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Report of the Selectmen, Auditor, Treasurer, and Superintending School Committee, of the Town of Searsmont, for the Municipal Year Ending March 2, 1893

Searsmont (Me.)
REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITOR, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SEARSMONT,

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending March 2, 1893.

BELFAST:
R. E. SHUTE, PRINTER.
REPORT.

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Will be due Joseph S. Burgess March 25th for support of R. Richards, John Mahoney, wife and child, and Irving Field, $75.00
Will be due J. S. Burgess March 25th for support of Abbie Conant, 15.00
Will be due A. F. Lawry for support of John Spear, 25.00
Will be due Insane Hospital March 1st for support of Warren Whitaker and Mary Luce (estimated), 80.00
Will be due O. A. Wellman March 25th for support of Josiah Ladd, 12.50
Will be due Searsmont Building Co. for rent, 8.75
Due school districts, 416.97
Due on County tax, 288.42
Will be due S. S. Bean, commission on tax of 1891, 136.00
Will be due J. W. Farrar, commission on tax of 1892, 151.71
Will be due State Reform School April 1st on account of Frank Medcalf, 13.00
Will be due U. G. Brown for support of Phebe Brown to March 25th, 24.00
Due Frank Fuller for bridge timber (estimated), 8.30
Due G. F. Randall for bridge plank " 8.00

$1,262.65

RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Amount due from S. S. Bean, Collector of 1891, $322.49
" " " J. W. Farrar (less highway tax), 1892, 332.17
Non-resident tax deeds, 217.53
Resident tax deeds, 214.60
One safe in Selectmen's office, 75.00

$4151.41

Resources over liabilities,

2888.76

$1262.65
## TOWN RAISED AND ASSESSED.

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**Total Raised and Assessed:** $2367.00

## EXPENDED.

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**Total Expended:** $1912.38

## Unexpended.

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## Expended:

For getting reports of 1891 printed, $1.50

Paid J. S. Fernald for printing reports, 6.00

" for office rent, 35.00

" " picture and glass for office, 8.3

" A. Millett as health officer, 7.50

" " " for certificates of births and deaths, 1.75

" P. A. Crooker for certificates of births and deaths, 5.75

" for printing, postage and stationery, 5.85

" M. P. Woodcock & Son for books and blanks, 12.50

" for wood for office for 1891 and 1892, 2.00

" Andrews & Cross for ballot box, rails, brackets, etc., 21.50

" A. D. Ramsey for certificate of death, 25.00

" for curtains and fixtures for office, 1.99

Abatement to S. S. Bean on tax of 1890, 51.54

**Total Expended:** $153.51

## Unexpended:

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**Total Unexpended:** $300.00
Town raised for town charges, $250 00

Expended:

A. G. Caswell, services as Selectman, Assessor, &c. $60 75
L. S. Marriner, " " " " " " 51 00
G. B. Dyer, " " " " " " 47 75
A. G. Caswell, " " Town Agent, 6 00
A. N. Jewett, " " S. S. Committee, 16 50
A. L. Maddocks, " " " " 20 25
J. F. Burgess, " " " " 21 25
A. L. Maddocks, " " Town Clerk, 15 25
O. D. Wilson, " " Auditor, 4 50
Wm. S. Cox, " " Constable, 6 00
Alex Cooper, " " Ballot Clerk, 4 00
J. W. Farrar, " " " " 4 00
A. N. Jewett, " " " " 4 00
L. L. Cross, " " " " 4 00

Overdrawn, $265 25

Unexpended fund from 1891 for the purchase of school books, $157 00

Expended in 1892, $15 80
Unexpended, 141 20 $157 00

Raised for Treasurer's and Collector's commissions, $150 00

Town Treasurer, $25 00
S. S. Bean, Collector for 1890, 119 35 144 35

Unexpended, 5 65 $150 00
Raised for support of poor, $800 00
Received from Appleton for support of Hosea Knowlton, 30 29

Total. $830 29

Expended:

Paid Mrs. A. F. Lawry for supplies furnished to the Fred Medcalf family, 1891, $8 45
" H. C. Mahoney for care of W. K. Thomas, 65 60
" J. S. Burgess for support of Abbie Conant, John Mahoney and family, Rufus Richards, Irving Field and Moses Young, 366 89

Paid Insane Hospital for support of Warren Whitaker and Mary Luce, 308 90
" A. O. Heal for support of Abbie Conant, 16 98
" James Fuller for support of Mahoney family, 3 45
" Wm. Ladd for support of Irving Field, 4 25
" A. F. Lawry for support of John Spear, 1891, 25 00
" Sophia Edgcome for care of Charlotte Richards, 11 00
" Roxanna Fitzgerald for support of Josiah Ladd and Mahoney family, 22 00
" S. S. Bean for rent for paupers' use, 25 00
" O. A. Wellman for support of Josiah Ladd, 37 50
" for clothes for Frank Medcalf, 2 75
" State Reform School on Frank Medcalf, 33 57
" Mrs. A. A. Sleeper on account of Chas. Richards, 10 00
" town of Washington for support of Edbert Brown and family, 18 96
" Jas. Fuller estate for rent for Hosea Knowlton, Washington pauper, 4 00
" Andrews & Cross for casket and burial expenses of Moses Young, 21 00
" Dr. Millett for attendance of Hosea Knowlton, Appleton pauper, 4 50
" Dr. Millett for attendance of Searsmont paupers, 1 50

$991 28

Overdrawn, $160 99

$830 29
Raised for roads and bridges, $500.00

Expended:

- Expense on the Richards bridge, $4.50
- " " " Village " " , $35.85
- " " " Muzzy " " , $12.00
- " " " bridge in district No. 33, $5.00
- " " " North Searsmont bridge, $9.91
- " " " Ghent bridge, $1.00
- " " " Richards road, $25.79

Paid O. A. Wellman for hauling lumber and labor on Arnold bridge, 27.60

Expense on Village bridge, 35.97

- of labor and lumber on S. Thomas bridge, 7.61

Paid G. F. Randall for lumber for bridges, 107.69

Expense on Jam Brook bridge, 6.50

Paid H. E. Holmes for hauling bridge lumber, 6.00

- M. R. Cooper for bridge lumber, 38.02
- H. N. Brown for covering stone in district No. 4, 2.00

Expense on Shibles bridge, 6.35

Paid C. F. Cushman for labor and plank for Village bridge, 27.10

Unexpended:

Unexpended highway tax of 1891 committed to J. W. Farrar, Collector, $167.13

Expended:

- Overwork on highway by B. C. Paul, $79
- " " " A. B. Knight, 3.47
- " " " E. R. Packard, 21.82
- " " " J. O. Black, 4.20
- " " " A. F. Brown, 3.92
- " " " Chas. Boynton, 6.74
- " " " Wm. Burgess, 58
- " " " S. R. Bennett, 52
- " " " L. Lincoln, 4.55
- " " " W. B. Morse, 1.27
- " " " W. L. Richards, 4.76
- " " " G. E. Donnell, 3.59

Total: $457.99

Total: $142.01

Total: $500.00
Overwork on highway by H. W. Morse, 84
" " " " O. A. Bartlett, 9 42
" " " " Chas. F. Wellman, 8 34
" " " " A. B. Meservey, 3 49
" " " " Alden Robbins, 17 19
" " " " Geo. H. Clark, 2 61
" " " " L. W. Fowles, 14 12

Unexpended, $112 22

List of abatements to S. S. Bean on tax of 1890.

E. S. Adams, paid in Massachusetts, $2 60
A. W. Burden, out of town, 3 41
A. C. Cobb, out of town, 3 93
Walter Campbell, out of town, 54
Wm. M. Elmes, paid in Massachusetts, 3 97
Geo. Grover, out of town, 2 60
Vigilas Grover, out of town, 2 60
Geo. Holmes, out of town, 2 60
Hosea Knowlton, out of town, 3 00
Wm. L. Ladd, cripple, 3 00
L. P. Moore, out of town, 2 60
Chas. Martin, out of town, 3 00
W. A. Meservey, 3 02
Mrs. Temperance Roakes, poor widow, 1 21
W. K. Thomas, poor and helpless, 6 17
Henry C. Thompson, out of town, 2 60
Isaac G. Wellman, poor, 2 99
Wm. Wentworth, out of town, 2 60

$51 54

Report of school fund, 1892.

Raised by town for school purposes, $1143 00
School fund and mill tax, 780 76
Unexpended fund from 1891, 79 15
Balance of building fund, transferred district No. 2, 34

Total school fund, $2003 25
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A. G. CASWELL, } Selectmen
L. S. MARRINER, } of
G. B. DYER, } Searsmont.

The undersigned has made a careful examination of the foregoing accounts, and finds them properly avouched for.

OTIS D. WILSON, Auditor.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Treasurer of 1891,

" for school books, 10 03
" from town of Washington, 1 00
" for auctioneer license, 2 00
" of A. G. Caswell on building fund of School District No. 2, 1500 00
" of S. S. Bean on building fund of School District No. 2, 32 85
" school fund and mill tax for 1892, 780 76
" of town of Appleton on account of Hosea Knowlton, 30 29
Tax of 1892, committed to J. W. Farrar, 8258 59

Amount paid out.

Selectmen's orders, $5390 05
State taxes of 1891 and 1892, 2032 48
County tax (part payment), 250 00

Fund returned on settlement.

Uncollected taxes for 1891, $322 49
" 1892, 6348 59
Non-resident tax deeds, 217 53
Resident tax deeds, 214 60
Cash in Treasurer's hands, $27 85

$4188 07
$10,615 52
$14,803 59

$7131 06
$14803 59

OTIS D. WILSON, Treasurer.
We respectfully submit the following report of the schools of the town of Searsmont, for the year ending March 1, 1893.

At the annual March meeting of 1892, 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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**District No. 1.**

H. N. Brown, Agent. Spring term was taught by Mrs. Lucy P. Cooper. Number of scholars attending, 22; average, 18; wages, $3.00 per week. Fall term was taught by Mrs. Abbie L. Moody. Number of scholars attending, 20; average, 17; wages, $5.00 per week. Winter term was taught by J. W. Farrar. Number attending, 20; average, 17; wages, $28.

**District No. 2.**

G. B. Dyer, Agent. Fall and winter terms were taught by A. N. Jewett, with Miss Lila M. Rivers as assistant. Number attending fall term, 51; average, 44; number attending winter term, 51; average 37; wages, $37 and $3.

**District No. 3.**

Leroy Marriner, Agent. Spring term taught by Miss Fannie Toothaker. Number attending, 9; average, 6; wages, $3. Fall and winter terms taught by Miss Hattie B. Marriner. Number attending, 8; average, 7; wages, $4.
District No. 4.

W. A. Sheldon, Agent. Spring and fall terms taught by Miss Alice W. Knight. Number attending spring term, 17; average, 15; number attending fall term, 21; average, 18; wages, $3.25. Winter term taught by R. W. Howard. Number attending, 22; average, 19; wages, $25.

District No. 5.

Jas. F. Burgess, Agent. Spring and fall terms taught by Miss Annie Wentworth. Number attending, 11; average, 9; wages, $3. Winter term taught by Jas. F. Burgess. Number attending, 10; wages, $25.

District No. 7.

Geo. J. Lawry, Agent. Three terms taught by Miss Esther Clement. Number attending spring term, 26; average, 16; wages, $3. Number attending fall and winter terms, 23; average, 16; wages, $4.75.

District No. 8.

Henry Morse, Agent. Spring and fall terms taught by Miss Hattie Drinkwater. Number attending, 7; average, 6; wages, $2.50.

District No. 10.

O. B. Fuller, Agent. Spring term taught by Miss Inez Ripley. Number attending, 19; average, 17; wages, $3. Fall term taught by Miss Sara F. Leadbetter. Number attending, 22; average, 17; wages, $5. Winter term taught by D. G. Wentworth. Register not returned.

District No. 11.

Mark Rollerson, Agent. Spring term taught by Miss Phebe Paul. Number attending, 10; average, 8; wages, $3. Fall term taught by Miss Frances Allen. Number attending, 14; average 6; wages, $2.50. Winter term taught by Miss Phebe Paul. Number attending, 8; average, 6; wages $4.

District No. 13.

M. O. Wilson, Agent. Spring term taught by Miss Lilla M. Rivers. Number attending, 18; average, 16; wages, $2.25. Fall and winter terms taught by Miss Sibyl Marriner. Number attending, 15; average, 13; wages, $5.

District No. 14.

C. S. Adams, Agent. Spring term taught by Miss Inez Peavy. Register not returned. Fall and winter terms taught by Miss L. Abbie McDowell. Number attending fall term, 26; average, 22; wages, $5. Number attending winter term, 16; average, 13; wages, $6.
Remarks.

The teachers employed this year have given good satisfaction, with the exception of perhaps two instances. We think the teachers generally have worked hard and have accomplished good results in our schools, and in many instances have taken more interest in the scholars attending school than their parents.

When the teachers, parents and scholars work together, then we have a good school; otherwise the school falls short of what it should be.

See that your scholars attend school during the session every day if possible, for a day lost can never be made up. We would recommend that our agents employ their teachers for a longer term of service. If you have a good teacher, better keep her the whole year, even if you have to pay more, than to exchange a certainty for an uncertainty.

We congratulate District No. 2 on the building of a fine and well-modeled school house, which not only adds beauty to the place but greatly facilitates the advantages of education. We sincerely hope that other districts will take this matter in hand and make a much-needed change in their old and neglected school houses.

There is need of more supplies for our teachers to work with, such as better blackboards, charts, maps and globes. The more and better implements the workman has to labor with, the better work can be done, applies to the teacher as well as to other laborers.

We find by the agents' returns 336 scholars in town, but only 243 are registered as attending school, while many of these have not attended the necessary two weeks to be considered as members of the school, and others have been present only a portion of each term, showing that less than three-fourths of our boys and girls are receiving the benefits of the few educational advantages which our town affords. We would suggest that truant officers be chosen to enforce the law to its full extent, and that parents and guardians co-operate with them to secure a larger and more regular attendance.

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