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For the Year Ending March 1, 1895.

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DEXTER :  
BUNKER & WARREN, PRINTERS.  
1895.,



# TOWN OFFICERS.

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1894-95.

## SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

WESLEY H. JUDKINS, ANDREW BRAWN, W. O. EATON.

## ASSESSORS:

CHARLES W. CURTIS, LEVI BRIDGHAM, F. O. ADDITON.

## TOWN CLERK:

LEVI BRIDGHAM.

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR:

CHARLES D. ROBERTS.

## TOWN AGENT:

SAMUEL ELDRIDGE.

## SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS:

R. W. NUTTER,

## SCHOOL BOARD:

J. W. HAINES, Chairman. R. W. NUTTER, Secretary.  
W. H. CARR, N. H. FAY, F. O. ADDITON.

## BOARD OF HEALTH:

DR. C. M. FOSS, CHARLES HAYDEN, E. A. RUSS.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES:

S. S. WATSON.

## ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:

N. H. FAY, Chief; A. E. PERHAM, 1st Ass't;  
W. S. GULD, 2d Ass't.

## CONSTABLES:

L. D. EDGERLY,	E. A. BREWSTER,
JOSEPH GANEAU, JR.,	FRED E. GOVE,
J. L. MORRISON, JR.,	F. O. ADDITON,
JOHN MARTIN,	CHARLES D. ROBERTS,
W. J. RUSSELL,	GEORGE A. BRAWN,
SAMUEL GOULD,	B. F. STEARNS,
GEORGE E. FARMER.	

## BALLOT CLERKS:

E. A. BREWSTER,	BYRON GILES,
JAMES MOUNTAIN,	J. W. CROSBY.

## TRUANT OFFICERS:

EZRA ROBERTS,	GEORGE A. BRAWN.
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## AUDITORS:

J. WILLIS HAINES,	J. WILLIS CROSBY.
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## TOWN WARRANT.

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### STATE OF MAINE.

To GEO. A. BRAWN, CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF DEXTER, IN  
THE COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT. GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Dexter qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the eighteenth 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 meeting.
- ART. 2—To choose a town Clerk.
- ART. 3—To hear all reports made at said meeting.
- ART. 4—To choose three or more Selectmen.
- ART. 5—To choose three or more Overseers of the Poor.
- ART. 6—To choose three or more Assessors.
- ART. 7—So choose a town Treasurer.
- ART. 8—To choose a town Agent.
- ART. 9—To choose a Collector of taxes.
- ART. 10—To choose a Superintending School Committee in place of retiring member.
- ART. 11—To see if the town will authorize the Superintending School Committee (in case they do not elect one of their own members to be a supervisor of schools), to elect a superintendent of schools, who may or may not be a member of the Superintending School Committee.
- ART. 12—To see what sum the Supervisor or Superintendent of schools shall receive for his services.
- ART. 13—To choose a Superintendent of cemeteries.
- ART. 14—To choose a Trustee of town library.
- ART. 15—To choose all other town officers required by law to be chosen at the annual town meeting.
- ART. 16—To see if the town will choose three or more persons to enforce town ordinances.
- ART. 17—To see how much money the town will raise to pay town charges.

- ART. 18—To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the fire department including salaries of its officers.
- ART. 19—To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the poor.
- ART. 20—To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools and the Free High school.
- ART. 21—To see how much money the town will raise to purchase school books and school material.
- ART. 22—To see if the town will vote to choose a Road Commissioner to have charge of the highways and sidewalks.
- ART. 23—To see how much money the town will raise to make and repair highways, and how it shall be expended.
- ART. 24—To see what action the town will take in relation to breaking out highways and what portion of the road money, if any, shall be reserved for this purpose.
- ART. 25—To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay expenses of lighting the street the ensuing year, the sum required being about six hundred and seventy-five dollars, or act anything in relation thereto.
- ART. 26—To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay expenses of Memorial Day.
- ART. 27—To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the town library.
- ART. 28—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. 29—To see if the town will elect a board of fire constables, whose special duty shall be to remove and care for personal property in buildings on fire and damaged by fire.
- ART. 30—To see what method the town will adopt for collecting taxes the ensuing year.
- ART. 31—To see if the town will vote that all highway bills shall be brought in on or before the 20th day of February next.
- ART. 32—To see if the town will vote to raise two hundred dollars to buy wire for building fence on the line of the highways.
- ART. 33—To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to render in their annual report the names of all persons who have received any wire during the year, for fencing the highways and the number of pounds delivered to each of them for that purpose.
- ART. 34—To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate to pay the nightwatchman the ensuing year or act anything relating thereto:

- ART. 35—To see how much money the town will raise to make concrete sidewalks and crossings the ensuing year.
- ART. 36—To see if the town will vote to build a concrete walk around the public library lot and raise money for the same or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 37—To see if the town will vote to employ some person as janitor of the Abbott Memorial building, Town hall and any other public building or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 38—Petition of E. A. Ayer and twelve others to see if the town will vote to put in one electric light near the residence of David Leonard and one near the residence E. A. Ayer on upper Main street and raise money to pay for the same.
- ART. 39—To see if the town will vote to accept in trust the sum of one hundred dollars from John Weymouth, the interest therefrom to be expended in taking care of lot number six (6) section "G" in Mount Pleasant cemetery.
- ART. 40—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of beautifying the lot in the new cemetery lately occupied by the soldiers monument.
- ART. 41—To see if the town will vote to allow some compensation for injuries received by Miss Grace C. Stearns upon the sidewalk on Spring street in November, 1893.
- ART. 42—To see if the town will vote to purchase a piano for the High school building and raise money for the same.
- ART. 43—To see if the town will vote to remove the stone wall and bushes on the highway around the property of W. F. Dunham, opposite the shore of the "upper pond," so called, and raise money for the same.
- ART. 44—To see if the town will vote to place a new rail of iron pipe on the float bridge and raise money for the same.
- ART. 45—To see if the town will vote to place the names of the several streets in the village on posts and buildings and raise money for the same.
- ART. 46—To see if the town will vote to fix the amount of money that may be drawn by each member of the board of selectmen as compensation for their services for the ensuing year or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 47—To see if the town will vote to extend the Free street sidewalk to Spring street and complete the lot crossings and raise money for the same.
- ART. 48—To see if the town will vote to accept in trust the sum of one hundred dollars from Andrew G. Scott, the interest therefrom to be expended in taking care of his cemetery lot.

- ART. 49—To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on Tannery street, from Main to Spring streets, with crossings, and raise money for the same.
- ART. 50—To see if the town will vote to change the name of Tannery street or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 51—To see if the town will vote to sell the iron safe now in the town hall building or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 52—To see if the town will vote to repair the bridge on Tannery street and raise money for the same or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 53—To see if the town will vote to accept chapter 285 of laws of 1889 relating to drains and common sewers.
- ART. 54—To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot for a storehouse for town property or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 55—To see if the town will vote to exempt Charles F. Witherell from taxes on his saw and grist mill property or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 56—To see if the town will vote to pay Mrs. Locadia Jones for land damage on account of highway around the Jones hill, so called, and raise money for the same or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 57—To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on Church street, commencing at the blacksmith shop near the residence of E. A. Shepherd, and running northeasterly to the junction of Pleasant street and raise money for the same.
- ART. 58—To see if the town will vote to lay out a highway leading northerly from the Charleston road, near the residence of J. H. Smith to a point on the Avenue road, so called, near the Washington Card place and raise money for the same.
- ART. 59—To see if the town will vote to discontinue that portion of the Charleston road from near the residence of J. H. Smith to the town line of Garland or act anything thereto.
- ART. 60—To see if the town will vote to improve the grade of the hill near the residence of Geo. LaBree on the road leading to North Dexter and raise money for the same or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 61—To see if the town will vote to pay Willard B. Goff for labor done on the Town hall in the year 1878 and raise money for the same or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 62—To see if the town will vote to extend the Maple street sewer, easterly past the property of Mrs. Samuel Cushman and raise money for the same or act anything relating thereto.

- ART. 63—To see if the town will vote to put a fountain on the Hill lot and bring water to it and for drinking purposes across the street from the town spring and raise money for the same.
- ART. 64—To see if the town will vote to pay E. H. Chase for work done on the Hill lot and raise money for the same.
- ART. 65—To see if the town will vote to let the firemen have the use of the Town hall free of charge.
- ART. 66—To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on Winter street from Spring to High streets and raise money for the same.
- ART. 67—To see if the town will vote to extend the sidewalk on High street to Main street and raise money for the same.
- ART. 68—To see if the town will vote to extend the sidewalk on Cedar street to Water street and raise money for the same.
- ART. 69—To see if the town will vote to extend the sidewalk on Lincoln street to Spring street and raise money for the same.
- ART. 70—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from Main street to the Dover road over Pleasant street as now traveled.
- ART. 71—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from Pleasant street to the Charleston road over Park street as now traveled.
- ART. 72—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from Pleasant street to the Charleston road over Maple street as now traveled.
- ART. 73—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from Main street to Liberty street, over High street as now traveled.
- ART. 74—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from Main street to High street over Tannery street as now traveled.
- ART. 75—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from Main street to Spring street over Free street as now traveled.
- ART. 76—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from Park street to Lake View avenue over Prospect avenue as now traveled.
- ART. 77—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from Prospect avenue to Pleasant street, over Lake View avenue, as now traveled.
- ART. 78—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from Pleasant street to

Church street, over the town lot, as now traveled.

- ART. 79—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from the Garland road, near the Puffer place, so-called, to the Charleston road, near the easterly terminus of Park street, and raise money for the same.
- ART. 80—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen commencing on the line of a road, as laid out in 1892, around the Jones' hill, so-called, over the Waldheim Association property to the land of Wm. H. Abbott, as now traveled.
- ART. 81—To see if the town will vote to accept the town way as laid out by the selectmen from Main street over Dustin's hill, so-called, to the town line of Ripley over the road as now traveled.
- ART. 82—To see if the town will vote to accept the private way as laid out by the selectmen for the benefit of A. A. Eastman, from the new Owlsboro road, so-called, near the residence of Joseph Bridge, northerly and westerly to the land of said Eastman, or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 83—To see if the town will vote to pay E. J. Briggs \$72.50 as per order No. 125 on the town treasurer, dated Nov. 23, 1887, or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 84—To see if the town will vote to fix the salaries of the engineers of the fire department, or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 85—To see if the town will vote to lay out anew, and establish the boundaries of such of the ways or streets of this village as have become doubtful, uncertain or lost, and place suitable monuments to mark the same or act anything relating thereto.
- ART. 86—To see if the town will vote to use gas for lighting Town Hall, or act anything relating thereto.

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

Given under our hands this ninth day of March, A. D. 1895.

WESLEY H. JUDKINS,	} Selectmen
ANDREW BRAWN,	
W. O. EATON,	
	} of
	} Dexter.

## REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

### AMOUNT OF MONEY APPROPRIATED AT LAST ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH, 1894.

Town charges, . . . . .	\$ 1,500 00
Fire Department, . . . . .	1,250 00
Support of Poor, . . . . .	1,200 00
Common Schools, . . . . .	2,400 00
Free High School, . . . . .	1,000 00
Evening School, . . . . .	100 00
Repairing Schoolhouses, . . . . .	400 00
School books, . . . . .	450 00
Musical instruction, . . . . .	125 00
Furnish Laboratory, High school, . . . . .	200 00
Highway for summer, . . . . .	2,500 00
"    "    winter, . . . . .	1,500 00
Lighting streets, . . . . .	660 00
Memorial services, . . . . .	50 00
Town Library, . . . . .	300 00
Wire fence, . . . . .	200 00
Night watch, . . . . .	100 00
Side walk, Cedar street, . . . . .	35 00
Marking streets and avenues, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, . . . . .	25 00
Moving Soldiers' Monument, . . . . .	100 00
Gravel walk, High street, . . . . .	50 00
Side walk, Tannery street, . . . . .	150 00
Road machine, . . . . .	265 00
Total, . . . . .	\$14,560 00

## VALUATION.

Real estate, resident, . . . . .	\$ 657,512 00
“ “ non-resident, . . . . .	36,125 00
Personal estate, resident, . . . . .	341,598 00
“ “ non-resident, . . . . .	2,790 00
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Total valuation not including supplementary, \$1,038,025 00	

Tax rate, 16 2-3 mills, . . . . .	\$17,300 76
781 polls, \$3 each, . . . . .	2,343 00
Supplementary tax, . . . . .	136 34
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Total tax committed to collector, . . . . .	\$19,780 10

Sum assessed for State tax, . . . . .	\$ 3,503 51
“ “ county tax, . . . . .	930 34
“ “ by vote of town, . . . . .	14,560 00
“ “ for overlay, . . . . .	649 91
“ “ for supplementary tax, . . . . .	136 34
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Total, . . . . .	\$19,780 10

## ERRORS, ABATEMENTS AND REBATES.

1888.

a. Holt, Charles, . . . . .	\$ 4 00
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1889.

c. Field, Fred, . . . . .	2 40
c. Flynt, Furber, . . . . .	3 00

1890.

r. Whittemore, Mrs. Ellen, . . . . .	14 95
Safford, Mrs. Zuléma, . . . . .	3 45
Blethen, Henry A, . . . . .	11 50
Pennington, John, . . . . .	5 60
Burleigh, G. M., Estate of, . . . . .	8 50
c. Olukey, Levi, . . . . .	3 00
c. Ellis, O. M., . . . . .	3 00
Osburn, Charles, error, . . . . .	4 44
b. Priest, E. L., . . . . .	1 65
Swanton, E. W., . . . . .	1 73
a. Tait, Frank, . . . . .	3 00
Ganeau. Charles, . . . . .	35
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Amount carried forward, . . . . .	\$70 57
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Amount brought forward, . . . . \$70 57

## 1891.

Augustine, Joseph, by vote of town,	3 00
a. Ambrose, Jules	3 00
a. Curtis, George, .	3 33
b. Ellis, Josiah,	3 00
c. Field Fred T., .	3 00
a. Gallison, John,	3 00
a. Mower, W. H., .	3 58
b. Pomeroy, Frank, .	3 00
b. Pooler, Frank, .	3 00
b. Page, Frank,	3 00
c. Smith, George, .	3 00
b. Tait, Frank,	3 00
c. Thomb, A. P., .	3 00
c. Welch, Wm.,	3 00
c. Butler, John,	1 99

## 1892.

r. Curtis, Leslie,	7 04
b. Brown, L. J.,	2 55
c. Chadbourne, G. R.,	3 00
c. Cousens, Forest,	3 00
b. Dulac, Joseph,	3 00
c. Davis, C. L.,	5 08
b. Jewett, Charles, .	1 35
b. Leavitt, Geo. A.,	3 00
c. Larrabee, Charles,	3 00
b. Leo, Joseph,	4 00
c. Morey, G. L.,	3 72
c. Manning, Israel,	3 00
b. Moore, Elias H., .	1 50
b. Nutt, F. H.,	1 00
Ryan, G. O., error,	7 37
c. Satellett, Costello,	3 00
c. Tait, F. R.,	3 00
c. Wellington, Geo. A., .	3 00
r. Atwater, W. C., .	8 56

## 1893.

Gilman, O. P., error,	2 50
Amazine, S. D., error,	8 40
c. Baldue, Edmund,	3 00
b. Clukey, Jules,	7 50
b. Clukey, Joseph, .	8 00
b. Curtis, Lewis,	4 86
Davis, Atwell, error,	3 00
b. Fisher, Wm. A.,	3 00

Amount carried forward, . . . . \$224 90

Amount brought forward,	\$224 90
Hayden, Wm. M., error,	2 50
b. Jaquith, Frank,	6 44
b. Mason, P. B.,	6 64
Maloney, Charles, error,	3 0 <sup>0</sup>
c. Maloney, James,	3 00
Obert, Allie, error,	1 50
b. Perkins, George,	3 00
b. Pomeroy, Charles,	92
White, Euseba, error,	3 00
Wellington, D. A., error,	3 00
r. Clukey, Napoleon,	5 00
b. Lincoln, Geo. W.,	10 80
Martin, Charles, error,	6 00
Wheeler, Frank, watering trough,	3 00
Curtis, Leslie, error,	10 66
1894.	
Hamilton, Wilson P., error,	9 17
Putnam, G. Q. H., error,	2 33
b. Dinsmore, Sylvanus,	8 33
b. Farrar, David U.,	3 00
r. Call, L. R.,	5 00
b. Sheply, Loring,	3 00
b. Wheeler, R. B.,	3 00
b. Fisher, Wm. A.,	3 00
c. Maloney, James,	3 00
Warner, Charles, error,	2 08
Webb, Charles, error,	3 33
Bridges, F. H., error,	3 00
Dolloff, Julia, error,	5 00
Rollins, Diana, error,	3 00
Sampson, Harry, error,	83
b. Spooner, David,	3 00
Martin, Charles, error,	5 00
Hodgkins, J. W., error,	1 66
Breed, D. C., error,	2 00
Total amount of abatements,	\$362 05

- (a), collector can't find.  
(b), age, infirmity and poverty.  
(c), non-resident or gone away.  
(r), rebate.

The assessors, acting in the capacity of a special committee to effect a revision of our town valuation, especially as made up by our State Assessors, have given that matter special attention, having been accorded a special hearing by the State board, who personally inspected our principal industries. The result of this hearing has been a reduction of our valuation from

\$1,397,977 to \$1,239,128, a difference of \$158,849, decreasing our State tax about \$400 per year, and our county tax proportionately.

It will be seen that the State Assessors' valuation is still in round numbers \$200,000 above that upon which our local tax is assessed. This difference is made up in part by including in the State valuation our town property and all property exempt by vote of the town and by the assessors, the balance being an arbitrary increase above local valuation, chiefly of live stock, woolen mill property and stock in trade, these increases being based upon a somewhat inflexible system of equalization adopted by the State board, whose policy is to keep up the credit of the State in point of resources rather than follow values into temporary depressions.

Though we expected a little larger reduction—or about \$200,000—yet as our increase in State over local valuation is almost precisely the same as the average of the State, (as 19 1-3 per cent. to 19 1-6 per cent.,) perhaps we have little reason to complain.

C. W. CURTIS,  
LEVI BRIDGHAM, } Assessors.  
F. O. ADDITON, }

# ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

	SUMMER.	WINTER.
Additon, Elmer E.		\$ 2 42
Additon, Fred O.		45
Atwater, J. Edgar		1 57
Arno, William R.		2 50
Arno, Wilson		6 91
Atkins, A. L.		5 85
Arnold, George		3 00
Austin, W. D.		1 65
Berry, Isaac		1 05
Berry, Wm. M.		60
Balduc, John		3 00
Bush, Joseph	55 95	
Bodge, A. R.		5 70
Bailey, Amos	20 25	
Bridge, Lafayette	5 00	
Breed, Daniel C.	2 55	4 61
Barton, R. M.		3 38
Brewster, W. E.		25
Brawn, B. F.		75
Burgess, Charles	11 25	
Berry, John	2 25	3 80
Bickell, Edmund		3 67
Bennett, Joseph		13 07
Bond, Sewell		16 75
Burton, B. H.		2 08
Burton, George H.		3 61
Brawn, A. O.	57 50	
Bridges, O. W.		31 02
Briggs, J. F.		1 71
Brewer, John	59 25	3 75
Baker, James S.		3 00
Brawn, W. E.		87
Blake, Edwin		3 60
Bridge, Joseph	2 25	1 05
Bryant, Walker E.		12 50
Blake, J. Alfred		24 21
Brown, John		15 20
Clukey, Napoleon	95 25	
Crowell, Joseph		90
Amount carried forward,	\$311 50	\$184 48

	SUMMER.	WINTER.
Church, B. G.	\$62 75	\$ 1 80
Card, Frank		1 50
Cole, James	1 50	5 10
Clukey, Peter		3 90
Chase, A. S.		12 80
Cousins, L. B.		6 30
Carr, A. L.		3 90
Cousins, E. L.		12 50
Curtis, Lewis		75
Carr, W. H.	25 09	
Collins, H. C.		1 43
Clukey, John		3 23
Clough, Fred		6 35
Crawford, Samuel E.		26 70
Carr, George W.		8 33
Crowell, G. G.		8 95
Crowell, H. B.		8 14
Crockett, Daniel		5 40
Covell, W. H.		1 80
Curtis, Melzer		30
Calef, Samuel F.		2 32
Curtis, W. H.		9 95
Crowell, Joseph C.		3 15
Call, L. R.		10 04
Cobb, A. J.	21 98	
Curtis, 2d., W. H.		24 72
Dyer, Charles	33 62	
Davis, Daniel	90	
Dyer Levi	27 00	
Drew, John		4 95
Densmore, W. E.		45
Dustin, G. A.		40
Dunham, W. F.		106 05
Delano, George		6 70
Downing, W. T.		5 65
Downing, F. G.		18 20
Eaton, E. W.		1 65
Elder, W. C.	1 00	
Ellms, Albert		3 95
Ellms, Charles		8 19
Eldridge Brothers		4 35
Eaton, W. O.		13 37
Eastes, John B.		10 28
Fletcher, W. O.		3 07
French, Edwin		5 86

	SUMMER.	WINTER.
French, B. D.		\$ 1 49
Foss, Winfield		5 33
Farrar, J. M.		26 92
Frost, Thomas		3 30
Frye, John, Jr.	4 50	
Field, George W.		10 28
Fuller, J. A.	3 90	60
Fay & Scott,	26 65	
Flanders, E. A.	34 06	1 00
Fogg, A. B.		1 20
Farrar, A. S.		27 10
Farrar, C. W.	45	19 12
Farrar, Thos. D.	21 35	
French, A. J.		5 93
Folsom, E. C.		5 20
Gordon, F. W.	1 12	
Gee, Frank		3 53
Gordon, J. B.		14 25
Gove, G. W.		25 92
Gould, Abel	18 00	9 60
Gerald, Wentworth	59 30	12 75
Gerry, W. C.		15
Gordon, G. F.	1 00	2 55
Gould, F. W.	150 00	17 05
Goodwin, G. W.		98
Grolio, Beland		2 78
Gould, G. L., self and horses,	1,143 62	
"        lumber	17 09	200 44
Gerry, F. J.		60
Gould, W. B.	46 19	
Hammond, E. D.		1 05
Higgins, Thomas		1 35
Harding, A. S.	48 37	20 25
Hutchins, B. F.		18 42
Haseltine, L. M.		17 35
Hayden, C. H.	77 12	
Hall, G. A.		2 50
Haines, Luther	1 12	3 15
Haseltine, J. M.		3 00
Huff, Daniel		90
Herring, John R.		45
Hatch, Chas. C.		5 05
Howard, Otis O.		7 51
Henderson, R. E.		20 70
Hersey, M. H.		1 95

	SUMMER.	WINTER.
Jewett, Oringe . . . . .		\$16 00
Jones, Morris C. . . . .		1 57
Jewell, Edwin F. . . . .		22 70
Jewell, D. B. . . . .		5 40
Jose, Scott O. . . . .		3 50
Johnson, C. F. . . . .		1 35
Jaquith, F. A. . . . .		3 15
Jose, L. W. . . . .		3 00
Jose, H. H. . . . .		13 40
Jewett, George I., . . . . .		31 40
Jumper, E. D. . . . .		3 75
Jose, Alonzo . . . . .		4 12
Jock, Frank . . . . .	17 25	
Jones, D. W. . . . .		49 93
Katen, Willard . . . . .		2 33
Knox, Jeremiah . . . . .		5 80
Kittridge, J. A. . . . .		8 70
Kimball, Fred . . . . .		30
Kittridge, John . . . . .		1 95
Larrabee, Roy . . . . .		4 65
LaBree, J. M. . . . .		4 25
Larrabee, J. E. . . . .		9 60
LaBree, George W. . . . .	8 50	13 80
Libby, C. M. . . . .		9 26
Littlefield, R. A. . . . .		1 35
Lowell, C. H. . . . .		2 10
Leighton, S. F. . . . .	3 45	2 85
Littlefield, C. A. . . . .		97
LaPointe, Peter . . . . .	26 25	
Leighton, Delano . . . . .		3 83
Leighton, W. A. . . . .	75	
Libby, Edwin F. . . . .	64 83	1 00
Libby, A. C. . . . .	5 40	2 62
Lander, A. S. . . . .		2 92
Lancaster, Joseph . . . . .		5 42
Leo, Augustus . . . . .	16 50	
Lane, Lyman K. . . . .		4 60
Mower, P. S. . . . .		14 15
Meservey, Charles . . . . .		1 75
Mower, W. Carroll . . . . .		3 63
McCrillis, D. W. . . . .	1 50	1 35
Marshall, Charles L. . . . .		19 23
Meador, D. J. . . . .		10 22
Macomber, A. F. . . . .	3 52	13 08
Mason, James E. . . . .		5 02

	SUMMER.	WINTER.
Mason, Roscoe E.		3 37
Mower, Henry		13 70
Moore, Frank R.	1 95	10 44
Nason, Dexter	3 75	1 50
Nichols, Thomas B.		13 75
Nuite, Frank E.		10 25
Oliver, C. W.		4 87
Oliver William		2 62
Peno, Frank	59 61	
Prescott, David		1 13
Paul, S. M. year 1891-92,		5 00
Pomroy, Joseph	52 50	
Priest, A. M.		14 24
Pullen, H. J.		19 00
Phinney, A. C.		17 53
Patterson, E. R.		1 50
Puffer, Jacob		10 42
Pullen, C. M.		12 80
Pullen, H. D.		2 85
Roncoe, Augustus	12 75	
Richards, Joseph	33 75	
Ricker, Ezekiel		80
Russell, 2d, David		22 61
Russell, Wilbur J.		7 09
Robinson, Elmer		5 60
Russell, C. H.		3 55
Roberts, O. J.		1 35
Russell, M. D.	3 66	22 18
Rollins, A. H.		7 38
Roberts, E. W.		2 25
Rowell, D. F.	78 75	10 35
Robinson, Erastus		2 27
Rogers, F. W.		8 25
Sands, A. J.	19 50	53
Seaver, A. K.		4 42
Sprague, Obed		37
Spooner, David		1 87
Sprague, V. A.		3 57
Safford, George		45
Silver, S. O. & Son,	11 38	27 13
Spooner, George		2 77
Sawtelle, George		3 38
Sharp, Abram		2 18
Swanton, Frank		13 19
Smith, J. H.		2 02

	SUMMER.	WINTER.
Spooner, C. E.		9 05
Swanton, Felix		9 35
Swanton, Seth		2 50
Shaw, George	3 00	
Shaw, A. A.	1 60	
Shepherd, Abner		7 35
Stafford, Leonard		2 25
Thompson, Jonathan	93 45	
Thurston, W. H.		1 50
Tewksbury, W. S.		7 73
Tewksbury, Irving		2 48
Tupper, Fred	2 25	7 70
Taylor, R. A.	82	
Tripp, Fred		2 99
Towle, J. R.		7 20
Turner, G. W.		3 75
Trafton, C. E.		2 85
Towle, J. L.		7 06
Thompson, W. P.		2 02
Towle, S. M.		10 29
Willard, G. A.	40 50	
Weymouth, P. S.		1 50
Wheeler, S. F.	60	1 80
Whitcomb, Augustus		14 48
Webber, T. L.		5 05
Watson, S. S.		5 25
Whitney, E. L.	1 50	1 19
Watson, G. E.		90
White, W. O.		80
Wyman, Fred	58 50	11 70
White, Isaac G.		15 70
Whittemore, Lewis		22 83
Young, C. S.		45
Total,	\$2,766 95	\$1,832 19

Less on account of summer work.

Received from Mrs. E. R. Horton,	\$20 61
L. T. Waterman,	2 25
George Cyphers,	20 00
Chas. W. Curtis,	40 00
Ezra Roberts,	2 00
S. L. Small,	12 36
J. H. Davis,	15 00
Daniel Plummer,	10 00
Castings on hand,	18 46
Plow points,	4 50
Total,	\$ 145 18
Net expenditure for summer,	2,621 77
Appropriation,	2,500 00
Overdrawn,	121 77
Expenditure for winter,	1,832 19
Appropriation,	1,500 00
Overdrawn,	332 19

#### G. W. GOVE DISTRICT.

2 1-2 miles.

G. W. Gove,	\$18 02
T. L. Webber,	3 25
Leonard Stafford,	2 25
John Drew,	4 05
Lewis Whittemore,	17 30
Erastus Robinson,	2 27
Total,	\$47 14

#### SEWAL BOND DISTRICT.

3-4 mile.

Sewal Bond,	\$12 70
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#### A. F. MACOMBER DISTRICT.

2 miles.

A. F. Macomber,	\$13 08
W. H. Curtis,	7 78
B. F. Hutchins,	12 51
Delano Leighton,	2 93
A. C. Phinney,	11 61
Total,	\$47 91

## M. D. RUSSELL DISTRICT.

2 miles.

M. D. Russell,	\$11 53
C. H. Lowell,	60
Joseph Crowell,	90
Joseph Bennett,	7 83
S. Towle,	6 96
Geo. Sawtelle,	2 78
W. H. Curtis,	9 61
Total,	<u>\$40 21</u>

## JOHN BROWN DISTRICT.

1 1-2 miles.

John Brown,	\$7 75
G. F. Gordon,	1 63
Wm. H. Curtis,	5 41
Geo. Spooner,	97
M. D. Russell,	4 04
Total,	<u>\$19 80</u>

## WALTER BRYANT DISTRICT.

2 miles.

Walter Bryant,	\$11 00
W. Foss,	2 63
A. Sharp,	2 18
A. S. Chase,	12 80
Total,	<u>\$28 61</u>

## J. B. GORDON DISTRICT.

4 miles.

J. B. Gordon,	\$ 9 00
Geo. Jewett,	23 85
J. H. Smith,	2 02
Edward Bickell,	2 77
Oringe Jewett,	13 49
Jeremiah Knox,	4 20
O. M. Libbey,	6 90
O. W. Oliver,	4 87
Total,	<u>\$67 10</u>

### G. W. LABREE DISTRICT.

3 miles.

G. W. LaBree,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$	8 60
John E. Larrabee,	.	.	.	.	.	.		7 05
Charles Meservey,	.	.	.	.	.	.		1 75
J. M. LaBree,	.	.	.	.	.	.		4 25
Parker Mower,	.	.	.	.	.	.		11 65
Peter Clukey,	.	.	.	.	.	.		1 95
Roy Larrabee,	.	.	.	.	.	.		4 65
Fred Tupper,	.	.	.	.	.	.		7 70
John Berry,	.	.	.	.	.	.		3 80
E. Robinson,	.	.	.	.	.	.		5 60
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$	57 00

### E. F. JEWELL DISTRICT.

2 miles.

E. F. Jewell,	\$14	60
Wilbur Russell,	5	39
James Baker,	3	00
D. B. Jewell,	5	40
Augustus Whitcomb,	14	48
Charles Marshall,	12	64
Alonzo Jose,	75	
E. D. Jumper,	45	
Geo. Safford,	45	
Total,	\$57	16

D. W. JONES DISTRICT.

2 miles.

D. W. Jones,	\$29	93
Frank Gee,	3	53
Willard Katen,	2	33
Geo. Arnold,	3	00
A. L. Atkins,	5	85
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$44</b>	<b>64</b>

**H. H. JOSE DISTRICT.**

3 miles.

H. H. Jose,	\$10 10
S. O. Jose,	2 75
L. W. Jose,	3 00
<b>Total,</b>	<u>\$15 85</u>

## JOHN KITTREDGE DISTRICT.

1 1-2 miles.

John Kittredge,	\$1 95
John. A. Kittredge,	8 00
Total,	<u>\$9 95</u>

## A. S. FARRAR DISTRICT.

3 1-2 miles.

A. S. Farrar,	\$26 72
Samuel Crawford	23 70
J. B. Eastus,	4 88
Daniel Crockett,	5 40
Total,	<u>\$60 70</u>

## F. G. DOWNING DISTRICT.

2 1-2 miles.

F. G. Downing,	\$13 30
W. T. Downing,	3 90
Total,	<u>\$17 20</u>

## FELIX SWANTON DISTRICT.

3 miles.

Felix Swanton,	9 35
W. S. Shepherd,	7 35
Geo. Goodwin,	98
J. J. Sands,	53
W. E. Dinsmore,	45
Beland Grolio.	2 78
John Olukey,	1 73
G. B. Church,	1 80
L. K. Lane,	45
Wm. P. Thompson,	2 02
Total,	<u>\$77 44</u>

## ALBERT ELLMS DISTRICT.

1 1-2 miles.

Albert Ellms,	\$2 27
A. H. Rollins,	3 70
J. F. Briggs,	1 71
Total,	<u>\$7 68</u>

**J. M. FARRAR DISTRICT.**

3 1-2 miles.

J. M. Farrar,	\$17	87
Thomas Nichols,	11	35
L. M. Haseltine,	10	35
L. B. Call,	7	64
Frank Card,	1	50
B. F. Brawn,		75
James Cole,	1	50
A. B. Fogg,	1	20
Total,	\$52	16

W. C. FLETCHER DISTRICT.

1 mile.

W. C. Fletcher,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Chas. Spooner,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
A. Lander,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Joseph Lancaster,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fred Tripp,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Joseph Mason,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
R. Mason,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
A. K. Seaver,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

## EDMUND FRENCH DISTRICT.

1 mile.

Edmund French,	\$ 4 67
O. Burton,	2 08
M. Jones,	1 27
S. F. Califf,	1 15
B. D. French,	1 49
Geo. H. Burton,	3 31
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$13 91</b>

W. O. EATON-DISTRICT.

4 miles.

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## H. B. CROWELL DISTRICT.

H. B. Crowell,	\$ 4 72
Otis Howard,	7 51
Jacob Puffer,	8 82
A. J. French,	5 33
Fred Clough,	4 30
Geo. G. Crowell,	7 90
Total,	<u>\$38 58</u>

## H. J. PULLEN DISTRICT.

3 1-2 miles.

H. J. Pullen,	\$12 70
G. W. Carr,	2 63
Mrs. D. J. Meader,	7 85
Total,	<u>\$23 18</u>

## WILSON ARNO DISTRICT.

3-4 mile.

Wilson Arno,	\$6 91
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## C. M. PULLEN DISTRICT.

C. M. Pullen,	\$ 9 90
J. G. White,	11 40
H. D. Pullen,	2 85
Geo. Spooner,	1 80
S. M. Towle,	2 45
Total,	<u>\$28 40</u>

## C. W. FARRAR, SIDEWALKS.

C. W. Farrar,	\$19 12
Stephen Leighton,	2 85
W. D. Austin,	1 65
A. S. Harding,	5 25
Total,	<u>\$28 87</u>

## DAVID RUSSELL, 2d, DISTRICT.

2 1-2 miles.

David Russell, 2d,	\$17 41
Ezekiel Ricker,	60
E. D. Hammond,	1 05
W. Tewksbury,	6 15
Ervin Tewksbury,	2 48
G. L. Gould,	30
D. C. Breed,	45
A. M. Priest,	10 54
Total,	<u>\$38 98</u>

**S. C. SILVER & SON DISTRICT.**

**3 1-2 miles.**

S. C. Silver & Son,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$21 40
E. L. Folsom,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 52
E. L. Whitney,	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$26 36</u>

### W. F. DUNHAM DISTRICT.

3 1-2 miles.

W. F. Dunham,	\$51 60
Frank Swanton,	13 19
<b>Total,</b>	<u>\$64 79</u>

### E. L. COUSINS DISTRICT.

**2 1-2 miles.**

E. L. Cousins,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
M. H. Hersey,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Frank Nute,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
L. B. Cousins,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Joseph Bridge,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
						\$31	85

J. A. BLAKE DISTRICT.

1 3-4 miles.

J. A. Blake,	\$10	89
Edgar Atwater,	1	57
F. E. Moore,	5	34
E. Blake,	75	
Total,	\$18	55

### O. W. BRIDGES DISTRICT.

East side of village from Spring street.

O. W. Bridges,	\$22	82
Geo. Delano,	6	70
J. A. Fuller,	60	
Luther Haines,	1	05
G. L. Gould,	2	45
John Clukey,	1	50
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>12</b>

## HENRY MOWER DISTRICT.

2 miles.

Henry Mower, . . . . .	\$ 9 75
Chas. Ellms, . . . . .	6 56
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$16 31</u>

## G. L. GOULD DISTRICT.

West side of village and Libby's Mills district.

G. L. Gould, . . . . .	\$46 75
A. C. Libby, . . . . .	1 65
J. R. Herring, . . . . .	45
W. Gerald, . . . . .	4 50
D. F. Rowell, . . . . .	2 25
John E. Brewer, . . . . .	3 75
O. E. Trafton, . . . . .	2 85
F. E. Wyman, . . . . .	75
E. R. Patterson, . . . . .	1 50
Daniel Huff, . . . . .	30
Fred Kimball, . . . . .	30
F. W. Gould, . . . . .	4 35
Joseph Haseltine, . . . . .	3 00
Dexter Nason, . . . . .	1 50
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$73 90</u>

Deduct for sand and for sanding sidewalk, . . .	\$17 90	
outside work, . . . . .	13 45	<u>\$31 35</u>
Making the two districts, . . . . .		\$42 55



## DEPARTMENT OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### TOWN FARM.

#### PAID FOR STOCK AND SUPPLIES.

One pair oxen,	\$ 65 00
Groceries, supplies and hired labor,	480 21
Taxes, town of St. Albans,	5 40
Total,	<u>\$550 61</u>

#### STOCK AND PRODUCE SOLD.

Potatoes,	\$ 17 30
Butter,	12 90
Eggs,	4 17
Wool,	84 24
Pork,	14 46
Veal,	6 50
Lambs,	40 00
Sheep,	5 00
Oxen,	70 00
Straw,	1 77
Buckwheat,	5 00
Mixed grain,	95
Received for labor,	3 50
Total,	<u>\$265 79</u>

#### STOCK ON HAND.

1 horse,	\$100 00
1 colt,	35 00
1 pair oxen,	140 00
4 cows,	135 00
41 sheep,	200 00
1 hog,	9 00
1 calf,	7 00
42 hens,	21 00
Total,	<u>\$647 00</u>

## PRODUCE ON HAND.

14 tons hay,	140 00
3 tons straw,	15 00
3 bags mixed grain (ground),	3 30
1 bu. meal,	60
11 " beans,	22 00
3 " buckwheat,	1 50
125 " potatoes,	37 50
33 " vegetables,	16 50
25 " apples,	6 25
7 bbls. apples,	3 50
20 lbs. lard,	2 00
225 " salt pork,	22 50
10 " fresh pork,	1 00
12 " butter,	2 40
3 " tea,	1 50
4 " coffee,	1 20
60 " sugar,	3 00
2 " spices,	20
40 " dried apple,	2 00
80 gals. of vinegar,	12 00
5 gals. of pickles,	2 50
4 bbls. flour,	16 00
1-4 bbl. soap,	1 00
3 lbs. soda,	21
1-2 bag of salt,	13
6 bars soap,	30
3 gals. molasses,	1 20
20 cords wood,	80 00
13 1-2 bu. shelled corn,	8 78
59 bu. mixed grain,	29 50
Total,	\$433 57

## PRODUCTS OF FARM.

34 tons hay.	4 tons straw.
2 tons corn fodder.	148 bushels mixed grain.
26 bushels buckwheat.	162 bushels potatoes.
30 bushels turnips.	3 bushels carrots.
8 bushels beans.	10 bushels beets.
150 bushels apples.	150 heads cabbage.
400 pounds pork,	26 lambs.
2 calves.	244 pounds wool.

## NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON FARM.

- William Sturtevant, age 74.  
 Lucien Jose, age 57.  
 Caroline Safford, age 69.  
 Nancy Bridgham, age 49.  
 Henry Green, received May 29, died Jan. 28.  
 Bertha Blacquer and child, received Oct. 18, discharged Jan.  
 10. Supper, lodging and breakfast for 35 tramps.

## TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

## DR.

Paid salary B. G. Church, . . . . .	\$ 28 13
A. J. Judkins, . . . . .	153 13
stock and supplies, . . . . .	550 61
Stock on hand March 1, 1894, . . . . .	647 50
Produce " " . . . . .	550 19
	<hr/> \$1,929 56

## CR.

Stock and produce sold, . . . . .	\$265 79
Cash received acct. Mrs. Pray, . . . . .	35 00
Stock on hand March 1, 1895, . . . . .	647 00
Produce " " . . . . .	433 57
	<hr/> \$1,381 36
Balance against farm, . . . . .	\$548 20

## PAID SUPPORT OF POOR NOT ON THE FARM.

Springall & Co., account Dulac family,	\$ 2 00
J. M. Jordan, " tramps,	3 00
G. Q. H. Putnam, " Vigneault family,	10 14
Maine Central R. R., account Chas. Daigle to Kent Junction,	9 50
C. H. Wyman, account Pooler family,	24 00
E. M. Tibbetts, " Pooler and Butler families,	8 00
S. S. Watson, " "	11 00
Terrill & Levenseller, account Augustus Perry,	6 25
City of Biddeford, " "	30 75
G. G. Downing, " Butler family,	20 00
Town of Foxcroft, " "	27 03
W. H. Judkins, " "	3 30
City of Waterville, " Mary G. Robbins,	42 29
William Morrison, " George Leo,	31 45
Town of Harmony, " A. E. Roberts,	15 00
W. O. Eaton, " "	3 70
E. A. Carter, " L. R. Ruggles,	134 00
Terrill & Levenseller, account Joseph Leo,	58 60
Emma M. Mason, account Nancy E. France,	40 00
Jason Denslow, " casket for infant,	3 00
C. H. Wyman, " Green family,	13 50
E. M. Tibbetts, " "	2 00
Bridgham & Son, " "	75
D. J. Meader, " Jaquith child,	37 15
Nathan Daggett, " John Clukey,	1 25
F. D. Meigs & Co., " "	2 75
W. E. Brewster, " Mrs. McNalley,	3 75
Terrill & Levelseller, account Peter LaPointe,	10 47
Town of Charleston, " Hurd family,	10 00
Balance against town farm,	548 20
Total amount expended,	\$1,112 83
Less due from Charleston,	10 00
	\$1,102 83
Unexpended,	97 17
Appropriation,	\$1,200 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Barnes, Henry K., thirteen rubber coats,	\$ 40 00
Carr, W. H., sundries,	2 56
Cobb, A. J., labor and material,	2 65
Crockett, Dana, sundries,	79
Dexter Electric Light Power Co., lighting engine house,	8 95
Dustin, George A., lantern,	75
Eastman, A. A., repairing rubber coats,	2 00
Eldridge Brothers. labor lumber,	3 50
Fay & Scott, one thousand feet hose and freight,	292 10
"    labor and material,	38 33
Fay, N. H., pay roll,	576 25
"    Chief Engineer,	15 00
Farrar, Thomas D., repairs on hose carriage and lantern,	6 50
Gould, W. S., 2nd Assistant Engineer,	10 00
Hayes, F. H., sundries,	4 26
Haines, J. Willis, Steward, Eureka Hose Co.,	3 00
Leighton W. A., Steward. Eagle Engine Co.,	15 00
"    Watchman, July 4th,	1 50
"    labor,	3 36
Leighton & Haines, sundries,	8 12
Perham, A. E., 1st Assistant Engineer,	10 00
Slater George M., Steward, Tiger Engine Co.,	15 00
Springall & Co., sundries,	5 70
Shepherd, L. C., Steward, Hook & Ladder Co.,	10 00
Total,	<u>\$1,073 32</u>
Appropriation,.	\$1,250 00
Amount unexpended,	\$176 68

## REPORT OF ENGINEERS OF DEXTER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The engineers of the Fire Department respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1895:

### FIRES AND ALARMS.

The only alarm this year was Mar. 24th, 1894, at 5 o'clock p. m., for fire at the grist mill of S. L. Small, and to which the department made a prompt response and were fortunate enough to subdue the fire with a loss of \$500.00 or less, which was fully covered by insurance. The cause of this fire was evidently a hot bearing in the basement of the mill.

This fire developed the fact, that the new reservoir of Amos Abbott & Co., may be a valuable auxiliary to our water supply at the first start of a fire in the vicinity of their mill, as it is available while the pumps are being started.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the town of our freedom from fires for the past few years and believe that our record, in this respect, is as good, or better than any town of the same size in the State; and we believe that this is, in part, due to the care taken by our citizens in looking after their chimneys and ashes.

### EQUIPMENTS.

The department is manned and equipped the same as last year, with the addition of 1000 feet of hose purchased to take the place of 450 feet that was condemned, as outfit for use in '93

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that the sum of \$800.00 be raised for the coming year for pay of fireman and running expenses and we would also recommend that the salaries of your engineers be fixed by vote of the town as follows: Chief, at \$20.00; 1st and 2d assistants, at \$10.00 each.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. FAY,  
A. E. PERHAM,  
WM. S. GOULD, }

BOARD  
OF  
ENGINEERS,

## DEXTER TOWN LIBRARY.

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The trustees of the Dexter town library submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 28. 1895.

The whole number of books in the library is 4,017, classified as follows:

Agricultural and Horticultural,	62
Biographical, . . . . .	315
Fiction, . . . . .	1,521
Historical, . . . . .	327
Juvenile, . . . . .	310
Theological, . . . . .	69
Travel and Adventure,	273
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	745
Temperance, . . . . .	13
Public Documents, . . . . .	382

Present number of patrons. 651.

Number of books taken during the year, 13,319.

Largest number loaned to any one person, 84.

There have been added to the library 398 volumes; 165 by purchase; 195 from Washington, through the kindness of Hon. C. A. Boutelle; 2 from Augusta and 36 presented by V. A. Sprague, Esq. In addition to the above, we have received 32 vols. magazines, unbound, the gift of Mrs. Cyrus Foss.

Duplicates purchased, 29.

Number of volumes rebound. 76.

In January, 1895, the library was moved into the Abbott Memorial Library Building, erected by Mr. George A. Abbott and presented by him to the town of Dexter, Dec. 26, 1894. This very agreeable change in our quarters has already created a marked increase in the interest of our patrons. The trustees are also pleased to report several valuable additions to the library through the kindness of friends, and our citizens are reminded that these donations are always acceptable.

H. S. DOLE, C. W. CURTIS, EZRA ROBERTS, A. F. BRADBURY, C. M. SAWYER,	}	Trustees.
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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer of the Dexter Town Library submits the following report for the year ending February 28, 1895,

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$ 22 60
Received from the town of Dexter,	300 00
"    "    state of Maine, .	30 00
for fines,	13 90
"    catalogues sold,	9 00
	<hr/> \$375 50

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books,	\$208 22
re-binding books,	19 35
printing bullitines, .	9 00
cleaning rooms,	65
fuel, .	2 75
oil, .	2 28
carting books from postoffice,	20
moving books to new library,	12 00
Librarian's salary, .	75 00
	<hr/> \$329 45

Balance on hand, . \$ 46 05

A. F. BRADBURY, Treasurer.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### SALARIES AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

Abbott, Amos & Co., support of watering place, 1893	
and 1894, . . . . .	\$ 6 00
Additon, F. O., assessor, . . . . .	60 00
" constable, . . . . .	2 00
Bridgham & Son, stationery, . . . . .	46 25
Bridgham, Levi, recording births, deaths and marriages,	23 80
" clerk, . . . . .	15 00
" assessor, . . . . .	80 00
" expenses, . . . . .	5 00
Blackden, O. E., dinner and supper, election day, .	4 25
Burdick, V. M., births and deaths, . . . . .	3 75
" town physician, . . . . .	15 00
Brewster, E. A., constable, . . . . .	9 50
" ballot clerk, . . . . .	2 00
Brown, L. J., labor about town house Hill lot, .	3 37
Bagbee, Daniel & Co., blank book, . . . . .	7 50
Bumps, W. A., births and deaths, . . . . .	9 00
Bunker & Warren, town reports, 1894, . . . . .	100 00
" printing, . . . . .	15 12
Brawn, George A., truant officer, . . . . .	20 75
" constable, . . . . .	13 50
Brawn, Andrew, selectman, . . . . .	100 00
Curtis, C. W., assessor, . . . . .	75 00
" expenses to State board of assessors, .	2 00
Cobb, J. H., support of watering place, 1893, .	3 00
Cobb, A. J., fire warden, . . . . .	12 00
Curtis, W. H., support of watering place, 1894, .	3 00
Crockett, Dana, supplies watchman's clock, . .	5 80
Carr, W. H., lock and repairs Town hall door, .	4 47
Coombs, P. H., survey for Board of Health, . .	5 50
" " Pleasant street, . . . . .	10 90
" " Park street, . . . . .	5 80
" " Maple street, . . . . .	5 30
" " High street, . . . . .	9 60
" " Tannery street, . . . . .	6 93

Coombs, P. H. survey for Free street,	\$ 13 10
“ “ Town lot street,	1 25
“ “ Lane hill road,	5 30
“ “ Dustin hill road,	19 35
“ “ Puffer place to Charleston road,	7 50
“ “ Private way, A. A. Eastman,	5 30
Crosby & Crosby, witness' fees suit Mary Brawn,	178 67
“ expenses “ “	50 00
“ legal services “ “	150 00
“ legal advice, forms and notes, 1894,	47 50
Crosby, J. Willis, auditor,	12 50
“ ballot clerk,	2 00
Dearborn, Ivory, labor for Board of Health,	5 32
Dustin, Geo. A., sundries,	3 69
Davis, Alphonso,	10 00
Eldridge, Samuel, town agent,	5 00
Eldridge Brothers, labor and lumber,	10 90
Eaton, W. O., selectman,	75 00
“ labor and material, Hill lot,	6 09
“ tripod for catch basins,	2 44
Fernandez, F., damage to horse and carriage,	1 00
Foss, C. M., Board of Health,	10 00
“ vaccinating 176 persons on account Board of Health,	44 00
“ births and deaths,	14 25
Frye, George C., vaccine points, acc't Board of Health,	14 00
Fay & Scott, road bounds and labor,	22 20
Ganeau, Joseph, constable,	11 00
Gould, G. L., support of watering place, 1892, 1893, 1894,	9 00
Giles, C. Byron, ballot clerk,	2 00
Hayden, C. H., Board of Health.	10 00
Haines, J. Willis, auditor,	12 50
Hutchinson, Charles S., signs private way,	1 75
Judkins, W. H., selectman,	150 00
“ Bangor, two trips and return,	8 20
“ postage and telephone,	2 20
Knox, Jeremiah, support of watering place, 1892, 1894,	4 00
Keyte, A. W., labor,	2 45
Levenseller, A. R., constable,	8 25
Leighton & Haines, lamp and oil,	5 34
Morrison, John L., constable,	7 50
Mountain, James, ballot clerk,	2 00
Mower, Henry, support of watering place, 1894,	3 00
Nutter, R. W., supervisor,	225 00
Pierce, T. H. B., Dexter vs. M. J. Goodridge,	22 44
“ Dexter estate H. C. Parsons,	42 30
“ forms and notes, laying out road,	6 75

Pierce, T. H. B., legal advice and monument contract,	\$11 00
Russ, E. A., Board of Health,	15 00
"    expenses, account Board of Health,	1 75
Roberts, Ezra, truant officer,	10 75
Roberts, Charles D., treasurer and collector,	300 00
Safford, Henry I., support of watering place, 1893,	3 00
Spooner, H. F., " " " 1894,	3 00
Shayler, H. W., resolve on parchment,	12 00
Twombly, W. S., labor and material for drinking fountain,	4 60
Watson, S. S., care of monument lot,	1 50
"    "    Giles lot,	1 00
"    "    Hamilton lot,	4 61
"    on account salary,	7 48
Whitcomb, Augustus, support of watering place, 1894,	3 00
Watson, George E., " " "	3 00
Wheeler, Frank, " " "	3 00
Total,	\$2,327 82
Appropriation,	\$1,500 00
Overdrawn,	\$827 82

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY OR AYER LOT.

Abbott, Amos & Co., fuel,	\$ 21 47
Abbott, George A., granite,	18 45
Bath Gas & Electric Co., coal tar,	215 00
Brewster, W. E., seed,	62
Bement, A. P., labor,	6 00
Brawn, Andrew, "	101 19
Brawn, Walter E., labor,	40 80
Copeland, E. F., "	5 25
Clark, James C., "	4 65
Crockett, Dana, sewer pipe,	43 92
Carr, W. H., sundries,	7 59
Clukey, James, labor,	6 00
Clukey, Napoleon, "	7 50
Church, B. G., "	26 55
Dyer, Levi, "	11 84
Dyer, Charles, "	15 00
Eldridge Brothers, sundries,	4 60
Farrar, Thomas D., "	8 30
Fay & Scott, "	57 79
Fuller, J. A., labor,	12 76
Fish, Charles, H., "	34 20
Gerald, Wentworth "	11 25

Gordon, F. W.,	"	1 50
Gould, G. L.,	"	106.95
"	wood,	6
"	lumber,	7 85
Hall, George A.,	labor,	1 35
Hill, John M.,	janitor Jan'y and Feb'y,	57 75
Harding, A. H.,	labor,	9 00
Leighton, S. F.,	"	2 93
LaPointe, Peter,	"	6 38
Maine Central R. R.,	freight on coal tar,	70 50
Nason, Dexter,	labor,	7 50
Pooler, Charles,	"	10 50
Parkman, John W.,	labor,	14 25
Peavey, Daniel,	"	2 85
Pooler, Thomas,	"	4 50
Pomroy, Joseph,	"	16 35
Russell, W. J.,	"	4 00
Roncoe, Augustus,	"	3 00
Rowell, D. F.,	"	3 37
Richards, Joseph,	"	3 37
Silver, S. C. & Son,	wood,	3 94
Shaw, Aso A.,	labor,	1 90
Safford, George,	"	13 35
Springall & Co.,	sundries,	54
Sands, A. J.,	labor,	24 00
Thompson, Jonathan,	labor,	14 00
Terrill & Levenseller,	sundries,	81
Willet, Andrew,	"	9 75
Weymouth, P. S.,	"	27 45
Wyman, O. H.,	furniture and curtains,	74 38
"	wood,	3 50
Young, C. E.		25
Total,		\$1,175 06
Less 40 bbls. coal tar on hand,		\$282 40
mixed concrete,		45 00
concrete walk for Fay & Scott,		14 50
" O. T. Moses,		3 12
wall laid for Co-operative store,		10 00
62 ft. pipe sold Dexter Woolen Mills,		9 92
Andrew Brawn, wood,		6 00
11 empty tar bbls.,		5 50
		\$326 44
Net expenditure,		\$848 62

## FENCE WIRE.

Amount appropriated, . . . . . \$200 00

## DELIVERED.

100 lbs. wire to Augustus Cummings,	\$ 2 75
40 " " C. B. Abbott,	1 10
200 " " E. G. Libby, . . . . .	5 50
300 " " Charles Ellms, . . . . .	8 25
536 " " P. S. Weymouth, . . . . .	14 74
26 " " Daniel Dolloff, . . . . .	72
317 " " ——— Atkins, . . . . .	8 67
188 " " E. A. Flanders, . . . . .	5 17
38 " " W. D. Austin, . . . . .	1 05
36 " " W. C. Elder, . . . . .	98
263 " " S. C. Page, . . . . .	7 24
276 " " Ezekiel Ricker, . . . . .	7 59
422 " " J. H. Cobb, . . . . .	11 61
290 " " F. W. Tripp, . . . . .	7 98
209 " " J. A. Seavey, . . . . .	5 75
314 " " C. R. Morgan, . . . . .	8 64
140 " " Frank Card, . . . . .	3 85
137 " " James Mason, . . . . .	3 77
70 " " Alfred Ellms, . . . . .	2 04
125 " " Josiah Owen, . . . . .	3 44
110 " " G. A. Dustin, . . . . .	3 05
65 " " H. B. Crowell, . . . . .	2 29
136 " " H. Q. Worthen, . . . . .	3 74
348 " " A. B. Fogg, . . . . .	9 57
400 " " E. F. Libby, . . . . .	11 00
203 " " Horace Jennings, . . . . .	5 59
208 " " L. R. Call, . . . . .	5 72
268 " " Elmer Additon, . . . . .	7 40
407 " " F. O. Additon, . . . . .	11 49
275 " " ——— Atwater, . . . . .	7 56
60 " " T. B. Nichols, . . . . .	1 65
118 " " A. S. Chase, . . . . .	3 25
243 " " Frank Thompson, . . . . .	6 68
217 " " Daniel Breed, . . . . .	5 97
204 " " Melzer Curtis, . . . . .	5 61
178 " " Abram Sharp, . . . . .	4 90
257 " " B. F. Atwater, . . . . .	7 07
	<hr/> \$213 38
Overdrawn, . . . . .	\$ 13 38

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

## TOWN OF DEXTER IN ACCOUNT WITH S. S. WATSON.

## DR.

To labor in Elmwood cemetery,	\$17 00
"    Green cemetery,	1 00
"    Storer cemetery,	1 50
"    Mt. Pleasant cemetery,	5 30
paid for making deeds,	2 00
E. A. Parsons,	12 96
W. H. Carr,	8 72
salary,	25 00
	<u>\$73 48</u>

## CR.

By cash, sale of lots,	\$66 00
cash, Charles D. Roberts, treasurer,	7 48
	<u>\$73 48</u>

S. S. WATSON, Superintendent.

## DEXTER SCHOOL FUND.

The treasurer of the Dexter School Fund submits the following report for the year ending February 28, 1895:

Whole amount of school fund, . . . \$2,689 47

Invested as follows:

Town of Dexter bonds,	\$1,900 00
Town of Oorinna bonds,	600 00
On deposit in Dexter Savings Bank,	189 47
Total,	<u>\$2,689 47</u>
Received interest on town bonds,	\$150 00
Received interest from Dexter Savings Bank	7 75

Total, . . . \$ 157 75  
 Amount paid into town treasury, . . . \$ 157 75

A. F. BRADBURY, Treasurer.

## NIGHT WATCHMAN.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Paid Fred E. Gove,	\$64 41
Walter H. Sampson,	25 00
George A. Brawn, to March 6, 1895,	16 67
	<u>\$106 08</u>
Overdrawn,	\$6 08

**SIDEWALK ON CEDAR STREET.**

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$35 00
Brewer, John . . . . .	\$ 75
Clukey, Napoleon . . . . .	2 25
Church, B. G. . . . .	2 25
Dyer, Levi . . . . .	2 25
Gould, G. L. . . . .	14 00
Gerald, Wentworth . . . . .	2 25
Gould, F. W. . . . .	2 25
Hayden, Charles . . . . .	1 00
Nason, Dexter . . . . .	3 75
Thompson, G. P. . . . .	3 75
	<u>\$34 50</u>
Amount unexpended, . . . . .	50

**FENCE ON MAIN STREET AT SHAW LOT.**

Brawn, Andrew, . . . . .	\$ 4 75
Brawn, Walter E. . . . .	3 45
Carr, W. H. . . . .	1 93
Fay & Scott, . . . . .	37 00
Peavey, Daniel . . . . .	1 60
Sands, A. J. . . . .	2 85
Thompson, Jonathan . . . . .	4 80
	<u>\$56 38</u>
Total expenditure. . . . .	\$56 38

**FENCE ON PLEASANT STREET AT TOWN HALL.**

Brawn, Andrew, . . . . .	\$ 5 00
Clark, James A. . . . .	5 25
Church, B. G. . . . .	3 00
Fay & Scott, . . . . .	67 95
Fish, Charles H. . . . .	2 25
	<u>\$83 45</u>
Total expenditure, . . . . .	\$83 45

**TOWN LIBRARY.**

Amount appropriated, . . . . .	\$300 00
Amount from State treasurer, . . . . .	30 00
	<u>\$330 00</u>
Paid A. F. Bradbury, treasurer, . . . . .	\$330 00

**MEMORIAL DAY.**

Amount appropriated, . . . . .	\$50 00
Paid D. D. Flynt, . . . . .	50 00

## OUTSTANDING ORDERS MARCH 11, 1895.

No. 508,	Henry Mower,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$ 3 95
521,	S. F. Calif,	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
555,	W. T. Downing,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 75
556,	F. G. Downing,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 90
602,	O. A. Littlefield,	.	.	.	.	.	.	97
656,	Frank Jaquith,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 15
665,	E. A. Flanders,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
692,	Daniel Huff,	.	.	.	.	.	.	60
725,	G. L. Gould, on account G. A. Hall,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
762,	Charles Meservey,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 75
793,	Thos. Nichols,	.	.	.	.	.	.	11 35
816,	Geo. H. Burton,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 31
829,	M. C. Jones,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 27
833,	Stephen Leighton,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 85
842,	J. A. Blake,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 52
846,	J. A. Blake,	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 89
847,	Edwin Blake,	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
854,	John Drew,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 05
862,	H. D. Pullen,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 85
867,	Seth Swanton,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
876,	Henry Mower,	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 75
879,	Davis Jumper,	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
893,	Daniel Huff,	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
894,	Fred Kimball,	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
900,	A. S. Lander,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 42
910,	Geo. W. Turner,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 80
48,	Henry Mower,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Outstanding orders prior to March 1, 1894,							\$813 04	
Less amount paid the past year,							808 70	\$ 4 34
[Special.] Order to Elmie J. Briggs, (1887,)							72 50	
Total,							\$147 44	

## ESTATE OF DARIUS PRESCOTT.

## DR.

To Joseph Ganeau, March 15, 1893,	.	.	.	.	.	\$ 22 15
M. S. Campbell, treas., June 22, 1894,	.	.	.	.	.	211 58
" " March 1, 1894,	.	.	.	.	.	108 89
Interest,	.	.	.	.	.	11 12
						<u>\$353 74</u>

## CR.

By cash from Crosby & Crosby,	.	.	.	.	.	\$342 62
Balance due from the estate, March 1, 1895,	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$11 12</u>

**SIDEWALK ON HIGH STREET.**

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$50 00
Brewer, John . . . . .	2 25
Clukey, Napoleon . . . . .	3 00
Church, B. G. . . . .	3 00
Dyer, Levi . . . . .	2 00
Gould, G. L. . . . .	26 70
Gerald, Wentworth . . . . .	2 25
Gould, F. W. . . . .	2 25
Hayden, Charles . . . . .	3 00
Nason, Dexter . . . . .	3 00
Pomroy, Joseph . . . . .	1 12
Richard, Joseph . . . . .	1 50
Wyman, Fred E. . . . .	3 75
	<u>\$54 82</u>
Overdrawn, . . . . .	\$4 82

**SIDEWALK ON TANNERY STREET.**

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$150 00
Brewer, John . . . . .	9 75
Clukey, Napoleon . . . . .	7 48
Church, B. G. . . . .	7 87
Dyer, Levi . . . . .	7 87
Fay & Scott, . . . . .	6 15
Gould, G. L. . . . .	72 00
Gerald, Wentworth . . . . .	4 50
Gould, F. W. . . . .	5 25
Hayden, C. H. . . . .	3 75
Nason, Dexter . . . . .	13 50
Pomroy, Joseph . . . . .	6 00
Richard, Joseph . . . . .	5 25
Rowell, D. F. . . . .	3 00
Wyman, Fred E. . . . .	5 25
	<u>\$157 62</u>
Overdrawn, . . . . .	\$7 62

**DOMESTIC ANIMALS DESTROYED BY DOGS.**

Bridge, Charles E. . . . .	13 50
Ellms, Charles . . . . .	25 00
Jones, D. W. . . . .	18 00
Safford, Henry I. . . . .	11 00
	<u>\$ 67 50</u>
Amount dog tax collected by town clerk, . . . . .	\$191 00

## TOWN OF CHARLESTON, MAINE.

DR.

Paid R. A. Littlefield acct. Alwilda Hurd,	.	\$ 59 75
V. M. Burdiok,	" "	49 10
E. A. Ayer & Co.	" "	1 00
N. F. Roberts	" "	1 50
Total,	.	\$111 35

CR.

By cash,	.	\$101 35
Balance due,	.	\$10 00

## TOWN OF GREENVILLE, MAINE.

DR.

Paid Terrill & Levenseller acct. Frank Peno,	.	\$35 00
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CR.

By cash,	.	\$35 00
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## TOWN OF LEVANT, MAINE.

DR.

Paid Nathan Daggett acct. Leavitt family,	.	\$1 25
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CR.

By cash,	.	\$1 25
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## TOWN OF ATKINSON, MAINE.

DR.

Paid Leighton & Haines,	.	\$ 5 50
W. E. Brewster,	.	5 35
Total,	.	\$10 85

CR.

By cash,	.	\$10 85
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## TOWN PROPERTY.

Execution for costs in case May Brawn vs. Town of Dexter, against May Brawn (interest to date)	.	\$304 64
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**NEW LOCKUP.**

Paid Van Dorn Iron Works, three steel cells,	\$300 00
C. H. Wyman, three mattresses,	5 50
C. E. Young, trucking,	1 50
Total expenditures,	<u>\$307 00</u>

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.****TOWN OF DEXTER, DR.**

To cash and interest January 1, 1895,	\$458 32
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**CR.**

By cash deposited in Dexter Savings Bank as follows :

Book No. 5945, estate George Hamilton,	\$111 54
" 5946, estate Moses Giles,	109 43
" 5947, estate Josiah Chandler,	114 55
" 5948, estate Betsy Lane,	122 80
	<u>\$458 32</u>

**MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY.****MARKING AVENUES.**

Appropriation,	\$25 00
Paid Eldridge Brothers,	\$24 00
Marsh, George,	7 00
Watson, S. S.,	3 50
	<u>\$34 50</u>
Overdrawn,	\$9 50

**ROAD MACHINES.**

Appropriation,	\$265 00
Paid Carr, W. H.,	\$ 8 66
Jose, H. H.,	3 85
Maine Central Railroad Company,	2 54
Tyler & Conant,	272 75
	<u>\$287 80</u>
Overdrawn,	\$22 80

**SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.****MOVING SAME.**

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Paid E. H. Chase, including foundation,	124 00
Overdrawn,	<u>24 00</u>

## STOCK DEXTER AND NEWPORT R. R. COMPANY.

Blethen, H. A., rebate on tax, . . . . .	\$11 50
Estate of G. M. Burleigh, rebate on tax, . . . . .	8 50
Safford, Zulema, rebate on tax . . . . .	3 45
Whittemore, Mrs. Ellen . . . . .	14 95
Total expenditure, . . . . .	<u>\$38 40</u>

## SCHOOLS-

Common schools, unexpended, . . . . .	\$298 12
High school, overdrawn, . . . . .	1 00
Evening school, unexpended, . . . . .	64 75
Books, " . . . . .	27 74
Music, " . . . . .	11 00
Laboratory, " . . . . .	93
Repairs, overdrawn, . . . . .	10 62

## LIGHTING STREETS.

Amount appropriated, . . . . .	\$660 00
Paid Dexter Electric Light & Power Co., . . . . .	672 50
Overdrawn, . . . . .	12 50

## E. H. CHASE WELL ON DUSTIN PROPERTY.

Appropriation, . . . . .	\$20 00
Paid E. H. Chase, . . . . .	20 00

## TOWN HALL REPORT.

## DR.

Received for use of hall, . . . . .	\$208 43
Wood on hand March 1, 1895, . . . . .	26 40
Oil on hand March 1, 1895, . . . . .	3 87
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$239 10</u>

## CR.

Care of hall, . . . . .	\$84 00
Repairs and supplies, . . . . .	71 58
Wood on hand March 1, 1894, . . . . .	13 50
Balance in favor of hall, . . . . .	70 12
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$239 20</u>

Hall opened 49 times.

Hall opened free 13 times.

Hall opened for pay 36 times.

JOHN M. HILL, Janitor.

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

## LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders from page 46,	\$ 147 44
Dexter Savings Bank (temporary loan),	5,400 00
Total,	\$5,547 44

## RESOURCES.

In hands of collector for 1889,	\$ 4 10
“ “ 1890,	21 98
“ “ 1891,	34 88
“ “ 1892,	25 09
“ “ 1893,	362 05
“ “ 1894,	1,672 42
Cash in hands of treasurer,	318 95
Town of Charleston account, Alwilda Hurd,	10 00
W. B. Goff, “ sewerage,	20 00
G. W. Goff, “ concrete,	5 28
Co-operative store, “ stone wall,	10 00
Levi Bridgham, “ sewerage	25 00
Est. Darius Prescott, “ Insane Hospital,	11 12
State of Maine, “ bounty on bears,	10 00
“ “ dog tax (approximately)	172 00
W. T. Springall, “ concrete,	6 50
Sewer pipe on hand,	72 65
Castings, catch-basin tops and plow points on hand,	22 96
40 bbls. coal tar and mixed concrete on hand,	282 90
Total,	\$3,087 88
Balance, net liabilities,	\$2,459 56

The above indebtedness (\$2,459.56) is composed largely of the following items of expenditure for which no appropriation was made at the last annual meeting:

Abatements, rebates and errors,	\$ 362 09
Public library or Ayer lot, concrete, grading, etc.,	848 62
New lock-up,	307 00
Fence at the Charles Shaw lot,	56 38
“ town hall,	83 45
Supplies furnished family of Charles Ayer in 1892 and subsequently reported “due from other towns,” which, including expenses of investigating, we now deem worthless,	342 44
Sewer pipe on hand March 1, 1894, used in street from town hall through Church to drain in Main St.,	40 68
Total,	\$2,040 66

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Miscellaneous or town charges, . . . . .	\$2,327 82
Fire department, . . . . .	1,073 32
Support of poor, . . . . .	1,102 83
Common schools, . . . . .	4,298 89
High school, . . . . .	1,464 00
School books, . . . . .	452 39
Manual instruction, . . . . .	114 00
Evening school, . . . . .	35 25
Laboratory, . . . . .	199 07
Repairs on school buildings, . . . . .	410 62
Lighting streets, . . . . .	672 50
Highways, . . . . .	4,453 96
Memorial service, . . . . .	45 00
Town library, . . . . .	330 00
Library or Ayer lot, . . . . .	848 62
Wire fence, . . . . .	213 38
Nightwatch, . . . . .	106 08
Gravel sidewalks, . . . . .	246 94
Mount Pleasant cemetery, . . . . .	34 50
Road machine, . . . . .	287 80
Soldiers' monument, . . . . .	124 00
E. H. Chase, account of well, . . . . .	20 00
Fence on Main St. front of Shaw lot, . . . . .	56 38
Fence on Pleasant St. at Town hall, . . . . .	83 45
Rebate on tax, Stock Dexter and Newport R. R., . . . . .	38 40
New lock-up, . . . . .	307 00

## APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Highways, make and repairs, . . . . .	\$2,500 00
breaking out, . . . . .	1,500 00
Salaries and miscellaneous expenses, . . . . .	2,500 00
Support of poor, . . . . .	1,500 00
Concrete in place of old plank sidewalk, . . . . .	600 00
Discount on poll taxes and abatements, . . . . .	300 00

Respectfully submitted, March 1, 1895,

WESLEY H. JUDKINS,	} Selectmen of Dexter
ANDREW BRAWN,	
W. O. EATON,	

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF DEXTER IN ACCOUNT WITH CHAS. D. ROBERTS,  
TREASURER.

1894.

	Mar.	14,	By cash on hand,	\$177	73
		28,	" G.M.Sturtevant, acct. rent Town hall,	3	10
	April	7,	" J. W. Hodgkins, acct. license,	1	00
		12,	" Andrew Brawn, acct. town farm,	42	38
		14,	" temporary loan,	500	00
		24,	" State treasurer, acct. dog licences refunded,	192	05
		27,	" State treasurer, acct. burial of sol- diers,	35	00
	May	10,	" A. A. Springall, acct. taxes 1890,	3	10
		10,	" " " " 1891,	15	00
		10,	" " " interest on taxes,	7	13
		12,	" C. N. Blanchard. acct. tuition High school,	58	00
		12,	" temporary loan,	500	00
		25,	" " " "	400	00
		29,	" W. O. Eaton, acct. town farm,	69	00
	June	16,	" J. Willis Haines, acct. taxes 1892,	41	12
		16,	" " " interest on taxes '92,	4	16
		25,	" J. H. Swanton, acct. auctioner's license,	2	00
		25,	" R. E. Colton, acct, license "Merry- go-round,"	5	00
	July	2,	" temporary loan,	500	00
		12,	" State of Maine, acct. pensions,	168	00
		19,	" Hunting's circus, acct. license,	10	00
		26,	" Scribner's circus, "	8	00
		28,	" temporary loan,	1,000	00
	Aug.	22,	" State of Maine, acct.Free High school,	125	00
	Sept.	24,	" Levi Bridgham, acct. dog licenses,	191	00
	Nov.	1,	" L. T. Waterman, acct. carting earth,	2	25
		1,	" Stanley Plummer, acct. subscription sidewalk, High street,	10	00
		1,	" J. H. Davis, acct. carting earth,	15	00
		5,	" temporary loan,	500	00
		14,	" " " "	500	00

Nov. 14,	By cash	S. L. Small, acct. R. R. sleepers sold,	\$12 36
26,	"	R. W. Nutter, acct. tuition High school,	80 00
27,	"	temporary loan,	500 00
28,	"	Mrs. E. R. Horton, acct. labor Mill pond,	20 61
Dec. 5,	"	C. W. Curtis, acct. labor Grove street wall,	40 00
6,	"	town of Atkinson, acct. E. L. Priest,	10 85
15,	"	E. P. Austin et als., acct. E. M. Cowan,	23 00
21,	"	State of Maine, acct. library,	30 00
22,	"	town of Greenville, acct. Frank Peno,	35 00
24,	"	G. N. Cyphers, acct. Grove St. wall,	20 00
26,	"	State of Maine, acct. Free High school,	125 00
1895.			
Jan. 3,	"	town of Charleston, acct. Alwilda Hurd,	101 35
4,	"	State of Maine, acct. railroad and telegraph tax,	202 20
5,	"	W. O. Eaton, acct. town farm,	70 00
11,	"	State of Maine, acct. pensions,	186 00
Feb. 9,	"	A. G. Shaw, acct. sewers 1892,	10 00
12,	"	J. Willis Haines, acct. taxes 1892,	25 00
28,	"	A. A. Springall, acct. taxes 1891,	3 93
28,	"	A. A. Springall, acct. interest on taxes,	3 16
28,	"	W. O. Eaton, acct. town farm,	6 90
March 1,	"	temporary loan,	1,500 00
1,	"	R. W. Nutter, acct. tuition High school,	70 00
2,	"	A. F. Bradbury, treasurer, acct. income school fund, one year,	157 75
2,	"	Ezra Roberts, acct. railroad sleepers sold,	2 00
2,	"	W. O. Eaton, acct. town farm,	6 72
2,	"	C. T. Moses, acct. concrete,	3 12
2,	"	H. G. Judkins, acct. sewer, assessment,	25 00
4,	"	town of Levant, acct. Card family,	15 62
4,	"	R. W. Nutter, acct. High school material sold,	13 76
4,	"	R. W. Nutter, acct. common school material sold and grass,	16 37
4,	"	R. W. Nutter, acct. tuition,	6 00
5,	"	Crosby & Crosby, acct. estate Darius Prescott,	342 62

Mar. 6,	"	State of Maine, acct. school fund and mill tax,	\$2,025 76
6,	"	J. W. Haines, acct. taxes 1892,	5 31
6,	"	J. W. Haines, acct. interest on taxes 1892,	1 88
7,	"	J. M. Hill, acct. Town hall,	53 25
7,	"	Andrew Brawn, acct. wood, Ayer lot,	6 00
8,	"	Fay & Scott, acct. concrete,	14 50
9,	"	F. H. Crowell, acct. ashes sold,	7 50
9,	"	R. W. Nutter, acct. tuition,	5 00
9,	"	Cyrus Foss, treasurer, acct. sewers Universalist parsonage,	25 00
9,	"	Dexter Woolen Mills, acct. pipe sold,	9 92
9,	"	Chas. D. Roberts, acct. taxes 1893,	1,343 85
9,	"	Chas. D. Roberts, acct. interest on taxes, 1893,	52 02
By commitment,			19,643 76
supplementary tax,			145 51
interest on taxes, 1894,			75 36
Total,			<u>\$32,163 96</u>

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To paid orders, on treasurer	\$20,006 57
" orders, highway,	4,617 14
" pensions,	354 00
" interest on loans,	86 83
" bounty on bears,	10 00
" county tax in full,	930 34
" State tax in full,	3,503 51
" dog tax to State treasurer,	191 00
" discount on 365 polls at 25 cents,	91 25
" amount in hands of collector, 1894,	1,672 42
" abatements, 1893,	197 50
" rebates, errors and abatements as per asses- sors' report, 1894,	184 45
" cash on hand,	318 95
Total,	<u>\$32,163 96</u>

Amount due from A. A. Springall, tax 1889,	\$ 4 10
" " " " " 1890,	21 98
" " " " " 1891,	34 88
" " J. Willis Haines, " 1892,	25 09
" " Chas. D. Roberts, " 1893,	362 05
Total,	<u>\$448 10</u>

Respectfully,

CHAS. D. ROBERTS,

TREASURER OF DEXTER,



## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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The town auditors would respectfully report that they have endeavored to give careful attention to the financial matters of the town for the past year..

We have made a careful and, we think, thorough examination of all the books, accounts, orders and vouchers of the Selectmen.

We have checked every voucher with its order and have found them correct. All footings have been verified by us and are correct.

We have compared each order with its stub, found them correct, and have made a careful list of all outstanding orders. (See page 46). The books are carefully and accurately kept and correspond with the condition of the town.

We note the recommendation of the selectmen for money raised for discounts on polls and rebates, and fully concur therein. It will avoid taking money from other necessary appropriations.

Respectfully submitted.

J. WILLIS HAINES, }  
J. WILLIS CROSBY, } Town Auditors,



## REPORT OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

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There have been reported seven nuisances, which were abated without much trouble. One case, however, that of the slaughter house, on Grove street, gave us considerable trouble and some expense was incurred before a satisfactory settlement was reached. Of the number of nuisances, five were reported in the months of April and May.

Personal inspection of our school buildings has been made, and in no instance have we any particular suggestions to make, except in relation to the water supply at the buildings on the town lot. The water supply for flushing purposes, in our opinion, is not sufficient and should be increased and thus do away with the constant and continual use of disinfectants in the basement during each term of school.

Intermediate school, No. 1, and primary No. 2, were discontinued during fall term on account of a case of scarlet fever appearing in the primary school. The building was thoroughly disinfected by sulphur fumigation.

We have had reported to us 7 cases of typhoid fever. Two of these cases were fatal. But one case of scarlet fever has come to our knowledge.

DEATH RATE.—Since our last report, there has been 42 deaths: Of this number, 2 were over 90 years of age; 6, between the age of 80 and 90 years; 14, between the age of 50 and 80; and 21, under 50.

There has been reported in our town, 57 births since our last report.

A case of suspected glanders in a horse was reported to us, which was at once reported by us to the State cattle commissioners, and by them disposed of.

In compliance with the law, free vaccination was furnished to 176 children.

On three occasions, we have been obliged to call the attention of the selectmen to the nuisance caused by sink drains depositing in the ditches of our most public streets; help has been furnished by them and the ditches properly cleaned out. Sewerage is greatly needed.

CHAS. H. HAYDEN,	}	Local Board of Health,
O. M. FOSS, M. D.,		
EDGAR A. RUSS,		



## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE.**

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R. W. Nutter,	Term expires	1895.
Fred O. Additon,	"	1896.
Warren H. Carr,	"	1896.
Norman H. Fay,	"	1897.
J. Willis Haines,	"	1897.

Organization of committee: Chairman, J. Willis Haines;  
secretary, R. W. Nutter.

### **SUB-COMMITTEES.**

On finances and accounts,	J. W. Haines.
On teachers and instruction,	Fay and Haines.
On care of property and appliances,	Fay and Carr.
On fuel and repairs,	Additon and Carr.

By virtue of office, the supervisor is secretary of committee and a member of the sub-committees.

Supervisor of schools, R. W. Nutter.

Office—The room formerly occupied by the town library has been fitted up for this purpose. All books and materials belonging to the school department are kept there.

Office hours—On Wednesday of school days from 5 to 6 p. m., and on Saturdays, except in vacation, from 10 to 11 a. m.

## SUPERVISORS' REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITIZENS OF DEXTER:

Gentlemen: Herewith I submit my eighth annual report of your public schools for the year ending March 1, 1895.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

##### RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation,	\$1,000 00
State aid,	230 00
Tuition,	213 00
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	\$1,463 00

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid C. N. Blanchard,	\$314 00
Abby A. Chandler,	330 00
Annie E. Merrill,	220 00
R. W. Nutter,	600 00
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	\$1,464 00
Amount overdrawn,	\$ 1 00

#### COMMON SCHOOLS.

##### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for common schools,	\$2,400 00
" " repairs,	400 00
" " apparatus,	200 00
" " music,	125 00
" " evening school,	100 00
" " school books, etc.,	450 00
" " interest of school fund,	157 75
" " mill tax,	2,025 75
" " tuition,	6 00
" " material sold,	37 63
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	\$5,902 14

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid village teachers,	\$1,977 35
rural teachers,	1,326 10
music teacher,	114 00
tuition to Corinna,	65 12
tuition to Sangerville,	32 75
tuition to Garland,	4 33
for carrying scholars,	86 50

Paid cleaning houses,	57 75
fuel,	342 36
supplies,	17 88
repairs,	410 62
books, etc.,	452 39
care of houses,	340 05
apparatus,	199 07
evening school,	35 25
sundries as per statement,	48 70

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\$5,510 22

#### DETAILED STATEMENT.

Cleaning clock and two door checks .	\$ 1 00
E. A. Ayer, for towels,	1 50
Labor on H. S. lot,	3 00
Drayage and freight,	17 51
Repairing flag ropes,	1 00
Taking school census,	12 00
A. J. Cobb, labor,	2 00
W. S. Twombly, furnishings,	1 35
Postage,	5 34
Stationery and printing,	4.00

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\$48 70

#### RECAPITULATION.

Amount of receipts,	\$7,365 14
disbursements,	6,974 22
Balance unexpended,	\$ 390 92

#### STATISTICS.

Number of children in town between 4 and 21 years of age,	813
“ in village,	611
“ suburban districts,	202
“ registered during year,	671
“ “ in village,	515
“ “ “ country,	156
“ weeks of school in town,	450
“ “ in village,	233
“ “ country,	217
“ schools in session during year,	16
“ “ “ in village,	8
“ “ “ in country,	8
“ different, teachers employed,	24

In tabular review will be found the names of teachers, the full attendance in each school, the number of visits by supervisors and citizens, wages, etc.

# TABULAR REVIEW.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	No. weeks.	Salary per week.	Different names registered.	Term registration.	No. attendance.	No. visits by superv.	No. visits by citizens.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances dismissal.
High.	C. N. Blanchard,	s 11	\$		79	72	4	150	69	35
	Abby A. Chandler,	s								
	R. W. Nutter,	f 11			83	76		85	93	20
	Abby A. Chandler,	f								
Grammar No. 1.	Annie E. Merrill,	f								
	Annie E. Merrill,	w 11		104	79	73		100	62	34
	R. W. Nutter,	s 10			47	40		50	29	9
	Kate Hazeltine,	f 10	10 00		39	37	4	41	42	8
Grammar No. 2.	"	w 10		51	41	38	7		47	15
	Alice L. Randall,	s 10	8 50		49	46	2	35	48	37
	"	f 10	8 50		51	48	3	13	45	13
	I. O. Bragg,	w 10	9 00	52	49	48	4	8	49	12
Intermediate No. 1.	Ella J. Mower,	s 10	8 50		48	45	2	55	25	15
	"	f 10	8 50		51	46	2	14	32	19
	"	w 10	8 50	68	47	41	2	28	82	9
	Carrie Ramsdell,	s 10	8 50		43	39	3	78	15	21
Intermediate No. 2.	"	f 10	8 50		45	43	4	41	3	17
	"	w 10	8 50	53	46	45	2	93	45	7
	M. Lizzie Bailey,	s 10	8 50		61	37	3	54	28	15
	"	f 10	8 50		49	23	2	52	13	31
Primary No. 1.	Edith M. Drew,	w 10	8 50	70	64	37	3	25	27	32
	Addie E. Church,	s 10	8 50		51	47	3	71	5	
	"	f 10	8 50		44	41	3	34	5	1
	"	w 10	8 50	70	52	45	2	68	10	3
Primary No. 2.	Delva A. Safford,	s 10	8 50		47	36	2	48	40	8
	"	f 10	8 50	47	36	30	3	53	16	6
	Angie M. Silver,	s 7	6 00		17	16	3	14	45	10
	"	f 10	6 00		17	14	3	6	56	21
RURAL SCHOOLS : Barton District, No. 2.	Delva A. Safford,	w 11	6 75	18	14	12	3	9	22	12
	Inez Robinson,	s 9	5 00		8	6	2	18	11	1
	Lena E. Brett,	f 12	5 00	8	8	6	3	12	14	5
	Marie M. McKenna,	s 8	6 00		15	11	2	4	25	5
Storer District, No. 4.	"	f 10	6 00		14	11	2	14	25	12
	"	w 10	6 50	19	14	11	3	22	49	7
	Willie Wentworth,	s 8	5 50		10	9	2	5	10	1
	Kate E. Wright,	f 10	6 00		11	9	3	7	0	3
Additon District, No. 5.	"	w 10	6 00	12	12	9	2	7	14	0
	Sadie Whiting,	s 8	5 50		11	10	3	11	15	2
	"	f 10	5 75		12	11	3	25	17	4
	"	w 10	6 00	15	9	7	2	7	32	3
Spooner District, No. 7.	Edith M. Drew,	s 8	6 75		25	23	2	50	1	2
	"	f 10	6 75		25	20	4	45	24	0
	Alice L. Randall,	w 10	7 00	33	30	21	2	8	50	7
	Florence Brackett,	s 9	7 00		27	24	3	9	36	10
Blake District, No. 10.	"	f 9	7 00		23	19	3	20	53	8
	"	w 10	7 00	30	22	18	3	11	33	0
	Woodsie Folsom,	s 8	5 00		15	13	2	18	12	7
	Ida M. Puffer,	f 10	5 75		16	14	3	16	25	2
No. Dexter Dist., No. 11.	"	w 10	6 00	21	16	11	2	11	94	9

### SCHOOL BOOKS.

Some supplementary reading has been furnished. Barne's U. S. History has been exchanged for Sheldon's. New Arithmetics have been furnished one class in 2nd Grammar grade and many new books of various kinds have displaced those past use. It has taken nearly all of the appropriation for these purposes and that of general supplies. The spellers and geographies are badly worn which will necessitate a purchase of many new books the ensuing year. The arithmetic of the common schools should be exchanged and the course in reading should be revised as suggested under "Reading" in this report.

### DIST. NO. 4.

The school board have considered the whole subject matter of moving the building in Dist. No. 4, commonly known as the Storer district and have instructed me to report as follows: That they do not deem it advisable to move the building at present, but if the town believe it to be for its interest to do so in order that any piece of road may be discontinued or for any other purpose, they recommend a lot from land now owned by E. J. Sturtevant. The lot designated, is situated on the north side of the shore road on the height of land nearly opposite the building as it now stands. The lot thus described is well known to those most interested.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

At the close of the spring term of 1894, a class of ten was graduated, nine ladies and one gentleman. Six of them resided in the village, three in the rural districts and one in an adjoining town. The closing exercises were of a high order and bespoke praise for instructors and pupils. The prevailing opinion was that the school was in as prosperous condition as existing circumstances would permit. The apparent needs in this department were briefly set forth in our last report and were more fully explained at the March meeting, when they were provided for without a dissenting voice. The appropriation for apparatus has been expended according to our best judgment and the school is now well equipped for thorough training in natural science. At this time, when provisions had been made for another assistant and for new and better appliances, when the future growth and prosperity of this school were never brighter, came the resignation of the former principal, Mr. O. N. Blanchard. This was a surprise to the school board, for according to agreement he was expected to remain another year at least. The task of properly filling this position is no slight one, and the committee felt with reason, that their responsibility was great. A large number of applications was received and

among them were applicants whose reputation as teachers was well established. Before permanent arrangements for the management of school affairs in town had been made the present incumbent was offered the position by the school board. It is needless to say that I accepted and how well the position has been filled must be learned from others. I can only say that I have found the school pleasanter in many respects than I anticipated. My assistants have proven themselves faithful and competent, and the students have manifested a lively interest in their work. The present senior class numbers fourteen, five residing in the village, five in the rural districts and four are from other towns. The average attendance has been good and the registration has been the largest it has ever been. There have been more tuition students than formerly, and I know of no reason why the school is not in a prosperous condition.

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#### GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

It has been our purpose to keep these schools on a firm and healthy foundation and abreast in excellence of method, discipline and results. A class of eighteen was sent to the High school at the close of the spring term, and in the fall ninety-seven names were registered. Miss Kate Hazeltine, of Denmark, a graduate of the Farmington Normal has had charge of the First Grammar school for two terms and has given excellent satisfaction in every particular. The former teacher continued her work in the 2d Grammar grade during the spring and fall terms. Her instruction was superior and a good degree of thoroughness was attained. Finding discipline beyond her strength, Miss Randall decided to resign at the close of the fall term to accept an easier position in a suburban school. Her successor proved to be a person of pleasing address whose easy ways kept the children in the best of humor, and all had a thoroughly good time. At the opening of the spring term Miss Carrie Ramsdell, whose reputation as a teacher is well established in town, was placed in charge of this room and it is predicted that school work will be more of a reality in this department than formerly.

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#### INTERMEDIATE AND PRIMARY.

In the Intermediate and Primary schools marked improvement has been made. They have moved forward with a minimum of friction, the teachers and pupils seeming to co-operate with me in bringing out of work, the maximum of excellent result. The work is more objective and the teachers have seemed to see the responsibility of their positions more keenly than ever. I think we are to be congratulated upon the prosperous

condition of these schools. There has been but one change of teachers, occasioned by the resignation of Miss M. Lizzie Bailey at the close of the fall term. As all know, Miss Bailey has been connected with the Dexter schools for a great many years. She possessed unusual ability in the Primary department and was always found faithful to her trust. By her withdrawal we have sustained a loss which will be deeply felt by the whole community. In her successor, Miss Edith Drew, we have such a teacher as the progressive character of the school demanded. She took up the work very readily, and has administered affairs with extraordinary skill and ability.

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### RURAL SCHOOLS.

These schools are well equipped and have been running smoothly. The character of this work is steadily advancing and keeping pace with our graded work. This is shown by the comparative ease with which children coming out of these schools fit in our grades. The pupils have been encouraged to prepare for the High school which has been a great incentive to good work. At present, more than twenty per cent. of the High school is from our suburban districts and in most cases these pupils rank among the best. They come with vigorous minds and strong constitutions, unhampered by the diversions and temptations which beset the paths of children in cities and many large villages.

The country has always been the source of our greatest and best men. We can not over-estimate the importance of waking up and polishing these young minds. It is important anywhere but especially so in the country. The rural schools have been lengthened two weeks this year throughout town and the teachers have been able to meet the requirements in many cases more thoroughly.

An outline for the study of the constitution of Maine was prepared by the supervisor and placed in the hands of every teacher at the beginning of the year. Much enthusiasm has been awakened in this study and the work along this line has been a credit to teachers and pupils.

To teach the children the rights of citizens and their obligation to state and nation, is as important as any other branch of common school work. Patriotism has been thoroughly instilled into the minds of the pupils by teachers and officers.

Every school possesses our American flag which has been purchased by the children, and it is a pleasure to note with what pride and respect the children guard and protect them.

As formerly the value of permanent teaching has been regarded and only such changes of teachers have been made as conditions required.

In several instances, as may be seen from tabular review, the same teachers have remained in charge for the year. It is needless to make individual comments. While some have been more successful than others, none have failed. At the beginning of the year, we found it necessary to make numerous changes in our list, matrimony having marked many for its own. In selecting, we have shown preference to town teachers, other things being equal.

Though our teaching force is, on the whole, of a high grade, there are continual applications from those with meagre equipment. Many have the idea, that to teach a small school, one may have few qualifications. This is all wrong. A mere school keeper should be discouraged. No teacher should be employed who has not a well disciplined mind and the ability to impart knowledge. It is a wrong necessity, when we are obliged to take untrained teachers and put them into a schoolroom without chart or compass, having neither method nor knowledge of the way the child's mind should be guided. There is a great and growing demand for skilled teachers. Life is too short to entrust the care of the children to the inexperienced.

While it is true that all teachers must make a beginning and many may not have the benefit of a teachers' training class, still all are privileged to visit the schools of experienced teachers, when by observation and conference much might be learned which it would take weeks to acquire by experiments.

I am pleased to say that many opportunities for fresh thought and inspiration have been placed within reach of our teachers during the past year. The summer school at Foxcroft, our county convention at Dexter, which was pronounced one of the most successful teachers' meetings held in the county, and our local meetings have all contributed in no small degree to the success of our schools.

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#### SPECIAL BRANCHES.

Our work in music is, I believe, at its best. No subject has greater value in training the faculties of the mind. Add to these the culture, refinement, and higher and better atmosphere brought about by music and who would care to shut our young people out from such an opportunity? This branch is supervised by Miss Olive Winslow, who brings to the work enthusiasm, skill and untiring endeavor.

Physical culture and drawing have been carried along by the regular teachers and in several instances satisfactory work has been accomplished. The aid of a specialist is much needed to furnish the teachers with fresher ideas and to help them to more systematic training in these branches.

### PENMANSHIP.

Probably in no branch of our work has improvement been more marked than in penmanship. The children are no longer wasting time in elaborate shading and hair lines, but have a clear, round, bold and rapid hand which demands only to be plain and clear cut. The muscular movement gives power, endurance and firmness and we are conscious of more satisfactory work. The pupils even in our Primary grades are writing rather than drawing their sentences. Thanks be to the teachers whose perseverance has wrought so satisfactory results.

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### EVENING SCHOOL.

According to vote of town after due notice through the local paper and otherwise, an evening school was opened in September and continued seven teen evenings, three evenings a week. Twenty-eight pupils were registered and twenty-six of that number were French. The average attendance was very poor and at the close but three were attending. This may have been due to the fact that some of the mills were running nights in which many of them were employed. The school was reopened in December with but four pupils present. It did not seem profitable to continue under such conditions and at the close of the fourth evening an indefinite adjournment was declared. It is to be regretted that a larger number could not make it convenient to attend.

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### OUR SCHOOL COURSES.

The outline of courses for our village and rural schools, which was adopted in 1892, should be thoroughly revised in season for the next school year. In our present school system there are coming year by year many changes in both the subjects and methods of teaching, just as new methods and new demands are required in practical life. While much of the benefit from school training is mental discipline, we believe that this may be had in no small degree while acquiring useful information. The amount of time now devoted to the study of arithmetic can be much reduced without injuring the character of the work. The methods of instruction should be such as to make the subject brief, concise and thoroughly practical. There is need of reform in presenting the subject of geography. It is burdensome and a useless waste to oblige children to commit page after page of text book when a brief exercise topically arranged and thoughtfully illustrated would present all the important matter. No subject in our curriculum is so important as reading. In many of our best schools, the traditional first

second, third, fourth and fifth readers are no longer used. Instead the schools are supplied with suitable books on geography, natural and American history and on classic literature. Justly has it been said, that a child ought to learn to read by reading books which have intrinsic value and not books composed of material which is either in itself worthless or too scrappy to arouse interest. The ideal course in reading recommended by a prominent educator of Massachusetts is as follows: For the fourth year, a collection of classic tales and stories; fifth year, Kingsley's *Water Babies*; sixth year, *Robinson Crusoe*; seventh year, Hawthorne's *Grandfather's Chair*, *Wonder Book*, and *Tanglewood Tales*; eighth year, a selection of Longfellow's poems and Dicken's, *The Old Curiosity Shop*; ninth year, Scott's *The Lady of the Lake* and *Ivanhoe*, and Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. I heartily endorse this outline for our common schools and recommend a gradual introduction of the same. I also recommend the introduction of "Dole's American Citizen" and a book entitled "Masterpieces of American Literature" for the first year's reading in the High school because I believe our pupils should be taught more and better from the best models of our mother tongue. This book contains unabridged selections from Irving, Hawthorne and Longfellow, selections with which every boy and girl at fifteen ought to be familiar.

#### CONSOLIDATION.

After due consideration it seemed best to the school board to suspend the schools in Dist's No. 8, 12 and 13 for the year, providing for the children in other ways, and to suspend rural school No. 3 and Primrry school No. 3 for the winter term. The children of No. 8 have been conveyed to No. 7; those of No. 12 have attended the village schools and those of No. 13 have attended at Gilman. In No. 3 there have been twenty weeks of school, summer and fall terms. There are but few scholars in the district, the most of them are small and by a common consent the school was adjourned for the winter. Two of the larger children attended the village schools. The 3d Primary school, as was stated in my last report, is poorly located for its purpose. The number of scholars justifies the continuance of the third school, but with present location of buildings the children cannot be equally apportioned without obliging some to travel farther than they ought. There are many little ones in this grade who do not attend the winter term. Of the thirty-six children registered at the Free street school in the fall, nineteen were not over six years old and three of this number were not scholars. Under these conditions it seemed advisable to discon-

tinue the 3d Primary for the winter, sending those wishing to attend to the other schools, believing this could be done without crowding. By referring to the Tabular Review you will notice from the average attendance of these schools that this arrangement proved as predicted.

### SCHOOL HOUSES.

Some extensive repairs have been made during the year. The building upon the town lot, the building at North Dexter and the one at Spoonerville have been painted. The lot at North Dexter has been graded and fenced and extensive repairs have been made in Nos. 3, 4 and 10. The High school building and several rural school buildings should be painted this coming season.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

For common schools,	\$2,400 00
“ repairs,	400 00
“ music,	150 00
“ high school,	1000 00
“ schools, books	400 00

### CONCLUSION.

In writing this report I have tried to convey some idea of the present condition of your public schools, and to point out some methods of improvements; but I find it impossible to do the schools justice in so brief a form.

Suffice it to say that we have excellent schools. Teachers, parents and pupils alike deserve much credit for the high standard which has been maintained. All have co-operated in bringing about this happy condition of things. My term of office as member of your school board expires with this issue and I wish to thank you, fellow-citizens, for your sympathy and support, and especially my associates in office for their counsel and loyalty.

Respectfully submitted, R. W. NUTTER,

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