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## Report of Selectmen, Assessors, &c.

Valuation of Real Estate, resident,	\$125,722.00	
"    "    "    non-resident,	57,326.00	
Total,		\$183,048.00
Personal Estate, resident,	\$68,885.00	
"    "    non-resident,	16,245.00	
Total,		\$85,130.00
Grand Total Valuation,		<u>\$268,178.00</u>

The Personal Property was made up as follows:—

175 Horses,	Valued,	\$6,300.00	
12 Colts, 3 to 4 yrs.	“	420.00	
8 Colts, 2 to 3 “	“	235.00	
5 Colts, 1 yr.	“	100.00	
120 Cows,	“	2,475.00	
3 Oxen,	“	75.00	
5 3-year-olds,	“	125.00	
22 2-year-olds,	“	295.00	
42 1-year-olds,	“	312.00	
401 Sheep,	“	1,052.00	
50 Swine,	“	371.00	\$11,760.00
Railroad Bonds,		\$10,000.00	
Money at interest,		8,800.00	
Stock in trade,		22,865.00	
Logs and lumber,		14,800.00	
Wood and bark,		9,900.00	
11 Bicycles,		165.00	
68 Carriages,		1,130.00	
27 Musical Instruments,		660.00	
Machinery, not taxed real estate,		50.00	\$73,370.00
Total amount of Personal Property,			<u>\$85,130.00</u>

Number of Polls, 343. Tax on each Poll, \$3.00.

Rate of taxation, Three Cents on One Dollar.

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 \$341,68.

Lists of the same we committed to A. B. Merriman, 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 of-

fice, one half on or before the first day of September, and one half on or before the 15th day of March A. D. 1904:—

For the support of the poor,	\$600.00	
Town expenses,	900,00	
Support of common schools,	950,00	
Free high school,	400,00	
Repairs of schoolhouses,	150,00	
Insurance, apparatus, etc.,	100,00	
Interest on town debt,	450,00	
Principal, town debt,	2,000,00	
Roads and bridges,	1,000,00	
Winter roads,	100,00	
Road machine and scraper,	275,00	
B. C. Perry road,	150,00	
Cemetery fence,	25,00	
Taxes abated,	66,46	
Memorial Day,	50,00	
Overlay,	341,68	
State tax,	704,79	
County tax,	561,41	
Supplemental tax,	21.00	
Total amount committed,		<u>\$9,095,34</u>

### COMMON SCHOOLS

Amount unexpended last year,	\$504,72	
Raised by vote of town,	950,00	
Received from State,	1,338,09	
Received from tuition,	18,20	
Interest on school fund,	144,00	\$2,955,01
Credit:—		
By paid teachers' wages,	\$2,239,00	
Janitors,	142,40	
Wood,	226,40	
Transportation of scholars,	181,25	\$2,789,05
Balance unexpended,		<u>\$165,96</u>

TEXT-BOOKS

Amount raised by town,		\$250,00
Credit:—		
By amount overdrawn last year,	\$119,66	
Orders drawn by Supt. Schools,	174,72	\$294,38
Amount overdrawn,		\$44,38

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS

Amount unexpended last year,	\$11,11	
Raised by vote of town,	150,00	\$161,11
Credit:—		
By orders drawn by Supt. Schools,		\$148,98
Balance unexpended,		\$12,13

INSURANCE, APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES

Amount unexpended last year,	\$22,87	
Raised by vote of town,	100,00	
Received from rebate on insurance,	14,79	\$137,66
Credit:—		
By orders drawn by Supt. of Schools,		\$142,28
Amount overdrawn,		\$4,62

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Amount unexpended last year,	\$17,70	
Raised by vote of town,	400,00	
Received from State,	250,00	
Received from tuition,	24,20	\$691,90
Credit:—		
By orders drawn by Supt. of Schools,		\$728,65
Amount overdrawn,		\$36,75

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Amount raised by vote of town,		\$66,46
Credit:—		
By order to A. B. Merriman,		66,46



ROAD MACHINE AND SCRAPER

To amount raised by vote of the town,	\$275,00
Credit:—	
By paid to C. M. Conant Co.,	\$275,00

MEMORIAL DAY

Amount raised by vote of the town,	\$50,00
Credit:—	
By paid S. C. Spratt,	\$50,00

B. C. PERRY ROAD

To amount raised by vote of the town,	\$150,00
Credit:—	
By order to A. C. Hussey,	\$150,00

LIBRARY

By order to Alexander & James,	\$7,35
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CEMETERY

To amount raised by vote of the town,	\$25,00
Credit:—	
By paid to M. A. Peters,	15,75
Balance unexpended,	\$9,25

PAUPERS

To amount unexpended,	\$345,56	
Raised by town,	600,00	
Received from town of Medway	11,2537	\$956,81
Credit:—		
By paid J. D. Clifford,	\$600,00	
Paid E. P. Wentworth, Supt. Reform		
School, acct. Hugh R. Colpitts,	68,43	
Paid J. C. & B. C. Walker, for Mrs. King		
and Mrs. Bishop, for town of Sher-		

man,	\$130,00	
By paid Eastern Me. Insane Hospital,		
for Lucia Brown,	79,25	
Paid Seth T. Campbell for amount paid		
Dr. Farnham for examination of		
Lucia Brown,	10,00	
Amount <del>overdrawn</del>		

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FIGHTING FOREST FIRES

By paid James Byers,	\$7 00
A. S. Gray,	4 05
Chas. DeWett,	4 50
Berry Bros.,	9 90
John Gemo,	6 45
M. Whelan,	5 25
Thomas Brooks,	3 00
C. H. Cameron,	3 60
A. W. Elsmore,	5 25
Harry Coburn,	6 00
Larry Dubay,	6 00
Wm. McFarland,	3 00
Fred Vincent,	1 80
David Shavaree,	1 65
C. A. Austin,	9 25
H. C. Hillman,	4 00
John Roach,	4 50
C. O. Donham,	15 00
George Gunn,	1 50
George Bartlett,	1 50
J. C. & B. C. Walker,	3 94
John Blampeed,	2 25
Wm. Carson,	8 40
Henry Baldwin,	7 20
R. E. Armstrong,	1 65
D. J. Pratt,	60
George A. Smith,	8 00
T. Frank Hyde,	3 00
Charles Byers,	5 10
George Armour,	5 25

By paid George H. Donham, Jr.,	\$5 60	
Mattawamkeag Lumber Co.,	107 91	
C. W. Munson,	2 25	
Fred Pipes,	3 00	
Island Falls Mill Co.,	90 80	
D. J. Brown,	2 25	
Wm. Markey,	2 25	
H. L. Emerson,	10 50	
Martin George,	1 50	
W. W. Sewall,	15 00	
Guy Kelso,	3 00	
Roderick James,	3 00	
John McCue,	3 50	
O. A. Crommett,	3 00	
Emery Dow,	3 50	
Ralph Dow,	4 00	
B. M. Bell,	4 25	\$413 90

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ROADS AND BRIDGES

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To amount raised by vote of town, \$1,000

Credit:—

By amount overdrawn,	\$7 73
Paid for labor of Emery Dow,	38 70
Geo. Brown,	6 75
Frank Coburn,	5 25
Geo. H. Donham, Jr.,	24 00
Frank Martin,	5 25
Geo. Smith,	24 00
Scott Smith,	6 75
Ed. Estabrook,	8 62
C. O. Donham,	57 00
Ralph Dow,	19 50
Homan Pratt,	19 50
Wm. McFarland,	7 50
Bob McLaughlin,	75
Charles Pratt,	1 50
Stephen Thorn,	38 85
Geo. Twombly,	6 15
Frank Edwards,	3 00
E. A. Hillman,	30 10

Frank Hillman,	6 00	
Carl Hillman,	12 73	
Thomas Brooks,	2 00	
Frank Leavitt,	9 62	
C. H. Flye,	29 10	
C. B. Walker,	37 70	
W. G. Fenderson,	2 75	
Larry Dubay,	2 25	
W. W. Sewall,	16 42	
A. S. Drew,	24 30	
Matta. Lumber Co.,	79 15	
Island Falls Mill Co.,	34 63	
Arthur C. Hussey,	14 70	
Fred J. Hylan,	1 50	
Orrin Kelley,	5 00	\$581 02
By paid for materials, Matta. Lumber Co.,	255 79	
Island Falls Mill Co.,	86 24	
Emerson & Douglass,	15 89	
Berry Bros.,	8 00	
C. L. Pettengill & Son,	1 40	\$367 32
Balance unexpended,		\$43 93

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WINTER ROADS

To amount unexpended last year,	\$115 25	
Raised by vote of town,	100 00	\$215 25
By paid Chas. O. Donham,	\$21 00	
C. H. Flye,	3 50	
C. L. Pettengill & Son,	6 00	
Will H. Dow,	14 85	
John Lawler,	3 90	
Walter Small,	2 85	
Arthur Hussey,	3 30	
Ardie Prescott,	3 50	
Geo. H. Donham, Jr.,	6 00	
C. B. Walker,	13 50	
W. G. Fenderson,	2 70	
D. J. Edwards,	2 25	
Alfred Kerr,	8 00	
C. R. Byers,	4 00	\$95 35
Balance unexpended,		\$119 90

## TOWN EXPENSES

To amount unexpended last year,	\$132 20	
Raised by vote of town,	900 00	\$1 032 20
By paid A. W. Elsemore, curfew officer,	25 00	
L. E. Porter, " "	35 00	
Geo. W. York, " "	25 00	
Geo. W. York, repairing pump,	8 50	
Dr. F. F. Bigelow, health officer 1902,	10 00	
" Board of Health,	17 50	
" vaccinations,	27 50	
" births and deaths,	9 25	
S. R. Crabtree, Formaldehyde lamp,	9 50	
C. E. Milliken, Moderator,	5 00	
W. S. Leavitt, Board Health, '02, '03,	51 50	
A. W. Elsemore, special officer,	2 50	
Wm. Magwood, " "	2 50	
M. J. Whelan, teams,	5 50	
S. C. Spratt, chairs,	5 10	
Loring, Short & Harmon, books,	10 50	
C. H. Flye, spreads for lock-up,	3 00	
C. O. Donham, constable,	9 00	
C. L. Pettengill & Son, use of hall,	10 00	
G. S. Chalmers, rent of office,	48 00	
G. W. York, blacksmith work,	15 85	
S. R. Crabtree, teams,	8 25	
Dr. F. W. Mitchell, births and deaths,	8 00	
" vaccinations,	7 00	
Emerson & York, moving jail,	8 00	
Emerson & Douglass, lamp for lock-up,	1 00	
Berry Bros., repairing snow plow,	2 50	
Geo. H. Donham, reports births, deaths,	17 75	
" Printing,	20 00	
" books, etc.,	8 75	
S. R. Crabtree, materials for B'd Health,	29 60	
C. R. Byers, repairing town pump,	4 00	
Ira G. Hersey, S. T. Campbell, services		
in case Island Falls vs Oakfield,	40 00	
B. R. Walker, Selectman,	56 55	
Seth T. Campbell, Selectman,	100 00	
Chas. O. Donham, Selectman,	54 63	

By paid S. R. Crabtree, Supt. Schools,	\$75 00	
A. D. Perry, truant officer,	2 50	
B. R. Walker, Road Commissioner,	97 25	
Geo. H. Donham, town clerk,	16 00	
S. C. Spratt, town Treasurer,	70 00	\$962 48
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Balance unexpended,		\$69 72

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INTEREST

To amount on hand,	\$84 80	
Raised by town,	450 00	\$534 80
Orders drawn by Selectmen,	\$215 20	
Paid by Treasurer,	166 65	
School Fund,	144 00	\$525 85
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Balance on hand,		\$8 95

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COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS

Amount due from M. A. Peters, Coll. for 1895,		\$16 71
"    "    "    "    "    '    1896,		161 20
Amount committed A. B. Merriman, 1903,	\$9 074 00	
Supplementary tax,	21 00	\$9 095 00
	Credit.	
By Treasurer's receipts,	\$8 731 20	
By Commission,	363 80	\$9 095 00

S. C. SPRATT, Treasurer,

In Acct. with Town of Island Falls, Dr.

To amount on hand last report,	\$976 33	
Received from M. A. Peters, Col. 1896,	2 00	
F. Spearin, dog license,	1 00	
Selectmen, for Licenses,	14 00	
Town of Medway, account Sadie Pelkey,	11 35	
Town of Crystal, account Hugh Colpitts,	166 86	
S. R. Crabtree, tuition,	42 40	
A. B. Merriman, interest on 1903 tax,	8 90	
Dog licenses,	30 00	
State High School,	285 28	
State Common School Fund,	1 338 09	
A. B. Merriman, coll. for 1903,	8 731 20	\$11 607 41

Credit.

By paid Selectmen's Orders,	\$7 322 24	
Interest, no orders drawn,	166 65	
State tax,	740 79	
C. M. Conant Co.,	2 50	
J. S. Dolliff note,	764 00	
County tax,	725 00	
Powers' State Pension,	36 00	
Porcupine Bounty,	28 75	\$9 785 93
Balance on hand,		\$1 825 22

LIABILITIES

Orders of 1903, outstanding,	\$1 300 81	
"  1902,      "	6 10	
"  1901,      "	8 02	
"  1900,      "	34 43	
"  1899,      "	6 00	
"  1898,      "	347 52	
"  1897,      "	105 90	
"  held by Zophar Bither,	100 00	
Bonds held by School Fund,	1 945 00	
"  "  Zophar Bither,	740 00	
Notes held by J. S. Dolliff,	2 736 00	
"  "  "  Eastern Trust & B'k'g Co.,	1 000 00	
Due on County Tax,	666 66	\$8 996 44
Resources:—		
Cash on hand,	\$1 825 22	
Due from M. A. Peters,	78 50	1 903 72
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Debt of town,		\$7 092 72

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. R. WALKER,	} SELECTMEN OF ISLAND FALLS.
SETH T. CAMPBELL,	
CHAS. O. DONHAM,	



## Report of School Board.

### FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Balance unexpended in 1903,	\$17 70	
Raised by taxation,	400 00	
Received from State,	250 00	
Received from tuition,	24 20	\$691 90
Expenditures:—		
Paid Benjamin P. Merrill, salary,		\$728 65
Amount overexpended,		\$36 75

### COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance unexpended in 1903,	\$504 72	
Raised by taxation,	950 00	
Received from State,	1 338 09	
Interest on School Fund,	144 00	
Received from tuition,	18 20	\$2 955 01
Expenditures:—		
Paid Damaris Merriman, teacher,	\$269 00	
Alice E. Brown, teacher,	154 00	
Jeanne Shean, “	154 00	
Bertha Wheaton, “	56 00	
Lillian Merrill, “	40 00	
W. H. Dow, board of teacher,	24 00	
Annie B. Houston, teacher,	173 00	
Nellie R. Carroll, “	245 00	
Hannah A. Stanley, “	135 00	
Lucretia A. Packard, “	104 00	
Luvie D. Hackett, “	444 00	
Angie L. Purinton, “	381 00	
Emily L. Record, “	60 00	
J. D. Clifford, transporting scholars,	181 25	
Walter Small, wood,	169 00	
Dr. Mitchell, wood,	29 93	
H. P. Peters, “	7 50	
Walter Morgan, “	10 00	
Matta. Lumber Co., wood,	9 87	
Walter Morgan, janitor,	19 50	
Don Perry, “	22 75	
Crawford, Small and Peters,	6 75	
John Brown,	2 50	
Carl Hamilton,	15 75	
Lester Barker,	75 25	\$2 789 05
Balance unexpended,		\$165 96

## TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT

Raised by taxation,		\$250 00
Paid E. E. Babb & Co., books,	\$137 35	
American Book Co.,	14 89	
G. H. Donham,	5 50	
S. R. Crabtree,	11 82	
Howard & Brown,	5 16	
Overexpended in 1903,	119 66	\$294 38
Overexpended,		<u>\$44 38</u>

## REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Unexpended in 1903,	\$11 11	
Raised by taxation,	150 00	\$161 11
Paid Alexander & James,	\$21 58	
H. P. Peters,	10 00	
George I. Walker,	85 75	
Alexander & James,	17 16	
S. R. Crabtree,	1 89	
Berry Bros.,	12 60	\$148 98
Balance unexpended,		<u>\$12 13</u>

## INSURANCE, APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES

Balance unexpended in 1903,	\$22 87	
Raised by taxation,	100 00	
Refund on insurance,	14 79	\$137 66
Paid Geo. T. Holyoke,	\$7 50	
Alexander & James,	10 00	
L. E. Knott App Co.,	42 00	
Geo. T. Holyoke,	25 00	
C. M. Berry,	15 85	
Emerson & Douglass,	9 02	
S. C. Spratt,	6 95	
S. R. Crabtree,	25 96	\$142 28
Overexpended,		<u>\$4 62</u>

## RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that the following sums be raised for 1904-5:—

For Free High School,	\$400 00
Common Schools,	950 00
Text-Books,	200 00
Repairs,	75 00
Insurance, Apparatus, Etc.,	100 00

## SCHOOL STATISTICS

No. of scholars in town, April 1, 1903, 479.  
 No. of scholars attending school, 339. Average attending, 270  
 Number of schools in town, 7; village 5, rural, 2.  
 Number of teachers employed, 8; male, 1, female, 7.  
 Number of scholars transported from L. H. May district, 9.  
 Number of visits by Supt. for the year, 61  
 " " " citizens and others, 221.  
 No. of weeks in school year, in High and Grammar schools, 34.  
 " " " " in other schools, 30.

	No. Scholars Registered.			Average Attendance.		
	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter
High	33	50	51	26	43	48
Grammar	30	36	41	25	33	38
Intermediate	48	47	48	39	41	46
Primary	45	67	64	38	56	58
Sub-Primary	47	45	33	32	35	26
Barker Ridge	30	29	26	22	22	18
Wing	22	30	27	16	23	18

## REMARKS

The Barker Ridge and village school houses were given a second coat of paint during the past summer, so that the three houses now in use are in good repair. The grounds around the Wing school house were partially graded, also, but more will need be done the coming summer. The high school laboratory was equipped with considerable new apparatus during the year, making it of much greater use to the school. Still more will be needed from time to time in order to enable our scholars to meet the requirements of the Maine colleges.

Through the efforts of Mr. Carl E. Milliken, a supply of athletic goods was purchased and the attic of the village school house converted into a gymnasium, where drills are given each day for the scholars in the grammar and high schools.

One of the citizens presented the town with a bell for the village school building, last May, which has proved a great convenience to teachers and scholars alike.

The course of study for all the schools is being revised to meet changed conditions. A course in drawing has been added and music given more attention than heretofore, Miss Hackett of the gram-

mar school kindly loaning her organ for the use of the upper schools. It has been customary for several years to have the last year's work of the grammar school (9th grade) done in the high school, but this year strong efforts are being made to arrange matters so that the full course will be completed in the grammar room, leaving the high school free for strictly high school work.

The tuition has been raised from 20 cents to 25 cents per week in the grammar grade, and from 25 cents to 30 cents for English, and 40 cents for languages, per week, in the high school. Under the new tuition law high school tuition is collected from towns, principally, instead of individuals, making the process somewhat slower, so there is now due, in addition to the amounts reported, the following:

From town of Crystal to high school fund,	\$22	91	
"    "    Oakfield,    "    "    "	14	33	
"    "    Smyrna,    "    "    "	7	44	
"    individuals,	10	50	\$55 18
Due from town of Crystal to common school fund,	34	40	
From individuals,	4	00	\$38 40

The Garnett children were again unable to attend the Ridge school, so Miss Emily Record was employed, as last year, to give them an equivalent of 20 weeks' instruction at their home.

Of the class of 5 graduating from the high school last year the three young men entered University of Maine without condition; one of the young ladies is teaching successfully and the other is taking a post-graduate course at the Lowell, Mass. high school. A class of 4 will graduate this year; two of each sex.

Several changes in the corps of teachers was found necessary during the year, but in spite of this the work has progressed satisfactorily in general. Principal B. P. Merrill of the high school recently resigned, Mr. G. H. Harmon of the '04 class, Bates College, succeeding to the principalship. Mr. Harmon comes strongly recommended, and everything points to a successful completion of the year's work. The parents have manifested more interest than usual in the schools the past year as the number of visits noted elsewhere indicates. The teachers and school officials appreciate this and hope the interest may not only continue but increase. The average attendance for the past two terms was the best ever recorded. The undersigned wish to thank teachers, scholars, parents and all others interested, for the loyalty displayed and for the part they have respectively contributed to the welfare of the schools.

S. R. CRABTREE, SUPT.

REV. F. S. DOLLIFF,	} SCHOOL BOARD.
REV. W. PAUL CURTIS,	
J. D. CLIFFORD,	











