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OF THE

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OF THE

Town of Hermon

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH

1903

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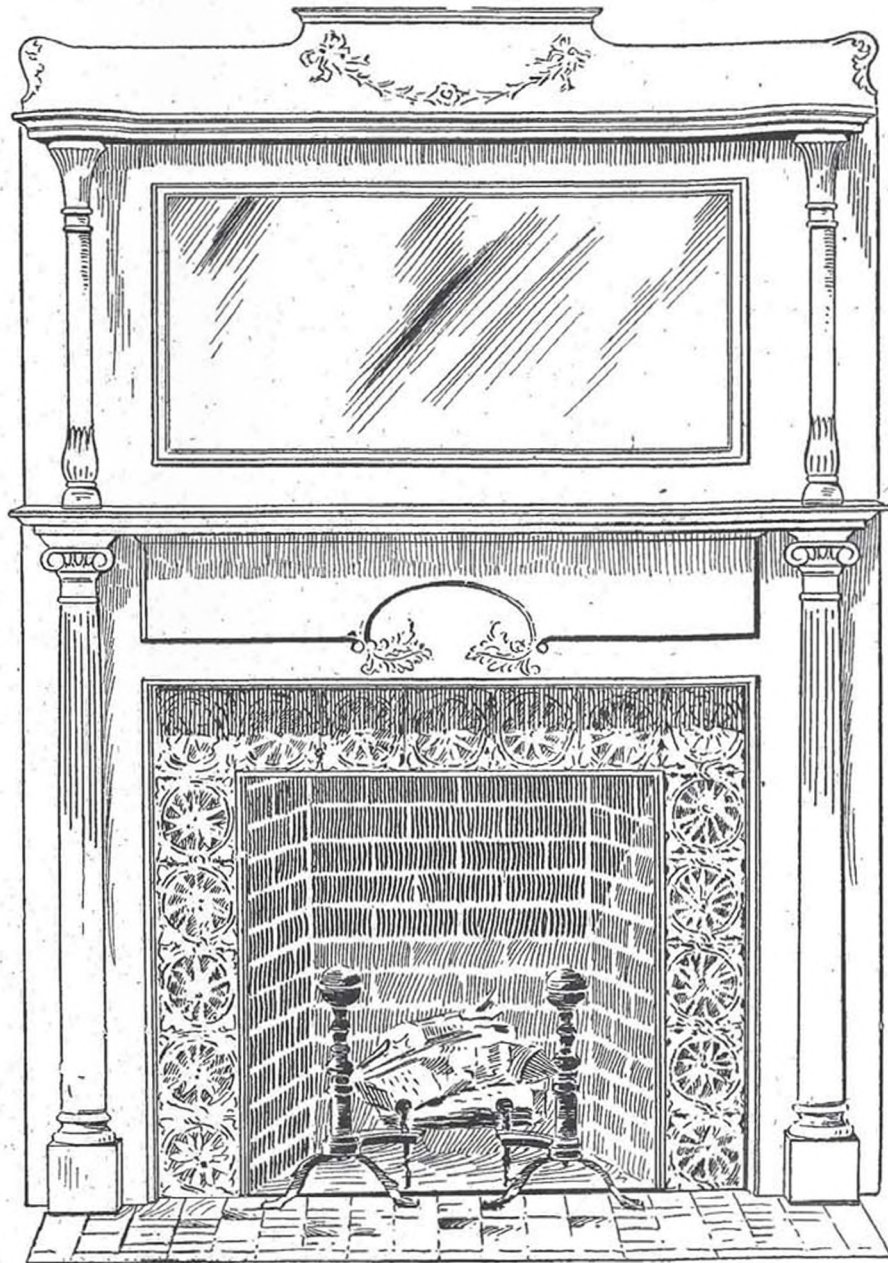
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MAY 1903

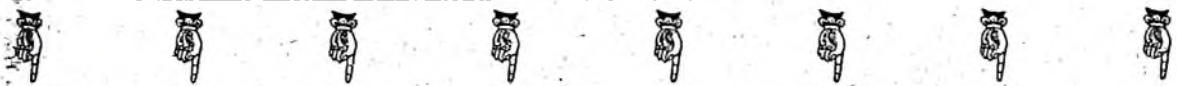
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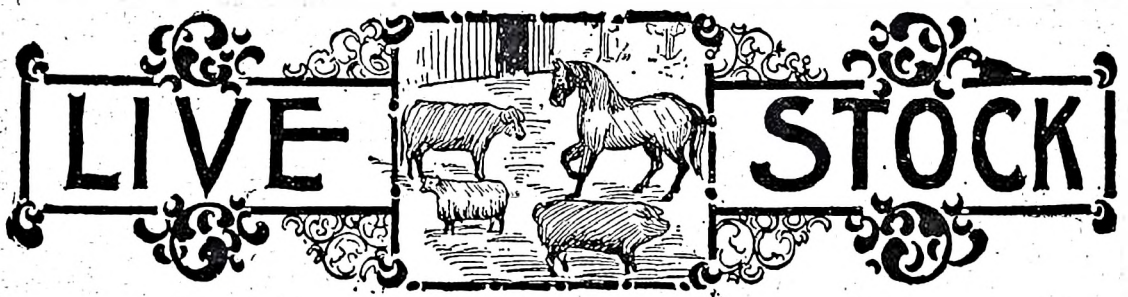
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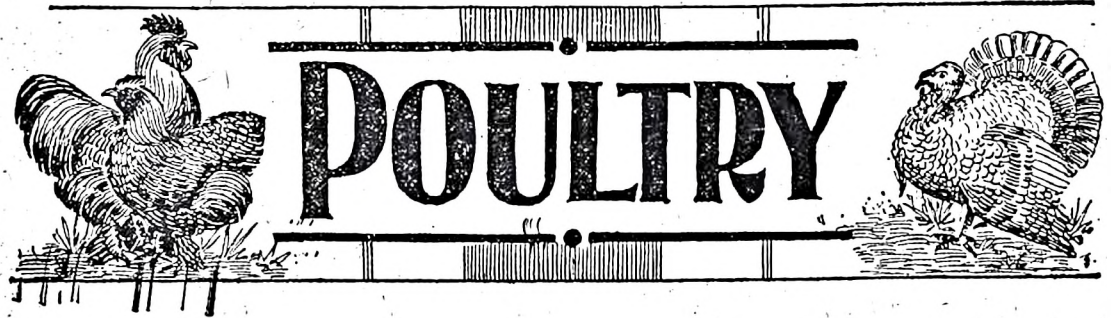
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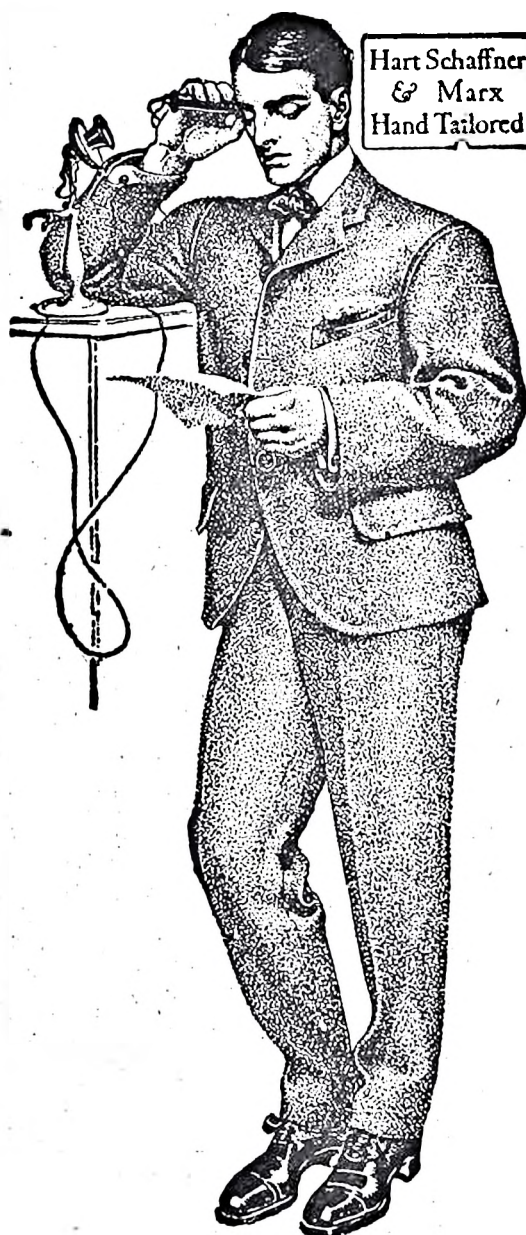


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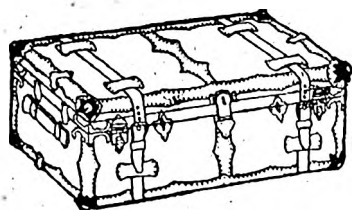
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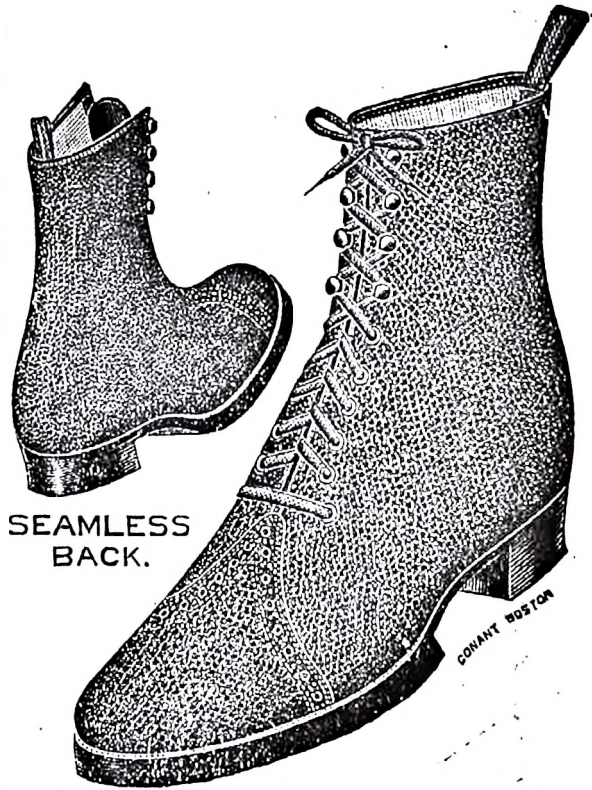
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STATE OF MAINE.

To GEO. E. TIBBETTS, a constable in the town of Hermon, in said county,

GREETING: .

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Hermon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the ninth day of March, A. D. 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a town clerk.
- Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of the town officers as printed.
- Art. 4. To elect three or more selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.
- Art. 5. To elect one member of S. S. committee.
- Art. 6. To elect a superintendent of schools.
- Art. 7. To elect a truant officer.
- Art. 8. To elect a town treasurer.
- Art. 9. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise by taxation for the following purposes: For support of common schools. For support of the poor. For contingent expenses. For repair of roads and bridges; and to determine how it shall be expended. For school books. For repairs on school houses. For school incidentals. For observance of Memorial day to be expended by Dan'l Chaplin Post, No. 72, G. A. R.
- Art. 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to town hearse, and providing a harness for use at funerals.
- Art. 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to enlarging the cemetery at North Hermon, and the care of cemeteries generally.
- Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to rail the town bridge at Snow Corner and raise money for the purpose.
- Art. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to rebuilding the the westerly abutment of the town bridge at Hermon Pond, also the town bridge at Hermon Pond, and rip-rap of the westerly shore between the said abutment and the abutment to the railroad bridge.
- Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to establishing State roads, and in permanent improvement thereof, in compliance with chap. 285, R. S., approved March 22, 1901.
- Art. 15. To receive proposals for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 16. To fix the compensation of the tax collector.
- Art. 17. To elect a tax collector and all other necessary town officers.
- Art. 18. To fix the compensation of the superintendent of schools, S. S. committee, town treasurer and road commissioner.

Art. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to paying Dr. H. J. Webber's bill for services as superintendent of schools, one term, \$75.50 which the selectmen have refused to pay on the ground that the bill is an unreasonable one.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to accept legacy of \$100 given by the will of Wm. Crocker, late of Bangor, which reads as follows, viz: "Sixth, I give and bequeath to the town of Hermon, Maine, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, the income thereof to be used for the perpetual care of the lot in which I may be buried in said Hermon.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the town road known as the "Whiton" or "Whitten" road.

Art. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to future care of the Soldier's Monument and lot.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to allow the "Village Improvement Society" to hold meetings in the Town Hall.

Art. 24. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to let the Town Hall.

Art. 25. To see what action the town will take in regard to the laying out and building of a town way to connect the "Phillips road" so called and the "York road" so called.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to establish and maintain a town school at the school house on the "Reed Hill," known as No. 4.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to establish and maintain a town school in the schoolhouse on the Phillips road, known as No. 14.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to repair the hearse house.

The selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Town House, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Fail not to make due service of this warrant and to return your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Hermon this 27th day of February, A. D. 1903.

FRANK A. BISHOP,	} Selectmen of Hermon.
FRED E. PAINE,	
EVERETT W. MILLER,	

TOWN OF HERMON.

Incorporated 1814.

Population census of 1900, 1183.

TOWN OFFICERS.

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR, 1902-3.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

FRANK A. BISHOP, FRED E. PAINE,
EVERETT W. MILLER.

Town Agent,	FRANK A. BISHOP.
Town Clerk and Treasurer,	LEON M. HEWES.
Supt. of Schools, (resigned),	DR. H. J. WEBBER.
Supt. of Schools, (elected to fill vacancy),	W. F. HARDING.
Truant Officer,	GEO. A. SNOW.
Collector and Constable,	GEO. E. TIBBETTS.

Superintending School Committee.

CHAS. N. PATTEN,	Term expires in March, 1903.
ED. PAGE,	Term expires in March, 1904.
EMERY H. PRESCOTT,	Term expires in March, 1905.

Board of Health.

DR. F. P. WHITTAKER, Sec'y,	Term expires April 7, 1905.
THOS. G. KIMBALL,	Term expires April 7, 1904.
J. M. TAYLOR,	Term expires April 7, 1903.

Assessors' Report.

1902-3.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate	\$241,892 00
Resident personal estate.....	58,662 00
Non-resident real estate	33,898 00
Non-resident personal estate.....	400 00
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Total valuation	\$334,852 00

Rate of taxation, 15 mills.

Number of polls taxed 333 at \$2.50 each, \$832.50.

Number of polls in supplementary tax, 2, \$5.00.

Number of polls not taxed, 17.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For common schools	\$1100 00
support of poor	600 00
repairs of roads and bridges.....	1200 00
contingent expenses.....	600 00
school books, apparatus and appliances.....	300 00
repairs and insurance on school houses.....	200 00
cleaning and banking school houses.....	10 00
Free High School.....	200 00
observance of Memorial Day... ..	15 00
grading in Pine Hill Cemetery.....	35 00
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Total amount raised by the town.....	\$4260 00

State tax	996 32
County tax	483 93
Overlayings	115 03
Supplementary taxes.....	9 50
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Total commitment to G. E. Tibbetts for collection at 2 per cent. com. \$5864 78

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXED.

	Total Value.	Approximate Average Value.
455 horses,	\$18227 00	\$40 06
4 3 year old colts,	222 00	55 50
8 2 year old colts,	320 00	40 00
18 yearling colts,	352 00	19 55
627 cows,	12642 00	20 16
211 3 year olds,	3669 00	17 24
251 2 year olds,	3105 00	12 37
255 yearlings,	1507 00	5 90
931 sheep,	2577 00	2 77
165 Swine,	1071 00	6 50
56 musical instruments,	1765 00	31 52
134 carriages,	2213 00	16 50
18 bicycles,	162 00	9 00
Stock in trade,	1380 00	
Money at interest,	9850 00	
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Total,	\$59,062 00	

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. BISHOP, FRED E. PAINE, EVERETT W. MILLER,	}	Assessors of Hermon.
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Selectmen's Report.

To the Tax-payers of Hermon:—

In presenting this report we respectfully call your attention to a few facts and figures.

The total valuation of the town is now \$4865 less than two years ago, the result of practically a new valuation made during the past two years.

In this report the balances from last year's accts. in every department have been brought forward. In no other way can be shown how the expenditures compare with the appropriations—for instance—in the past three years the sum of \$4100 has been raised by the town for the repair of roads and bridges, while the expenditures for the purpose during the same time has been \$5827.77 an overdraw of \$1727.77, in the three years, a fact likely to be lost sight of unless balances are carried to new account. Your special attention is called to this surplus reducing process. A remedy is needed.

At a special town meeting held July 19, 1902, the town voted to refer the matter of settlement with the road commissioner to the selectmen. Investigation showed that he had expended prior to July 15, 1902, \$73.95 more than the entire appropriation, which action on his part was not only in direct violation of statute law, but also in utter disregard of directions given him by the selectmen, under whose direction a road commissioner legally is. Acting under the authority given us we decided he should refund the amount so expended without authority and in defiance of law. Mr. Tibbetts employed eminent counsel who advised him to accept our proposition, which he did. The papers executed in the settlement are on file in the selectmen's office.

The matter of damage claim against the Maine Central railroad company, referred to the selectmen for settlement, has been amicably adjusted without the employment of counsel on our part, by the payment to the town by the railroad company of the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. We consider this settlement to be a very advantageous one for the town. (See copy elsewhere in this report). Without the specification in regard to future damages, our proposition, made Aug. 20, 1902, and which they finally accepted, would not have been considered by them.

The abutment of this bridge, and the bridge itself should be rebuilt next summer. We recommend the building of a log pier or crib on the foundation of the present abutment, loaded from top to bottom with rocks. Such a pier could be built at low water without the expense of a coffer dam, it could not be washed away, would not fall down, and would last a great many years.

We estimate the cost of such a job including a new bridge and rip-rap of the shore between our bridge abutment and the railroad bridge abutment, to be \$800. When completed the new bridge should be two feet higher than the present one.

This report shows \$70.39 interest paid on town orders during the year of which amount \$33.77 accrued last year and was so reported in liabilities. The payment of all this interest has been occasioned by the snow blockade two years

ago when more than \$1800 was spent in three months breaking roads and clearing roads from snow in the spring.

The town has no orders on interest at this time and but \$29.66 of outstanding orders against \$843.76 reported outstanding last year. Dr. Webber, supt. of schools, for the spring term of school presented a bill of \$75.50 for his services which we refused to pay for the reason that the bill is a very unreasonable one. You are asked to compare his bill with W. F. Harding's bill, \$48.50. Mr. Harding has had to do a large amount of extra work on account of the bad condition school matters were in when he came into office last fall and his work has been effective work too.

The cemetery at No. Hermon must be enlarged as all available lots are now taken.

Dolly Jenness and Emeline Tewksbury have died during the year relieving the town of an annual expense of about \$200.00.

The town appropriated \$35.00 for grading in Pine Hill cemetery to be expended by the selectmen. Under the conditions which we found on investigation to prevail in this cemetery we did not know how to invest \$35.00 so as to be of much benefit to the town and did not do so. We recommend that a plan be made of this cemetery and record books provided for use of sextons.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 78 09
Incidental account, 1901, transferred.....	8 70
Raised by the town.....	1100 00
Received from state fund.....	1075 43
D. C. Hayes, fine imposed by court.....	5 00
Total fund.....	<u>\$2,267 22</u>

EXPENDED.

For wages and board of teachers.....	\$1,671 00
fuel.....	147 75
conveyance.....	184 75
janitors.....	58 85
Total orders drawn for schools.....	<u>\$2062 35</u>
Undrawn balance.....	\$204 87

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Raised by town.....	\$ 300 00
Overdrawn last year.....	39 26
Total fund.....	<u>\$260 74</u>

EXPENDED.

Paid bills of last year, (see report of 1902).....	\$ 76 68
bills of present municipal year.....	193 79
Total orders drawn.....	<u>\$270 47</u>
Overdrawn.....	\$9 73
Unpaid school book bills.....	\$122 56

APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES. (INCIDENTALS).

Balance reported last year.....	\$ 50 00
Incidental account last year.....	8 70
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Total fund.....	\$41 30

EXPENDED.

Paid for apparatus and appliances (incidentals).....	\$13 69
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Undrawn balance.....	\$27 61

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS AND INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Undrawn balance from last year.....	\$ 30 89
Appropriated by the town.....	200 00
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Total fund.....	\$ 230 89

EXPENDED.

Amount orders drawn for repairs.....	162 02
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Unexpended balance.....	\$ 68 87

CLEANING AND BANKING SCHOOL HOUSES.

RECEIPTS.

Unexpended bal. from last year.....	\$ 16 00
Appropriated by town.....	10 00
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Total fund.....	\$ 26 00

EXPENDED.

Amount orders drawn, cleaning and banking school houses.....	16 25
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Undrawn balance.....	\$ 9 75

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 45 00
Appropriated by the town.....	200 00
Received from the State in reimbursement.....	151 42
Due from H. J. Webber, tuition received by him.....	2 25
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Total fund.....	\$ 398 67

EXPENDED.

Paid R. A. Webster, teaching spring term, 1902, 10 weeks.....	120 00
Galda Philbrick, assistant, " " 1902, 10 "	45 00
R. A. Webster, fall term, 1902, 7 weeks.....	98 00
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Unexpended balance.....	\$ 135 67

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriated by the town for support of poor.....	\$ 600 00
Overdrawn last year.....	147 08
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Total fund.....	\$ 452 92

EXPENDED

Orders drawn for bills of last year as reported:

Town of Mt. Desert.....	\$ 24 55
City of Bangor, support of Asel Annis and wife.....	10 00
East. Me. Hosp., sup. of Horace Tibbetts to Feb. 29, 1902	32 64
East. Me. Hosp., sup. of E. Gubtil to Feb. 29, 1902.....	32 51
Me. Ins. Hosp., Augusta, sup. J. F. Staples to Feb. 29, 1902	39 97
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Total.....	\$ 139 67

BILLS OF PRESENT MUNICIPAL YEAR.

Paid Me. Ins. Hosp., sup. of J. F. Staples to Nov. 30, 1902	\$ 114 52
Ea. Me. Ins. Hosp., sup. of E. Gubtil to Nov. 30, 1902	110 35
Ea. Me. Ins. Hosp., sup. of Horace Tibbetts.....	6 26
City of Bangor, sup. of Asel Annis and family.....	16 50
Wood & Ewer, clothing for Mrs. Tewksbury....	3 82
Chas. Booker, sup. of " "	12 00
Horace Curtis, sup. of " "	33 14
Abel Hunt, burial outfit for " "	14 00
Rev. O. P. Frost, services for " "	2 00
Dr. Webber, med. attendance, " "	10 00
A. C. Hewes, driving hearse, " "	2 10
E. Henderson, digging grave, " "	2 00
T. G. Kimball, sup. Dolly Jenness since Mar. 1, 1902,	130 00
A. C. Hewes, driving hearse Dolly Jenness funeral...	1 50
Rev. O. P. Frost, services at burial of Dolly Jenness	2 00
E. P. Bishop, digging grave for " "	3 00
town of Pittsfield, commitment and support at hos- pital of Mrs. Ed. Annis to Nov. 30, 1902.....	38 11
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Amt. orders drawn for bills of present municipal year...	501 30
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Total orders drawn.....	\$640 97
Total fund as above.....	452 92
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Account overdrawn.....	\$ 188 05

UNPAID BILLS.

Due Me. Insane Hospital, sup. of Staples—estimated...	\$ 32 50
Ea. Me. Ins. Hosp., sup. of Gubtil, "	32 50
town of Pittsfield, sup. of Mrs. Annis, "	28 00
Abel Hunt, burial outfit for Dolly Jenness.....	15 00
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Total amount unpaid bills.....	\$ 108 00
Total amt. paid bills present municipal year as above	501 30
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Total cost of our poor the present municipal year..	\$ 609 30
Appropriation for 1902 overdrawn.....	9 30

LIST OF PERMANENT POOR FEB. 25, 1903.

James F. Staples, at Maine Insane Hospital, Augusta.
Everett Gubtil, at East. Me. Ins. Hospital, Bangor.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated by the town.....	\$1200 00
Paid by L. L. Tibbetts in settlement with selectmen.....	73 95
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	\$1273 95
Overdrawn last year	194 65
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Total fund	\$1079 30

EXPENDED.

List of bills contracted last year as reported.			
Morse & Co., lumber,	\$72 99	C. N. Patten,	4 56
E. W. Bowen,	3 25	{ Isaac Hewings, Expended by J. M. Taylor.	2 00
Robt. Nowell,	50		
W. W. Demeritt,	3 81		<hr/>
Amount orders drawn for bills of last year.....	\$ 87 11		
Amount orders drawn for bills of present municipal year	1745 51		
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Total orders drawn.....	\$1832 62		
Total fund as above.....	1079 30		
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Overdrawn.....	\$ 753 32		

DETAILED STATEMENT.

Expended by L. L. Tibbetts, Road Commissioner, prior to July 15, 1902.

Orders Drawn.

W. W. Overlock,	\$ 2 50	R. B. Dunning & Co., repairs	
G. A. Kelley,	13 53	for machines,	15 65
Moses Bryant,	6 00	C. N. Patten,	3 00
A. C. Cosey,	6 27	Isaac Hewings,	58 80
E. Light,	3 25	I. Hammond,	93 80
P. Webber,	8 23	E. W. Bowen,	18 25
Wilson Hammond,	5 75	J. P. Prescott,	7 62
C. S. Tibbetts,	8 62	C. A. Philbrook,	4 65
C. H. Kimball,	1 81	L. A. Wing,	1 87
W. W. Demeritt,	1 25	E. J. Curtis,	11 91
L. L. Tibbetts,	6 07	H. B. Leathers,	7 90
Lester Bryant,	2 00	E. W. Miller,	4 25
Geo. Clark,	3 13	A. J. Smith,	1 50
T. T. Clark,	8 54	Stephen Barker,	2 00
Ray Benjamin,	1 00	Sam Grant,	44 45
G. E. Tibbetts,	2 36	S. P. Pomroy,	11 87
John Annis,	8 87	Millard Leathers,	3 45
Chas. Evans,	10 00	John Annis,	7 00
L. L. Tibbetts,	17 50	L. L. Tibbetts, man and team,	50 80
L. D. Nowell,	7 56	Aaron Morison, man and team,	127 75
T. G. Kimball,	10 00	A. C. Cosey,	52 50
Sam Grant,	28 00	W. H. Kimball,	82
Everett Glidden,	15 00	J. R. Lynn,	5 47
Isaac Hewings,	28 00	Lewis Glidden,	3 92
Ellis Bowen,	42 00	Robt. Swan,	1 25
Sam Grant,	7 00	J. B. Derry,	3 75
L. L. Tibbetts,	42 00	Wesley Ayer,	1 25
S. M. Luce,	8 10	G. E. Kimball,	20 00
D. M. Osborne & Co., plow,	13 50	C. A. Bryant, bridge job,	80 39
W. A. Swan,	3 50	W. A. Clark, crew,	27 00
Chas. Moore,	2 90	Waldo Nowell,	2 12
Asel Smith,	3 12	Henry Fuller,	4 50
W. A. Clark,	9 88	E. S. Chapman,	2 37
Geo. A. Kelley, with team,	33 30	W. A. Swan,	2 50
Ellis Bowen, with team,	64 75	J. R. Lynn,	7 97
T. G. Kimball,	62 80	Robt. Nowell,	5 85
G. H. Smith,	3 56	F. A. Wing,	5 35
A. J. Kenniston,	1 56	Morse & Co., Lumber,	63 09
E. S. Chapman,	4 12		
Total expended by L. L. Tibbetts			\$1273 95

Expended by the Selectmen from July 15th, 1902.

Orders Drawn.

D. M. Osborne & Co., repairs		T. G. Kimball,	2 25
for plow,	\$ 2 35	Bishop Derry,	4 38
S. A. Wing, labor,	3 00	John Annis,	6 74
Isaac Hewings,	3 50	W. W. Overlock,	3 50
A. K. P. Patten,	4 75	H. F. Tibbetts,	1 50
Sam Grant,	12 00	E. P. Bishop,	1 50
Dan Colson,	3 00	F. A. Bishop,	5 25
Mark White,	63	W. A. Swan, surveyor,	7 18
R. Patten,	6 50	H. B. Leathers, surveyor,	2 60
Chas. Sawyer,	6 25	J. B. Miller, surveyor,	2 55
Chas. Hammond,	9 00	L. L. Glidden,	2 00
E. W. Miller & Son,	13 42	C. N. Patten, surveyor,	8 23
Woodsum Kimball,	4 00	E. W. Miller, surveyor,	9 15
Dan Colson,	3 00	Waldo Nowell, surveyor,	4 28
Chas. Hammond,	6 00	John Annis, surveyor,	42 38
Ed. Chapman,	5 89	H. C. Warren, surveyor,	9 78
C. P. Webber and crew,	15 98	Horace Curtis, surveyor,	2 45
Ed. Snow,	1 38	P. H. Nowell, surveyor,	3 55
Preston Hammond,	3 97	Robt. Nowell, surveyor,	3 84
Eben Clements,	1 00	Lewis Clark, surveyor,	2 38
F. A. Bishop, spikes,	1 29	H. B. Leathers, surveyor,	1 93
G. A. Kelley, surveyor,	10 04	Otis Barker,	1 00
H. M. Fuller, surveyor,	13 72	W. A. Clark,	4 09
F. E. Paine, surveyor,	2 70	Wm. Bowen,	2 00
A. C. Hewes,	1 75	J. B. Derry, surveyor,	3 02
F. A. Bishop,	3 25	Wilson Hammond, surveyor,	6 56
Wm. P. Dickey, rake,	50	Albert Grant, surveyor,	9 45
S. L. Burrill,	17 00	F. A. Wing, surveyor,	6 35
Chas Mansell,	1 50	Geo. H. Smith, surveyor,	7 27
Wilt Hammond,	3 70	Preston Hammond, surveyor,	9 60
Walter Bickford,	3 75	G. A. Banks, surveyor,	31 42
Job Kelley,	1 88	A. L. Grant, surveyor,	3 15
Ed. Snow,	6 35	Stacy Burrill, surveyor,	10 20
R. Overlock,	1 25	E. C. Jackson, surveyor,	8 18
F. E. Paine, culverts,	14 85	Anson Emerson, surveyor,	10 26
R. W. Snow,	1 69	Morse & Co., lumber,	19 90
L. & C. H. Kimball,	6 36	Chas. Hannoford, surveyor,	14 49
Total amount expended by selectmen			\$ 471 56
Total amount expended by commissioner.....			1273 95
Total expended the present municipal year.			\$1745 51
Amount refunded by L. L. Tibbetts.....			73 95
Total cost for municipal year			\$1671 56
Appropriation for 1902 overdrawn			471 56

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Raised by the town for contingent expenses.....	\$ 600 00
Balance from last year.....	453 19
Overlayings for 1902.....	115 03
Supplementary taxes, 1902.....	9 50
Dog licenses refunded by the State.....	79 24
Rec'd for damage to Soldier's Monument.....	10 00
Cash from J. W. Hopkins, reimbursement for damage to sheep by dogs	45 00
" " R. Bartlett, deficiency in dog licenses of 1901.....	2 00
Rec'd for use of Town Hall.....	5 00
Rec'd from J. W. Hopkins, reimbursement for damage to sheep	
by dogs.....	4 00
Rec'd from Maine Central R. R. Co. in settlement of damage to town	
bridge.....	500 00
Appropriated by town for observance of Memorial Day.....	15 00
From J. A. Smart, for plank.....	75
Reimbursement for burial of Horace Tibbetts.....	34 00
Rec'd of Geo. E. Tibbetts, abated poll tax collected.....	2 00
Raised by town for grading in Pine Hill Cemetery.....	35 00
Total fund.....	<u>\$1909 71</u>

EXPENDED.—ORDERS DRAWN.

Pd. E. F. Dillingham, books, &c., bill of 1901, as reported	\$ 11 61
Burial expense of Horace Tibbetts, soldier.....	34 00
Rufus Robinson, interest on town orders.....	11 85
Ella M. Kimball, interest on town orders.....	25 03
Heirs of Peter K. Patten, abatement for overvaluation.....	1 92
T. W. Burr, town reports of 1901.....	18 00
Lewis Kimball, cleaning town house.....	75
Bangor Granite Co. cleaning Soldier's Monument.....	6 00
Dan'l Chaplin Post, for observance of Memorial Day.....	15 00
Chas. Annis, repairs on town pump.....	75
O. F. Knowles & Co., stationery and printing.....	9 10
W. P. Dickey & Co., lawn mower, rake and grass hook.....	5 85
F. A. Bishop, material for painting monument fence & fertilizer,	
T. W. Vose, legal counsel to selectmen.....	1 81
Heirs of Arthur M. Leathers, abatement poll tax, & overvaluation	
L. L. Tibbetts, services as road commissioner.....	4 80
L. L. Tibbetts, services as road commissioner.....	60 75
W. P. Dickey, barbed wire.....	4 46
L. L. Glidden, work in No. Hermon Cemetery.....	3 50
J. M. Taylor, services as ballot clerk Sept. 8, 1902.....	1 50
H. B. Leathers, " " " "	1 50
F. P. Whittaker, " " " "	1 50
T. G. Kimball, " " " "	1 50

T. L. Daggett, damage to sheep by dogs.....	45 00
G. W. Chase, work in Hermon Pond Cemetery.....	3 00
Sam Grant, damage to sheep by dogs.....	4 00
G. W. Hopkins, public tub.....	1 50
L. M. Hewes, " "	1 50
Lucy Newcomb, " "	1 50
Wilson Kimball, " "	1 50
B. W. Gubtil estate, public tub.....	1 50
F. A. Bishop, public tub.....	1 50
C. P. Brackett, public tub.....	1 50
Jas. H. Burgess, written opinion in contested election case.....	5 00
J. T. Bowler, list real estate transfers and mortgage records....	5 00
A. Morrison, damage to cow on highway.....	13 00
W. W. Palmer, insurance on Town Hall.....	16 20
Thomas Nye, damage to wagon.....	2 00
T. G. Kimball, care of tramps.....	1 00
H. Edminister, damage to harness on highway.....	3 00
A. F. Hilton, surveying proposed way.....	5 00
G. E. Tibbetts, serving notice on Mrs. M. J. Tibbetts.....	74
T. L. Daggett, damage to sheep by dogs.....	4 00
S. W. Kimball, care of monument lot and fertilizer.....	7 50
A. T. Lord, damage to horse on highway.....	10 00
Order No. 234 to Geo. E. Tibbetts, col., abatements of the following taxes of 1901.	
Obediah Banks, heirs of.....	\$ 2 40
Wendell Allen, (non-resident) poll tax.....	3 00
A. J. Coulyer.....	93
W. C. Goodspeed, non-resident.....	3 00
Isaac Grant, non-resident.....	3 00
Bert Newell, non-resident.....	3 00
Cyrus J. Libby, heirs of.....	2 80
John Murphy	56
Horace Tibbetts.....	3 00
Bridget Kirk.....	4 88
Edw. Otis	3 00
	\$ 29 57
Geo. E. Tibbetts, premium for col. of 1901 tax.....	131 02
Burial expense of L. D. Tewksbury, soldier.....	35 00
Martin & Cook, services in case Hermon vs. Hayes.....	5 00
T. W. Vose, counsel to selectmen.....	2 00
F. A. Bishop, postage, money orders and stationery.....	4 69
Order No. 294 to G. E. Tibbetts, collector, abatements as follows :	
Alton Bowen, poll tax 1901, non-resident.....	3 00
Jos. Carney, " "	3 00
Randolph Grant, " "	3 00

J. E. Hackett, poll tax, 1901, non-resident.....	3 00	
Bert Overlock, " "	3 00	
Geo. Oxley, " "	3 00	
Lester Patten, " "	3 00	
Edmond Quinn, " "	3 00	
Joshua Rines, " "	3 00	
Fred Smith, " "	3 00	
Leroy Barrows, " "	3 00	
Wm. Bryant, poll tax 1902, unable to pay..	2 95	
		\$ 35 95
Pd. C. N. Pattern, services as S. S. Com.....		5 00
Ed. Page, services as S. S. Com.....		5 00
E. H. Prescott, services as S. S. Com.....		5 00
Geo. A. Snow, services as truant officer.....		8 00
W. F. Harding, services as supt. of schools.....		48 50
Leon Hewes, services as town treasurer.....		20 00
" " " " " clerk.....		11 00
" " recording births and deaths.....		7 90
" " books, stationery and postage.....		3 00
J. M. Taylor, services on board of health.....		1 50
F. A. Bishop, selectmen, assessor, overseer, town agent..		100 00
F. E. Paine, " " "		43 50
E. W. Miller, " " "		36 00
Dr. F. P. Whittaker, reporting births and deaths.....		3 00
" " services as sec'y board of health...		6 50
Order No. 360 drawn to Leon M. Hewes, town treasurer in payment of interest paid on town orders to the following persons:		
Ella M. Kimball.....	17 45	
Chas. Philbrook.....	8 96	
Merrill & Co.....	1 24	
A. B. Gatchell.....	2 06	
Frank Simpson.....	3 80	
		\$ 33 51
Total		\$ 943 76
Undrawn balance contingent fund account.....		965 95

RECAPITULATION.

ORDERS DRAWN.

Common schools.....	\$2062 35
Repairs on school houses.....	162 02
Cleaning and banking school houses.....	16 25
Apparatus and appliances.....	13 69
Text books.....	270 47
Free High school.....	263 00
Support of poor.....	640 97
Roads and bridges.....	1832 62
Contingent expenses	943 76
Total orders drawn.....	\$6205 13

COPY OF PAPERS IN SETTLEMENT WITH M. C. R. R. CO.

Received from the Maine Central Railroad Company, Five Hundred Dollars in full settlement of all past, present and future damages to the town bridge of the town of Hermon near Hermon Pond railroad station, caused, or which may be caused by the building and maintaining of said Company's abutment and pier of its bridge over the stream near said station, and in consideration of said payment said Company is hereby released by the town of Hermon from all such damages.

And in consideration of said payment said town agrees to thoroughly and effectually rip-rap the southerly bank of said stream between the abutment of said railroad bridge and the new abutment to the town bridge to be built by the town.

In witness whereof, the undersigned selectmen of said town of Hermon, in behalf of said town and as authorized by said town at a town meeting held November 29, A. D. 1902, have hereunto subscribed their names for and in behalf of said town, on this first day of December, A. D. 1902.

TOWN OF HERMON, by
 FRANK A. BISHOP,
 FRED E. PAINE,
 EVERETT W. MILLER, } Selectmen.

RESOURCES.

Bal. due on G. E. Tibbetts, collection, unpaid taxes.....	\$ 926 38
Bill against W. A. Merrick.....	2 00
Due from State, reimbursment for burial of L. D. Tewksbury.....	35 00
Due from Dr. H. J. Webber, tuition received by him....	2 25
Cash in treasury.....	30 05
Due from State 1/2 of \$98 expended for fall term of high school....	49 00
Total assets.....	\$1044 68

LIABILITIES.

Due Abel Hunt, burial outfit for Dolly Jenness	\$ 15 00
E. F. Dillingham books and stationery.....	15 60
University Publishing Co. for school books.....	122 56
Town of Pittsfield for support of Mrs. Annis, estimated	28 00
Outstanding orders.....	29 66
G. E. Tibbetts 2 per. cent com. on \$4938.40, collected..	98 77
Common school fund, undrawn balance.....	204 87
Free high school fund, undrawn balance.....	135 67
Me. I. Hospital, for support of Staples, estimated.....	32 50
Ea. Me. I. Hospital for support of Gubtil, estimated...	32 50
Printing town reports of 1903.....	18 00
H. J. Webber services as supt., estimated	50 00
W. H. Stone, surveyor.....	2 51
Total liabilities.....	\$785 64
Assets above liabilities.....	\$259 04

Respectfully submitted,
 FRANK A. BISHOP,
 FRED E. PAINE,
 EVERETT W. MILLER, } Selectmen.

February 25, 1903.

Treasurer's Report.

LEON M. HEWES, Treasurer, in account with TOWN OF HERMON.

Dr.

1902	Bal. in treas'y paid by T. Hunt, former treasurer,	\$ 24 10
Mar. 22	Bal. due from G. E. Tibbetts, collector, unpaid taxes of 1901	1589 98
Mar. 31	Rec'd from State for free high school,	77 50
Apr. 15	Dog licenses refunded by State,	79 24
May 26	Assessment for 1902, committed to G. E. Tibbetts for coll.	5855 28
	Bill against W. A. Merriek,	2 00
July 3	Rec'd from State for free high school,	73 92
July 12	Paid by P. R. Lowder for damage to Soldier's Monument,	10 00
July 19	Rec'd from town clerk for dog licenses,	101 00
July 28	Amount from State, burial of soldier,	34 00
July 31	Amount paid by L. L. Tibbetts in settlement with selectmen,	79 95
Aug. 5	State pensions refunded,	84 00
Sept. 13	Amount paid by J. W. Hopkins, reimbursement for sheep killed by dogs,	45 00
Oct. 15	Rent of town hall,	5 00
Nov. 29	Cash paid by J. W. Hopkins for sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
Nov. 29	Cash paid by Rufus Bartlett deficiency in dog license of 1901,	2 00
Dec. 11	Cash paid by M. C. R. Co. in settlement with selectmen,	500 00
1903		
Jan. 1	From State, damage to sheep by dogs, 1901, (See report 1902).	4 00
Jan. 1	" " " " 1902,	4 00
Jan. 5	State school fund and mill tax,	1075 43
Jan. 8	State pensions refunded,	78 00
Feb. 11	State pensions refunded,	42 00
Feb. 20	Cash from G. E. Tibbetts, abated poll tax of J. B. Lewis, collected,	2 00
Feb. 20	Cash from J. A. Smart for bridge plank,	75
Feb. 20	Supplementary taxes 1902,	9 50
Feb. 20	Bill against State for burial of soldier,	35 00
Feb. 20	Rec'd from court fine paid by D. C. Hayes,	5 00
Feb. 20	Bill against H. J. Webber, tuition rec'd by him,	2 25
		\$9818 90

1902		Cr.	
July	By State pensions paid,		\$ 84 00
Sept. 1	Dog licenses paid State treasurer,		103 00
Sept. 1	W. A. Merrick acct.,		2 00
	County tax paid,		483 93
Jan. 1	State tax paid,		996 32
Jan. 1	State pensions paid,		120 00
Jan. 1	184 paid selectmen's order returned,		3123 97
Feb. 20	105 " " "		1954 72
Feb. 25	97 " " "		1957 28
Feb. 25	Bill against State for burial of soldier,		35 00
Feb. 25	Bill against Dr. Webber,		2 25
Feb. 25	Bal. due on G. E. Tibbetts, coll., unpaid taxes,		926 38
Feb. 25	Bal. in treasury,		30 05
			\$9818 90

Respectfully submitted.

LEON M. HEWES, Town Treasurer.

Hermon, Feb. 25, 1903.

We have examined the above account and find it correct as above.

SELECTMEN.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools.

To the Citizens of the Town of Hermon :

Having been elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation, dated September 30, 1902, of Dr. H. J. Webber as Superintendent of Schools, I most respectfully submit the following report of the schools of this town since that date, also a financial statement of the expenditures, etc., for the year ending March 1, 1903.

In order to concentrate a part of the most important information, we present the following school account.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

March 10, 1902.

Amount unexpended from last year.....	\$ 86 79
“ appropriated by town.....	1100 00
“ received from State.....	1075 43
“ received from David Hayes' fine.....	5 00
	<u> </u>
	\$2267 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

STATISTICS FROM TEACHERS' REGISTERS.

No. of School.	Name of Teacher.	Number scholars attending.	Average number.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages per week including board.	Amount paid.
SPRING TERM.						
2	C. Harold Grant	28	25	9	\$5 00	\$45 00
3	N. I. Edminster	36	30	9	10 00	90 00
5	A. Linnis Snow	26	20	9	6 00	54 00
6	J. Emma Sawyer	14	13	9	4 50	40 50
7	Annie E. Homestead	9	7	9	4 75	42 75
8	Eva S. Paine	26	23	9	5 75	51 75
9	Cora D. Webber	25		9	6 00	54 00
11	Mary Andrews	34	30	9	6 00	54 00
12	Golda A. Philbrick	22	19	9	5 50	49 50
13	Effie M. Booker	17	15	9	4 75	42 75

WINTER TERM.

2	W. A. Swan	33	29	14	8 25	115 50
3	N. I. Edminster	30	22	15	10 00	150 00
5	A. Linnis Snow	23	18	15	6 00	90 00
6	Emma J. Sawyer	15	10	15	5 50	82 50
7	Annie E. Homestead	8	7	15	5 25	78 75
8	Eva S. Paine	23	15	15	5 75	86 25
9	Marion E. Stone	28	24	15	8 00	120 00
10	Mrs. Edna Nason	13	13	15	6 00	90 00
11	Avis L. Beal	25	17	15	8 00	120 00
12	Golda A. Philbrick	25	18	15	6 00	90 00
13	W. F. Harding	25	23	15	8 25	123 75
						<u>\$1671 00</u>

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Paid R. W. Webster, principal, teaching Spring term, 10 wks. at \$12	\$120 00
Golda A. Philbrick, assistant, 10 weeks at \$4.50.....	45 00
R. W. Webster, principal, teaching Fall term, 7 weeks at \$14.00	98 00
Total amount.....	<u>\$263 00</u>

JANITORS' ACCOUNT.

SPRING TERM.

School No. 2	Paid Carl Annis.....	\$ 1 35
3	E. D. Page.....	2 25
5	Claude Kimball.....	2 25
6	J. Emma Sawyer.....	1 35
7	Annie Homestead.....	1 35
8	Eva Paine.....	1 35
9	A. A. Tuttle.....	2 25
11	Elmer Grant.....	1 35
13	Mattie Sweetser.....	1 35

WINTER TERM.

2	W. A. Swan... ..	3 50
3	N. I. Edminster.....	3 75
5	Angus Davis.....	3 75
6	Albert Wing, 8 weeks.....	2 00
6	Norman Whitney, 7 weeks.....	1 75
7	Annie E. Homestead.....	3 75
8	Ernest L. Nowell.....	3 75
9	A. A. Tuttle.....	3 75
10	Alonzo R. Casey.....	3 75
11	Elmer Grant.....	3 75
12	Golda A. Philbrick.....	3 75
13	Howard R. Kelley.....	3 75
High school spring term, Archie Annis.....		3 00
		<u>\$58 85</u>

PAID FOR CONVEYING PUPILS.

SPRING TERM.

Archie Annis, from school No. 1 to school No. 2.....	\$ 30 00
Horace Curtis, " " 14 to " " 3.....	27 00

WINTER TERM.

John C. Patten, from school No. 1 to school No. 2.....	\$ 56 00
Horace Curtis, " " 14 to " " 3.....	60 00
J. B. Hammond, " " 4 to " " 5.....	11 75

 \$184 75

WOOD ACCOUNT.

Paid John B. Miller as per bill rendered.....	\$ 15 50
Charles Philbrook " "	11 00
Ed. D. Page " "	14 00
H. B. Leathers " "	22 00
S. M. Luce " "	9 50
W. E. Patten " "	11 00
E. H. Prescott " "	18 00
J. B. Miller " "	14 00
E. D. Page " "	9 50
E. H. Prescott " "	13 00
J. B. Miller " "	5 75
A. A. Tuttle " "	4 50

 \$ 147 75

Total.....	\$2062 35
Balance undrawn of common school fund	\$ 204 87

CONTRACT PRICE FOR WOOD IN SPRING, 1902.

Hard wood, \$4.00 per cord.

Soft wood, \$3.00 per cord.

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Paid Charles Evans	\$	75	
Raymond Sylvester.....		2	50
E. D. Page.....		2	85
Emma Sawyer.....			16
F. C. Carr, painting blackboards.....		9	25
Ray Sylvester, for No. 10 school house, Glass, putty, other materials.....	\$4.47		
Labor on same.....	\$3.00	7	47
Ray Sylvester, for No. 13 school house, materials \$1.11			
Labor on same.....	\$1.00	2	11
E. H. Prescott, labor and materials.....		2	75
A. A. Tuttle, labor and materials.....		1	50
Charles Annis, painting.....		38	90
E. H. Prescott, labor and materials.....		15	75
S. W. Kimball, labor and materials, No. 6 school house		3	00
S. W. Kimball, labor and materials on Nos. 5 and 13..		5	61
S. N. Luce, labor and materials.....		18	77
E. H. Prescott, for Nos. 2, 7, 8, 9, paint and materials, as per bill....		30	70
F. E. Paine, hinges.....			20
E. D. Page, Nos. 3, 8, 9, 10, labor and materials.....		15	00
A. A. Tuttle, labor and materials..		1	00
A. Philbrook, labor and materials.....		1	50
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			\$162 02

APPLIANCES OR INCIDENTALS.

Paid E. D. Page.....	\$	65	
C. E. Keene.....		25	
A. A. Tuttle.....		75	
T. Hunt.....		4	63
T. Hunt.....		1	39
W. F. Harding		75	
E. D. Page.....		30	
Rubber Stamp Co		1	50
W. F. Harding		3	47
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	\$	13	69

CLEANING AND BANKING.

Paid Forest Phillips	\$ 50	
E. D. Page.....	1 50	
Walter Murch.....	2 00	
A. A. Tuttle.....	2 50	
S. M. Luce.....	1 75	
E. H. Prescott.....	1 50	
F. E. Paine	3 00	
E. D. Page.....	1 50	
H. R. Kelley	50	
C. E. Keene.....	1 00	
A. Philbrook	50	
	<hr/>	\$ 16 25

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

Paid Ginn & Co., bill of 1901.....	56 88	
Silver, Burdette & Co., bill of 1901	19 80	
H. J. Webber, express bill, 1902	4 35	
American Book Co.....	4 80	
Henry Holt & Co	1 22	
Shewell & Co	24 75	
H. J. Webber, express	1 50	
American Book Co	9 60	
American Express Co., Feb. 7, 1903.....	30	
American Express Co., Feb. 7, 1903	35	
American Express Co., Feb. 7, 1903.....	35	
L. Barton 1 doz. C. S. R. & R.....	8 10	
University Pub. Co., 25 dozen writing books.....	18 75	
American Book Co	4 80	
Werner Book Co.....	32 95	
American Book Co.	44 80	
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co.....	36 42	
American Express Co	75	
	<hr/>	\$ 270 47

UNPAID SCHOOL BOOK BILLS.

Due University Publishing Co., bill of April 18, 1902.	
75 Maury's Elementary Geographies.....	41 25
80 Maury's Manual Geographies.....	100 00
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6 Scott's Lady of the Lake.....	\$141 25
	96
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	\$142 21

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By old books returned	19 65	
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Balance due		\$122 56
See Selectmen's report for balance of all these accounts.		

TEXT BOOKS.

No record of the text books of this town has been passed to me. Upon an examination of the schools at my first visit, I found that the labels in many of the books were defaced and torn. Consequently, I was instructed by the S. S. committee to furnish a record book and rubber stamp for the books instead of a label. At my second visit to the winter schools, with the assistance of the teachers, we stamped the covers, and renumbered the books and made an entry of the same in the New Common School Record and Register.

I think we now have an accurate account of all the school books in town, which can be seen at any time by calling upon the superintendent of schools. Three of the winter terms closed last week, consequently we are unable to collect the numbers to make a schedule of the books, on account of the limited time for making this report.

The spellers are in bad condition, and we recommend a change at an early date.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

As will be seen from the table of statistics, there have been 21 terms of school taught in town during the past year, averaging in length 24 weeks.

The schools in Nos. 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 were under the instructions of thorough teachers of much experience. In the schools their work was systematic, the scholars were orderly and made good advancement in their studies.

The winter terms of Nos. 6 and 11 were taught by teachers of experience. These schools were interrupted by sickness on the part of the scholars, yet the average attendance was better than we anticipated, and the closing examination proved very satisfactory, marked progress having been made.

School No. 12 was also disturbed by sickness.

In pursuance, agreeable to a request, I will report as follows :

No. 3.

The entire school for the year was taught in two terms by the same teacher. Mr. Edminster is efficient, decided and persevering. He governed his school; drilling also his pupils in matters where the memory is concerned with a success unequalled in any of our other schools. The classes using the first and fourth readers, the classes in mathematics and grammar, are specially to be mentioned.

It is sufficient to add that these terms were highly profitable, and that this school is among the first in town in attainment.

No. 9.

The winter term was under the instruction of a graduate from Higgins Classical Institute. She is a teacher of energy and systematizes her work to the advantage of her pupils. It is sufficient to say that she gave good satisfaction to the parents and scholars.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Fall term was under the instruction of Mr. R. A. Webster, who came to this town highly recommended, but for some reason, probably a lack of enthusiasm, caused a loss of interest on the part of some of the scholars. No school in town was better disciplined and the closing examination proved that the scholars present had done satisfactory work.

This school was closed by the S. S. committee at the end of the seventh week, for a vacation during the winter term of common schools.

REMARKS.

As before, we have endeavored to acquaint ourselves with the real condition of our schools, labored to adjust difficulties, endeavored to encourage both teachers and pupils with whom we have held intercourse, by words and deeds such as the circumstances would admit of.

We have seen deficiencies in our schools and yet have endeavored to be charitable, not expecting too much from the circumstances, not tolerating too long imperfections which threatened to cause difficulties, meaning at all times to act conscientiously.

Much work is to be done. Our schools should be graded and other changes in the methods of instruction necessary to the best interests of our scholars. We have had the interest of each and every scholar in view, and believe that our schools can be made more prosperous than they are at the present time.

It is impossible to estimate the influence that parents have the power of wielding either for or against their children's educational interests.

While there are many noble and true who fulfil their duties in this respect, there are others who sometimes forget the great responsibility that rests upon them, either in reference to the welfare of their children or the general good of society.

Now if parents would increase the interest of their schools, they should see that their scholars are regular in attendance, visit their schools often, show to teachers and scholars that they are interested, and co-operate with them in the work of the school room, remembering that the welfare of our community depends upon the intelligence derived from our common schools. Let us act as a unit in educational purposes to prepare the youth to fill the various positions of life.

In closing I feel grateful to the members of the S. S. committee for their hearty co-operation and counsel in the performance of the duties assigned me. Also for the many words and deeds of kindness received from my fellow citizens, and wish to express to you my appreciation of the confidence placed in me. We sincerely trust that our work during the past has been such as to merit your approval.

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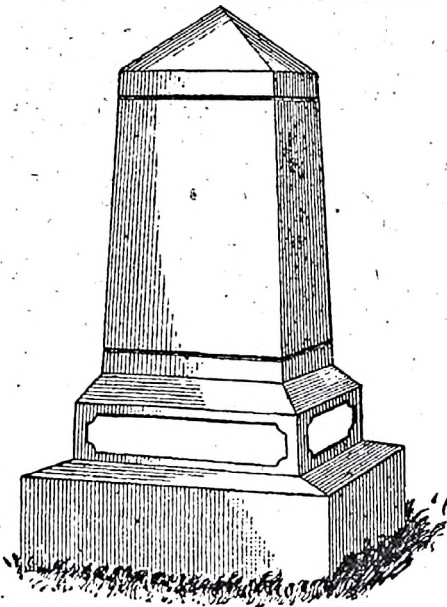
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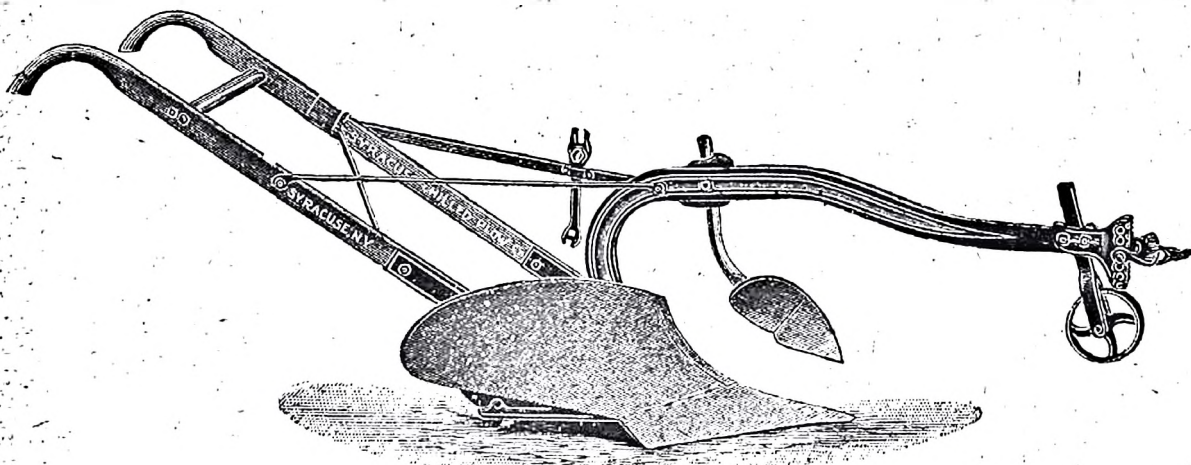
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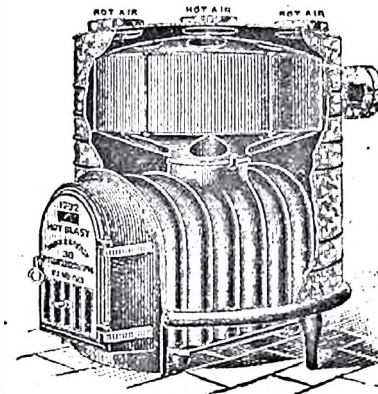
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