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Report of Selectmen, Assessors, Etc.

Valuation of resident real estate,	\$137 238 00	
“ “ non-resident real estate,	58 308 00	
Total,		\$195,546,00
Valuation of resident personal property,	\$66 446 00	
“ of non-resident “ “	36 074 00	
Total,		\$102,520,00
Grand total,		\$298,066,00

The personal property was made up as follows:—

139 horses,	Valued,	\$7,210,00	
9 colts, 3 to 4 years,	“	305,00	
24 colts, 2 to 3 years,	“	715,00	
15 colts, under 2 years,	“	300,00	
124 cows,	“	2,575,00	
4 oxen,	“	160,00	
11 3-year-olds,	“	165,00	
16 2-year-olds,	“	145,00	
36 yearlings,	“	185,00	
225 sheep,	“	665,00	
50 swine,	“	310,00	
		<u> </u>	\$12,735,00
Railroad bonds,		\$10,000,00	
Money at interest,		6,950,00	
Stock in trade,		23,775,00	
Logs and lumber,		16,340,00	
Wood and bark,		29,750,00	
Carriages,		820,00	
Musical instruments,		650,00	
Last blocks,		<u>1,500,00</u>	
			\$89,785,00

Number of polls, 388. Tax on poll, \$3.00.

Rate of taxation, .025.

The following amounts have been assessed upon the polls and estates of residents of Island Falls, and upon estates, real and personal therein, of non-residents, with an overlay of \$409.76. Lists of the same we committed to Geo. W. York, Collector of said town, with a warrant for collecting and paying the same to C. M. Douglass, Treasurer, or his successor in office, one half on or before the first day of September, and one half on or before the 15th day of March, 1906.

For State road,.....	\$400.00
Repair of roads and bridges,.....	800.00
Support of poor,.....	600.00
Town expenses,.....	800.00
Interest on town debt,.....	225.00
Principal of town debt,.....	1,500.00
B. C. Perry road,.....	200.00
Common schools,.....	1,000.00
Free High School,.....	350.00
Text-Books,.....	175.00
Repairs of schoolhouses,.....	25.00
Insurance, apparatus, etc.,.....	225.00
Mrs. Brown's house,.....	100.00
Abatement of taxes,.....	53.16
Improvement of cemetery,.....	50.00
Receiving tomb,.....	400.00
State tax,.....	543.72
County tax,.....	758.78
Overlay,.....	409.76
Supplementary tax,.....	16.25

\$8,631.67

COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance unexpended last year,	\$33.29
Interest of school fund,	144.00
Amount raised by vote of town,	1,000.00
Received from State mill tax,	1,306.84
Received from tuition,	38.90
Ashes sold,	2.80

\$2,525.83

Credit.—

By paid teachers' wages,	\$2,080.30	
janitors,	128.90	
For wood,	145.62	
For transporting scholars	191.50	
For Board,	48.00	
		\$2,594.32
Overdrawn,		\$68.49

TEXT-BOOKS

Amount raised by vote of town,	\$175.00	
" received from sale of books,	3.59	\$178.59
Credit:—		
By amount overdrawn last year,	\$5.74	
Supt.'s orders paid,	186.64	\$192.38
Amount overdrawn,		\$13.79

INSURANCE, APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES

Amount unexpended last year,	\$34.09	
" raised by vote of town,	225.00	\$259.09
Credit:—		
By Supt.'s orders paid,		\$251.76
Balance unexpended,		\$7.33

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS

Balance unexpended last year,	\$52.95	
Amount raised by vote of town,	25.00	\$77.95
Credit:—		
By Supt.'s orders paid,		\$104.75
Amount overexpended,		\$26.80

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Amount unexpended last year,	\$64.11	
" raised by vote of town,	350.00	
" received from State,	250.00	
" " " tuition,	32.95	\$697.06

Credit:—	
By Supt.'s orders paid,	\$700.40
Amount overexpended,	\$3.34

MRS. M. E. BROWN HOUSE

Amount raised to pay for same,	\$100.00
Credit:—	
By order drawn for Mrs. M. E. Brown,	\$100.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Amount unexpended,	\$57.00
Credit;—	
By orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$60.00
Amount overdrawn,	\$3.00

In last year's report the balance unexpended shows \$60.00 but there was drawn an order for \$3.00 for rent of hall, which was omitted through mistake of the Selectmen.

RECEIVING TOMB

Amount raised by vote of the town,			\$400.00
Credit.—			
By paid S. S. Kelso,	\$32.00		
C. W. Dunphy,	21.50		
Frank Harvell,	9.00		
Emerson Lumber Co.,	4.62		
Spratt & Kelso,	332.88	\$400.00	

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Amount raised by vote of town,			\$53.16
Credit:—			
By order drawn for A. B. Merriman,	\$53.16		
“ “ “ “ Geo. W. York,	8.85	\$62.01	
Amount overdrawn,			\$8.85

PAUPER ACCOUNT

Amount raised by vote of town,	\$600.00	
" received from town of Sherman,	120.00	
" " " J. D. Clifford,	17.84	\$737.84
Credit:—		
By amount overdrawn,	\$73.77	
Paid J. D. Clifford,	600.00	
Paid Mrs. King Bishop,	10.00	
Paid S. C. Spratt, } Matilda Duncan,	16.50	
Paid M. A. Peters, } " "	5.00	\$705.277
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Balance unexpended,		\$32.57

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Balance unexpended last year,	\$53.48	
Amount raised for State road,	400.00	
Amount raised for roads and bridges	800.00	
Amount raised for B. C. Perry road.	200.00	\$1,453.48
Credit:—		
By orders for labor and materials, summer,	\$1,320.14	
By orders for labor, winter '06, spring '05,	24.25	\$1,354.39
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Balance unexpended,		\$99.09

CEMETERY

Amount raised by vote of town,		\$50.00
Credit:—		
By amount overdrawn,	\$11.15	
By paid S. C. Spratt,	3.55	
By paid M. A. Peters,	50.20	\$64.80
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Amount overdrawn,		\$14.80

TOWN EXPENSES

Amount unexpended last year,	\$45.87	
Amount raised by vote of town,	800.00	\$845.87

Credit:—

By paid John Webb for teams,.....	\$4.00	
Millinocket Journal,.....	2.75	
C. A. Austin, repairing pump,.....	1.60	
B. & A., freight on drain pipe,.....	105.50	
Loring, Short & Harmon, books,.....	7.60	
Robert Armstrong,.....	.75	
C. M. Conant Co., drain pipe,.....	27.50	
Frank Martin, fighting fire,.....	1.50	
W. McFarland, " "	5.00	
J. C. & B. C. Walker, fighting fire,	3.50	
Charles Teed, fighting fire,.....	1.65	
R. W. Shaw, services, Moro road hearing,	27.00	
M. A. Peters, health officer,.....	18.50	
Laying out May road,.....	1.00	
C. O. Donham, constable,.....	4.00	
George Sawyer, trucking,.....	2.50	
S. R. Crabtree, Supt. of Schools,.....	75.00	
S. R. Crabtree, Supt., teams,.....	15.15	
Alexander & James, bookcase,.....	15.00	
M. J. Whelan, teams,.....	1.00	
C. M. Douglass,.....	50.00	
G. H. Donham, birth and death reports,	20.00	
" printing,.....	17.00	
" town clerk,.....	10.00	
S. T. Campbell, Selectman,.....	100.00	
B. R. Walker, "	82.00	
M. D. Estes, "	48.00	
S. T. Campbell, liquor prosecutions,.....	20.00	
" pump repairs,.....	5.70	
M. D. Flint, M. D., State B'd of Health,	12.95	
F. F. Bigelow, M. D., births and deaths,	4.00	
" Board of Health,.....	23.00	
F. W. Mitchell, M. D., birth and deaths,	12.50	
" vaccination,.....	18.00	
C. L. Pettengill & Son, hall rent.....	8.00	
Geo. S. Chalmers, rent of office,.....	48.00	\$799.65
Balance unexpended,		\$46.22

INTEREST

Amount raised by vote of town,		\$225.00
Credit:—		
By amount overdrawn,	\$47.52	
By paid orders,	37.00	
School Fund interest,	144.00	
On Dolliff note,	84.40	
Eastern Trust & Banking Co.,	27.50	
On town orders,	79.58	\$410.00
Amount overdrawn,		\$185.00

	Unexpended	Overdrawn
Roads and bridges,	\$99.09	
Support of poor,	32.57	
Town expenses,	46.22	
Interest,		\$185.00
Common schools,		68.49
Free High school,		3.34
Text-books.		13.79
Repairs,		26.80
Insurance, etc.,	7.33	
Abatements,		8.85
Improvements in cemetery,		14.90
Memorial Day,		3.00
	<u>\$185.21</u>	<u>\$324.17</u>
		185.21
Balance overdrawn,		\$138.96

LIABILITIES

1897, orders outstanding,	\$15.50
1901, " "75
1902, " "	6.10
1903 " "	119.75
1904, " "	312.00
1905, " "	516.96
School Fund,.....	1,518.48
	<u>\$2,489.54</u>

RESOURCES

Cash on hand,	\$0.59	
Interest on E. A. Hillman note,	112.66	
Interest on S. C. Spratt note,	36.40	\$14965
Debt of town,		\$2,339.89
Debt outside of School Fund,		817.36
Due from M. A. Peters,	\$163.20	
Due from L. H. May,	76.96	

C. M. DOUGLASS, Treasurer,

In account with Town of ISLAND FALLS, Dr.

To rec'd of S. C. Spratt, Treasurer in 1904,	\$3,289.07
Geo. W. York, Collector,	8,351.15
S. C. Spratt, interest on Sewall note,	67.98
S. C. Spratt, interest on town money,	1.25
J. D. Clifford, due on acct. pauper settlement of 1904,	17.84
M. J. Whelan, hotel license,	1.00
Circus license,	5.00
Merry-go-round license,	6.00
Acct. Lucia Brown's b'd at E. M. I. H.,	98.39
" Ralph Kelso's " " "	12.90
State mill tax,	1,396.84
State, High school,	57.63
On account of books and ashes sold,	6.39
G. H. Donham, on acct. dog licenses,	26.90
On account of school tuitions,	71.85
	\$13319.29

Credit:—

By paid on account of town orders,	\$7,790.84
On municipal bond,	421.52
E. M. I. H., account Lucia Brown,	98.39
" " Ralph Kelso,	12.90
State tax,	758.78
State, dog tax of 1904,	37.00
County tax of 1905,	543.72
County, due for back taxes,	728.07
Eastern Trust & Banking Co., note,	1,000.00
" " " " interest,	37.50
Balance due on Dolliff notes,	1,736.00
Interest on above,	84.40
" " town orders,	79.58
By balance on hand,	.59
	\$13,319.29

ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL FUND

Balance due on municipal bond,	\$1,518.48	
E. A. Hillman's note of Nov. 24, 1894,	197.83	
Interest on above to April 1, 1906,		\$112.66
S. C. Spratt's notes of May 19, 1905,	700.00	
Interest on above to April 1, 1906,		36.40
	<u>\$2,416.31</u>	<u>\$149.06</u>

Foregoing reports respectfully submitted.

BENJ. R. WALKER, } Selectmen
 S. T. CAMPBELL, } of
 M. D. ESTES. } Island Falls.

C. M. DOUGLASS, Treasurer.

I have examined the accounts of the several town officers, and find proper vouchers on file for all money paid out and orders drawn.

I also wish to state that the town books are all properly kept.

E. E. MORSE, Auditor.

Road Commissioner's Report.

Paid W. P. Gellerson,.....	\$207.50	
Russell Brown,.....	54.75	
Lewis Field,.....	44.25	
Geo. Donham, Jr.,.....	36.75	
W. W. Sewall,.....	42.00	
John Ryan,.....	27.75	
Orville Armstrong,.....	49.50	
Amos Stitham,.....	21.27	
James Grover,.....	1.50	
W. S. Leavitt,.....	56.00	
Frank Leavitt,.....	41.25	
Arthur Hussey,.....	77.00	
Island Falls Mill Co.,.....	66.50	
C. O. Donham,.....	26.25	
C. H. Flye.....	15.00	
James McEwen,.....	11.25	
Samuel Perry,.....	24.75	
John Vincent,.....	16.50	
David Brown,.....	4.50	
Charles Vincent,.....	4.50	
J. H. Lurvey,.....	2.50	
E. J. Grant,.....	3.75	
George Larmer,.....	1.50	
Harry Flinn,.....	1.50	
Warren Vincent,.....	3.00	
M. F. Bubar,.....	1.50	
W. E. Ward,.....	5.25	
Benj. McDowell,.....	6.00	
William Logue,.....	3.25	
F. W. Hunt & Co.,.....	3.50	
Daniel Edwards,.....	12.75	
Clyde A. Drew,.....	2.80	
E. A. Hillman,.....	3.50	
B. R. Walker,.....	4.00	
John Kelso,.....	5.65	\$894.22
B. R. Walker, bridge plank,	7.65	
Emerson Lumber Co., bridge plank,	340.39	\$348.04

Paid Berry Bros., repairs on plow, etc.,	\$6.35	
Hillman & McGraw, bridge rods and bolts,	14.00	\$20.35
C. H. Flye, for dynamite, shovels and axes,		10.03
Clyde Drew, work on winter roads,	\$4.79	
W. G. Fenderson, " " "	4.00	
B. R. Walker, " " "	4.00	\$12.75
W. P. Gellerson, labor in 1904,		\$4.50

W. P. GELLERSON, Road Commissioner.

Report of School Board

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Raised by taxation,	\$350.00	
Received from State,	250.00	
" " tuition,	32.95	
Overlay,	64.11	\$697.06
Expenditures:—		
Salary of G. H. Harmon,		\$700.40
Overexpended,		<u>\$3.34</u>

COMMON SCHOOLS

Unexpended,	\$33.29	
Raised by taxation,	1,000.00	
Received from State,	1,306.84	
" for tuition,	38.90	
Interest on School Fund,	144.00	
Received for ashes,	2.80	\$2,525.83

Expenditures:—		
Paid Asa B. Drew, wood,	\$26.80	
C. A. Drew, “	76.80	
Walter Small, “	12.00	
Fred Hillman, labor on wood,	12.35	
Emerson Lumber Co., wood,	9.37	
S. R. Crabtree, wood, etc.,	8.30	
J. D. Clifford, transporting scholars,	191.50	
Rollie Wilkins, janitor,	2.00	
Henry Crandall, “	3.00	
Ray Bradley, “	2.40	
Fred Hillman, “	121.50	
W. H. Dow, boarding teacher,	30.00	
Isadore Harmon, teacher,	146.00	
Emily Record, “	20.80	
Alice E. Brown, “	100.00	
Lena Craig, assist. “	16.00	
Delia A. Drew, “	255.00	
Damaris Merriman, “	308.50	
Louise Cox, “	140.00	
Luvie D. Hackett, “	130.00	
Annie V. Russell, “	50.00	
Myrtle Connor, “	72.00	
Fannie A. Dunham, “	288.00	
Lucy P. Dougherty, “	162.00	
Ethel M. Gilmore, “	220.00	
Annie B. Houston, “	220.00	\$2,594.32
Overexpended,		\$68.49

TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT

Raised by taxation,	\$175.00	
Received for books sold,	3.59	\$178.59
Expenditures:—		
Paid Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	\$4.30	
Ginn & Co., “	14.40	
American Book Co., “	11.60	
S. R. Crabtree, express paid on books,	14.75	
E. E. Babb & Co., books,	141.59	
Overexpended,	5.74	\$192.38
Overexpended,		\$13.79

INSURANCE, APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES

Raised by taxation,	\$225.00	
Unexpended,	34.09	\$259.09
Expenditures.—		
Paid Howard & Brown, diplomas,	\$6.09	
R. M. Nason, map,	4.50	
G. W. Parks, blackboard,	4.85	
L. E. Knott, apparatus,	8.59	
Delmont Emerson, supplies,	13.18	
S. R. Crabtree, “	19.40	
G. H. Donham, “	6.90	
Smith & Sale, “	2.25	
G. S. Gentle, Insurance,	186.00	\$251.76
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Unexpended,		\$7.33

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Raised by taxation,	\$25.00	
Unexpended,	52.95	\$77.95
Expenditures:—		
Paid Geo. I. Walker, labor,	\$10.50	
Am. School Furniture Co., desks,	21.00	
J. C. & B. C. Walker, grading grounds,	18.00	
A. H. Fogg Co., door checks,	12.00	
Berry Bros., paint, etc.,	13.90	
C. M. Berry, labor and materials,	7.40	
S. R. Crabtree, paid for repairs,	13.35	
Alexander & James, repairs,	8.60	\$104.75
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Overexpended,		\$26.80

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that the following sums be raised for 1906-7:—

For Free High School,	\$400.00
Common schools,	1,375.00
Text-books,	175.00
Repairs and new desks,	150.00
Insurance, apparatus and supplies,	100.00

 SCHOOL STATISTICS

No. of scholars in town, April 1, 1905, 477.
 No. attending school more than 2 weeks, 338.
 Average No. attending school, 282.
 Percentage of average attendance to total No. enrolled, 83.
 No. of schools in town, 8; village, 5, rural, 3.
 No. of teachers employed, 10; male, 1, female, 9.
 Av. weekly salary paid common sch'l teachers, including b'd, \$9.12
 Average yearly cost per pupil in public schools, \$11.35.
 No. of scholars transported from May district, 15.
 No. of visits by Supt., 66.
 No. of visits by citizens and others, 261.
 No. of weeks in High and Grammar school year, 34.
 No. of weeks in other schools, 30.
 Total amount of tuition collected, \$71.85.

	No. of Scholars Registered.			Average Attendance.		
	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
High,	34	45	41	29	40	36
Grammar,	45	43	46	41	39	42
Intermediate,	58	43	37	51	36	34
Primary,	56	60	55	48	50	47
Sub-Primary,	53	73	58	35	56	38
Barker Ridge,	28	34	15	18	25	12
Wing School,	15	22	15	13	14	12
Garnett,			4			4

The school work of the year has been performed successfully and profitably, with few exceptions, considering the conditions. The tendency, mentioned in last year's report, of the decrease in attendance in the rural schools and increase in the village schools, has continued this year, making the former comparatively small and the latter quite large.

Although the school census in April, 1905, gave the same number of scholars as in 1904, the attendance has been considerably larger the last two terms, owing to the removal here of several large families during the spring and summer. The only school-room not capable of accommodating all the scholars who wished to attend was the sub-primary room, and it was found necessary to divide the lowest class in this grade and have half attend forenoons and half afternoons, during the fall term; in the winter term both divisions could attend all day. Miss Lena Craig, of the High School, was

employed to assist Miss Drew in the sub-primary work, using the room formerly used as a laboratory for a recitation room. We have recommended that seats be purchased for this room for the accommodation of such classes as may need it.

Although the expenditures were larger this year than formerly, the average cost per scholar was less, owing to increased attendance. The scale of salaries for teachers has advanced in common with all other professions, and it will be necessary to raise more money than heretofore to carry on the work in an efficient manner.

The size of the school grounds in the village was considerably increased last summer by the removal of the old school house, and the purchase of a strip of land on the back of the school lot, in addition to the strip given by Wm. Sewall. These additions should be cleared and the entire grounds graded, which would give ample room for play grounds for all the schools and for such sports as base ball and football.

Arrangements have been made with the Emerson Lumber Co. for "no school" signals on stormy days. Three whistles at 7.30 in the morning means no school in forenoon, and three whistles at 12.30, noon, means no school in afternoon.

A class of four will graduate from the High School this spring, and a class of sixteen from the Grammar School, which will probably make the High School larger next year than it has ever been.

The amount of tuition collected this year has been less than usual as we have made no great effort to secure tuition scholars, not having accommodations for many besides our own pupils. There is still due from individuals about \$30.00.

The teachers employed have been, with two exceptions, teachers of considerable experience and all have worked faithfully, and administered their schools according to their best judgment; if any have failed in doing good work it has been as much through indifference and lack of co-operation of parents as inefficiency in the teacher. No teacher can accomplish good work unless the parents are willing to co-operate with and support them. We feel that the parents as a whole are interested in school matters and are anxious to assist the teachers and school officers in their efforts to secure good attendance and enforce good discipline. We regret that the selectmen failed to have the curfew law enforced the past year, and hope that arrangements may be made whereby the law may be enforced the coming year.

We wish to express our appreciation of the good work done by the teachers in their respective schools, and for the large degree of sympathy and co-operation among pupils and parents.

S. R. CRABTREE, Supt.

J. D. Clifford,
C. E. Milliken,
H. H. Noyes. } Sc' col Board.





