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TOWN OFFICERS.

Clerk and Treasurer,
C. M. HUTCHINS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,
ERNEST K. HOLBROOK, TILLSON WATERMAN,
JOHN E. SAUNDERS.

Collector,
L. W. MASON.

Town Agent,
J. M. LIBBY.

Superintendent of Schools,
J. M. LIBBY.

School Committee,
J. K. DENNING, F. L. WATERMAN, J. W. WAYNE.

Trustees of Public Library,
J. M. LIBBY, LIZZIE J. BUTLER, C. B. RANKIN,

Librarian,
LIZZIE JEWETT-BUTLER.

Board of Health,
C. B. RANKIN, A. V. HATHAWAY, LEROY SPILLER.

Auditor,
F. E. TUFTS,

Town Physician,
LEROY O. COBB.

Chief Engineer,
E. E. JORDAN.

1st Assistant Engineer,
H. L. JEWETT.

2d Assistant Engineer,
M. A. JORDAN.

Road Commissioner,
E. A. FAUNCE.

Constables,
L. W. MASON, DENNIS S. PERKINS, B. F. HASKELL,
J. A. CROOKER, F. F. DRESSER, F. J. FARRIS,
TILLSON WATERMAN.
Report of Selectmen.

To the Citizens of Mechanic Falls:

The municipal officers of the town for the fiscal year ending Feb. 28, 1905, respectfully submit the following reports under their appropriate heads for your information and consideration.

Assessors' Report.

FOR THE YEAR 1904.

Valuation of property and number of polls as taken April 1st, 1904.

Amount of real estate of resident owners, $440,955 00
Amount of real estate non-resident owners, 299,710

Total valuation of real estate, $740,665 00

Amount of personal property of resident owners, $65,135 00
Amount of personal property of non-resident owners, 21,687 00

Total valuation of personal property, $86,822 00

Grand total of property, $827,487 00

Rate of taxation $20.30 per $1,000.
Poll tax rate $3.00.
Number of polls taxed, 463.
Number of polls untaxed, 71.
Assessments.

For State tax, $2,401.97
County tax, 1,052.74
Common schools, 2,200.00
—(— high school, 800.00
Support of poor, 1,200.00
Contingent fund, 600.00
Officers salaries, 700.00
Sinking fund, 700.00
Payment of interest, 600.00
Collectors' commissions and abatements, 600.00
Lighting streets, 1,408.00
Hydrant rental, 1,680.00
Support of fire department, 400.00
Support of public library, 300.00
Repair of highways and bridges, 2,000.00
Text books, 300.00
Apparatus and school furnishings, 200.00
Repair of school houses, 400.00
Graduating exercises high school, 25.00
State roads, 200.00
Memorial Day observance, 50.00
Deficiency in highway account, 120.55
Deficiency in pauper account, 124.30

$18,062.56

Overlay in assessing, 123.72
Supplementary assessment, 9.65

Total amount committed to L. W. Mason for collection, $18,195.93
EXTRACTS FROM TOWN ASSESSORS' REPORT TO STATE ASSESSORS.

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<th>Animal</th>
<th>No.</th>
<th>Average Value</th>
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<td>Horses</td>
<td>247</td>
<td>68.07</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two-year-old colts</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>75.00</td>
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<td>One-year-old colts</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>27.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cows</td>
<td>234</td>
<td>25.32</td>
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<td>Oxen</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>60.00</td>
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<td>Three-year-olds</td>
<td>53</td>
<td>21.04</td>
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<td>Two-year-olds</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>17.29</td>
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<td>One-year-olds</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>8.88</td>
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<td>Sheep</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>2.79</td>
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<td>Swine</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>10.69</td>
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**Abatements Allowed.**

**TAXES OF 1899.**

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<tr>
<td>Marshall, Herbert, out of state</td>
<td>$3.04</td>
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<tr>
<td>Meggett, John, not found by collector</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5.54</strong></td>
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**TAXES OF 1900.**

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<td>Bucknam, J. Judson, deceased</td>
<td>$4.69</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ryerson, L. C., out of the state</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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<td>Strout, Hiram, inability to pay</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$10.69</strong></td>
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TAXES OF 1901.

Bucknam, J. Judson, deceased, $ 4 68
Dwinal, Fred E., error in listing, 30 88
Keston, Fred C., deceased, 3 67
Strout, Hiram, inability to pay, 3 00

$42 23

TAXES OF 1902.

Bucknam, J. Judson, deceased, $4 67
Bowness, John, not found by collector, 3 00
Krauth, George, out of state, 3 00
Keston, Fred, deceased, 3 00
McKenney, E. E., inability to pay, 3 00
Murdock, John H., paid in Norway, 3 00
Strout, Hiram, inability to pay, 3 00

$22 67

TAXES OF 1903.

Bucknam, J. Judson, deceased, $ 1 53
Colclazier, Joseph, out of state, 3 00
Gookin, W. S., inability to pay, 3 00
Keston, Fred, deceased, 3 00
Mechanic Falls Mfg. Co., by vote of town, 40 80
Mechanic Falls Water Co., by contract, 18 36
Chase, Merritt Co., by agreement, 81 60
Hodge, James C., paid in St. Petersburg, Fla., 3 00

$154 29
TAXES OF 1904.

Dilly, A. J., not of age, $3 00
Thurlow, Wm. E., paid in Auburn, 3 00
Quance, Harry, crippled, 3 00
Hodge, James C., paid in St. Petersburg, Fla., 3 00
Thorpe, Alice M., error in listing, 2 13

$14 13

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

Town's poor assisted as follows:

Lucy Hunnewell.
Paid Mrs. Chas. Elie, care $ 8 00
A. V. Hathaway, wood, 12 38
Merrill & Denning, medicine, 1 45
D. M. Rand, moving goods, 1 00
I. L. Meserve, moving goods to Lewiston, 2 50
Mrs. Wm. Waycott, board and room rent, 3 00
Mrs. W. H. Clark, board, 50

$28 83

Sam Knight.
Paid L. P. Cates, clothing, $ 2 00
A. E. Morris, barber work, 75
Dennet Cotton, board, 99 96
A. A. Woodsum, clothing, 2 50
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine, 2 50
S. L. Hawley, clothing, 50

$108 21
C. A. Foster.

Paid Saunders Brothers, wood, $ 5 00
A. V. Hathaway, wood, 11 38
Poland Paper Co., rent, 15 57
Chas E. Jordan, milk, 14 81
Merrill & Denning, medicine, 13 70
A. L. Soule, rent, 12 00
Mechanic Falls Water Co., water, 8 00
T. B. Soule, rent, 20 00
G. O. Goodwin & Co., wood, 7 75
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine, 2 70
Dennet Cotton, wood, 2 75
I. F. McCann & Co., supplies, 4 80

$118 46

John and Nellie Bicknell.

Paid L. J. Morton, milk and butter, $27 72
G. D. Trundy, agent, rent, 60 00
Merrill & Denning, medicine, 5 95
A. A. Woodsum, supplies, 5 96
Lewis Gower, butter, 8 40
F. I. Dwinal, supplies, 2 39
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine, 8 25
F. J. Farris, wood, 2 50
S. L. Hawley, supplies, 2 30
L. J. Morton, wood, 2 50
I. F. McCann & Co., supplies, 1 53

$127 50

Mrs. O. D. Holt.

Paid F. A. Goldermann, agent, rent, $68 04
## W. S. Gookin.

Paid State Insane Asylum, board, $183.00

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<td>E. K. Holbrook, cash paid for express on clothing</td>
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<td>F. A. Golderman, slippers and rubbers</td>
<td>1.90</td>
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<td>S. L. Hawley, clothing</td>
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<td>A. A. Woodsum, clothing</td>
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$196.80

## John B. Rand.

Paid State Insane Asylum, board, $130.72

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$147.29

## Alfred Waterhouse.

Paid Mrs. A. B. Emery, board, $120.00

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<td>Assignees of O. B. Dwinal, clothing</td>
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<td>Mrs. A. B. Emery, for cash paid repairing boot</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>F. A. Golderman, shoes</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>S. L. Hawley, clothing</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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$134.15

## E. W. Record.

Paid C. A. Corey, board, $18.00

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<td>W. L. Campbell, board</td>
<td>19.50</td>
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<td>G. W. Record, board</td>
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<td>F. E. Campbell, board</td>
<td>6.00</td>
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$18.00
C. W. Cobb, board, 15 00
Merrill & Denning, medicine, 3 65

$78 65

E. E. McKenney.
Paid J. B. Mason, rent, $30 00
F. H. Allard, board, 55 00

$85 00

Mrs. Harriet C. Bancroft.
Paid A. V. Hathaway, wood, $16 25

James Tooley.
Paid Charles Duran, board, $147 01
Merrill & Denning, medicine, 9 03
A. A. Woodsum, cap and rubbers, 1 25

$157 29

H. L. Rogers.
Paid City of Lewiston, supplies, 1903, $16 50
A. A. Woodsum, supplies and moving goods, 15 99
Freeland Howe, storage on goods, 4 00
L. J. Morton, milk, 4 65
A. G. Tinkham, rent, 42 00
Geo. W. Cobb, mortgage on household goods, 12 00
Town of Paris, rent and supplies, 53 27

$148 41
O. H. Bicknell.

Paid Merrill & Denning, medicine, $10 66
G. O. Goodwin & Co., supplies, 37 68
G. O. Goodwin & Co., wood, 1 13
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine and supplies, 21 95

$71 42

J. L. Tobie.

Paid W. B. Haskell, M. D., medical attendance for son who received a severe injury in a fall from a bicycle, $55 00

William H. Smith.

Paid Merrill & Denning, medicine, $28 72
G. O. Goodwin & Co., wood, 4 25
L. W. Thurston, milk, 14 60
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine, 52 40
F. E. Mayberry, M. D., medicine and medical attendance, 12 70
S. L. Hawley, bedding, 1 55

$114 22

Fred Ireland.

Paid F. I. Dwinal, groceries, $2 26
A. A. Woodsum, groceries, 18 09
W. D. Towne, groceries, 14 42
F. A. Golderman, shoes, 1 50
C. B. Cummings & Sons., flour, 3 25
L. A. Denison, supplies, 12 85
Hawkes & Whitney, supplies, 2 10
Spiller & Bridgham, supplies, 1 92
Mrs. Melintha Thayer.

Paid A. V. Hathaway, wood, $21 13
G. O. Goodwin & Co., wood, 6 50
G. O. Goodwin & Co., supplies, 3 02
F. I. Dwinal, supplies, 2 57
I. A. Denison, supplies, 1 73
Mrs. W. W. Bedell, washing, 3 60
Dennet Cotton, wood, 3 50
Mrs. L. D. Simpson, washing, 1 40
W. D. Towne, supplies, 1 16

Mrs. William H. Woodsum.

Paid City of Bath, rent, clothing and supplies, $65 87

Tramps.

Paid F. H. Cobb, cash for supplies, 1903, $4 75
F. I. Dwinal, supplies, 26
F. P. Wyman, care and supplies, 25 00

Total expenses for poor of the town, $1859 28
Overdraft, year 1903, 124 30

$1,983 58
Appropriation, $1,200 00
Board charged to E. W. Record, error, 6 00
Appropriation, deficiency 1903, 124 30

$1,330 30

Overdrawn, 653 28

$1,983 58

Paid for Poor of Other Towns.

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<td>Gray</td>
<td>Mary E. Crooker</td>
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<td>Raymond</td>
<td>Wm. H Edwards</td>
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<td>Rumford</td>
<td>Mrs. J. K. P. Simpson</td>
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<td>Oxford</td>
<td>J. M. Abbott</td>
<td>79 00</td>
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<td>City of Lewiston,</td>
<td>Napoleon Cloutier</td>
<td>107 31</td>
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<td>City of Auburn</td>
<td>Florence Mills</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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Received for Poor of Other Towns.

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<td>City of Auburn</td>
<td>$ 5 00</td>
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<td>Town of Hebron</td>
<td>6 25</td>
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<td>City of Lewiston</td>
<td>52 74</td>
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<td>Town of Oxford</td>
<td>76 40</td>
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<td>Town of Raymond</td>
<td>6 82</td>
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<td>Town of Rumford</td>
<td>62 00</td>
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$209 21
Highway Account.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Appropriation for the year 1904,  $2,000.00
Appropriation for deficiency, 1903,  120.55

Overdraw,  

EXPENDITURES.

Overdraft for year, 1903,  $ 120.55
Leroy Rand, labor,  $  5.25
J. S. Fish,  21.37
Horace Moore,  29.55
Robert Meggett,  12.75
Edward Leach,  3.75
Sherman Churchill,  3.00
A. E. Harlow,  12.00
I. H. Judkins,  74.75
L. E. Faunce,  50.25
E. A. Faunce,  534.25
Winfield M. Tilton,  120.20
Silas Spiller,  102.75
David Woodsum,  120.00
David Harris,  1.95
C. B. Cummings & Sons,  3.08
E. D. Dudley,  28.85
F. E. Rowe, lumber,  14.55
H. L. Strout, labor,  75
Clark Goodwin, 7.50
D. F. Bray, 56.72
Wm. H. Woodsum, 8.25
Alice Thorpe, removing fence, winter 1903. 5.00
Wm. Joyce, labor. 75
Arthur Grant, 1.50
Eaton Blackington, 11.90
Francis Mains, 78.75
L. J. Morton, 23.12
C. G. Knight, 15.25
Joshua Spiller, 62.25
Preston Dudley, 5.25
James Campbell, 14.25
Hawkes & Whitney, supplies, 18.94
Fred A. Jordan, labor, 35.00
Dustin Martin, cutting bushes, 20.00
John Fessenden, labor, 52.80
O. N. Bailey, 12.00
O. N. Bailey, storing road machine, 2.00
James H. Teague, labor, 1.50
C. C. Russell, 6.00
Sherman Grant, 21.00
B. F. Haskell, 35.55
T. H. Prince, labor and lanterns furnished, 4.20
Earl Duran, labor, 17.50
Bert L. Strout, 24.30
Charles Scribner, 36.75
N. D. Haskell, stone, 10.00
Joseph Gould, labor, 37.80
Wilbur Chipman, 57.12
Carrol W. Libby, 12.00
Charles Logue, 5.25
Frank O. Mayberry, 5.90
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<td>John H. King,</td>
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<td>Poland Packing &amp; M'tg. Co.,</td>
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<td>labor sharpening tools,</td>
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<td>James P. Grant, labor,</td>
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<td>I. W. Thurston, labor</td>
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<td>J. K. &amp; C. K. Denning, labor</td>
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<td>J. K. &amp; C. K. Denning,</td>
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<td>crossing field winter 1903,</td>
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<td>F. Edward Marshall, sand,</td>
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<td>Cyrus W. Cobb, labor,</td>
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<td>I. L. Meserve,</td>
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<td>F. D. True,</td>
<td>35.50</td>
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Geo. O. Goodwin, lumber, 11 97
A. L. Forbes, labor, 5 85
Daniel Dudley, labor and tools furnished, 12 50
M. W. Morrill, labor, 14 25
Fred J. Farris, 3 50
J. B. Poland, breaking roads winter 1903, 14 00
Silas E. Davis, team, 3 00
James Twitchell, labor, 75
Frank A. Millett, use of derrick, 3 00
Robert Morse, flushing sewer, 1 50
E. L. Charles, labor, 3 50

$2,189 28

$2,309 83

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. FAUNCE,

Commissioner.

EXPENSE OF LEWISTON ROAD.

Expense of stone work and fill on Lewiston road.

David Woodsum, labor and material, $58 25
Leslie C. Spaulding, labor, 6 00
Clifford G. Knight, 1 50
Silas Spiller, 52 25
W. M. Tilton, 12 00
Francis Mains, 36 00
James Campbell, 30 75
N. D. Haskell, stone, 25 00
Joshua Spiller, labor, 13 50
Isaac H. Judkins, 
James Twitchell, 
W. H. Woodsum, 
J. P. Grant, 
E. A. Faunce, 
Daniel Dudley, labor and tools, 
M. W. Morrill, labor, 
C. G. Cole, 
J. H. King, 
O. N. Bailey, 
F. A. Millett, use of derrick, 
E. D. Dudley, labor, 
Preston Dudley, 
Horace Moore, 
H. Ricker & Sons, use of derrick, 
John Fessenden, 
Daniel F. Bray, 
Fred A. Jordan, 
Eaton Blackington, 
Frank Grant, 
B. F. Haskell, 
L. E. Faunce, 

31 75
21 00
36 75
58 62
187 00
55 00
49 50
3 00
33 00
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$1,074 12

Fire Department.

Appropriation, $400 00

EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn in 1903, $ 19 01
E. E. Jordan, chief engineer, salary, 25 00
H. L. Jewett, first assistant engineer, salary, 15 00
M. A. Jordan, second assistant engineer, salary, 15 00
Charles Harris, painting, 50
Chas. A. Conant, shoveling out hydrants, 50
Hose Co. No. 1, fire and practice, 145 00
Hook and Ladder Co., fire and practice, 78 40
Merrill & Denning, chemicals, 1 00
M. A. Herrick, painting ladders, 8 50
M. A. Jordan, keys, 2 20
F. E. Jordan, cash paid for broom, cleaning vault etc., 3 10
F. D. Harmon, repairing fire alarm, 2 18
A. J. Weston, coal, 22 50
J. W. Penney & Sons Co., material and labor repairing chemical tank, 2 25
Mechanic Falls W. & E. L. & P. Co., electric lights, 20 00

$360 14

Balance unexpended, $39 86

During the year have had four fires and one false alarm. Have been called to several chimney fires.

The apparatus is all in fine condition open to inspection at all times.

There is $23.00 due from the P. & R. F. R. R. Co., on account of a fire in October near the shoe factory, which will be paid the last of March.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. JORDAN.

Chief Engineer.
Officers' Salaries.

Appropriation for year 1904, $700 00

EXPENDITURES.

Overdrawn, 1903, $64 00
E. F. Smith, moderator, 5 00
C. M. Hutchins, clerk, 2 00
E. K. Holbrook, selectman, 150 00
Tillson Waterman, selectman, 85 00
J. E. Saunders, selectman, 70 00
C. M. Hutchins, treasurer, 75 00
C. B. Rankin, board of health, 15 00
A. V. Hathaway, board of health, 10 00
W. C. Jordan, board of health, 5 00
M. N. Royal, board of health, 10 00
L. O. Cobb, town physician, 40 00
A. E. Sawyer, truant officer, 10 00
J. M. Libby, Supt, of schools, 100 00
J. M. Libby, town agent, 25 00
F. E. Tufts, auditor, 15 00

$681 00

Balance unexpended, $19 00

$700 00

Memorial Day.

Appropriation, $50 00
Paid A. A. Dwinal Post, No. 3, G. A. R., 50 00
Lock-Up Account.

Poland Packing & Mfg. Co., wood, $2 75
F. J. Farris, wood, 2 50
Hawkes & Whitney, saw, 75
D. Rand, repairs 75
Mechanic Falls Water & E. L. Co., lighting, 6 19

$12 97

Amount to contingent account, $12 97

Commissions and Abatements.

Unexpended 1903, $128 43
Appropriation, 600 00

$728 43

Abatements, $249 55
L. W. Mason, collector’s commission, 275 98

$525 53

Balance unexpended, 202 90

$728 43

Hydrant Rental.

Appropriation, $1,680 00

Paid Mechanic Falls Water Co. for use of water July 1, ’04 to July 1, ’05, 1,680 00
Street Lighting.

Appropriation, $1,408 00
Paid Mechanic Falls Water & Electric Light & Power Co., 1,263 98
Balance unexpended, 144 02

$1,408 00

Public Library.

Balance unexpended from 1903, $ 51 22
Appropriation, 300 00
Received from State, 35 50

$386 72

EXPENDITURES.

Mechanic Falls W. & E. L. & P. Co., lights, $25 08
Lizzie Jewett Butler, librarian, 50 00
Lizzie Jewett Butler, cash paid for express and postage, 83
J. A. Bucknam & Co., insurance, 15 52
Mrs. L. D. Simpson, cleaning library, 1 63
E. D. Cole, janitor, 7 80
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies, 3 00
Mrs. Myra Stanton, book, 1 50
A. V. Hathaway, wood, 3 40
Poland Paper Co., rent, 65 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books, 35 09

$208 85
Balance unexpended, 177 87

$386 72
State Roads.

Appropriation, $200.00
Amount received from State, $100.00

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<td>David Woodsum, labor</td>
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<td>Wilber Somerset</td>
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<td>J. F. Sawyer, stone</td>
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$200.25

Balance to contingent fund, 99.75

$300.00
Common Schools.

Balance from 1903, $106 05
Appropriation, 2,200 00
Mill tax, 1,162 39

EXPENDITURES.

Matilda Fitz, teaching, $108 00
Henrietta Rowe, 6 00
Abigail P. Curtis, 12 00
Hortense Bradford, 32 00
Addie Keene, 10 00
Susie L. Fitz, 374 00
Agnes L. Jordan, 207 00
Annie Pulsifer, 256 00
Josephine Hayford, 138 00
Hattie Spiller, 328 00
Henrietta Douglass, 176 00
Charlotte C. Bridge, 272 00
Lillian Haskell, 204 00
Blanch Stuart, 30 00
Jordan & Saunders, transportation, 204 00
Daniel F. Bray, transportation, 323 00
H. N. Whittle, janitor, 136 00
Francis Mains, janitor, 136 00
J, K. & C. K. Denning, fuel, 16 00
A. J. Weston, fuel, 301 38
Joseph Gould, fuel, 20 00
A. A. Nelson, fuel, 11 25
N. D. Haskell, fuel, 45 00
H. N. Whittle, fitting wood, 7 80

$3,353 43
Balance unexpended, 115 01

$3,468 44

Repairs,

Unexpended in 1903, 1 49
Appropriation, 400 00

$401 49

EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. W. Austin, fixing door, 75
D. H. Walker, lock for door, 1 35
J. M. Abbott, repairing locks, etc., 1 80
Jerry Berry, taking off outside windows, 2 50
A. B. Walton, labor, 5 75
C. A. Conant, labor and material, 22 98
H. N. Whittle, labor, 1 31
Chas. A. Goodwin, piping, 1 00
A. J. Weston, material, 45 75
Jerry Berry, putting on storm windows, 2 50
Francis Mains, labor and material, 9 00
C. M. Lane, labor and material, 17 92
Geo. A. Benjamin, labor and material, 30 12
H. N. Whittle, cash paid for cement, 20
J. W. Penney & Sons Co., labor on boiler, 50
Hawkes & Whitney, material, 9 21
C. G. Cole, building fence, brick school house, 31 48
Geo. B. Haskell Co., material for fence, 17 33
C. G. Cole, material and labor building fence Elm St. school house, 42 62
D. S. Curtis, labor building fence Elm St. school house, 2 25
Francis Mains, labor, 7 70

Balance unexpended, $254 02

Incidentals.

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<td>Fred H. Ireland, cleaning vaults</td>
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<td>Mrs. L. D. Simpson, cleaning school houses</td>
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<td>Ledger Publishing Co., printing rank cards</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<td>E. A. Hammond, cleaning clock</td>
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<td>S. L. Hawley, ribbon</td>
<td>1 70</td>
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<td>Hawkes &amp; Whitney, dust-pan, brush, etc.</td>
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Text Books.

Unexpended in 1903, $11 77
Appropriation, 300 00

EXPENDITURES.

American Book Co., $64 57
D. C. Heath & Co., 44 28
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 9 96
Milton Bradley Co., 5 05
Ginn & Co., 58 36

$182 22

Balance unexpended,

$311 77

Furnishings.

Appropriation, $200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Overdrawn in 1903, $12 39
A. A. Woodsum, oil and matches, 30
W. G. Pulsifer, supplies, 43 21
Merrill & Denning, supplies, 65 49
Howard & Brown, diplomas, 6 75
Poland Paper Co., paper, 15 80
C. Withington & Sons, brushes, 4 00

$311 77
Hawkes & Whitney, supplies, 10 93
J. S. Merrill, shades and rods, 26 24
M. F. W. & E. L. & P. Co., supplies, 2 25

$187 36

Balance unexpended, 12 64

$200 00

**High School.**

Unexpended, 1903, $ 17 50
Appropriation, 800 00
Received from state, 125 00

$942 50

Overdrawn, 50 00

$992 50

**EXPENDITURES.**

Paid H. H. Stuart, teaching, $240 00
Paid P. E. Graffam, teaching, 412 50
Gertrude Moody, teaching, 340 00

$992 50

**Graduating Expenses, High School.**

Appropriation, $25 00
Paid, $25 00
Contingent Fund.

Unexpended in 1903, $145 18
Appropriated, 600 00
Tax overlay, 1904, 123 72
License fees collected, 26 00
Grass sold, 1 25
State road, 99 75

EXPENDITURES.

J. W. Colley, cleaning up dumping ground, $ 3 00
Ledger Publishing Co., printing town report 67 40
and warrant,
F. H. Cobb, cash paid for stationery, 1903, 2 10
C. O. Russell, services as constable Labor 2 00
Day, 1903,
L. W. Mason, services as constable, making 2 08
and posting warrants,
D. S. Perkins, rent of hall annual meeting, 15 00
A. V. Hathaway, wood for selectmen’s office, 7 00
M. F. W. & E. L. & P. Co., lighting select- 6 00
men’s office,
Overseers of Poor, Oxford, settlement of case, 223 52
“Inhabitants of Oxford vs. Inhabitants of
Mechanic Falls,” Dorothy Verrill case,
F. F. Dresser, services as constable, July 3d and 4th, 5 00
Frank R. Harmon, services as constable, July 3d and 4th, 5 00
Fred J. Farris, services as constable July 3d and 4th, 5 00

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<td>Marrill &amp; Denning, telephone, stationery, book, supplies Board of Health</td>
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<td>Dennis S. Perkins, rent selectmen’s office</td>
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<td>W. G. Pulsifer, blank books and bonds</td>
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<td>Granville Donham, Maine Register, 1904-5</td>
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<td>F. F. Dresser, services as constable Labor Day</td>
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<td>E. K. Holbrook, cash paid election clerks, state and national elections</td>
<td>24 00</td>
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<td>Daniel Dudley, getting out stone posts for boundary of county road from Pleasant St. to Oxford town line</td>
<td>7 00</td>
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<td>E. A. Faunce, setting stone posts as above</td>
<td>2 50</td>
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<td>D. S. Perkins, rent of hall September and November elections</td>
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<td>J. W. Colley, use of dumping ground</td>
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<td>Chas. W. Bucknam, lot of land for sidewalk on Maple St.</td>
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<td>Ledger Publishing Co., printing letter heads, voting lists, etc.</td>
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<td>A. J. Weston, lumber for Board of Health</td>
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<td>Overseers of Poor, Poland, settlement of case Inhabitants of Poland vs. Inhabitants of Mechanic Falls, Dorothy Verrill case</td>
<td>350 00</td>
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<td>H. J. Jordan, damage for sheep killed by dogs</td>
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<td>Jordan &amp; Saunders, team for county commissioners</td>
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<td>J. F. Sawyer, iron rods for county road to Oxford town line on Norway St.</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>H. J. Jordan, watering tub</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<td>C. M. Hutchins recording births, deaths and marriages</td>
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C. M. Hutchins, administering oaths, 105
C. M. Hutchins, postage and express, 498
Physicians, reporting births and deaths, 1050
E. K. Holbrook, cash paid for stakes for survey county road, stationery, administering oaths, railroad fare, etc., 809
M. N. Royal, painting signs for Board of Health, 50
Lock-up supplies, 1297

$93970
Balance unexpended, 5620

$99590

Interest.

Appropriation, $60000
On taxes collected by L. W. Mason, 27908
On sewer tax collected by C. M. Hutchins, treasurer, 119
On tax deeds, collected by C. M. Hutchins, treasurer, 2131

$90158

Overdrawn in 1903, $5170
Paid interest on town bonds, series A, 4800
Paid interest on town bonds, series B, 7000
Paid interest on town bonds, series C, 52500
Paid interest on temporary loans, 7500

$76970
Balance unexpended, 13188

$90158
Sinking Fund.

Amount depositer in L. T. & S. D. Co., $700 00

Financial Standing.

Amount of bonds outstanding, Series B, $2,000 00
Amount of bonds outstanding, Series C, 15,000 00

Cash in treasury, $1,509 68
Sinking fund, 700 00
Due from town of Gray, 46 30
city of Lewiston, 54 57
town of Raymond, 3 20
town of Rumford, 2 75
town of Oxford, 12 50
town of Bethel, 3 92
County of Androscoggin, 11 35
L. W. Mason, col., taxes, 1898, 3 03
" " " " 1899, 24 41
" " " " 1900, 237 01
" " " " 1901, 380 55
" " " " 1902, 744 16
" " " " 1903, 1,007 37
" " " " 1904, 4,145 03
tax deeds, Minot, 75 73
tax deeds, Mechanic Falls, 1,166 98
State, account free high school, 125 00
State, account sheep killed by dogs, 5 00
I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the select-men and find the same to be correct.

F. E. Tufts, Auditor.

Remarks.

Unfortunately the expenses of several departments have been heavy during the year. In the poor department it will be noticed that we have had several new calls for help which are proving rather expensive under our present system of caring for the poor.

In the early fall Mr. E. E. McKinney called for assistance stating that it was impossible for him to labor to earn a living and that if the town would pay his board, he would give up housekeeping thereby making a saving of house rent and fuel. We arranged with Mrs. F. H. Allard to board him for $2.50 per week.

In the early summer Mr. James Tooley had to be provided for, which we have done by engaging Mrs. Charles Duran to board him for $3.00 per week. He has also had a little clothing and medical supplies as shown by the report.

There are several items in the H. L. Rogers account that will bear an explanation. When Mr. Tillson Waterman went to Paris to look after the removal of the family, he found the goods stored in Norway with a bill of $4.00 due, which it was
necessary to pay before they could be taken from the building. In the case of Mr. Geo. W. Cobb, he loaned Rogers $7.00 to pay freight on his household goods, which were in the car, taking a mortgage on the same. He endeavored in several ways to get his pay, finally foreclosing the mortgage at an expense of $5.00, making a total of $12.00, which we deemed it advisable to pay and redeem the goods.

Mr. O. H. Bicknall was unfortunate in that he had sickness in his family, both he and his wife being stricken for a long time insomuch that he was unable to work. As soon as he recovered and returned to his work, we ceased to render him assistance.

Mrs. Melintha Thayer, an old time resident, was obliged to call for assistance, as she had no means of support, and she has been helped as shown.

Fred Ireland has been helped to quite an extent as you will notice, and as he did not seem disposed to labor for a living, we tried his metal by refusing him help and requiring him to be examined by two physicians, who pronounced him physically able to earn his living, which he has done since early fall.

Mrs. William H. Woodsum fell in distress in the city of Bath, her husband leaving her and furnishing nothing toward her support. She is at an expense for rent, food and fuel which she would be obliged to have if removed here.

During the summer the son of Mr. J. L. Tobie was unfortunate enough to receive a fall from a bicycle, twisting and breaking one leg in a frightful manner, otherwise we should not have had to render Mr. Tobie any assistance.

In the highway department there was a large expense at the gully on Lewiston Street, for which there was no appropriation. The spring rains caused a washout and as experiments had been tried previously which had proved expensive, it was
deemed advisable to put in a good stone retaining wall on the north side of the road, which was done. Before this wall was completed it was found that the south side of the road was washing and caving in, consequently we thought it would be much cheaper, while the tools and help were there, to lay up a similar wall on that side.

There was a bad washout on the state road early in the spring, which necessitated a large outlay.

In closing we would respectfully call your attention to what we believe to be a necessity of providing some suitable farm or almshouse to care for the poor, believing in the end it could be done much cheaper, to say nothing of the number it would prevent from calling for assistance. We would strongly recommend the purchasing of such a place.

The remaining $1100 of the first issue of bonds, as well as $206.74 of outstanding town orders at the beginning of the year have been paid, and at the close of the year we find no outstanding orders. The collector has done his work in a satisfactory manner, he having collected $18,320.36 The items, due from town of Rumford $62.77, Otisfield $3.00 and Poland $39.57, which have been carried along from year to year as assets are uncollectable and worthless, and have been charged off the books.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST K. HOLBROOK,
TILLSON WATERMAN,
JOHN E. SAUNDERS,

Selectmen of Mechanic Falls.
Recommendations.

Common schools, $2,000 00
Free High School, 800 00
Support of poor, 1,500 00
Roads and bridges, 2,000 00
Contingent fund, 600 00
Sinking fund, 700 00
Interest, 600 00
Officers’ salaries, 700 00
Abatements and commissions, 400 00
Hydrant rental, 1,680 00
Electric lights, 1,264 00
Fire department, 400 00
Library, 300 00
Memorial day, 50 00
Text Books, 200 00
Apparatus and furnishings, 200 00
Repairs, 200 00

Town Agent’s Report.

To the town of Mechanic Falls:

I submit herewith my report as town agent for the year ending Feb. 28, 1905.

The case of Oxford against this town which was referred to in the report of last year has been settled.

A case brought by the town of Poland for the support of the same pauper, Dorothy Verrill, and which was pending in the Supreme Judicial Court, for this county has also been settled at a discount.
There are no cases pending against the town at this time, and no threatening litigation, so far as known.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LIBBY,
Town Agent.

Board of Health.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Mechanic Falls:

There has been reported to the Board the past year, five cases nuisance—all having been removed satisfactory to the Board—two cases Scarlet Fever and two cases Measles. The houses have been fumigated, and everything done to stop the spread of the diseases.

No deaths have occurred from any of the above cases, and the physician has been very prompt in reporting all contagious diseases to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. RANKIN, M. D.
A. V. HATHAWAY.
LEROY SPILLER.

Board of Health.
Treasurer's Report.

C. M. Hutchins, treasurer, in account with the Town of Mechanic Falls:

DR.

To balance on hand March 1, 1904, $3,676.75
Cash received account sewer, 19.75
Interest on sewer tax overdue, 1.19
Collector on account 1899 tax, 40.84
  " " 1900 "  69.10
  " " 1901 "  82.48
  " " 1902 "  700.92
  " " 1903 "  3,376.12
  " " 1904 "  14,050.90
  " " interest on taxes overdue, 279.08
  " " tax deeds, 164.56
J. M. Libby, et als., for book rental, 3.50
State account free high school, 125.00
  " " Mill tax, 1,162.39
  " " Public library, 35.50
  " " Dog licenses refunded, 112.49
  " " State pensions, 384.00
  " " Burial soldiers, 35.00
  " " Roads, 100.00
Temporary loan, 2,500.00
Town clerk, dog licenses, 158.00
E. K. Holbrook, licenses granted, 26.00
Town of Rome, 13.01
City of Lewiston, 52.74
Town of Hebron, 6.25
City of Auburn, 5.00
Town of Raymond, 6 82
Town of Oxford, 76 40
Town of Rumford, 62 00
Est. Elizabeth Grady, 37 83
State telephone and railway tax, 06
W. G. Pulsifer, 50
Grass, hose house lot, 75
Grass, school house lot, 50

$27,365 43

E. K. Holbrook, Revised Statutes sold 3 75

$27,369 18

CR.
By paid town orders, $25,317 50
  " State pensions, 384 00
  " State treasurer, dog licenses, 158 00
Balance, 1,509 68

$27,369 18

I have examined the accounts, vouchers and cash of the treasurer, C. M. Hutchins, and find same correct.

F. E. TUFTS, Auditor.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

To the town of Mechanic Falls:

I submit herewith my report as superintendent of schools for the year ending Feb'y 28, 1905.

The year has been one of more than usual prosperity. A good degree of interest has obtained throughout the year in
each department. No cases of serious trouble have arisen, and in the main, teachers and pupils have cooperated to make the school better than ever before.

We can but feel that the schools of our town are ranking well up in comparison with the best schools around us. Not infrequently scholars come to us from the city schools, and as a rule, they find their proper places in the same grades of our schools, to which they belonged in the city. During the past year several of our pupils have removed to the cities, and we know of no case in which they found any difficulty in entering the same grades to which they belonged here. The limited means at command, in a small town like ours, does not permit so diversified a course of study as the cities afford, but in all the essentials, we are endeavoring to keep them good company.

During the past year more than the usual interest has been shown by the citizens in visiting the schools, consulting the school officers, and, in general, keeping in closer connection with the every day life of the schools. Not only the teachers, but the pupils as well, greatly appreciate the interest displayed by those citizens, who take the pains to visit the schools, and keep in touch with their work.

I cannot too strongly exhort those having children in our schools to come often, and see for themselves the kind and manner of their work. The young people like to feel that their elders have an interest in, and an appreciation of their faithful labors. Nothing so inspires both teacher and pupil, to do their best, as that earnest human sympathy which finds expression in the frequent visits to the school room.

**HIGH SCHOOL.**

Mr. Herman H. Stuart who closed his work as principal of the high school at the end of the summer term, was reelected to the same position, but secured a more remunerative position,
and declined the place which he had held for two years. The school board regretted Mr. Stuart's decision to leave, but immediately secured the services of Mr. Perley Graffam, a teacher of experience, who has served as principal of the school for the past two terms to the entire satisfaction of the school board.

In the short time that Mr. Graffam has had charge of the high school, he has succeeded in securing the confidence and respect of his pupils, and of the community as well.

The interest of the school has been well maintained. A feature of the last term has been the inauguration of a debating society, which has been enthusiastically supported by the pupils, and which has resulted in an increased proficiency in public speaking, to a very notable degree. The school board was fortunate in securing again, for this year, the services of Miss Gertrude Moody as assistant in this school.

Miss Moody is a thorough scholar, and a conscientious worker in every thing that makes for the good of her pupils. The morale of this school is on a high plane. The pupils as a whole, are ambitious, self reliant, intelligent workers, appreciating their privileges and conscientiously improving them.

The graduating class numbers six members.

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**

This school for the past two terms has been under the instruction of Mrs. Hattie Spiller as principal, and Miss Henrietta Douglass as assistant. These teachers have worked together with much success. Mrs. Spiller has shown herself not only an earnest, conscientious and competent instructor, but also a tactful and efficient disciplinarian. Miss Douglass has proven herself a most faithful and satisfactory assistant in this department. The school has made a steady gain through the year and is in a highly satisfactory condition.

In this department Miss Susie L. Fitz has been principal during the whole year, and Miss Agnes L. Jordan, a graduate
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

In last year's class of our high school, has been assistant for the last two terms.

Of the principal it is enough to say, that she has fully sustained the high standard of efficiency to which her labors of last year brought this school. No school of any grade in this town is doing better work than this, and we might add, that we doubt whether any school in any town can show better results. Miss Jordan has shown herself to be proficient in preparation, assiduous and faithful in her work, and a most acceptable helper in this school.

WATER STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Mrs. Annie Pulsifer has continued in charge of this school with her usual success. The school is in excellent condition, and has done most satisfactory work during all the year. Mrs. Pulsifer possesses a fine sense of appreciation of and adaptation to the needs of the young people constituting the grades of which this school is composed. No higher fitness is required anywhere then is necessary for a successful teacher in the primary grades. Miss Josephine Hayford, a graduate from our high school in the class of 1904, has served as assistant in this school for the last half of the school year, with entire satisfaction, and with excellent results. She is a faithful and pains-taking worker.

ELM STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Charlotte Bridge has been principal, with Miss Lillian Haskell as assistant, in this school.

These teachers have been in charge of this school for the entire year, and have done excellent work in every way. The discipline has been excellent for this grade, and the interest and
improvement have been most satisfactory. Nothing but words of commendation can be said of the labors of these devoted teachers.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We feel to repeat what was said in our last report in regard to the necessity of provision being made for the establishment of better sanitary conditions about our school houses.

Water closets should be provided in the basements of the two houses, where city water can be used, and where proper warmth can be maintained through the cold weather. Present conditions are far from satisfactory. The boilers should be thoroughly overhauled and repaired or replaced. Electric lights should be provided for the High School room at least.

We do not deem it necessary to give in detail the statistics relative to the cost of the support of schools, for the reason that the statement made by the selectmen contains an itemized account of all the various expenditures.

SUMMARY.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Number graduated last year 10
Number in graduating class this year 6
Largest enrollment for the year 36
Average attendance for the year 30

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Largest number enrolled for the year 64
Average attendance for the year 55

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Largest enrollment for the year 90
Average attendance for the year 79

WATER STREET PRIMARY.

Largest enrollment 75
Average attendance 60
Largest enrollment 51
Average attendance 45
The total enrollment in all the common schools for the year has been 285
The average daily attendance has been 239
The total enrollment of schools, including High, 321
Average attendance, including High, 269

REMARKS.

The members of the school committee are entitled to the highest words of commendation for the faithful and conscientious manner in which they have performed the responsible duties devolving upon them. They have each and all given loyal service to the educational interests of this community.

We must repeat the suggestion made in last year's report, that some measure of fair and reasonable reciprocity should be entered into by and between the neighboring towns of Poland and Minot and this town, with reference to the support of the high school. Our neighbors are furnishing nearly one half of the number of students in this school, and they are receiving advantages which in any other school, would cost a substantial sum of money. With a small contribution from each town we could greatly increase the facilities, and make this school one of the very best. Natural conditions forbid our neighbors from maintaining anything like a successful high school, but by uniting with us we might mutually benefit each other. Let us hope that they will soon be ready to enter with us upon the work of securing the highest and best advantages in the line of education, to all the ambitious young people of these towns.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LIBBY,
Superintendent of Schools,
### IN MEMORIAM.

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Warrant for Town Meeting.

To L. W. Mason, a constable of the town of Mechanic Falls, in the county of Androscoggin and State of Maine,

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Mechanic Falls, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Perkins Hall, in said town, on the twentieth day of March A. D., 1905, at nine 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 ensuing year.

Art. 3. To act on the report of the town officers.

Art. 4. To choose a board of selectmen, assessors, overseers of the poor, a town treasurer, town agent, member of board of school committee, one trustee of the public library, a truant officer, a road commissioner, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for support of common schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of a free high school for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to expend for a free high school for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the repair of highways and bridges for the ensuing year.
Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the contingent fund for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for town officers' salaries for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the sinking fund for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the payment of interest for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for abatements and collector's commissions for the ensuing year.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the observance of Memorial Day for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of $1,408 00 for lighting streets.

Art. 17. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum $1,680 00 for hydrant rental.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the fire department for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the public library and purchase of books for the ensuing year.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purchase of text-books, apparatus and furnishing for schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the repair of school houses for the ensuing year.
Art. 22. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of twenty-five dollars to defray the expense of graduating exercises of the high school for the ensuing year.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to determine the time when the commitment of taxes shall be made and at what time taxes shall be payable and that interest shall be collected from and after such time.

Art. 24. To see if the town will agree on an abatement to those who voluntarily pay their taxes to the collector or treasurer at certain periods and the times within which they shall be so entitled.

Art. 25. To choose a collector of taxes and fix his compensation.

Art. 26. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to have seven additional street lights along Lewiston St. from corner of Jordan St. to the Advent Camp ground. (By request.)

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to have two additional street lights along West Spring St. from residence of J. S. Merrill to Norway St. near residence of C. V. Penney. (By request.)

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of $189.28 to liquidate the deficiency in the highway account, and $653.28 to liquidate the deficiency in the pauper account.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of $1,074.12 to defray the cost of the stone work and fill in the gully on Lewiston St. near residence of Cyrus Jordan.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to purchase land and buildings to be used as a Town Farm or almshouse.
Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to purchase land for the gravel to be used in the repair of highways.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to light the High school building by electricity. (By request.)

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the municipal officers, treasurer and clerk.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to make and execute a quit-claim deed in behalf of the town, releasing its right in and to real estate held by it by tax deed upon payment of taxes, interest and costs.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of $200.00 for a state road as provided by Chapter 285 of the public laws of 1901.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to have one additional street light on Summer St. near the G. T. R. R crossing. (By request.)

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hearing and deciding on applications claiming the right to have their names entered upon said list at the Selectmen's office, at two o'clock in the afternoon, Saturday, March 18, A. D. 1905, also at eight o'clock on day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Mechanic Falls, this eleventh day of March, A. D. 1905.

ERNEST K. HOLBROOK.
TILLSON WATERMAN.
JOHN E. SAUNDERS.

Selectmen of Mechanic Falls
Librarian's Report.

The past year has been one of continued usefulness in our free public library. The average circulation has been about the same as in the past and the reference department is used more and more each year.

We have 1905 volumes in the library, an increase of 161 new books since last year. The financial statement will show a surplus which is to be expended in the choicest books for each department according to the last now ordered.

Although our appropriation is small we are enabled, by using extra care in selection and by comparison with other libraries, to make every book valuable to our patrons, thus avoiding the purchase of inferior or harmful literature.

Vicious books are easily obtained by any child. We must counteract the influence of such by cultivating a taste for better things. The children of to-day are the citizens of tomorrow and they will act then as the ideas and ideals gathered now dictate. For this reason your librarian and trustees choose carefully for the young people's section, wholesome and clean as well as interesting and inspiring books.

Cards have been issued to 1176 borrowers showing an increase of 100 names the past year.

Fines have been collected amounting to $9.85, which sum bought seven books, paid for a subscription to Public Libraries and express on two packages.

Two books have been lost but none have been burned on account of contagious diseases. Great care is exercised in regard to this matter.

It is a matter for congratulation that our library has little so called "dead-wood" on its shelves, every volume having some value for circulation or reference.
Our essay department, though small, contains some of the choicest literature of the century,

Gifts have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who donated four years of The Ladies' Home Journal, and from the Ignoramus Club, who gave The Bay View Magazine and three books on special topics.

Miss Nettie Grant as Assistant Librarian has proved a faithful and conscientious worker and is becoming more and more efficient by study of library methods.

Your Librarian, through her connection with the State Library Commission, has been enabled to examine the workings of Libraries throughout this and other States, and thus feels that she has been able to give to the town more efficient service, and is teaching her successor the system best suited to the needs of a small library.

As this may be her last official report as Librarian, she wishes to thank all who have in any way assisted in the founding and organizing a work which means so much to our town and its intellectual prosperity and life.

The Library needs your heartiest co-operation to make it what it should be: A part of the Educational System of the town, supplementing the work of the public schools, aiding the researches of the special student, and fostering a taste for good reading.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE JEWETT-BUTLER,
Librarian.

ERRATUM.

The last two lines on page 41 under the heading of "Grammar School" should be on page 42 under "Intermediate School."