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Searsport (Me.)

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SIXTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ASSESSORS, SELECTMEN, AUDITOR
AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF SEARSSPORT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 6

1911
The Warrant

To Elmer Webster, a Constable of the Town of Searsport, in the County of Waldo,

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required by law, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Searsport, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the 6th day of March, instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
Art. 3. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen and Assessors as printed.
Art. 4. To see if the town will accept the report of the Auditor of town accounts as printed.
Art. 5. To see if the town will accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools as printed.
Art. 6. To choose three or more Selectmen.
Art. 7. To choose Assessors of Taxes.
Art. 8. To choose Overseers of the Poor.
Art. 9. To choose a Town Agent.
Art. 10. To choose a Town Treasurer.
Art. 11. To choose an Auditor of Town Accounts.
Art. 12. To choose Constables.
Art. 13. To choose a Road Commissioner, and to see what compensation he shall be allowed: or to choose Highway Surveyors.
Art. 15. To choose Surveyor of Wood and Bark.
Art. 16. To choose Surveyors of Spars and Timber.
Art. 17. To choose Fire Wards.
Art. 18. To choose Fence Viewers.
Art. 19. To choose Sealers of Weights and Measures.
Art. 20. To choose Sealers of Leather.
Art. 21. To choose Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves.
Art. 22. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the Free High School.
Art. 23. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee as to the number of weeks, which the Common Schools may or shall be kept the ensuing year.
Art. 24. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools.
Art. 25. To see if the town will raise $200 for the Superintendent of Schools.
Art. 26. To see how much money the town will raise for school supplies and incidentals.
Art. 27. To see how much money the town will raise for text books for schools.
Art. 28. To see how much money the town will raise to repair school houses.
Art. 29. To choose a member of the School Committee to serve three years.
Art. 30. To see how much money the town will raise for the support and care of the town library, building and grounds for the ensuing year.
Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Carver Memorial Library Association to have the care of the town library, building and grounds for the ensuing year, or act thereon.
Art. 32. To choose a Truant Officer.
Art. 33. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of poor and other town expenses.
Art. 34. To see how much money the town will raise to repair highways and bridges, and how much to allow per hour for Labor.
Art. 35. To see how much money the town will raise to repair sidewalks.
Art. 36. To see how much money the town will raise to pay for road breaking and how much per hour the past winter.
Art. 37. To see if the town will raise $400 for State Road.
Art. 38. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay
no bills against the town to persons who owe the town for taxes.

Art. 39. To see if the town will raise $50 for a Memorial Service.
Art. 40. To see if the town will raise $1,280 for the use of Hydrants for the ensuing year.
Art. 41. To see how much money the town will raise to build a road from Norris Street, across land of Mrs. John Moore Norris to land of Clifton Jackson, as laid out by the Selectmen.
Art. 42. To hear the report of Fire Department.
Art. 43. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to buy 500 ft. of 2½ inch hose for Fire Dept., and how much money it will raise therefor.
Art. 44. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to buy 12 Rubber Coats for Fire Dept., also 12 Spanners and how much money it will raise therefor.
Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to maintain the present Hose Companies, and if so how much per hour, or year, or both, and how much money it will raise therefor.
Art. 46. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to locate and maintain an Elec. St. light on Maine Road near the residence of Capt. James Butman.
Art. 47. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to locate and maintain an Elec. St. light on Otis St., near the residence of Mr. E. K. Blake.
Art. 48. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to locate and maintain an Elec. St. light on Church St., near the Town House.
Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to take of the Searsport Electric Co., the incandescent electric lights located, at a cost not to exceed fifteen dollars per light per year, and how much money it will raise therefor.
Art. 50. To see if the town will vote to have the Public Buildings insured as before and how much money it will raise therefor.
Art. 51. To see if the town will vote to instruct the School Board to hire or elect a Superintendent of Schools from Searsport, Me., for the ensuing year.
Art. 52. To see what action the town will take in regard to the transportation of scholars.
Art. 53. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Town Treas.

Art. 54. To see if the town will allow discount on taxes paid on or before the first day of August next, and how much on or before Jan. 1st, 1912, and if allowed how much money it will raise for discount.

Art. 55. To see if the town will fix a date when the taxes for 1911, shall be paid in full.

Art. 56. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

Art. 57. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to locate and maintain an Elec. St. light on Station St., about half way from the present light to the station.

Art. 58. To see if the town will continue the present arrangement for the union of towns for schools.

Art. 59. To see what action the town will take in regard to installing a heating plant in Union School House and how much money it will raise therefor.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office on Saturday the 4th day of March, instant at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hand at Searsport this 24th day of Feb., A. D. 1911.

FRANK I. MORTLAND, ) Selectmen
CLIFTON WHITTUM, } of
JAMES P. NICHOLS, ) Searsport, Me.
REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Valuation of real estate, resident, $388,470 00
real estate, non-resident, 177,845 00
personal estate, resident, 160,733 00
personal estate, non-resident, 10,675 00
Total valuation, $737,723 00

Number of polls, 303.
Rate of taxation, .0215.

The following amounts were assessed on the polls and estate of the resident proprietors, and on the estate of non-resident proprietors in the town of Searsport for the year 1910, to be collected in cash by the collector of said town, for the following purposes:

For free High school, $ 800 00
common schools, 1,500 00
desks for schools, 137 00
supplies for schools, 100 00
text books, 200 00
repairs on school houses, 450 00
support of poor and other town expenses, 2,000 00
repairs of highway and bridges, 2,500 00
repairs of sidewalks, 400 00
breaking road the past winter, 500 00
State road, 400 00
Memorial services, 50 00
electric lights, 570 00
Water Co., 1,280 00
Hose Co., 250 00
Superintendent of Schools, 200 00

$11,337 00

County tax, $1,169 10
State tax, 3,726 24
Overlay, 537 70

$16,770 04

Fractions in assessing, 11

$16,830 15

Supplementary tax,
ASSESSED AS FOLLOWS

Real estate valued at $566,315 at .0215, $12,175 77
Personal estate valued at $171,408 at .0215,
3,685 27
303 polls at $3.00, 909 00

$16,770 04

Fractions in assessing, 11

$16,770 15

Supplementary tax, 60 00

$16,830 15

ABATEMENTS

On taxes of 1908, total abatement, $33 53

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK I. MORTLAND, CLIFTON WHITTUM, JAMES P. NICHOLS, Assessors of Searsport.
# Report of Selectmen

**RECORD OF SCHOLARS AND ACCOUNTS OF SCHOOL FUNDS FOR 1910**

No. of scholars, 378.

## COMMON SCHOOLS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Amount raised by the town, last meeting</td>
<td>$1,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mill tax and school fund from the State</td>
<td>$1,499.56</td>
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<td>Common Schools from the State</td>
<td>$1,195.29</td>
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<td>Damage to books, etc.</td>
<td>1.31</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
<td><strong>$4,196.16</strong></td>
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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Teachers' salaries</td>
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<td>Janitors</td>
<td>$193.70</td>
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<td>Tuition</td>
<td>$37.75</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>$556.00</td>
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<td>Fuel</td>
<td>$277.85</td>
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<td>Deficit from 1909</td>
<td>$1,389.01</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,682.66</strong></td>
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Making an overdraft of, $486.50

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL

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<td>800.00</td>
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<td>State aid</td>
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<td>Teachers' salaries</td>
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Balance due High School, $322.70
## COMMON SCHOOLS

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<td>Abbie Chase</td>
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<td>Nichols</td>
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<td>Lillias G. Ford</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>Harbor</td>
<td>231 00</td>
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<td>Ethel Dodge</td>
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<td>Grammar</td>
<td>310 00</td>
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<td>Emma Nickels</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>Mt. Eph.</td>
<td>264 00</td>
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<td>Priscilla Nickels</td>
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<td>Porter</td>
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<td>Ava Kingsbury</td>
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<td>No. Searsport</td>
<td>120 00</td>
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<td>Ever M. Holt</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>50 85</td>
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<td>Louise Kingbury</td>
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<td>88 00</td>
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<td>Agnes A. Williams</td>
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<td>Primary</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<td>Annie G. Gilkey</td>
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<td>Ida B. McDonald</td>
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<td>J. W. Brock</td>
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<td>160 00</td>
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<td>John Innes</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>145 00</td>
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<td>Hollis F. Curtis</td>
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<td>S. L. Ridley</td>
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<td>W. E. Bowler</td>
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<td>47 50</td>
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<td>Harlon Stuart</td>
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<td>Eugene Curtis</td>
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<td>&quot;</td>
<td>4 60</td>
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<td>Philip Beach</td>
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<td>6 00</td>
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<td>Emma Nickels</td>
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<td>&quot;</td>
<td>11 90</td>
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<td>R. B. Lowe</td>
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<td>20 50</td>
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<td>Frank E. Hall</td>
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<td>4 20</td>
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<td>Harold McElhenery</td>
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<td>10 00</td>
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<td>D. R. Russell</td>
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<td>13 10</td>
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<td>Hermon Curtis</td>
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<td>&quot;</td>
<td>7 80</td>
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<td>Abbie Chase</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>9 60</td>
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<tr>
<td>D. I. Robertson</td>
<td>wood for No. 9</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>25 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>D. I. Robertson</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>No. 8</td>
<td>22 50</td>
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Clifford Seekins, wood for Union, $45.00
Chas. U. Curtis, " " No. 7, $3.00
Lester Eaton, " " Harbor, $15.00
Chas. U. Curtis, " " Porter, $10.00
L. D. Littlefield, " " Nichols, $16.50
E. C. Pike, " " Union, $4.00
F. F. Floyd, " " No. 7, $18.00
Chas. A. Woods, " " Union, $1.10
F. F. Floyd, " " No. 7, $12.00
Chas. U. Curtis, " " Park, $4.00
W. A. Griffin, " " No. 1, $5.00
F. F. Floyd, " " Porter, $30.00
Geo. W. Partridge, " " Union, $3.50
H. E. Robbins, " " schools, $1.50
E. W. Thompson, " " No. 8, $2.50
Searsport Coal Co., coal for schools, $34.50
Fred Ellis, fitting wood for Union, $5.00
Joseph Porter, " " schools, $3.00
W. E. Bowler, " " Union, $1.00
Geo. E. Sylvester, " " Harbor, $2.00
Geo. Ausplund, " " Union, $3.25
Mrs. W. E. Bowler, cleaning school house, $1.00
Mrs. F. W. Smart, " " $5.00
Abbie Chase, " " $5.00
F. E. Stinson, paid for cleaning No. 9, $3.00
City of Belfast, tuition, $30.75
Town of Stockton Springs, tuition, $7.00
Agnes A. Williams, care of children during noon hour, $24.00

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Alfred C. Blake, as principal for weeks, $840.00
Edith M. Larrabee, asst. " " $120.00
Louise Hall, " " $30.00
Gladys B. Pfaff, " " $184.00

$3293.65
$1174.00
### SCHOOL BOOKS

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<th>Publisher</th>
<th>Books</th>
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<td>Silver, Burdett &amp; Co.</td>
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<td>American Book Co.</td>
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<td>Educational Pub. Co.</td>
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<td>Ginn &amp; Co.</td>
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<td>D. C. Heath &amp; Co.</td>
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<td>E. Hopkins</td>
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<td>Palmer Co.</td>
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<td>City of Belfast</td>
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<tr>
<td>Houghton, Mifflin Co.</td>
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<td>Edw. E. Babb &amp; Co.</td>
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<td>Allyn &amp; Bacon</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chas. Scribners’ Sons</td>
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**Total**: $200.24

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS

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<tr>
<td>Alonzo J. Knowlton</td>
<td>$13.58</td>
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<td>City of Belfast</td>
<td>$14.62</td>
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<td>Smith &amp; Sale</td>
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<td>L. E. Knott Apr. Co.</td>
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<td>Library Bureau</td>
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<td>Milton, Bradley Co.</td>
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**Total**: $123.85

### SCHOOL DESKS

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<tr>
<td>Kenney Bros. &amp; Walkins, primary school</td>
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<tr>
<td>J. L. Hammett &amp; Co., teacher’s desk</td>
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**Total**: $139.00

### REPAIRS AND FURNISHINGS ON SCHOOL HOUSES

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<td>H. G. Peaslee, labor</td>
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<td>A. L. Mosman, labor and material</td>
<td>$63.95</td>
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<tr>
<td>Searsport Heating Co., Union school house</td>
<td>$4.04</td>
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<td>Geo. A. Bowen, labor on Union school house</td>
<td>$41.25</td>
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<td>Alfred C. Blake, labor on Union school house</td>
<td>$2.90</td>
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<tr>
<td>Timothy Porter, drain for Nichols school house</td>
<td>$18.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>J. M. Ausplund</td>
<td>$13.75</td>
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**Total**: $53.00
Thomas Rich, drain for Nichols school house, 15 00
James B. Sweetser, painting  56 85
W. D. Smart, labor on  14 00
C. O. Sawyer & Co., hardware,  89 91
Squires & Inkwell,  5 94
A. E. Trundy, lumber, etc.,  52 52
A. E. Trundy, lumber, etc.,  14 79
Geo. E. Merrill, lumber,  21 82
Michael Ward, labor on Union school house,  20 60
Wilson N. Smart, labor on Porter school house,  59 15
James B. Sweetser, labor on Nichols school house,  35 87
Chas. Woods, labor on Union school house grounds,  16 50
M. H. Nickerson, labor on No. 8,  5 00
H. E. Robbins, wood for No. 8,  80
A. E. Trundy, lumber,  17 20
J. C. Durham, lumber,  1 75
J. L. Hammett, supplies,  25 63
R. N. Porter, labor on Union school house,  7 62
F. H. Park, labor,  4 07
E. W. Thompson, banking No. 8,  2 00
A. A. Ausplund, trucking,  4 75
F. A. Nye, chairs, etc.,  7 05
R. B. Lowe, repairs, etc.,  2 60
D. I. Robertson, repairs on No. 8,  3 00
A. L. Mosman, labor,  75
C. O. Sawyer & Co., hardware,  86 35
Clement & Adams, supplies,  5 85

$726 89

About $200 of the above amount was expended for Laboratory for High school, required by law.
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Woods, Charles A. " " 79 20
Whitcomb, O. W. " " 30 10
West, W. N. " " 28 10
West, W. H. " " 7 50
Webber, B. E. " " 10 00

$2323 84

WINTER BREAKING

Paid Ausplund, J. M. $ 2 80
Black, Herbert, to pay for 1909 tax, 27 00
Berry, Frank H. 80
Clements, T. D. 2 00
Card, S. J. 3 40
Downs, W. S. 6 50
Dorr, Thomas 2 80
George, Will 6 00
Gilkey & Son, W. R. 43 10
Hill, C. F. 18 05
Littlefield, John H. 12 60
Moody, W. S. 9 50
Nickerson, Eugene 11 00
Nickerson, Charles A. 29 00
Rich, Thomas 13 40
Sargent, E. A. 9 60
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Trundy, Chester M. 3 20
Ward, M. C. 6 90
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$219 85
SIDEWALKS

A. M. Park, labor for 1909, $8 60
B. & A. R. R. Co., freight on plank, 21 05
A. E. Trundy, lumber, 8 80
Clifton Whittum, labor, 33 80
Chesley Matthews, labor, 35 40
Mial Sargent, lumber, 11 18
Chas. A. Woods, labor, 25 20
Geo. E. Merrill, lumber, 40 48
L. M. Sargent, labor, 12 00
Nicholas Parse, labor, 18 00
E. C. Pike, plank, 36 00
Warren A. Griffin, Jr., labor, 3 00
H. E. Robbins, lumber, 11 00
R. N. Porter, labor, 4 00
Wilson N. West, labor, 6 40
Morse & Co., lumber, 180 00
Herbert Black, lumber, to pay for 1909 tax, 45 26
E. L. Savery, lumber, 10 00
E. K. Blake, labor, 1 50

——— $511 67

SUMMARY OF ROAD BILLS

Roads, labor, $2,323 84
Winter breaking, 219 85
Sidewalks, 511 67

——— $3055 36

Plank on hand, about, $60 00

STATE ROAD

F. I. Mortland, labor, $34 00
Ellsworth Howard, " 12 50
George Ausplund, " 35 00
Timothy Porter, " 27 50
J. M. Ausplund, " 37 75
Charles Porter, " 30 00
Ralph I. Mortland, " 46 00
L. P. Closson, labor, 27 00
F. I. Mortland, logs, 30 00
Charles Woods, labor, 14 40
Wilson West, " 17 32
Thomas Rich, " 39 25
Miles W. Towers, " 20 00
E. L. Savery, " 90 00
H. H. Savery, " 30 00
Charles F. Hill, " 64 50
A. E. Trundy, " 7 20
H. S. Colman, " 32 00
F. P. Decrow, " 48 00
J. L. Cunningham, sand, 20 00
E. K. Blake, labor, 3 00

Due from State, $665 42

TOWN OFFICERS

F. I. Mortland, selectman, assessor, etc., $165 00
Clifton Whittum, " " " 125 00
James P. Nichols, " " " 150 00
Alonzo J. Knowlton, superintendent of schools, 200 00
Mildred Shute, librarian, 25 00
W. M. Parse, town clerk, 15 00
C. O. Sawyer, town treasurer, 100 00
Frank A. Curtis, collector of taxes, 323 57
James A. Colson, auditor, 6 00
J. S. Cunningham, truant officer, 1 50
Dr. S. C. Pattee, town physician, 20 00
Dr. S. C. Pattee, board of health, 11 00

$1142 07
TOWN'S POOR

Mrs. Jas. E. Marden, board and care of Chas. Seavey, $208 00
Fred E. Stinson, supplies for Chas. Seavey, 3 00
R. B. Ward, board and care of B. C. Towle, 168 00
W. M. Parse, supplies for B. C. Towle, 10 75
L. M. Kneeland, board and care of Fred Carr, 100 00
Elmer Webster, care of tramps, 8 00
F. A. Nye, burial of W. Towers received from State, 32 50
F. A. Nye, burial of T. Billings, received from State, 35 00
Edmund Ames, wood for Blake family, 3 75
F. E. Whitcomb, supplies for Blake family, 112 08
Geo. Partridge, wood for Blake family, 18 25
F. I. Mortland, pauper exp. to Rockland, 11 70
Mrs. Etta Nickerson, care of pauper, 1 50
W. E. Grinnell, care of tramps, 13 50
F. I. Mortland, trip to Rockland for Percy Brock, 4 30
Town of Prospect on account of W. McMann, 250 00
James P. Nichols, to get Percy Brock to hospital, 1 00
City of Rockland, on account of paupers, 56 50
Clement & Adams, supplies for paupers, 15 90

$1,053 73

Note.—Settlement of Albert R. George Est. as follows:

SETTLEMENT OF THE ALBERT R. GEORGE EST.

Sale of real Est. by auction to J. F. Wheaton for $280
" " Pers'n'l property, 12 10

$292 10 $292 10

CONTRA

Satisfaction of mortgage held by James M. Towle, $92
Paid Albert Kane, auctioneer, 6 57
" H. C. Buzzell, 10 36
" Dunton & Morse, 5
5% Comm. on $292.10, 14 60
Court expenses, advertising, etc., 26 50
Balance paid to town of Searsport for pauper supplies, 137 07

$292 10 $292 10

Searsport, Jan. 1911.
## INSANITY

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MEMORIAL SERVICE
J. W. Black, quarter-master of Freeman McGilvery Post, G. A. R. as per bill rendered, $50 00

SEARSOPR ELECTRIC CO.
Street lights, 37 St. lights now, $491 25

SEARSOPR WATER CO.
For use of hydrants, $1,280 00

CIRCULATING LIBRARY
For books, $5 00

ABATEMENTS
B. F. Colcord, collector, '08, $33 53

INCIDENTALS
Loring, Short & Harmon, books for office, $13 70
Thos. W. Burr Ptg. Co., town reports, 47 00
F. N. Treat, painting signs, 2 50
Edmund Ames, sheep killed by dogs, 4 00
Est. of Geo. F. Smith, office rent, 20 00
E. A. Sargent, freight bills, 1 25
James P. Nichols, tel. and expenses on town reports for 1909, 4 35
M. A. Cook, pails for board of health, 1 25
W. R. Gilkey & Son, teams for town use, 35 00
C. O. Sawyer & Co, hardware, 23 95
Warren Nickerson, watering trough, 3 00
Searsport National Bank, interest on town orders, 84 21
Elmer Webster, collecting dog tax, etc., 12 00
Geo. W. Partridge, watering trough, 3 00
James P. Nichols, tel., postage and express, 5 10
E. C. Pike, sundries for town, 28 20
Edmund Ames, sheep killed by dogs, 8 00
Searsport Ball Team, police duty for July 4, 1910, 12 00
L. C. Eaton, sheep killed by dogs, 4 00
F. M. Perkins, police duty July 4, 1910, 2 00
H. C. Buzzell, legal services, 13 60
H. C. Buzzell, moderator, 4 00
J. B. Black, making street signs, 1 25
E. A. Sargent, trucking, 2 00
Est. Geo. F. Smith, rent of office, 20 00
Est. P. Pendleton, rent of library, 50 00
F. N. Treat, painting street signs, 2 00
L. W. Wentworth, elec. clerk, 2 00
E. A. Sargent, moving library books, 6 75
Searsport Heating Co., repairs on fountain, 5 00
Village Cem. Assn., care of town lot, 5 00
Elmer Webster, posting warrants, 3 00
Geo. A. Bowen, Elec. clerk, 2 00
Harry E. Merithew, Elec. clerk, 2 00
Archie Merithew, sheep killed by dogs, 4 00
W. M. Parse, return of births and deaths, 11 85
John Sullivan, Elec. clerk, 4 00
John B. Ames, blacksmith work, 22 00
C. O. Sawyer & Co., recording deed of Library, 85
Manley Foot, cleaning office, 1 50
A. E. Trundy, plank for Pest house, 19 37
Elmer Webster, warrants, etc., 5 50
Geo. A. Bowen, Elec. clerk, 2 00
Manley Foot, taking wood to office, 40
W. F. Langill Ptg. Co., printing, 3 00
L. W. Wentworth, Elec. clerk, 2 00
F. B. Smith, supplies for office, 1 90
James P. Nichols, paper, postage, etc., 3 85
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., 4 77
C. O. Sawyer & Co., Hardware, 128 97

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SUMMARY OF BILLS PAID BY THE SELECTMEN
DURING THE YEAR

Common schools, $3,293.65
Free high school, 1,174.00
School books, 200.24
School supplies and incidentals, 123.85
School desks, 139.00
Repairs and furnishings for school houses, 726.89
Roads, labor, 2,323.84
Winter breaking, 219.85
Sidewalks, 511.67
State road, 665.42
Town officers, 1,142.07
Town's poor, 1,053.73
Insanity, 30.60
Fire Department, 301.80
Union Hall, 189.53
Memorial service, 50.00
Searsport Electric Co., 491.25
Searsport Water Co., 1,280.00
Circulating library, 5.00
Abatements, 33.53
Incidentals, 650.07
--- $14,605.99

REPORT OF B. F. COLCORD

Uncollected taxes, Feb. 20, 1910, $59.77
Paid to treasurer, $26.24
Abated, 33.53
--- $59.77

REPORT OF F. A. CURTIS, COLLECTOR FOR 1909

Uncollected taxes Feb. 20, 1909, $262.59
Paid C. O. Sawyer, treasurer, 159.62

Balance uncollected for 1909, $102.97
REPORT OF F. A. CURTIS, Collector for 1910

Amount of 1910 tax committed, $16,770 15
1910 supplemental tax, 60 00
--------- $16,830 15
Paid C. O. Sawyer, treasurer, 16,276 44

Balance due Feb. 11, 1911, $553 71

Consisting of uncollected taxes as advertised in this report.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES FOR 1910

Eliza Carleton, $ 3 23
Jonathan Colcord heirs, 6 45
Llewellyn Crocket, 5 95
Lucinda Dwelley heirs, 2 15
Clifton Ellis, 30 09
Will George, 35 58
Carl Howard, 9 45
Daniel M. Nichols, 4 08
Luecretie Nichols heirs, 12 90
John Closson, 5 62
P. Rich heirs, 6 45
Alonzo Seekins, 3 75
C. O. Seekins, 21 17
J. W. Smart, 5 75
John Sullivan, 8 60
Abner Warren, 10 75
Cole & Berson, 2 15
Leon Merrithew, 3 00
E. O. Bailey, 3 00
Bert Billings, 3 00
Percy Brock, 3 00
Albert Card, 3 00
John Flinton, 3 00
Frank Hamilton, 3 00
Reed Lowell, 4 61
Joe Morrow, 3 00
Lewis W. Rich, 3 00
W. P. Rich, 3 00
Arthur Ridley, 3 00
Lester Robinson, 3 00
John Merriman, 3 00
Ed. Ripley, 3 00
Bert Weymouth, 4 08
W. Shepley, 3 00
Lillian E. Cassen, 1 08
W. S. Marshall, 1 08
A. T. Peabody, 2 15
Mrs. Brailey, 1 08
J. H. Leathers, 1 08
Abbie Nickerson, 1 08
W. H. Nickerson, 1 29
J. Y. Marden, 54
G. W. Cunningham, 54
Michael Andrews, 1 93
Fractional parts uncollected taxes, 3 14 05

$553 71
# Treasurer's Report

**C. O. Sawyer, Town Treasurer.**

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| Mrs. M. F. C. Taylor, amt. of tax deeds on Crosby place                      | $9.13    |
| Mrs. Etta Chapin, amt. of tax deed                                          | $7.20    |
| Dunton & Morse, amt. of tax deeds of 1907, 1908 and 1909 on estate of Sarah Sawyer | $7.25    |
| Searsport Savings Bank, amt. of tax deeds of 1907, 1908 and 1909 on estate of Margaret Sawyer | $17.00    |
| A. E. Brown, pool room license for 1910                                    | $10.00   |

**Total:** $19,922.76
DISBURSEMENTS

Paid State treasurer, state tax of 1910 ....................... $3,726.24
State treasurer, dog licenses of 1910 ................... 95.00
County treasurer, county tax of 1910 .............. 1,169.10
outstanding orders of 1909 ......................... 1,776.15
town orders of 1910 ......................... 12,632.10
Searsport National Bank, safe deposit box ........ 250.00
state pensions of 1910 ....................... 408.00

$19,809.09

Cash in treasury, Feb. 11, 1911 ......................... 113.67

$19,922.76

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Cyrus True Fund, 1000 B. & A. R. R. Bond,
$970.00 and cash in Bank $30.00, $1000.00
Mary A. Nichols fund, 1 share Searsport Nat'l
Bank Stock, 100.00
James Staples fund, cash in Belfast Savings Bank, 250.00
Samuel and Wm. Butman fund, " " 150.00
Geo. W. Colson, " " " 100.00
Jeremiah Merithew fund, cash in Searsport Savings Bank, 100.00
John C. Beals, " " " 150.00
Daniel Sullivan, " " " 100.00
Samuel Curtis, Jr., " " " 100.00
Charles F. Gordon, " 100.00
Abbie J. Sargent, " 100.00
B. F. Pendleton, " 1000.00
Jas. G. Pendleton, " 200.00
Jas. W. Mosman, " 100.00
Harriet H. McGilvery, " 100.00
Lydia C. Carver, " 34.00
Hannah C. McGilvery, " 200.00
John W. McGilvery, " 150.00
Putnam Simonton, " 100.00
B. F. & E. M. Stevens fund, 50 00
Amos H. Ellis, 75 00
D. S. Goodell, 125 00
Otis Black, 100 00
John Sullivan, 50 00
G. W. Hichborn, 200 00
Eli O. Colson, 25 00
Joseph Pendleton, 100 00
Joseph Park, 100 00
M. P. Erskine, 100 00
David Towle, 50 00
Joseph Wallnutt, 100 00
Edna Black, 100 00
C. F. Hill, 100 00
Mary Kane, 50 00
Jas. H. Pendleton, 75 00
Mrs. Evalina Carver, 100 00
Marshall Dutch, 50 00
L. Curtis, 120 62
Rufus E. Sargent, Savings Dept. Savings Dept.
Searsport Nat'l Bank, 50 00
Thurston Cemetery fund, Savings Dept. Searsport Nat'l Bank, 200 00

$6054 62

TRUST FUNDS

Cyrus True, Searsport library fund, $500 92
Hannah T. Pendleton, “ “ 100 00

$600 92
FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN FEB. 11, 1911

Assets

Due from F. A. Curtis, col. 1909, $102.97
Due from F. A. Curtis, col. 1910, 553.71
Due from C. O. Sawyer, treas., 113.67
Tax deeds and valued at, 100.00
Sidewalk plank on hand, 60.00
Due from State, High school, 500.00
" " State pension, 408.00
" " State road, 332.71

$2,171.06

Liabilities

Outstanding orders, 1,973.89

Making a balance of $197.17

Unexpended Free High School, 322.70

We respectfully recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year:

For common schools, $1,000.00
free high school, 750.00
poor and other town expenses, 2,000.00
highway, 2,500.00
repairs on sidewalks, 400.00
school books, 200.00
supplies and incidentals, 75.00
repairs on school houses, 450.00
winter breaking, 500.00
superintendent of schools, 200.00

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK I. MORTLAND, } Selectmen
CLIFTON WHITTUM, } of
JAMES P. NICHOLS, } Searsport.

I have examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast
and properly vouched.

JAMES A. COLSON,
Auditor.
Report of the Superintending School Committee
AND
Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE
Capt. F. I. Pendleton,
Capt. B. F. Colcord,
Mr. E. A. Buker,

TERM EXPIRES
1913
1912
1911

Organization
Chairman, Capt. B. F. Colcord.
Text Book Committee, Capt. B. F. Colcord and Supt. of Schools.
Committee on Repairs and Purchase of Fuel, Capt. B. F. Colcord.

School Calendar
Winter term (1910) closed March 4th.
Spring term opened March 21st.
Spring term closed June 10th.
Fall term opened September 12th.
Fall term closed December 2d.
Fall term High school closed December 16th.
Winter term (1911) opened January 3d.
Holidays—Patriots' Day, April 19th; Memorial Day, May 30th; County Teachers' Association, May 19th; Visiting Day, October 26th; State Teachers' Association, Oct. 27th and 28th; Thanksgiving Day and Friday following; New Year's Day, Jan. 1st.
STATEMENT OF SCHOOL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR
ENDING FEB. 11, 1911

GENERAL SCHOOL PURPOSES

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Balance Feb. 11, 1911.................. $902 51

Note—The above report is for a school year of 33 weeks.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Free High School

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SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS

Amount raised by town................................... $100 00
Amount expended............................................. 123 85

Overdraft................................................... $23 85

REPAIRS

Amount raised by town................................... $450 00
Special for desks............................................... 137 00

Total......................................................... $587 00
Amount expended............................................. 865 89

Overdraft................................................... $278 89

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Number of weeks in common schools from Feb. 14, 1910 to Feb. 11, 1911, 33
Number of weeks in high school from Feb. 14, 1910 to Feb. 11, 1911, 35
Average cost per pupil in common schools, $16.51
" " high school, $46.72
General Statistics

Population of Town, 1,444
Number of persons between the ages of five and twenty-one, 378.
Number of different pupils in school, 219.
Percentage of school population attending school, 58%
Number of weeks of schooling, 33.
Average wages of teachers per week, $8.625.
Number of Normal school graduates employed, 2.
Number of College Graduates employed, 1.
Number holding State Teachers’ Certificates, 2.

Estimates for coming year

General school purposes ...................................................... $1,000 00
High school ............................................................................ 750 00
Free text books ............................................................... 200 00
Apparatus and reference books for high school .............. 100 00
Supplies and incidentals ...................................................... 75 00
Repairs .................................................................................... 450 00

We also recommend that some action be taken relative to heating the Union school house and the installation of flush closets.

B. F. Colcord,
F. I. Pendleton, School Committee.
E. A. Buker,
MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN:

I hereby submit my second annual report of the Searsport Public Schools for the year ending Feb. 11, 1911.

It will be the purpose of this report to review the local school history, together with some statements and recommendations for the future.

The last school census shows 378 children in town between the ages of five and twenty-one, this being an increase of thirty-five.

The grading of the schools and the classification of the scholars, mentioned in my last report, has proved very satisfactory to the majority after the course became somewhat established and regulated. The pupils have a minimum amount of work to accomplish satisfactorily in order to be entitled to advance to a higher class. This work must be done by the pupils guided by the teacher.

The teachers cannot do the work for the pupils however much they may desire to do so or the parents may wish to have them. The pupils have a very important part to perform in acquiring knowledge.

The effort commenced last year has not been abated to raise the standard of efficiency of our schools. We do not presume to think that we have reached the standard you may have set for us or that which we outlined for ourselves. But we believe there has been a reasonable and healthy growth.

The winter and spring terms had little interruption.

The work of the fall term was broken into by colds and a few cases of diphtheria. The latter caused the Board of Health to close the schools for a time in order to check the spread of the disease and to fumigate the school buildings. It was so near the close of the fall term that the School Committee decided not to reopen the schools till the winter term, January 3, 1911.
The school at North Searsport was closed one week of the fall term on account of illness of the teacher, therefore this school has had one less week than the others.

Three of the schools were closed May 19th for the teachers to attend the County Teachers' Association which met at Brooks.

All but three teachers attended the State Teachers' Association held in Bangor, Oct. 27, 28. They also availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the Bangor and Brewer schools, Oct. 26th.

Miss Williams had charge of the children during the noon intermission for the spring term and Mr. Blake has had charge for the greater part of the fall and winter terms.

TEACHERS

At the close of the spring term and during the summer vacation the following resignations occurred: Miss Williams, to enter a more enjoyable vocation; Ava Kingsbury, to complete her normal school education; Edith M. Larrabee, assistant for spring-term in high school, on account of sickness in family. These positions were filled respectively as follows: by Annie G. Gilkey, Louise A. Kingsbury, and G. Barbara Pfaff.

Miss Kingsbury resigned at the close of the fall term on account of illness and Ever M. Holt of Canaan was engaged to fill the vacancy.

Miss MacDonald was ill the last few weeks of the spring term and her position was filled by Mrs. Emma Davis as substitute.

The present teaching force is, Principal of High school, Alfred C. Blake, assistant, G. Barbara Pfaff; Grammar school, Ethel M. Dodge; Intermediate, Ida B. MacDonald; Primary, Annie G. Gilkey; Nichols, Abbie Chase; Park, Lillias G. Ford; Porter, Priscilla Nickels; Mt. Ephraim, Emma Nickels; North Searsport, Ever M. Holt.

SCHOOL BOOKS

Books purchased for the common schools have been arithmetics, readers, grammars, language books and geographies; for the high school algebras, geometries, beginners' Latin, French Grammars,
French stories, books in English and American literature, physical geographies, geologies and a large dictionary and atlas. Part of the cost of the dictionary and atlas was a gift to the school.

We have received credit for old books used in exchange for those purchased to the amount of $21.00.

COURSE OF STUDY

The same course of study has been followed as last year with the addition of drawing. We have not accomplished much in this important subject owing to the fact that the teachers need a better outline of work and instruction than is now possible for the superintendent to give. I would suggest the employment of a drawing teacher for one day in each week for this work.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

From the teachers' reports, we get the following results: Number of children examined 188; Number found with defective eyes 17; Number found with defective hearing 4. Number of parents notified 17.

HIGH SCHOOL

The high school for the past year has been under the principalship of Alfred C. Blake with one assistant. The school has been small, at no time registering more than thirty-four pupils. These have been doing good honest work but with some it has been quite a struggle to keep up with the pace set by the State for a class "A" high school. Pluck and perseverance have won in nearly all cases. The school still holds the approval of the State for class "A."

The books purchased for the past year have cost $111.83 and the apparatus for the laboratories $66.95.

The tables in the laboratories are in an unfinished state. These tables should be completed and some provision made for more light in the laboratories.

We shall need to purchase more apparatus for the coming year and some reference books for the science department.
For a more detailed account of the high school, I refer you to Mr. Blake's report which is appended.

REPAIRS

This item has been under the charge of the Chairman of the Committee, Cap. B. F. Colcord. Thirty-five single adjustable desks and a teacher's desk were purchased for the primary school. Quite a good deal of work was done in finishing off the room for laboratories in the high school department. Extensive but much needed repairs were made on the Porter and Nichols school buildings. Minor repairs were made on the other school buildings in town.

SUGGESTIONS AND NEEDED REPAIRS

Owing to the fact that the schools have been closed several times because they could not be made comfortable by the present means of heating, I would suggest that some action be taken whereby the Union school building can be heated. This could be accomplished by installing a steam or hot water plant. If this is done, some good system of ventilation should be installed at the same time.

The difficulty arising from the present arrangement of out-buildings, their unsanitary condition and location leads me to suggest that modern flush closets be placed in the cellar of the Union school house after the cellar bottom has been cemented. I am sure that this will not be a very expensive job but of untold value.

The Union building needs some new sash and outside windows or better, the Chandler weather strips.

The intermediate and grammar school rooms should have new desks for the children—40 in the grammar and 35 in the intermediate. This building needs to have something done to the walls as the plastering is in bad condition. Steel is the most satisfactory for the ceilings.

A new floor is much needed in the Nichols school and suitable desks should be purchased as those now in use are too large, unadjustable and in bad condition.

The Porter school must be supplied with a new stove.
CONCLUSION

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the conscientious work done by the teachers and their co-operation in the effort for the betterment of our schools; and to tender to you, Superintending School Committee, sincere thanks for your support and assistance in my varied duties during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

ALONZO J. KNOWLTON,
Superintendent of Schools.

Searsport, Me., Feb. 14, 1911.
DEAR SIR:

I herewith tender my second annual report as Principal of Searsport High school for the municipal year ending March 1, 1911. There appears to have been an increased interest shown in our school the past year as recorded by our list of visitors. A year ago one parent and about 15 other persons visited the school. During the past year we have received 18 visits from the parents with a total of 85 visitors up to the present time. We shall be glad to see a still greater increase the coming year. The interest of the pupils varies to quite an extent with the interest shown by the parents and friends of the school. We are also glad to note and report a gradual increase of interest shown by the pupils in their class-room work. Teachers alone cannot make an interesting and interested school. They must have the hearty co-operation of the parents and citizens. Regular monthly visitors' days have been arranged and these have brought quite a number to the schools. It is to be regretted that so many things have served to interfere with our school work the past year. Since September our school has been closed two and one-half weeks due to holidays and the presence of diphtheria in the village. Lack of fuel and unsatisfactory heating arrangements have been responsible for the loss of at least another two weeks of time. Not a few mornings it has been impossible to open school at the appointed time on account of the temperature of the rooms and when the schools were called to order the temperature has often been between 50 and 60 degrees with a few occasions when it was less than this lower record.

In order to ascertain whether our rooms could be satisfactorily heated by the present arrangement, I made the following test, selecting a cold day but one which was by no means the coldest. Simultaneous records of the temperature were kept in two places, one about 20 feet from the stove and another less than ten feet from it. In order to raise the first thermometer to a temperature of 68, it was necessary to raise the other to 94.
ENROLLMENT

The following schedule shows our enrollment the past year:

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REFERENCE BOOKS

A French dictionary and a copy of Webster’s New International Dictionary have been added to our reference books. This last was in part the gift of Dr. E. Hopkins, a former citizen. The greatest need of the school of this nature at present is a good encyclopedia. In order to meet the state requirements there must be purchased a selection of reference books for the use of the science classes. This is the only requirement of the state which we have made no attempt to meet.

TEXT BOOKS

During the past year a few greatly needed changes in our textbooks have been made, and to this extent we believe we have as good a selection as can be found in any school. Very few changes another year will need to be made. A new text for the Rhetoric classes and one for the Modern History class should be secured. Modern History has never been taught in the school.

COURSE OF STUDY

The courses of study adopted a year ago have served us well and been favorably received and with only a few criticisms. Another year’s work in French should be added to meet the college entrance requirements. We believe introductory science work should be introduced for the Freshman class of the English course. We should also like to see a year’s work in Biology for the Sophomore class. A great many have shown a desire to have an elementary commercial course made a part of our curriculum and we think this could be done to advantage and at no very great expense.
LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

Our new laboratory which was begun last year has been nearly completed and when this is done there will be few schools in towns of this size in the state better equipped in this respect. Water and gas for the use of the Chemistry classes have been installed. A supply of physical and chemical apparatus has been supplied. To this an addition should be made each year until a complete equipment has been secured. Some arrangement should be made for lighting this room as well as the main study room. Suitable seats should be procured for the class room. The expense for this would not be great.

HEATING AND SANITARY CONDITIONS

I referred to these matters in my report to you a year ago. I have given the matter considerable thought during the past year and I believe there exists at the present time a strong feeling that something should be done to bring about an improvement in existing conditions. We have a good building and with the expenditure of a comparatively small amount it can be properly heated and put in sanitary condition. We believe the building should be heated by a steam plant in the basement by a combination of direct and indirect methods. The remainder of the basement should be divided off for toilet rooms and dressing and play rooms. I have prepared plans and am now at work on estimates of the expense necessary to procure these results. I believe these changes are the most important of any at the present time.

Before I close I wish to say that the schools are to receive great assistance from the opportunities offered by the Carver Memorial Library. Some of our classes are already making use of the books found there. It is hoped that other books may soon be added so that other classes may have suitable reference books for their use.

I desire in closing to express my thanks and appreciation to you and the School Board for your untiring efforts in our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

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