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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS.

AND THE REPORT OF THE
Superintendent of Schools,
For Fiscal Year Ending February 28, 1903.

Incorporated March 22, A. D. 1893.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Clerk and Treasurer.

C. M. HUTCHINS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

FRANCIS H. COBB, ERNEST K. HOLBROOK,
JOHN E. SAUNDERS.

Collector.

L. W. MASON,

Town Agent.

J. M. LIBBY.

Superintendent of Schools.

J. M. LIBBY.

School Committee.

J. K. DENNING, FRED L. MERRILL, E. F. BRADFORD.

Trustees of Public Library.

J. M. LIBBY, LIZZIE J. BUTLER, E. F. BRADFORD.

Librarian.

LIZZIE JEWETT BUTLER.

Board of Health.

C. B. RANKIN, A. V. HATHAWAY, M. N. ROYAL.

Auditor.

F. E. TUFTS.

Town Physician.

C. B. RANKIN, M. D.

Chief Engineer.

E. E. JORDAN.

1st Assistant Engineer.

H. C. RAWSON,

2d Assistant Engineer.

H. L. JEWETT.

Road Commissioner.

S. D. JORDAN.

Constables.

L. W. MASON, DENNIS S. PERKINS, W. A. GOULD,

B. F. HASKELL, J. A. CROOKER, D. L. COUSENS,

H. T. BUCKNAM, F. F. DRESSER.

Report of Selectmen.

To the Citizens of Mechanic Falls:

We hereby submit the Tenth Annual Report of the Municipal Officers of the town for the fiscal year ending Feb. 28, 1903, for your consideration.

Assessors' Report.

FOR THE YEAR 1902.

Valuation of property and number of polls as taken April 1st, 1902, and subsequently during the year.

Amount of real estate of resident owners,	\$442,865 00	
Amount of real estate of non-resident owners,	209,140 00	
	<hr/>	\$652,005 00
Amount of personal property of resident owners,	\$ 70,749 00	
Amount of personal property of non-resident owners,	47,281 00	
	<hr/>	118,030 00
Grand Total,		<hr/> \$770,035 00

Rate of taxation, \$22.25 per \$1,000.

Poll tax rate, \$3.00.

Number of polls taxed, 424.

Number of polls untaxed, 64.

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Assessments.

For State tax,	\$2,473 95
County tax,	1,253 55
Support of common schools,	2,200 00
Support of high school,	800 00
Support of highways and bridges,	2,000 00
Hose wagon,	350 00
Support of poor,	900 00
Contingent fund,	400 00
Officers' salaries,	600 00
Sinking fund,	1,000 00
Payment of interest,	1,000 00
Abatements and collector's commissions,	600 00
Memorial Day observance,	50 00
Lighting streets,	1,248 00
Hydrant rental,	1,680 00
Fire department,	300 00
Public Library,	300 00
Text books, school furnishings, etc.,	500 00
Graduating exercises, high school,	25 00
Deficiency in highway account for 1901,	177 36
Deficiency in incidental school account, 1901,	104 77
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	\$17,962 63
Overlay in assessing,	444 67
Supplementary assessment,	21 00
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Total amount committed to D. B. Waterhouse for collection,	\$18,428 30

EXTRACTS FROM TOWN ASSESSORS' REPORT TO STATE ASSESSORS.

No. of horses, 245, average value,	\$62 73
3-year-old colts, 3, average value,	70 00
2-year-old colts, 1, " "	50 00
1-year-old colts, 1, " "	25 00
Cows, 201, " "	25 49
Oxen, 6, " "	68 33
3-year-olds, 65, " "	21 31
2-year-olds, 68, " "	15 79
1-year-olds, 73, " "	9 53
Sheep, 32, " "	2 07
Swine, 49, " "	8 37

Abatements Allowed.

TAXES OF 1898.

Ireland, Mrs. A. G., worthless,	\$1 00
Ellsworth, A. S., inability to pay,	3 55
	<hr/> \$ 4 55

TAXES OF 1899.

Benson, J. W., inability to pay,	\$3 95
Ellingwood, Adelbert, whereabouts unknown,	2 50
Mayberry, Frank E., inability to pay,	2 50
Rogers, Harry L., worthless,	2 50
Rancour, Fred, whereabouts unknown,	2 50
Rodick, Fred, whereabouts unknown,	2 50
Severance, Fred S., whereabouts unknown,	2 50
Spiller, J. G. M., physical disability,	2 50
Starbird, Cephas H., whereabouts unknown,	2 50
	<hr/> \$ 23 95

TAXES OF 1900.

Abbott, John E., whereabouts unknown,	\$3 00
Greenwood, Norris, age and infirmity,	3 00
Mayberry, Frank E., inability to pay,	3 00
Merrill, Anna B., inability to pay,	1 13
Rogers, Harry L., worthless,	3 00
Rancour, Alfred, whereabouts unknown,	3 00
Rancour, Joseph, whereabouts unknown,	3 00
Reynolds, Chas. A., whereabouts unknown,	3 00
Sloat, Pearl, whereabouts unknown,	3 00
Tainter, William, paid in Rumford,	3 00
	————— \$ 28 13

TAXES OF 1901.

Andrews, M. S., inability to pay,	\$ 3 00
Baur, Martin, whereabouts unknown,	3 00
Bedeau, A. G., whereabouts unknown,	3 00
Greenwood, Norris, age and infirmity,	3 00
Gilbert, Albert, whereabouts unknown,	3 00
Lacerte, Eugene, out of the state,	3 00
Mechanic Falls Mfg. Co., by vote of town,	55 75
Mechanic Falls Water Co., by contract,	22 30
Nay, Samuel E., whereabouts unknown,	3 00
Smith, William, inability to pay,	4 30
ThurLOW, Alfred R., worthless,	3 00
Vincent, Daniel, whereabouts unknown,	3 00
Waterman, John Z., keeping highway in repair,	20 07
Chase, Merritt Co., by agreement,	89 20
Hallett Toothpick Co., overvaluation,	6 72
	————— \$225 34

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

Town's poor assisted as follows:

E. W. RECORDS.

Paid C. A. Corey, board,	\$ 60 00	
Fred E. Campbell, board,	24 00	
	————	\$ 84 00

C. A. FOSTER.

Paid A. L. Soule, rent,	\$ 48 00	
R. W. Goodwin, milk,	8 43	
Geo. O. Goodwin & Co., wood,	5 00	
	————	61 43

J. L. TOBIE.

Paid W. B. Haskell, M. D., medical attendance,	\$ 13 50	
L. Canwell, board and nursing,	13 00	
	————	\$ 26 50

MRS. O. D. HOLT.

Paid E. A. Gammon, rent,	6 00	
Mrs. G. W. Sholes, “	62 33	
	————	\$ 68 33

ALFRED WATERHOUSE.

Paid A. B. Emery, board,	120 00	
C. B. Rankin, medical attendance,	2 00	
O. B. Dwinal, clothes,	2 00	
	————	\$124 00

JOHN B. RAND.

Paid State Insane Asylum, board,	162 50	
“ “ “ clothing,	24 78	
	————	\$ 187 28

JOHN E. AND NELLIE M. BICKNELL.

Paid Geo. S. Trundy, rent,	\$ 60 00
L. J. Morton, milk and butter,	24 75
" " " " hauling wood,	4 74
Lewis Gower, butter,	16 04
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine,	4 50
Eva Bicknell, care of sister,	24 00
F. A. Golderman, shoes,	2 50
I. A. Denison, supplies,	3 53
Geo. O. Goodwin & Co., supplies	15 00
I. F. McCann & Co., supplies,	25 44
A. A. Woodsum, supplies,	1 90
J. L. Keen, hauling wood,	4 00
Merrill & Denning, medicine,	10 85

197 25

SAML. KNIGHT.

Paid Dennett Cotton, wood,	29 25
" " rent,	17 50
Chas. P. Kimball, rent,	10 00
A. G. Tinkham, supplies,	6 17
I. A. Denison, supplies,	3 81
Geo. O. Goodwin & Co., supplies,	3 55
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine,	75
Merrill & Denning, "	30

71 33

NATH'L LUFKIN.

Paid American Ex. Co., medicine, C.O.D.,	11 70
I. F. McCann, supplies,	10 92
C. B. Rankin, medical attendance,	4 00
W. G. Pulsifer, medicine,	85
Merrill & Denning, medicine and prescriptions,	30 70

I. A. Denison, supplies,	16 59	
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WILLIAM SMITH.

Paid I. A. Denison, supplies,	30 40	
I. F. McCann & Co., supplies,	11 91	
Perkins and Waterhouse, wood,	30 00	
Merrill & Denning, medicine and prescription,	27 80	
	<hr/>	\$100 11

HARRY S. ROGERS.

Paid City of Lewiston, supplies,	44 86
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LUCY HUNNEWELL.

Paid Dennett Cotton, wood,	12 37
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A. R. THURLOW.

Paid I. A. Denison, supplies,	1 24	
G. O. Goodwin, & Co., wood,	1 38	
Town of New Gloucester, supplies,	8 50	
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FRED IRELAND.

Paid A. A. Woodsum, supplies,	1 99	
G. O. Goodwin & Co., supplies,	4 46	
S. L. Hawley, clothing,	50	
O. B. Dwinal, shoes,	1 50	
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D. CHURCHILL.

Paid J. E. Saunders, for cash paid out,	8 00	
F. H. Cobb, R. R. fare for daughter,	2 00	
	<hr/>	10 00

TRAMPS.

Paid F. H. Cobb, care of tramps,	9 00	
D. L. Cousens,	6 50	
F. F. Dresser,	50	
E. K. Holbrook,	3 35	
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Total expenses for poor of the town,	\$1101 14
Balance unexpended,	116 72
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	\$1217 86

Appropriation,	900 00	
Amount unexpended in 1901,	317 86	
	<hr/>	\$1217 86

Poor of Other Towns.

Received from other towns on account of support of their poor.

Town of Rumford,	67 16	
Town of Oxford,	25 75	
Town of Poland,	126 00	
	<hr/>	\$218 91

Paid for Poor of Other Towns.

Name.	Town.	Amount.
E. O. Locke,	Poland,	\$119 00
Maurice Bumpus,	Hebron,	6 25
Mrs. J. K. P. Simpson,	Rumford,	62 50
J. M. Abbott,	Oxford,	34 50
H. N. Verrill,	Bethel,	3 92
Mary E. Crooker,	Gray,	4 18
Rose Tripp,	City of Augusta,	10 00
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		\$240 35

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that the cost of maintaining the poor has been somewhat increased over that of the preceeding year. This is chiefly due to several cases of sickness, and the very high cost of provision, and extreme high prices of fuel.

The latter part of the summer the wife and son of Wm. Smith were both stricken down with sickness which necessitated the constant care of Mr. Smith, who was obliged to leave his employment. The son died in early winter. He had earned and saved some money before his sickness, and at his request it was used to pay his funeral expenses. Mr. Smith hopes in a short time to be able to support himself without any help from the town.

Nathaniel Lufkin, whose wife has been suffering for a long time with an incurable disease requiring his constant care, applied to us in the fall for assistance. We have helped him as shown in our report, Mrs. Lufkin died a few days ago. He assures us that he will not require further help, and that he will pay her burial expenses.

The next case does not appeal to our sympathy as the preceeding one.

Harry L. Rogers, a young and able bodied man, removed from this town to Norway in the fall of 1901. After a short stay there he moved to South Paris, a little later to Auburn, and last fall brought up in Lewiston. When cold weather set in he applied to the authorities there for help. The case is an aggravating one and it is a hard matter to determine just how to treat it.

J. L. Tobie, it will be noticed, has been a small expense to the town the past year as compared with former years, and should be commended for his ability to support himself and three children.

Fred Ireland and Mary E. Crooker applied to us about a

month ago for help. Miss Crooker, unquestionably, belongs to the town of Gray, and we at once notified them to remove her or provide for her support. Ireland thinks that when business starts up in the spring that he will be able to take care of himself.

While the expenses in this department have been somewhat more than last year, when they were less than the year before, still they are considerably lower than the average of former years, and more than \$100 less than the amount appropriated.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. COBB.

E. K. HOLBROOK.

J. E. SAUNDERS.

Overseers of the Poor.

Highway Account.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Appropriation for the year 1902,	\$2,000 00
“ “ deficiency for year 1901,	177 36
Received for pipe sold,	2 50
Amount overdrawn,	385 02
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	\$2,564 88

EXPENDITURES.

Overdraft for year 1901,	\$ 177 36
E. C. Rawson, labor prior to Mar. 17,	\$ 14 00
David Harris, labor,	15 12
C. E. Morrill,	158 77

V. M. Pinkham,	39 12
Harry Pinkham,	28 00
I. L. Meserve,	17 03
Lewis Keen,	7 50
C. G. Young,	25 50
A. E. Harlow,	32 40
John Fessenden,	3 00
David Woodsum,	89 25
Dana Dresser,	35 25
George Waitt,	49 50
John A. Harris,	9 75
Francis Mains,	40 50
E. D. Dudley,	182 05
Joshua Spiller,	8 35
A. A. Bumpus,	6 00
F. A. Jordan,	349 75
J. S. Fish,	15 00
Wm. Thurlow,	32 25
D. F. Bray,	25 02
George Prince,	3 00
Samuel D. Strout,	19 45
Benj. Strout,	4 50
Stephen Strout,	3 00
J. Thoits,	3 00
Poland P. & M. Co., lumber,	46 84
C. G. Cole, labor,	4 50
Horace Moore,	88 81
Isaiah Thurlow,	2 25
S. D. Jordan, road commssioner,	155 00
Poland Paper Co., labor and material,	126 25
Sherman Churchill, labor,	17 50
John Stanton,	70 50
W. A. McCann,	21 00

George Goodwin,	6 00
Robert Meggett,	1 50
W. W. Harmon,	1 50
Town of Minot, bridge plank,	6 00
George H. Bean, " "	50 44
Kemp Bro's., bridge plank,	42 00
A. Thurlow, labor,	17 70
F. Edwards,	1 50
H. Keston,	40
J. W. Dunn,	9 75
L. J. Morton,	6 25
S. E. King Co., bridge plank,	6 66
Chas. M. Andrews, bridge plank,	42 00
I. H. Judkins, labor,	56 20
H. L. Denning, crossing field,	5 00
Geo. A. Benjamin, re-setting hydrant,	8 88
J. K. Denning, labor,	19 45
Benj. Stanton,	10 50
A. V. Hathaway,	9 75
Saunders Bros., repairing tools etc.,	9 29
Hawkes & Whitney, material and tools,	19 98
C. L. Hackett, labor,	46 75
W. C. Chipman,	83 12
A. J. Weston, lumber and hardware,	15 54
H. H. Wescott, labor,	2 10
Mrs. O. N. Bailey, storing road machine,	3 00
J. Clark Goodwin, labor,	1 50
James B. Poland,	3 00
J. P. Grant,	21 75
J. H. King,	10 10
B. F. Haskell,	24 00
A. S. Bray,	20 65
D. B. Strout,	16 31

Frank O. Maberry,	17 21	
Geo. W. Tobie,	4 95	
W. F. Milliken,	75	
S. N. Holt,	50	
H. J. Jordan,	22 32	
Andrew Russell,	5 47	
Elmer Griffin,	4 27	
C. Spiller,	3 00	
A. A. Woodsum,	2 50	
S. D. Jordan, cash paid G. T. R. freight on sidewalk plow.	4 60	
F. A. Millett, use of derrick,	1 87	
	<hr/>	\$2,564 88

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. Jordan.

Road Commissioner.

Fire Department.

Unexpended year 1901,	\$ 158 45
Appropriation,	300 00
Appropriation for purchase of hose wagon,	350 00
Amount overdrawn,	76 74
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	\$885 19

EXPENDITURES.

E. E. Jordan, chief engineer, salary,	\$ 25 00
H. S. Jewett, first asst. engineer, salary,	15 00
H. C. Rawson, second asst. engineer, salary,	15 00

J. W. Penney & Sons Co., making ladder truck,	4 53
Hose Co., No. 1, fire and practice,	30 50
“ “ “ 2, “ “ “	173 50
Hook & Ladder Co., fire and practice,	117 00
Poland Pkg. & M'f'g Co., for wood,	11 00
Cleaning vault,	1 00
C. H. Harris, for painting doors,	2 20
Dressing for grounds around firemens building,	1 00
Express charges,	1 55
C. H. Harris, labor and material on fire- mens building,	2 30
Hawkes & Whitney, for supplies,	10 33
Poland Paper Co., for lumber,	2 80
E. E. Jordan, for supplies,	4 10
H. K. Barnes, for hose wagon,	360 00
“ “ “ “ harness and hanger,	76 10
G. T. R. R., freight on hose wagon,	18 00
Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co., for lighting,	10 20
Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co., for electric light wiring,	4 08
	<hr/> \$885 19

There have been during the year five fires and six false alarms, this being more in number than in any year before since the department was organized. In July we received the new hose wagon. As no provision had been made for harness and hangers, they were paid for from the funds set apart for the support of the department. But for this we should have kept within the limits of the appropriation.

In the summer the department was reorganized, the two hose companies being merged into one. This makes a saving of four men. The apparatus and equipments are complete and

in fine condition.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. JORDAN.

Chief Engineer.

Officers' Salaries.

Appropriation for year 1902,	\$ 900 00
Amount overdrawn,	32 00
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	\$ 632 00

EXPENDITURES.

H. E. Thurston, moderator,	\$ 5 00
C. M. Hutchins, services as clerk,	2 00
M. N. Royal, board of health,	10 00
A. V. Hathaway, board of health,	10 00
C. R. Rankin, board of health,	15 00
F. H. Cobb, Selectman,	160 00
E. K. Holbrook, "	90 00
J. E. Saunders, "	70 00
C. M. Hutchins, treasurer,	75 00
J. M. Libby, town agent,	35 00
F. E. Tufts, auditor,	15 00
C. B. Rankin, M. D., town physician,	35 00
J. M. Libby, Supt. of schools,	100 00
F. F. Dresser, constable,	5 00
D. L. Cousens, "	5 00
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	\$632 00

Lock-Up Account.

D. Cotton, for wood,	2 85	
C. G. Cole, for making table,	2 25	
Hawkes & Whitney, for stove funnel,	1 65	
Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co., for lighting,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$11 75
Amount to contingent fund.		11 75

Commissions and Abatements.

Appropriation for 1902,		\$ 600 00
Abatements,	\$ 281 97	
D. B. Waterhouse, collector's commission,	34 96	
L. W. Mason, " " "	210 24	
	<hr/>	527 17
Balance unexpended,		72 83
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		\$ 600 00

Memorial Day.

Appropriation,	\$ 50 00
Paid A. A. Dwinal Post, No. 3 G. A. R.,	50 00

Hydrant Rental.

Appropriation,	\$1,680 00
Paid Mechanic Falls Water Co., for use	

of water from July 1, 1902 to July 1, 1903,	1,680 00
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Street Lighting.

Appropriation,	\$ 1,248 00
Paid Mechanic Falls Water and Electric Light and Power Co.,	1,248 00

High School.

Appropriation,	\$ 800 00	
Received from State,	250 00	
Book rentals,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,080 00

EXPENDITURES.

Overdrawn in 1901,	42 50	
Paid H. E. Walker, teaching,	225 00	
“ H. H. Stewart, “	450 00	
“ Agnes Beal, “	350 00	
“ Hazel Dunham, “	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,077 50
Balance unexpended,		2 50
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		\$1,080 00

Graduating Expenses, High School.

Appropriation,	\$25 00
Paid Carroll Raymond,	25 00

Common Schools.

Appropriation,	\$ 2,200 00	
Balance from 1901,	55 56	
Mill tax,	1,136 41	
Geneva Hutchins, overpaid,	4 00	
Tuition,	7 00	
Book rental,	13 95	
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EXPENDITURES.

Nancy Bucknam, teaching,	\$ 360 00
Mollie Bucknam,	225 00
Carrie Perkins,	317 00
Geneva Hutchins,	276 00
Henrietta Rowe,	192 00
Charlotte Bridge,	170 00
Susie L. Fitz,	132 00
Inez V. Decker,	144 00
Gertrude Merrill,	108 00
Beulah Purington,	72 00
Annie Walker,	84 00
Hortense Bradford,	104 00
Eva M. Demick,	72 00
Jessie Hayford,	60 00
Effie Wayne,	48 00
E. A. Faunce, transportation,	60 00
C. S. Tenney,	171 00
Allen & Jordan,	118 80
A. E. Sawyer, janitor	144 00
H. N. Whittle,	144 00
Fannie Strout,	5 00

Adrian Walcott,	12 00	
A. V. Hathaway, fuel,	28 00	
A. J. Weston,	15 05	
Perkins & Waterhouse,	54 00	
A. D. Thayer,	15 00	
Hawkes & Whitney,	19 60	
Poland Packing & M'fg Co.,	34 13	
A. R. Farris,	16 50	
D. B. Strout,	6 00	
H. N. Whittle fitting wood,	22 50	
Geo. Moore,	8 75	
Chas. Elie,	2 50	
Adrian Walcott,	50	
	<hr/>	\$3,268 33
Balance unexpended,		148 59
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		\$3,416 92

Text Books.

Amount of appropriation,	\$100 00
“ overdrawn,	36 18
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	\$136 18

EXPENDITURES.

Paid D. C. Heath & Co.,	\$31 00	
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	13 40	
Ginn & Co.,	70 60	
Merrill and Denning,	13 30	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	1 28	
Educational Publication Co.,	84	
American Book Co.,	5 76	
	<hr/>	\$136 18

Incidentals.

Amount of Appropriation, \$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Fred Ireland, cleaning vaults,	\$ 5 00	
Sarah F. Strout, cleaning schoolhouse,	3 00	
L. D. Simpson, " "	3 45	
Ledger Publishing Co. blanks,	1 75	
Merrill & Denning,	3 53	
H. N. Whittle, cleaning house,	1 50	
Merrill & Denning,	27 97	
	<hr/>	46 20
Balance unexpended,		53 80
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		\$100 00

Furnishings.

Amount of appropriation, \$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

D. K. Knowlton, printing cards,	\$ 2 00	
Howard & Brown, diplomas,	4 06	
Merrill & Denning,	38 18	
Poland Paper Co., paper,	15 25	
Geo. O. Goodwin & Co., oil,	24	
Hawkes & Whitney,	45	
J. S. Merrill, chairs,	3 30	
W. G. Pulsifer,	30	
	<hr/>	\$63 78
Balance unexpended		36 22
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		\$100 00

Repairs.

Appropriation for 1902,

\$200 00

EXPENDITURES.

R. G. G. Wright, labor on desks,	\$4 00	
A. E. Sawyer, " " "	6 17	
O. N. Bailey, labor on windows,	2 40	
Hawkes & Whitney, hardware,	1 30	
Mechanic Falls Electric Co., wiring, etc.,	4 53	
Merrill & Denning, repair on desks,	3 56	
A. J. Weston, repairs, schoolhouse,	4 01	
	————	\$ 25 97
Balance unexpended,		174 03
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		\$200 00

Librarian's Report.

The past year has been one of increased interest and activity in the Free Public Library.

Especially gratifying is it to note that the library is becoming more and more the center of the intellectual life of our village.

Each year shows that the standard of the reading is higher, and each year we find a closer bond between the public library and the public schools. Pupils are learning to use the reference books to better advantage, and nearly all the teachers show a special interest in the library by referring pupils to its volumes.

There have been a few gifts from citizens which are welcome additions. Valuable reports have also been received from

Hon. Wm. P. Frye, and Hon. C. E. Littlefield. All gifts are hereby gratefully acknowledged. We shall in the future publish names of donors.

We have 1526 volumes in our library, and 1031 names on our Borrower's Book. An average of two hundred books are exchanged each week. The library is divided into fiction, history, biography, travels, essays and nature study, including forestry and civic improvement, juvenile and reference departments. Of these the fiction is about 40 per. cent, the remaining 60 being divided about equally in the other departments. Most libraries contain more than 50 per. cent fiction.

There have been added, the past year, one hundred and fifty new books, the remaining sum having been saved for a special purpose to be decided later. There has been collected in fines \$5.95 which has purchased six books.

The librarian has worked many extra days, mending and repairing books to render them useful a little longer. Some books have been destroyed on account of contagious diseases—special care is taken in this direction. Many books will have to be withdrawn this month as being too dilapidated for circulation.

The usefulness of the library would be greatly increased if more shelf room could be added, and a reading room established, by raising a special fund or by gifts of magazines and papers from interested friends.

It would be especially helpful if books and pamphlets on all matters pertaining to local history could be collected in the library, thus forming a nucleus for a good department of local history which would be invaluable in the coming years.

The interest would be greatly increased by joining the Library Art Loan, which provides a set of pictures (varying from 100 to 150) to be exhibited in free public libraries during the entire years and which would be of incalculable benefit to

our town and to students in its schools and homes.

The work has been greatly facilitated by the use of the Card Catalogue, the gift last year of the "I. C."

It has been the constant aim of the trustees and the librarian to purchase the best books in all departments and to be conversant with the library work of the country so that from our small collection will go out the greatest good to the greatest number.

We ask the hearty co-operation of our citizens in this work which means so much in the moral and intellectual up-building of our community.

Respectfully submitted.

LIZZIE JEWETT BUTLER,

Librarian.

Trustees' Report.

To the Town of Mechanic Falls.

The Trustees make the following report on account of the Public Library:

Total receipts,	\$469 12
Total expenditures,	351 05
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Balance on hand,	\$118 07
Books,	\$155 94
Rent,	65 00
Lighting,	18 81
Librarian,	50 00
Expense,	10 00
Express,	1 70
Insurance,	15 50

Cleaning,	4 50	
Janitor,	10 20	
Supplies and labor,	19 40	
	<hr/>	\$351 05
Balance from 1901,		\$120 98
Appropriation,		300 00
“ State,		28 14
Ignoramus Club,		20 00
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		\$469 12

Library bills paid to March 1903.

Respectfully submitted.

LIZZIE JEWETT BUTLER.

JESSE M. LIBBY.

E. F. BRADFORD, M. D.

Public Library.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Balance unexpended 1901,	120 98
Received from State,	28 14
“ “ Ignoramus Club, rent,	20 00
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	\$469 12
Lizzie J. Butler, services as librarian,	\$ 50 00
Loring Short & Harmon, books,	152 19
J. A. Bucknam & Co., insurance,	15 00
Lizzie J. Butler, for cataloging,	10 00
C. A. Conant, labor and material,	1 10
Chas. H. Walker, books,	1 50

R. G. G. Wright, making screen,	1 95	
Edith McGovern, cleaning library,	1 50	
Hawkes & Whitney, supplies,	2 30	
J. M. Libby, books,	2 25	
Mrs. Campbell, cleaning library,	3 00	
A. J. Weston, labor and material,	2 78	
W. G. Morton, wire mat,	1 00	
Lizzie J. Butler, paid express and supplies,	1 70	
Perkins & Waterhouse, for wood,	7 00	
Poland Paper Co., for rent,	65 00	
Merrill & Denning, for supplies,	3 27	
E. D. Cole, for janitor,	10 20	
Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co., for lighting,	18 81	
	<hr/>	\$351 05
Balance unexpended		118 07
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		\$469 12

Town Agent's Report.

The affairs of this department have been in a fair state of quiet. Only one suit has been brought against the town, and that by the town of Oxford for supplies furnished to one Dorothy E. Verrill. This suit is now pending in the Supreme Judicial Court for Oxford County. This town denies the settlement of the pauper, and the case will probably have to be tried unless the town of Oxford should discontinue its suit.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. M. LIBBY.

Town Agent.

Board of Health.

To the Selectmen of the town of Mechanic Falls:

There have been reported to the board six cases of nuisance, six cases of typhoid fever and sixteen cases of scarlet fever.

With regard to the large number of cases of scarlet fever we would say, that in at least four cases it was contracted out of town, and they were the first direct cause of spreading it through the schools and the town. The board have used every precaution as soon as cases have been reported by the physician and have caused thorough fumigation in each case. Because of the mild form of the fever some of the cases were not seen by a physician until too late to prevent giving to others. No deaths occurred from any of the above cases.

Respectfully submitted.

A. V. HATHAWAY,
C. B. RANKIN, M. D.,
M. N. ROYAL,

Board of Health.

Sinking Fund.

Amount deposited in Chapman National Bank,	\$4.000 00
“ “ “ Lewiston Trust & Safe Deposit Co.,	3.000 00
“ “ “ Shoe and Leather Bank	800 00
Accrued Interest to February 28, 1903,	1,096 29
Amount available February 28, 1903,	<hr/> \$8.896 29

Interest.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Balance from 1901,	256 99
Interest on taxes collected, D. B. Waterhouse,	28 33
“ “ “ “ L. W. Mason,	210 56
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	\$1,495 88
Paid Interest on town Bonds Series A., \$1,016 00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ B.,	70 00
“ “ “ temporary loans,	71 67
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	1,157 67
Balance unexpended,	338 21
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	\$1,495 88

Contingent Fund.

Appropriation,	\$ 400 00
Balance from 1901,	185 94
Tax overlay 1902,	444 67
License fees collected,	24 00
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	\$1,054 61

EXPENDITURES.

Ledger Publishing Co., printing town report,	\$ 59 20
Mrs. Edith McGovern, cleaning office,	1 00
Merrill & Denning, for Formaldehyde, order Board of Health,	18 75
J. A. Bucknam & Co., insurance on fire-	

mens building,	29 75
Ballot clerks, state election,	12 00
Lewiston police, services on July 4,	5 70
John Colley, use of dumping ground,	5 00
D. L. Cousens, cash paid for handcuffs,	5 00
Maine Register for 1902-3,	2 00
Advertising dog tax,	3 00
Ledger Publishing Co., letter heads,	2 25
“ “ “ voting lists,	7 50
“ “ “ sewer blanks,	9 00
W. B. Beals, recording deeds,	4 40
Ballot clerks, December election,	8 00
Poland Paper Co., land rent for sewer outlet,	2 00
A. J. Weston, making voting booths,	8 84
D. B. Waterhouse, collector, taxes overpaid	
1899,	20 06
Dog licenses, town's part,	22 57
D. W. Prescott, meals furnished Lewiston	
police July 4,	1 50
F. H. Cobb, cash paid for R. R. fare and	
team hire,	8 55
H. S. Cotton, reporting deposition on ac-	
count of Wm. Everett,	4 00
F. A. Millett, cost in procuring pension for	
R. H. Herrick,	10 00
D. L. Cousens, serving dog notices,	2 00
“ “ “ “ sewer assesment	
notices,	1 00
D. F. Bray, wood, selectmen's office,	9 00
C. G. Cole, changing doors, etc., firemen's	
building,	20 54
Hawkes & Whitney, gutters for firemen's	
building,	17 38

A. J. Weston, labor and material for ex-		
tension firemen's building,	51 04	
Mechanic Falls W. & E. L. & P. Co.,		
lighting lockup,	5 00	
W. G. Pulsifer, stationery,	1 30	
D. S. Perkins, rent, selectmen's office,	30 00	
" " " " of hall, annual meeting,	15 00	
" " " " " " " September and		
December meetings,	30 00	
A. S. Bray, watering tub,	3 00	
H. J. Jordan, watering tub,	3 00	
E. K. Holbrook, cash paid R. R. fare, etc.,	1 86	
Merrill & Denning, supplies, board of		
health,	12 60	
Merrill & Denning, blank books,	17 50	
C. M. Hutchins, recording births and deaths,	11 85	
" " " postage, express, etc.,	5 67	
" " " administering oaths,	2 15	
Physicians, reporting births, etc,	13 00	
Mechanic Falls W. & E. L. & P. C.,		
lighting selectmen's office,	5 00	
F. H. Cobb, stationery, postage, etc.,	6 54	
J. A. Crooker, constable,	5 00	
Lockup, supplies,	11 75	
Maple Street sewer, balance account,	492 38	
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	\$1,023 63	
Balance unexpended,	30 98	
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		\$1,054 61

Maple Street Sewer Account.

Cost of sewer,		\$946 63
Amount of assessment, by vote of town	\$454 25	
" to contingent account by vote		
of town	492 38	
	<hr/>	\$946 63

Financial Standing.

Amount of bonds outstanding, Series A,	\$25,000 00
" " " " " " B.	2,000 00
Outstanding orders,	102 22
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	\$27,102 22

Cash in treasury,	\$1,832 32
Sinking fund,	8,896 29
Due from town of Poland,	53 57
" " " " Hebron,	6 25
" " " " Rumford,	77 11
" " " " Oxford,	8 75
" " " " Bethel,	3 92
" " " " Otisfield,	3 00
" " " " Gray,	4 18
" " city of Augusta,	10 00
Due from L. W. Mason, Col., taxes, 1898,	41 65
" " " " " " " 1899,	108 78
" " " " " " " 1900,	413 71
" " " " " " " 1901,	1,271 15
" " " " " " " 1902,	4,987 06
Due from tax deeds, Minot,	102 05

" " " " Mechanic Falls,	1,517 63	
Due from sewer assessment,	414 75	
	—————	\$19,752 17
Balance against the town,		7,350 05
Balance against the town in 1901,		9,480 13

I have examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the selectmen and find them correct.

F. E. TUFTS, Auditor.

March 5, 1903.

Recommendations.

Common schools,	\$2,000 00
Free high school,	800 00
Support of poor,	1,200 00
Roads and bridges,	2,000 00
Contingent fund,	500 00
Sinking fund,	1,000 00
Interest,	800 00
Officers salaries,	700 00
Abatements and commissions,	600 00
Hydrant rental,	1,680 00
Electric lights,	1,248 00
Fire department,	400 00
Library,	300 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Text books,	100 00
Repairs, school houses,	50 00
Apparatus and furnishings,	50 00
Incidentals,	50 00

School Summary.

	RESOURCES.	EXPENDITURES.
Common Schools,	\$3,416 92	\$3,268 33
High School,	1,080 00	1,077 50
Apparatus and furnishings,	100 00	63 78
Text Books,	100 00	136 18
Incidentals,	100 00	46 20
Repairs,	200 00	21 96
	<hr/> \$4,996 92	<hr/> \$4,613 95

Remarks.

In making a few explanations, suggested by the foregoing report, would say that we have endeavored to get in every bill against the town and have drawn orders for the same, and they have all been paid by the treasurer except \$102.22, and we have cash on hand amounting to \$1,832.32. Nearly every account shows a balance unexpended. The principal exception is that of the highway account. We think that when that is really understood that the expenditures in this department will not seem so very extravagant.

The freshet, early in the spring, did a great amount of damage to our streets. In the ravine on Lewiston street near J. B. Mason's, the road was entirely carried away. A temporary bridge was thrown over the chasm until the water subsided, when a large stone culvert was put in at an expense of over \$200.00. Bray Hill was badly damaged and made impassible, requiring an immediate expenditure of \$100.00

The westerly pier of the bridge at Page's Mills was almost in a state of collapse and had to be rebuilt at a cost of more than \$100.00.

During the summer it was found necessary to replank four of our bridges, which was unusually expensive on account of the high price of lumber, the item of lumber alone being \$193.94. The cost of keeping our streets in good condition during the winter has been greater than for years. When we consider all these extraordinary expenditures that were imperative, we feel that your commissioner ought not to be too severely criticised.

The assessors, in accordance with instructions, made the assessment on Maple Street sewer of \$454.25, and have charged the balance of the cost to the contingent fund as ordered.

They have made no assessment on the Main Street sewer, for the reason that there has never been any action taken by the town to construct a sewer on that street. It was constructed solely for the purpose of an outlet to the Maple Street sewer.

There has been a good deal of apprehension expressed by many of our citizens in regard to the safety of the Elm Street bridge.

We have recently had it examined by an experienced engineer. He was unable to make examinations at the ends where the bridge rests upon the abutments on account of the ice, but all other points were carefully examined, and pronounced in good condition and absolutely safe. As soon as the bridge is clear of ice, he will examine the ends and then give a written report of its condition.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. COBB,
E. K. HOLBROOK,
J. E. SAUNDERS,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the poor.

Treasurer's Report.

C. M. Hutchins, treasurer, in account with the town of
Mechanic Falls, Maine.

DR.

To balance on hand, March 1 st 1902,	\$ 1,610 67
Cash received on account of tax deeds,	295 65
State Treasurer, dog tax refunded,	113 43
“ “ for paid state pensions,	408 00
“ “ “ “ burial soldiers,	70 00
F. L. Merrill, grass sold,	1 05
C. M. Hutchins, town clerk, dog licenses,	142 00
F. H. Cobb, for licenses granted,	24 00
Collector, on account 1898 tax,	6 98
“ “ “ 1899 “	60 85
“ “ “ 1900 “	280 57
“ “ “ 1901 “	4,898 84
“ “ “ 1902 “	13,441 24
“ “ “ interest collected on taxes,	238 89
State, account free high school,	125 00
“ “ mill tax,	1,136 41
“ sewer tax,	39 50
Temporary loans,	1,500 00
State, account public library,	28 14
Ignoramus Club, rent,	20 00
Town of Oxford,	25 75
Town of Poland,	126 00
Town of Rumford,	67 16
Drain pipe sold,	2 50
Geneva C. Hutchins, overpaid,	4 00
J. M. Libby, et als. book rental, tuition, etc.,	46 95
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	\$24,713 58

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

On the first day of April, 1902, the number of persons of school age, residing in this town was 410. The total enrollment in all the schools was 324. High school 39, common schools 285. The average number of pupils attending the high school for the year was 33, and the common schools, 254. The number of teachers and assistants employed in the various schools is 11.

HIGH SCHOOL.

I am pleased to report a gratifying increase in the number of pupils in attendance in this department. The interest among the students has been well sustained and their work of a high degree of excellence. It is sincerely to be hoped that the numbers in this department may steadily increase and that a spirit of pride in the school may be stimulated among the pupils, as well as a desire for the acquisition of knowledge which shall hold those who once enter upon its course of study true, firm, and steadfast to its completion. In years past it has been a constant drawback upon the interest and usefulness of this school that so many pupils "dropped out" during the course, for reasons in most cases entirely unsatisfactory if not unworthy of serious consideration.

It is a most critical moment in the life of a scholar when they deliberately make the decision to leave school. Parents hesitate and consider seriously before consenting to such a step by their children, and unless under stress of dire necessity should never advise or allow it to be taken.

Our schools are maintained at great expense to furnish the means by which every child in the community may acquire the best equipment for the discharge of the responsible duties of

citizenship, The child, the parent, and the public, each have an interest in his education, and each and all must suffer from any lack of performance of their respective duties.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

The number of pupils in the lower grades, has increased during the year, and the average attendance for the year would have shown a higher figure, but for the threatened epidemic of scarlet fever which greatly reduced the attendance in the "intermediate" and "primary" grades, attending the Water Street school. The cold also inevitably keeps many of the "little folks" at home, during the winter term. However, our schools have been doing efficient work in all the grades, and are in a satisfactory condition. We have a corps of earnest, conscientious, devoted teachers, whose efforts are appreciated by their pupils and the public.

The available fund for the support of the common schools amounted to \$3,416.92 including the appropriations for furnishings—incidentals, text books and repairs.

There has been expended for teaching,	\$2,391 00
“ “ “ “ “ transportation,	349 80
“ “ “ “ “ janitors,	305 00
“ “ “ “ “ fuel,	222 53
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	\$3,268 33
Unexpended balance,	\$148 59

The expenditures have been kept well within the appropriations. It is also true that more money might have been advantageously spent. The Elm Street house should be painted the present season.

There is a demand for more school room. The schools in the Water Street house, have been over crowded during a great

part of the year and something must be done to relieve the situation and should be done at once.

The lack of suitable means for the proper ventilation of these crowded rooms is a constant and serious menace to the health of the pupils, and should be remedied. The sanitary conditions, about both houses, are capable of great improvement, and should receive an appropriation and attention.

Thanks are due, and hereby publicly extended to each and all the teachers in all our schools during the year for their unselfish consecration to the duties of their high calling and for their unceasing efforts to place our schools in line with the best.

I desire to express my warm appreciation of the devoted services of the school committee, for their prompt and careful consideration of every demand made upon them.

In surrendering this place again to the people, I wish to most cordially thank them for the honor of selecting me for this responsible position, and also, for their constant support and interest, manifested toward the advancement of our schools. I bespeak for my successor, a continuance of your good will and earnest efforts for the promotion of the education and of every best interest of our young people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LIBBY, Superintendent.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

*To L. W. Mason, a Constable of the town of Mechanic Falls
in the County of Androscoggin and State of Maine,*

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Mechanic Falls, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Perkins Hall, in said town, on the sixteenth day of March A. D. 1903, at nine 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 act upon the report of the town officers.

ART. 4. To choose a board of selectmen, assessors, overseers of the poor, a town treasurer, town agent, a member of board of school committee, one trustee of the public library, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year with the exception of a superintendent of schools.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of common schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of a free high school for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to expend for a free high school for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the repair of highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the contingent fund for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for town officers' salaries for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the sinking fund for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the payment of interest for the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for abatements and collector's commissions for the ensuing year.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the observance of Memorial Day for the ensuing year.

ART. 16. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$1,248.00 for lighting streets.

ART. 17. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$1,680.00 for hydrant rental.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the fire department for the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the public library and purchase of books for the ensuing year.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purchase of text books, apparatus and furnishings for schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the repairs of school houses for the ensuing year.

ART. 22. To choose a superintendent of schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 23. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of twenty-five dollars to defray the expense of graduating exercises of the high school for the ensuing year.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to determine the time when the commitment of taxes shall be made and at what time taxes shall be payable and that interest shall be collected from and after such time.

ART. 25. To see if the town will agree on an abatement to those who voluntarily pay their taxes to the collector or treasurer at certain periods and the times within which they are so entitled.

ART. 26. To choose a collector of taxes and fix his compensation.

ART. 27. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$385.02 to liquidate the deficiency in the highway account, and \$76.74 to liquidate the deficiency in the fire department account.

ART. 28. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to erect a store house for the storage of town property; if so what sum of money will they grant and raise for the same.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to have sixteen additional street lights along Main Street from corner of Pine to the Jewett place so called. (By request.)

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to have two additional street lights on East Spring Street. (By request.)

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer along Main Street from a point opposite the shoe factory to connect with the sewer at the junction of Main and Maple streets. (By request.)

ART. 33. To see what action the town will take to provide for the payment of the town bonds issued July 1, 1893, and maturing July 1, 1903.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to purchase a snow breaking machine, also two sidewalk plows; if so, what sum of money they will grant and raise for the same.

ART. 35th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer to make and execute a quit claim deed in behalf of the town, releasing its right in and to real estate held by it by tax deed upon payment of taxes, interest and costs.

ART. 36th. To see if the town will vote to construct a public drain or sewer to take care of the sewage on Yates and upper Pine Streets; if so to see what sum of money they will grant and raise to construct the same. [By request.]

ART. 37th. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of \$200.00 for a state road as provided by Chapter 285 of the Public Laws of 1901.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at eight o'clock in the forenoon at the selectmen's office on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Mechanic Falls this seventh day of March A. D. 1903.

F. H. COBB.

E. K. HOLBROOK.

J. E. SAUNDERS.

Selectmen of the town of Mechanic Falls.

Errata.

On page 17, under Officers' Salaries, reads, appropriation for year 1902, \$900.00. It should be \$600.00.

Page 39, under "High School", paragraph 2, second line: insert the word *should* after parents.

Page 40, under "Common Schools", paragraph 2; word "including" should read *excluding*.

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Municipal Officers

**For the Year Ending
Feb. 24, 1903.**



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TOWN OFFICERS

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Clerk and Treasurer,
A. L. CHIPMAN

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor,
F. B. SHACKFORD,
FOREST WALKER, F. A. PITTS.

Town Agent,
F. B. SHACKFORD.

School Committee,
GEO. E. STONE, Chairman,
A. L. CHIPMAN, LEON McKNIGHT.

Superintendent,
M. C. DAVIS.

Collector and Constable,
ISAAC P. DAVIS.

Road Commissioner,
M. L. MILLS.

Board of Health,
M. C. DAVIS, Secretary,
C. E. HASKELL, I. P. DAVIS.

REPORT OF

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

The Annual Report of the Town Officers of Poland for the year ending February 24, 1903 is herewith respectfully submitted.

Valuation.

Real Estate, resident,	\$461,153.
Real Estate, non-resident,	104,082.
Total Valuation of Real Estate,	<u>\$565,235</u>
Personal Estate, resident,	\$84,320.
Personal Estate, non-resident,	17,034.
Total Valuation of Personal Estate,	<u>\$101,354</u>
Total Valuation,	<u>\$666,589</u>

VALUATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

	No.	Av. value.	Total value.
Horses,	539	\$46.00	\$24,812
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	9	60.	540
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	13	36.	480
Colts, under 2 years old,	15	24.	370
Cows,	711	21.	15,135
Oxen,	6	50.	300
Three years old,	173	18.	3,224
Two years old,	188	14.	2,661
One year old,	149	7.	1,070
Sheep,	352	2.	718
Swine,	157	4.	699
Total,			<u>\$50,019</u>
Bank Stock, shares 63,			6,300
Money at Interest			2,200
Stock in Trade,			11,000

Logs and Lumber,		1,750
Carriages,	33	2,355
Musical Instruments,	54	1,880
Furniture,		12,500
Materials in Stock,		13,150
Machinery not taxed as real estate,		200
Total amount of Personal Property,		\$101,354

Rate of Taxation.

\$21.40 on \$1000.	Poll tax, \$2.00
Number of Polls taxed, 428.	
Collector's Commission, .015 on one dollar.	

Assessment.

Agreeable to warrants from State and County Treasurers, and a certificate from the Town Clerk, we have assessed upon the Polls and Estates the following sums:

State tax,	\$2,115.27
County tax,	1,071.94
	<hr/> \$3187.21
Voted by town, March 10, 1902:	
Common schools,	\$2,000
Free high schools,	250
School text books,	200
Repairs of school property,	200
Repairs of roads and bridges,	2,500
Support of poor,	1,200
Contingent Expenses,	500
Interest,	320
To pay bonds maturing Sept. 1, 1902	2,000
Abatements and Collector's commission,	500
A. A. Dwinal Post,	25
Snow bills,	1,000
Blackcat schoolhouse,	500
State roads,	100
Overlay,	639.59
Supplemental,	38.19
	<hr/> 11972.78
Committed to collector,	\$15159.99
Amount collected,	9950.57
Balance due,	\$5209.42
Balance due on 1901 tax,	277.07

Town Farm.

	Dr.
To Stock on hand Feb. 24, 1902,	\$600.00
Hay, Grain and Groceries,	136.70
	<u>\$736.70</u>
To E. C. Jordan, Supplies for Farm,	1005.61
C. C. Edwards, Salary as Overseer,	350.00
C. C. Edwards, cash pd out as per monthly acct.,	530.92
William Edwards, for hay,	45.96
F. B. Shackford, Mower, hay, phosphate,	140.60
C. L. Brooks, blacksmithing,	13.90
E. A. Storer, repairs,	8.56
G. O. Goodwin, supplies,	8.05
H. Ricker & Sons, blacksmithing,	8.00
Chester Edwards, apple barrels,	20.00
Jonas Edwards, difference between horses and harness and for blankets,	315.00
F. A. Pulsifer, repairs,	2.60
George Keene, repairs for mower,	7.35
Frank Nason, beef,	15.73
Forrest Walker, telephone,	4.75
J. H. Grant, hay and lumber,	14.22
W. W. Huston, repairs,	6.50
John Schellinger, supplies,	4.60
	<u>2502.35</u>
	\$3239.05

TOWN FARM

	Cr.
By STOCK ON HAND FEB. 24, 1903,	
2 horses,	\$365.00
13 cows,	390.00
7 yearling heifers,	70.00
1 breeding sow,	15.00
8 shoats,	56.00
50 hens,	25.00
	<u>\$921.00</u>
4 tons hay,	\$48.00
2 tons poor hay,	12.00
100 lb bran,	1.15
100 lb cotton seed,	1.45

150 lb corn meal,	1.80
100 lb Victor feed,	1.28
sugar, coffee, soap, etc.,	3.50
45 bush. potatoes,	33.75
12 " beans,	30.00
5 bbls. apples,	5.00
flour,	3.50
100 lb corned and 75 lb fresh beef,	14.00
	<hr/> \$155.43
By cream sold,	\$567.24
bull sold,	18.00
cash from Overseer, produce sold and team work, as per monthly acct. rendered Selectmen,	779.61
cash from Overseer, in full for use of pasture by Isaac Cole,	5.20
Orders in favor of Farm for road work,	192.96
board, Isabelle King and child, Freeport pauper,	39.37
Order No. 550 for board of Susan Everett,	50.00
	<hr/> 1652.38
Cash balance against Farm,	\$849.97
Increase in value of personal property,	339.73
Net expense of Farm,	<hr/> \$510.24

Paupers who have been on the Farm at some time during the year are: Emma Cushman, Betsey Orr, William Stacey, Waldron Harris, Amos Harris and wife, Charles Burnett, Esther Bontelle and Susan Everett.

Number at present time, Seven

Average number, "

One pauper, Charles Burnette, has died during the year.

The Farm has been in charge of Mr. Charles Edwards and wife as Overseer and Matron for the past year. We believe that they have labored for the interest of the Town. We have engaged Mr. and Mrs. Edwards for the ensuing year.

Owing to the failure of the main crop at the Farm, sweet corn for canning, high price of feeding stuffs and the amount of hay necessary to buy to keep the present stock, the Farm has failed to be as profitable as last year. In buying feed instead of reducing the stock we have had in view the future fertility of the farm rather than the present income.

Support of Poor.

OFF OF FARM.

Addie Schellinger, board and care,	\$61.75
Isaiah Daicy, paid City of Bath for supplies and doctor's bill,	48.16
Stanton Estes, doctor's bill and supplies,	53.50
Hannah Walker, rent,	17.50
Waldron Harris, clothing,	4.90
Arthur Daicy, board at Reform School,	26.20
Charles Woodsum, supplies,	26.03
Mrs. Daniel Cole, paid Lewiston for doctor's bill and supplies.	12.50
Calvin Tripp, wood,	4.00
Mrs. Walter Bailey, pd. City of Auburn for medicine,	32.88
Ed. Locke, pd. Mc. Falls for rent and doctor's bill,	126.00
Lewis Walker, rent and supplies,	12.00
Charles Burnett, paid town of Casco for meals and lodging,	1.00
Charles Burnett, burial expenses,	21.50
E. H. Field, paid New Gloucester for doctor's bill and supplies, 1901-1902	121.03
Susan Everett, paid for board,	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Amos Harris, supplies,	64.21
W. B. Haskell, Town Doctor for the year 1901,	77.00
	\$760.16
Rec'd from Susan Everett estate on old acct.,	125.00
Net expense of Poor off Farm,	\$635.16

Dependent Soldiers.

George Walker, rent and supplies,	\$142.09
Wesley Herrick, paid City of Westbrook,	37.25
J. W. Mills, paid Insane Hospital,	191.06
Tim Berry, supplies,	62.50
I. E. Bonney, supplies,	32.00
Levi Tripp, supplies and rent,	47.00
	\$511.90
Received from J. W. Mills estate,	75.00
Net expense of Dependent Soldiers,	\$436.90

Poor of Other Towns.

C. R. Strout, Raymond, paid	\$21.00
Dorothy Verrill, Mechanic Falls,	45.00
S. A. Cox, Hebron, paid	5.00
Henry Plummer, Gray, paid	40.00
Mrs. E. H. Strout, Auburn, paid	34.00
Royal Cobb, Raymond,	25.00
Verton Tripp, Woodstock,	18.50
Isabelle King, Freeport, \$61.30 paid,	62.35
	<hr/> \$250.85
Received from other towns,	210.13
	<hr/> \$40.72
Due from other towns,	
Net cost of Poor off Farm,	\$635.16
Net cost of Dependent Soldiers,	436.90
Cash bal. against Farm,	849.97
	<hr/> \$1922.03
Appropriation,	1200.00
	<hr/> \$722.03

Abatements and Collector's Commission.

N. W. Titus, by vote of town, '97-'98-'99-'00-'01,	\$9.42
Winslow Frank, error 1901,	2.24
Frank True, over valuation 1901-2,	21.90
W. H. Storer, " " 1902,	1.49
I. P. Davis, to sundry persons 1899,	28.74
I. P. Davis, to sundry persons 1900,	30.59
I. P. Davis, commission 1901,	68.70
	<hr/> \$163.08
Appropriation,	500.00
	<hr/> \$336.92
Unexpended,	

Common Schools.

Appropriated by town,	\$2000.00
Received from State,	1072.66
Received from Town of Minot,	90.00

Unexpended balance, Feb. 24, 1902,	27.01	
J. S. Schellinger, overpay returned,	4.00	
		<u>\$3193.67</u>
Due from Casco, tuition,	30.00	
Due from Auburn, "	6.00	
		<u>36.00</u>
Total Common School fund,		\$3229.67
Orders drawn on Supt's. approved bills,		<u>3021.78</u>
Due Common Schools,		\$207.89

Free High School.

Appropriated by town,	\$250.00	
Received from State,	125.00	
" " Minot,	60.00	
Unexpended balance Feb. 24, 1902,	60.50	
		<u>\$495.50</u>
Due from State,		117.00
Total High School fund,		\$612.50
Orders drawn on Supt's. approved bills,		<u>346.50</u>
Due Free High Schools,		\$266.00

Text Books.

Appropriated by town,	\$200.00	
Orders drawn on Supt's. approved bills,	259.43	
Overdrawn,		<u>\$59.43</u>

Repairs of School Property.

Appropriated by town,	\$200.00	
Orders drawn on Supt's. approved bills,	365.37	
Overdrawn,		<u>\$165.37</u>

Roads and Bridges.

Orders drawn on vouchers from M. L. Mills, Commissioner.

Harry Thurlow,	\$17.00
E. C. Jordan,	6.52
Thomas Cobb,	1.50
W. S. Verrill,	1.50
M. L. Mills, Commissioner,	446.60
Matt Chase,	1.50
Lester Strout,	2.63
Charles Strout,	169.86
William Brooks,	89.85
I. E. Bonney,	8.50
William Tripp,	6.00
Frank Austin,	31.29
Clinton Ray,	124.30
Llewellyn Bryant,	254.01
Archie Waterhouse,	5.75
Fred Farris, team work,	398.00
C. L. Brooks,	2.98
Ernest Archibald,	34.40
Elmer E. Durgin,	83.88
Lincoln Haggett,	20.25
Augustus Bragdon,	21.30
John Estes,	13.50
Elmer Tripp,	3.00
Forrest Winslow,	3.00
J. S. Briggs,	38.33
George Herrick,	5.00
Clayton Felker,	15.75
L. H. Dunn,	1.80
F. S. Keene,	4.03
E. A. Libby,	13.54
Roscoe Rowe,	1.00
Charles Rowe,	2.23
Saunders Bros.	2.92
Andrew Verrill,	5.25
R. B. Estes,	1.71
J. A. Doughty,	5.55
George Foster,	3.05
George N. Keene,	3.50

C. E. Haskell,	2.62
Leander Edwards,	4.95
E. W. Chipman,	1.10
C. E. Johnson,	2.10
H. L. Frank,	8.20
B. A. Carpenter,	4.50
Wilson & Hodge,	15.55
B. F. Cobb,	3.00
Charles L. Pulsifer,	5.25
H. B. Martin,	5.17
Freeman Strout,	10.00
C. D. Austin,	24.90
Robert Moore,	16.35
C. C. Lennett,	13.30
Acme Road Machine Co.,	183.65
H. Ricker & Sons,	87.92
M. W. McKnight,	10.35
C. M. Jordan,	64.32
Dennis Bragdon,	.50
Warren Strout,	15.83
Emanuel Thurlow,	14.43
Fred Bragdon,	22.80
Winslow Frank,	3.00
Omar Rosseau,	2.30
William Dumont,	13.30
Z. A. Buck,	2.50
Town Farm,	124.06
William Megquier,	24.79
I. H. Keene,	3.75
Reuben Dunn,	8.77
	<hr/> \$2550.04

WATERING TUBS.

Arthur Wight,	\$3.00
Robert Haggett,	5.00
John Pelkey,	3.00
	<hr/> 11.00
	\$2561.04
Appropriation,	2500.00
Overdrawn,	<hr/> \$61.04

Snow Bills.

Orders drawn on vouchers from M. L. Mills, Commissioner.

Charles Rowe,	1.70
C. M. Jordan,	25.94
William Huston,	1.65
L. N. Hayes,	1.45
Freeman Berry,	3.35
M. L. Mills, Commissioner,	28.10
J. S. Schellinger,	6.20
W. C. & H. L. Frank,	10.76
Daniel S. Tripp,	10.14
E. A. Libby,	36.10
Leander Edwards	7.50
Reuben Dunn,	15.42
F. H. Stone and others,	11.45
National Fibre Board Co.,	4.45
H. L. Frank,	4.35
Emanuel Thurlow,	3.45
Ernest Strout,	1.65
E. W. Smith and others,	25.05
H. Ricker & Sons,	40.56
Town Farm,	25.20
Elmer E. Durgin and others,	36.50
Warren Stroat,	12.20
W. M. Megquier,	7.06
F. P. Megquier,	23.87
William Dumont,	5.90
T. F. Austin,	2.63
B. F. Cobb,	19.35
C. E. Chipman,	6.60
Mark Haskell,	7.95
J. S. Briggs,	.88
Isaac Cole,	1.50
O. S. Keene,	5.00
B. L. Cobb,	5.63
E. A. Libby,	22.15
Reuben Dunn,	13.93
E. C. Megquier,	31.76
B. A. Carpenter,	1.12
C. W. Bailey,	3.15

Lorenzo Buck,	23.87	
J. A. Doughty,	19.01	
A. C. Verrill,	11.83	
I. H. Keene,	31.76	
Elmer Everett and others,	4.32	
		<hr/> \$562.44
Appropriation,	1000.00	
Unexpended,		<hr/> \$437.56

State Road.

Fred Farris,	\$31.50	
Emanuel Thurlow,	12.75	
Warren Strout,	14.25	
Forrest Winslow,	9.00	
E. E. Durgin,	31.50	
Clinton Ray,	13.20	
Llewellyn Bryant,	17.00	
Charles Strout,	13.50	
Fred Bragdon,	9.00	
M. L. Mills,	22.00	
Town Farm,	43.70	
John Estes,	9.00	
		<hr/> \$226.40
Appropriated by town,	\$100.00	
Received from State,	100.00	
		<hr/> 200.00
Overdrawn,		<hr/> \$26.40

Blackcat Schoolhouse.

Frank Strout, schoolhouse lot,	\$20.00
Favorite Desk & Seat Co., desks and seats,	77.50
Frank Strout, labor on seats,	2.00
Freight on seats,	10.41
Forrest Walker, cartage and blacksmith work,	2.50
Freeman Berry & Frank Strout, contract on	

schoolhouse,	440.00
	<hr/> \$552.41
Appropriation,	500.00
Overdrawn,	<hr/> \$52.41

Contingent Expenses.

C. S. Whitcomb, reporting births and deaths,	\$2.50
A. L. Chipman, printing Town Report 1901,	75.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books,	4.75
I. H. & E. A. Keene, schoolhouse lot,	30.00
George E. Stone, services on school board,	10.00
A. L. Chipman, " " " and printing,	13.20
Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books,	10.20
C. E. Storer, services on school board,	10.00
A. L. Chipman, printing for schools,	3.37
S. L. Littlefield, notary fees,	.50
J. D. Dunn, overp'd by him on tax deeds,	2.00
F. A. Pulsifer, recording births and deaths,	.60
Freeland Howe, premium on insurance policy,	22.50
F. A. Pitts, cash paid out as per bill,	7.00
I. E. Bonney, election gate tender,	2.00
Herbert Gerry, election ballot clerk,	4.00
John Goodall, " " "	2.00
Clarence Storer, " " "	4.00
S. L. Littlefield, truant officer,	3.00
J. C. Goodall, erecting booths,	1.00
Chas. Rowe, wood for town hall,	2.50
H. W. Thurlow, election ballot clerk,	4.00
George E. Chipman, election gate tender,	2.00
Music and Printing for Graduation,	18.50
J. A. Morrill, counsel for town,	5.50
Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books,	1.20
A. L. Chipman, recording births, marriages and deaths and cash paid out,	18.25
F. A. Pitts, Selectman for 1901,	43.20
F. A. Pulsifer, Town Treasurer for 1901,	100.00
Forrest Walker, Selectman for 1901,	34.50
F. B. Shackford, " " 1901,	82.50

Charles L. Pulsifer, bal. due as Superintendent of Schools for 1901,	52.25
M. C. Davis, part paym't as Superintendent of Schools for 1902,	80.00
M. C. Davis, services on Board of Health 1902,	37.73
F. B. Shackford, cash paid out as per bill,	38.50
Isaac P. Davis, calling Town Meetings,	7.50
Forrest Walker, cash paid out as per bill,	4.90
Elmer W. Chipman, election gate tender,	2.00
A. L. Chipman, in part as Treasurer for 1902,	55.00
	<hr/> \$797.65
Appropriation,	\$500.00
Overlay in assessing,	639.59
	<hr/> 1139.59
Unexpended,	\$341.94

Memorial Day.

Appropriated by town for A. A. Dwinal Post,	\$25.00
Paid to A. A. Dwinal Post,	25.00

Town Officers' Bills 1902.

Selectmen, Assessors etc. estimated,	\$175.00
Superintendent of Schools "	150.00
Treasurer,	75.00
	<hr/> \$400.00
Of the above \$135.00 has been paid.	

Resources.

Due from I. P. Davis, Col., 1901,	\$277.07
" " I. P. Davis, Col., 1902,	5209.42
" " Town of Woodstock,	18.50
" " Mechanic Falls,	45.00
" " Raymond,	25.00
" " Freeport,	1.05
" " A. W. Knight for lumber,	51.50

Due from Casco & Auburn, school tuition,	\$36.00
“ “ State on Free High School,	117.00
“ “ State on State pensions paid by Treasurer,	120.00
Cash in Treasury Feb. 24, 1903,	1523.88
	<hr/> \$7424.42

Liabilities.

4% Coupon Bonds (\$2000.00 due Sept. 1.)	\$6000.00
Town Officers bills, 1902 (estimated)	265.00
Orders outstanding, not on interest,	347.41
Due schools,	473.89
“ I. P. Davis, commission on 1902 tax,	149.25
“ W. B. Haskell, Town Doctor,	70.00
	<hr/> \$7305.55

Real estate sold for taxes to the amount of \$56.46 was bid in by the town.

Summary.

OF APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURES For the Year Ending Feb. 24, 1903.

		APPROP'S & RECEIPTS.	EXPENDI- TURES.
Common Schools,	\$3193.67 Rec'd } 36.00 Due }	\$3229.67	\$3021.78
Free High School,	\$495.50 Rec'd } 117.00 Due }	612.50	346.50
Text Books,		200.00	259.43
Repairs of School Property,		200.00	365.37
Blackcat Schoolhouse,		500.00	552.41
Support of Poor,		3002.38	3774.41
Support of Poor of other Towns,		210.13	250.85
Repairs of Roads and Bridges,		2500.00	2561.04
State Road,		200.00	226.40
Snow Bills,		1000.00	562.44
Abatements and Collector's Commission,		500.00	163.08
Contingent Fund,	\$500.00 Approp } 639.59 Overlay }	1139.59	797.65
Memorial Day,		25.00	25.00
Totals,		\$13,319.27	12,906.36
Unexpended,			\$412.91

Recommendations.

We suggest that the town raise for the ensuing year the following sums.

For repairs of Roads and Bridges,	\$2000.00
Snow Bills,	1000.00
Support of Poor,	1200.00
Contingent Expenses,	800.00
Collectors Commission,	500.00
A. A. Dwinal Post, G. A. R.,	25.00
To pay Interest,	240.00
To pay Bonds,	2000.00

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. SHACKFORD,
FORREST WALKER,
F. A. PITTS,
Selectmen of Poland



❧ VITAL STATISTICS ❧

Town Clerk's Report,

For the year ending Feb. 24, 1903.

Number of Male births recorded,	17
Number of Female births recorded,	13
Whole number of births recorded,	30
Whole number of Marriages recorded,	23
Whole number of Deaths recorded,	27

Marriages Recorded in Poland for

Date.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence at Marriage	Age.	Occupation.
1902	Vernon Esmond Tenney	Poland	25	Farmer
Apr. 2	Clara Vienna Herrick	"	20	Housekeeper
Apr. 12	Clarence M. Austin	"	29	Blacksmith
	Elvurna B. Hinkley	"	22	
May 1	Lendall H. Dunn	"	20	Farmer
	Edith L. Perkins	Oxford	22	Housekeeper
May 1	George Walter Quint	Gray	44	Mechanic
	Melissa Emily Clapp	Chelsea Mass.	37	Evangelist
May 24	Ezra P. Brown	Poland	24	Farmer
	Alice M. Yeaton	Minot	17	Housekeeper
June 12	Frederick W. Gill	Poland	36	Groom
	Ellen M. Burke	"	24	Domestic
June 18	Frank Clifford Moulton	Somerv'le Mass	30	Clerk
	Georgie Ethel Randall	"	26	At home
July 5	Frank Augustus Brickett	Lisbon	30	Baker
	Alice Libbey	Newport	36	Housekeeper
Oct. 11	Caroll Hoyt	Poland	21	Farmer
	Lucinda Jones	"	19	Housekeeper
Oct. 21	Mellen L. Mills	"	31	Road builder
	Grace L. Mitchell	"	28	Housekeeper
Nov. 1	Edward J. Smearer	"	26	Lumberman
	Etta Harrison	"	19	Housekeeper
Nov. 2	John McDonald	"	23	Mining
	Mattie May Berry	"	18	At home
Nov. 11	Hartley H. Hanscom	"	22	Laborer
	Nellie Gertrude Sawyer	"	20	Housekeeper
Nov. 15	Robert Lawrence Kimball	"	25	Post Master
	Edna Lillian Waterhouse	"	22	Asst. P. M.
Nov. 15	Clarence E. Haskell	Poland	51	Teacher
	Catherine Gertrude Cook	Casco	30	"
Nov. 26	Ira L. Storer	Poland	17	Teaming
	Josephine Foster	"	16	
Dec. 9	Daniel W. Bailey	Poland	58	Merchant
	Frances A. Cutler	Boston		Clerk
Dec. 22	Everard C. Megquier	Poland	35	Teacher
	Lydia B. Edgecomb	Lisbon	25	"
Dec. 25	Horace Vinton Sylvester	Auburn	29	Carpenter
	Flora Belle Strout	Poland	23	Housekeeper
Dec. 25	Ernest Leafavor Strout	"	26	Farmer
	Cora May Swan	Jay	17	Housekeeper
Dec. 25	George Morrison Foss	Waterville	21	Clerk
	Faith G. Chapman	Poland	19	At home
1903	Sherman Tripp	New Gloucest'r	20	Farmer
Jan. 29	Susie Woodsum	Poland	19	Housekeeper
	Harry B. Martin	Poland	33	Farmer
Feb. 6	Isabelle S. Pinkham	Auburn	32	Shoe Opt.

the Year Ending Feb. 24, 1903.

Birthplace of each.	Names of Parents.		Where and by Whom Married.
Poland	Nelson Tenney	Eliza Morton	Mechanic Falls,
"	Nathan Herrick	Hattie White	Rev. A. Hamilton
Vienna	Alexander Austin	Fannie M. Grant	Poland,
Strong	Henry Hinkley	Altena Cook	Rev. F.H. Billington
Poland	Jonas W. Dunn	Jeanette Estes	Mechanic Falls,
Oxford	H. G. Otis Perkins	Georgia Keene	Rev. W. E. Gaskin
Gray	Thomas Quint	Mary A. Foss	Poland,
Palmero	Ely B. Comstock	Eunice E. Spratt	Rev. J. A. Libby
Poland	Joseph L. Brown	Mary C. Tobie	Poland,
Minot	F. E. H. Yeaton	Belle Wilbur	Rev. J. W. Smith
England	John Gill	Ann Addison	Poland,
Chatham N. B.	F. W. Burke	Margarette Lynchford	Rev. W.T. Chapman
New Brunswick	J. W. Moulton	Elizabeth Parker	Poland,
"	Alfred S. Randall	Mary A. Scott	Rev. W.T. Chapman
Durham	Frank G. Brickett	Olive Godard	Poland,
Greenbush	David S. Libbey	Mary A. Young	Rev. J. A. Libby
Haverhill Mass	Munson Hoyt	Emily Edwards	Poland,
Gray	Levi Jones	Roxylania Berry	Rev. J. A. Libby
Poland	J. Warren Mills	Addie Lane	Poland,
"	Andrew B. Mitchell	Flora McGaffey	A. L. Chipman J. P.
New Brunswick	Martin Smearer	Elizabeth Jackson	Poland,
"	James Harrison	Jane McDonald	Rev. W.T. Chapman
Antigonish N S	Rod'k McDonald	Cath'ne Chisholm	Poland,
Lewiston	A. R. Berry	Emma M. Freeman	Rev. J. A. Libby
Errol, N. H.	Stephen R. Hanscom	Ella S. Davis	Poland,
Poland	William Sawyer	Annie M. Dunham	Rev. W.T. Chapman
Hiram	John L. Kimball	Sarah M. Eastman	Poland,
Poland	Almon Waterhouse	Georgia Brackett	Rev. F. A. Kimball
Poland	Moses K. Haskell	Sylvia J. Morse	Poland,
Casco	William F. Cook	Mary E. Archibald	Rev. J. A. Libby
Poland	Edwin A. Storer	Maria Archibald	Poland,
"	Edgar Foster	Alice Morse	Rev. J. A. Libby
"	Lewis Bailey	Mary Daicy	Poland,
"	Horatio Cutler	Margaret Jordan	Rev. J. W. Smith
Lynn, Mass.	Silas A. Megquier	Cinderilla Keay	Lisbon Falls,
Lisbon	Charles Edgecomb	Vesta Gilpatrick	Rev. W. W. Hooper
Auburn	Eugene B. Sylvester	Phebe Haskins	Auburn,
New Gloucester	Charles R. Strout	Laura Frances	Rev. C.S. Cummings
"	Thomas J. Strout	Abbie E. Verrill	Jay
Woodstock	Zachary T. Swan	Martha F. Yates	Rev. H. W. Tilden
Leeds	Walter P. Foss	Hattie Cox	Poland,
Astoria, Ore.	Win. T. Chapman	Orpha A. Denison	Rev. W.T. Chapman
Canton	Alphonso Tripp	Ella Carpenter	Gray,
Mc. Falls	Edwin Woodsum	Mary Smith	Rev. H. L. McCann
Poland	Wash. N. Martin	Mary Faulkner	Poland,
Mc. Falls	V. M. Pinkham	Mary E. Ayer	Rev. J. W. Smith

In Memoriam.

DATE.	NAME.	DIED AT	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH
1902			ys m ds	
Mar. 5	Sumner T. Rowe	Mc. Falls	46 8 16	Brights Disease
Apr. 7	Henry Plummer	Poland	55 11 7	Heart Failure
Apr. 13	Henry F. Waterhouse	"	69 7 13	Valv. Heart Disease
Apr. 11	Harriet Schellinger	Windham	65 13	Myocarditis
Apr. 18	Lydia Herrick	Poland	56 2 24	Gastric Ulcer
Apr. 23	Josephine A. Pettee	"	65	Disease of Bowels
May 8	Wadsworth Strout	"	72 2 16	Cancer of Liver
May 16	Charlotte P. Young	Mc. Falls	90 1 20	Cerebral Hemorrhage
June 12	William H. Hodgdon	Poland	81 3 12	Cancer of Face
June 11	Infant of Edwin Strout	"		Stillborn
June 19	Elbridge G. Gossom	"	76 8 16	Apoplexy
June 25	Ella L. Bray	Mass.	44 11	Cerebral Hemorrhage
July 7	Ella L. Libby	Mc. Falls	82 2 23	Heart Disease
July 10	Rubie M. Ring	Oxford	5	
Aug. 5	William G. Stone	Poland	23 10 2	Typhoid Fever
Aug. 6	Samuel F. Pearson	"	61 21	Nerve Exhaustion
Sept. 6	Benjamin F. Cobb	"	62 4 5	Brights Disease
Sept. 1	Dexter D. Skinner	Mc. Falls	56 3 13	Brights Disease
Nov. 5	Mary E. DeLaite	Poland	71 5 12	Cirrhosis of Liver
Dec. 1	Edmund A. Bailey	"	62 9	Valv. Heart Disease
Dec. 11	Cyrus Briggs	"	84	Apoplexy
Dec. 23	Charles Burnette	"	54	Pneumonic Phthisis
1903				
Jan. 13	Inf. of Harry B. King	"		Stillborn
Jan. 24	Jennie H. Chipman	"	40 16	Tuberculosis of Lungs
Jan. 30	Frank E. Scribner	"	19 11 16	Consumption
Jan. 30	Benjamin Stanton	Mc. Falls	67 1 22	Apoplexy
Feb. 16	Winslow A. Strout	Poland	13 8 25	Appendicitis

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CHIPMAN, Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report.

A. L. Chipman, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Poland
for the year ending Feb. 24th 1903.

	Dr.
To balance in Treasury Feb. 24, 1902,	\$1895.20
I. P. Davis, Collector for 1899,	38.12
I. P. Davis, Collector for 1900,	64.54
I. P. Davis, Collector for 1901,	4493.99
I. P. Davis, Collector for 1902,	9950.57
F. B. Shackford, for Town Farm account,	1652.38
Town Clerk, dog licences, 1902,	101.00
State Treasurer, refunded on dog licences	95.09
State Treasurer, free high school,	125.00
State Treasurer, State Aid reimbursement,	126.00
State Treasurer, State Road,	100.00
State Treasurer, R. R. and Telegraph tax,	.24
State Treasurer, school fund,	1072.66
Town of New Gloucester, pauper bill,	6.75
Town of Hebron, " "	17.00
Town of Freeport, " "	61.30
Town of Raymond, " "	40.90
Town of Gray, " "	50.18
Town of Minot, tuition,	150.00
City of Auburn, pauper bill,	34.00
J. S. Schellinger, error in order for transporting scholars,	4.00
Susan Everett estate,	125.00
J. Warren Mills estate,	75.00
Rent of Town Hall,	3.00
	<hr/> \$20,281.92

	Cr.
By cash paid on Selectmens' orders,	\$12,779.83
Bond maturing Sept. 1, 1901,	100.00
Bonds maturing Sept. 1, 1902,	2,000.00
Interest on bonds,	328.00
State Treasurer, State tax,	2,115.27
State Treasurer, deficiency in dog licences, 1901,	16.00
State Treasurer, dog licences, 1902,	101.00
County Treasurer, County tax,	1,071.94
Soldiers, State Aid,	246.00
Cash in Treasury,	<u>1,523.88</u>
	\$20,281.92

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CHIPMAN, TREASURER

School Report.

The Superintendent respectfully submits the following report of your schools for the year ending Feb. 24, 1903.

School Statistics.

Whole number of scholars in town April 1, 1902,	396
Whole " attending summer schools,	262
Average " " " "	234
Whole " fall schools,	264
Average " " "	242
Whole " winter schools,	244
Average " " "	200
Number of terms taught by male teachers,	8
" " female teachers,	33
Average wages of male teachers per month	\$24.00
" " female teachers per week,	5.05
" price of board per week of male teachers,	2.50
" " " " female teachers,	2.50

Common Schools.

RESOURCES.

Appropriation March 12, 1902,	\$2000.00
State school fund and mill tax,	1072.66
Rec'd from Minot, tuition,	90.00
Due from Casco,	30.00
Due from Auburn,	6.00
Unexpended balance from 1901,	27.01
J. S. Schellinger, error in order,	4.00
	<hr/> \$3229.67

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers wages,	\$1756.50
Teachers board,	755.00
Conveying pupils,	284.50
Janitor service,	98.15

Fuel, paid on 1901 account,	117.38
Fuel, paid on 1902 account,	10.25
	<hr/> \$3021.78
Due C. E. Haskell, teaching,	128.00
Due Hiram Berry, janitor	.50
Unexpended balance,	<hr/> \$207.89

Free High School.

RESOURCES

Appropriated March 10, 1902,	\$250.00
Recd. from State,	125.00
Due from State,	117.00
Recd. from Minot,	60.00
Unexpended bal. from 1901,	60.50
	<hr/> \$612.50
Expenditures,	346.50
Unexpended balance,	<hr/> \$266.00

Text Books.

RESOURCES.

Appropriation March 10, 1902,	\$200.00
Unexpended bal. from 1901,	76.26
	<hr/> \$276.26

EXPENDITURES.

Maynard, Merrill & Co., 1901 acct.,	\$42.85
H. Ricker & Sons,	1.75
Sibley & Ducker,	2.07
Thomas R. Shewell & Co.,	7.01
D. C. Heath,	6.75
Sibley & Co,	4.50
Ginn & Co.,	188.78
Miscellaneous,	5.00
American Book Co.,	.72
	<hr/> \$259.43
Unexpended balance,	<hr/> \$16.83

Repairs.

RESOURCES

Appropriation March 10, 1902,	\$200.00
Unexpended bal. from 1901,	329.30
	<hr/> \$529.30

EXPENDITURES.

J. W. Boothby,	\$0.36
A. L. & E. F. Goss,	1.75
C. E. Storer,	192.37
G. E. Stone,	1.50
J. L. Keene,	75.55
W. S. Verrill	2.85
Cleaning houses	17.50
H. Cole,	1.00
W. Cole,	1.06
E. C. Jordan,	3.78
Robert Moore,	43.20
Cyrus Cole,	3.00
M. C. Davis,	4.40
W. Gowell,	1.95
G. P. Pulsifer,	2.40
R. I. Strout,	7.30
J. L. Brown,	3.65
S. L. Littlefield,	.75
	<hr/> \$365.37
Unexpended bal.	\$163.93

Tabular Statement.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM.

No.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks	No. of scholars	Av. attendance	Not abs't ½ day	D'y recitations	Wages per week exclud'g board	Price of board per week.	Total cost	of term
1	Sara E. Booker	10	11	10	1	32	\$5.00	\$2.50	75.00	
2	Keziah B. Small	10	19	15	3	30	4.00	2.50	65.00	
3	Alta E. Strout	10	26	21	2	38	5.50	2.50	80.00	
4	Bertha M. Robinson	10	18	15	2	25	4.75	2.50	72.50	
5	Mary J. Marsh	10	24	24	7	18	5.	2.50	75.00	
6	Rose C. Austin	10	25	20	0	30	5.50	2.50	80.00	
7	Hattie E. Spiller	10	15	13	5	30	5.25	2.50	77.50	
8	Laura T. Burnham	10	23	21	3	18	4.25		42.50	
9	Annie L. Littlefield	10	12	11	2	29	5.25	2.50	77.50	
10	Grace E. Bumpus	10	18	14	3	31	5.50	2.50	80.00	
16	Georgiana G. French	10	16	14	5	26	5.	2.50	75.00	
18	Mable V. Shaw	10	11	10	4	20	5.	2.50	75.00	
21	Phil R. Everett	7	17	15	5	19	6.50		45.50	
22	Amy E. Rowe	10	35	31	5	30	2.		20.00	
22	Lila Mills	7					3.		21.00	
FALL TERM.										
1	Barton A. Smith	5	11	9	3	25	6.00	2.50	50.00	
3	Annie B. Crooker	8	30	22	3	30	5.50	2.50	64.00	
4	Bertha M. Robinson	8	25	15	1	33	5.	2.50	60.00	
5	Mary J. Marsh	8	34	29	5	15	5.	2.50	60.00	
6	Rose C. Austin	8	21	16	1	25	5.50	2.50	64.00	
7	Hattie E. Spiller	8	12	12	2	28	5.25	2.50	62.00	
8	Laura T. Burnham	8	24	25	5	24	4.25		34.00	
9	Herbert G. Bowman	8	11	9	3	21	4.50	2.50	56.00	
10	Grace E. Bumpus	8	19	17	4	25	5.50	2.50	64.00	
16	Georgiana G. French	8	17	15	4	21	6.	2.50	68.00	
18	Annie L. Littlefield	8	11	10	4	24	5.25	2.50	62.00	
21	H. Blanche Sawyer	8	14	10	0	29	5.	2.50	60.00	
22	Elmer R. Verrill	8	38	30	2	23	4.		32.00	

COMMON SCHOOLS.
WINTER TERM.

No.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks	No. of scholars	Av. attendance	Not abs't ½ day	D'y recitations	Wages per week exclud'g board	Price of board per week.	Total cost of term
1	Edith Walker	8	10	9	4	30	\$5.00	\$2.50	\$63.00
2	C. E. Haskell	16	17	16					128.00
3	Annie B. Crooker	8	20	15	0	25	5.50	2.50	64.00
4	Effie A. Warren	8	23	13	3	34	5.	2.50	60.00
5	Mary J. Marsh	8	34	29	1	15	5.	2.50	60.00
6	Herbert G. Bowman	8	16	13	1	28	5.	2.50	60.00
7	Hattie E. Spiller	8	15	14	5	32	5.25	2.50	62.00
8	Laura T. Burnham	8	19	16	2	20	4.25		34.00
9	Rose C. Austin	8	12	11	4	23	5.	2.50	60.00
10	Grace E. Bumpus	8	19	15	1	25	5.50	2.50	64.00
16	Georgiana G. French	8	15	13	2	20	6.	2.50	68.00
18	Lena McCollister	8	11	10	4	20	5.	2.50	60.00
21	Barton A. Smith	6	14	6	0	18	6.	2.50	51.00
22	R. J. Everett	8	19	16	0	14			50.00
FREE HIGH SCHOOLS									
8	Laura T. Burnham	Summer	10	10	9	3	10	8.25	82.50
22	Amy E. Rowe	"	10	2	1	6	5.	2.50	75.00
8	Laura T. Burnham	Fall	8	6	4	10	8.25		66.00
22	Elmer R. Verrill	"	8	3	3	5	4.	2.50	52.00
8	Laura T. Burnham	Winter	8	9	8	10	8.25		82.50
22	R. J. Everett	"	8	22	19	16	6.25		50.00

Remarks.

While we have expended some over \$300.00 in repairs the past year, we have a number of houses that need repairing the coming year, namely: No. 8 needs general repairing; No. 6 underpinning and grading; No. 22 new floor; No. 18 some painting. The schoolhouse at West Poland has been newly plastered, shingled and painted; No. 16, Johnson Hill shingled and roof painted. Other houses have had minor repairing. The yard at No. 5, South Poland, needs grading.

The following new books have been supplied for all schools: Arithmetics (Wentworth); Grammars (Mother Tongue); Histories (Montgomery). These have met with the approval

of every teacher as far as I have been able to learn. Physical Geographies and Algebras were not changed this year, but should be as soon as our funds will permit.

The average wages of teachers have been increased from last year with the same corresponding increase in the efficiency of the schools.

Scholars, the last school season, have labored untiringly with teachers in the majority of the schools which has been a pleasing factor to both teachers and Superintendent, and as I have the care of your schools at the end of this school year it is a source of gratification to me to know that my labors have not been in vain.

I must thank the parents who in all cases have stood by me in trying to maintain good discipline in our schools, a factor which if carried along for a series of years will enable us to be second to none in our state in this respect.

Four pupils in town graduated Jan. 15, 1903 with great credit:

Marie Shackford	School No. 1
Sadie Mills	" " 4
Burbank Strout	" " 4
A. Marion Jordan	" " 7

And as we look with pride upon the past, let us hope the coming year will bring us glad tidings from every section of our town.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following appropriations are respectfully recommended for the ensuing year:—

Common Schools,	\$2250.00
Repairs,	400.00
Text Books,	350.00
Free High School,	250.00

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. DAVIS, Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF Board of Health.

To the citizens of Poland:—

In submitting my report of the Board of Health, I will say; we have had during the past year up to the present date: Six cases of Scarlet Fever, two of Typhoid Fever, one of Diphtheria and three of Pulmonary Consumption.

I have fumigated seven houses with favorable results, and have three to fumigate at the present date. Free vaccination has been given to many in town, some having paid for same themselves. My remarks at our last town meeting in regard to providing a suitable place for the protection of Small Pox patients are still a factor of note, and this should be attended to.

Respectfully,

M. C. DAVIS, Sec. of Board of Health.

Warrant.

To Isaac P. Davis, a constable in the town of Poland,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Poland qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Town Hall in said town, on Monday, the ninth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:—

- 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2nd. To hear and act on reports of Town Officers and the Committee on accounts.
- 3rd. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- 4th. To choose a Superintendent of Schools.
- 5th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of common schools.
- 6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for free high school.
- 7th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school text books.
- 8th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs of school property.
- 9th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of roads and bridges.
- 10th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for support of poor.
- 11th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.
- 12th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay interest on bonds.
- 13th. To see if the town will vote to raise \$2000.00 to pay bonds maturing Sept. 1, 1903.
- 14th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay collector's commission and abatements.
- 15th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to donate to A. A. Dwinal Post G. A. R., to help defray the expense of Memorial Day.

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- 16th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay snow bills.
- 17th. To see if the town will vote to pay each member of the school board ten dollars.
- 18th. To see what action the town will take in regard to buying a team for road work.
- 19th. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate and expend on the permanent improvement of State Road.
- 20th. To see what sum of money the town will donate to the Poland Public Library.
- 21st. To see if the town will vote to have its old Record of Births repaired and re-bound.
- 22nd. To see if the town will vote to build a new bridge in Hardscrabble near Joseph Brown's place, and to see what sum of money they will vote to raise for that purpose.
- 23rd. To see what action the town will take in regard to procuring a lot for the burial of the poor.
- 24th. To see if the town will vote to build a stable for Blackcat schoolhouse, and what sum of money they will appropriate for that purpose.
- 25th. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.
- 26th. To see if the town will vote to fix a date for the payment of taxes.
- 27th. To see if the town will vote to elect a road commissioner; and also to see what compensation he shall receive.
- 28th. To see if the town will vote to accept the town way, as located by the Selectmen, on petition of J. H. Grant and others.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at Town Hall on the day of said meeting at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Poland, Me., this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1903.

F. B. SHACKFORD,
FORREST WALKER,
F. A. PITTS,

Selectmen of Poland.

