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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

SORRENTO, MAINE,

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 14, 1910.

ALSO

THE WARRANT.

ELLSWORTH, MAINE:

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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

P L Aiken, James A Stover, E L Jellison.

TOWN CLERK AND TOWN TREASURER,

L T Havey.

HARBOR-MASTER,

W O Andrews.

S. S. COMMITTEE:

N P Foster, L U Bragdon, E L Welch.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

G F Mitchell.

ROAD COMMISSIONER,

Charles W Sargent.

TOWN AUDITOR,

Frank L Trundy.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

Charles H Workman.

CONSTABLES:

L U Bragdon, Charles W Sargent.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Frank L Trundy, George F Mitchell, John Andrews.

Dr S E Phelps, *Health Officer*.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

L E Wilbur.

FIRE WARDENS:

Charles W Sargent, C E Hale.

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SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate	\$ 25,495
personal estate.....	3,008
Non-resident real estate.....	166,902
personal estate.....	222
 Total.....	 <u>\$195,627</u>

AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE.

For extermination of brown-tail moths.....	\$ 5 00
State road.....	46 50
use of hydrants.....	350 00
Preble brook bridge.....	325 00
town safe.....	50 00
Bay View avenue.....	100 00
common schools.....	350 00
repairs and supplies town property.....	50 00
text-books	25 00
roads and bridges.....	800 00
current and contingent	600 00
Memorial Day.....	20 00
notes and interest.....	842 50
sidewalks	100 00
supt. school committee.....	15 00
moderator's service.....	3 00
stone roller.....	10 00
State tax.....	838 23
county tax	332 28
overlay	142 36
 Total.....	 <u>\$5,004 87</u>

Assessed on polls, 56 at \$2, \$112.

Tax rate, \$25 on the thousand.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Raised by town, 1908.....	\$25 00
Unexpended balance.....	25 00
	<u>50 00</u>

SUIT OF L. U. BRAGDON FOR HOLLIS BRAGDON, INFANT,
 vs.
 TOWN OF SORRENTO.

This suit was the result of an appeal by L. U. Bragdon from the price of \$1.50 per day for services as laborer on State road and common road. Street-Commissioner C. W. Sargent gave his order to the selectmen to pay \$18, for which amount he claims to have hired the said Hollis Bragdon twelve days. His claims as to contract of employment were supported by Warren Smith, Fred Brinton and F. W. Bartlett, as witnesses.

The complainant claims a personal conversation over the telephone with the said Sargent as a basis of a contract for \$1.75 per day for wages for the said boy. The selectmen agreed to hear all the parties interested and decide the matter, but before the same could be arranged, suit was brought by the said L. U. Bragdon through his attorney, C. H. Wood, and, as the matter at stake was not as large as the cost of defence, the full amount was paid by the selectmen, charging the road account with the amount contracted by Commissioner Sargent, \$18, and contingent fund with cost incurred, \$8.36.

P. L. AIKEN,

J. A. STOVER,

E. L. JELLISON,

Selectmen of Sorrento.

PREBLE'S BROOK BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Raised by town.....	\$325 00
Paid for repairs by contract.....	325 00
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STATE ROAD ACCOUNT.

Due from State, 1908.....	\$ 66
Raised by town, 1909.....	46 50
Set aside from common road account.....	93 00
Received from State, 1909.....	174 37
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Total.....	\$314 53
Overdrawn, charged to C and C fund	32 10
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Paid town orders, State road account.....	\$346 63
	346 63
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C. W. SARGENT, *Commissioner.*

TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Raised by town.....		\$25 00
Paid on orders	\$19 54	
Balance unexpended.....	5 46	
	<u> </u>	<u>25 00</u>

TOWN REPAIR AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand		\$22 56
Raised by town		50 00
To balance (overdraft)		8 11
		<u> </u>
		\$80 67

Pd. Edward Fenton.....	\$1 00	
L U Bragdon.....	1 00	
Mark Reed.....	1 85	
A D Fenton.	2 00	
N P Foster	20 00	
G F Mitchell.....	2 32	
L E Wilbur.....	1 50	
A L Reed.....	51 00	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$80 67</u>

OCEAN AVENUE ACCOUNT.

To balance on hand from last year		\$159 70
Paid C W Sargent on contract.....		159 70
		<u> </u>

BAY VIEW AVENUE ACCOUNT.

Raised by town.....		\$100 00
Pd. W E Jackson.....	\$ 6 00	
D L Perry.....	6 00	
C W Sargent	21 87	
F W Bartlett.....	7 00	
C W Sargent.	46 75	
Balance credited in C and C fund.....	12 38	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$100 00</u>

TUITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS.

Balance from last year.....		\$73 25
Received from State.....		22 50
		<u> </u>
		\$95 75
Paid town of Sullivan	\$60 00	
By balance.....	35 75	
	<u> </u>	<u>95 75</u>

NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Raised by town		\$842 50
Overdrawn		3 34
		<u>845 84</u>
Paid Union Trust Co	\$262 50	
"	83 34	
"	500 00	
		<u>845 84</u>

D. L. WEARE POST, G. A. R.

Raised by town for Memorial day.....	\$20 00
Paid R H Blaisdell for D L Weare Post.....	20 00
	<u>40 00</u>

NEW BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Balance left from last year.....	\$5 00
Charged to C and C fund	5 00
	<u>10 00</u>

FIRE HOSE FUND.

Balance from last year.....	\$68 91
Charged to current and contingent fund.....	68 91
	<u>137 82</u>

INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year.....	\$1 00
Unexpended	1 00
	<u>2 00</u>

GARBAGE ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year.....	\$60 00
Charged to contingent account.....	60 00
	<u>120 00</u>

STATE AND COUNTY TAX ACCOUNT.

Raised by town for State tax.....		\$838 23
county tax.....		332 28
		<u>\$1,170 51</u>
Paid State tax	\$838 23	
county tax.....	332 28	
		<u>1,170 51</u>

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT.

Raised by town.....		\$15 00
Overdrawn		25 00
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		\$40 00
Pd. G F Mitchell.....	\$15 00	
L U Bragdon	5 00	
N P Foster.....	5 00	
E L Welch.....	5 00	
G F Mitchell.....	10 00	
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COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 60 84
Raised by town.....	350 00
Mill tax.....	147 36
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	\$558 20
Overdraft charged to contingent fund.....	12 45
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	\$570 65

Pd. Sadie Robbins,	\$10 00	Pd. W E Jackson,	\$ 9 75
Amey S Wood,	40 00	Amey S Wood,	22 00
Walter Pinkham,	1 25	Mrs Annie Clark,	5 00
G H Hanna,	7 50	C W Sargent,	4 50
D L Kimball,	6 00	J W Fenton,	1 00
G F Mitchell,	1 00	Amey S Wood,	4 00
Addie Swazey,	30 80	Eddie Bragdon,	5 00
Ruby Gurney,	64 35	Clyde Fenton,	6 00
Grace Wilbur,	33 50	Edward Fenton,	1 50
Luther Pinkham,	3 50	Clyde Fenton,	3 50
Marcia Foster,	56 00	Eugene Urann,	40 00
Eugene Urann,	40 00	Edward Bragdon,	4 50
Marcia Foster,	32 00	Fred A Brinton,	3 00
Eugene Urann,	50 00	Marcia Foster,	24 00
Clyde Fenton,	3 50	Eugene Urann,	50 00
Edward Bragdon,	7 50		
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			\$570 65
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USE OF HYDRANTS—LONG POND WATER CO.

Raised by town.....		\$350 00
Paid for use of hydrants.....	\$216 75	
Balance to contingent fund.....	133 25	
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Amount of tax committed.....	\$5,004 87
Cash paid to treasurer.....	<u>5,004 87</u>

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

C. W. SARGENT, *Commissioner.*

Raised by town for roads.....	\$800 00
Raised by town for sidewalks.....	100 00
Balance sidewalk account from last year.....	79 47
By cash paid in by C W Sargent.....	<u>5 68</u>

Overdrawn	\$985 15
	<u>80 22</u>

\$1,065 37

Pd. C W Sargent, labor		Pd. Henry Dunbar,	\$ 2 00
on roads,	\$22 27	E H Jellison,	3 00
F A Brinton,	7 00	C W Sargent,	90 91
F W Bartlett,	10 00	F A Brinton,	11 00
D L Perry,	5 50	W E Jackson,	8 00
C P Jackson,	6 00	L T Havey, freights,	3 10
C M Conant, road ma-		Chas Sargent, road work,	59 88
chine repairs,	11 65	F A Brinton,	10 00
Warren Smith,	5 00	D L Perry,	10 00
Fred Bartlett,	6 00	Hall Goodwin Co, supplies	6 10
Fred A Brinton,	32 00	C W Sargent,	36 00
Warren Smith,	25 50	Hollis Bragdon,	8 25
C W Sargent,	96 00	D L Perry,	22 50
Fred Bartlett,	22 50	Will Jackson,	14 50
J A Stover,	21 60	N P Foster, sidewalk acct,	10 57
I W Nash, sidewalk acct,	9 00	C W Sargent,	59 50
J A Stover, team,	8 00	Warren Smith, road work	10 00
Fred Brinton,	8 00	Fred Bartlett,	8 00
D L Perry,	10 00	E Fenton,	1 50
W E Jackson,	1 50	Whitcomb, Haynes & Co,	
Morse & Co, lumber,	18 11	sidewalk acct lumber,	22 87
L T Havey, "	5 68	I W Nash, labor,	8 00
C W Sargent,	16 31	C W Sargent. cash pd for	
N E Metal Culvert Co,		freight,	7 89
culverts,	80 20	D L Perry,	8 00
F A Brinton,	18 00	F Bartlett,	16 00
C W Sargent,	13 50	C W Sargent, team,	40 00
" labor,	2 00	" "	36 17
" lumber,	8 44	" sidewalks,	11 63

Pd. Fred Bartlett,	\$4 00	Pd. Fred Brinton,	\$6 00
D L Perry,	2 50	J A Stover,	2 06
N E Metal Culvert Co,	34 50	C W Sargent, labor,	8 50
C W Sargent, tool box,	6 00		
			<u>\$1,065 37</u>
Overdrawn (as above).....			\$80 22
Set aside for State road.....			93 00
Total overdraft.....			<u>\$ 173 22</u>

CURRENT AND CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Raised by town	\$600 00
Raised by town for extermination of brown-tail moths..	5 00
safe	50 00
moderator's services	3 00
stone roller	10 00
Balance remaining of garbage account.....	60 00
Balance remaining new building account	5 00
Overlay	142 36
Balance remaining fire department account.....	68 91
Balance remaining Bay View avenue account.....	12 38
Received from State, dog tax.....	7 27
soldier's pension	48 00
E H Jellison, janitor town hall.....	1 00
H W Bunker, do	6 00
L T Havey, dog licenses.....	13 00
To balance remaining in hydrant account.....	133 25
C W Sargent, cash paid treasurer.....	40
	<u>\$1,165 57</u>

Pd. C W Sargent, constable's service.....	\$ 2 36
P L Aiken, selectman service.....	50 00
J L Perry, State pension.....	12 00
J L Perry, " "	12 00
E L Jellison, services as selectman.....	50 00
J A Stover, " "	45 25
Geo D Loring, town books.....	4 57
P L Aiken, supplies.....	4 05
W O Emery, abstracting titles.....	7 00
L E Wilbur, labor on watering trough.....	2 93
C H Workman, commission as collector...	25 00
Campbell Pub Co, town reports last year...	25 00
S C Stover, lighting streets under repair...	8 05
J L Perry, State pension.....	12 00
C H Workman, discount on taxes.....	140 21

Pd. C H Workman, commission as collector...	\$45 11
Leon Tabbut, signs for Spence road.....	4 00
G D Loring, order book.....	60
R A Black, M D, reporting births and deaths,	1 25
Geo H Grant, safe and roller.....	60 00
State treasurer, dog licenses.....	13 00
P L Aiken, money paid out, and commis-	
sion as deputy treasurer (\$18 24).....	26 77
C H Wood, L U Bragdon suit, costs.....	8 36
C W Sargent, services as constable.....	4 88
C H Workman, commission as collector ...	15 00
Amos Bragdon, watering trough.....	3 00
W O Andrews, harbor master.....	10 00
J L Perry, State pension	12 00
P L Aiken, services as selectman.....	25 00
P L Aiken, money paid out.	7 45
E L Jellison, services as selectman.....	8 25
W E Whiting, legal services.....	13 00
L T Havey, services town clerk, etc.....	28 00
J A Stover, service as selectman.....	22 50
P L Aiken, services as selectman.....	25 00
C H Workman, commission as collector	
and \$6 abatement	45 86
overdraft on State road account.....	32 10
repairs and supplies.....	8 11
note and interest.....	3 34
school superintendence acct...	25 00
school account.....	12 45
F L Trundy, auditor and service board of	
health.....	7 00
E L Jellison, selectman.....	2 00
overdraft in road acct	173 22
L T Havey, commission as treasurer.....	39 90
overdraft contingent fund, 1908	59 02
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Balance unexpended.....	\$1,141 59
	23 98
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\$1,165 57

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

To balance in poor account.....	\$25 00
text-book	5 46
insurance.....	1 00
high school.....	35 75
current and contingent.....	23 98
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Balance in town treasury.....	91 19
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L. T. HAVEY, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF SORRENTO.

DR.

To balance in treasury March 1st, 1909	\$ 496 71
Rec'd from collector	5,004 87
State (dog tax)	7 27
E H Jellison, hall rent	1 00
H W Bunker, hall rent	6 00
State, soldier's pension	48 00
C W Sargent, H Bragdon account	18 00
town clerk, dog licenses	13 00
State, State road, '09	174 37
" '08	66
mill tax	147 36
free high schools	22 50
C W Sargent	40
"	5 68
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	\$5,945 82

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By paid town orders	\$5,854 63
By balance in treasury, Feb 14, 1910	91 19
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	\$5,945 82

MARIA L. CRABTREE FUND.

TOWN OF SORRENTO, TRUSTEE.

Balance Union Trust Co, savings dept, Jan 1, '09	\$130 48
Interest to Jan 1, '10	4 58
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	\$135 06

L. T. HAVEY, *Treasurer.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Due from I O F, hall rent to April 1, '10	\$ 10 00
C H Workman	4 30
Manuel Rogers	1 50
Value Cove schoolhouse	300 00
old schoolhouse lot	50 00
town hall and lot	4,000 00
school department	125 00
road "	83 50

Value fire department		\$431 09	
town safe		50 00	
harbor master's department.....		10 00	
stone roller.....		10 00	
Cash in treasury.....		91 19	
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			\$5,166 58
To note due Union Trust Co, Dec 20, '10.....	\$600 00		
G F Kane, April 10, '11.....	620 00		
due Brinton & Mitchell.....	14 00		
Hancock Co Pub Co (estimated).....	20 00		
balance poor account.....	25 00		
text-book	5 46		
insurance.....	1 00		
high school.....	35 75		
current and contingent.....	23 98		
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		\$1,345 19	
Net worth of town		3,821 39	
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			\$5,166 58
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AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the books and accounts of the selectmen and treasurer of the town of Sorrento, and find on file a voucher for every expenditure.

Respectfully yours,

F. L. TRUNDY, *Auditor.*

REPORT
OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the Citizens of Sorrento:

I have the honor to submit to you my fourth annual report of our schools. In this summary I wish to state briefly the facts relating to our schools the past school year, and make some suggestions for future consideration in regard to the best means to adopt for the management of our schools to get the most good out of them.

We have had 24 weeks' school in Cove district the past year, three terms—spring term 10 weeks; fall term 7 weeks; winter term 7 weeks. The spring term was taught by Miss Ruby Gurney; quite a profitable school; the children all went to school and seemed to be interested in their studies. The average attendance was good.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Marcia Foster. She is a person of good character, and is held in highest esteem by all, for her sterling qualities as teacher. She is one of the best; her school was a success in every respect, and the scholars made good progress. The children attended school regularly.

Fall term: Number of scholars attending school, 8; average number 7. Winter term: Whole number of scholars attending school, 8; average number 7 1-2.

High Head school 28 weeks' school for the school year—spring 10 weeks; fall 8 weeks; winter term 10 weeks. The spring term, owing to sickness and other causes was not as profitable a school as we hoped to have at the commencement. Whole number of scholars attending school, 15; average 12. The fall and winter

terms were taught by Eugene Urann; his school was a success in every way; the scholars made rapid progress.

Fall term: Whole number of scholars attending school, 15; average number 12 1-2. Winter term: Whole number of scholars attending school, 10; average number 9 1-4.

If the parents of the children who make up our schools could realize their responsibility to their children, there would be fewer empty seats in the school-room, and the schools would be much better than they are, and more profitable. The men and women who have done the most for themselves and humanity are those who made the most of their school opportunities. It seems to me that it would pay to raise a small sum of money to beautify the school-rooms to make them more attractive and pleasing to the little ones; they have to stay there all day, and we should make it as pleasant for them as possible.

I recommend raising a sum of money to paint Cove schoolhouse. The red school building should be a thing of the past. The building is in good condition except that it needs a coat of paint.

Before closing I wish to thank the superintending school committee for their co-operation and support; also the citizens who made it possible to have a school, and especially the children who tramped so far to school and sat on hard seats.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. MITCHELL,

Superintendent of Schools.

W A R R A N T .

HANCOCK ss.

STATE OF MAINE.

To Chas. W. Sargent, a constable in the town of Sorrento, within the said County,

GREETING:

You are hereby directed to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Sorrento, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the town hall in said Sorrento on Monday, March seventh, A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

1. To elect a town clerk for the coming year.
3. To receive the report of town officers and act on same.
4. To see if the town will vote to elect one selectman for a term of one year, one selectman for two years, and one selectman for three years.
5. To elect selectmen.
6. To elect assessors of taxes.
7. To elect overseers of the poor.
8. To elect a treasurer.
9. To elect a tax collector.
10. To elect a road commissioner.
11. To elect a member of the superintending school committee.
12. To elect a town auditor.
13. To elect constables.
14. To elect truant officers.
15. To see if the town will elect a harbor master.
16. To elect surveyors of lumber, wood and bark.
17. To elect all other town officers.
18. To fix the compensation of all town officers.
19. To see what action the town will take in regard to collection of taxes.
20. To see what action the town will take in regard to extermination of brown-tail moths and other pests.
21. To see what action the town will take in regard to the disposal of garbage.
22. To see what action the town will take regarding town hall.
23. To see if the town will vote yes, or no, in regard to the adoption of the provisions of the public laws of Maine for building State road.
24. To see if the town will raise, appropriate, and set apart for the permanent improvement of the main highways within the town, such sum of money as is contemplated and directed by the public laws of Maine.
25. To see if the town will vote to exempt the property of the Long Pond Water Co. from taxation, in return for free use of water for the town of Sorrento.
26. To see if the town will vote to maintain two schools.
27. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to build a breakwater on Ocean avenue near Jones cottage.

28. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for improvement of streets leading to N. P. Foster's cottage.
29. To see if the town will vote to allow the selectmen if necessary to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
30. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to build permanent sidewalks.
31. To see if the town will elect two tree wardens to serve without pay.
32. To see if town will raise money to build a drain on north side of Waukeag avenue.
33. To see if town will vote to raise a sum of money to use in weeding streets.
34. To see if the town will prohibit the sale of milk in the town except from cows that have been tested and found free from disease within one year.
35. To see if town will vote to license the digging of clams and instruct the constables to enforce the same.
36. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to repair the old schoolhouse.
37. To raise money for the following purposes, to wit: For common schools, insurance, text-books and supplies for schools, repair and supplies for town property, support of poor, roads, bridges and sidewalks, tuition of high school scholars, Memorial day, town notes and interest, superintendence of schools, current and contingent expenses; for any other purpose voted at this meeting.
38. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to remove brush and dead trees from the limits of the town roads.
39. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation a new hotel property to cost not less than \$15,000.00 for a term of ten years.
40. To act upon any other business that may come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at Sorrento aforesaid this fourteenth day of February A.D. one thousand nine hundred and ten.

The selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the town hall in Sorrento on Monday, March 7, 1910, at nine-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

P. L. AIKEN,
J. A. STOVER,
E. L. JELLISON,

Selectmen of Sorrento.

CONSTABLE'S RETURN.

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the voters of Sorrento aforesaid to meet as directed, by posting an attested copy of this warrant at each of the following places, to wit: At postoffice in said town; at the town hall in said town, and at the Cove schoolhouse, so called, in said town, all being public and conspicuous places within the said town, on Monday, Feb. 21st, A. D., 1910, being at least seven days before the said town meeting.

A true copy.

Attest: C. W. SARGENT, *Constable.*



