Annual Report of the Selectmen and Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools, of the Town of Searsmont for the Municipal Year Ending March 3, 1902

Searsmont (Me.)

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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Selectmen and Treasurer

—AND—

Superintendent of Schools,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF SEARSMONT

—FOR THE—

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 3, 1902.

BELFAST:
G. E. BURGESS, PRINTER.
1902.
## VALUATION OF TOWN.

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## RAISED BY THE TOWN AND ASSESSED.

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RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Due from S. S. Bean, Coll. of 1901, $1993 72
School fund and mill tax, 772 25
Tax deeds in hands of Treasurer, 82 25
Note of W. M. Thompson and E. S. Hook, 8 50
Cash in hands of Treasurer, 484 76
Due from Montville for schooling scholars year 1901, 106 15
Due from Montville repairs on school house, 4 43
Due from town of Appleton for schooling scholars for the years 1899, 1900, 1901, 95 43
Due from State on dog licenses, (estimated,) 30 00

Total, $3577 49

LIABILITIES.

Due on State tax, $815 66
Due on County tax, 300 00
Will be due J. Rivers for support of poor as per contract March 25, 1902, 80 00
Will be due Geo. T. Lassell for support of Wm. E. Caswell March 25, 1902, 20 00
Will be due A. S. Thomas for support of Wm. Wood and Abbie Conant March 25, 1902, 33 00
Will be due Insane Hospital for support of W. Whitaker and Arvilla Condon March 1, 1902, 70 00
Will be due Town of Appleton for schooling Frank Ripley, 18 00
Outstanding order No. 431, to B. F. Fuller, 600 00
Outstanding order No. 432, to B. F. Fuller, 400 00
Interest on orders to date, 28 87
Collector's commission for 1901, (estimated) 100 00

$2495 53

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Town raised, $1000 00
Unexpended from 1900, 49 80

$1049 80
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Town raised for Collector and Treasurer's commissions, $125.00

Unexpended from 1900, $26.56

**Total**

$151.56
**EXPENDED.**

Paid O. D. Wilson as Treasurer, 25.00
" H. E. Holmes, Collector of 1900 commission, 106.96

$131.96

Unexpended, 19.60

$151.56

**TOWN CHARGES.**

Town raised, $250.00
Unexpended from 1900, 88.60

Paid H. E. Holmes services as constable 1900, 6.00
" A. L. Maddocks as town clerk, 6.00
" S. S. Bean services as constable, 6.00
" S. S. Bean services as truant officer, 5.00
" C. S. Adams services as Supt. of schools, 66.00
" A. G. Caswell services as Selectman, etc., 64.50
" J. F. Paine " " " " 49.25
" C. Q. Brown " " " " 49.50

Total expended, $252.25
Unexpended, 86.35

$338.60

**CONTINGENT EXPENSES.**

Town raised for contingent expenses, $125.00
Unexpended from 1900, 38.10

$163.10

**EXPENDED.**

Paid G. L. Hemenway, wood for office, $1.75
" Miss Grace E. Burgess for 250 town reports, 14.40
Paid A. G. Caswell for getting town reports printed, bill heads and blank bonds, 3.25
" C. B. Thompson, lamb killed by dogs, 4.00
" Lemuel Greer, lamb killed by dogs, 3.00
" Warren Brothers, book case for town office, 1.65
" H. M. Donnell, damage to sheep by dogs, 5.00
" Dunton & Dunton for legal services, 5.00
" M. P. Woodcock & Son, books and stationery, 15.10
" C. S. Adams, express and postage, 3.28
" A. L. Maddocks, postal cards and postage, 63
" A. L. Maddocks, recording and returning marriages, births and deaths, 9.30
" Adelbert Millett for certificates of births and deaths, 5.75
" Searsmont Building Co., for rent of office, 35.00
" Otis D. Wilson, stationery and postage, 1.50
" H. P. Farrar, running line between Lincolnville and Searsmont, 8.00
" A. G. Caswell, bill heads, stationery and postage, 2.88
" A. G. Caswell, services as town agent, 12.50

Unexpended,

$131.99
$31.11

$163.10

HIGHWAY BILLS.

Town raised, $1800.00
Unexpended from 1900, 254.82

EXPENDED.

C. F. Cushman, $26.13
John Luce, 1.87
H. E. Holmes, 31.17
J. W. Lassell, 4.37
Wm. H. Ripley, 6.06
J. F. Richards,  
Charles Plaisted,  25
M. O. Wilson,  1 50
Alden Robbins,  6 38
Oscar Newell,  15 46
Fred Lucas,  11 50
I. W. Paul,  28 12
J. F. Hall,  19 22
S. W. Hunt,  12 12
George Spear,  3 75
Geo. N. Cooper,  1 87
W. M. Thompson,  105 00
A. N. Jewett,  34 71
O. A. Shibles,  17 85
O. I. Boynton,  11 70
Del Higgins,  5 25
Geo. Fuller,  7 06
Levi Greer,  87
F. C. Proctor,  7 47
J. F. Paine,  24 45
S. W. Paul work and lumber,  24 24
D. B. Cobb,  37
Wm. Wood,  10 18
L. C. Poor,  1 06
Chas. Boynton,  35 30
L. T. Ness,  3 25
H. A. Thorndike,  9 18
Geo. Gove,  4 25
Arnold Turner,  13 12
George Thompson,  3 12
R. E. Howes,  9 00
Howard Elmes,  18 87
G. E. Donnell,  43 89
Frank Donnell,  11 14
Miles S. Brewster, 7 82
Bert Black, 6 00
Arthur Ness, 1 31
W. L. Bickford, 17 25
Moody Bickford, 1 75
Fred Batchelder, 23 57
O. A. Wellman, 32 46
D. C. Thomas, 10 13
O. A. Googins, 7 65
A. T. Toothaker. 65
Chas. Hemenway, 33 79
G. L. Hemenway, 9 14
Geo. Butler, 9 56
Henry Neal, 5 78
B. F. Simmons, 3 50
W. H. Bryant, 6 50
H. N. Woodcock, 4 12
J. R. Bryant, 5 75
Peter Gilkey, 16 19
Rodney Thomas, 11 55
Frank P. Wood, 17 12
Gilbert T. Marriner, 3 81
A. F. Lawry, 26 17
L. Lincoln, 8 57
Charles Bryant, 1 50
M. I. Blake, 16 94
N. Wentworth, 2 76
L. W. Luce, 26 30
Charles E. Luce, 4 56
W. Berry, 1 87
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Willard Hall, 25 62
James Fuller, 40 34
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Alton Heal, 7 62
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G. W. Heal, 5 25
M. R. Heal, 90
M. A. Fowler, 19 61
Wm. F. Bryant, 39 87
Fred Wentworth, 3 12
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A. Tibbets, 3 75
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Geo. H. Clark, 26 69
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SCHOOLS.

Town raised for schools, $949 00
Unexpended from 1901, 340 32
School fund and mill tax from State, 772 25
Due from Town of Appleton, 95 43
   "  "  " Montville, 106 15

$2263 15

EXPENDED.

Mrs. Fred Marriner for teaching, $79 10
W. P. Greenlaw " " 50 00
Alice E. Tibbetts " " 31 50
Mrs. F. C. Berry " " 36 00
Ambrose Bragg " " 36 00
Annie Wellman " " 76 00
Harry A. Brown " " 45 00
Hattie Burgess " " 76 50
Etta Lawry " " 62 00
Mabel Marriner " " 58 50
Edith Strout " " 121 50
Addie McLain " " 36 00
Stanley D. Wilson " " 76 00
Ralph Knowles " " 48 00
Mildred M. Mason " " 80 50
Alice Poor " " 76 00
Lulu Thompson " " 40 00
Daniel Carey " " 123 00
Sadie Knight " " 95 00
Florence Bartlett " " 28 00
Idella M. Stubbs " " 16 00
Mrs. Fred Marriner for board, 35 90
Alice E. Tibbetts, 13 50
George N. Cooper, 35 75
Mrs. F. C. Berry, 13 50
T. M. Simmons, 15 75
Annie Wellman, 28 50
Leroy Marriner, 18 00
Hattie Burgess, 28 50
Etta Lawry, 28 50
Mabel Marriner, 13 50
Herbert Holmes, 18 00
Stanley Wilson, 35 50
Ralph Knowles, 24 00
Alice Poor, 38 00
E. S. Adams, 30 75
Lulu Thompson, 20 00
Sadie Knight, 38 00
I. S. Bartlett, 13 50
Alden Robbins, 15 75
Mrs. M. J. Poor, 38 00
Mrs. A. F. Brown for conveying scholars, 28 50
Alden F. Brown " " " 28 50
Wm. Burgess " " " 6 00
Laura Skinner, janitor’s services, 2 00
Alice E. Tibbetts, " " 2 50
Mrs. John Luce, " " 4 00
Mrs. L. H. Thomas, " " 2 00
Mrs. Henry Mahoney, " " 2 00
Bert Robbins, " " 1 50
Mrs. Wm. Burgess, " " 1 00
Percy Luce, " " 1 50
Jessie Thomas, " " 2 00
Daniel Carey, " " 2 25
Clifford Luce, " " 4 50
Bert Thomas, " " 1 50
Eddie Moore, " " 1 75
Gussie Heal, " " 2 00
Clarence Burgess, for fuel, 50
E. P. Marriner, " " 6 00
Wm. M. Thompson, " " 12 00
C. S. Adams, for fuel, 7 75
Joseph Burgess, " " 21 75
J. L. Bean, " " 2 75
F. C. Proctor, " " 1 00
Otis E. Robbins, " " 8 00
Andrew Lawry, " " 6 00
Frank R. Ripley, tuition in Appleton, 18 00

Unexpended, $1970 75

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Town raised, $100 00
Unexpended from 1900, 197 80
Second hand books sold, 9 00

$306 80

EXPENDED.

L. Barton, $6 75
American Book Co., 111 09
Warner Book Co., 122 34
Edward E. Babb & Co., 5 56
A. N. Jewett, 1 25

$246 99

Unexpended, 59 81

$306 80

REPAIRS AND INSURANCE ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Town raised, $60 00
Due from Montville, 4 43
EXPENDED.

C. S. Adams, $13 00
W. F. Bryant, 1 50
John Thompson & Co., 35
H. M. Donnell, 1 00
L. H. Thomas, 1 00
Alden F. Brown, 2 50
Jeptha Buck, 1 00
E. S. Adams, 5 25
G. H. Talbott, (insurance,) 11 80
I. F. Allen, (stove,) 9 00
Leroy Marriner, 3 50
D. B. Cobb & Son, 3 80
V. A. Simmons, 4 63
Overdrawn, 14 33

$72 66

Overdrawn, $8 23

WATERING TUBS.

Unexpended from 1900, $10 00

EXPENDED.

Paid Lucinda Marden, $2 00
Unexpended, 8 00

$10 00

The report for the municipal year A. D. 1901 and ending March 3, 1902 we hereby submit and respectfully ask you to excuse any mistakes as we are not perfect.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. CASWELL, Selectmen
J. F. PAINE, of
C. L. BROWN, Searsmont.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Treasurer of 1900, $3156 27
 " tax on Simon Erskin's lot, $ 1 80
 " interest on tax deeds, 4 35
 " dog license for 1901, from Town Clerk, 52 00
 " percentage of dog license from State Treasurer, 32 99
 " school fund and mill tax, 772 25
 " tax of 1901, committed to S. S. Bean, 5910 67
 " of State for burial of soldiers, 68 50
 " of Montville for schooling scholars, 202 33
 " of town of Mapleton for pauper expenses, 31 17
 " school house sold, 11 00
 " for stove sold, 1 00
 " for damage to sheep, from State, 19 50
 " money, hired by selectmen, 1000 00
 " for school books sold, 9 00
 " of C. W. Reeves for care of his father's body, 3 00

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PAID.

Selectmen's orders, $6471 11
State Treasurer, 990 27
County Treasurer, 472 97

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$8119 56
$11275 83
$7934 35
RESOURCES RETURNED.

Uncollected taxes of 1901, $1993 72
School fund and mill tax, 772 25
Tax deeds 82 25
Note of Hook & Thompson, 8 50
Cash in hands of Treasurer, 484 76

$3341 48

$11275 83

OTIS D. WILSON, Treasurer.

Searsmont, Feb. 20, 1902.
REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the Citizens of Searsmont:

In submitting this report I find that in comparing the work done by the teachers and pupils this year, with that of last year, a decided improvement in many respects has been made. The schools in general have been very successful, and the work accomplished satisfactory. We have some very successful teachers in town who have an easy and clear manner of imparting instruction. They are thoroughly fitting themselves for first class teachers. No occupation requires a higher moral, religious and intellectual standard than that of the teacher.

The too frequent change of teachers is certainly detrimental to the best interest of the schools. It causes a loss at least of one week to every pupil in the schools where such changes are made.

The discipline is the foundation upon which all the worth of the school room is based. From a close observation I find that the schools where the best harmony prevailed between pupils and teachers, where the most and best work was accomplished, were the ones where the discipline was based upon authority, the teacher holding the reins of government with a firm hand.

I also find that interested parents are a great help in making pupils interested in education and when parents instruct their children in the great importance of education, children of such parents, are successful and are obedient, earnest scholars.

Parents who look upon education as a secondary matter, the children of such parents seldom become disciplined and educated.

The future success of the child depends largely upon the home training, and every child has an inherited right to religious training and instruction.

The future prosperity of our town and the tone of its society depends upon the success of our schools. I sincerely hope that every citizen of our town will use every endeavor in his or her power to make the schools in town a success.
The school books are in fairly good condition with the exception of U. S. Histories, they should be exchanged during the coming school year.

I believe the free text book law a gross humbug, and detrimental to the cause of education, and a most extravagant method of supplying our schools with books. Guard the books best we can, yet more or less will become defaced and torn and no reasonable compensation by enforcement of law will result with profit to the town.

No extensive repairs have been made during the year on the houses, those that have been made were light and were for the protection of the property.

List of teachers, wages and board. Spring and Fall terms 10 weeks each, Winter term 9 weeks.

**VILLAGE SCHOOL.**

Spring term taught by Harry Brown, Principal, Etta Lawry, Assistant. Wages $5.00 and $3.00 per week. Board $2.00 and $1.50.

Fall term by D. Carey and Etta Lawry. Wages $6.00 and $3.50 per week. Board $2.00 and $1.50.

Winter term by D. Carey and Alice Poor. Wages $7.00 and $4.00. Board $2.00 per week.

**NO. SEARSMONT.**

Spring term taught by Mabel Marriner. Wages $3.00 per week. Board $1.75.

Fall and winter terms by Mildred Mason. Wages $4.00 and $4.50 per week. Board $2.00.

**UNION SCHOOL.** (So. Montville.)

Spring term taught by Edith Strout. Wages $4.00. Board $1.50 per week.

Fall and winter terms by same. Wages $4.50. Board $1.50 and $1.75 per week.

**WILSON SCHOOL.**

Spring term taught by Addie McLain. Wages $4.00. Board $1.75 per week.

Fall term by Lulu M. Thompson. Wages $4.00. Board $2.00 per week.

Winter term by Stanley Wilson. Wages and board the same as in the fall.
GHENT SCHOOL.

Spring term taught by Alice E. Tibbetts. Wages $3.50. Board $1.50 per week.

Fall term by R. L. Knowles. Wages $4.00. Board $2.00 per week.

Winter term by Florence L. Bartlett. Wages $4.00. Board $2.25 per week.

MAGOG SCHOOL.

Spring term taught by Hattie Burgess. Wages $4.00. Board $1.50 per week.

Fall term by Stanley D. Wilson. Wages $4.00. Board $1.75 per week.

Winter term began by Idella M. Stubbs who taught four weeks after this the school was discontinued and the pupils transported to Mountain school.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL.

Spring term taught by Mae F. Berry. Wages $4.00. Board $1.50 per week.

Fall term by Alice Poor. Wages $4.00. Board $2.00 per week.

Winter term by Hattie Burgess. Wages $4.50. Board $1.75 per week.

RIDGE SCHOOL.

Spring and Fall terms taught by Annie Wellman. Wages $4.00. Board $1.50 per week.

Winter term by Mabel Marriner. Wages $3.50. Board $1.50 per week.

EAST SEARSMONT.

Spring term taught by A. S. Bragg. Wages $4.00. Board $2.00 per week.

Fall and Winter terms by Sadie Knight. Wages $5.00. Board $2.00 per week.

Permit me to thank the Committee, also the people of the town for the courtesy shown me during the past year, also for the intelligent and warm-hearted way in which my endeavors to do good in the schools have been met by the parents.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. ADAMS, Superintendent.

Searsmont, Feb. 17, 1902.