. C. Post,	25 00

### CEMETERIES.

Overdrawn last year,	\$ 19 12	
T. S. Robinson, wire fence,	17 25	
G. W. Parker, freight and truckage,	1 37	
Chester Wren, work on fence cemetery No. 2,	12 92	
J. G. Dolly, lumber for fence cemetery No. 2,	4 50	
Joel Lane, hauling lumber,	1 00	
Albert Scudder, work on fence,	19 60	
Arthur Nason, work on fence,	41 25	
Albert Scudder, work on fence,	4 50	
Charles Perrin, work in cemetery No. 2,	7 00	
I. T. Daggett, fitting lumber, cemetery No. 2,	3 50	
F. G. Durgan, posts,	14 25	
John H. Doe, labor in cemetery No. 3,	6 00	
G. L. Daggett, pipe and filling for cemetery No. 2,	66 00	
John Gosnell, work on cemetery No. 2,	22 80	
I. E. Seavey, store supplies " "	12 85	
B. F. Emery, work on fence,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 254 90
Town appropriation,		200 00
Overdrawn,		<hr/> \$ 54 90

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL FOR 1908.

Overdrawn in 1907,	\$ 38 75	
Paid J. T. Piper, 6 cords of dry wood,	12 00	
Edward Linscott, teaching one month,	50 00	
Wallace Spooner, janitor work,	6 00	
Lottie Roberts, teaching,	120 00	
Edward Linscott, teaching \$100.00; travel \$5.00,	105 00	
Mrs. Horace Ludgate, board of E. L. Linscott,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 379 75
Town appropriation,	\$ 150 00	
Received for tuition,	26 50	
"    "    State,	63 50	
"    "    "	10 00	
"    "    "	128 25	
	<hr/>	378 25
Overdrawn,		<hr/> \$ 1 50

## STATE ROAD.

Miles Gibbons, labor,	\$ 24 20	
J. M. Ingalls, "	15 00	
Frank McNalley, "	18 00	
Joel Lane, "	25 00	
Fred Willett, "	52 60	
Jose Rose, "	28 80	
Miles Gibbons, "	6 75	
R. E. Bowers, "	7 00	
Frank McNalley, "	16 50	
D. H. Perry, "	7 25	
Lee Gilchrest, "	42 49	
Thomas Dubay, "	15 00	
Frank A. Burnham, labor with team,	24 75	
Frank Powers, "	2 62	
	<hr/>	\$ 285 96

APPROPRIATIONS.

Taken from town appropriation,	\$ 76 00	
Town appropriation for State road,	38 00	
State appropriation,	171 00	
Overdrawn to balance,	96	
	<hr/>	\$ 285 96

ROADS, BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Overdrawn last year,		\$181 81
Paid Leroy Morgan, labor,		1 50
W. H. Bowden, "		2 00
Albert Cox, "		1 92
E. H. Plourd, "		2 36
H. B. Sleeper, "		2 45
W. A. Sawyer, "		6 73
Leonard Tozier, "		1 75
Victor Freve, "		2 28
Claphas Freve, "		3 15
C. M. Conant Co., road machine repairs,	10 70	
M. L. Morgan, labor,		2 00
Miles Gibbons, "		12 25
F. F. Smith, "		15 00
" " "		10 00
Lloyd Smith, "		8 00
E. S. Cushman, "		10 00
B. & A. R. R. Co., freight on coal,	24 73	
F. A. Burnham, crusher repairs,		8 36
" " ties for culverts,		37 80
" " labor of team,		16 87
Bacon & Robinson, coal for crusher,	67 07	
Lloyd Smith, labor,		10 00
C. M. Conant Co., supplies for crusher,	15 34	
Ray Morgan, labor,		87
Lloyd Smith, "		7 00
F. F. Smith, "		15 50
" " "		14 50

Peter Willett, labor,	9 79
Joseph Markey, “	40 38
Joseph Guders, “	26 05
James Brophy, “	34 65
Lloyd Smith, “	19 19
F. F. Smith, “	29 60
Frank Powers, “	12 00
P. H. Powers, “	6 00
A. H. Gould, “	7 30
W. R. Gallison, “	28 25
Sidney McNalley, “	45 50
M. L. Morgan, “	16 00
J. M. Ingalls, “	25 00
George Gould, “	11 90
Francis Powers, “	2 25
Frank Powers, “	5 00
C. D. Dearborn, “	22 50
A. H. Spooner, highway supplies,	2 20
F. A. Burnham, team work,	74 25
Claphas Freve, labor,	93 60
P. H. Powers, “	21 37
Willard Cox, “	34 50
Allison Cox, “	25 80
Frank McNalley, “	26 09
George Cushman, “	48 12
Victor Freve, “	1 58
I. B. Bryant, “	87
A. N. Gould, “	7 89
John Scanlan, “	66 95
Ivory Heath, “	7 30
Lee Gilchrest, “	10 00
J. M. Ingalls, “	32 17
W. A. Sawyer, “	452 80
Fred Tarr, “	26 25
Herbert Cox, “	39 20
A. T. Robinson, lumber for culverts,	90

Irving Roberts,	labor,	3 50
Joseph Dolley,	“	9 00
Joel Lane,	“	39 84
Albert Scudder,	“	12 93
S. E. Scudder,	“	12 58
Claphas Freve,	“	19 50
C. C. Joy, lumber,		37 99
Henry Farmer,	labor,	45 85
Lee Gilchrest,	“	10 00
G. A. Frank,	“	20 65
C. H. Henderson, Jr.,	labor,	3 05
John Gosnell, labor on bridge, bolts, etc.,		5 05
S. E. Scudder,	labor,	6 12
J. P. Scudder,	“	23 10
W. A. Bryant,	“	10 50
Frank Cox,	“	2 62
E. F. Harriman,	“	10 00
L. Garnett,	“	10 50
William Frank,	“	3 50
A. B. Black, agent, crusher repairs,		70 65
R. L. Davis, blacksmith work,		2 25
Frank A. Ambrose, axle grease,		85
H. W. Elwell, labor,		4 37
Sherman Lumber Co., lumber,		4 50
Victor Freve,	labor,	4 61
Jerry Ingalls,	“	17 00
Claphas Freve,	“	4 61
Stanley Heath,	“	20 00
W. A. Sawyer,	“	12 50
W. A. Sawyer, dynamite,		3 50
Thomas Dubay,	labor,	24 42
Harry Welch,	“	8 80
Miles Gibbons,	“	4 00
Thomas Dubay,	“	2 00
J. M. Darling,	“	5 60
I. T. Daggett, repairs on road machinery,		13 25

Frank McNalley,	labor,	8 00
Clara Robinson,	“	7 75
J. M. Darling,	“	21 00
J. S. Russell,	“	1 02
Charles Perrin,	“	8 19
C. A. McLaughlin,	“	8 72
K. B. Woodbridge,	“	6 50
H. R. Dearborn,	“	12 65
B. B. Bragdon,	“	1 50
Charles Daggett,	“	6 25
H. W. Ludgate,	“	1 00
Leroy Morgan,	“	6 75
W. H. Bowden,	“	12 25
F. A. Burnham,	labor with team,	12 75
G. L. Daggett,	repairs and supplies,	15 35
Will Irish,	labor,	29 95
Pearl E. Young,	“	4 00
J. E. Noble,	repairs and supplies,	16 00
Theo. E. Joy,	repairs,	2 60
Charles Emery,	labor,	1 50
John McCordic,	“	4 70
Fred Bouchard,	“	3 50
Frank Conroy,	“	7 20
W. H. McLaughlin,	“	8 75
Frank Brewer,	boarding road men,	8 75
Frank Heath,	labor,	1 21
E. M. Jackman,	lumber,	42 96
Jackman & Caldwell,	store supplies,	2 35
I. E. Seavey,	store supplies,	17 85
John Scanlan,	boarding road men,	7 80
Waldo Clark,	labor with team,	15 00
W. P. Curtis,	store supplies,	67
M. L. Morgan,	labor,	8 00
James Ingalls,	“	12 25
Ned Joy,	“ snow work,	20
C. A. Wren,	supplies for roads,	3 53

George Kneeland, labor,	1 56	
W. R. Gallison, labor snow work,	33 50	
W. H. Lewis, road supplies,	2 48	
I. T. Daggett, repairs on roller,	1 15	
J. S. Russell, labor, snow work,	80	
O. W. Sides, " "	21 70	
R. E. & T. S. Robinson, labor, snow work and cash paid out for same,	27 75	
F. E. Grout, labor, snow work,	21 00	
G. L. Daggett, repairing road machine,	3 15	
R. E. Bowers, labor, snow road,	2 80	
Willie Bryant, " "	5 60	
D. H. Perry, " "	8 10	
C. E. Joy, " "	1 40	
Otis Hunt, " "	2 62	
Albert Ingraham, " "	2 00	
Fred Tarr, " "	5 25	
Wilbur O'Roak, " "	7 75	
Frank Porter, " "	4 93	
Frank Burnham, postage,	1 40	
Frank Conroy, labor, snow road,	19 25	
Harry Welch, " "	26 62	
C. A. McLaughlin, " "	7 70	
Frank Powers, " "	1 75	
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Town appropriation,		\$2833 14
		2424 00
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Overdrawn,		\$ 409 14

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

Town appropriation,	\$200 00	
Received for books sold,	62 62	
Unexpended last year,	24 61	
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Paid for school books,		\$ 287 23
		243 60
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Unexpended,		\$ 43 63

See report of superintendent of schools.



## COMMON SCHOOLS.

Unexpended last year,	\$368 94	
Town appropriation,	539 00	
Received from State,	1271 93	
interest on school fund,	301 74	
from J. A. Roberts, tuition,	13 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$2494 61
Paid for teaching, fuel, janitor work and transportation of teachers and scholars,		2006 71
Unexpended,		<u>          </u>
See report of superintendent of schools.		\$ 487 90

## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES, INSURANCE, ETC.

Paid for repairs, insurance, etc.,		\$ 311 62
Unexpended last year,	\$ 49 46	
Town appropriation,	250 00	
	<u>          </u>	299 46
Overdrawn,		<u>          </u>
See report of superintendent of schools.		\$ 12 16

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid	
Frank Allingham, expressage and postage on town reports,	\$ 2 65
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks, etc.,	13 90
Thomas W. Burr Printing Co., printing reports,	29 00
W. A Sawyer, wood for town hall	20 00
Superintendent of Schools, Island Falls, tuition of Cora Gillespie, Hope Jamison, Fern Curtis, Ethel Har- riman, Alice Robinson, Willis Brad- ford, Gladys Bradford, Erdine Mor- gan, Nina Trafton, Harland Bry- ant, winter term, 1908,	56 00
Patten Academy, tuition of Claude But- terfield, two terms,	15 00
Island Falls Academy, tuition, spring term,	40 50
Ricker Classical Institute, tuition of Hal Cushman, spring term,	9 50
A. H. Spooner, supplies for Board of Health,	1 99
A. H. Spooner, supplies for town hall,	1 62
John Gosnell, work on town hall,	2 80
F. Allingham, expenses to Houlton to meet the State Assessors,	2 60
Dennis Lane, ground rent for tool house,	5 00
Frank McNalley, fighting forest fires,	1 00
Frank L. Brewer, public watering place,	3 00
Ricker Classical Institute, tuition of Hal Cushman, Gladys and Willis Brad- ford,	33 00
Jackman & Caldwell, broom for town hall,	50
Geo. S. Gentle & Co., insurance on town hall for three years,	99 00
E. S. Cushman, one sheep killed by dogs,	4 00

W. L. Lewis, supplies for town hall,	61	
A. H. Spooner, supplies for Board of Health,	1 84	
A. H. Spooner, supplies for town hall,	1 20	
George W. Durgan, public watering place,	1 50	
Bert Woodbridge, wood for town hall,	20 50	
Island Falls, tuition of Ethel Harriman,	12 00	
Ricker Classical Institute, tuition of Hal Cush- man, Willis Bradford, Gladys Bradford,	33 00	
Ricker Classical Institute, tuition, winter term of Hal Cushman, Willis Bradford and Gladys Bradford,	28 50	
Walter Spooner, services as janitor of town hall,	52 04	
J. W. Caldwell, stamps, justice fees, etc.,	7 99	
	<hr/>	\$500 24

## APPROPRIATIONS.

Unexpended from last year,	\$189 44	
Town appropriation,	100 00	
Received from State, tuition of scholars at outside schools,	103 25	
Dog licenses refunded,	30 83	
Received for rent of town hall,	155 00	
	<hr/>	578 52
Unexpended,		<hr/> \$ 78 28

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid T. S. Robinson, for services as selectman, etc.,		\$ 72 50
Frank Allingham, " " " "		125 00
F. G. Durgan, " " " "		55 00
F. A. Burnham, " " road commissioner		195 30
F. E. Russell, " " school supt.,		88 88
R. E. Bowers, " " ballot clerk,		4 00
" " " " treasurer,		50 00
Theo. E. Joy, " " ballot clerk,		4 00
L. E. Jackman, " " board of health,		3 00
" " " " town clerk,		16 25
" " " " S. S. committee,		13 26
C. A. Wren, " " " "		6 25
H. B. Sleeper, " " " "		5 00
C. S. Cushman, " " truant officer,		4 00
Verdi Ludgate, " " moderator,		2 00
" " " " collector of taxes,		139 15
" " " " town agent,		7 00
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		\$790 59
Unexpended from last year,	\$ 75 92	
Town appropriation,	600 00	
Overlay,	219 72	
	<hr/>	895 64
Unexpended,		<hr/>
		\$105 05

## TOWN PAUPERS.

## MRS. BISHOP.

Paid F. F. Bigelow, M. D., medical attendance,	\$ 4 00	
Fred Soucie, board and care,	15 00	
“ “ clothing to April 30th,	27 00	
“ board for the month of May,	13 50	
“ “ “ “ June,	13 00	
“ “ “ “ July,	13 00	
“ “ “ “ Aug.	13 00	
“ board and clothing, for Sep- tember,	17 00	
“ “ “ Oct.	13 00	
“ board for November and December, 8½ weeks,	25 50	
	<hr/>	\$154 00

## CHARLES HENDERSON.

Paid Leland Dennett, store supplies,	\$12 16	
F. C. Harris, M. D., medical attendance,	28 50	
Jackman & Caldwell, store supplies,	16 58	
P. N. Bishop, “	13 25	
W. H. Lewes, “	3 36	
Jackman & Caldwell, “	7 04	
F. C. Harris, M. D., medical attendance,	6 50	
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## FRED STUBBS.

F. G. Durgan, clothing for Bernard Stubbs,	\$6 96	6 96
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## ISAAC W. SMITH.

I. E. Seavey, store supplies,	\$ 6 67	
W. P. Curtis, “	54 02	
I. E. Seavey, “	2 50	
W. P. Curtis, “	23 62	
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## MARGARET FINNEGAN.

Paid Eastern Maine Insane Hospital,	241 76
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E. S. ROWE.

Paid Eastern Maine Insane Hospital,	161 11
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HERBERT A. VERRILL.

Paid Eastern Maine Insane Hospital,	168 61
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\$876 64
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Overdrawn last year,

28 37
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Rec'd from D. Lewis, guardian M. Finnegan,	\$122 24
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Town appropriation,	800 00
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922 24
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Unexpended,

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\$ 17 23
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## STATE PAUPERS.

Paid for support of Louisa P. Libby,	\$103 00
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George Walls,	283 21
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Raphæl Plourd,	15 20
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Mrs. Joseph Langley,	43 36
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David Albert Butler,	47 40
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John P. St. John,	104 00
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\$596 17
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Received from State on acct. State paupers,	\$444 78
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Due from State on acct. State paupers,	99 08
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## INTEREST ACCOUNT, 1908.

1909			
March 1st.	Paid on town orders,	\$ 4 01	
	“ “ school fund orders,	229 36	
		<u>          </u>	\$233 37
	Unexpended from last year,	\$ 18 66	
	Town appropriation,	250 00	
	Received interest from bank,	6 82	
	“ “ on J. M. Darling's note,	4 50	
		<u>          </u>	279 98
			<u>          </u>
	Unexpended,		\$ 46 61

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
MARCH 1, 1909.

Cemeteries,	\$ 235 78	
Memorial observances,	25 00	
Free high school, 1908,	341 00	
Town paupers,	876 64	
State paupers,	596 17	
School books,	243 60	
Common schools,	2006 71	
Repairs of school houses, etc.,	311 62	
Roads, bridges and culverts,	2651 33	
State road,	285 96	
Incidental expenses,	500 24	
Town officers,	790 59	
Interest,	233 37	
	<u>          </u>	\$9,098 01

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

## LIABILITIES.

Public school fund, order Nos. 252, 1 and 96	\$ 5,733 89	
Outstanding town orders,	147 99	
	<u>          </u>	\$5,881 88

## ASSETS.

Due from State on acct. of State paupers,	\$ 99 08	
State on acct. of scholars to		
graded schools,	36 75	
for rent of town hall,	48 00	
Balance on J. M. Darling's note,	50 00	
Cash in hands of treasurer,	1,716 67	
Cash in hands of selectmen,	51 14	
	<u>          </u>	2,001 64
Town debt		<u>          </u> \$3,880 24

## OTHER TOWN PROPERTY.

Town hall and lot,	\$4,000 00
School property,	4,000 00
Town tool house,	300 00
Stone crusher and highway tools,	2,000 00
	<u>          </u>
	\$10,300 00

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK ALLINGHAM,	} Selectmen of Sherman.
FRED G. DURGAN,	
THAN S. ROBINSON,	



# Report of Town Treasurer

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 27, 1909

## RECEIPTS

Of C. C. Joy, 1907-8 as follows :	
Cash on hand,	\$2082 33
J. M. Darling, note,	75 00
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Total,	\$2157 33
Received of V. Ludgate, coll.,	6981 52
Int. collected on school fund,	72 38
Tuition High School,	21 50
“ refunded, L. E. Jackman,	5 00
State treasurer, dog license refunded,	30 83
“ acct. State pensions,	228 00
“ “ paupers,	444 78
“ “ roads,	171 00
“ “ free high schools,	305 00
“ “ school and mill fund,	1271 93
D. Lewis, g'dn. Margaret Finnegan,	122 24
Walter T. Spooner, town hall rent,	103 86
B. Longfellow for wood,	7 50
J. Smith, casket Mrs. Lilly,	30 00
Town clerk dog license,	48 00
Interest on money in bank,	6 82
Town of Island Falls,	3 70
“ Benedicta,	9 82
“ Stacyville,	31 33
“ Crystal,	30 77
Interest on J. M. Darling note,	4 50

## EXPENDITURES:

Paid on town orders,	\$8951 88	
State treasurer account pensions,	228 00	
"          " dog licenses,	48 00	
"          " State tax in full,	698 05	
County tax in full,	387 75	
Interest on town orders,	4 71	
Stationery and postage,	2 75	
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Total expenditures,	\$10,321 14	
Balance on hand as follows :		
Cash on hand,	1,716 67	
Balance due on J. M. Darling note,	50 00	
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Expended and on hand,	\$12,087 81	\$12,087 81

R. E. BOWERS, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Received of C. C. Joy, Treasurer 1907-8.

Town order No. 252,	\$ 3823 89	
"    "    1,	150 00	
"    "    96,	1760 00	
Note of F. M. and Villa Caldwell,	114 16	
Note of A. A. and G. L. Bryant,	216 65	
Cash,	355 78	
A. A. and G. L. Bryant, interest on note to January, 1909,	50 51	
John Gosnell on lines of pub. lots,		\$ 3 00
Town Treasurer interest on note,		47 51
F. M. and Villa Caldwell, interest on note to January, 1909,	24 87	
Town Treasurer interest on note,		24 87
Money in Bangor Savings Bank,		355 00
Cash,		78
Town order No. 252,	3823 89	
"    "    1,	150 00	
"    "    96,	1760 00	
Note of F. M. and Villa Caldwell,	114 16	
"    A. A. and G. L. Bryant,	216 65	
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	\$6495 86	\$6495 86

R. E. BOWERS, Treasurer.

# School Report

## OF TOWN OF SHERMAN FOR THE YEAR 1908-9.

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### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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TO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF SHERMAN :

This my first year's work has been largely one of getting acquainted with the conditions, needs and possibilities of the schools.

I have made a study of the text books, established a course of study, taken steps to grade the schools, examined teachers, held teacher's meeting, visited the schools twice a month each, furnished the teachers with directions for teaching and school management, made numerous criticisms and suggestions about school work, received frequent reports and written lessons from each school, and attended county and state teacher's meetings.

I have not thought it wise to make radical changes at first, but to make such changes as from time to time the local conditions would seem to warrant.

I think the time has come when certain important changes ought and can be made. I will mention these in the course of my report.

### SCHOOL EQUIPMENT.

Education of the young is the most important work of a town ; it should be the development of all his powers ; it should have to do with both the body and the mind, with the hand as well as the brain ; it should fit him to fill successfully his station in life and make him a good and useful citizen. It does this by well directed self activity and by the adaptation of suitable means for the end.

This comprehensive view of the subject suggests many things about the equipment of a school, the activities of the child, and the qualities of the teacher.

I wish to submit the following universally accepted propositions :

1. Always keep before the child correct and high ideals, children are naturally imitators.
2. As far as possible make the good things pleasant, a feeling of pleasure is important in the development of the child.
3. All educators recognize the importance of play for the child, hence the need of play grounds in good weather and play rooms in bad weather.
4. Physical well being is of first importance, hence the need of healthful conditions in the school where so much time is spent. Here, should be emphasized first of all, the necessity of correct provisions for heat, light and ventilation.

The light in the ordinary school room should come from windows placed as high as possible on the rear and left of the scholars and equal in amount of glass surface to about one-fifth of the floor surface of the room. The amount of injury that has been done to the eyes of scholars in poorly lighted schools is appalling.

The temperature of the school room should be kept at about seventy-two degrees.

As to ventilation, a pint of air is used with every breath, and is not fit to be used again ; hence the need of systematic ventilation of school rooms. Foul air weakens the system, causes colds, increases the chances of disease, causes the children to be cross, listless, inattentive, inactive, and is a prolific source of disorder and poor work as well as ill health.

Provision should be made for admitting fresh air, and removing foul air. Fresh air should be admitted so as to avoid cold drafts ; it is usually done by having it pass by a heated surface in a ventilating stove, furnace, or steam or hot water pipes. Foul air should be removed by a ventilating flue usually, in small building, as a part of the chimney. The foul air opening should be near the floor.

Furniture of the correct size and shape should be provided ; the desk should be three-sevenths of the height of the child, and slope a little, the back should conform to the curves of the back of the child, inclining backward, the seat should be two-sevenths

of the height of the child in height and incline back a little, the top of the desk should lap the seat one and one-half inches. A violation of these rules will result in poor work especially in writing, discomfort and probably deformity.

5. The child should be taught to do things as well as to learn from books. This will make education truly practical. The things most talked of now among progressive educators are manual training, industrial training, household economy and elementary agriculture in the schools. Hence the need of a work bench and a few tools for the boys, something correspondingly useful for the girls, and land.

This does not mean necessarily much expense in equipment, nor a heavy load added to an already crowded program, because the few hours of work a week given to these things helps so much to waken the mind and kindle the interest that better work results all round. This appeals especially to the so-called dull scholars and has often saved them for the school. These are the results wherever manual training has been tried. Body and mind depend on each other and the development of one helps the other. Agriculture in the schools will also help the boys and girls to love and appreciate farm life as well as help fit them for their work. These new ideas of education are being put into practice just as fast as teachers can be fitted for the work.

#### WHAT CAN BE DONE.

Not all these things can be done at once, or equally in all places but a beginning can be made, and as fast as repairs in buildings or other changes have to be made, let them be made in the right direction.

#### COURSE OF STUDY.

I have found many scholars that were not taking the right amount of work in the right subjects; many had neglected some subjects, and had been advanced too far in others. The proper remedy is a course of study such, as has been adopted, and grading.

### TEXT BOOKS.

A lack of uniformity in some books demanding a change, and the need of many scholars taking more work has caused a greater expenditure for books than ordinarily will be needed. Some further change is needed for the coming year.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Contagious diseases in several districts have been the cause of a great shrinkage in attendance. I regret to say that less reasonable causes have existed. Two schools have had a bad record of attendance for years even when teachers have been popular. This has resulted in a low standard of a school. Irregular attendance will ruin the work and kill the interest of any scholar.

### THE PARENT.

The attitude of the parent towards the school decides to a great degree the amount of its usefulness. It is well to remember that children are not in a position to judge of the merits of a teacher, that they do not see things from the right point of view, that their feelings and prejudices easily color the things they experience, and that they seldom complain unless listened to and encouraged. To control a room full of active, restless children, and teach well is a severe task at best, but it is greatly lightened if the scholars know that the parents at home are on the side of the teacher.

If any parent thinks anything is wrong, please consult the superintendent and it may be a favor to him and help him.

### TEACHERS.

It has been my hardest task to find and keep good teachers. They are scarce and growing scarcer. I plan to hire teachers by the year if possible, so as to avoid the waste involved in frequent changes.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL.

This school has a good attendance and is doing excellent work. It would be much better to get it out of the way of the other

schools, and hire one teacher with the money used, and making the school correspondingly longer. It would then be possible to maintain a course of study. The money now spent for our high school and the money spent for tuition, and the tuition that would be received by the town would maintain a good high school during the school year. Then all fitted for a high school would get the benefit of it, instead of the few as it is now. A regular high school would be a stimulus to all the schools in town. The one thing lacking is room for the school. If the school is to be kept up at all it ought to be given a better chance.

#### COMMON SCHOOLS.

These schools should have a longer year. A good year's work in the rural schools cannot be done in less than thirty weeks. A longer year will also be an inducement for teachers.

The village schools are well graded and the others are as well graded as can be expected in one year's time.

Excellent order has prevailed throughout the year, and good work as a rule, excellent work in some schools.

About thirty scholars will complete the ninth grade in the spring term and be ready for a high school. An important question is, what will become of them, shall all have a chance to go on, or only a few?

#### NEEDS.

1. The school building in No. 1 needs extensive repairs.
2. New furniture should be put in Nos. 1 and 6.
3. A longer school year for all the schools. Three terms for the high school.
4. Adequate accommodation for the primary, grammar and high schools. A high school will need a laboratory for the study of sciences. The present quarters are barely one-third large enough.

I realize that I have touched on a great problem. I will state briefly my view of it from the standpoint of the imperative need of the schools. There are needed :



1st. A lot of two acres of land as a play ground for one hundred scholars, and as a place for studying elementary agriculture.

2nd. A building of four rooms for the three schools and a laboratory, large enough to seat not less than thirty-five scholars each. A basement should be under all the building for heating apparatus and play rooms. There should be hall space enough for the free movements of the scholars, wardrobe space and stairways.

Such a building can be erected and equipped for six thousand dollars.

After carefully weighing the matter, I have come to the conclusion that nothing can be saved by using the old building, because the expense of making the necessary changes in it, putting basement under it and then adding twice as much to the building will bring the cost up to that of a new building.

And there are other things to consider.

1. It would give not the necessary amount of land.
2. The building could not be made as convenient.
3. The town would not own the building on the lot.

After such an outlay of money, the job ought to be done right or not at all.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## HIGH SCHOOL AND TUITION.

To appropriation .....	\$150 00	
" $\frac{1}{2}$ of amount expended for high school tuition.....	89 75	
Tuition received .....	26 50	
State .....	305 00	
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Total .....		\$571 25
By paid		
Overdrawn 1907.....	\$ 38 75	
E. L. Linscott, teaching.....	155 00	
Lottie Roberts, " .....	120 00	
Mrs. Ludgate, board .....	48 00	
J. T. Piper, wood.....	12 00	
W. Spooner, janitor....	6 00	
Ricker Classical Institute, tuition....	71 00	
Town of Island Falls, tuition.....	108 50	
Unexpended .....	12 00	
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Total ..		\$571 25

## COMMON SCHOOLS

To balance from 1907 .....		\$ 368 94	
appropriations .....		539 00	
town fund .....		301 74	
State .....		1271 93	
tuition, Crystal .....		13 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 2494 61
By paid Ida W. Shean,	teaching	\$180 60	
Isabel Richmond,	“	36 00	
Pansy Emery,	“	240 00	
Jennie Graves,	“	72 00	
Myra Turner,	“	166 90	
Lottie Roberts,	“	80 00	
Blanche Boober,	“	155 00	
Jessie Reed,	“	74 75	
Sadie Corliss,	“	72 00	
Francina Morcy	“	72 00	
Agnes McNalley,	“	134 30	
Alfred Wass, Jr.	“	76 00	
Grace Daggett,	“	64 00	
Maude Dubay	“	112 00	
L. Katherine Hopkins,	“	67 40	
Badice Downing,	“	64 00	
Nina R. Bishop,	“	64 00	
F. E. Russell, travel,		2 80	
Stacyville, tuition,		38 41	
C. L. Daggett, conveyance,		78 50	
Charles McLaughlin, conveyance		12 00	
Philip Trafton, janitor,		6 00	
Ivan Burnham,	“	4 00	
H. L. Morgan,	“	2 00	
Agnes McNalley,	“	4 00	
Arthur L. Stubbs,	“	2 00	
Wallace Spooner,	“	6 60	
H. Bryant,	“	1 40	

Grace Daggett, janitor,	2 00	
Maude Dubay, “	4 00	
Amber Davis, “	4 00	
Wilbur Dunbar, “	2 00	
Roy Gourley, “	7 00	
Lottie Roberts, “	2 00	
George Bragdon, “	2 50	
Edwin Morgan, “	1 00	
Chauncey Murry, “	2 00	
Roy Gourley, wood	1 00	
Philip Trafton, “	2 00	
D. R. Nickerson, “	5 00	
C. L. Emery, “	16 00	
L. L. Perry, “	12 35	
Burns Bragdon, “	16 00	
Ed. Rand, “	24 00	
Herman Elwell, “	1 00	
Thomas Dubay, “	1 00	
Bert Woodbridge, “	13 20	
Unexpended,	487 90	
Total,		\$2494 61

## TEXT BOOKS.

To balance from 1907,	\$ 24 61	
appropriation,	200 00	
books sold,	62 62	
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Total,		\$287 23
By paid Am. Book Co.,	\$ 21 69	
Ginn & Co.,	125 05	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	32 64	
Edwin E. Babb & Co.,	24 71	
Loring, Short & Harmon,	1 80	
Smith & Sale,	83	
H. L. Palmer,	6 00	
Milton Bradley Co.,	10 50	
F. E. Russell,	18 88	
Morgridge & Tucker,	1 50	
Unexpended,	43 63	
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Total,		\$287 23

## REPAIRS, ETC.

To balance from 1907.....	\$ 49 46	
appropriation.....	250 00	
overdrawn.....	12 16	
Total.....	<u>          </u>	\$311 62
By paid		
Thos. Joy.....	\$5 75	
Susie Landers.....	4 00	
Walter Spooner.....	2 82	
Geo. L. Daggett.....	1 00	
W. P. Curtis.....	1 05	
Chris. McLaughlin.....	2 00	
D. B. Nickerson.....	50	
A. H. Spooner.....	9 97	
G. P. Gallison.....	42 63	
Richard Garnet.....	7 00	
H. B. Sleeper.....	6 05	
Nizolla Trafton.....	11 00	
F. M. Elwell.....	5 00	
Arthur Nason.....	56 75	
L. E. Jackman.....	31 50	
Mrs. Perry.....	3 00	
Mrs. Daggett.....	4 50	
Calvin A. Emery.....	1 50	
James M. Emery.....	35 00	
John Garnold.....	3 00	
Geo. S. Gentle.....	42 00	
Jackman & Caldwell.....	1 00	
I. E. Seavey.....	23 32	
F. E. Russell.....	7 50	
Herman Elwell.....	1 00	
Thomas Dubay.....	50	
C. A. Wren.....	60	
W. H. Lewis.....	28	
A. T. Robinson.....	1 40	
Total.....	<u>          </u>	\$311 62

## STATISTICS

Number of scholars in town Apr. 1, 1908	319		
Number of scholars in schools in 1908-09	230		
	Number registered.	Spring.	Fall.
High	} from Sherman	40	
	} from other towns	10	
Grammar		35	36
Primary		28	25
No. 1.		28	19
" 3.		35	29
" 4.		16	18
" 5.		31	25
" 6.		11	11
" 7.		9	12
			Winter.
			40
			24
			27
			25
			17
			20
			11
			11

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.

High	} from Sherman	34		
	} from other towns	6		
Grammar		31	33	36
Primary		24	22	22
No. 1.		22	13½	17
" 3.		32	23	22
" 4.		15	16	12
" 5.		23	20	13
" 6.		10	9½	10
" 7.		6½	9½	9
Average salary paid common school teachers,		\$8.97	\$8.95	\$9.20
Visits of Superintendent,		34	30	29
Weeks in school year,		24		

In closing I wish to express my high appreciation of the kindness and consideration shown me by the people of Sherman, also of the hearty co-operation of the school committee.

Respectfully submitted.

F. E. RUSSELL, Supt.









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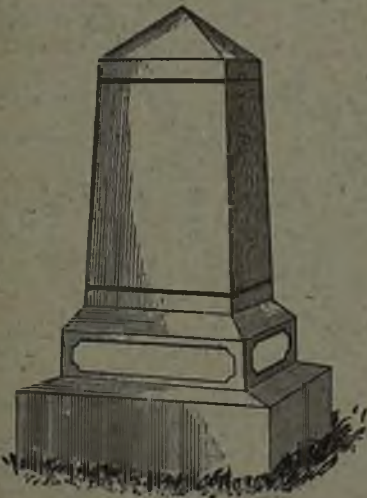


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