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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1st, 1889, AND
ENDING FEBRUARY 1st, 1890.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

I. E. MALLETT,
CHAS. P. EDGECOMB,
JOSEPH WHITNEY.

TOWN CLERK.

CHARLES E. WHITE.

TOWN TREASURER.

EDWIN M. BROWN.

TOWN AGENT.

JAMES BARRON.

COLLECTORS.

C. W. PURINTON,
JOHN O. MESERVE,
E. H. PHINNEY.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

D. L. SMITH.

AUDITORS,

F. C. WHITEHOUSE,

E. BEAUMONT.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Topsham submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the town, for the year 1889, beginning February 1st, 1889 and ending February 1st, 1890, as follows :

The value of the taxable property on the first day of April 1889, was :

Total Resident Real Estate,	\$346,975 00	
" " Personal Estate,	108,169 00	
" Non-Resident Real Estate,	183,193 00	
" Non-Resident Personal Estate,	13,077 00	\$651,414 00

Number of Taxable Polls 369.

Assessed on each Poll, \$3.00.

Rate of Taxation on the dollar, 14 mills.

ASSESSMENTS.

For State tax,	2,257 71	
County tax,	1,154 47	3,412 18
Common Schools,	1,800 00	
High School,	500 00	
Poor in Alms house,	200 00	
Poor out of Alms house,	300 00	
Note Account,	400 00	
Miscellaneous	1,100 00	
Fire Department,	100 00	
Interest and Coupons,	400 00	
A New Town house,	1,000 00	
Hay Scales,	50 00	
Repairs of School houses,	150 00	
Electric Lights,	400 00	
Overlayings,	414 61	6,814 61
Regular Commitment,		10,226 79
Supplementary Tax,		70 19
Total Commitment,		\$10,296 98

RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Rec'd from State for Common Schools,	825 06	
State for High School,	250 00	
Town of Winthrop, Luke Shepard	23 03	
For old Bridge plank,	5 20	1,103 29
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Total of Appropriations and Receipts.		\$11,400 27

ABATEMENTS TO COLLECTORS.

To C. W. PURINTON.

TAXES OF 1885.

J. F. Blondell and wife,	5 81	
William Berry, poor,	3 94	
John Harnden, poor,	3 00	
George Robinson, not in town '85,	3 00	
J. H. Southard, poor,	3 00	18 75
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TAXES OF 1886,

George Robinson, not in town, '86,	3 80	
S. A. Thompson, property not owned,	34 06	
C. M. White, not in town '86,	3 00	
F. P. Jaquith, away,	1 00	
J. H. Southard, poor,	3 80	
Alonzo Ward, poor,	5 30	
Harry Watson, poor,	3 00	
Charles E. Orr, poor,	3 00	56 96
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TAXES OF 1887.

J. F. Blondell and wife,	4 10	
John Courson, poor,	3 00	
John Harnden, poor,	3 00	
George Robinson, not in town '87,	3 00	
Charles H. Southard, poor,	3 00	
S. A. Thompson, property not owned,	12 85	
Charles Hunter, not of age,	3 00	
James Lapham and son, poor,	6 54	

James Purinton, property not owned,	12 90	
Henry Stubbs, not in town '87,	3 00	
J. H. Southard, poor,	3 00	
Alonzo Ward, poor,	3 66	
Jonathan Williams, dead,	1 43	
George E. Quint, away,	3 00	
Harry Watson, poor,	3 00	68 48
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Total,		144 19

To E. H. PHINNEY.

TAXES OF 1888.

A. P. Tate, not in town '88,	3 00	
Edward Berry, away,	3 00	
Timothy Bailey, poor,	3 00	
Stephen Bailey, poor,	3 00	
Norris Curtis, property not had,	6 00	
John Frisby, away,	3 00	
Sarah W. Hunter, money not had,	2 00	
Charles Hunter, away,	3 00	
Alonzo Jellerson, away,	1 00	
George McIntire, not in town '88,	3 00	
Robert Powers, away,	5 00	
George Robinson, not in town '88,	3 00	
William E. Quint, away,	3 00	
Charles Southard, poor,	3 00	44 00
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TAXES OF 1889.

Fred Fielding, minor in '89,	3 00	
Walter Fields, minor in '89,	3 00	
Alphonso Falkner, minor in '89,	3 00	
Orlando Mountford, not in town, '89,	3 00	
J. P. Winchell, administrator, taxed twice,	14 00	26 00
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Total,		70 00

ABATEMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS.

W. B. Purinton,	Overvaluation,	2 00	
Marshall Powers,	"	1 00	
Josiah Orr,	"	50	
Francis Adams,	"	2 00	
W. S. Rogers,	"	8 41	
H. B. Fisher,	"	4 00	
William Cann, money not had,		7 00	24 91
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Total Abatements,			239 10

No Appropriation having been made for Abatements, we close the account by charging it to the town.

HIGHWAYS.

There was no appropriation in money, hence we charge this account also to the town.

Paid For Labor in 1887 as follows :

To Cyrus Flagg,	12 90	
C. F. Wilson,	1 05	
W. B. Purinton,	4 00	
Jude Hyde,	2 40	20 35
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Paid for Labor in 1888.

To Cyrus Flagg,	6 00
C. F. Wilson,	1 50
W. B. Purinton,	23 00
H. Mallett,	22 37
E. H. Hunter,	6 75
A. C. Allen,	4 50
J. Lapham & Son,	7 70
Thomas Rogers,	12 15
C. P. Thompson,	3 00
Joseph Whitney,	4 00
William Barron,	111 07
C. P. Thompson,	50

Geo. E. Barnes,	2 55
W. H. Haley,	9 65
Richard Tarr,	10 88
Josiah Orr,	3 25
D. S. Blake,	4 75
C. A. Ward,	4 58
B. M. Patten,	19 00
Henry G. Powers,	1 50
M. A. Tarr,	6 55
Joseph Dufresne,	2 05
G. H. Berry,	5 25
A. J. Hildreth,	13 35
W. Alexander and others,	8 79
Josiah Orr,	2 75
A. H. Goodwin,	10 05
A. M. Clark,	60
W. S. Rogers,	2 00
C. A. Clough,	14 88
Caleb Ridley,	4 88
Zina Noyes,	56 35
G. R. Staples,	2 25
H. S. Cary,	3 72
J. F. Mallett,	7 73
M. G. Powers,	1 50
John Rolf,	47
C. P. Edgecomb and others	8 00
S. T. & E. M. Brown, lumber,	90 10
Nathan Stewart,	90
T. H. Staples,	3 00
William Dunning,	3 45
Albion S. Jack,	4 00
Geo. R. Powers,	3 15
Dunham Berry,	2 85
J. W. Preston,	3 67
B. B. Wilson,	22 95

Harry Grady,	75	
C. T. Patten, lumber,	4 00	
C. C. Tebbetts,	17 80	
J. S. Drinkwater,	1 50	
Total paid on acc't of Bridges and Highway for 1888.		\$567 99
Bills paid of 1889.		
To C. T. Patten, lumber,	40 50	
W. E. Graves, “	32 45	
C. H. Colby, “	13 87	
S. T. & E. M. Brown, lumber,	18 45	
Horace Eaton, Material,	3 98	
Total paid for 1889		\$109 25
Total paid for years 1887, 1888 and 1889.		\$697 59

COMMON SCHOOLS. Dr.

BILLS PAID FOR TEACHING.

Carrie A. Williams,	50 00
Minnie B. Merrill,	30 00
Kate Griffin,	50 00
Fred A. Nash,	50 00
Harry D. Mallett,	50 00
Emily J. Whitten,	60 00
C. J. Giveen,	50 00
Mary L. Merserve,	50 00
Fannie M. Graves,	50 00
Mattie L. Tarr,	50 00
C. M. Giveen,	50 00
Nettie Alexander,	65 00
Mary J. Douglass,	50 00
Sadie A. Adams,	57 50
Carrie A. Williams,	48 00
Lizzie A. Williams,	40 00
L. M. Richardson,	40 00

E. A. Bradley,	36 00	
Callie Reed,	40 00	
Fannie M. Graves,	44 00	
Grace M. Blondell,	44 00	
Nettie Alexander,	56 00	
Minnie B. Merrill,	48 00	
Inez C. Packard,	48 00	
Abbie E. Hunter,	50 00	
E. J. Whitten,	54 80	
L. M. Richardson,	44 00	
E. A. Bradley,	48 00	
Ada Livermore,	44 00	
Callie Reed,	40 00	
Abbie E. Hunter,	50 00	
Minnie Merryman,	30 00	
Fannie M. Graves,	44 00	
Carrie A. Williams,	18 00	
J. M. Williams,	44 00	
Minnie B. Merrill,	48 00	
Grace Blondell,	40 00	
Alice L. Jack,	55 00	
Nettie Alexander,	56 00	
E. J. Whitten,	54 80	
M. C. Nowell,	46 00	
H. Ada Livermore,	51 00	
Maggie C. Marr,	49 50	
Abbie F. Minnard,	48 00	
J. A. Alexander,	49 00	
Abbie E. Hunter,	52 00	
Minnie B. Merrill,	48 00	
E. A. Bradley,	60 00	2,280 60

CARE OF HOUSES.

L. H. White,	12 50
Mary F. Cannon,	3 00

A. Goodwin,	2 00	
Mrs. Groves,	3 00	
Josephine Wilson,	2 50	
Henry Cannon,	3 00	
Mrs. S. Melvin.	2 00	
Willie A. Clough,	1 20	
W. F. Cannon,	4 00	
Horace J. Whitney,	1 00	
Harry A. Hall,	1 75	
Carrie A. Williams,	2 50	
Minnie B. Merrill,	2 50	
Kate Griffin,	2 50	
F. A. Nash,	2 50	
Harry D. Mallett,	2 50	
E. J. Whitten,	5 00	
C. J. Giveen,	2 50	
M. A. Meserve,	2 50	
Fannie M. Graves,	2 50	
Mattie L. Tarr,	2 50	
C. M. Giveen,	2 50	
Mary J. Douglass,	2 50	
Abbie E. Hunter,	2 25	70 70

BILLS PAID FOR WOOD.

Mattie L. Tarr,	1 00
G. M. Graves,	9 50
O. W. White,	11 19
T. H. Sprague,	14 00
B. S. Luce,	17 50
T. H. Rogers,	8 00
Swanzy Wilson,	13 00
L. H. White,	15
A. M. Graves,	2 00
Wm. R. Tate,	8 00
Carr Bros.,	2 00

J. White & Sons,	12 00	
Edward White,	5 00	
B. Reed,	14 00	
B. M. Patten,	5 00	
C. T. Patten,	60 74	186 08
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BILLS PAID FOR REPAIRS.

B. S. Luce,	1 75	
John Rolf,	3 30	
L. Larrabee,	4 25	
A. J. Merriman,	32 43	
L. H. White,	2 00	
S. T. & E. M. Brown,	35 82	
Henry Cannon,	3 30	
F. S. Reed,	14 75	
J. S. Drinkwater,	5 63	
S. C. Hacker & Son,	4 88	
J. White & Sons,	5 04	113 15
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BILLS PAID FOR SUPPLIES.

J. F. Will,	3 48	
J. Rolf,	3 38	
Fannie M. Graves,	20	7 06
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BILLS PAID SUPERVISORS.

D. L. Smith,	123 58	
T. M. Giveen, year of '88,	11 29	
G. L. Quint, teams for T. M. Giveen, '88,	21 32	156 19
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Balance due Common Schools,	191 37	191 37
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		3,005 15

CR.

By Appropriation,	1,800 00
Repairs,	150 00
Unexpended balance February 1, '89,	173 40

Town of Bowdoinham,	23 33	
Railroad and Telegraph tax,	98 88	
State School Fund,	726 18	
Interest on School Fund,	33 36	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		3,005 15

HIGH SCHOOL.

Dr.

BILLS PAID.

For Teaching, F. W. Sanford '88,	202 25	
Teaching, F. W. Sanford '89,	175 00	
Teaching, W. G. Mallett '89,	187 50	564 75
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SUPPLIES.

J. Rolf,	1 00	
T. M. Giveen,	3 04	
L. H. White,	15	4 19
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CARE OF HOUSE.

L. H. White,	19 00	
F. W. Cannon,	7 50	
Henry Cannon,	2 00	28 50
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REPAIRS.

L. H. White,		3 35
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SUPERVISION.

T. M. Giveen,		20 00
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Unexpended Balance Feb. 1, '90.		326 64
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		947 43

Cr.

By Unexpended balance Feb. 1, '89,	197 43	
Appropriation,	500 00	
From State,	250 00	947 43
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.		DR.
BILLS PAID.		
For Service at meetings for the year '89,		113 50
E. Beaumont shoveling off cisterns,		3 80
SUPPLIES.		
John Furbish,	1 13	
A. Q. Goud,	1 75	
J. F. Chaney,	13 90	16 78
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Unexpended balance Feb. 1, '90,		138 22
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		272 30

CR.		
By Unexpended balance Feb. 1, '89,	172 30	
Appropriation,	100 00	272 30
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MISCELLANEOUS.		DR.
BILLS PAID.		
J. F. Chaney, balance service '88,	29 70	
S. Knight, " " "	8 40	
J. A. Fisher, " " "	10 50	
I. E. Mallett, services in part '89,	69 53	
Joseph Whitney, " " "	65 00	
C. P. Edgecomb, " to Feb. 1, '90,	102 10	285 23
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BOARD OF HEALTH.		
J. C. Purinton,	10 45	
D. Work,	10 00	20 45
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PAID COLLECTORS.		
E. H. Phinney, com. in full to Feb. 1, '90,	214 97	
C. W. Purinton, " " "	54 47	269 44
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E. M. Brown, Treasurer's salary,		50 00
Sampson Colby, Constable fees,	3 00	
E. H. Phinney, " " "	50	3 50
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PAID ATTORNEYS.

W. E. Hogan,	100 00	
Weston Thompson, bills for '86, '87 & '88,	71 23	171 23
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Agricultural Society, rent of hall,	25 00	
A. G. Tenney, printing reports of '89,	37 66	
McLellan, Mosher & Co., town books,	12 64	
J. A. Fisher, attending hearing at Augusta,	3 00	
E. Beaumont, auditing acct's '88,	5 00	
I. E. Mallett, postage stamps	1 00	
R. P. Whitney, oil,	29	
Expense on J. M. Staples' case,	28 08	
Bought of Isaac Coombs, stone hammer,	2 00	
H. C. Upton, printing ballots,	1 00	
B. Reed, damages on road,	30 00	
Fred Atkinson, painting sign,	1 25	
Josiah Orr, labor, order of Health Committee,	75	
Henry Cannon, cleaning office,	2 00	
Bath Times, advertising non-res. taxes,	7 50	
L. W. Tedford, building new road,	50 00	
S. Knight, summoning witnesses on J. M. Staples case,	2 50	
G. L. Quint, team for Health Committee,	1 25	
S. Knight, witness fee on J. M. Staples case,	2 00	
O. F. Thompson, " " " "	2 00	
David Work, " " " "	2 00	
Daniel Blake, " " " "	2 00	
Joseph Hayes, filing blanks for Mrs. A. Ward,	1 00	
S. Knight, witness fee Otis George case,	3 70	
S. Knight, housing road machine,	1 00	
Zina Noyes, work on lockup foundation, '88	6 00	
L. White, opening Agricultural hall,	1 00	
C. P. Edgecomb, expenses to Auburn,	1 25	
To balance unexpended,	67 28	1,100 00
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By appropriation,		1,100 00

POOR OUT OF HOUSE.

Dr.

TO BILLS PAID.

Insane Hospital, Celia A. Colby,	140 67	
Supplies to Mary Ward,	5 00	
Town of Bowdoinham, death and burial of C. H. Brawn's wife,	51 55	
Wood and coal to Mrs. D. Flagg,	29 70	
Supplies to E. Brawn,	4 00	
Supplies to Alexander Ward, '88,	18 50	
“ “ “ '89,	4 00	
Dr. M. V. Adams, medical attendance Mrs. A. Ward,	20 00	
State Reform School, Alex. Ward's Son,	8 29	
C. H. Colby, lumber to repair Leavitt house,	3 60	
Ivory Courson, board of Mary Pollard,	4 00	
R. R. Ticket, for Mary Pollard,	50	
Dr. Coombs, medical attendance, Isaac Cannon's child,	8 00	
City of Auburn, W. H. Doughty, '86,	15 65	
J. Rolf, supplies E. Brawn,	3 83	
Unexpended balance Feb. 1, '90,	31 91	349 20

Cr.

By unexpended Balance, Feb. 1, '89,	49 20	
By appropriation,	300 00	349 20

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

J. O. MESERVE, Collector.

Dr.

To Balance due Feb. 1, 1889, 1,228 36

Cr.

By amount paid Town Treasurer, 620 76

Amount due Feb. 1, 1890.

607 60

C. W. PURINTON, Collector.

Dr.

To balance due Feb. 1, 1889. 611 08

	CR.		
By paid Town Treasurer,		584 47	
Balance due Feb. 1, '90; "Balance paid Feb. 13, '90,"			26 61
E. H. PHINNEY, Collector.	DR.		
To balance of '88 Tax, Feb. 1, '89,		3,346 61	
	CR		
By paid Town Treasurer,		3,252 49	
Balance due Feb. 1, '90,			94 12
E. H. PHINNEY.	DR.		
To Commitment of '89,		10,226 79	
Supplemental of '89,		70 19	
	CR.		
By paid State Tax,		2,257 71	
County Tax,		1,154 47	
Town Treasurer,		3,271 32	
Balance due Feb. 1, '90,			3,613 48

TREASURER'S REPORT. DR.

To balance in the Treasury, Feb. 1, 89,	548 42	
Cash received from the following parties:		
E. H. Phinney, Collector,	6,111 24	
C. W. Purinton, Collector,	584 47	
John O. Meserve, Collector,	620 76	
State for Common Schools,	726 18	
State for High School,	250 00	
Non-Resident Taxes collected,	257 51	
Town of Winthrop aid Luke Shepherd,	23 03	
For Bridge plank, (old)	5 20	
Peddler's License,	6 00	
Railroad and Telegraph Tax, (State)	98 88	
Interest and Expense on Non-Resident Taxes,	22 58	9,254 27
	CR.	
By Town orders paid,	6,981 29	
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, '90,	2,272 98	9,254 27

EDWIN M. BROWN, TREASURER.

TOWN FARM.		DR.	
Inventory Feb. 1, '89, Live Stock,		316 00	
Utensils and Furniture,		407 21	
Supplies,		264 11	
M. A. Tarr, Salary in part,		50 00	
Paid out for Supplies for the year,		492 71	
Salary due M. A. Tarr, to Feb. 1, '90,		242 32	1,772 35
CR.			
Inventory Feb. 1, '90, Live Stock,		273 00	
Utensils and Furniture,		407 58	
Supplies,		152 65	
Received for Produce,		550 13	
Appropriation,		200 00	
Balance Overdrawn,		188 99	1,772 35

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Coupons,		338 00	
Interest on Town Orders,		3 33	
Interest on Notes,		40 00	
Unexpended balance, Feb. 1, '90,		125 04	506 37
CR.			
Unexpended balance, Feb. 1, '89,		54 11	
Appropriation,		400 00	
From E. H. Phinney, interest on Res. taxes,		32 18	
From E. M. Brown, Non-Res. taxes,		20 08	506 37

NOTE ACCOUNT.

The following were outstanding Feb. 1, '89.

Trustees of School Fund,		667 28	
Trustees of Pejepscoot Lodge,		100 00	
Angier H. Merriman,		100 00	
I. S. Balcome,		200 00	
I. S. Balcome,		400 00	1,467 28

The following are outstanding, Feb. 1, '90.

Trustees School Fund,	667 28	
Trustees Pejepscof Lodge,	50 00	
Angier H. Merriman,	50 00	
I. S. Balcome,	100 00	
I. S. Balcome,	200 00	
Appropriation,	400 00	1,467 28
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TOWN RESOURCES, FEBRUARY 1, 1890.

Due from J. O. Meserve. nearly all worthless,	607 60	
C. W. Purinton, paid Feb. 13, '90,	26 61	
E. H. Phinney, '88, '89,	3,707 60	
E. M. Brown, Non-Res. tax '87,	11 00	
E. M. Brown, Non-Res. tax '88,	86 04	
E. M. Brown, Res. taxes '88, sold,	102 19	
E. M. Brown, balance in Treasury,	2,272 98	
State for High School,	125 00	6,939 02
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TOWN LIABILITIES, FEBRUARY 1, 1890.

Bonds due in '91,	8,450 00	
Notes to Individuals,	400 00	
School Fund,	667 28	
Interest bearing debt,		9,517 28
Due Common Schools,	191 37	
High School,	326 64	
Fire Department,	138 22	
Poor out of House,	31 91	
Interest Account,	125 04	
Electric Lights,	110 40	
Miscellaneous,	67 28	
Orders Outstanding,	77 85	
M. A. Tarr,	178 30	
Non Interest bearing debt,		1,247 01
Total Liabilities,		10,764 29
Balance against town,		3,825 27

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1890.

Common Schools,	2,000 00	
Miscellaneous,	1,200 00	
Highways and Bridges,	1,800 00	
Interest and Coupons,	400 00	
Notes,	400 00	
Fire Department,	100 00	
Abatements,	300 00	
Town Farm,	300 00	
Poor out of House,	300 00	
Sinking Fund,	2,000 00	8,800 00
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ISAAC E. MALLET,	}	Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Topsham.
CHARLES P. EDGECOMB,		
JOSEPH WHITNEY.		

TOPSHAM, MAINE, February 22d, 1890.

The Auditors of the Town of Topsham have examined the accounts of receipts and expenditures presented by the Selectmen, as Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, for the year, to Feb. 1st, 1890, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

The accounts of the Treasurer, Edwin M. Brown, have been examined and found correct. His statements show in condensed form the transactions for the year.

F. C. WHITEHOUSE,	}	AUDITORS.
EDWARD BEAUMONT,		

SCHOOL REPORT.

In submitting this brief statement of the schools of Topsham, the Supervisor, regrets exceedingly, his inability at this time to make a more extended report.

SCHOLARS.

The whole number of Scholars in town, April 1st, 1889, was 403. The number in the village 189. The number out of the village 214.

The financial standing of the schools up to February 1st, 1890, may be found in the Selectmen's report.

In the Common schools there have been three terms of eight weeks each, with the exceptions of Nos. 3, 8 and 12, No. 3, is entitled to one week more, and No. 12, to five week more.

The High School has had three terms. Spring term, 7 weeks, Fall 10, Winter 12, Total 29.

This school has been well managed, and those attending have had excellent opportunities for improvement, but it is to be regretted, that the attendance has been so small.

Of the other schools I cannot speak in detail. I think, however they have been generally satisfactory. The greatest disadvantage to their success is the lack of funds, with which to employ first-class teachers.

The Free Text Book system comes into effect next August, and according to an estimate made by the direction of the State Superintendent 400 dollars will be required for that purpose, which sum I would recommend the town to appropriate.

In conclusion I desire to again express my sincere regret, that I have been unable to do more for the interest of the schools.

Respectfully,

D. L. SMITH.

February 24, 1890.

WARRANT
For Annual Town Meeting,
March 3, 1890.

To Edward H. Phinney a Constable of the Town of Topsham in the County of Sagadahoc,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsham qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the Agricultural Hall in said town, on the third day of March A. D., 1890, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To choose three Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, a Constable and Collector of taxes, a Supervisor or three Superintending School Committee, two or more Auditors, and all other necessary town officers.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote for the support of Common Schools, Free High School, Highways and Bridges, the Poor in and out of the Alms House, the Abatements, and to pay Notes for Interest and Coupons, Miscellaneous expenses, the support of the Fire Department, and all other necessary town charges or to act on any matter relating to the same.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote for the support of Electric Lights, or to act on any matter relating to the same.

ARTICLE 6. To see what salary the town vote to pay the Town Treasurer.

ARTICLE 7. To see what time the taxes of the ensuing year shall become due, at what time interest shall commence if any, what rate of interest shall be charged, to see what rate per cent. we shall pay our Collector, and to act on any matter relating to taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money if any the town will vote Emily J. Whitten for injuries received at the foot of Winter street Hill, from being run into by boys sliding.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to buy another road machine and what sum of money, if any, shall be raised for the same.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to tax the owners of dogs, one dollar for each dog owned the first day of April, 1890.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to abate the list of taxes returned by J. O. Meserve through his Attorney, Barrett Potter, as uncollectable.

ARTICLE 12. To see what instructions the town will give the Selectmen regarding Shad Island and the Electric Light Station.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to accept the bequest of Mrs. Caroline Einos, of two hundred dollars, in trust, the interest thereof to be appropriated to the care of her burial lot in the Cemetery.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to appropriate for a sinking fund.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at public or private sale, all Non-resident Real Estate, bought by the town for non payment of taxes, redemption period having expired,

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the School Committee, or Supervisor, to make such changes in the School books now used in town as they may deem expedient.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the purchase of School text books.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to hire the room adjoining the Selectmen's office, and fit it up for a lockup the expense not to exceed fifty dollars.

Given under our hands at Topsham this 22d day, of February, A. D. 1890.

ISAAC E. MALLETT,)	Selectmen
CHARLES P. EDGECOMB,)	of
JOSEPH WHITNEY.)	Topsham.