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SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

OF THE

TOWN OF DEXTER,

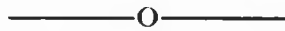
FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH FIRST, 1884.

DEXTER:
GAZETTE STEAM JOB PRINT.
1884.

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TOWN WARRANT.



State of Maine.

TO ALLEN MERRILL, CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF DEX-
TER, IN THE COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby re-
quired to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town
of Dexter, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to as-
semble at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the
twenty-fourth day of March instant, at nine o'clock in
the forenoon, to act on the following Articles, viz.:

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meet-
ing.
- ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.
- ART. 3. To hear all reports to be made at said Meeting.
- ART. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen.
- ART. 5. To choose three or more Assessors.

- ART. 6. To choose three or more Overseers of the Poor.
- ART. 7. To choose a Town Treasurer.
- ART. 8. To choose a Town Agent.
- ART. 9. To choose three Superintending School Committee, or a Supervisor.
- ART. 10. To choose a School Agent.
- ART. 11. To choose a Collector of Taxes.
- ART. 12. To choose all other Town Officers required by law to be chosen at the Annual Town Meeting.
- ART. 13. To see if the Town will choose three or more persons to enforce Town Ordinances.
- ART. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise to pay Town Charges.
- ART. 15. To see how much money the Town will raise to Support the Poor.
- ART. 16. To see how much money the Town will raise for the support of Schools, and for the Free High School.
- ART. 17. To see how much money the Town will raise to purchase School Books and School Material.
- ART. 18. To see how much money the Town will raise to make and repair Highways, and how it shall be expended.
- ART. 19. To see what method the Town will adopt for breaking Highways, and how the money for this purpose shall be expended.
- ART. 20. To see what method the Town will adopt for carrying on the Town Farm and Support of the Poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to let the Medical Attendance of the Poor to the lowest bidder, provided a suitable bid is received.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to let the Town Hall free of expense for Temperance Meetings, School Exhibitions, and the Firemen, for the ensuing year.

ART. 23. To see what action the Town will take in regard to paying the Dexter Fire Department for the ensuing year.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will appropriate Twenty-five Dollars to defray expenses Memorial Day, as requested by H. F. Safford Post, G. A. R.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise Three Hundred Dollars for the Dexter Town Library.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to paint the Town Hall, and raise money for that purpose.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise money to pay a Night Watchman, and how much.

ART. 28. To see what action the Town will take in relation to building a School House suitable to the needs and requirements of the pupils of Dexter village.

ART. 29. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Town Hall the ensuing year.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept a road laid out by the Selectmen, beginning near Geo. E. Watson's House and running to the Newport road.

Dexter Me.
March 24th 1884

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the continuation of Forest Street to Park Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept a list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Treasurer.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise One Hundred Dollars, to be expended for celebrating the Fourth of July, and how it shall be expended.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will vote to build a School House on the Owlsboro road near Moses M. Hersey's, and raise money for the same.

ART. 35. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a road to accommodate Benjamin Bagley and George E. Jackson.

ART. 36. To choose a Trustee of Dexter School Fund in place of the late Hiram Carr.

ART. 37. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Standard Time.

ART. 38. To see if the Town will vote to pay Robert Gould for damages sustained by Eugene Brann on sidewalk taken up by said Gould in front of Dr. Bumps' residence.

ART. 39. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Estate of the late Reuben Flanders for the boards and lumber furnished by him to the Town in building over Town Hall, and raise money for the same.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase a lot of land as near Town Hall as may be, and move the School Building on Free Street to the same, and raise money to pay the expenses of buying the lot and moving the building.

ART. 41. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term of Ten Years, all capital that shall be invested in manufacturing purposes in this town, to the amount of Three Thousand Dollars or more, or take any action thereon.

You will give notice that the Selectmen will be in session at their office on Saturday, the twenty-second day of March instant, from one until three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Hereof fail not, and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands, at Dexter, this thirteenth day of March A. D. 1884.

E. M. TIBBETTS,	}	Selectmen of Dexter.
GEO. E. FARMER,		
ALBERT ELLMS,		

TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR A. D. 1883.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

E. M. TIBBETTS,
GEO. E. FARMER,
ALBERT ELLMS.

TOWN CLERK:

LEVI BRIDGHAM.

TREASURER:

HIRAM BASSETT.

TOWN AGENT:

BENJ. F. ELDRIDGE.

COLLECTOR:

ALLEN MERRILL.

AUDITOR OF SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS:

C. W. CURTIS.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS:

W. A. BUMPS.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE:

BENJ. F. ELDRIDGE.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

*Amount of Money Appropriated at last Annual Meeting,
March, 1883.*

Highways	\$3000 00
Town Charges	2000 00
Support of Poor	1000 00
do Town Schools	2200 00
do High School	800 00
do Library	300 00
For School Books	250 00
Fire Department	500 00
Memorial Service	25 00
Furnaces Town Hall	400 00
Settees " "	150 00
County Roads	200 00
H. G. H. Swanton	100 00
Draw in Bridge	200 00
Night Watchman	100 00
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	\$11,225 00

Valuation of resident Real Estate	\$580,190 00
do do Personal Estate	252,742 00
do of non-resident Real Estate	28,690 00
do do Personal Estate	1,300 00
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Total Valuation	\$862,922 00

Sum assessed State Tax	\$3,858 92
do County Tax	1,124 61
do Town Tax	11,225 00
Overlays	485 15
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	\$16,693 68

No. Polls, 671. Percentage, 17 mills.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

BY WHOM EXPENDED.	SUMMER.	WINTER
W. C. Gerry.....	\$18 07	\$ 5 50
J. S. Folsom	46 95	
F. W. Card.....	36 20	22 14
Wm. Thompson	16 87	31 21
Wm. Morrison	35 40	6 75
A. T. Mower.....	47 00	25 89
H. Jennings	58 00	22 51
J. C. Tricky.....	31 77	29 97
N. G. Brackett.....	56 69	6 13
L. M. Haseltine	40 80	15 36
Chas. H. Lowell.....	57 92	20 67
E. W. Eaton	59 50	19 00
Chas. M. Pullen	28 75	9 40
Stephen D. Meader.....	51 25	11 13
G. D. Blake.....	59 04	18 55
Augustus Whitcomb	70 55	31 50
Oringe Jewett.....	11 99	5 27
Wm. Oliver.....	25 00	16 20
Richard Nutter.....	30 25	33 95
W. O. Eaton.....	89 00	35 16
Jeremiah Knox		15 52
Cyrus S. Drew....	70 43	29 17
Moses M. Hersey.....	28 95	13 75
John B. Eastes	85 90	48 10
G. W. Labree.....	162 50	3 15
A. J. French	36 37	13 53
David Russell 2d	32 93	19 08
Delano Leighton	63 31	38 14
J. W. Farrar.....	10 00	9 35
H. H. Jose.....	80 72	
Charles Parkman	3 30	4 00
John Kittredge	11 65	6 75
Thomas Randall.....	30 36	18 62
Selectmen	1542 14	43 44
	<u>\$3,029 56</u>	<u>\$635 89</u>

LIST OF ABATEMENTS, 1883.**ON TAX OF 1882.**

Joseph Augustine.....	\$3 00
Vedal Buldoc	3 00
John Atkins	4 00
Isaac Berry	3 00
Thos. Basket	4 00
Fred Klish.....	3 45
Calvin Dinsmore	4 64
Edward Fisher.....	3 00
Erastus P. Fish.....	3 00
Ivory Grant	2 00
Wm. Lander.....	4 75
Frank Martin	3 00
E. J. Moody	2 06
Raymond Pooler	3 00
Joseph Pomroy.....	5 00
Chas. L. Smith.....	4 00
Chas. Lingermarsh	3 00
A. C. Whitney	3 36
L. A. Weymouth, error in tax.....	3 00
Thomas Pooler.....	4 00
Wm. Steward	3 00
Chas A. French	4 35
Joseph Bush	3 00
Lewis Thompson, error in tax of 1881	3 00
Clinton Card	3 00
Chas L. Page.....	3 00
R. D. Ryerson.....	3 00
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	\$90 61

ON TAX OF 1883

Calvin Dinsmore	\$3 93
Perley Lane.....	3 68
D. S. Reed.....	5 55
B. L. Rowell, error.....	34
E. J. Moody	88
A. Hood.	3 00
Geo. D. Shepley.....	2 95
M. Andrews	3 85
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Carried forward	\$24 18

LIST OF ABATEMENTS, 1883, CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward.....	\$24 18
Nelson Champion.....	3 00
Fred Cleaves.....	3 00
Peter Pomroy.....	3 00
Abner Seaver.....	3 00
Addison White.....	3 00
Fred Klish.....	3 68
Erastus P. Fish.....	3 00
Isaac Berry.....	3 00
Thomas Higgins.....	34
O. P. Witham.....	3 00
J. L. Hartford.....	3 00
E. H. Annas.....	3 00
Joseph Buldoc, Jr.....	3 00
Ambrose Brooks.....	3 00
Henry Buldoc.....	3 00
E. P. Gilman.....	3 00
Elmer Thombs.....	3 00
Thomas White.....	3 00
W. D. Eaton, error in tax.....	19 35
Ivory Grant.....	3 51
G. W. Tibbetts,.....	3 00
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	\$102 06
Abatements for 1882.....	90 61
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Total abatements.....	\$192 67

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

TO PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

TOWN OF INDUSTRY.

M. P. Labree, support E. N. Luce	385 00
Dr. W. A. Bumps, " " "	40 00
	<u>\$75 00</u>

HARTLAND.

F. H. Hayes, support Wm. Brawn's family	3 00
Dr. S. Mudgett, " " " "	7 50
Jenkins & Hill, " " " "	8 50
Leighton & Haines, " " " "	4 00
E. M. Tibbetts, " " " "	2 00
	<u>\$25 00</u>

DEXTER.

Insane Hospital, support W. Crocker	27 93
Mrs. E. J. Thurston, support S. B. Holt	12 00
N. F. Roberts, " " " "	2 75
Mrs. E. J. Thurston, " " " "	15 00
	<u>\$29 75</u>

Wm. M. Johnson, burial S. Tapley	4 00
Norrod Hurd, support Abby Haines	40 00
C. P. McCrillis, support O. Butler & wife	6 00
E. M. Tibbetts, " " " "	6 00
Geo. E. Farmer, " " " "	1 75
	<u>\$13 75</u>

Jenkins & Hill, support G. Dexter & wife	21 00
Leighton & Haines, " " " "	1 00
Swanton Bros., " " " "	5 00
	<u>\$27 00</u>

Jenkins & Hill, support Wm. Lander's family	5 00
Jenkins & Hill, support Felix Swanton's family	5 00

Amount carried forward.....\$252 43

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR. CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward.....	\$252 43
Dexter Woolen Mills, support C. B. Ronco.....	2 00
F. J. Fogg, " " ".....	2 01
C. P. McCrillis, " " ".....	9 50
C. M. Sawyer, " " ".....	5 75
Leighton & Haines, " " ".....	7 50
E. M. Tibbetts, " " ".....	11 00
Swanton Bros., " " ".....	3 88
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	\$41 63
I. N. Atwood, support Eliza Hallowell.....	50 00
E. M. Tibbetts, support Mary Quinn.....	69 85
E. M. Tibbetts, coffins for poor.....	22 50
D. D. Flynt, support J. Neddo.....	15 00
A. D. Kimball, burial ".....	3 00
D. D. Flynt, support ".....	6 00
C. P. McCrillis, " ".....	1 15
C. M. Sawyer, " ".....	1 25
Leighton & Haines, support ".....	7 00
E. M. Tibbetts, coffin & box ".....	13 50
E. M. Tibbetts, supplies ".....	6 20
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	\$53 15
Wm. M. Johnson, burial of child of A. Brooks	2 50
Dexter Woolen Mills, support F. Clukey ..	2 00
F. J. Fogg, " ".....	16 00
F. H. Hayes, " ".....	2 00
Jenkins & Hill, " ".....	2 82
Leighton & Haines, " ".....	2 00
Swanton Bros, " ".....	6 00
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	\$30 82
Geo. E. Farmer, support H. Tapley.....	28 80
Johnson Fish, " ".....	21 00
P. L. Lowell, " ".....	1 00
J. F. Witherell, attending funeral, H. Tapley,.....	2 00
Johnson Fish, support H. Tapley.....	29 80
Johnson Fish, casket and box H. Tapley	17 00
D. S. Hunnewell, medical attendance H. Tapley.....	6 00
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	\$105 60
Amount carried forward.....	\$628 48

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR, CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward.....	\$628 48
Henry G. Parshley, hearse for paupers 1880 & 1881.	6 00
	<u>\$634 48</u>
Deduct amount due and received from other towns,.....	115 00
	<u>\$519 48</u>
Balance against Town Farm ...	366 56
	<u>\$886 04</u>
Appropriation	100 90
	<u>\$113 96</u>
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Received from Hartland.....	\$23 00
" " Industry	75 00
Due " Brewer.....	17 00
	<u>\$115 00</u>

TOWN FARM REPORT.

Paid Herbert T. Additon and wife, services on farm	\$300 00
for Stock and supplies on farm.....	908 34
Decrease in stock from last year	26 00
	<u>\$1234 34</u>
Received for stock and produce sold.....	\$859 84
Increase in produce from last year.....	7 94 867 78
	<u>\$366 56</u>

STOCK ON HAND.

4 oxen, five years old	\$310 00
2 oxen, four years old	150 00
4 cows.....	180 00
2 yearlings.....	25 00
32 sheep.	165 00
2 swine	24 00
28 hens	14 00
	<u>\$868 00</u>

TOWN FARM REPORT, CONTINUED.

PRODUCTS OF FARM.

55 tons hay.	90 bushels mixed grain.
6 " straw.	6½ " beans.
275 bushels potatoes	45 " corn.
6 " table beets.	2½ " peas.
7 " onions.	23 " oats.
53½ " wheat.	1027 pounds of pork

RECEIVED FOR SURPLUS PRODUCTS AND INCLUDED IN AMT.
OF STOCK AND PRODUCE SOLD.

From Dairy—butter sold.	\$11 77
two veal calves.	14 04
From Sheep—20 lambs sold.	60 00
7 sheep (canners).	10 50
151½ pounds wool,	37 88
3 pelts ...	3 00
From Hens—eggs.	5 90
From profit on exchange of stock sold.	175 50
potatoes.	44 95
straw.	3 00
beans.	3 00
shovel handle blocks.	14 90
vegetables.	2 80
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	\$387 24

PRODUCE ON HAND.

34 tons hay.	\$9 00.	\$306 00
5 " straw.	5 00.	25 00
22 bushels of wheat.	1 50.	33 00
14 " mixed grain.	65.	9 10
4½ " beans.	3 00.	13 50
7 " corn.	90.	6 30
2½ " meal.	85.	2 13
3 " mixed meal.	65.	1 95
4 " corn cobb meal.	45.	1 80
220 lbs. shorts.	1½.	3 30
½ bushel peas.	2 00.	1 00
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Amount carried forward.		\$403 08

TOWN FARM REPORT, CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward		\$403 08
550 lbs. pork	14.	77 00
2 barrels vinegar	6.	12 00
180 bushels potatoes	25.	45 00
1 barrel soap		4 00
20 lbs. butter	20.	4 00
1½ barrels flour		13 12
2 lbs tea, 1 00, salt, 50		1 50
Spices and sugar		2 10
3 lbs. of rolls		1 80
2 gallons kerosene oil		40
100 lbs. ham	12½.	12 50
3 bushels of table beets	60.	1 80
20 lbs of lard		3 00
15 gallons pickles		7 50
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		\$588 80

Estimated cash value of farm and buildings, \$3,500 00.

NAME AND AGE OF PERSONS SUPPORTED AT FARM.

Wm. Sturtevant	Age 63 years.
Lucian Jose	" 46 "
Mrs. Sovina Grover	" 64 "
Mrs. Caroline Safford	" 58 "
S. B. Holt	" 25 "

25 tramps kept over night, supper, breakfast and lodging.

S B Holt admitted Feb. 19, 1884.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engine Companies as per vote of town	\$325 00
B. F. Stearns, Chief Engineer	10 00
" services as Fire Warden	36 00
Sam Morrill, Ass't Engineer	10 00
" watching 1.50, sawing wood 40	1 90
H. S. Dole, Ass't Engineer	7 00
B. F. Stearns, care Engine No. 1	15 00
" " Tiger No. 2	15 00
" repairs on Engine House, ladders, &c.	5 60
S. M. Leighton, care of Hose Carriage	3 00
Geo. F. Fitzgerald, work on hydrant	3 00
W. B. Goff, work on Engine Hall	3 00
Chas. Shaw, tan and water pipe for hydrant	4 40
Luther Haines, labor on hydrant	75
Dexter Woolen Mills, repairs on hydrant	12 50
Abner Shepherd, wood for Engine House	3 75
Eldridge Bros., Engine House and Hyrant	17 05
B. F. Stearns, Hydrant and Reservoirs	64 70
J. H. Fitzgerald, care Hook and Ladder truck	10 00
" " " Force Pump	11 50
S. C. Silver & Son, wood	5 00
Bridgham & Son	3 00
M. F. Herring, printing notices and advertising	5 00
W. J. Haseltine	1 45
N. Dustin & Co.	25 92
Cyrus Foss	1 75
Swanton Bros.	40
Jenkins & Hill	2 81
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	\$604 48

TOWN HALL.

Paid W. B. Goff, care of Hall.....	\$68 00	
" " " " skating rink	40 00	108 00
for wood for Hall.....		73 86
for sawing wood for hall.....		7 25
Jenkins & Hill, oil &c . for Hall.....		24 63
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		\$213 74
Received for Hall and paid Treasurer.....	\$169 00	
" " Rink " "	210 00	379 00
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Balance in favor of Hall.....		\$165 26
Hall opened 68 times.		
" " for rink 30 nights 10 afternoons.		
Hall has been opened 21 times for pay.		
" " 47 " free.		

EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

For Town Library	\$300 00
Paid Geo. Hamilton, Treasurer.....	300 00
For Memorial Service... ..	25 00
Paid Samuel Morrill.....	25 00
For Night Watchman	100 00
Paid W. B. Goff.....	100 00
For Settees for Town Hall	150 00
Paid for 25 Settees.....	76 00
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Balance unexpended	74 00
For Draw in Bridge	200 00
Paid D. D. Flynt	200 00
For Furnaces in Hall	400 00
Paid for Furnaces and labor... ..	311 58
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Balance unexpended	88 42
For H. G. H. Swanton.....	100 00
Paid H. G. H. Swanton.....	100 00

TOWN CHARGES.

Hiram Bassett, error in settlement 1882	\$106 80
A. D. Kimball, labor in old cemetery	8 25
G. G. Fifield, painting and varnishing hearse	18 00
Eastern Steam Printing Co., advertising ordinance	5 95
S. W. Bates, surveying Main St. and telegram	26 02
Chas. Shaw, land for road	150 00
B. F. Dunham, land for road	150 00
Lucian French, surveying road	2 50
H. C. Bassett, plan for old cemetery	6 25
Luther Haines, labor in cemetery	1 50
S. A. Winslow, land for road	25 00
David Merryman, target range	15 00
Amos Abbott & Co. rent of office	36 00
E. W. Eaton, error in tax	2 55
Co-operative Store, refreshments at Dustin's fire	8 33
V. A. Sprague, services county road	33 40
T. D. Farrar, repairs on hearse	4 00
N. Dustin, fire escapes town hall	69 83
D. W. McCrillis, services as constable	3 00
W. B. Goff, " "	5 00
Benj. F. Mills, " "	10 00
E. M. Tibbetts, postage, express, &c.	2 01
E. M. Tibbetts, paid looking records	1 53
E. M. Tibbetts, sundry small bills	3 50
J. Crosby, legal services	46 50
Town Hall Floor	262 81
B. F. Stearns, bal due on bell	43 43
Bridgham & Son, books and stationery	5 16
Geo. Hamilton, making deeds cemetery	6 00
Geo. E. Farmer, expenses to Wellington	5 75
Dr. G. B. Clough, medical attendance poor	99 1/4
Eldridge Brothers, repairing town hall	28 25
W. B. Goff, repairing town hall	2 85
Paid for supplies for town farm	66 56
Allen Merrill, per centage for collecting 1883	292 56
" " abatements 1882 and 1883	192 67
" " constable service	5 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

T. A. Chandler, School Agent	\$ 25 00
W. A. Bumps, Supervisor of Schools	150 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, CONTINUED.

Benj. F. Eldridge, Town Agent	6 00
Hiram Bassett, Treasurer	50 00
L. Bridgham, Town Clerk	15 00
Albert Ellms, Selectman	65 00
Geo. E. Farmer, "	90 00
E. M. Tibbetts, "	125 00
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	\$2,178 95

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Highways	\$3,665 45
Support of Poor	886 04
Fire Department ..	604 48
Dexter Town Library	300 00
Memorial Service ..	25 00
Night Watch	100 00
Town Charges	2,178 95
School Books	444 81
Town Schools	4,203 88
High School	1,050 00
Settees for Town Hall	76 00
Draw in Bridge ...	200 00
Furnaces in Hall	311 58
H. G. H. Swanton	100 00
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	\$14,146 19

LIABILITIES.

Funded debt, due April 1, 1884	\$2,000 00
Alice E. Foss, given May 13, 1878, at 4 per cent.	1,034 00
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	\$3,034 00

RESOURCES.

Twenty-two shares Dexter & Newport R. R. Stock.....	\$2,200 00
Due from Town Schools	88 63
non-resident tax deed, J. O. Currier, 1881.....	4 27
" " " 1882	2 70
" Chas. O. Marsh	7 22
State, for Military expenses.....	50 00
town of Brewer.....	17 00
Non-resident tax returned by Collector.....	68 86
Due on tax on resident real estate returned by Collector :—	
On Dr. O. Fitzgerald's real estate, 1882 ..	81 00
" " 1883.....	59 50
Bridget Dalton's " 1882....	3 50
" " 1883	11 05
R. W. Gilmore's " 1883.....	21 00
Cash in Treasury	591 27
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	\$3,206 00
Liabilities deducted... ..	3,034 00
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Balance in favor of the Town	\$172 00
This is a true standing of the Town March 1, 1884.	

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of Town Schools.....	\$2,200 00
support of Free High School	800 00
Town Charges.....	2,000 00
Highways.....	3,500 00
support of Poor	1,200 00

Respectfully submitted as the Financial Standing of the Town March 1st. 1884, and the expenditures for one year.

E. M. TIBBETTS, } Selectmen
GEO. E. FARMER, } of
ALBERT ELLMS, } Dexter.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF DEXTER, IN ACCT. WITH H. BASSETT, TREAS.

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By amount of commitment to Collector	\$11,734 68
“ in Treasury at commencement of year	408 43
“ of non-resident tax returned by Collector, (tax 1882). ..	348 09
“ from Geo. Hamilton, int. on School Fund.....	162 79
“ “ Selectmen, tempoary loan.....	275 00
“ “ “ on account of town of Industry....	75 00
“ “ “ “ circus license.....	5 00
“ “ “ “ sale of R. R. stock... ..	1,836 00
“ “ “ “ Temperance Hall	36 37
“ “ “ “ town of Athens.....	55 40
“ “ “ “ sale of old hose.....	6 15
“ “ “ “ grass sold in cemetery ..	5 00
“ “ “ “ town of Hartland ...	41 00
“ “ State Treasurer, rent of armory.....	50 00
“ “ “ Free High School.....	250 00
“ “ “ School Fund and Mill Tax....	1,181 30
“ “ “ R. R. and Telegraph	2 40
“ “ W. B. Goff, Town Hall.....	379 00
“ “ M. L. Abbott, land damages.....	150 00
“ “ Wm. Johnson, lots sold in cemetery.....	65 00
“ “ Geo. Hamilton, int. on R. R. stock	132 00
“ of back tax on Dr. O. Fitzgerald's property, for 1882, ..	81 00
“ deed of J. O. Currier, non-resident property, on tax ..	
“ of 1881	4 27
“ deed of Charles O. Marsh, non-resident property, on ..	
“ tax of 1881	7 22
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	\$17,291 10

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To amount paid on orders drawn on Treasurer	\$10,292 01
“ “ highway orders	3,624 37
“ “ funded debt	2,000 00
“ “ “ interest.....	193 67
“ “ floating debt “	40 00
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Amount carried forward.....	\$16,150 05

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward	\$16,150 00
To amount paid on tempoary loan....	275 00
" " " " interest	4 11
" " town of St. Albans—highway tax for 1883...	1 26
" " " " cash tax for 1882.....	2 06
" " M. F. Herring, adv. non-resident property...	2 00
" " for making deed Jas. O. Currier non-resident property	67
" " for recording two deeds non-resident property	1 08
" " Allen Merrill, costs in advertising and selling Dr. O. Fitzgerald's property for tax 1882..	4 50
" deed of Dr. O. Fitzgerald's property, tax of 1882....	81 00
" " J. O. Currier, non-resident property, tax 1881	4 27
" " Chas. O. Marsh, " " " "	7 22
" " J. O. Currier, " " " " 1882	2 70
" tax returned on Dr. O. Fitzgerald's property, tax 1883	59 50
" " " " Bridget Dalton property, tax of 1883	11 05
" " " " R. W. Gilmore " " 1883	21 00
" " " " Bridget Dalton " " 1882	3 50
" non-resident tax returned, 1883.....	68 86
" Cash in Treasury	591 27
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	\$17,291 10

HIRAM BASSETT, TREASURER.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF DEXTER SCHOOL FUND.

The Treasurer would submit the following Report:

Whole amount of School Fund	\$2689 47
Invested as follows:	
Town of Dexter Bonds	\$1900 00
Town of Corinna Bonds.....	600 00
Deposited in Dexter Savings Bank.....	189 47
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	\$2689 47

Interest amounting to \$159.19 has been paid into the Town Treasury.

GEO. HAMILTON, TREAS.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

1883.			
March 1.	By cash on hand	.....	\$ 23 14
1884.			
Jan'y 1.	" received from the Town	300 00
	" " fines	9 75
	" " catalogues sold	2 61
	" " Willis Copeland—book lost	75
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			\$336 25

EXPENDITURES

1883.			
	To paid Springall & Co., bill for binding	\$ 16 20
May 18.	" for printing catalogues	4 50
July 2.	" Springall & Co., books, etc.	.....	3 23
Oct'br 12.	" " "	.....	5 30
Dec'br 29.	" " "	.....	10 91
1884.			
Jan'y	" Lockwood, Brooks & Co., for books	.....	86 82
" 29.	" for printing catalogues	.....	4 50
Feb'y 2.	" " "	.....	2 50
	Lockwood, Brooks & Co., for books	.....	49 26
	Springall & Co., books, etc.	4 25
	A. A. Springall, salary as Librarian	75 00
	Cash on hand	73 78
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			\$336 25

March 13, 1884.

GEO. HAMILTON, Treas.

Report of Trustees of Dexter Town Library.

There are now in the Library 1800 volumes, 175 of which have been added the past year. 1687 volumes now appear on the catalogues, 209 having been added during the year.

Number of books taken out during the year is 12,303. Greatest number by any one person, 78.

A close inspection of the books shows them to be in good condition, showing continued care by the patrons of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES.

March 13, 1884.

REPORT OF SCHOOL AGENT.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount received from State	\$250 00
“ appropriated by Town	800 00
Amount paid teachers	\$1050 00

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Balance unexpended.....	\$ 322 16
Amount raised by Town.....	2200 00
“ received from State.....	1181 30
Interest on School Fund.....	162 79
Total for Common Schools.....	\$3866 25

EXPENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Teachers.....	\$2807 50
Painting and repairing.....	607 86
Paid for wood.....	112 82
“ Union district No. 1	45 00
“ for furniture and care of rooms	186 89
Total expended	\$3760 07
Balance due Common Schools.....	\$106 18
Town raised for Books	\$250 00
Paid for Books	444 81
Overdrawn in Books	\$194 81
Total overdrawn	\$88 63
Books and Material on hand.....	204 81

There has been ten School Houses painted, most of them have received two coats, and two painted inside, Grammar School room repaired and painted, and No. 11 quite generally repaired inside and out which was sadly needed. All of the outside doors of the village school houses have been made to open outward to conform with the present law.

T. A. CHANDLER,

SCHOOL AGENT.

REPORT OF
The Chief Engineer of the Dexter Fire Department.

The following is respectfully submitted as the report of the condition, equipment and service of your Fire Department for the year ending March 2, 1884:

BOARD OF ENGINEERS:

B. F. STEARNS, Chief: SAM'L MORRILL, 1st Ass't;
H. S. DOLE, 2d Ass't.

FIRES AND ALARMS :

There has been but one fire alarm and fire the past year, viz.: On the night of April 23d, about 11:45 p. m., fire was discovered in the old Machine Shop owned by Messrs. N. Dustin & Co., then occupied by Messrs. N. B. Turner & Son, as a Shovel Handle Factory. An alarm was sounded to which the Department promptly responded, but owing to the combustibles with which this building was stored, the flames, despite the earnest endeavors of the force, spread rapidly and soon bid fair to utterly destroy the whole business portion of Main street. After almost superhuman efforts the fire was finally brought under control in the district occupied by the following buildings, all of which were entirely consumed: The old

Machine Shop, the Store and Storehouse owned and occupied by Messrs. N. Dustin & Co., and the building owned by Chas. Bassett and occupied by H. G. Parshley as a carriage repository. Loss about \$22,000. The origin of the fire is in doubt. In suppressing this fire the hydrants at the Stone Mill, Abbott's Mills, and the Grist Mill, did excellent service.

DEPARTMENT RESOURCES.

The department apparatus is the same as reported last year, and is all in good condition.

There has also been, in addition, a large fire alarm bell placed on the engine house, with all the modern improvements, at a cost of about Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars, of which the Town contributed Seventy-five Dollars only.

I would suggest the necessity of another reservoir to be located upon Pleasant Street near D. K. Jenkins' house.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I would say that while we have been fortunate enough during the past year as not to have occasion to call upon our Fire Department but once, yet good discipline and excellent interest prevails in the companies and efficient service can be rendered. I am satisfied that the absence from fires has been due in a great measure to the precautions adopted by your Engineers in their capacity as Fire Wardens, who believe that "an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure."

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. STEARNS, Chief Eng'r.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

TO THE CITIZENS OF DEXTER:

It becomes a pleasant duty again to report the condition, progress and general management of our public schools, together with a brief statement in regard to purchasing school material under what is termed the town system.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

[District No. 6.]

High School

We have been very fortunate in securing for this school, one of the most practical and successful teachers in the State, and with competent assistance, excellent, thorough and practical work has been the result.

By a choice selection of text books and an easy and ready manner of illustration, the recitations have been made unusually instructive.

The community may well appreciate the advantage of this grade of school, for many of our scholars complete their studies here; thus every effort should be made to make it an inviting place, both in regard to school and school house.

Grammar School.

This is rather the largest school in town, and requires a firm, decided teacher.

The general discipline and excellent appearance of the scholars indicate great improvement during the term. The examination gave evidence of a thoroughness of study, and was much appreciated by a large number of visitors.

The kindest feelings have prevailed between teacher and pupils.

Intermediate No. 1.

A model school with excellent results. Considerable attention is here given to industrial drawing, which is appreciated. The closing examination was very fine, and attended by interested parents and friends.

Intermediate No. 2.

This school maintained its good standing under the same instruction as last year. The methods of conducting recitations, care and precision in explanation, are praiseworthy. The teacher was the recipient of a fine present from her pupils at the end of the term.

Primary No. 1.

The instruction here has been varied much from last year. The school is in a fine condition and the pupils have maintained a lively interest in their studies. It was deemed expedient to change the mode of instruction which has resulted in a benefit to the school. Industrial drawing was successfully taught.

Primary No. 2.

Successful, careful work has been accomplished here. It has been quite difficult to classify the pupils of this

school, on account of the mixed population. This school, with its earnest, active teacher, is making great proficiency.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

District No. 1. Union District.

Under the instruction of an energetic and capable teacher. Was visited in connection with Supervisor of Corinna.

District No. 2.

The school in this district has been well instructed, and gives evidence of thorough, careful training. The same teacher has been retained during the year. The result of the work here indicates that our High School is a profitable place to prepare teachers for the common schools.

District No. 3.

This school, for various reasons, has rather fallen below its usual good standing. Interestedness and non-interestedness had a bad effect, at the commencement of the school. But out of chaos and disturbance have come peace and good will.

The winter term closed with a very creditable examination, showing studiousness and good instruction. An interesting exhibition was given by the scholars at the close of the school.

District No. 4.

Three very successful terms, taught by one of our best teachers. She has availed herself of the advantages of a Normal school, and has introduced many features which have made it profitable to the scholars. The method of teaching geography and grammar is a novelty.

District No. 5.

Has enjoyed good instruction during the year, under the same efficient teacher. The parents have been well pleased with the progress of their scholars, who do great credit to themselves and teacher.

District No. 7.

The same instruction throughout the year. A small school, of well advanced scholars. Their motto has been, "Not how much but how well." The parents are well disposed and try to cultivate friendly feelings in the school.

District No. 8.

The hours of instruction here were fully utilized. An earnest, energetic teacher, with attentive pupils. The deportment and appearance of the school showed proper management. Unusual interest was manifest in history and analysis.

District No. 9.

A good orderly school with capable teachers. The winter term was especially prosperous, with some brilliant recitations at the closing examination. We have in this District one of the neatest and best located school houses in town.

District No. 10.

Both teachers employed here have been careful, earnest workers, ever mindful of the interest of their pupils. Owing to the large number of scholars in attendance, a male teacher was employed for the winter term.

A very profitable work was done by the class in language lessons. The instruction in arithmetic was difficult on account of the number of recitations. The number of recitations should be abridged when possible.

District No. 11

It is a pleasant duty to report the fine success of this school. For the last two years a constant advancement has been made. Teachers and scholars, with one accord, have rendered it one of the best in town. The exercises were conducted with dispatch and a vim that gave one the idea, "We do our work well."

District No 12.

The same earnest teacher during the year. A review of the different term's work indicated quite good progress for small scholars; some of the exercises would do credit to older and more advanced pupils. This school is quite small and needs extra effort to keep the interest.

SCHOOL STATISTICS,

For the Year ending April 25, 1884.

Schools.	Teachers.	Av'ge No. Registered.	Av. No. of Attend'ce
High School.	{ A. P. Soule.	58	56
	{ May J. C. Thompson.		
Grammar School.	R. W. Nutter.	66	63
1st Intermediate.	Bessie W. Nutter.	41	38
2d Intermediate.	Fannie L. Dearth.	29	25
1st Primary.	{ M. Lizzie Bailey.	69	62
	{ Jeannette Barton.		
2d Primary.	Mrs. Nellie Foss.	60	54
District No. 2.	Jennie Greene.	8	7
" " 3.	{ Grace Ireland.	8	7
	{ Louise Davis.		
	{ Mabel Additon.		
" " 4.	{ Sarah Haskell.	28	20
	{ Elmie Briggs.		
" " 5.	Anna O. Emerson.	16	15
" " 7.	Anna Savage.	14	12
" " 8.	Bertie Philbrick.	10	8
" " 9.	{ Ella Jennings.	12	10
	{ Lettie Daggett.		
" " 10.	{ Addie Ireland.	28	24
	{ C. M. McKechnie.		
" " 11.	Alice Maxim.	22	19
" " 12.	May Hamilton.	7	5

Whole No. of Scholars in town, 761.

Recommendations and General Remarks.

As there has been some controversy concerning the purchase of books for our schools, I deem it necessary to make sundry explanations, and recommendations which the urgency of the case demands.

There is a limit to the use of school books; from actual use, they become worn out and worthless, necessitating the purchase of others to meet the demand.

How is this done? By an agent authorized by the Supervisor or Supt. School Committee. He has charge of the books, pays for them, drawing money by town orders on the treasurer.

The books to be distributed to the various schools, as well as all school material, must pass through the hands of the agent, who checks the sum on pass books sent us by the teachers of the various schools.

The Geographies in the school previous to the last exchange, had been in the school about six years, and were a worthless mass as the teachers could testify. Besides this they were getting behind the times. Some of the statistics were incorrect, owing to the rapid increase in population and general progress of the country.

To properly supply sufficient copies of the old books, to take the place of those actually worn out, would make an expenditure nearly one-third as large as the actual cost of the exchange for the new books. And still we have an old geography, that cannot be found in use in scarcely a town in the State.

We need an exchange in several other text books, now in use in our schools.

Steele's system of books and Barnes' history are almost obsolete and should not be used.

The balance in exchange between the old and new Geographies is \$151.18, supplying all of the schools with new books, with 40 extra to be used in future at the same introductory price. Now we have a standard text book, adapted to our schools. The expense will suffice for a term of years, when another exchange will emphatically be necessary.

An explanation is necessary for interested parties to understand clearly the condition of our schools, why the appropriation for school material has been overrun, etc.

In assuming the position as Supervisor two years ago, I found the schools not well furnished with text books, there was a constant murmuring; teachers were obliged to exchange books from one class to another to satisfy the demand, giving the scholars the idea of a charity institution.

Parents complained of this and in several instances purchased books for their scholars. Every scholar in school should be allowed a full set of books and be retained by them during the term. Again some of our schools have increased in number, those in particular requiring a higher grade of books.

The Grammar school increasing during the year from 54 to 74 requiring 15 or 20 sets of new books. Some rural schools in like proportion. The whole number of scholars in town is somewhat less than last year; the diminution occurred from the village district, and comprised those mainly who are enrolled as scholars and did not attend school, the larger portion of which were French. I found some of the village schools were poorly and unequally supplied, one Primary contained a reading chart for the infant class, the other had none. I could give no

reason for this and a new chart was purchased, which was necessary. This cost six dollars. Numerous examples of this kind have occurred.

It is well to speak of the amount usually raised by the town to defray the expense of school material. The appropriation was started out \$500 the first year; it has now diminished to \$250, giving an average nearly of 30 cents to a scholar for the usual number 800. Parents can you compare this favorably with the cost of school material under the district system, when an individual purchase was necessary?

Rev. Mr. Richards in his second report recommends \$500 for books and apparatus, \$200 was raised. I will refer you to his report and criticism under "School Books." Also to Rev. Mr. Clark's report under "Estimates and General Remarks." On assuming my duties as Supervisor, I found an unpaid book bill of about \$50.00 during Mr. Clark's Supervision, making the book account that year over \$300. The last appropriation has been judiciously expended, the general wants of the school supplied. I found after due consideration that \$250 is inadequate for the demands of our schools. It should be at least \$300, then if there is a balance unexpended it would remain in the treasury for further purposes.

It seems incompatable that any fixed sum be easily raised for town library and we possibly may say some unnecessary purposes, while the public schools are kept in a cramped condition financially.

I would recommend for the (next) school year.

For Text Books,	-	-	\$ 350 00
For Common Schools,	-		2200 00
For Free High School,	-		800 00

Report of Committee on New School Building.

The undersigned would respectfully submit the following report.

We would recommend the construction of a new school building of suitable capacity to contain the High and Grammar schools, the same to be brick. The house on Free street to be moved to the upper part of the village, and repaired to accommodate the schools at Town Hall.

The house termed the Brown house to be repaired to contain the lower Intermediate and Primary.

The present High School building to be disposed of as the town should decide.

M. L. ABBOTT,

C. W. CURTIS,

HON. JOSIAH CROSBY,

LEVI BRIDGHAM,

W. A. BUMPS,

MORRILL SPRAGUE, ESQ.,

A. P. SOULE,

(Jere M. HILL, 1st app'd.)

W. A. BUMPS,

Chairman of Committee.

Conclusion.

Having the welfare of the schools in view, I have striven to conduct them, in a way profitable to the scholars and satisfactory to parents.

The schools and nearly all of the school buildings are in a fine condition and an honor to the town.

I have tried to perform my duties faithfully and again thank teachers and pupils for their kindness and co-operation.

W. A. BUMPS,

SUPERVISOR.

