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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF ISLESBORO,
FOR THE
Municipal Year Ending March 5th,
1900.

BELFAST:
G. E. BURGESS, PRINTER.
1900.
SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of Islesboro:

The Board of Selectmen would hereby respectfully submit their annual report agreeably to law:

VALUATION FOR THE YEAR, 1899.

Real estate of residents, $105,841.00
Personal estate of residents, 39,205.94
Real estate of non-residents, 219,386.00
Personal estate of non-residents, 2,373.00

$366,805.94

APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR, 1899.

To defray town charges, $1,250.00
For repair of roads and bridges, 1100.00
“ damage of land taken and to build road, 200.00
“ repair of Mill Creek Bridge, 200.00
“ support of Common Schools, 804.80
“ support of Free High School, 150.00
“ support of poor, 800.00
“ free text books, 150.00

$4,654.80

State tax, $916.56
County tax, 445.67
Overlaying, 130.86

$1,493.09

$6147.89
ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR, 1899.

On real estate of residents, $1693 45
" personal estate of residents, 627 30
" real estate of non-residents, 3510 17
" personal estate of non-residents, 37 97
" 186 polls at 1.50, 279 00

Also a supplementary assessment, 24 60

Rate of taxation, .016.

TOWN CHARGES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, $1200 00
Overlayings, 130 86
Supplementary tax, 24 60

EXPENDITURES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Grace E. Burgess printing '98 report, $17 00
" Loring, Short & Harmon for books, 10 40
" G. D. McCrillis for abstracts, 75
" E. D. Williams money paid for repair of school houses, 130 52
" E. D. Williams money paid for sanitary work, 5 00
" F. S. Pendleton & Co. supplies for and material to repair school houses, 72 19
" F. L. Sprague damage to lambs by dogs, 6 00
" J. R. Ryder expressage, etc., 1 41
" F. S. Pendleton & Co. supplies for town hall, 14 77

$ 6147 89
$ 6172 49
FOR TOWN HALL.

Paid F. S. Pendleton & Co. material to build out-house, 3 29
" W. S. Pendleton material and painting for out-house, 14 15

SNOW BILLS.

Paid W. A. Coombs, $ 1 00
" H. L. Freeman, 6 00
" J. C. Coombs, 2 00
" Geo. Keller, 3 70
" Wilbur P. Fairfield, snow bills, 13 50
" J. F. Fairfield, 3 60
" L. W. Wyman, 1 40
" L. F. Pendleton, 6 40
" J. C. Beckett, 1 20
" W. P. Sprague, 1 50
" M. R. Trim, snow bills, 9 30
" F. W. Adams, 1 80
" R. B. Trim, 2 80
" J. A. Sprague, 1 90
" G. S. Preble, 2 60
" F. S. Pendleton & Co., 22 90
" W. F. Keller, 10 00
" W. N. Whitcomb, 3 20
" J. P. Bragg, 9 00
" L. N. Gilkey, 13 05
" J. R. Ryder, 26 80
" Frank Randlett, 1 22

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid W. P. Sprague, moderator, $ 2 00
" L. N. Gilkey, commission collecting taxes, bills of 1898, 125 00
" L. N. Gilkey, bills of 1899, 135 00

$ 275 48

$ 144 87
Paid E. D. Williams, Sec’y. Board of Health, 5 00
  “ “ “ services and expenses as superintendent of schools, 60 00
  C. F. Pendleton, officer, 10 00
  W. B. Pendleton, janitor town hall, 15 00
  W. C. Sprague, constable, 7 50
  J. R. Ryder, clerk and treasurer, 70 00
  Austin Trim, services and expenses, as assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor, 103 00
  W. S. Pendleton, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor, 30 00
  J. O. Sprague, services and expenses as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor, 20 00

  ________ ________ $582 50.

ABATEMENTS.

Paid L. W. Gilkey on tax bills 1898, 16 79
  “ “ “ “ 1899, 6 96

  ________ ________ $23 75

  Total amount of town charges, $1,026 60

  Amount unexpended, $328 86

  ________ ________ $1,100 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation, $1,000 00

Paid Abraham Dodge, $15 30
  “ Wm. A. Coombs, 3 70
  “ J. W. Clark, 3 70
  “ E. J. Clark, 4 70
  “ Geo. F. Keller, 10 70
  “ F. J. Decker, 16 60
  “ M. A. Bowden, 20 50
  “ Wm. F. Keller, 46 60
  “ E. S. Preble, 37 00
  “ John Pendleton, 47 00
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<td>10 00</td>
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<td>S. D. Pendleton,</td>
<td>25 40</td>
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Paid M. Z. Dodge, 3 00
" Ora Pendleton, 6 00
" C. N. Pendleton, 12 00
" T. R. Williams, 2 00
" R. B. Trim, 2 20
" F. and M. Flanders, 25 00
" L. C. Farnsworth, 9 00
" W. S. Pendleton, (lumber,) 72 12
" Edward Parker, 4 00
" A. E. Trim, 9 00
" Justin Trim (labor and material) 17 85
" E. G. Pendleton, 9 00
" M. R. Trim, 1 00
" Edson Sherman, 6 00
" J. O. Elwell, 34 00
" L. R. Pendleton, 4 00
" E. L. Nash, 9 00
" Geo. B. Pendleton, 10 20
" L. N. Gilkey, 3 00
" J. F. Grindle, 8 40
" John A. Dodge, 16 00
" F. W. Adams, 5 00
" Wm. Haynes, 9 00
" F. C. Keller, 2 00
" F. S. Pendleton & Co. (for nails) 4 22
" Wm. E. Hatch, 10 00
" J. L. Pendleton, 42 00
" Alonzo Coombs, 2 00
" D. A. Warren, 7 50
" Leon Wyman, 4 10

Overdrawn, $89 44

### MILL CREEK BRIDGE.

Appropriation, $200 00
Paid F. S. Pendleton, (paid labor) $3 40

\[ \text{Total} = \text{Overdrawn} + \text{Appropriation} = \$1,189 44 + \$200 00 = \$1,389 44 \]
Paid Freeman K. Pendleton, (labor) 17 00
" Austin Trim, (labor) 18 00
" J. O. Elwell, 3 50
" Harry G. Pendleton, 17 00
" Geo. W. Rollerson, 4 00
" P. L. Rollerson, 12 00
" E. L. Nash, 3 10
" W. S. Pendleton, (lumber and trucking) 40 34
" L. F. Rankin, (blacksmith work) 3 00
" W. M. Coombs, (cedar poles) 6 30
" L. N. Gilkey, (cedar poles) 7 00
" Alonzo Coombs, (cedar poles) 1 76
" F. S. Pendleton & Co. (iron and nails) 14 11
" E. A. Eames, (lumber) 2 33

Unexpended balance, $152 84

POOR.

Appropriation, $800 00

Paid Maine Insane Hospital, support and burial expenses of Mary Boardman, $66 66
" F. S. Pendleton & Co., expressage and burial expenses of Mary Boardman, 15 00
" F. W. Adams, support of F. Chessey, 130 50
" F. S. Pendleton & Co., general supplies, 10 82
" E. J. Dodge, support of M. J. Brown, 130 00
" F. S. Pendleton & Co., supplies for and burial expenses of Sylvester H. Fletcher, 42 45
" W. S. Pendleton, supplies for Sylvester H. Fletcher, 6 00
" E. A. Eames, 1 50
Paid S. T. Keller, support and medicine
for E. Decker, 102 00
" J. P. Bragg, burial expenses, 26 00
" Wm. Haynes, " 3 00
" Town of Camden and Frank Brown, 60 07
" J. A. Dodge, support of Wm. Grover, 6 00
" E. D. Williams, medical attendance
for poor, 27 50

Balance unexpended,

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<th>COMMON SCHOOLS.</th>
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<td>Unexpended for 1898, $ 162 81</td>
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<td>Appropriation, 804 80</td>
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<td>Received from State, 825 19</td>
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<td><strong>EXPENSES.</strong></td>
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<td>Paid for teachers, $ 994 00</td>
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<td>&quot; board, 500 00</td>
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<td>&quot; fuel, 100 23</td>
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<td>&quot; transportation of scholars, 100 00</td>
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<td><strong>Balance unexpended,</strong> $ 1694 23</td>
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<td><strong>HIGH SCHOOLS.</strong></td>
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<td>Appropriation, $150 00</td>
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<td>Received from State, 150 00</td>
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<td>Paid G. A. Prock, teaching and board, $ 163 50</td>
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<td>&quot; W. C. Clark, &quot; 150 00</td>
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<td><strong>Overdrawn,</strong> $ 313 50</td>
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<td><strong>TEXT BOOKS.</strong></td>
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<td>Appropriation,</td>
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<td>Paid Edw. E. Babb &amp; Co., $ 40 86</td>
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<td>&quot; American Book Co., 82 92</td>
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<td>&quot; Ginn &amp; Co., 17 40</td>
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<td><strong>Balance unexpended,</strong> $ 141 18</td>
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<td><strong>Total:</strong> $ 172 50</td>
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BALANCES UNEXPENDED.

Miscellaneous, $328.86
Mill Creek Bridge, 47.16
Poor, 172.50
Common Schools, 98.57
Text Books, 8.82

Raised for new road and unexpended, $200.00

OVERDRAWN.

Overdrawn on Roads and Bridges, $89.44
High School, 13.50

Net balance, $102.94

SUMMARY.

Whole amount of orders drawn, $5145.29
Miscellaneous expenses, $275.48
Snow bills, 144.87
Town Officers, 582.50
Abatements, 23.75
Repair of Roads and Bridges, 1189.44
Mill Creek Bridges, 152.84
Poor, 627.50
Schools, 1694.23
High Schools, 313.50
Text Books, 141.18

FINANCE OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

Amount of old tax deeds in treasury, $63.93
Due on tax bills of 1899, 1417.20
Cash in treasury, 240.73

$1721.86
LIABILITIES.

Outstanding note, $ 500 00
Interest on same, 13 33

Balance in favor of town, $ 513 33

$ 1208 53

We recommend the following amount to be raised by the town for the ensuing year:

$ 1250 00 to defray town charges.
810 00 for common schools.
700 00 for poor.
1250 00 for roads and bridges,
150 00 for text books.

AUSTIN TRIM.
W. S. PENDLETON,
J. A. SPRAGUE,

Selectmen of Islesboro.

Islesboro, March 5th, 1900.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. R. RYDER, Treasurer,

In Account With the Town of Islesboro,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 5, 1900.

Dr.

Cash in the treasury March 6, 1899 $ 398 80
Rec. of W. S. Pendleton for error on road order in 1898, 1 00
" from State reimbursement for seal bounty for 1898, 8 00
" from State reimbursement for dog licenses for 1898, 22 99
" from State for burial expenses of soldiers, 35 00
" from town for dog licenses for 1899, 27 00
" from State for Free High Schools, 150 00
" " " " damage done by dogs, 6 00
" " " " reimbursement for pensions for 1899, 36 00
" for rent of town hall for 1899, 70 00
" on tax bills of 1898, 1,603 22
" " tax bills of 1899, 4,755 29
" from State school fund and mill tax, 825 19
Non-resident tax deeds of 1888 on file March 6, 1899, 11 36
Non-resident tax deeds of 1893 on file March 6, 1899, 15 79
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<th>Deeds of 1894, on file</th>
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<th>$4 43</th>
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<td>Deeds of 1895, on file</td>
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<td>$29 80</td>
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<td>Deeds of 1896 on file</td>
<td>March 6, 1899</td>
<td>$2 55</td>
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Paid Catherine Bagley, State pension, $36 00

State Treasurer amount received for dog licenses for 1899, $27 00

State tax, $916 56

County tax, $445 67

Bounty on one seal, $1 00

E. D. Williams for return of births, $5 00

Stationary and postage, $1 25

Paid selectmen's orders, $5,145 29

Interest on town orders, $33 33

Town notes, $1,000 00

Interest on town notes, $86 66

Cash in the treasury, $240 73

Non-resident tax deeds of 1888 now on hand, $11 36

Non-resident tax deeds of 1893 now on hand, $15 79

Non-resident tax deeds of 1894 now on hand, $4 43

Non-resident tax deeds of 1895, now on hand, $29 80

Non-resident tax deeds of 1896, now on hand, $2 55

--- $8,002 42

J. R. RYDER, Treasurer of Islesboro.
Superintendent's Report.

GENTLEMEN:—
I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending March 5th, 1900:

STATISTICS.
Whole number of scholars in town, April 1st, 335
Whole number of scholars in town, summer term, 198
Average number of scholars in summer term, 162
Whole number of scholars in fall term, 203
Average number of scholars in fall term, 173
Whole number of scholars in winter term, 176
Average number of scholars in winter term, 142

LIST OF TEACHERS WITH SALARIES.

SUMMER TERM.

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<td>Lettie Ryder,</td>
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<td>Eva M. Ward,</td>
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<td>Caro M. Parker,</td>
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<td>Annie M. Maddocks,</td>
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<td>Lizzie Warren,</td>
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<td>Lottie Lufkin,</td>
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<td>Cochie Farrow,</td>
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<td>A. C. Trim,</td>
<td>6 &quot;</td>
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<td>Lena Rose,</td>
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<td>18 00</td>
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FALL TERM.

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<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Caro M. Parker,</td>
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<td>Eva M. Ward</td>
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<td>Annie M. Maddocks</td>
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### FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

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<td>5.</td>
<td>W. P. Clark, Union Hall</td>
<td>10 weeks</td>
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<td>G. A. Prock</td>
<td>10 &quot;</td>
<td>133.50</td>
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### COMMON SCHOOLS.

- Appropriation, $804.80
- Received from State, 825.19
- Unexpended balance, 1898, 162.81
- Paid for teaching, 974.00
  - " board, 520.00
  - " fuel, 100.23
  - " transportation of pupils, 100.00
- Unexpended balance, $1,792.80

### FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

- Appropriation, 150.00
- Received from State, 150.00
- Paid W. P. Clark, teaching and board, 150.00
  - G. A. Prock, 163.50
- Amount overdrawn, $313.50

### FUEL ACCOUNT.

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<td>E. A. Eames</td>
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- Amount overdrawn, $100.23
In submitting this my fifth annual report it can be safely stated that a
very successful year has passed. We have tried to employ the best teachers
obtainable by the funds at hand. Good progress, and thorough work have
characterized our schools for the year. Good interest has been manifested
by the pupils throughout the schools, and I am pleased with the results.
Many complaints are entered against the manners of children, in the home,
on the street and in public assemblies. These conditions are due to sev­
eral causes. Children are no longer required to yield unquestioning obe­
dience to properly constituted authority. Too many people fail to distin­
guish between a reasonable consideration for the rights and privileges of
children and license to decide questions for which their age and want of
capacity unfit them.

The children are given a prominence in social and public life, which
is harmful to them and offensive to those brought in contact with them.

A failure to give proper training in these particulars ends in the great­
est injury which can be inflicted upon youth.

The school to an extent is responsible for the manners of children. It
is believed that not enough is made of the social life of the school. If
more teachers would adopt a conversational tone, and the manners found
in our cultured homes, the children would be less bold and rude in their
conduct. In too many schools, the time before the opening of the session
and the recess and noon periods, are given up to conduct and conversation
that should not be permitted in any school-room. The tone, manner and
general conduct should be in harmony with the rules of good society.
Loud vulgar speech should not be permitted under any circumstances.
It is, then, one of the first duties of the school to teach prompt and complete obedience to the commands of all persons who have the right to give directions to others.

This should be the instruction and practice of both the home and the school. One evil that results from these shortcomings is found in the want of respect which children show for their elders, their superiors, and for public property.

"The lack of primary education in the household in obedience and properly constituted authority, explains why so many American boys and girls of respectable parentage are fairly educated in other respects, are a disgrace to their parents, a nuisance to their neighbors and a menace to society."

Communities will not maintain the best schools until our people realize the difference between furnishing employment for teachers and instruction for children. Instruction that does not influence pupils in their morals, manners and reading out of school is poor teaching.

Teachers must become more conscious of the fact that it is not what they say or do, but it is the size and quality of the person behind what is said or done that gives it power.

The teacher is to an extent responsible for the interest which the best people in the community have in the work of the school also the best people in the community are responsible for the interest the teacher has in the work, and the children.

Vile physical surroundings, vicious literature and cigarette smoking are among the great evils from which our schools are suffering. Exhibitions of boldness and ill manners, manifestations of selfishness and an unwillingness to think seriously of serious things should make us apprehensive of what those same children will be when they become men and women. Our own observation has furnished us evidence of the fact that parents and citizens are not taking the interest in schools at the present time as in former years.

Parents, do not longer consider that in the education of your children there is no responsibility resting upon you; for in their education you are, or should be, the principal, the teacher, the auxiliary. No one can inspire them with an incentive for learning as you can, and no co-operation with the teacher has that significance as yours.
FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

We have maintained two terms of Free High school. One term in District No 5 under the instruction of Walter P. Clark of Monroe, Me. The popularity enjoyed by Mr. Clark together with the excellence of his discipline and method of instruction rendered this term a marked success. Mr. Clark is a fine teacher, and possesses those natural qualifications so essential in a good teacher. He studies to teach. I have little patience with those who make no progress themselves, but insist in work which they don’t try to improve in.

The other term was held in Union Hall under the instruction of Granville A. Prock of Lincolnville, Me. Mr. Prock is a veteran in the business and a young man of rare attainments. With a thorough training which gives him a full knowledge of the wants required in the school room, and being endowed with those natural elements so very essential for a successful teacher, coupled with an earnest desire to do his duty, little doubt need exist as to the results obtained by such a teacher.

Good discipline was maintained throughout, and very decided improvement was made. We would recommend the continuance of our Free High School. We know these schools have been a great benefit to our older pupils. The pupils in most cases we believe have appreciated the advantage of the advanced instruction given, that they cannot get in the common schools. Let us ever keep in mind the importance of education. Ever bear in mind the importance of disciplining the mind. We are living in an age of improvement. The Free High School is worthy of our support, and we close, trusting the work of the year will meet your approbation. With sincere thanks for the kindness and forbearance shown me, I am, Very respectfully,

E. D. WILLIAMS, Superintendent.