1909

Annual Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditor, School Committee, and Superintendent of Schools, of the Town of Litchfield, For the Municipal Year Ending February 19th, 1909

Litchfield (Me.)

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John Purington, service as auditor, 5 00
Charles Nash, printing books 1908, 27 00
J. H. Hamilton, work on highway 1906, 1 40
James Libby, services as selectman from Feb. 10, 1908 to March 2nd., 10 00
Geo. B. Haskell & Co. plow and points, 12 80
B. R. Small (heirs of) school house lot 15 00
O. A. True, posting town warrant Mar. 1908 3 00
Geo. A. Bosworth, running hearse, 10 00
B. M. Hall, lane to widened road, 30 00
Geo. A. Bosworth, running hearse, 10 00
Charles Bailey fighting fire, 4 25
Everett Wilson, fighting forest fire, 2 20
Perley Campbell, for same service, 1 50
Alvin Fogg, for same service, 2 70
Phillip Fogg, for same service, 2 25
Charles B. Larrabee, same service, 1 50
Isaac Allen, same service, 1 50
Charles Bailey, same service, 2 20
O. A. True, for enforcing dog law, 8 00
Good Roads Machine Co. for repairs road machine, 37 25
Newell White for printing in 1907, 3 00
Town of Richmond, for repairing bridge, 23 53
E. M. Lapham, labor on highway in 1906, 2 95
Mary A. Small, for dirt on Webber Hill, 10 00
Ella Bartlett, watering tub, 3 00
O. A. True, posting warrant and attending town meeting in Sept. 1908, 5 00
O. A. True, posting warrant and attending town meeting in Nov. 1908, 5 00
I. W. Gilbert for vital statistics 4 00
H. F. Woodard for services as election clerk 4 00
Geo. E. Ring same service 2 00
Edwin Fish same service 4 00
Ernest Lapham same service 2 00
F. W. Libby same service 2 00
H. N. Jordan same service 2 00
Isaac Gayton for damage to chimney 10 00
F. G. Payne & Co. for snow bill heads 5 50
Geo. A. Bosworth for running hearse 16 00
Samuel Williams watering tub 2 00
F. E. Mitchell bal. of com. on 1906 tax book 10 63
F. E. Mitchell tax deed and cost 7 77
F. E. Mitchell commission in 1907 50 26
F. E. Mitchell tax on Harriman place 7 20
F. E. Mitchell for abatement 12 90
F. E. Mitchell for abatement 1906 4 28
Charles T. Frost for watering tub 2 00
I. W. Gilbert on board of health 6 00
H. M. Starbird same service 9 00
Gardiner Roberts same service 7 45
J. E. Purinton abatements on 1908 taxes 49 18
J. E. Purinton com. as collector 1908 91 87
J. E. Purinton for two tax deeds 14 72

Total, $1063 60
Sum raised by town, 800 00

Overdrawn, $263 60

SNOW BILLS.

Snow bills for winter 1907 and 1908.

Geo. L. Berry $1 20
H. C. Allard 4 27
Otis Gray 45
Sidney Bunker 1 20
Joseph E. Jack 75
Harry Hamilton 45
J. H. Hamilton 1 20
J. Huntington 2 70
L. C. Gower 3 30
F. P. Danforth 2 30
H. W. Maxwell 3 65
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CUTTING BUSHES IN 1908.

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SUPPORT OF POOR FOR 1908.

- Charles Campbell, shoes for Hannah Potter $1 50
- Charles Campbell, groceries for C. Groves 18 13
- Town of Vassalboro, supplies furnished C. Groves 3 85
- Insane Hospital, support of Josiah Morrell Jr. 47 75
- Insane Hospital, support of Augusta Dailey 39 00
- Insane Hospital, support of Roswell Merrill 12 14
- Insane Hospital, support of Josiah Morrill Jr. 52 41
- Insane Hospital, support of Augusta Dailey 42 13
- E. P. Springer, for board and money C. Groves 6 00
G. D. Slownman, support of Hannah Potter 31 75
G. D. Slownman, support of Hannah Potter 40 50
Alonzo Gatchell, for support of self 25 00
A. H. Larrabee, for keeping tramps 8 25
Alonzo Gatchell, for support of self 50 00
G. D. Slownman, support of Hannah Potter 40 40
Insane Hospital, support of Augusta Dailey 39 43
Insane Hospital, support of Josiah Morrell Jr. 39 43
J. E. Chase, clothing for Hannah Potter 6 59
Geo. A. Bosworth, funeral expenses for Hannah Potter 29 00
Insane Hospital, support of Augusta Dailey 39 00
Insane Hospital, support of Josiah Morrell Jr. 47 71
J. S. Richards, attending funeral Hannah Potter 3 00
G. D. Slownman, board and care Hannah Potter 67 61

Total poor account $690 58

Raised by town March 2, 1908, $550 00
Received from town of Dixfield, for support of Roswell Merrill, 12 14
Received from L. A. Bubier, for pasture, 10 00
Received from W. H. Farnham, apples, 3 00
Received from Edwin Blanchard, for hay on town farm, 2 00
Received of Edwin Blanchard, interest on note, 3 12
Received of E. P. Springer, for grass on town farm in 1908, 49 00

Overdrawn, $61 32
Due for grass on town farm 1907, $50 00
PAID FOR SUPPORT OF SOLDIERS.

Saloam McQuerry, for board of Henry L. Farrington, $5 00
Economy Clothing Co. Lewiston, for suit of clothes for Henry L. Farrington, 7 50
Saloam McQuerry, for board of Henry L. Farrington, 12 50
Edward Ridley, for board of Henry L. Farrington, 6 43

$31 43

Received from town of Sweden for same, $31 43

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Geo. M. Rogers, Academy tuition, $140 00
Geo. M. Rogers, Academy tuition, 140 00
Geo. M. Rogers, Academy tuition, 152 50

$432 50

Amount raised by town March 2, 1908, $175 00
Unexpended in 1907, 98 04
Received balance of 1907 state money, 105 00
Amount received, $378 04

$54 46

Due from state July 1st 1908, $70 00

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR 1908.

Balance on Selectmen's books, Feb. 14, 1908, $59 29
Amount raised by town March 2, 1908, 900 00
Received from town of Wales, tuition, 25 00
Received from A. D. Strout, tuition, 3 00
School fund and mill tax, 929 03

Amount for schools in 1908, $1,916 32
Amount expended for schools in 1908, 1,933 75

$17 43
MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Amount raised by town, $25 00
Paid O. A. True, for Libby Post, 25 00

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS.

Amount raised by town March 2, 1908, $200 00
F. E. Baker, for labor, $1 00
B. L. Merrill, labor, 40 75
Wm. Drummond, painting, 9 00
James Walker & Son, lumber, 67 80
Hank Brown, labor, 1 25
Kelley & Wheeler, stove, 11 55
J. E. Chase, paint, oil, etc., 29 36
F. E. Baker, labor and materials, 9 02
E. M. True labor and materials 7 08

$176 81
Unexpended, $23 19
Due from B. L. Merrill, for new lumber, $7 67

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town March 2, 1908, $80 00
Benj. H. Sanborn, books, $36 05
Benj. H. Sanborn 18 28
Charles E. Merrill, 6 74
American Book Co., 6 00
Henry Taylor, books and express, 3 30
Benj. H. Sanborn, books, 9 90

$80 27

Overdrawn, $ 27

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Amount raised by town March 2, 1908, $20 00
Unexpended, 20 00
MONUMENT FENCE.

Amount raised, $200 00
Paid H. M. Starbird, chairman of Monument committee, 200 00

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Wm. Knight, 1 lamb killed in 1908, $1 00
H. W. Maxwell, 1 sheep killed in 1908, 6 00
Walter Morse, 1 sheep killed in 1908, 8 00
H. W. Bunker, 12 sheep damaged 1908, 48 00

$66 00

Received from State,

Due from State in 1907, $15 00

STATE ROAD.

Charles Dailey, labor, $ 6 37
Benj. Benson, 1 88
Geo. E. Ricker, 121 75
James L. Libby, 45 12
E. E. Danforth, 6 00
E. F. Ricker, 27 75
Wm. Rideout, 24 00
Eugene Campbell, 4 00
Wm. Powers, 91 00
Walter Varney, 18 00
J. F. Dunham, 14 63
C. Farnum, 3 38
Wm. Knight, 11 62
O. F. Blanchard, 29 00
Fred Danforth, 4 50
Alonzo Paris, 9 75
Edward Danforth, 1 50
Henry F. Woodard, 29 24
Dennis C. Small, 25 50
E. G. Ricker, 20 65
John True, 28 00

Total, $526 64
Amount appropriated, 442 12

Overdrawn, $84 52

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE

Paid Geo. M. Rogers, $630 00
Caxton Co. for seats, 69 20
Caxton Co. for blackboards, 19 50
Maine Central R. R. Freight, 8 03
Kelley & Wheeler, stove and funnel, 16 95

Total, 744 28
Amount appropriated, 600 00

Overdrawn, $144 28

ABATEMENTS IN 1907 AND 1908.

William McMaster, 1907 $1 28
John Carey, unable to pay, " 3 00
Leslie Bosworth, paid out of town, " 3 00
Robert Booker, out of town, " 3 00
Frank McDonald, paid out of town, " 3 00
Frank Coombs, out of town, " 2 25
Walter Coombs, out of town, " 1 65
E. C. Bosworth, paid in Gardiner, 1908 96
Leslie Bosworth, paid in Auburn, " 3 00
Robert Booker, out of town, " 3 00
Edward Black, paid out of town, " 3 00
Levi Gray, unable to pay, " 4 24
Thomas McGraft, out of town, " 3 00
Bert L. Powers, paid out of town, " 3 00
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**Recapitulation.**

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Paid for incidentals, $1063 60
- Snow bills, 70 16
- Summer roads, 1338 68
- Cutting bushes, 115 08
- Support of poor, 690 58
- Support of soldiers, 31 43
- Support of schools; 1933 75
- School house repairs, 176 81
- School books, 80 27
- Tuition at academy, 432 50
- Memorial services, 25 00
- Soldiers monument fence, 200 00
- State road, 526 61
- New schoolhouse, 744 28
- Damage done by dogs, 66 00
- State tax, 1078 35
- County tax, 530 41

Total amount paid out 1908, $9,103 54

Balance on selectmen's book, Feb. 6, 1909, $3,295 56
Due from state, for free high school
- July 1st, 1908, 870 00
- Moses D. Lydston, tuition, 3 00
- Edwin Blanchard, note, 50 00
B. L. Merrill, for lumber, 7 69
F. T. Harriman, tax deed, 14 97
D. T. Wright, tax deed, 6 36
Geo. A. Hamlin tax deed, 8 36

$160 38

Total resources of the town, Feb. 6, 1909, $3,455 94

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. EARLE, Selectmen
JAMES L. LIBBY, of
A. R. BUCKLIN, Litchfield.
Report of Treasurer.

The following report shows the amount of money received and paid out by me during the municipal year ending February 6, 1909, also a statement showing the financial condition of the town:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 13, 1908, $3,548 80
State Treasurer, 1907 state road money, 300 00
State Treasurer, 1907 dog licenses refunded, 73 61
Town of Dixfield, support of Roswell Merrill, 12 14
G. M. Rodgers, Town Clerk, dog licenses, 121 00
State Treasurer, pensions, 78 00
State Treasurer, 1907 free high school money, 105 00
State Treasurer, 1908 state road money, 223 12
E. M. Walker, Cook school house, 40 00
M. H. Dustin, his part of printing bill, 1 00
State Treasurer, sheep killed by dogs, 66 00
L. A. Bubier, use of town farm pasture, 1908, 10 00
Edwin Blanchard, partial payment on hay, 2 00
Edwin Blanchard, interest, 3 12
State Treasurer, pensions, 78 00
A. Douglass, (estate of) destroying brown tail moth nests, 1 00
State Treasurer, school and mill fund tax, 929 03
State Treasurer, railroad and telegraph tax, 71 75
Walter Farnham, apples on town farm 1908, 3 00
Town of Sweden, support of soldier, 31 43
Town of Wales, tuition, 25 00
A. D. Strout, tuition, 3 00
E. P. Springer, grass on town farm 1908, 49 00
E. P. Springer, interest, 96
National Shoe and Leather Bank, interest, 33 42
F. E. Mitchell, collector, balance of 1905 tax, 11 46
F. E. Mitchell, collector, balance of 1906 tax, 50 84
F. E. Mitchell, collector, balance of 1907 tax, 479 54
J. E. Purinton, collector, all of 1908 tax, 6,324 88

$12,676 10
State tax, ................................. $1,078 35
County tax, ................................ 530 41
State Pensions, .................. 156 00
Support of soldier, ............ 31 43
Memorial, .............................. 25 00
Fence for monument lot, ...... 200 00
Damage done by dogs, .......... 66 00
State Treasurer, dog licenses, .. 121 00
Incidental town expenses, ...... 1,063 60
Snow bills, ............................. 70 16
Roads and bridges, .............. 1,338 68
Stone walls and bushes, ...... 115 08
State road, ............................ 526 64
Support of poor, ................. 690 58
Tuition at academy, ............. 432 50
School house repairs, .......... 176 81
School books, ......................... 80 27
Support of schools, ............ 1,933 75
New school house, .................. 744 28

Total assets, ...................... $9,380 54
Cash on hand, ......................... 3,295 56

Total assets, ...................... $12,676 10

Due from State Treasurer, free high school money, $70 00
M. D. Lydston, tuition, .......... 3 00
Edwin Blanchard, note, ......... 50 00
B. L. Merrill, lumber, .......... 7 69
F. T. Harriman, tax deeds, ...... 14 97
D. Y. Wright, tax deed, ......... 6 36
Geo. A. Hamlin, tax deed, ...... 8 36

Cash in treasurer, .................. 3,295 56

Total assets, ...................... $3,455 94

Respectfully submitted,

CHAPIN LYDSTON, Treasurer.
Auditor’s Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:

Your Auditor respectfully submits the following report for the municipal year ending February 6, 1909. After making a careful examination of the Selectmen’s and also the Treasurer’s books, bills and accounts and I find they just agree. The Selectmen’s books show the business transactions of the town. The Treasurer’s books show the amount of money handled and the present standing of the town.

As the town voted, I have balanced the Selectmen’s books with the Treasurer’s books so they just agree. There are vouchers on file for all bills paid.

Total resources February 6, 1909, $3,155 94

I have allowed the following bills:

Geo. W. Earle, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, $88 23
James L. Libby, same service, 56 25
A. R. Bucklin, same service, 50 00
Chapin Lydston, as Treasurer, 76 50
Henry Taylor services as Superintendent of Schools,
B. L. Merrill, School Committee, 6 00
J. E. Chase, " " 19 15
A. W. Patterson, " " 8 50
Geo. M. Rogers, Town Clerk, " " 5 00
Geo. W. Earle, " " Agent, 2 00
John Purinton, " " Auditor, 1 50
Geo. W. Earle, New School House “Committee,” 5 54
E. M. Walker, " " " " 2 00
F. W. Libby, " " " " 2 80
Geo. M. Rogers, expenses as Town Clerk, 2 80

JOHN PURINTON, Auditor.
To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:

We respectfully submit to the town the following report of the condition and progress of the schools and expenditure for the same during the fiscal year ending February 6, 1909.

**Resources.**

- Amount of money raised by the town, $900.00
- School fund and mill tax, 929.03
- Tuition received from town of Wales, 25.00
- Tuition received from A. D. Strout, 3.00
- Amount unexpended from last year, 79.00

**Total,** $1,936.03

**Expenditures.**

- Cost of spring term, $657.50
- Fall term, 551.50
- Winter term, 463.50
- Transportation, 136.50
- Janitor’s service, 24.50
- Wood, 78.25
- Tuition to West Gardiner, for 1907 and 1908, 22.00

**Total,** $1,933.75

Amount unexpended, $2.28

The law requires the Superintendent of the town to canvass the town during the month of April, and make a list of all children between the ages of 5 and 21 years. In compliance with this law the enumeration was made and the number was found to be 253.

The whole number registered in the town schools during the year was 163.

The average attendance was about 123.

We have had twenty-five (25) weeks of school during the year, three (3) weeks less than last year. The reason for this is, that we had to pay the teachers more wages than last year in order to
get good teachers, and, certainly we did not pay as much as some of the towns near by, nor did we have as many weeks of school; we believe that the town should maintain, at least, thirty (30) weeks school, and that is the general opinion of many of our citizens.

We have had a good corps of teachers in our employ during the year.

The law requires two (2) visits by the Superintendent each term; we have made several extra visits to young teachers and have found the schools, with one or two exceptions, in good working condition, teachers and pupils working faithfully, and manifesting much interest in their work. Many of the teachers were employed for the year and their work was exceedingly satisfactory; it is better to keep the same teachers providing they do good work. It is conceded by our best educators, that a change of teachers is injurious to a school.

We have employed several young teachers who have taken a deep interest and who have done excellent work.

We can truthfully report to the citizens of the town that good progress has been made in our schools during the past year.

ACADEMY.

The Academy is under the same instruction as last year, Mr. Charles Rush as principal and Miss Katherine Kindrick, assistant. Under the instruction of these competent and conscientious teachers the school is prospering.

Whole number of students registered in spring, 35
Average number, 31
Whole number of students registered in fall, 41
Average number, 40
Number of students in graduating class, 9
Amount of money raised by town, $175.00
" " " received from state, 105.00
" " " due from state, 184.38
" " unexpended, 98.04
Total, $562.42
## Expenditures

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CORNER—Spring term: Lester Webber, Courteney Baker, Evelyn Stewart, Merton Knight, Ezelle Hall.
Fall term: Mattie Knight, Courteney Baker, Ethel Campbell.
Winter term: Courteney Baker, Ethel Campbell, Della Tuttle.

SOUTH LITCHFIELD—Fall term: Iva Merchant, Jesse True, Milton True, Mary Tucker, Margie Tucker.

MILLS—Spring term: Hazel Recker, Fannie Goodwin, Gladys Ricker, Pearl Ricker, Doris Cram, Chester James, Howe Tozier, Sewell Ricker, Alton Tozier, Waldo Perry.
Winter term: Herman Small, Donald Small, Roscoe Ricker, Gladys Ricker, Sewell Ricker, Pearl Ricker, Elsie Ricker, Chester James, Vera Nixon, Howe Tozier, Alton Tozier, Doris Cram.


BERRY—Spring term: Clarence Berry, Madeline Hill.
Winter term: Donald Spaulding, Clarence Berry, Kenneth Berry.

WATERMAN—Spring term: Earle Elliott.
Winter term: Earle Elliott, Pearl Richardson.

FAITH—Spring term: Edna Ricker.
Fall term: Arthur Danforth, Charlie Danforth, Hazel Gayton, Stacy Larrabee.
Winter term: Raymond Danforth, Edna Ricker, Stacy Larrabee.

Fall term: Maurice Earle, Marian Earle, Eva Pray, Ezelee Hall, Roy Gilpatrick, Merton Libby, Irene Libby, Eunice Lydston.

SOUTH OAK HILL—Spring term: Robey Mitchell, Edward Cotie.
Winter term: John Larrabee.

REPAIRS.

Our school committee has made repairs on the school buildings where they were very much needed. New floors were laid at the South Litchfield school house and repairs were made on the wood shed, but this house needs painting and it also needs new seats.
The Corner school house was painted; at the Waterman school house the underpinning was repaired, and long needed repairs were made on the buildings at the Mills.
I wish to call attention to the Stevenstown school house; the bricks which were over the door have been broken out so that one may look over the door-frame into the entry, and there is a large hole in the gable end of the building. The South Oak Hill building needs a new chimney, and it also needs to be plastered. The West Litchfield, Waterman and Mills school houses need painting and more or less repairing is needed on all the school buildings in town. It does not pay to let our school property run down, nor does it speak well for the town. The school board has taken deep interest in the schools, and especially in the school property, which they wish to see put in condition which will be a credit and
not a discredit to the town.

The new school house which was built to accommodate the scholars in the Plains, Grant and "Brick" districts is completed and ready for use when the spring term opens. It is commodious, neat and up-to-date school building.

In conclusion we wish to express our gratitude to the members of the school board for their hearty cooperation in our work and to the parents and citizens for their courtesy and help.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY TAYLOR, Supt.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE S. S. COMMITTEE.

We recommend that the following sums of money be raised for the ensuing year.

Schools, $1200 00
Books, 90 00
Supplies, 30 00
Repairs, 250 00

We recommend that a woodshed be built at the Earle.

An examination of teachers will be held at Litchfield Academy on Saturday March 20, beginning at 9 A. M.

ANDREW M PATTERSON, } S. S.
JAMES E. CHASE, } Committee.
Town Warrant 1909.

To O. A. True, Constable of the Town of Litchfield:

GREETING.

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Litchfield qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday the first day of March A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
ART. 3. To attend to the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseer of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Town Agent, Auditor of Accounts, Superintendent of Schools and School Committee.
ART. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, Town Agent, a Committee or Auditor of Accounts, a Collector of Taxes, one or more members of the School Committee, one or more Truant Officers, one or more Constables, Surveyors of wood and lumber, Fence Viewers and Field Drivers, a Pound Keeper, Sealer of Weights and Measures, and all other necessary Officers, Agents and Committees.
ART. 5. To choose one or more Road Commissioners.
ART. 6. To vote a sum of money for the support of schools.
ART. 7. To vote a sum of money for the purchase of school books.
ART. 8. To vote a sum of money for school supplies.
ART. 9. To vote a sum of money for repairs of school houses.
ART. 10. To vote a sum of money for Incidental Town Expenses.
ART. 11. To vote a sum of money for Support of Poor.
ART. 12. To vote a sum of money for repairs of Roads and Bridges.
Art. 13. To vote a sum of money to pay Snow Bills for the present winter.

Art. 14. To vote a sum of money for removing Stone Walls and Bushes, which cause the Roads to be drifted or act any thing in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote 'yes' or 'no' upon the Adoption of the Provision of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, relating to the Appropriation of money necessary to entitle the Town to State aid for highways for the year 1909.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise appropriate and set apart for permanent improvement of the main highways within the Town such sum of money as is contemplated and directed by Section 5 of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, being the sum of $59.50.

Art. 17. To vote a sum of money for the observance of Memorial day, and act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Superintending School Committee to contract with the Trustees of Litchfield Academy for the tuition of the High School scholars for the ensuing year in that Institution and raise a sum of money for that purpose or act anything relating thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote how many schools shall be maintained the coming year and where they shall be located.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to hire money, if it should become necessary to pay the Town's indebtedness.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will establish a price for labor on the Highway or act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take for running the Hearse.

Art. 23. To see what action the Town will take in reference to building a safe depository, and act anything necessary to carry the same into effect.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Superintending School Committee the same amount as in the past two years.
Art. 25. To see what action the Town will take in reference to caring for the Town's Poor and act anything necessary thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new road machine and if so raise a sum of money for the same, and act anything necessary thereon.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Road leading from the County road by the house of Isane Gayton, and the Old Maxwell Place on Oak Hill, or so much of it as has not been discontinued.

Art. 28. To see what action the Town will take in reference to the management or sale of the Town Farm and act anything necessary thereon.

Art. 29. To direct how future Town Meetings shall be called and at what time in March 1910, the next annual Town Meeting shall be held.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session on the day at the place above named from nine till ten o'clock in the forenoon to receive evidence of the qualification of voters.

Given under our hands at Litchfield, Maine, this ninth day of February, A. D. 1909.

GEO. W. EARLE, Selectmen
JAMES L. LIBBY, of
A. R. BUCKLIN, Litchfield.