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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF RANGELEY

For the Year Ending February 23, 1904.

PHILLIPS:
MAINE WOODS AND WOODSMAN PRINT
1904.
Town Warrant.

To George M. Esty, a Constable of the Town of Rangeley, County of Franklin, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rangeley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of a Free High School.

Article 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair highways and bridges the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair State road.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of text-books and school supplies for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of schoolhouses for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on town debt.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay on indebtedness.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Fish Hatchery, and how the same shall be expended.
ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for building and repairing of sidewalks.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay town charges.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to abate any part of F. S. Dickson's tax, and if so, how much.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to have the taxes collected same as last year and, if so, how much money shall be raised to pay discount on same.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Library.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay J. A. Russell for public watering tub.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to construct a building to house the road machinery in and, if so, how much money shall be raised to pay for the same.

ART. 21. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay insurance on schoolhouses.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to grant Aaron Soule and associates a privilege to lay water pipes along in the limits of Pleasant street in Rangeley village, for the purpose of conveying water to certain houses along said street.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to build a schoolhouse at Oquossoc Station and, if so, how much money shall be raised to pay for the same.

ART. 24. To transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, at 12:30 p.m., on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1904.

EUGENE I. HERRICK,  
LINCOLN A. TOOTHAKER,  
ISAAC E. NILE.  

The Selectmen of Rangeley.
Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Rangeley:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending February 23, A. D. 1904.

During the year we have laid out two new Town Ways and both have been accepted by the town, one leading from the end of the town way near Bald Mountain Camps to land owned by F. C. Barker on Mooselookmeguntic lake, and one leading from Pleasant street to Allen street in Rangeley village. The town has borrowed the following amounts of money during the year:

- $525 to pay for Schoolhouse lot.
- $1000 to pay outstanding town order No. 1038 and note due Phillips Savings bank.
- $10,000 to build and furnish new schoolhouse.

The east and west boundaries of the town have been perambulated during the year. The amount appropriated for town charges was insufficient to pay the same, as there were several unforeseen items for which there was no appropriation and which had to be paid and charged to account of town charges. Our appropriation for town charges should be increased another year. Last spring we made a thorough readjustment of valuations, going over the field in a thorough manner and valuing property higher than it has been in years past, thereby making a lower tax rate and bringing our valuation nearer to a true cash basis. We recommend that a building be built to keep the road machinery in as we have the following new machinery: Road Machine, Wheel Scraper and Snow Roller. These articles cost the town over $400 and are worth what they cost if properly cared for.

Last spring we had the Lockup thoroughly renovated, the same being in a very bad condition. We recommend that the town take action regarding the collecting of poll taxes from transient persons.
as quite a percentage of our unpaid taxes are against persons who are only taxed a poll tax and the town loses quite an amount each year by such persons leaving town before paying their tax. A vote of the town to instruct the collector to collect all poll taxes by the first of September following the assessment would save many dollars to the town each year.

List of property at cash value in the town of Rangeley, county of Franklin, for the year 1903, as made and returned to the State. Assessors as required by law:

Number of Polls taxed, 336.
Number of Polls not taxed, 30.
Rate of taxation, .014.
Value of Real Estate, Resident, $203,645 00
" " " Nonresident, 176,455 00
Total value of Real Estate, $380,100 00
Value of Personal property, Resident, $98,933 00
" " " " Nonresident, 14,660 00
Total value of Personal property, $113,593 00

Valuation of Town,

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<th>LIVE STOCK</th>
<th>NO.</th>
<th>AVE. VALUE</th>
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<td>Horses</td>
<td>344</td>
<td>$65 31</td>
<td>$22,480 00</td>
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<td>Colts, 3-years-old.</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>60 59</td>
<td>1,030 00</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>37 50</td>
<td>375 00</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>30 00</td>
<td>270 00</td>
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<td>Oxen</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>38 75</td>
<td>775 00</td>
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<td>Cows, 3-years-olds.</td>
<td>229</td>
<td>26 39</td>
<td>6,042 00</td>
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<td>2 &quot;</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>20 86</td>
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<td>143</td>
<td>14 62</td>
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<td>Swine</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>7 44</td>
<td>1,124 00</td>
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<td>Sheep</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>6 10</td>
<td>421 00</td>
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<td>2.258</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>2 29</td>
<td>5138 00</td>
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<td>Muscial Instruments,</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>6 00</td>
<td>168 00</td>
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<td>Wood and Bark.</td>
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<td>3,928 00</td>
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<td>Carriages</td>
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<td>800 00</td>
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</table>
| Total value of Real Estate, $380,100 00
Value of Personal property, Resident, $98,933 00
" " " " Nonresident, 14,660 00
Total value of Personal property, $113,593 00

Valuation of Town,
Boats, $4,400 00  
Stock in Trade, 29,225 00  
Trust Companies Stock, 100 00  
Bank Stock, 300 00  
Logs and Lumber, 24,262 00  
Furniture, 8,000 00  
Machinery, 200 00  

Total: $113,593 00

Number of Scholars, 276.
Dogs, Male, 58.
Dogs, Female, 15.
Rate paid for collecting taxes, 1 per cent.

Appropriated and Assessed.

For State Tax, $1,021 98
  County Tax, 407 56
  Support of Common Schools, 900 00
  Support of Free High School, 250 00
  Abatement of F. S. Dickson's Highway tax, 25 00
  Highways and Bridges, 2,500 00
  Text-books and Supplies, 400 00
  Repairs of Schoolhouses, 100 00
  Interest on Town Debt, 130 00
  Fish Hatchery, 300 00
  Snow Roller, 100 00
  Sidewalks, 700 00
  Town Charges, 400 00
  Memorial Day, 10 00
  Support of Library, 50 00
  Discount on Taxes, 150 00
  State Road, 200 00
  J. A. Russell for Water Tub, 5 00
  Overlay, 264 16

Amount assessed, $7,913 70
Snow Roller.

| Amount appropriated by town, | $100 00 |
| Expended for same,           | $160 87 |
| Deficiency,                  | 60 87   |
| _Total_                     | $160 87 |

Fish Hatchery.

| Amount appropriated by town, | $300 00 |
| Expended for same,           | $150 00 |
| Balence unexpended,          | $150 00 |
| _Total_                     | $300 00 |

Taxes.

| Appropriated for discount,   | $150 00 |
| Paid discount on taxes,      | $174 97 |
| Deficiency,                  | 24 97   |
| _Total_                     | $174 97 |

Town Charges.

| Appropriated by town,        | $400 00 |
| Paid for printing Town Reports, 1902, | $ 12 00 |
| J. F. Herrick, Ballot Clerk, 1902, | 1 50   |
| Expenses Selectmen to Phillips and Farmington, | 14 75  |
| Blanks, Stationery and Postage, | 10 94  |
| Police Service July 3, 4, 5, | 14 00  |
| A. L. Oakes for perambulating town lines, | 23 50  |
| A. L. Oakes, surveying new road, | 1 50   |
| Recording Deeds Schoolhouse lot, | 1 00   |
| John and L. A. Ross for sheep killed by bears, | 2 00   |
| Printing and advertising Town Bonds, | 54 63  |
Paid J. C. Holman, legal services, $5.00
Express on Town Bonds, 50
John Oakes, keeping tramps, 2.00
J. L. Nile for watering tub, 3.00
G. M. Esty, collecting taxes 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 12.07
E. L. Toothaker, collecting taxes 1903, 70.30
S. A. Ross, reporting deaths and births, 1.50
F. B. Peabody, reporting deaths and births, 9.50
H. V. Kimball, recording births, deaths and marriages, 9.75
H. V. Kimball, salary clerk and treasurer, 20.00
G. M. Esty, services Board of Health, 10.60
F. B. Peabody, services Board of Health, 15.50
H. T. Kimball, services Board of Health, 3.00
F. B. Peabody, vaccinating 220 persons, 55.00
Isaac W. Mitchell, painting signs for Board of Health, 1.00
E. H. Whitney, vaccine, etc., 21.70
Repairs on Lockup and furnishings for same, 22.30
E. H. Prescott, Superintendent of Schools, 100.00
Abatement of Taxes 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 70.68
E. I. Herrick, services Selectman, 80.00
L. A. Toothaker, services Selectman, 55.00
I. E. Nile, services Selectman, 50.00

Deficiency, $354.22

Town Orders Drawn and for What Purpose.
Amount of orders drawn.
For roads and bridges, $1,821.44
sidewalks, 636.57
schools, books and repairs, 2,295.61
state paupers, 245.51
road machine, 250.00
Financial Standing of the Town of Rangeley February 23, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Phillips & Rangeley railroad stock, par value, $4000 00

Rangeley Cemetery, estimated value, $2,000 00
Town house and lot, 1,200 00
Schoolhouses, estimated value, 8,000 00
School books and fixtures, estimated value, 400 00
Uncollected taxes in 1900, G. M. Esty, collector, 5 27
" " " 1901, " " " 12 13
" " " 1902, " " " 40 29
" " " 1903, E. L. Toothaker, collector, 959 32
From state for state paupers' bills, 192 27
" " " roads, 150 00
One set of blocks, iron bars, etc., in hands of Road Commissioner, 15 00
From H. E. Pickford for building road, 15 00
Taxes and costs bid in for town, 36 26
Cash in treasury, 5,152 24

$18,177 78

LIABILITIES.

Phillips Savings bank notes 4 per cent interest, $2,000 00
Phillips Savings bank notes 4½ per cent interest, $1,000.00
Arthur Rowe note 4 per cent interest, 525.00
Town bonds 4 per cent, 10,000.00
Outstanding orders not yet presented for payment, 124.45

Total Resources over Liabilities, $13,649.45

Resources over Liabilities,
Respectfully submitted,
EUGENE I. HERRICK, LINCOLN A. TOOTHAKER, ISAAC E. NILE,

Selectmen of Rangeley.

Treasurer's Report.

Town of Rangeley in account with H. V. Kimball, Treasurer for 1903.

Cr.

By cash in Treasury Feb. 20, 1903, $14.70
from Arthur Rowe, 525.00
State Treasurer Free High School, 342.50
Phillips Savings bank, 1,000.00
State Treasurer Paupers' bills 1902, 55.09
" " " 1903, 53.24
" " State road 1902, 100.00
" " school fund and mill tax, 771.01
" " dog license refunded 1902, 58.68
for dog licenses 1903, 111.00
town bonds sold, 10,025.00
Dr. F. B. Peabody school books sold 1902, 60
E. H. Prescott school books sold 1903, 276
Geo. M. Esty collector 1902, 965.41
E. L. Toothaker collector 1903, 6,862.30
By cash Eben Rowe rent of town hall by Grange, $20 00
Isaac Oakes, grass cut on school lot, 3 00
Interest on public school fund, 54 00

$20,964 29

Dr.

To paid state tax, $1,021 98
County tax, 407 56
Note Phillips Savings bank, 500 00
Note Sylvader Hinkley, 500 00
State treasurer, Dog tax, 1903, 111 00
" deficiency on dog tax 1902, 2 00
Interest, 145 95
for Treasurer’s receipt book, 25
Bounty on porcupines, 4 75
Town orders 1902, 781 01
" 1903, 12,337 55

$15,812 05

By cash in Treasury, 5,152 24

$20,964 29

H. V. KIMBALL, Town Treasurer.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Rangeley:

I hereby have the honor to submit my report of the Public Schools of Rangeley for the year ending Feb. 19, 1904:

Your superintendent took up his duties under the firm conviction that the youth of Rangeley ought to have an opportunity for a thorough common and High school education, and that the town could afford to do no less than to provide such an opportunity. Such has been the aim and the steady, progressive work of the year has justified all claims.

High School.

Important changes have been made in the courses. Three
complete courses are now offered: English, Latin Scientific and College Preparatory. Sufficient appropriation should be made to make the High school year thirty-six weeks. The attendance has been the best thus far in the history of the school and the fact that the College Preparatory course has been entered upon by a majority of the students shows that such a course is called for. The work is quite crowded and in the near future an assistant teacher must be provided.

**Grammar and Intermediate.**

The course in these schools has been modified to give a more thorough preparation for High school work.

**Primary.**

The Primary school demands two teachers. The large number admitted at the beginning of each school year (fall term) makes it imperative that a sub-Primary school be maintained. The school was divided in the fall term, but as no place could be procured for the sub-Primary for the winter term both divisions have been run with one teacher. The new school building, however, provides two Primary school rooms.

**Rural Schools.**

The rural schools with one exception have run three terms of ten weeks each. The Quimby school upon vote of the superintending school committee was closed for the winter term, there not being sufficient scholars to maintain a school.

**Text-Books.**

One year ago the supply of text-books was meagre and nearly worn out at that. The appropriation of last year has been entirely expended, but our schools are quite well supplied with modern, up to date books. However a fair appropriation will be needed this year to supply the rural schools and keep up with the demand.

**Repairs.**

The White schoolhouse which was in very bad shape has been thoroughly repaired.

**Financial Statement.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS.**

That we raise $400 for the High school.
That we raise $1,200 for common schools.
That we raise $200 for Text-Books and Supplies.
That we raise $200 for Insurance, etc.
That we raise $100 for repairs.

_School Money for 1903._

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<td>Received from state,</td>
<td>172.50</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$422.50</strong></td>
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<td>Raised for common schools,</td>
<td>$900.00</td>
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<td>School fund and mill tax,</td>
<td>771.01</td>
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<td>Unexpended 1902,</td>
<td>93.85</td>
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<td>Interest on school fund,</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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**Total for common and High schools,** $2,241.36

_Expended for High School._

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<td>For teachers,</td>
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<td>wood</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$376.50</strong></td>
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_Expended for Common Schools._

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<td>Raised by the town,</td>
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<td>Received for books sold,</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>Over Expended,</td>
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<td>Paid Newell White,</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
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<td>E. H. Whitney,</td>
<td>3.19</td>
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<td>G. A. Proctor,</td>
<td>9.0</td>
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Total, $404.48

Repairs.

Raised by the town, $200.00
Expended, 129.36

Balance unexpended, $70.64

Paid cleaning schoolhouses, A. L. Walton, R. A. Welch, G. D. Hinkley, George Dow, J. A. Russell, Oquossoc Grange, Neal, Oakes & Quimby, $24.50 17.75 18.45 11.00 5.60 41.63 10.00 43.00

Total, $129.36

Detail.

Paid Riley Hinkley, Furbish, Oakes & Quimby, Alonzo Hinkley, George Pillsbury, Charles Quimby, Dexter Huntoon, Fred Soule, $4.50 45.65 75.00 18.00 13.00 20.00 5.00

Total, $106.90

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. PRESCOTT, Superintendent.
Road Agent's Report.

The road agent of the town of Rangeley hereby submits the following report for the year ending February 23, 1904:

Roads and Bridges.

By amount appropriated by town, $2,500 00
  for state road, 200 00

Amount expended on state road,
  on roads in summer for men, $315 00
  on roads in summer for teams, 1,076 82
  for lumber on roads and bridges, 363 46
  for dynamite, tools and repairs, 141 03
  on roads in winter of 1903-4 for men, 38 88
  on roads in winter of 1903-4 for teams, 60 15
  for road agent 50 days at $2, 41 10
Balance unexpended, 563 56

$2,700 00 $2,700 00

Sidewalks.

Appropriated by town, $700 00
Amount expended for men’s work, $165 59
  for lumber, 423 54
  for spikes, 47 44
Balance unexpended, 63 43

$700 00 $700 00
Balance unexpended in 1902 on roads and bridges, $267 38
Amount expended for road machine and scraper, 226 73
  for freight on road machine and scraper, 23 27
Balance unexpended, 17 38

$267 38 $267 38

J. R. TOOTHAKER, Road Agent.