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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF RUMFORD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

RUMFORD FALLS:
TIMES BOOK AND JOB PRINT.
1898.
Town Officers, 1897.

Selectmen,

Clerk,
F. O. Eaton.

Treasurer,
F. B. Martin.

Collector,
Wirt Colby.

Auditor,
Geo. D. Bisbee.

School Committee,
M. F. Corson, John R. Howe, J. F. DeCosta.
Selectmen’s Report.

VALUATION.

The resident real estate, $913,040 00
The resident personal estate, 129,110 00
The non-resident real estate, 168,820 00
The non-resident personal estate, 20,950 00

Total, $1,231,920 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax, $4,248 48
County tax, 2,636 22
Schools, 2,700 00
Poor, 1,000 00
Town debt and interest, 5,000 00
Town charges, 2,000 00
Roads and bridges, 4,000 00
School house repairs, 400 00
School books, 300 00
High school, 500 00
Memorial day, 50 00
Geo. Elliott road, 500 00
Road near round house, 300 00
Fractional overlay, 837 36

$24,472 06
Number of polls, 919.
Rate of poll tax, $2.50.
Amount of poll tax, $2,297 50
The rate of property tax, .018.
Amount of property tax, $22,174 56

Amount of supplementary tax, $24,472 06

Total commitment, $24,540 71

POOR.

DR.
To appropriation, $1,000 00
amt. rec'd from estate of S.S. Blodgett, 150 00
J. E. Stephens, returned by pauper, 5 00
due from town of Lebanon, on acct. Downing children, 23 78
due from town of Lincoln, on acct. Moses F. Wilson, 15 00
due from town of New Gloucester, on acct. Mrs. McIntire, 21 15
due from town of Upton, on acct. Elura Raymond, 8 00
due from town of Peru, on acct. Mrs. Lovejoy, 6 00
due from town of on acct. F. C. Pierson, 24 00
due from State, on acct. Orrison Glines, 113 67

$1,366 60
EXPENSES OF POOR OFF TOWN FARM.

By cash paid out for family of S. S. Blodgett, during sickness:

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<td>Paid D. G. Farnum for washing,</td>
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<td>F. R. Goodwin, for use of house,</td>
<td>17 50</td>
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<td>T. H. Burgess, for supplies,</td>
<td>30 29</td>
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<td>J. F. DeCosta, M. D., medical attendance,</td>
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$145 79

By cash paid out for care and funeral expenses of Mrs. Abigail Newton:

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<td>Paid W. H. Congdon, for preaching funeral sermon,</td>
<td>$3 00</td>
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<td>William Andrews, for digging grave,</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<td>H. A. Stevens, casket and attendance,</td>
<td>22 00</td>
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<td>Jessie Bishop, services at funeral,</td>
<td>1 00</td>
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$31 00

By cash paid out for care of John Bleau:

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<td>J. F. DeCosta, M. D., medical attendance,</td>
<td>25 35</td>
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$50 35

By cash paid out for J. K. P. Simpson:

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<td>Paid J. H. Martin, expenses,</td>
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<td>town of Mechanic Falls, care and supplies,</td>
<td>183 94</td>
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$186 44

By cash paid out for Joseph Gallant:

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<td>Paid J. F. DeCosta, M. D., medical attendance,</td>
<td>$27 00</td>
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Paid Gagnon & Gauthier, supplies, 30 43
  A. Dubie, rent, 15 20
Gagnon & Gauthier, supplies, 32 58
A. Z. Cates, medicine, 19 80
A. Z. Cates, medicine, 3 45

By cash paid out for children of Levi Bixby:
Paid Cordelia Taylor, board, $12 00
C. H. McKenzie & Co., clothing, 4 85
Cordelia Taylor, board, 4 00

By cash paid out for Mattie Hilli:
Paid C. E. Fernald, medicine, $3 90
C. M. Bisbee, M. D., medical attendance, 6 00
C. E. Fernald, medicine, 1 70

By cash paid out for Addison Lufkin:
Paid town of Upton, clothing and care, $8 08
A. Z. Cates, elastic stocking, 2 25
town of Upton, board and clothing, 39 47

By cash paid for care and burial of H. Poland:
Paid W. H. Congdon, preaching funeral sermon, $5 00
William Andrews, digging grave, 4 00
H. A. Stevens, casket and attendance, 25 00
F. H. Bartlett, care, 27 00
J. W. Stewart, M. D., medical attendance, 8 00

$ 128 46

$ 20 85

$ 11 60

$ 49 80

$ 69 00
By cash paid for care of James McDonald:
Paid M. F. Ryan, M. D., medical attendance, $12 00
Mrs. A. Harding, board, 21 00

$ 33 00

By cash paid on account of Joseph Perry and family:
Paid J. F. DeCosta, M. D., medical attendance, $26 00
Gagnon & Gauthier, groceries, 26 62
A. Z. Cates, medicine, 12 05

$ 64 67

By cash paid out for care of Thomas Donovan:
Paid Mrs. Mary Bradeen, board and care, $17 50
M. F. Ryan, M. D., medical attendance, 21 25
Mrs. Angie Young, board and care, 12 90

$ 51 65

By cash paid out for J. D. Paine and family:
Paid J. F. DeCosta, M. D., medical attendance, $10 00
M. F. Ryan, M. D., medical attendance, 8 00
C. M. Bisbee, M. D., medical attendance, 6 00

$ 24 00

By cash paid out for care and burial of George Carrick:
Paid J. J. Calhoun, casket, $27 00
C. E. Fernald, medicine, 3 30

$ 30 30
By cash:

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<td>M. F. Ryan, M. D., attendance on William Martine,</td>
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<td>Gonya Bros., shoes for Mabel Thomas,</td>
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<td>V. E. Fuller, board of Goodwin boys,</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
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<td>C. H. McKenzie &amp; Co., clothing for family of Thomas Blake,</td>
<td>$20.30</td>
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<td>F. M. Rawley, supplies for Geo. Manson,</td>
<td>$17.00</td>
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<td>Wm. H. Farnum, care of Sadie Curtis,</td>
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<td>John Hayes, meals for tramps,</td>
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<td>F. O. Walker, supplies,</td>
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<td>J. E. Stephens, sundries, pauper,</td>
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<td>John Hayes, meals for tramps,</td>
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<td>Geo. W. Stearns, cash paid for feeding tramps,</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
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<td>$3.75</td>
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<td>J. H. Martin, cash paid out for feeding tramps,</td>
<td>$5.15</td>
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<td>S. W. Holt, sundries, pauper,</td>
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$129.98

By cash paid out for Ella H. and Myra Downing:

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<td>Paid A. A. Martin, shoes and clothing,</td>
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<td>A. A. Martin, supplies,</td>
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$23.78

By cash paid out for care of Moses Wilson:

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<td>Paid John Hayes for board,</td>
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$15.00
By cash paid for board of Orison Glines:
Paid Frank Delano, board, $54 10
Frank Delano, board, 47 00
F. B. Stevens, board, 12 67

$113 67

By cash paid for care and transportation of Mrs. Mary H. McIntire to Maine Insane Hospital:
Paid A. K. Lord, $6 95
John A. Decker, cash paid out, 10 20
M. F. Ryan, M. D., medical attendance, 2 00
J. F. DeCosta, M. D., medical attendance, 2 00

$21 15

By cash paid out for Mrs. Elura Raymond:
Paid M. F. Ryan, M. D., medical attendance, $8 00

$8 00

By cash paid out for care of Mrs. Sarah Lovejoy:
Paid C. M. Bisbee, M. D., medical attendance, $6 00

$6 00

By cash paid out for care of Mrs. Foss:
Paid J. F. DeCosta, M. D., medical attendance, $6 00
A. Z. Cates, medicine, 1 00

$7 00
By cash out for F. C. Pierson:
Paid C. M. Bisbee, M. D., medical attendance, $24 00

By total paid out, $1,245 49
By cost of poor at town farm over income from same, 83 80
Balance unexpended, 37 31

$1,366 60

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Dr.
To amount due S. P. Abbott, from year 1896, $90 00
due Mrs. S. P. Abbott, from year 1896, 50 00
received for cream sold, 149 47
oxen sold, 140 00
lard sold, 1 12
3 calves sold, 17 00
chickens sold, 4 20
pork sold, 10 00
cash in hands of J. H. Martin, hay sold, 10 00
eggs and produce, 30 22
Cost of poor on town farm over income from same, 83 80

$585 81
Cr.

By cash paid F. W. Noyes, sawing lumber, $8.98
F. J. Graham, oxen for farm, 125.00
S. P. Abbott, bal. salary, 1896, 90.00
Mrs. S. P. Abbott, bal. salary, 1896, 50.00
A. E. Stearns, insurance of
buildings, 30.00
James S. Morse, grain, etc., 40.03
F. H. Atwood, groceries, 34.30
J. H. Martin, team for use of
farm, 32.50
amount due S. P. Abbott, salary, 1897, 125.00
due Mrs. S. P. Abbott, salary, 1897, 50.00

$585.81

Board has been furnished to paupers on town farm as follows:
Mrs. Foss, 8 weeks.
Child of Levi Bixby, 40 weeks.
William Martine, 2 weeks.
Tramps, 63 meals.

INVENTORY OF TOWN FARM PROPERTY.

3,500 ft. lumber.
6 cows.
1 shote.
35 hens.
20 tons of hay.
20 bushels potatoes.
10 bushels beans.
30 bushels corn on ear.
300 lbs. pork.
15 lbs. dried apples.
20 lbs. ham.
2 barrels of flour.
Town farm and tools.

Total, $3,000 00

TOWN CHARGES.

To appropriation, $2,000 00
cash received from fines and licenses, 68 00
due from M. G. Shaw, 13 70
" " Town of Roxbury, 102 88

$2,184 58

By cash paid J. K. Welch for wood for
lock-up, $ 4 00
Geo. W. Stearns, services
as selectman, 1896, 100 00
J. A. Decker, services as
selectman, 1896, 100 00
J. H. Martin, services as
selectman, 1896, 150 00
F. B. Martin, services as
treasurer, 1896, 100 00
J. J. Calhoun, services as
ballot clerk, 3 00
F. O. Eaton, services as
town clerk, 25 00
F. O. Eaton, recording
births, etc., 24 00
R. F. Pub. Co., printing
town reports, 41 80
By cash paid R. F. Pub. Co., printing warrant for town meeting, 6 00
Wirt Colby, services as constable, 6 00
W. H. Stevens & Co., assessors' books, 11 20
Fred A. Porter, services as Sec. of Board of Health, 25 00
M. F. Ryan, M. D., returning births and deaths, 8 97
J. H. McKeeman, wood for lock-up, 2 50
C. H. McKenzie & Co., extension case for papers, 1 00
G. H. Marden, writing out evidence, a fire inquest, 5 00
E. E. Morse, in full of services as Supt. of Schools, 1896, 46 51
Empire Printing Co., printing and stationery, 2 00
Fred A. Porter, use of Odd Fellows small hall, 14 00
J. W. Stuart, returning births and deaths, 2 50
F. A. Knight, wood for lock-up, 5 50
J. F. DeCosta, M. D., returning births and deaths, 14 00
Empire Printing Co., printing bonds and licenses, 3 40
Selectmen's expenses to Paris, 7 90
A. E. Morrison, bond for Wirt Colby, collector, 35 50
By cash paid J. J. Calhoun, blankets for lock-up, 10 00
M. F. Corson, part salary as Supt. of Schools, 1897, 54 00
M. F. Corson, part salary as Supt. of Schools, 52 00
selectmen, witnesses on Swain Notch road, 6 50
A. W. Thomas, carrying County Commissioners to Andover, 8 00
R. F. Light & Water Co., light for lock-up, 13 00
C. M. Bisbee, M. D., returning births and deaths, 7 00
C. M. Bisbee, M. D., services as member of Board of Health, 1896, 5 00
C. M. Bisbee, M. D., virus and vaccination, 3 50
Union Safe Deposit Co., treasurer's bond, 25 00
Empire Printing Co., printing police badges, 1 25
Loring, Short & Harmon, record book, 12 30
C. F. Abbott, services as constable and cleaning Wigwam after town meeting, 5 00
M. F. Corson, part salary as Supt. of Schools, 1897, 42 00
H. E. Abbott, postage and stationery, 2 46
By cash paid M. F. Corson, part salary as Supt. of Schools, 1897, 50.00
selectmen, expenses to Paris on Swain Notch road, 4.50
B. B. Wyman, wood for lock-up, 5.00
A. Z. Cates, stationery, 4.05
Chas. E. Fernald, stationery, 1.75
D. A. Dyer, special police, 2.00
A. K. Lord, special police, 2.00
John P. Swasey, on Swain Notch road, 33.00
James Demerritt, special police, 3.00
J. H. Martin, cash paid on survey of line between Rumford and Newry, 4.50
John Howe, labor and board of men on survey of line between Rumford and Newry, 7.00
M. F. Corson, part salary as Supt. of Schools, 1897, 52.00
Wirt Colby, part salary as collector, 1897, 250.00
Wirt Colby, part salary as collector, 1896, 100.00
P. M. Edmonds, et als, witness fees on services on Swain Notch road, 109.75
Henry Nelson, survey of Swain Notch and Roxbury Notch roads, 31.50
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<td>S. W. Richardson, sheep killed by dogs, selectmen, expenses and witnesses on Swain Notch road,</td>
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<td>Wirt Colby, bal. of salary as collector, 1896,</td>
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<td>Geo. D. Bisbee, salary as auditor, 1896,</td>
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<td>Geo. D. Bisbee, legal services for 1895-6-7,</td>
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<td>John P. Swasey, legal services on Swain Notch road,</td>
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<td>Fred Carroll, laying sewer by order of Board of Health,</td>
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By cash paid Swasey & Swasey, legal services in 1893, 7 00
J. H. Martin, cash paid out for expenses, 25 20
A. Z. Cates, stationery, 30
James L. Demerritt, wood for lock-up, 4 50
H. M. Colby, making deeds and pension papers, 1 25

Total, $2,038 7 1
By bal., 145 8 7

$2,184 58

ROADS AND BRIDGES.
To appropriation, $4,000 00
dirt sold, 1 00
due from James McGregor for plough, 20 00
sidewalk titles, 21 47

$4,042 47

By cash paid out for repairs on roads at Rumford Falls:
Paid A. Q. Coolidge, labor, $ 16 80
J. H. McKeeman, “ 3 00
J. L. Thomas, “ 7 00
J. N. Vaughn, “ 4 65
A. Q. Coolidge, “ 17 25
Edward Holland, “ 2 40
A. L. Gowell, “ 8 64
Blanchard & Twitchell Co., lumber, 1 65
C. F. Abbott, labor, 1 25
James McGregor, salary as road commissioner from Feb. 15 to
May, 1, 1897, 100 00
Charles Nichols, labor, 3 75
A. Q. Coolidge, “ 15 00
Paid Aben Robinson, " 7 45
B. P. Putnam, " 16 15
F. P. Putnam, " 24 73
R. F. Light & Water Co., iron pipe for culverts and water tub, 93 81
James Burke, labor, 6 00
J. N. Vaughn, " 10 20
C. F. Wheeler, " 7 90
Otis Wyman, " 16 10
W. M. Blanchard, " 5 75
William Toupin, " 3 81
F. W. Curneil, " 11 27
R. F. Lumber Co., lumber, 3 12
W. I. White, repairs on canal bridge, 24 50
H. M. Colby, labor as road commissioner, 118 12
R. N. Vaughn, labor, 2 25
G. C. Eastman, water tub, 2 50
J. H. McKeeman, sprinkling streets, 10 00
Jacob Gill, labor, 2 25
Henry Nelson, surveying on roads, 14 40
F. E. Banks, labor, 1 50
W. S. Richardson, " 2 25
R. F. Lumber Co., 28 84
Geo. P. Manson, labor, 103 45
William Coulombe, " 159 00
Dorick Biliveau, " 61 21
A. Q. Coolidge, " 163 20
Aben Robinson, " 44 05
Charles Pelkey, " 33 00
Fred H. Tibbetts, " 39 80
Joseph Gauthier, " 24 00
Charles F. Wheeler, " 32 25
Eugene Gagnon, " 9 00
D. F. Roberts, " 20 50
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R. E. Martin, land for road on Red Hill, 25 00
Frank Martin, labor as road commissioner, 61 52
H. H. Hutchins, labor, 4 00
W. R. Swain, damage to wagon, 2 50
S. L. Moody, labor, 13 50
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Up town division, $2,029 52
Falls " 1,734 56
By bal., 278 39

$4,042 47
In the "up town division" there was a large number of old bills of '96, which were paid by the selectmen and placed in that account.

NEW ROAD NEAR TOLL BRIDGE.

To amount of appropriation, $300 00
amount raised at special town meeting, 175 00

By cash paid in part of contract, $300 00
cash paid in full of contract, 175 75

Overdrawn, $475 75
75

FILL IN HIGHWAY NEAR ALBERT VIRGIN'S.

To amount of appropriation, $500 00

By cash expended by H. M. Colby, Road
Commissioner, as follows:

Paid Aben Robinson, labor, $47 25
Thomas Guaning, " 6 75
Dorick Biliveau, " 15 00
Geo. B. Manson, " 17 25
Charles Pelksey, " 13 50
A. Q. Coolidge, " 45 50
Wm. Coulombe, " 24 00
Edward Murphy " 9 75
Toney Bossoloria, " 8 25
Eugene Gagnon, " 5 25
James Sutton, " 5 25
Harry Kerr, " 3 00
Henry M. Colby, " 37 12
Peter C. Thomas, " 75
R. F. Paper Co., 666 feet cedar, 6 66
Paid Blanchard & Twitchell, 600 feet plank, 8 10
Lander & Bisbee, 10 lbs. spikes, 40

$253 78

Unexpended balance, 246 22

NEW ROAD OPPOSITE RUMFORD CENTER.

Dr.
To appropriation, $500 00

By cash expended by Frank Martin, Road Commissioner, as follows:

Paid A. S. Curtis, labor, $ 4 50
G. T. Thurston, " 52 50
Frank M. Thurston, " 31 50
W. H. Thurston, " 26 50
J. H. Estes, " 60 05
O. L. Brown, " 2 25
Carl G. Thurston, " 22 50
C. H. Rowe, " 12 00
Geo. W. Curtis, " 21 00
Wm. Hopkins, " 19 50
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Burt Kidder, " 1 00
N. B. Jackson, " 7 00
F. E. Abbott, " 1 00
C. H. Graham, " 56 25
A. L. Dolloff, " 5 75
John F. Martin, " 21 00
Lander & Bisbee, tools, etc., 15 18
Frank Martin, labor, 40 00
Bal. unexpended, 27 02

$500 00
27

J. E. COLBY POST, G. A. R.

Dr.

To appropriation, $50 00

Cr.

By cash paid Frank Martin, 50 00

ABATEMENTS, 1896.

J. F. Putnam, error, $ 90
C. H. McKenzie & Co., error in valuation, 11 60
Alfred Argincour, et als, left town, 548 46

$560 96

DISCOUNT ORDERS.

6 per cent discount, $678 51
3 " " " 101 53

$780 04

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Appropriated by town for common schools, $2,700 00
Appropriated by State for common schools, 2,353 28
Interest on school fund, 175 80
Appropriated by special meeting, 500 00

$5,729 08

Number of scholars as enumerated April 1st, 1897, 971.
SCHOOLS.

To amt. of appropriation, $2,700 00
received from State, 2,353 28
interest on school fund, 175 80
amt. raised at special meeting, 500 00

$5,729 08

By cash paid:
- P. O. Howard, wood, No. Rumford, $ 9 00
- Geo. Curtis, wood, Center, Red Hill and Isthmus, 30 00
- Percy Bellows, janitor, Peru Annex, 1 50
- S. A. Austin, wood, Peru Annex, 13 50
- C. M. Elliott, wood, Thurs­ton, So. Rumford, Ea. Rumford, Virginia and Round House, 42 25
- R. F. Pub. Co., printing, 4 00
- C. F. Abbott, janitor, 81 25
- G. T. Thurston, board of teacher, 27 50
- teachers, salary in part, 311 50
- teachers, salary in part, 623 00
- A. C. Segar, wood, E. Ellis, 11 00
- F. V. Abbott, wood and care of house, 14 00
- Arthur Putnam, janitor, So. Rumford, 2 00
- teachers, salary in part, 636 00
- B. B. Wyman, wood, 6 75
- Ray Vaughn, janitor, Vir­ginia, 10 00
By cash paid Willie Bishop, janitor, Ea.
   Rumford, 2 00
Charlie Virgin, Rumford, 2 00
Mrs. Conroy, janitor,
   Round House, 4 50
Florence Kimball, janitor,
   Center, 2 00
Fred Grant, janitor, Point, 2 00
J. H. McKeeman, coal,
   Falls, 282 10
Geo. W. Curtis, wood,
   Swain road, 3 00
C. F. Abbott, janitor, Falls,
   in part, 85 00
C. N. Porter, wood, Falls,
   teachers, salary in part, 1 25
John F. Martin, wood, Point,
   teachers, salary in part, 626 00
Sadie Colcord, janitor, Red
   Hill, 4 00
Josephine Graham, teaching,
   E. Rumford, 22 50
Evangeline Furnell, teacher,
   Falls, 20 00
Geo. Jones, janitor, So.
   Rumford, 2 00
Ray Vaughn, janitor, Virginia,
   janitors, 10 00
   teachers, salary in part, 16 75
   " " " " 279 00
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By amt. due schools, Feb. 15, 1,435 98

$5,729 08
Due the teachers and janitors at close of present term (estimated) $1,400.00.

SCHOOL BILLS FOR 1896.

To balance unexpended, $411 02

By amt. paid B. B. Wyman, wood and repairs, Swain road, $4.55
B. B. Wyman, wood, 2.00
C. F. Abbott, janitor, Falls, 105.00
R. F. Pub. Co., printing notices, 1.00
teachers, salary in part, 402.05
janitors, care of school house, 41.75
teachers, salary in part, 76.00
W. H. Thurston, wood for schools, 36.00
F. O. Walker, sunds. for schools, 16.78
Fred Grant, janitor, 4.00
G. T. Thurston, wood, 3.00
Lucien Blanchard, carrying water, 8.25
C. H. McKenzie, wood, Falls, 6.50
R. F. Paper Co., oil for stoves, 11.20
Geo. B. Barker, two heaters, 30.00
J. J. Calhoun, sunds., schools, 2.10

To balance 337.51

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## SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

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Angie Bishop, cleaning house, E. Rumford, 2 00
Mrs. P. W. Silver, cleaning house, E. Ellis, 2 00
Balance due schools, 100 98

$400 00

Estimated bills due, $140 00

REPAIR BILLS FOR 1896,

J. J. Calhoun, oil stove for High School, 15 30
H. B. House, grading around High School, 3 00
C. R. Abbott, repairs on school houses, 19 84
F. B. Carroll, labor and material, 3 38
E. E. Morse, cash paid for repairs, 5 79
F. S. Hodsdon, supplies, 1 56
W. I. White, repairs, 5 50
W. V. Kimball, rent of land for shed, 5 00
H. A. LeBarron, repairs, 5 30
G. C. Eastman, 3 45

$68 12
SCHOOL BOOKS.

To amt. appropriated, $300.00
   bal. from 1896 appropriated, 139.93
Books sold,
By cash paid F. J. Rolfe, paper, $115.00
   A. Z. Cates, 10.95
   American Book Co., 21.12
   Ginn & Co., 32.57
   Wm. Ware, 5.00
   D. C. Heath & Co., 30.80
   Thompson, Brown & Co., 4.80
   J. L. Hammett Co., 12.71
   M. F. Corson, express, 10.32
   A. Z. Cates, 2.55
   Empire Printing Co., 3.50
   American Book Co., '96 bill, 74.38
   University Pub. Co., '96 bill, 1.50
   J. L. Hammett Co., '96 bill, 3.43
   Ginn & Co., '96 bill, 81.13
   American Book Co., '96 bill, 56.20
   bal. due on book account, 82.60

$445.06 $445.06

UNPAID BILLS.

Ginn & Co., $13.77
American Book Co., (estimated) 25.00
Silver, Burdett & Co., 12.20
Amount due from M. F. Corson for books sold, $1.01.
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FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

To amt. of appropriation, $500 00
amt. paid by and due from State, 250 00
unexpended bal. from 1896, 411 02
amt. received for tuition, 3 00

$1,164 02

By amt paid teachers, '96, in part, $164 00
E. E. Morse, balance due '96, 78 90
G. W. Stearns, spring term,
Falls, 200 00
G. W. Stearns. fall term, Falls, 200 00
G. W. Stearns, winter term,
in part, 80 00
Balance due high school, 441 12

$1,164 02 $1,164 02

At the end of this term there will be due Mr. Stearns $160.00; also at the close of the high school at Rumford Point there will be due Mr. Small $130.00, which sums taken from the above balance will leave $151.02 to be credited to the free high school account.
1897, Feb. 13.

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To cash from Geo. W. Stearns, license, circus, 2 00
J. H. Martin, oxen sold off town farm, 140 00
J. H. Martin, lard sold off town farm, 1 12
J. H. Martin, produce sold off town farm, 30 22
J. H. Martin, three calves sold off town farm, 17 00
J. H. Martin, chickens sold off town farm, 4 20
J. H. Martin, pork sold off town farm, 10 00
J. H. Martin, cream sold off town farm, 149 47
Wirt Colby, Collector for 1896, 4,516 28
Wirt Colby, Collector for 1897, 19,990 95

1897
By paying int. on school fund note, $175 80
State pensions, 432 00
County tax for 1897, 2,636 22
State " " " 4,248 48
State dog license, 123 00
Interest on bonds, 840 00
Notes and interest, 7,271 48
Orders, 16,577 36
Cash balance in treasury, 3,501 40

$35,865 74

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FREELON B. MARTIN,
Treasurer of Rumford.
This certifies that we have examined the above account and found it correct, and in the treasurer's hands is three thousand five hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty cents ($3,561.40.)

JERRY H. MARTIN,  
JOHN A. DECKER,  
GEO. W. STEARNS.  

Selectmen of Rumford.

Rumford, Me., Feb. 21, 1898.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of F. B. Martin, treasurer of the town of Rumford, and find the same correctly cast as stated; that the item of sixteen thousand five hundred seventy-seven dollars and thirty-six cents ($16,577.36) for orders paid, I have examined each order and find them as stated, together with vouchers on file for the same.

GEO. D. BISBEE, Auditor.
### Financial Standing of Town.

#### LIABILITIES.

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#### RESOURCES.

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Due from State on account of sheep killed by dogs, 4 00
Town of Lebanon, support of Downing children, 23 78
Town of Lincoln, support of Moses F. Wilson, 54 00
Town of New Gloucester, support of Mrs. McIntire, 21 15
Town of Upton, support of Mrs. Elura Raymond, 8 00
Town of Peru, support of Mrs. Sarah Lovejoy, 6 00
Town of Peru, support of F. C. Pierson, 24 00
James McGregor for plough, 20 00
Roscoe Knight for plank, 12 75
Town farm, stock and tools, 3,000 00
Road tools, 25 00
Old road machine, 60 00
New road machine, 200 00
Cash in hands of J. H. Martin for hay sold on town farm, 10 00
Due from M. G. Shaw, 13 70
M. F. Corson, books sold, 1 01

Total resources of town, $16,844 80
Town debt, $27,705 49

$44,550 29

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Discount, $ 800 00
Town debt and interest, 5000 00
Support of poor, 1000 00
Miscellaneous expenses, 2000 00
Roads and bridges, 6000 00
Schools, 3500 00
High School, 800 00
Books, 400 00
Repairs, 500 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JERRY H. MARTIN, Selectmen
JOHN A. DECKER, of
GEO. W. STEARNS. Rumford.

Rumford, Me., Feb. 21, 1898.

I hereby certify that the Selectmen of Rumford have this
day exhibited to me vouchers numbered from one to three
hundred ninety-two, inclusive, amounting to the sum of six-
teen thousand, five hundred seventy-seven dollars and
thirty-six cents ($16,577.36), for which, orders drawn for
same, have been paid and are now in the hands of the
Treasurer.

GEO. D. BISBEE, Auditor.
## School Statistics.

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### RUMFORD FALLS.

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- **Fall.** Mary E. Howe.  
  - 10 60 52 10 00 100 00
- **Winter.** Mary E. Howe.  
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#### Grade II.

- **Spring.** Clara Elliot.  
  - 10 43 37 10 00 100 00
- **Fall.** Jennie Martin.  
  - 10 45 39 10 00 100 00
- **Winter.** Jennie Martin.  
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#### Grades III and IV.

- **Spring.** Lilla E. Curtis.  
  - 10 52 43 11 00 110 00
- **Fall.** Lilla E. Curtis.  
  - 10 62 54 11 00 110 00
- **Winter.** Lilla E. Curtis.  
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#### Grades V and VI.

- **Spring.** Sue Thompson.  
  - 10 39 37 12 00 120 00
- **Fall.** Sue Thompson.  
  - 10 45 43 12 00 120 00
- **Winter.** Sue Thompson.  
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#### Grades VII and VIII.

- **Spring.** Sue Graham.  
  - 10 10 00 100 00
- **Fall.** Sue Graham.  
  - 10 10 00 100 00
- **Winter.** Evangeline Furnell.  
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### HIGH SCHOOL.

#### Rumford Falls.

- **Spring.** Geo. W. Stearns.  
  - 10 39 37 20 00 200 00
- **Fall.** Geo. W. Stearns.  
  - 10 53 49 20 00 200 00
- **Winter.** Geo. W. Stearns.  
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#### Rumford Point.

- **1897.**  
  - **Spring.** E. E. Morse.  
    - 10 27 22 13 00 130 00
  - **1898.**  
    - **Spring.** Harry Small.  
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*Schools in session at time of making report.*
Superintendent's Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF RUMFORD:

In accordance with the law and an established custom, the following report of the condition of the schools of Rumford, and the doings of the committee is respectfully submitted.

At no time in the past has the education of our children claimed the attention of the citizens of Rumford so generally as at the present time. The reason is, an interest has been awakened. Throughout the year it has been our aim, as far as practicable, to employ only those persons as teachers who had had experience in teaching, and at the same time possessed ample qualifications for their work. Sixty-five terms of school have been taught in our town during the year, and to care for these schools, all but three of the teachers so employed were those of experience. These three, one a student from Hebron Academy, and two from the Rumford High Schools, have been very successful, showing that they have the qualifications for becoming good instructors.

Of the teachers of experience that were employed, twenty of them were either from colleges, normal schools, academies, or high schools. With this army of teachers, it isn't to be wondered at that we can report a prosperous year. For the saying oft quoted holds true in this case, "As the teacher, so is the school."

As a rule, it has been our purpose to retain the same teacher in the different schools throughout the year. In nearly all of the cases where we have deviated from this rule, circumstances beyond our control have prevented our retaining them. Of the teachers who desired to be relieved from their work during the winter term, several wish to return when the spring schools open, and it would be wise to secure them.
During the past school year your superintendent has devoted his entire time to school work, assisting the teachers in planning the work to be done, and giving such suggestions as the circumstances demanded, requiring the teachers to be punctual in all their work, urging them to be courteous in their intercourse with their pupils. By encouraging the pupils in attending school regularly, and if possible have them do so because of a kindly feeling toward the school and the teachers; by showing them that he had an interest in their individual welfare, recognizing promptly whatever of progress they may have made; by bringing to their notice the advantage an education would be to them, and by assisting them whenever it would be for their good. In short, by being personally interested in the schools, their work and the advancement they are making. A marked improvement can be seen in nearly all of our schools, which can be attributed to the employing of good efficient teachers.

At this time I wish to thank the teachers who have kindly co-operated with me in bringing about this improvement, the scholars for their hearty good will, the parents for the interest they have manifested in the work, and the members of the School Board for their much needed assistance and advice.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

During the past year no new school houses have been built, but needed repairs have been made on several of the old ones, repairs that will be permanent. The houses at East Rumford and Abbott's Mills have been plastered, and are now comfortable. It would be economy to treat the house at Abbott's Mills to a coat of paint. The house at East Rumford needs to be clapboarded and should have new desks, then it would be all that would be required. New doorsteps and a platform have been built for the house at Rumford Point. The inside of the Isthmus school house
has been painted and varnished. At times water has leaked into the cellar of the high school building at the Falls, which, in time, might have undermined the walls and resulted in serious damage. To guard against this, the cellar has been thoroughly cemented. The blackboards in the several school houses have been painted and a few new ones added. They are now in quite good condition.

The school house at Rumford Center is in bad shape. It is useless to attempt to repair it. Money laid out on this house is money wasted. It was a condemned building several years ago, and age has not improved it. What is needed here is a new house with modern furniture. Under the circumstances we repaired this house only as we were obliged to in order to make it comfortable. A new floor and modern desks are needed in the house at Peru Annex. The desks now in use are low, and, consequently, very uncomfortable to sit in.

A profitable high school is now in session at Rumford Point. This school has been maintained one term in the year for the past two years. But the conveniences for the same are not what they should be. The house is too small to accommodate all the pupils attending. To remedy this, the building should be enlarged and new desks supplied, or a new school house built. Whatever is done, it would be profitable to have two rooms in the building, for this reason, that at times it might be advantageous to the scholars to have the town school in session at the same time the high school was.

There is another matter that should not pass unnoticed, that is, the needs of the children living on the Swain Road. That part of the town is increasing in population. During the year a profitable school has been maintained in the old school house, ten scholars attending during the spring and fall terms. The school house is a total wreck. The only way to repair it is to build a new one.
remains the same as last year with this exception: an English Course has been added to the high school work. We believe that our course of study should be broad enough to accommodate all of our children. We know that there are boys and girls attending our schools, who neither want nor need Greek or Latin, but they desire to graduate from our high school. They realize that in order to be among the best people of our land, to be fitted for the business pursuit of life, they must be educated. But they need that education that will apply to their individual needs. Therefore, you will readily see why the above course has been added.

In nearly all of the schools the course of study has been followed quite closely. The work done in language, arithmetic, reading, and geography was excellent. At Oxford North Agricultural Society's annual fair, two of the three prizes offered for the best specimens of map drawing were won by Rumford scholars.

The pupils attending Miss Curtis' school at the Falls, and those of Miss Morton's near the Round House, have each purchased a library of thirty or more volumes for the use of their respective schools. The pupils of Miss Howe's school on Red Hill purchased a flag for their school, which was thrown to the breeze at the close of the fall term. Exercises appropriate for the occasion were furnished by the children.

At the close of the spring term, those pupils who had completed the grammar school course of study, as required by our school, participated in appropriate graduating exercises which were both interesting and entertaining. We hope that the events of that day have left such an impression upon the pupils in the schools of Rumford, that as the years present themselves, similar exercises will be held.

I claim that it would be economy for the town to raise
money enough for school purposes, to maintain thirty-six weeks of schooling in the year. The majority of our scholars leave school by the time they are sixteen years old. The farther advanced they are when they leave our schools, the better fitted they will be to enter any of the departments of business. Our course of study demands longer terms. The grammar school course, if followed, will fit pupils for any academy or high school in advance, thereby saving to the individual. And we expect to prove at the close of the spring term, by the class that will graduate at that time, that the completion of the high school course will fit pupils for any college in the State. Short terms will not accomplish the work. It will take two weeks at the commencement of a term, especially with a new teacher, to get started.

We have much to encourage us in the raising of extra money. During the year, the attendance in each of the several schools has been excellent, as any one will observe by looking over the school statistics. The attendance has increased nearly one hundred throughout the town. At the Falls the average attendance is fifty-six more than last year. If the attendance continues as it is at present, it will necessitate the securing another teacher for the building. At the present time, there are registered in the high school, fifty-four pupils; grammar grade, forty-five; intermediate, fifty-nine; primary rooms, one hundred and five, making a total of two hundred and sixty-nine children in the building. Another year, the number of pupils attending our schools will be larger rather than smaller. The high school at the Point is now in session with nearly forty pupils, a large increase over former years. The $2700 raised by the town at its annual meeting, together with $500 provided at a special meeting, furnished means for maintaining over thirty weeks of school for all the children in town. I trust that the citizens will see the economy in longer terms, and the reason why more money is needed.
TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Four teachers' meetings have been held during the year. At these meetings interesting discussions on school management, methods to be used in teaching given subjects, and how to improve schools along the lines they were unsatisfactory, were participated in by those present. These meetings furnished the means for the teachers to exchange ideas, thereby bringing out the best methods for the successful management of schools in such a light as to be a help to each other in their work. They stimulate the teacher to new activity. The success of one teacher will encourage others to work on the same line that success may crown her efforts. These meetings are productive of much good. They have been well attended and should be continued.

Another meeting was planned, but this was given up to make way for the Oxford County Teachers' Association, which met at Rumford Falls and Mexico Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, 1897. At this meeting many of the prominent educators of our State were present, who gave us practical suggestions, which materially aided our teachers thereby benefitting our schools.

We would at this time again urge upon the parents and those interested in the school work the practice of visiting the schools often, thereby encouraging the teacher and at the same time showing to the pupils that you have an interest in their welfare. Many a school, existing unfortunately with an outside impression that the school is a partial failure, would be materially improved by frequent visits from parents. The same results will follow in all schools under like circumstances.

No class of workers needs encouragement as much as the teacher. They have the care of many different minds. We expect everything of them. Opinions of what our schools are accomplishing are formed without once visiting
the teacher in the school room and learning from observation the amount of work she is doing, the efforts she is putting forth for the upbuilding of noble manhood.

Parents should consider it their duty to require their children to attend school regularly, they should give the teacher their cordial support, they should encourage the children to study at home and in their intercourse with their teachers and school mates to be courteous.

It would be a good plan for parents to select the reading matter for their children rather than to allow them to make the selection for themselves. Many a young man refers to trashy reading as being the cause for his present downfall. We can't do too much for our youth; we can't show too much interest in their welfare.

It should be considered the individual duty of each parent to encourage the children in following the course of study as prescribed by the proper school officers. It means everything to the child. The looking forward to the day when they will complete a certain part of the course of study and be promoted to a higher grade is an inspiration to the pupils to do their best. Parents, give your children all the encouragement possible. They need it, and it will be a passport to the best positions in the land. They will then leave our schools, a credit to the efforts put forth, the pride of the home, in fact, possessing the requisites for becoming good and honorable American citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. CORSON, Supt. of Schools.
Warrant for Annual Meeting.

To WIRT COLBY, a constable of the Town of Rumford, in the County of Oxford, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Rumford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Wigwam at Rumford Falls in said town on the seventh day of March at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

FIRST.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
SECOND.—To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
THIRD.—To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor for the ensuing year.
FOURTH.—To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
FIFTH.—To establish the rate per cent for collecting taxes, or salary, and to choose a Collector for the ensuing year.
SIXTH.—To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.
SEVENTH. To see if the town will vote to elect a Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing year and to choose the same.
EIGHTH.—To choose a School Committee.
NINTH.—To choose a Town Auditor for the ensuing year.
TENTH.—To choose all other necessary town officers.
ELEVENTH.—To see if the town will vote to grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, to purchase school books,
to repair school houses, to care for the poor, to pay town
debt and interest, to repair roads and bridges, to pay mis-
cellaneous expenses, and to defray all other town charges.

Twelfth.—To see if the town will vote to allow a dis-
count on all taxes paid before a specified time, or charge
interest on all taxes remaining unpaid after a specified time,
or both.

Thirteenth.—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 needed to defray town
charges.

Fourteenth.—To see if the town will vote to continue
the Free High Schools as established, and to see what sum
of money the town will vote to raise for the support of same.

Fifteenth.—To see if the town will vote to raise a sum
of money for the proper observance of Memorial Day, to
be expended under the direction of Joseph E. Colby Post,
G. A. R.

Sixteenth.—To see if the town will vote to buy a safe
or provide a vault for the safe keeping of town books and
records, also to see what sum of money the town will vote
to raise for the same.

Seventeenth.—To see if the town will vote to buy a
“rock crusher” and screens, also to see what sum of money
the town will vote to raise for the purchase of same.

Eighteenth.—To see if the town will vote to build a
new school house at Rumford Center, and Rumford Point,
also such other places as it may deem necessary. Also to
raise a sum of money to build the same.

Nineteenth.—To see if the town will vote to fix the sal-
ary of all town officers for the ensuing year.
Twenty-first.—To see if the town will vote to build the road and bridge as located by the county commissioners across the river at the "head of the falls," so called. Also to see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for building said road and bridge.

Twenty-second.—To see if the town will vote to build an iron bridge across the canal in front of the "passenger station" at Rumford Falls. Also to see what sum of money the town will raise for building said bridge.

Twenty-third.—To see if the town will vote to locate a road and bridge across the Ellis river nearly opposite the house of H. E. Hutchins. Also to see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for building said road and bridge.

Twenty-fourth.—To see if the town will vote to accept the road as laid out by Albert Virgin, beginning at a point in the highway south of the house of Albert Virgin, running westerly about ten rods, thence northerly across lot owned by J. E. Stephens, following Virgin street as laid out by said Albert Virgin to a point in said street opposite the house now owned and occupied by Willard Witham, also from a point on said Virgin street, opposite the house of J. D. Thomas, extending easterly to a junction with highway near house of Aben Robinson. Also to see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairing said road, and paying land damage to said J. E. Stephens.

Twenty-fifth.—To see if the town will vote to petition the county commissioners to locate a road from a point near
the school house in the "Peru annex," so called, extending in a southerly and easterly direction to the house now occupied by A. B. Gowell.

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 upon the applications of persons claiming the right to have their names entered upon said list, at the Wigwam at Rumford Falls, from ten o'clock in the forenoon until two o'clock in the afternoon, on Saturday, March 5th, 1898. Also at the Wigwam at Rumford Falls in said town, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February, A. D., 1898.

JERRY H. MARTIN,  
JOHN A. DECKER,  
GEO. W. STEARNS.  

Selectmen of Rumford.

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