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REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
AUDITOR, TREASURER,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
of the
TOWN OF SEARSMONT,
for the
MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING MAR. 2, 1892.

BELFAST:
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**SELECTMEN'S REPORT.**

**LIABILITIES.**

Collector's commission for year 1890, $117 00
" " " 1891, 136 00
Will be due March 25 to Roxanna Fitzgerald for support of Josiah Ladd, 13 00
Will be due A. F. Lawry for support of John Spear, March 25, 25 00
Will be due Alba O. Heal for support of Abbie Conant, March 25, 15 00
Will be due Wm. L. Ladd for support of Irving Field, March 25, 4 25
Will be due Joseph S. Burgess for support of Rufus Richards March 25, 36 00
Will be due Jos. S. Burgess for support of John Mahoney and family, 17 00
Due Henry Mahoney for care Westbrook K. Thomas, 10 00
Due Roxanna Fitzgerald for support of John Mahoney and family, 9 00
State tax for 1891, 1016 24
Will be due Searsmont Building Co. Mar. 6 for rent, 8 75
Due school districts, 277 08
" Mark Rolerson for wood for office, 1 50

| Resources over liabilities, | $1685 82 |

**RESOURCES OF TOWN.**

School fund and mill tax for 1891, 765 70
Resident tax deeds, 170 74
Non-res. tax deeds, 233 41
Due from S. S. Bean as coll. of 1890, 258 56
" " " " " " 1891, 2754 41
One cow furnished for use of Mrs. W. K. Thomas, 25 00
One safe in selectmen's office, 75 00
Rec'd from State for burial expenses of James C. Brown, 34 50
Rec'd from State for free high school, 93 60
  "  "  E. C. Bowler amount of subscriptions
for free high school, 93 60
Auctioneers' licenses, 4 00
Pedlers' licenses, 6 00
Rec'd for sale of Maine Reports, 5 00
  " from town of Washington, 51 91
  " for sale of cow (W. K. Thomas est.) 15 00

TOWN RAISED AND ASSESSED.

For town charges, $200 00
  collector's and treasurer's commission, 150 00
  contingent expenses, 200 00
  support of poor, 800 00
  roads and bridges, 400 00
  purchase of safe, 75 00
  overlay on cash tax, 13 96

EXPENDED.

For town charges, $251 50
  contingent expenses, 146 44
  support of poor, 824 29
  roads and bridges, 592 19
  coll. and treas. commissions, 139 23
  purchase of safe, 75 00

Overdrawn, 189 99

RAISED FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Expended:

Paid H. P. Farrow for town plan, $7 00
  L. C. Poor for getting reports printed 1 50
  S. S. Bean for rent of office 3 months, 8 75
  A. A. Clement for blank books and
  stationery, 10 30
  G. B. Dyer for moving safe, 5 00
  M. P. Pendleton printing reports, 1890, 9 00
  A. G. Caswell error in tax deeds, 8 77
  S. S. Bean 3 months rent of office, 8 75
  "  " 3 "  "  " "  " 8 75
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<td>Warren Bros. writing desk &amp; book case</td>
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<td>S. S. Bean 3 mos. rent of office &amp; hall</td>
<td>8 75</td>
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<td>team and expenses to Camden</td>
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<td>Paid J. F. Burgess services as S. S. committee</td>
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<td>A. A. Jewett &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
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<td>A. L. Maddox services as town clerk</td>
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<td>S. S. Bean &quot; &quot; &quot; constable,</td>
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<td>L. S. Marriner, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor</td>
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<td>G. B. Dyer, Jr., services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor</td>
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<td>A. G. Caswell services as law agent,</td>
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<td>O. D. Wilson services as auditor</td>
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$200 00
Town raised and assessed for support of Poor, $800.00
Rec’d from State for burial of J. C. Poor, 34.50
and due from town of Washington, 52.91

Total resources, $887.41

Expended:

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<td>Paid for care of W. K. Thomas</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; support of Rufus Richards</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; A. K. Jameson</td>
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<td>&quot; S. S. Brown for rent of house</td>
<td>22.50</td>
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<td>&quot; P. A. Crooker for medical attendance ’90</td>
<td>10.00</td>
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<td>&quot; A. Millett for medical attendance and death certificates</td>
<td>4.25</td>
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<td>&quot; for support of the Mahoney &amp; Metcalf families</td>
<td>133.18</td>
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<td>&quot; for the adoption of Metcalf girl by Mr. and Mrs. C. I. H. Ness</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td>&quot; Edwin Brewster for support of Metcalf girl until of age</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td>&quot; Insane Hospital for support and care of W. Whitaker, Mary Luce and C. Spear</td>
<td>224.43</td>
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<td>&quot; Town of Union on John Spear (1890 bill)</td>
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<td>&quot; for moving John Spear</td>
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<td>&quot; A. O. Heal for support of Abbie Conant</td>
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<td>&quot; Roxana Fitzgerald for support of Josiah Ladd</td>
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<td>&quot; for burial of Mrs. Richards</td>
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<td>&quot; for carrying Mary Luce to Augusta</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; support of Irving Field</td>
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Overdrawn, $824.29

$800.00

Town raised for support of roads and bridges, $400.00

EXPENDED.

Paid B. T. Fuller for lumber for bridges, $163.87
" Wm. Cooper for work on Nickerson bridge in 1890, 6.70
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<tr>
<td>L. S. Marriner for labor on Fuller bridge</td>
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<td>James Thompson for labor and materials on Thompson bridge</td>
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<td>Chas. S. Adams for labor and materials on bridge near Loren Fowles</td>
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<td>A. H. Clement for iron work on Ghent bridge</td>
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<td>Geo. Randall for bridge lumber</td>
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<td>Frank Barlow for covering causeway</td>
<td>$8.00</td>
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<td>J. W. Lassell for labor on village bridge</td>
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<td>Geo. H. Clark for labor in dist. No. 20</td>
<td>$20.00</td>
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<td>Chas. Boynton for labor on road</td>
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<td>Otis A. Wellman for hauling lumber for the Magog bridge</td>
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<td>James Luce for labor on road in G. W. Richard’s dist.</td>
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<td>A. T. Waltz for labor on road</td>
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<td>W. L. Bickford for hauling lumber for Ghent and Magog bridges</td>
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<td>Wm. L. Ladd for labor on road</td>
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<td>A. G. Caswell for same</td>
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<td>H. H. Skinner for same</td>
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<tr>
<td>A. Higgins for labor on causeway and road at Cooper’s corner</td>
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<td>G. F. Campbell for labor on Ghent bridge</td>
<td>$27.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>S. S. Bean for building drain near his house</td>
<td>$85.35</td>
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Overdrawn

Unexpended appropriation for school books for the year 1890, $400.00

Expended.

Paid Leach, Shewell & Sanborn for books, $27.12

American Book Co. for books, $40.81

Thomas B. Mosher for books, $11.50
Paid E. H. Butler for books 19 00
" Town of Belmont for books furnished to scholars of Searsmont, 6 81

Unexpended

Amount of highway tax collected in cash, EXPENDED.

Paid overwork to C. A. Wiley, $21 43
" " Daniel Sweetland, 5 64
" " Geo. Donnell, 3 81
" " John O. Black, 5 46
" " E. R. Packard, 37 28
" " Wm. Burgess, 60
" " Llewellyn Lincoln, 6 90
" " W. L. Richards, 1 60
" " J. E. Dolloff, 1 77
" " L. C. Poor, 3 39
" " L. L. Morse, 80
" " H. W. Morse, 85
" " A. B. Knight, 12 52
" " Benj. Brown, 9 09
" " Henry N. Brown, 30 51
" " B. C. Paul, 2 99
" " A. F. Lawry, 17 24
" " L. L. Cross, 5 84
" " Alden Robbins, 23 26
" " Richard Maddocks 9 95
" " A. B. Meservey, 3 51

Unexpendeded 93 58

LIST OF ABATEMENTS:

Blood, Kingman. Moved from town and died, $1 01
Dodge, Herbert. Claims home in Belfast, 3 00
Dunton, Charles. Gone from town, 2 60
Dyer, Allen. Gone from town, 2 60
Fuller, John F. Paid tax in Massachusetts, 3 00
Farwell, Frank. Gone from town, 2 60
Hart, Daniel. Dead, 2 73

$298 02
Jackson, A. K. Gone from town, 2 60
Ladd, Wm. L. Crippled, 2 60
Longfellow, Otis H. Gone, 3 82
Lincoln, J. A. J. More than seventy years old, 2 60
Morton, Joseph. Left town, 3 00
Moore, Colby. Not of age, 3 00
McCormison, Edwin. Gone from town, 3 00
Metcalf, Issac B. Dead, 2 71
Overlock, Alonzo. 2 7 1
Richards, T. J. Poor, 4 04
Roakes, Mrs. Temperance. Poor, 1 10
Thompson, Henry. Not in town, 2 60
Wellman, Isaac. Poor, 2 78
Moore, Llewellyn. Poor and gone from town, 2 00

$56 10

REPORT OF SCHOOL FUND.

Raised by town for school purposes, $1,143 00
School fund and mill tax from State, 765 70
Unexpended school fund from 1890, 147 83
----------$2,056 53

1 $198 50 $203 00 $4 50
2 411 46 410 43
3 144 50 133 23 11 27
4 251 08 222 79 28 29
5 190 30 156 53 33 77
6 26 90 26 90
7 176 59 133 82 42 77
8 89 18 79 10
10 162 50 97 02 65 48
11 116 94 115 95 99
12 27 28 27 28
13 149 30 74 90 74 40
14 .98 50 98 50
15 13 50 13 50
16

$2,056 53 $1,779 45 $4 50 $281 58

Rec’d by subscriptions for free High School, $93 60
" from the State " " " " 93 60
---------- $187 20
EXPENDED:
Paid E. C. Bowler for teaching free High School, $187 20
Searsmont, Feb. 27, 1892.

A. G. CASWELL, Selectmen
L. S. MARRINGER, of
G. B. DYER. Searsmont.

The undersigned has made a careful examination of the foregoing accounts and find them properly avouched for.
OTIS D. WILSON, Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Treasurer for 1890, $6373 39
" for auctioneers licenses, 4 00
" " peddlers licenses, 600
" subscriptions for free high school, 93 60
" from State " " " 93 60
" cash from C. A. Wiley, 31 00
" school fund and mill tax for 1891, 765 70
" Tax committed to S. S. Bean for 1891, 4539 22
" Highway tax on E. L. Bean, est., 29 00
" for sale of Maine Reports, 5 00
" from town of Washington, 51 91
" from State for burial of J. C Brown, 34 50
" " sale of cow (W. K. Thomas), 15 00
Supplementary tax for 1891,

AMOUNT PAID OUT:
Selectmen's orders, $6067 99
State taxes for 1890, 826 62
County taxes, 1890 & 1891,
964 38

Funds returned on settlement:
Uncollected taxes for 1890, $ 258 56
" " " 1891, 2754 41
Non-resident tax deeds,
Resident tax deeds,
School fund and mill tax 1891,
Cash,

Respectfully submitted,
OTIS D. WILSON, Treas.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We respectfully submit the following report of the schools of the town of Searsmont for year ending March 1st, 1892.

At the annual March meeting of 1891, the town voted to raise one dollar for each inhabitant for the support of schools. We recommend that the same be raised for the coming year.

The school money was apportioned to the several districts as follows:

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<td>1 and 16</td>
<td>North Searsmont</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Village</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>411.46</td>
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<td>East Searsmont</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Mountain</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Ghent</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>West Searsmont</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Muzzey Ridge</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Griffin</td>
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<td>South Moutville</td>
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DISTRICT NO. 1.


DISTRICT NO. 2.

Spring term taught by Miss Alice J. Davis. Number attending 43. Average 36. Wages excluding board $5.50 per week. Fall and winter terms taught by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bowler. Number attending fall term 48. Average 41. Winter term 50. Average 43. Wages for both teachers including board $65. per month.

DISTRICT NO. 3.


DISTRICT NO. 4.

DISTRICT NO. 5.


DISTRICT NO. 7.


DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer school taught by Miss Edith Thomas. (Register not received.)

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Spring term taught by Miss Annie Smith. Number attending 20. Average 16. Wages excluding board $3.50 per week. The winter term was commenced by A. L. Maddocks, who taught six weeks when he was taken with a severe attack of the grippe. The school is now in session under the instructions of Jas. F. Burgess. Number attending 22. Wages including board $38. per month.

DISTRICT NO. 11.


DISTRICT NO. 13.


DISTRICT NO. 14.

Spring and fall terms taught by Mrs. L. F. Sukeforth. Number 22. Average 21. Wages including board, Spring $6. per week. Fall $7. Winter term taught by Miss Carrie Hatch. (Register not received.)

Of the above teachers four were from the Castine Normal School, one from Kent's Hill Seminary, three from Bucksport Seminary, one from Pittsfield Institute, and others were educated in the common schools. Our schools have been as a whole profitable. The Free High School in session at the time of our last report, was successful. Your committee have had to purchase a few more books. We intend to practise economy, but at the same time we shall endeavor to supply the real needs of the schools.

Penmanship is one of the most important studies. Every scholar ought to be supplied with the best copy books. Perhaps it might be well for the town to furnish the copy-books.
TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

The results of the law requiring instruction in the effects of stimulants and narcotics, have not been what was intended. To make the instruction general, it must be largely oral because of the primary character of those to be taught. Some of our teachers are not qualified to give oral instruction. If the school committee should fully exercise their authority, some schools would be without a teacher. A majority of the people seem to take no interest in this subject. Parents, teachers and school officers ought to value more highly the importance of this study. If better text books can be procured on this subject, it should be attended to when the opportunity occurs.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

We dislike to speak of the poor condition of a majority of our school houses. The people know that some of them are unfit for school purposes. We hope the people will, at least, consider how they can best remedy this state of affairs.

We believe our common schools are of very great importance, more important than those of higher grades. And although we may differ in our views as to the best plans to pursue, yet we should endeavor to work together in our efforts for their improvement.

A. L. MADDOCKS, Superintending
A. N. JEWETT, School Committee
JAS. F. BURGESS, of Searsmont.