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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE TOWN OF
NORRIDGEWOCK

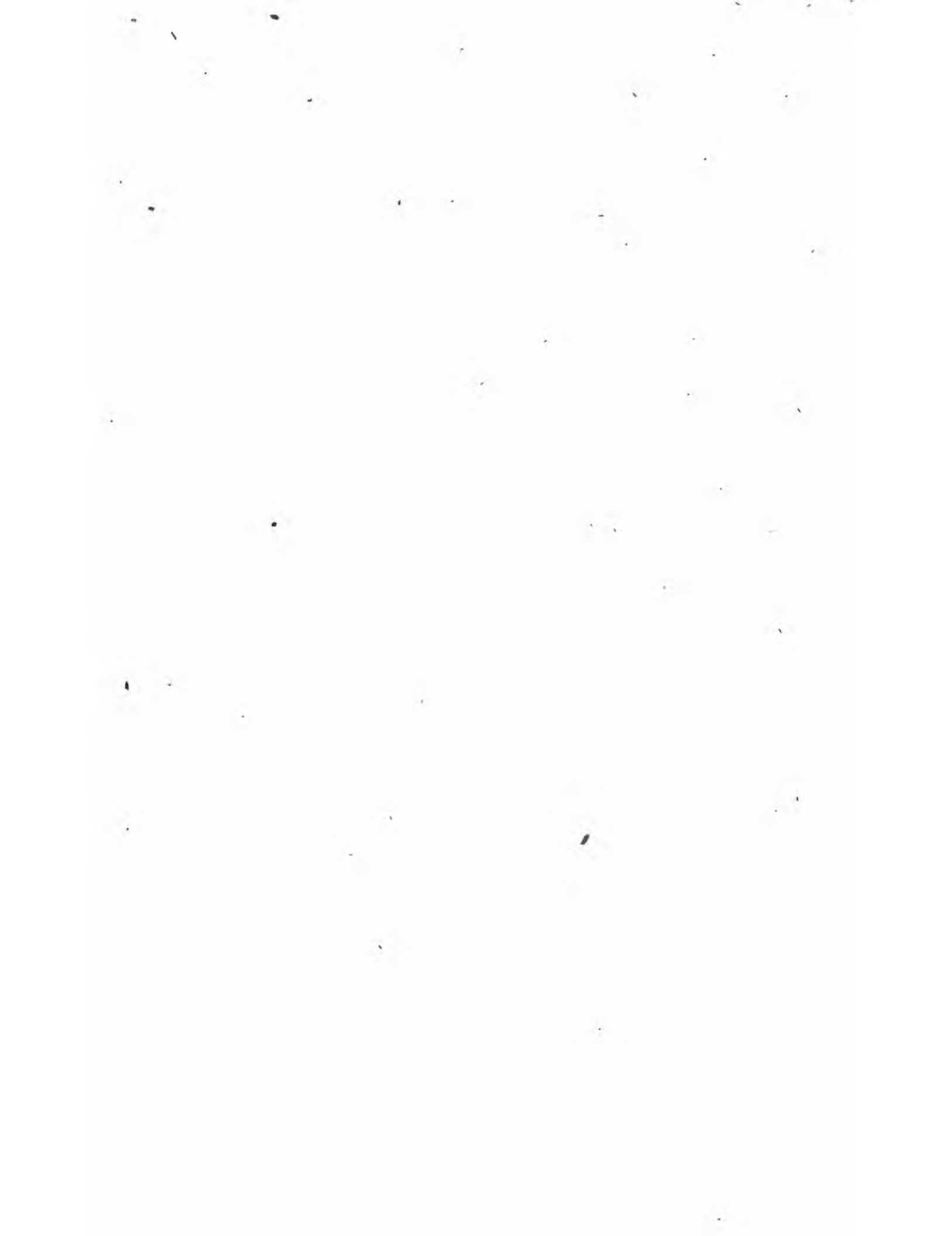
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Town Officers

Clerk.....O. F. HALL

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,

DAVID G. WOOD, HENRY S. WHITING, CHARLES J. SAVAGE

Treasurer..... CONY RUSSELL

Road Commissioner..... HERBERT E. HALE

TERM EXPIRES

School Committee.....	{ J. F. WOODSUM	1908
	{ CONY RUSSELL	1909
	{ E. A. HILTON	1910

Superintendent of Schools.....ALICE K. FOLSOM

Collector.....NICHOLAS MILLER

Auditor.....L. R. FOLSOM

TERM EXPIRES

Trustees Public Library.	{ F. G. DAVIS	1908
	{ CONY RUSSELL	1909
	{ L. R. FOLSOM	1910
	{ C. H. HUSSEY	1911
	{ H. W. SMITH	1912

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Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT

Raised at March Meeting, 1907:

Common schools.....	\$2,500 00	— 2250
Poor and town expenses.....	1,800 00	— 1800
Debt and interest.....	2,000 00	— 3000
Roads, bridges and culverts.....	2,500 00	— 3000
Free high school.....	350 00	— 600
Repairs on school buildings.....	500 00	— 400
Text books and supplies.....	350 00	— 800
Supt. of schools	100 00	— 100
Free public library	200 00	— 100
State road	300 00	
State tax.....	1,756 19	
County tax.....	788 34	
Electric lights.....	200 00	
Snow roads	1,500 00	— 1000
Fire department.....	50 00	
	—————	\$14,894 53

INVENTORY

Real estate, resident	\$425,070 00
“ “ non-resident.....	58,310 00
Personal estate, resident	123,145 00
“ “ non-resident.....	1,780 00
	—————
Total valuation.....	\$608,305 00
Assessed 23 mills on each dollar of valuation ..	\$13,991 01
412 polls at \$3.00.....	1,236 00
	—————
	\$ 15,227 01
Overlay in assessing	\$ 332 48

POOR AND TOWN EXPENSES

Balance unexpended last year.....	\$ 163 38
Amount raised by town.....	1,800 00
Received for shingles.....	2 75
“ “ sheep killed by dogs.....	21 00

Sale of ashes.....	2 25	
Auction license.....	2 00	
		\$1,991 38

EXPENSE OF POOR

Laura E. Palmer.....	\$135 15	
Ella Mosher.....	140 18	
Rufus Longley.....	148 24	
Kate Withee.....	214 17	
Fred Badineau.....	17 75	
Cora Taylor.....	13 00	
L. Lawton.....	116 75	
Effie Cleveland.....	157 50	
Margaret Holbrook.....	74 27	
Fred Walton.....	52 57	
Mary Bickford.....	25 57	
Carrie Higgins.....	15 25	
W. T. Dysart.....	27 83	
Fred Mitchell.....	35 87	
J. S. Benson.....	2 11	
I. F. Loring.....	99 99	
		\$1,276 20
Received from:		
Fred Lawton.....	\$116 75	
Herbert Withee.....	35 00	
Industrial School of Maine.....	1 75	
		\$ 153 50
Net poor expenses.....		\$1,122 70

TOWN EXPENSES

D. G. Wood, salary.....	\$150 00
H. S. Whiting, ".....	75 00
C. J. Savage, ".....	75 00
Cony Russell, ".....	50 00
O. F. Hall, ".....	10 00
L. R. Folsom ".....	5 00
W. F. Brown, printing.....	1 50
Cony Russell, town reports.....	26 00
" " blank books for town.....	8 25
F. E. Southard, care of tramps.....	17 10
S. G. Woodcock, damage to sheep.....	4 00
Harry Webber, witness Hignett case.....	75

P. H. Butler, watching July 3, 1906.....	1 50
C. J. Savage, enumerating scholars	10 00
H. S. Whiting, enrolling militia	10 00
Niel Mills, work at library	70
H. E. Hale, for Bates Post	30 00
A. D. Brackley, shingling library building....	21 50
C. J. Savage, shingles for library	39 00
E. E. Wilder, damage to sheep	9 00
G. A. Tobey, watching July 3, 1906-1907....	3 00
C. R. Miller, " " 3, 1907.....	1 50
R. B. Sawyer, " " 3 and 4, 1907 ...	3 50
H. A. Gilman, " " 4, 1907.....	2 00
M. G. Eames, clearing cemetary	3 00
Samuel Albee, " "	4 00
C. N. Staples, services as truant officer	6 00
M. Tibbetts, damage to sheep.....	4 00
R. S. Haynes " " "	4 00
E. F. Rogers, cleaning town hall.....	1 50
F. A. Fuller, boards for library.....	2 25
F. C. Holt, disinfecting	9 50
Cony Russell, abatement book.....	1 00
F. C. Holt, disinfecting and material	5 95
H. W. Smith, witness in Hignett case	2 10
C. E. H. Beane, " " " "	2 10
Francis Gilman, " " " "	2 10
C. E. Brown, " " " "	2 10
Mr. Walker, " " " "	2 46
Alex Tuttle, " " " "	6 18
John Smith, " " " "	2 70
Hiram Philbrick, affidavit Dysart case.....	2 00
D. G. Wood, express, postage and travel.....	5 28
H. C. Hussey, nails and glass for library.....	3 36
O. F. Hall, births and deaths.....	12 30
C. W. Farrand, serving papers.....	2 58
F. C. Holt, disinfecting and material	20 80
N. Miller, commission on taxes.....	227 34
H. W. Smith, birth and death certificates, dis- infecting material and attending fever cases.....	42 25
J. D. Ames, births and deaths and fever cases	21 00
W. F. Brown, printing.....	1 50
N. Miller, abatement of S. Morse tax, 1906...	3 00

Total poor and town expenses.....		\$2,081 65
Overdrawn	\$90 27	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Unexpended last year.....	\$39 00	
Raised by town.....	50 00	
	<u> </u>	\$89.00

Paid out:

C. J. Savage, chemicals and labor.....	\$3 00	
W. F. Brown, rent and labor	17 50	
H. C. Hussey, repairs for engine.....	2 04	
W. F. Brown, repairs for engine.....	2 50	
H. C. Hussey, chemical.....	6 00	
	<u> </u>	\$31 04
		<u> </u>
		\$57 96

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Unexpended last year.....	\$36 53	
Raised by town	200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$236 53
Paid Electric Light Company.....		100 59
		<u> </u>
Balance.....		\$135 94
Light bills due but not presented, about \$40		

COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Tax committed to Nicholas Miller		\$15,227 01
By Treasurer's receipts.....	\$15,159 08	
By abatements.....	67 93	
	<u> </u>	\$15,227 01

ABATEMENTS

John Adams, poverty.....	\$3 00
Fred Benson, out of town.....	3 00
David Creighton, soldier.....	3 00
Oliver Horn, out of town.....	3 00
Chester Jones, paid in Augusta.....	3 00
Henry Miller, out of town	3 00
Fred Mulligan, out of town.....	1 15
C. H. Sturgiss, paid elsewhere.....	3 00
Chester Sawyer, error.....	1 73

Della Tibbetts, bank stock, error.....	11 50	
J. F. Woodsum, soldier	3 00	
Obed S. Allen, out of town	3 00	
J. M. Barnes, soldier.....	3 00	
E. H. Burgess, error.....	1 72	
A. N. Given, soldier.....	3 00	
Naomi Hartford, poverty	2 30	
L. J. Meservey, residence unknown.....	3 58	
C. S. Rowell, paid in Solon	3 00	
F. E. Southard, error.....	4 37	
Fred Buzzell, out of town.....	3 00	
G. H. Harvie, error.....	2 58	
		\$ 67 93

DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS FOR 1907

Published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 166 of the Public Laws of Maine for 1907.

Milford Adams.....	\$ 7 83	
Clara Adams.....	11 50	
John S. Benson.....	3 00	
Marshall Eames.....	2 72	
Corridon Edwards.....	3 00	
Hiram Philbrick	3 92	
Alden A. Savage.....	5 30	
Anthony Simpson	2 30	
L. P. Stevens.....	1 73	
Irvin Taylor	4 72	
Abbie M. Thompson.....	10 72	
Cassin Tuttle.....	3 45	
J. A. Tuttle.....	5 30	
Chas. Cleveland.....	10 35	
Heirs of S. F. Conant.....	8 05	
Wm. Hill.....	1 15	
Frank Mitchell.....	3 30	
Fred Salley, Jr.,.....	1 03	
		\$ 89 37

STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT

Amount raised by town.....		\$300 00
Paid out as follows:		
F. H. Tobey	\$ 7 00	
W. L. Wheeler.....	4 38	

F. S. Lawton.....	3 33	
C. L. Carr.....	4 95	
L. H. White	3 00	
Alton Smith and others.....	10 00	
H. Tuttle.....	9 00	
Steward Webb.....	21 00	
Geo. Tuttle.....	12 00	
W. Tuttle.....	8 25	
Wm. Luby.....	40 00	
R. Forsythe.....	36 00	
Ray Bigelow.....	22 50	
G. Grant.....	38 00	
H. E. Hale.....	36 00	
Julia Lessor.....	4 00	
S. Albee.....	2 00	
F. York.....	34 00	
C. J. Savage and team.....	85 50	
N. N. Boynton and team.....	82 37	
C. L. Russell.....	2 00	
Brackett & Russell.....	1 37	
John Benson.....	1 25	
		<u>\$467 90</u>
Overdrawn.....		\$167 90
Due from the State		233 95
		<u>\$ 66 05</u>
Available for 1908.		

Highway Department

SUMMER ROADS

Amount raised by town..... ~~\$2,500 00~~
 Unexpended last year..... 512 28

Handwritten:
 3000
 448.54
~~3,012.28~~
 2559.46
 72.62
~~110.88~~
 66.05

Stakes Paid out as follows:

<i>John</i> John Knox	\$ 2 25
<i>John</i> Somerset Railway.....	25
<i>John</i> C. H. Emmons.....	2 25
<i>John</i> Clarence Rogers.....	3 60
E. H. Tobey, for plank	75 20
B. F. Lancaster	2 50
E. E. Clark.....	7 35
L. F. Lawton.....	1 82
Mrs. A. Duckworth, stone	5 00
F. H. Tobey.....	14 00
Horace Withee.....	11 40
X. A. Withee.....	9 80
H. S. Walker	3 65
H. E. Hale	67 20
Frank Lancaster	10 50
R. T. Rogers	1 00
E. S. Watson.....	11 00
Prescott Smith.....	2 25
L. J. Smith.....	9 53
F. L. Parker.....	7 75
H. C. Hussey	6 92
H. C. Hussey, bridge rail	28 65
F. A. Tobey and others.....	10 07
W. W. Farrand, road machine.....	57 00
G. E. Harlow " "	334 75
N. N. Boynton " "	191 19
E. T. Hatch " "	80 50
M. W. Tracey " "	200 00
Clarence Rogers.....	8 30
E. M. Williamson	26 00
E. F. Grant.....	3 00
L. E. Rogers.....	2 80

W. L. Wheeler.....	73 06
H. E. Hale.....	55 25
C. J. Savage.....	161 00
Wm. Luby.....	59 94
Geo. Tuttle.....	4 60
Geo. Porter.....	1 72
F. F. Storer.....	1 30
C. S. Bates, plank.....	25 86
Steward Wing.....	2 25
H. E. Hale.....	23 00
W. L. Wheeler.....	18 38
A. S. Meader, plank.....	19 50
F. S. Lawton.....	27 13
Geo. Tuttle.....	5 15
C. J. Savage, hauling stone.....	30 00
C. E. Brown.....	5 75
C. H. Cross.....	2 45
E. M. Fletcher.....	12 30
C. M. Conant, road machine.....	225 00
G. Irvin Grant, \$1.50 on ferry acct.....	16 00
C. S. Bates.....	2 44
F. S. Lancaster.....	1 50
Julia Lessor, gravel.....	6 60
E. B. Tinkham and others.....	8 30
Geo. Tuttle.....	6 30
Robert Forsythe, \$1.50 on ferry acct.....	42 50
Wm. Luby, \$1.50 on ferry acct.....	51 00
Somerset Ry.....	4 00
Geo. Tuttle.....	9 60
V. G. Cunliff.....	8 45
H. E. Hale, \$2.00 on ferry acct.....	75 50
A. S. Meader.....	4 66
Charles Tuttle.....	2 00
C. L. Carr.....	19 29
C. J. Savage.....	31 25
C. J. Savage, \$2.63 on ferry acct.....	79 00
Ray Bigelow.....	6 25
Henry A. George.....	15 00
Samuel Albee.....	1 88
A. Tuttle and others.....	5 92
Chas. Longley.....	3 02
Dodlin Granite Co.....	60 40
A. Holway.....	1 65

Henry Buzzell.....	4 00
Howard Bickford.....	4 35
E. E. Clark.....	3 16
E. H. Tobey.....	5 00
F. L. Lancaster.....	2 10
F. A. Fuller.....	13 46
A. B. Walker.....	1 00
W. L. Wheeler, Old Point Bridge.....	43 50
H. C. Hussey, " " ".....	69 03
Wm. Luby, " " ".....	47 57
Somerset Ry " " ".....	4 84
Lewis Forsythe, " " ".....	20 50
Frank Moore " " ".....	16 50
Edward Taylor " " ".....	5 00
W. H. Ward " " ".....	1 37
N. N. Boynton and others Old Point Bridge.....	155 50
Robt. Forsythe " " ".....	43 50
Fred Knight " " ".....	11 37
J. R. Emery & Co. " " ".....	3 69
C. J. Savage " " ".....	31 25
H. E. Hale " " ".....	101 25
Oakland Lumber Co.,.....	43 55
Totman Lumber Co.,.....	20 61
F. A. Fuller, ferry boat.....	1 64
M. G. Eames, " ".....	4 00
G. E. Harlow, " ".....	40 36
H. C. Hussey, " ".....	13 47
F. H. Tobey, " ".....	16 00
Brackett & Russell " ".....	2 13
Somerset Railway " ".....	4 65
N. Anson Lumber Co. " ".....	23 25
Oakland Lumber Co. " ".....	29 00
Charles Ward, " ".....	2 16
V. G. Cunliff, " ".....	63 47
C. J. Savage, " ".....	35 45
H. C. Hussey, " ".....	5 29
Chas. A. Bragdon, ferryman.....	70 00
C. J. Savage and others, moving boat.....	18 40
Geo. Tuttle.....	7 00
H. E. Hale.....	24 05
C. A. Ward.....	50
Somerset Grange.....	4 00
D. W. Simonds.....	8 00

E. P. Rogers.....	1 22	
I. W. Gray.....	2 50	
Fred Otis.....	1 50	
S. S. Otis.....	2 65	
C. J. Savage, ferry acct.....	2 00	
H. S. Bigelow.....	5 07	
J. R. Hilton.....	2 65	
H. C. Hussey.....	4 68	
	<hr/>	\$3460 82
Overdrawn.....		\$ 448 54

SNOW ROADS

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Raised by town.....	\$1,500 00
Overdrawn last year.....	111 83

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591.07
\$1,388-17
~~11183~~

Paid out as follows:

E. H. Tobey.....	\$ 16 10
L. H. White.....	10 15
Fred Chapman.....	8 25
M. R. Brooks.....	90
H. S. Lancaster.....	7 69
G. W. Porter.....	2 10
F. Moore.....	13 50
E. E. Clark.....	5 43
C. S. Bates.....	5 60
A. B. Walker.....	6 05
Silas Tobey.....	3 40
W. H. Fairfield.....	2 00
L. H. White.....	4 90
T. Perkins.....	1 35
Ira Taylor.....	6 17
Lyman Emmons.....	1 00
N. N. Boynton.....	4 75
C. E. Boynton.....	1 12
M. Downs.....	11 90
H. G. Walker.....	14 45
D. A. Adams.....	5 20
O. E. Taylor.....	9 10
C. C. Travis.....	2 00
E. E. Clark.....	2 90
H. G. Walker.....	1 34
H. E. Hale.....	30 25

591.07
448.54

142.53
18.

124.83

H. S. Bigelow	13 30
John Morrow	1 65
A. Frederic	1 35
L. Frederic	75
F. H. Parsons and others	24 90
T. H. Heald	90
I. W. Gray	11 90
Fred Chapman	4 50
Henry Buzzell	20 10
John Knox	5 27
E. C. Palmer	7 04
F. A. Tobey	4 75
C. H. Cross	7 38
Peter Travis	5 85
E. S. Walker	3 00
F. C. Dunlap	15 45
Fred Chapman	1 40
J. B. Frederic	5 28
W. L. Wheeler	17 63
E. M. Williamson	10 90
C. F. Grant	9 85
E. E. Wilder	2 10
Isaiah Green	4 05
C. R. Stevens	4 38
Frank Lancaster	9 90
B. F. Baker	1 20
W. H. Fairfield	3 45
Fred Knight	11 90
Geo. Wyers	30 10
John Knox	3 65
W. Tuttle	3 75
Chas. Smith	1 50
Howard Tuttle	2 70
Geo. Tuttle	3 15
John Bouillard	5 40
Chas. Savage	18 17
R. S. Haynes	10 75
A. E. Jepson and others	9 44
E. A. Atkinson	16 85
E. J. Rouillard	19 30
Sam Boulou	8 50
Clarence Rogers	5 55
E. P. Rogers	5 25

E. M. Francis	4 43	
E. J. Holway	3 60	
W. Wasson	4 20	
F. A. Parsons	3 15	
W. A. Walton	5 13	
E. B. Everett	3 05	
X. A. Withee and others	16 50	
N. N. Boynton	6 62	
A. G. Owens	8 62	
E. S. Watson	7 25	
P. Smith	12 51	
F. L. Parker	14 40	
E. C. Palmer	1 20	
F. Esty	2 49	
S. Frost	11 00	
A. B. Walker	2 07	
M. R. Brooks	1 55	
Amos Holt	4 57	
V. G. Cunliff	23 00	
H. E. Withee	13 55	
R. A. Bigelow	5 20	
W. W. Farrand	2 50	
F. S. Lancaster	5 42	
C. W. Farrand	4 00	
J. W. Cripps	1 50	
A. Tuttle & others	13 61	
M. Downs	3 15	
A. Holway	5 45	
E. H. Tobey	7 35	
Edward Taylor	6 30	
E. P. Holway	9 55	
D. W. Simonds	15 24	
C. S. Bates	75	
J. R. Hilton	6 50	
H. I. Buzzell	4 20	
W. L. Wheeler	2 55	
H. S. Jones & others	17 80	
C. H. Jones	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$797 10
Unexpended		591 07
Rec'd. from U. S. Government on Ferry acct.		12 00
Estimated due from Starks on ferry account,	\$64	

110. 29
 28. 29
 26.

220.68

 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S ACCOUNT

Balance in commissioner's hands at beginning		
of year.....	\$243 31	
Drawn on orders.....	4125 00	
	<hr/>	\$4368 31
Paid out as per vouchers.....		4257 92
		<hr/>
Balance in hands of Commissioner		\$110 39

Treasurer's Report

	Dr.
Cash in treasury Feb. 2, 1907	\$2,730 75
Rec'd from N. Miller, tax collector.....	15,227 01
Temporary loan.....	6,000 00
Horace Frost, sale of ashes.....	2 25
F. C. Holt, auction license	2 00
Tuition.....	74 33
Maine Industrial School, refunded.....	1 75
U. S. Gov., ferrying Sandy River	12 00
Solon Creamery, for shingles	2 75
Fred Lawton, acct. L. F. Lawton.....	116 75
O. F. Hall, dog licenses.....	154 00
Herbert Withee, acct. Kate Withee.....	35 00
State of Maine, free high school	375 00
public library	28 03
R. R. tax, 1906.....	4 50
R. R. tax, 1907.....	5 25
dog licenses.....	121 77
sheep killed by dog ...	21 00
school fund	1,360 62
State pensions.....	72 00
	<hr/>
	\$26,346 76
Cash paid out:	
School orders.....	\$4,467 62
Superintendent's salary.....	100 00

School house repairs.....	536 01	
Text books	349 54	
Library	240 89	
Miscellaneous.....	731 61	
Fire department	31 04	
Pauper "	1,276 20	
Road "	4,592 90	
Electric lights	100 59	
State tax.....	1,756 20	
County tax	788 34	
3½ per cent. bonds.....	2,500 00	
3½ per cent. coupons.....	1,251 25	
Dog licenses.....	154 00	
Temporary loan.....	6,000 00	
Interest on temporary loan	198 75	
Abatements	67 93	
Commission ou taxes collected.....	227 34	
State pensions	72 00	
Cash in Treasury Feb. 15, 1908.....	914 56	
		<u>\$26,346 76</u>

Financial Standing of Town, Feb. 15, 1908.

LIABILITIES

6 per cent bond of 1868.....	\$50 00	
3 1-2 per cent bonds.....	34,000 00	
3 1-2 per cent coupons not presented.....	8 75	
Accrued interest.....	150 00	
Due school department.....	334 47	
Supt. “	2 22	
electric light acct.....	135 94	
fire department.....	57 96	
text book acct.....	10 79	
road department.....	154 53	
library acct.....	17 94	
state road acct.....	66 05	
town officers' salaries.....	365 00	
	\$35,353 65	

ASSETS

Cash in treasury.....	\$914 56	
Due from State, High School acct.....	125 00	
“ “ “ road acct.	233 95	
Overdrawn on schoolhouse repairs	1 89	
“ “ poor and town expense acct ..	90 27	
Town office and safe.....	500 00	
Chase House.....	50 00	
Net debt.....	33,437 98	
	\$35,353 65	
Reduction of debt since last report	\$965 55	

STATEMENT OF SINKING FUND

Cash in treasury.....	\$914 56	
Due from State.....	358 95	
Overdrawn accts.....	92 16	
	\$1,365 67	
Balance due on coupons.....	8 75	
“ “ “ accrued interest.....	150 00	
Due various departments.....	779 90	
	\$938 65	
Available to pay on bonds.....	\$427 02	

Report of the School Board and Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board and Citizens of Norridgewock:

Fair work has been done in the schools during the past year, but we hope for much greater progress in the future. The greatest efficiency of the schools cannot be secured when teachers are constantly changing nor when the scholars do not attend regularly, hence we have endeavored to eliminate these conditions. The deplorable outbreak of the scarlet fever has interfered considerably with the attendance in the village schools but we hope that the worst of that is now over.

The policy of having thirty weeks only seems a short-sighted one. How can we expect our children to accomplish in that time as much as is accomplished elsewhere in from thirty-six to forty weeks? But still more desirable than length of term is increase of teachers' wages. We shall never see the schools what we wish till we can afford such wages as will induce a greater number to desire to enter the profession of teaching. As long as the teachers know that they are sure of a position anyway they are hardly likely to be so keen about carrying out the suggestions of the Supervisor as they would be if they knew that failure on their part meant removal from their position.

There is no reason why the children of Norridgewock should not have the advantages possessed by children in larger places, provided the teachers are ready to study to fit themselves for the work. Some interest in drawing has been aroused and many children show considerable ability for this subject. It is desirable to do much more of this work in order to keep pace with the forward movement of the times.

The subject of ventilation is one which should engage the attention not only of every parent but of every public spirited citizen of the town. Our school houses are UNVENTILATED. How then can we expect our children to grow up to be strong and healthy citizens? Parents forget that "foul air is a SLOW but DEADLY poison;" while teachers in their newly-roused zeal for pure air do not always remember that a "BLAST of cold air may kill like a sword." To escape tuberculosis, that dreaded scourge of New England, the least we can consistently do is to provide our school houses with sheet iron jackets for the stoves, and introduce pure air by means of an air shaft, opening in the floor inside of the jacket.

The pure air is thus warmed before it reaches the children. Boards with felt tacked on the edges should be fitted under each window so that pure air may enter between the upper and lower sashes and no draft of cold air result. Citizens of Norridgewock, do not neglect these simple and by no means expensive devices for preserving and protecting what is so dear to your hearts and so vital to their lives, the health of your children.

Several of the school houses have been repaired during the past year, and now present quite an attractive appearance. Each school is provided with an academic dictionary, a globe and a map. We need more maps and hope to supply at least half the schools with them this year.

The last Legislature passed a law that the American flag should wave over each school house in the State, said flags to be provided by the town, independently of the school funds. The flags have not waved this year but we hope that they will next.

Most of the school yards are bare and unsightly; no flowers bloom, no vines twine and no trees give shade on the plot of ground where our children pass their hours of recreation. Several of the teachers planted trees last year, many of which perished from various causes. I call upon the ladies of the town to see that the school house yards become "things of beauty and joys forever." What better monument than a living vine or a growing tree can a person have? Let us make the next Arbor Day one to be remembered with gratitude. The lovely trees growing on the little plot of ground about the Soldiers' Monument were planted but a few years ago by the ladies of the V. I. S. and they are now a delight to the eye. If a few like them could be seen flourishing in the yard of every school how thankful we should be. The art exhibit proved a great success and the fine pictures which are soon to adorn the walls of the village schoolrooms will remind us for years to come of the kindness and energy of the ladies of the V. I. S. I wish that in some way, at least one good picture might be provided this year for every school in town. The educational value of a fine picture can hardly be over-estimated.

I recommend that \$350 be raised for school books and school supplies.

ALICE K. FOLSOM, Superintendent.

COMMON SCHOOL FUNDS

Amount raised by town.....	\$2,500 00
" " rec'd for tuition	9 33
" " " from State.....	1,360 62

Amount unexpended last year.....	267 14	
	<u> </u>	\$4,137 09

Paid out as follows:

CONVEYANCE

E. F. Grant	\$ 75 00	
G. A. Fennimore.....	16 17	
Milford Adams.....	2 00	
Frank Lancaster	60 50	
E. S. Watson.....	25 00	
Clarence Buzzell	2 00	
Fred Stevens.....	15 00	
Nathan Adams.....	11 75	
J. T. Leavitt... ..	60 00	
A. B. Walker.....	40 00	
	<u> </u>	\$307 42

WOOD

Fred Hornes.....	\$ 17 45	
John Benson	3 25	
Harry Merrow.....	1 25	
F. A. Tobey.....	12 50	
Charles Tobey	167 75	
Leon Sheaff	2 25	
E. S. Walker	1 75	
C. L. Russell.....	2 50	
Neil Mills	1 20	
J. Vaughan.....	7 00	
Chas. Tuttle.....	10 00	
Fred Tobey.....	1 50	
E. J. Walton	2 50	
Henry Buzzell	2 00	
Hiram Bigelow.....	10 00	
F. A. Fuller	8 10	
C. F. Grant.....	12 00	
W. Tracy.....	10 00	
D. G. Wood.....	5 00	
C. W. Tibbetts.....	1 00	
	<u> </u>	\$279 00

TEACHING

Alice Folsom	\$337 50
S. G. Bean.....	334 97

Mabel Drake.....	141 98	
V. A. Craig.....	217 50	
Florence Hall.....	248 50	
Ethel Cooley.....	140 00	
Edna Williamson.....	180 00	
Alice Longley.....	209 00	
Goldie Blaisdell.....	120 00	
Hilda Packard, four terms.....	240 50	
Viola Shepherd.....	160 00	
Blanche Emory.....	96 25	
Vesta Bigelow.....	180 00	
Mary Philpot.....	90 00	
Winnefred Burgess.....	196 00	
Lura Richardson.....	132 00	
Fred Davis.....	6 00	
Maud Perry.....	70 00	
Carroll Wheeler.....	60 00	
A. Herbert Stevens.....	48 00	
Town of Madison.....	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$3216 20
Total expenditures.....		\$3802 62
Balance on hand.....	\$334 47	
Salaries unpaid, etc.....	300 00	
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Unexpended.....		\$34 47

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS

Amount raised by town.....	\$ 500 00	
Unexpended last year.....	34 12	
	<hr/>	\$534 12
Paid out as follows:		
Henry George.....	\$ 2 50	
Steward Wing.....	6 50	
N. A. Hanniford.....	1 92	
Mary Garland.....	85	
W. H. Stewart.....	2 00	
B. F. Baker.....	2 00	
C. W. Tibbetts.....	1 00	
C. W. Allen.....	27 00	
E. A. Hilton.....	26 35	
C. A. Ward.....	143 06	
M. C. Holt.....	1 00	

C. L. Russell	50	
O. C. Taylor.....	2 05	
H. Parinton Co.....	14 00	
John Adams.....	5 25	
W. G. Everett	50	
G. A. Simonds.....	19 12	
Hanniford & Skillings	22 96	
Grant & Worthen	7 00	
C. Wade	8 75	
T. Welch.....	8 75	
J. F. Woodsum	3 70	
H. Bigelow.....	75	
C. J. Savage.....	1 00	
C. H. Tompkins.....	1 00	
Vermont School Seat Co	64 90	
Frieght	9 39	
H. C. Hussey	87 13	
B. B. Wells.....	18 37	
A. A. Johnson	40 06	
Electric lights	5 15	
H. A. Gilman.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$536 01
Overdrawn		\$1 89

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Raised by town	\$350 00	
Balance from last year.....	33	
	<hr/>	\$350 33
Paid out as per vouchers on file.....		339 54
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Unexpended		\$10 79

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Appropriated by town.....	\$600 00	
Received from tuition.....	65 00	
	<hr/>	\$665 00
Paid out:		
S. G. Bean.....	\$415 00	
Mabel Drake.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$665 00

SUPERINTENDENCE

Raised by town.....	\$100 00	
Balance from last year.....	2 22	
	<u> </u>	\$102 22
Paid Alice K. Folsom		100 00
		<u> </u>
Balance Unexpended		2 22

J. F. WOODSUM }
 E. A. HILTON } S. S. Committee.
 CONY RUSSELL }

Library Funds

Raised by town.....	\$200 00	
Rec'd. from State.....	28 03	
Balance unexpended last year.....	30 80	
	<u> </u>	\$258 83
Paid out:		
C. E. Lautiat Co.....	\$128 54	
Balch Bros. Co.....	32 00	
For wood.....	15 00	
Julia Conant.....	52 00	
Mrs. McCobb	7 85	
Electric lights.....	5 50	
	<u> </u>	\$240 89
Balance unexpended.....		<u> </u> \$17 94

Auditor's Report

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the town officers of the town of Norridgewock for the year ending February 15, 1908, and that I find the same correct with proper vouchers for all disbursements therein mentioned.

L. R. FOLSOM, Auditor.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

To O. F. Hall, Town Clerk of the Town of Norridgewock,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town house in said town on Monday the Second day of March, A. D. 1908, at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles:

First. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To elect a town clerk, selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor and all other town officers required by law to be chosen at said meeting.

Third. To attend to the reports of the various town officers and take such action thereon as may be necessary.

Fourth. To allow such claims for salaries as the town deems proper.

Fifth. To see if the town will vote to elect a road commissioner for the ensuing year and take such further action as may be necessary.

Sixth. To elect a member of the board of trustees of the public library to serve for five years.

Seventh. To fix the salaries of the board of selectmen for the ensuing year.

Eighth. To see what sum the town will raise for the salary of the Supt. of Schools for the ensuing year.

Ninth. To see what sum the town will raise for the building and repair of roads, bridges and culverts for the ensuing year.

Tenth. To see what sum the town will raise for snow roads for the ensuing year.

Eleventh. To see what sum the town will raise for the support of the free public library for the ensuing year.

Twelfth. To see what sum the town will raise for the support of poor and for the payment of town expenses.

Thirteenth. To see what sum the town will raise for the support of the Free High School for the ensuing year.

Fourteenth. To see what sum the town will raise for the support of the common schools for the ensuing year.

Fifteenth. To see what sum the town will raise for the purchase of textbooks and supplies for the ensuing year.

Sixteenth. To see what sum the town will raise for the repair of school houses for the ensuing year.

Seventeenth. To see what sum the town will raise for the payment of town debt and interest.

Eighteenth. To see what sum the town will appropriate for Memorial Day.

Nineteenth. To see what sum the town will raise for support of fire department.

Twentieth. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to hire temporarily such sums of money as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

Twentyfirst. To see if the town will vote to determine in what manner and when each taxpayer's tax shall become due and pass all necessary votes respecting the same.

Twentysecond. To see what sum the town will raise for the support of electric lights for the ensuing year.

Twentythird. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" upon the adoption of the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine, for the year 1907, relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to state aid for highways for the year 1908.

Twenty-fourth. 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 by section 5 of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, being the sum of \$97.00.

Twenty-fifth. To see if the town will vote to appropriate any unexpended balance from the State road account for 1907 to the general highway fund.

Twenty-sixth. To see if the town will vote to reimburse the Town of Starks for any sums which it has paid on State and County tax for 1907 on that part of the town which was made a part of the town of Norridgewock in 1907.

The selectmen will be in session at the town office in the said town, on Monday, March 2, A. D. 1908, the day of the said meeting, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of correcting the check list.

Given under our hands this 17th day of February, A. D. 1908.

D. G. WOOD
H. S. WHITING
C. J. SAVAGE

Selectmen of Norridgewock.

