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# Annual Reports

OF THE

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AND

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OF THE TOWN OF

ISLAND FALLS, ME.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 25,

1901.

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1901.



## Report of Assessors and Selectmen,

|                                     |           |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Valuation of Real Estate, resident, | \$106,547 |           |
| "    "    "    non-resident,        | 55,683    | \$162,230 |

The Personal Estate is made up as follows:

|  |           |              |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| 181 Horses, value,                         | \$5235.00 |              |
| 4 Colts, 3 years old, value,               | 120.00    |              |
| 12 Colts, 2 " " "                          | 315.00    |              |
| 3 Colts, 1 " " "                           | 60.00     |              |
| 109 Cows,                                  | 2155.00   |              |
| 2 Oxen,                                    | 80.90     |              |
| 16 3 years old,                            | 267.00    |              |
| 41 2 " " "                                 | 454.00    |              |
| 76 1 " " "                                 | 529.00    |              |
| 432 Sheep,                                 | 1187.00   |              |
| 19 Swine,                                  | 124.00    | \$10,526.00  |
| Money at interest,                         | \$2700.00 |              |
| Stock in trade,                            | 10,500.00 |              |
| Steamboat,                                 | 200.00    |              |
| Logs and lumber,                           | 31,100.00 |              |
| Bark,                                      | 18,837.00 |              |
| Bicycles,                                  | 315.00    |              |
| Carriages,                                 | 1190.09   |              |
| Musical instruments,                       | 665.00    |              |
| Last Blocks,                               | 500.00    | \$66,007.00  |
| Total amount of Personal Estate,           |           | \$76,533.00  |
| Total amount of Real and Personal Estates, |           |              |
| Resident and Non-Resident,                 |           | \$238,763.00 |

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Rate of Taxation, 28 mills on One Dollar.

Number of Polls, 316. Tax on each, \$3.00.

The following amounts have been assessed upon the polls and estates of residents of Island Falls, and upon the estates, real and personal therein, of non-resident owners, with an overlay of \$233.87. Lists of the same we committed to Levi H. May, collector of said town, with a warrant in due form of law for collecting and paying the same to S. C. Spratt, Town Treasurer, or his successor in office, one-half on or before the first day of September last, and one-half on or before the 15th day of March 1901.

## Amounts assessed:—

|                                    |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| For town expenses,                 | \$1000.00 |           |
| Common schools,                    | 700.00    |           |
| Text-Books,                        | 100.00    |           |
| Repairs on schoolhouses,           | 250.00    |           |
| Free High School,                  | 300.00    |           |
| Insurance, suppl's and apparatus,  | 85.00     |           |
| Roads and bridges,                 | 500.00    |           |
| Support of poor,                   | 1000.00   |           |
| Interest on town debt,             | 250.00    |           |
| Principal of debt,                 | 1500.00   |           |
| Memorial Day,                      | 25.00     |           |
| Abatements,                        | 60.00     |           |
| Receptacle for Public Lib'y books, | 15.00     | \$5785.00 |
| For State tax,                     | 731.39    |           |
| County tax,                        | 883.01    |           |
| Overlay on taxes,                  | 233.87    |           |
| Supplementary tax,                 | 21.00     |           |
| Total assessment,                  |           | \$7654.27 |

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

|                              |          |           |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Amount received from State,  | \$958.48 |           |
| " raised by town,            | 700.00   |           |
| Interest on school fund,     | 144.00   |           |
| Tuition receipts,            | 7.20     | \$1809.68 |
| Paid teachers' wages,        | 1494.20  |           |
| " for transporting scholars, | 99.15    |           |
| " janitors,                  | 71.45    |           |
| " wood,                      | 96.00    |           |
| Overexpended from 1899,      | 28.69    | \$1789.49 |
| Unexpended for 1900,         |          | \$20.19   |

## TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

|                         |          |          |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount raised by town,  | \$100.00 |          |
| " unexpended from 1899, | 22.26    | \$122.26 |
| Expended for 1900,      |          | 145.57   |
| Overexpended,           |          | \$23.31  |

## REPAIR ACCOUNT.

|                        |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount raised by town, |          | \$250.00 |
| Expended,              | \$202.39 |          |
| Overexpended in 1899,  | 23.78    | 226.17   |
| Unexpended in 1900,    |          | 23.83    |

## INSURANCE, APPARATUS, SUPPLIES.

|                       |         |              |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|
| Raised by town,       | \$85.00 |              |
| Unexpended from 1899, | 1.52    | \$86.52      |
| Amount expended,      |         | <u>98.07</u> |
| Overexpended,         |         | \$11.55      |

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

|                               |          |               |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Amount raised by town,        | \$300.00 |               |
| Received from State,          | 250.00   |               |
| Received from Tuition,        | 58.50    |               |
| Unexpended from 1899,         | 17.00    | \$625.50      |
| Paid S. L. Merriman, teacher, |          | <u>625.00</u> |
| Unexpended,                   |          | .50           |

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

|  |           |               |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| Amount raised by town,                                   | \$1000.00 |               |
| From town of Mattawamkeag,<br>on account of P. P. Davis, | 11.03     | \$1011.03     |
| Overdrawn in 1899,                                       |           | <u>718.10</u> |
| Amount to expend in 1900,                                |           | 292.93        |
| Total orders drawn in 1900,                              |           | <u>519.80</u> |
| Amount overdrawn in 1900,                                |           | 226.87        |

George Whitney,—

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| Paid Floren Murchie for board from April<br>15, 1900, to April 28, 1901, | \$147.50 |          |
| Paid Floren Murchie for making clothes,<br>J. C. & B. C. Walker,         | 2.50     |          |
| S. R. Crabtree for medicine,   | 14.27    |          |
| Dr. G. A. Sleeper for dental services,                                   | .85      |          |
| Dr. F. F. Bigelow, medical attendance,                                   | 5.00     |          |
| J. E. Kelley,  | 21.00    |          |
| Emerson Bros. for clothing,  | .50      |          |
|  | 16.99    | \$208.61 |

Pelletiah P. Davis:—

|   |         |          |
|---|---------|----------|
| Paid S. R. Crabtree for medicines,      | \$22.65 |          |
| Dr. F. W. Mitchell, medical attendance, | 4.25    |          |
| Hugh M. Wing for milk,                  | 10.00   |          |
| J. D. Clifford for milk,                | 7.35    |          |
| Emerson Bros., clothing,                | 14.55   |          |
| Dr. F. F. Bigelow, medical attendance,  | 7.50    |          |
| J. C. & B. C. Walker, supplies,         | 51.95   | \$118.25 |

|   |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|
| Dubay Family:—  |         |         |
| Paid Mrs. Charles King for board,                                 | \$75.26 |         |
| Mrs. Barbara Plourde for board,                                   | 25.65   |         |
| Emerson Bros. for supplies,                                       | .83     |         |
| J. C. & B. C. Walker for supplies,                                | 3.00    |         |
| S. R. Crabtree for medicines,                                     | 1.00    |         |
| Dr. Bigelow for medical attendance,                               | 15.00   |         |
| Tom Brooks,   | 2.25    | 122.99  |
| Hunt Family:—   |         |         |
| Paid J. C. & B. C. Walker for supplies,                           | 23.10   |         |
| S. R. Crabtree for medicine,                                      | 1.00    | \$24.10 |
| Willis Shean Family:—   |         |         |
| Paid J. C. & B. C. Walker for provisions,                         |         | 8.87    |
| Mrs. Grant and child:—  |         |         |
| Paid Wesley Stiles for board,                                     | \$4.00  |         |
| Barbara Plourde for Board,  | 1.50    |         |
| W. W. Sewall for R. R. fare to N. Limerick,                       | .90     | 6.40    |
| Mrs. Hugh McLaughlin:—  |         |         |
| Paid John Sprague for board,                                      |         | 3.58    |
| Wright Family:—   |         |         |
| Paid I. F. Mill Co. for wood,                                     |         | 1.00    |
| Mrs. Alice Esty:—   |         |         |
| Paid railroad fare,   |         | 6.00    |
| Mrs. A. S. Gray:—   |         |         |
| Paid Dr. Bigelow for medical attendance on child,                 |         | 18.00   |
| Paid E. E. Morse for board of tramps in 1899,                     | 2.50    |         |
| “           “           “           “           “           1900, | 1.75    | 4.25    |

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#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Amount raised by town,                      | \$500.00 |
| Overdrawn in 1899,                          | 18.74    |
| Amount to expend in 1900,                   | \$481.16 |
| Orders drawn by order of Road Commissioner, | 476.31   |
| Unexpended in 1900,                         | 4.85     |

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#### TOWN EXPENSES.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Paid W. W. Sewall, services as town officer, | \$56.00 |
| S. T. Campbell, services as town officer,    | 79.00   |

|   |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|
| Paid B. R. Walker for services as town officer, | \$101.35 |          |
| C. L. Pettengill & Son for rent of hall,        | 10.00    |          |
| Dr. Mitchell for birth and death reports,       | 6.50     |          |
| S. C. Spratt for services as treasurer,         | 45.00    |          |
| W. S. Leavitt for services, Board of Health,    | 15.00    |          |
| S. R. Crabtree for w. alcohol, " "              | 2.70     |          |
| C. A. Austin for repairing pump,                | 5.00     |          |
| Berry Bros. for " "                             | 1.75     |          |
| B. R. Walker for wood for town office,          | 1.40     |          |
| E. E. Morse, auditor for 1901,                  | 5.00     |          |
| G. H. Donham for printing, paper, etc.,         | 18.00    |          |
| G. H. Donham, records of births and deaths,     | 11.25    |          |
| G. H. Donham, services as town clerk,           | 15.00    |          |
| Loring, Short & Harmon,                         | 8.90     |          |
| Geo. C. Chalmers for rent of office,            | 48.00    |          |
| C. W. Penney, services as moderator,            | 2.00     |          |
| C. W. Penney for scaling bark of F. W. Hunt,    | 2.00     |          |
| C. W. Penney, witness fees Hunt matter,         | 7.62     |          |
| W. H. Dow witness fees " "                      | 8.10     |          |
| W. S. Leavitt " " " "                           | 7.74     |          |
| W. H. Cole " " " "                              | 7.74     |          |
| John Gosnel " " " "                             | 9.30     |          |
| Delmont Emerson witness fees " "                | 6.24     |          |
| W. S. Leavitt for Memorial Day,                 | 25.00    |          |
| S. R. Crabtree for services as Supt.,           | 70.00    |          |
| R. F. Bliss for team for Supt.,                 | 2.50     |          |
| E. E. Morse, auditor for 1899,                  | 5.00     |          |
| B. C. Walker for posting warrants,              | 1.50     |          |
| B. C. Walker for services as constable,         | 5.00     |          |
| B. C. Walker for services as ballot clerk,      | 3.50     |          |
| H. L. Emerson for services as road com.,        | 87.95    |          |
| C. R. Brown for work on cemetery,               | 15.00    |          |
| C. M. Berry for stovepipe for lock-up,          | 2.70     |          |
| W. D. Warren for services as ballot clerk,      | 3.00     |          |
| Mrs. R. B. Warren, services on school board,    | 3.00     |          |
| Zophar Bither, interest on town debt,           | 103.41   |          |
| S. C. Spratt for exchange money,                | 2.50     | \$815.65 |
| Amount raised by town at annual meeting,        | 1000.00  |          |
| Overdrawn in 1899,                              | 116.43   |          |
| Balance to expend,                              |          | 883.57   |
| Amount expended,                                |          | 815.65   |
| Amount unexpended,                              |          | \$67.92  |



"BELVIDERE" ROAD.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| To amount hired of Sarah E. Frye, on 2 years' time, at 5 1-2 per cent. interest, | \$600.00    |
| By paid M. A. Peters on contract for building same                               | 750.00      |
| Paid B. R. Walker for amount paid Cobb for running out road,                     | 5.00 755.00 |

The road was let at auction to the lowest bidder, M. A. Peters, at \$1.53 per rod, making the cost of the road \$829.26. The road has not been accepted, and the town still holds \$79.26 to finish the road. It will be necessary to raise \$229.26 to cover the cost of the road over and above what we were authorized to hire.

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COLLECTORS OF TAXES.

Levi H. May, Collector for 1899:—

|                                    |          |              |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| To balance due town at last report |          | \$656.86     |
| By treasurer's receipts,           | \$568.38 |              |
| commission for collecting,         | 48.82    | 617.20       |
| Balance due,                       |          | <u>39.66</u> |

The collector presents a list of taxes for abatement, which we refer to the town. The amount is \$39.66 which if allowed will balance the above account.

Levi H. May, Collector for 1900:—

|                    |  |                |
|--------------------|--|----------------|
| Amount committed,  |  | \$7648.27      |
| Paid to treasurer, |  | <u>4486.79</u> |
| Balance due,       |  | \$3171.48      |

Upon examination of collector's book for 1900 we find that the sum of \$1515.68 which has been collected by him has not been turned over to the treasurer.

M. A. Peters, Collector of 1895:—

|  |  |              |
|--|--|--------------|
| Balance uncollected at beginning of year,        |  | \$22.70      |
| Balance uncollected for 1896, beginning of year, |  | 240.44       |
| Amount collected,                                |  | <u>38.50</u> |
| Balance uncollected,                             |  | 201.94       |

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

S. C. Spratt in account with Inhabitants

of Island Falls, Dr.

|  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| To cash at beginning of year,                | \$1092.50 |           |
| Amount received from dog licenses, '98, '99, | 53.15     |           |
| Received from F. W. Hunt & Co, '98, '99 tax, | 46.00     |           |
| M. A. Peters, coll. for 1895, 1896,          | 38.50     |           |
| L. H. May, coll. for 1899,                   | 568.38    |           |
| State, for high school,                      | 283.50    |           |
| Albert Colpitts, acc. of Hugh Colpitts,      | 22.00     |           |
| Selectmen, for "Belvidere" road,             | 600.00    |           |
| Dog licenses for 1900,                       | 20.00     |           |
| State pensions,                              | 48.00     |           |
| State mill tax,                              | 958.48    |           |
| Tuition in common school,                    | 7.20      |           |
| Tuition in high school,                      | 58.50     |           |
| From Mattawamkeag, acc. of P. P. Davis,      | 110.75    |           |
| Levi H. May, interest on '97 tax,            | 16.61     |           |
| Levi H. May, " " '99 "                       | 14.25     |           |
| Levi H. May, collector for 1900,             | 4486.80   | \$8424.62 |

## Credit.

|                          |         |           |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Paid order of 1891,      | \$40.00 |           |
| Order of 1897,           | 22.87   |           |
| Orders of 1898,          | 85.00   |           |
| Orders of 1899,          | 206.00  |           |
| Orders of 1900,          | 4994.41 |           |
| Dog licenses,            | 20.00   |           |
| State tax of 1900,       | 731.39  |           |
| On County tax of 1900,   | 307.58  |           |
| Bounty on wild-cats,     | 4.00    |           |
| Tax deed,                | 40.22   |           |
| State pension,           | 24.00   |           |
| Interest on town orders, | 24.47   |           |
| Cash on hand,            | 1924.68 | \$8424.62 |

## LIABILITIES.

|   |         |            |
|---|---------|------------|
| Orders outstanding of 1896,                   | \$0.75  |            |
| “ held by Zophar Bither,                      | 861.08  |            |
| “ of 1897,                                    | 538.74  |            |
| “ of 1898,                                    | 1125.00 |            |
| “ of 1899,                                    | 728.78  |            |
| “ of 1900,                                    | 287.17  |            |
| “ to Mrs. Sarah E. Frye,                      | 600.00  |            |
| Bonds held by school Fund,                    | 1945.00 |            |
| “ issued by town                              | 740.00  |            |
| Balance due on County tax,                    | 575.43  |            |
| Due Wilson & Gorham, services in Hunt matter, | 155.20  |            |
| Balance on “Belvidere” Road,                  | 229.26  | \$7,786.93 |

## RESOURCES.

|   |           |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Cash in Treasury,                       | \$1924.68 |            |
| Due from M. A. Peters, collector, 1895, | 22.70     |            |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1896,                         | 201.94    |            |
| “ “ Levi H. May collector, in 1900,     | 3171.48   |            |
| “ “ Town of New Limerick, Grant famiy,  | 6.40      |            |
| “ “ State, on wild-cat bounty,          | 30.00     | \$5357.40  |
| Indebtedness of town,                   |           | \$2.429.53 |

Respectfully submitted,

|                   |   |               |
|-------------------|---|---------------|
| BENJ. R. WALKER,  | } | Selectmen     |
| SETH T. CAMPBELL, |   | of            |
| W. W. SEWALL.     |   | Island Falls. |

I have examined the accounts of the several town officers and have compared the same with vouchers on file. I find all accounts and items true and proved by proper vouchers.

E. E. MORSE, AUDITOR.



## Report of Road Commissioner.

|  |        |          |
|--|--------|----------|
| Amount raised by town for roads and bridges, |        | \$500.00 |
| Overdrawn in 1899,                           |        | 18.74    |
|  |        | <hr/>    |
| Net amount to be expended,                   |        | \$481.26 |
| Paid W. D. Warren,                           | \$8.25 |          |
| C. E. Small,                                 | 6.65   |          |
| Dyke Drew,                                   | .75    |          |
| M. L. Emerson,                               | 17.85  |          |
| W. H. Dow,                                   | 16.35  |          |
| Asa Crandall,                                | 1.50   |          |
| M. A. Peters,                                | 26.72  |          |
| Timothy Walker,                              | 8.00   |          |
| A. D. Perry,                                 | 2.25   |          |
| Geo. H. Donham, Jr.,                         | 3.00   |          |
| Emerson Bros. for mdse,                      | 34.87  |          |
| Emerson Bros., labor,                        | 1.10   |          |
| Matta. Lumber Co., lumber,                   | 42.46  |          |
| Geo. York, blacksmithing,                    | 3.25   |          |
| Frank Berry, "                               | 3.55   |          |
| Alfred Kerr,                                 | 3.90   |          |
| M. L. Emerson,                               | 18.50  |          |
| John McCue,                                  | 5.10   |          |
| J. D. Clifford,                              | 3.00   |          |
| Arthur Hussey,                               | 6.00   |          |
| Jeff. Dow,                                   | 1.50   |          |
| B. C. Perry,                                 | 4.50   |          |
| A. B. Drew,                                  | 4.80   |          |
| Geo. E. Cutler,                              | 3.00   |          |
| Mansfield Sprague,                           | .50    |          |
| Emerson Bros.,                               | 45.12  |          |
| David Green,                                 | 2.62   |          |
| Will Irish, lumber,                          | 22.26  |          |
| George Norton,                               | 10.00  |          |
| Hugh Wing,                                   | 6.00   |          |
| William Miller,                              | 13.25  |          |
| Amos Terrio,                                 | 11.25  |          |
| John McCue,                                  | 43.30  |          |
| Alpheus Craig,                               | 2.00   |          |
| Ulysses Franklin,                            | 5.62   |          |
| W. W. Sewall,                                | 26.40  |          |
| Oliver Dow,                                  | 33.15  |          |
| John Lawler,                                 | 3.94   |          |

|  |       |          |
|--|-------|----------|
| A. S. Drew,  | 20.60 |          |
| Charles Walker,  | 10.50 |          |
| Island Falls Mill Co., lumber,   | 1.41  |          |
| Amount expended,   |       | \$476.37 |
| Balance of money unexpended,   |       | \$4.89   |
| Of the amount expended, there was used for breaking roads in the winter, the sum of \$48.15. |       |          |
| Resources:—  |       |          |
| 2000 feet of hemlock plank at Cold Brook bridge,   |       | \$20.00  |
| Account against Fleetwood Pride,   |       | 3.25     |

H. L. EMERSON, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

## SCHOOLS.

### FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Receipts:—                           |          |          |
| Raised by taxation, March 26, 1900,  | \$300.00 |          |
| Received from tuition,               | 58.50    |          |
| “ “ State,                           | 250.00   |          |
| Amount unexpended last year,         | 17.00    | \$625.50 |
| Expenditures:—                       |          |          |
| S. L. Merriman, salary for the year, |          | 625.00   |
| Amount unexpended,                   |          | .50      |

### COMMON SCHOOLS.

|                                    |          |           |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Receipts:—                         |          |           |
| Raised by vote of the town,        | \$700.00 |           |
| Interest on school fund,           | 144.00   |           |
| Received from tuition,             | 7.20     |           |
| Received from the State,           | 958.48   | \$1809.68 |
| Expenditures:—                     |          |           |
| Paid Harriet F. Springer, teacher, | \$280.00 |           |
| James Shaughnessy, “               | 74.00    |           |
| Louvie D. Hackett “                | 290.00   |           |
| Kathleen Buckley, “                | 220.00   |           |
| Nellie Stewart, “                  | 76.00    |           |
| Damaris Merriman, “                | 204.00   |           |
| Rena Drew, “                       | 180.00   |           |
| Mrs. Garnett, “                    | 10.00    |           |
| Nellie Carson, “                   | 60.00    |           |
| Celia Walker, “                    | 96.00    |           |

|                                       |        |           |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Paid Lillian Berry, teacher,          | \$4.20 |           |
| Don Perry, janitor,                   | 4.00   |           |
| George A. Schneider, janitor,         | 12.00  |           |
| Schneider & Porter, “                 | 40.00  |           |
| Ferd Walker, “                        | 5.70   |           |
| Oscar Porter, “                       | 3.00   |           |
| Willie Small, “                       | 6.75   |           |
| W. S. Leavitt, wood,                  | 71.30  |           |
| H. M. Wing, “                         | 7.50   |           |
| I. F. Mill Co. “                      | 17.20  |           |
| E. A. Hillman, transporting scholars, | 15.00  |           |
| F. J. Hylan, “ “                      | 57.15  |           |
| L. H. May, “ “                        | 27.00  |           |
| Overexpended in 1899, 1900,           | 28.69  | \$1789.49 |
| Amount unexpended,                    |        | \$20.19   |

## TEXT-BOOKS.

## Receipts:—

|                       |         |          |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| Unexpended last year, | \$22.26 |          |
| Raised by taxation,   | 100.00  | \$122.26 |

## Expenditures:—

|                                |        |          |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Paid E. P. Craig for maps,     | \$4.00 |          |
| L. Barton for Registers,       | 4.05   |          |
| E. E. Babb for books,          | 76.84  |          |
| Ginn & Co. for books,          | 42.25  |          |
| S. R. Crabtree for expressage, | 18.43  | \$145.57 |
| Amount overexpended,           |        | \$23.31  |

## REPAIRS.

## Receipts:—

|                            |          |  |
|----------------------------|----------|--|
| Amount raised by taxation, | \$250.00 |  |
|----------------------------|----------|--|

## Expenditures:—

|                                  |        |          |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Paid W. Pipes, labor on repairs, | \$8.35 |          |
| A. Boyden, labor on repairs,     | 11.55  |          |
| Bradbury Dow, “                  | 3.00   |          |
| A. B. Merriman, “                | 24.76  |          |
| F. S. Alexander, material,       | 29.71  |          |
| Matta. Lumber Co., material,     | 57.61  |          |
| C. M. Berry, “                   | 12.10  |          |
| C. L. Pettengill & Son, “        | 35.46  |          |
| S. R. Crabtree, “                | 19.85  |          |
| Overexpended last year,          | 23.78  | \$226.17 |
| Amount unexpended,               |        | \$23.83  |

## INSURANCE, APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES.

## Receipts:—

|                              |       |         |
|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Amount unexpended last year, | 1.52  |         |
| Raised by taxation,          | 85.00 | \$86.52 |

## Expenditures:—

|   |       |         |
|---|-------|---------|
| Paid Emerson Bros. for supplies,        | 7.21  |         |
| Geo. T. Holyoke for insurance,          | 47.50 |         |
| L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., apparatus,   | 37.51 |         |
| S. R. Crabtree, apparatus and supplies, | 4.10  |         |
| G. H. Donham, supplies,                 | 1.75  | \$98.07 |
| Amount overexpended,                    |       | \$11.55 |

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

It is recommended that the following sums of money be raised to meet the necessary school expenses for the coming year:—

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| For Free High School,                     | \$325.00 |
| “ Common Schools, amount required by law, | 850.00   |
| “ Text-Books,                             | 125.00   |
| “ Repairs,                                | 100.00   |
| “ Insurance, apparatus and supplies,      | 65.00    |

The school committee again recommend that a school house be built on Barker Ridge, and that the necessary amount to build the same be appropriated.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

No. of scholars in town April 1, 1900, 379.

No. of scholars attending school, 280.

No. of schools in town, 7.

No. of scholars registered.

|               | No. of scholars registered. |       |         | Average attendance. |       |         |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------|---------|---------------------|-------|---------|
|               | Spring.                     | Fall. | Winter. | Spring.             | Fall. | Winter. |
| High,         | 43                          | 37    | 43      | 30                  | 35    | 45      |
| Grammar,      | 39                          | 41    | 40      | 29                  | 35    | 33      |
| Intermediate, | 43                          | 42    | 45      | 33                  | 40    | 47      |
| Primary,      | 50                          | 47    | 46      | 34                  | 39    | 32      |
| Sub-Primary,  | 27                          | 27    |         | 17                  | 23    |         |
| Wing School,  | 19                          | 24    | 15      | 14                  | 18    | 12      |
| Barker Ridge, | 31                          | 28    | 29      | 26                  | 23    | 20      |

With the money appropriated for the purpose, last spring, some much needed alterations were made in the basement of the high school building. A water-tight flooring and walls were built around the furnace to protect it during the high water in the spring, and a room for the sub-primary school fitted up; also a laboratory for the



high school. In addition to these a room was left for a play-room during stormy weather, and where scholars taking their dinners could have a comfortable place to remain out of school hours.

A sum of money was raised by the high school scholars, and a set of carpenter's tools purchased, with which nearly all the furniture for the laboratory was made by the boys in the high school, under the direction of the principal. Their efforts in this direction have been most praiseworthy and have saved the town considerable expense.

The beneficial effects of the curfew law enacted last spring have been very apparent among the scholars in the lower grades, as evidenced by their general appearance in the schoolroom. The enforcement of the truant law has secured a better average attendance than formerly, and, taken altogether, the schools are in a more advanced condition than last year.

For the second time we have been able to send out teachers from the high school, and the success of these students as teachers testifies to the worth of our high school and to the careful training they there receive.

The rural schools have both increased in size the past year, and under the instruction of Miss Rena Drew, Miss Nellie Carson and Miss Celia Walker, good work has been done. Instruction for the Garnett children, who live remote from a school house, has been provided for them at their home, and so far as your committee could ascertain adequate provisions have been made for instructing the scholars in all parts of the town.

We wish to express our appreciation of the sacrifices made by many parents to enable their children to continue in school during the entire school year, and we also urge upon all parents the importance and necessity of keeping their children in school after they have attained the age at which they can no longer be compelled by law to attend. It is only by the parents exerting their authority in the home that we can hope for the best results and the greatest good in the higher grades.

Respectfully submitted,

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REV. HENRY PARSONS,  
MRS. R. B. WARREN. } School Board.

By S. R. CRABTREE, Supt.



