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WITH REPORTS OF

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Town Officers

For the Municipal Year of 1918

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

EDWIN W. MALLET

JAMES C. PURINTON

W. M. WILLIAMS

TOWN CLERK

M. C. HALL

COLLECTOR

E. H. PHINNEY

TREASURER

E. H. PHINNEY

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JOHN A. CONE

AUDITOR

CHARLES I. GIVEEN

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WILLIAM S. ROGERS

WALTER M. WILLIAMS

CHARLES I. GIVEEN

Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Topsham herewith submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the town for the fiscal year ending Feb. 1, 1919.

Valuation of taxable property April 1, 1918:

Real estate, resident	\$ 891,826 00
Real estate, non-resident	337,354 00
Personal estate, resident	269,416 00
Personal estate, non-resident	7,725 00
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	\$1,506,321 00

Number of taxable polls, 462.

Rate of taxation, 21.7 mills.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

Highways and Bridges	\$5,000 00
State Aid Highway	798 00
Common Schools	3,200 00
Free High School	2,000 00
School Books and Supplies	600 00
School Repairs and Supplies	2,300 00
Industrial Education	400 00
Public Library	75 00
Fire Department	500 00
Street Lighting	1,200 00
Contingent Expenses	1,200 00
Abatements	100 00
Interest Charges	300 00
Poor, Aid of Old Soldiers, Depend- ents of Soldiers	500 00
Town Hall	200 00

Water Rentals	1,200 00	
Memorial Day	25 00	
Overlay	1,496 34	
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Total Town Appropriations with Overlay		\$21,094 34
State Tax		9,615 14
County Tax		3,363 68
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		\$34,073 16

ABATEMENTS

Paid Fred Ward, property not had	\$ 1 10	
Chas. Rogers, property not had	2 17	
Ralph Merriman, property not had	8 68	
L. H. Noyes, property not had	1 63	
H. S. Small, property not had	76	
Elezeur Belanger, property not had	1 09	
E. B. Sprague, property not had	2 93	
E. H. Phinney, Col. tax 1916	43 05	
E. H. Phinney, Col. tax 1917	16 66	
E. H. Phinney, Col. tax 1918	3 00	
		<hr/>
		\$ 81 07
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		272 61
		<hr/>
		\$353 68

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$253 68	
Appropriation	100 00	
		<hr/>
		\$353 68

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid Brunswick & Topsham Water District	\$ 8 35
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	12 00
Orren Colby, Clerk, payroll	117 50
D. W. Scribner and others, acct.	
R. Williams fire	7 50

Orren Colby, Clerk, acct. Niles fire	24 00	
Orren Colby, Clerk, acct. Groves fire	23 00	
Orren Colby, Clerk, acct. Pulp Mill fire	39 00	
Fred Carr, Pulp Mill fire	1 00	
Herbert Carr, Pulp Mill fire	1 00	
Forest Cummings, Groves and Mill fires	2 00	
Geo. and Harold Groves, Groves fire and watching	7 00	
American La France Fire Ins. Co.	30 00	
Fabrin Belanger and others, "True" fire	2 50	
		\$274 85
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		489 32
		<u>\$764 17</u>

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$264 17	
Appropriation	500 00	
		<u>\$764 17</u>

CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Paid J. A. Cone, Salary, Supt. of Schools	\$ 433 26
W. P. W. Purinton and others, Board of Health, salary and ex- penses	37 00
Fred Ward, police	8 50
H. B. Willis, election clerk	12 50
Wm. Gordon, burial soldiers	70 00
State Treasurer, dog tax	64 00
E. H. Phinney, property sold for taxes	97 22
E. H. Phinney, Trea. and expenses	55 00
E. H. Phinney, Col. 2% on 1915, 1916 tax, 1½% on 1917 tax	520 99

E. H. Phinney, Constable, posting warrants, etc.	3 70
J. C. Purinton, balance salary 1917 and expenses	78 00
J. C. Purinton, salary in part 1918	125 00
E. W. Mallett, balance salary 1917 and expenses	100 75
E. W. Mallett, salary in part 1918	150 00
W. M. Williams, balance salary 1917 and expenses	156 04
W. M. Williams, salary in part 1918	135 00
M. C. Hall, salary, fees and expenses as Town Clerk	67 68
New England Supply Co., town reports and office supplies	88 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, office supplies	16 20
F. A. Rackley, Election Clerk	8 50
L. H. White, trucking flag pole	3 00
D. W. Scribner, for others, acct. flag pole	8 30
D. T. Percy & Sons, flag	13 50
G. B. Ridley & Sons, paint and fixtures	4 55
Dr. Henri Lambert, vital statistics	5 25
Dr. G. J. Ray, vital statistics	3 75
C. I. Giveen, Auditor	10 00
Sam'l Furbish, Treas., flag pole	5 00
E. Y. Shaw & Son, hens killed	13 50
Henry Cornish, hens killed	11 25
E. R. Hildreth, hens killed	30 00
J. Michaud, Election Clerk	6 00
J. O. Meserve, note of Feb. 13, 1908	350 00
Mrs. J. A. Purinton, note of Dec. 6, 1913	1,000 00

Julia M. Hildreth, note of Mar. 18, 1901	500 00	
Emma B. Sylvester, note of Mar. 7, 1913	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,691 44
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		189 01
		<hr/>
		\$4,880 45

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$1,313 58	
State Treas., acct. domestic animals killed	51 30	
State Treas., burial soldier's widow	35 00	
M. C. Hall, dog tax	56 00	
E. H. Phinney, dog tax	8 00	
State Treas., R. R. and Tel. tax	57 10	
E. H. Phinney, Morrell property re- deemed	61 16	
E. H. Phinney, overlay	1,496 34	
E. H. Phinney, supplemental tax '17	61 60	
E. H. Phinney, supplemental tax '18	193 23	
Appropriation	1,200 00	
Moth acct. closed into contingencies	347 14	
	<hr/>	\$4,880 45

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

SNOW

Paid Clarence Young	\$ 1 25
Ella M. Hunter	10 00
Walter H. Foster and others	23 40
Frank Brickett	8 50
Carr Bros. and others	11 25
C. E. Meserve	1 00
Geo. Alexander	2 00
L. H. White	1 50
Hanson Bros.	10 00
Geo. Dugas	2 00

Roger Williams	2 75	
Alton Ames	11 00	
C. H. Rackley	4 20	
A. P. Barrett	4 20	
Fred M. French	5 00	
A. R. Hunter and others	16 80	
H. J. Whitney	3 00	
W. A. Alexander & Son	9 93	
Edmond Bernier	18 00	
Hiram Ward	5 00	
Eugene Rogers	2 80	
Walter Cox	5 00	
A. H. Hildreth	1 60	
W. A. Foster	3 00	
E. Y. Shaw & Son	10 75	
E. K. Merrill	17 50	
E. C. Patten	10 30	
A. G. Utecht	2 50	
Everett and Chas. Furbish	4 00	
E. B. Sprague	17 63	
	<hr/>	\$225 86
E. J. Small	\$ 21 15	
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts	99 98	
G. B. Ridley & Sons	43 34	
E. W. Mallett	61 25	
Allen Bros.	29 75	
L. H. White	4 00	
R. J. Patten, gravel, lumber, labor	218 91	
Alexis Dufresne	23 30	
Geo. Dugas	497 00	
W. A. Alexander & Son	215 46	
J. L. Hyde and others	56 50	
Henry Cornish	67 25	
E. H. Gilpatric	10 00	
Albert Ward and son Hiram	74 01	
Walter Curtis	18 34	
Eugene Rogers	46 40	

E. R. Tedford	7 50
E. R. Hildreth	46 00
Harrison Stone	76 75
Sam'l Curtis	21 12
Horace Groves	3 25
Letus Lavoire	23 75
E. H. Phinney	51 58
H. G. Powers	203 77
Otis Higgins	3 90
A. R. Hunter	5 00
M. A. Luce	24 00
G. A. Hunter	38 10
W. F. Tate, labor and material	32 00
Ella M. Hunter	24 60
Ray Hanson	6 00
W. A. Foster	47 50
E. L. Emerson	18 00
W. W. Graves	14 75
Clifton Douglass	2 50
Dana Grover	10 00
Walter Holdsworth	50 75
J. R. Wilson	12 50
John Dolloff	3 00
C. H. Rackley	15 00
A. C. Graves	9 17
J. L. Foster	10 75
State Treas., patrol money	564 80
L. T. Williams	5 00
Ray Hyde	2 50
G. L. Quint	11 00
E. K. Merrill	58 37
J. A. Purinton	24 30
F. B. Meserve and others	14 10
Albion Luce	5 00
Clarence Colby	7 00
N. A. Jack	5 35
W. R. Hildreth	7 00

Harold McManus	7 50	
E. C. Patten	71 00	
W. L. Hunter	7 50	
H. J. Whitney	4 50	
		<u>\$3,042 80</u>
		\$3,268 66
Transferred to Prospect St. to balance account	\$29 81	
Transferred to State Aid Road to balance account	30 30	
		<u>\$ 60 11</u>
		\$3,328 77
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		<u>1,977 36</u>
		\$5,306 13

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$ 300 20	
Transferred from Cathance Road to close account	5 93	
Appropriation	5,000 00	
		<u>\$5,306 13</u>

STATE AID ROAD

Paid Eugene Rogers	\$145 50
Ella M. Hunter	157 50
E. L. Emerson	146 17
A. R. Hunter	145 62
M. A. Luce	102 00
Maynard Tarr	39 00
C. F. Wilson	84 25
Albion Luce	5 00
G. A. Hunter	60 00
Richard Tarr	35 62
Ray Hanson	101 00
Dana Grover	4 17
Edwin Rogers	8 75

W. A. Foster	122 50	
Chas. Leavitt	26 25	
Robt. Higgins	6 50	
E. W. Mallett	108 00	
Ralph Peters	3 75	
W. F. Tate	8 00	
J. L. Foster	7 50	
Ella M. Hunter, gravel	87 40	
W. P. W. Purinton, rock	4 80	
G. B. Ridley & Sons, cement, etc.	33 25	
M. A. Luce, clay	15 90	
W. S. Rogers, lumber	5 00	
J. R. Wilson, lumber	3 52	
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts	139 71	
	<hr/>	\$1,606 66

CREDIT

By appropriation	\$798 00	
State Treas.	775 86	
G. A. Hunter, old lumber	2 50	
Transferred from Highway to bal- ance account	30 30	
	<hr/>	\$1,606 66

PROSPECT STREET

Paid P. G. Alexander	\$23 25	
Geo. Dugas	33 25	
Letus Lavoire	43 50	
J. O. Lavoire	36 00	
Geo. Bernier	2 49	
	<hr/>	\$138 49

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1. 1918	\$108 68	
Transferred from Highway to bal- ance account	29 81	
	<hr/>	\$138 49

CATHANCE ROAD, NEAR PENNELL'S

Paid J. L. Foster	\$18 50	
Ella M. Hunter, labor and material	30 10	
A. R. Hunter	12 00	
Ray Hanson	22 50	
Eugene Rogers	21 00	
W. A. Foster	20 50	
E. L. Emerson	22 50	
M. A. Luce	16 50	
G. A. Hunter	9 16	
Transferred to Highway to balance	5 93	
	<hr/>	\$178 69

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$178 69
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GOODWIN ROAD

Paid Albert and Hiram Ward	\$ 8 75	
E. K. Merrill	30 00	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	37 25	
	<hr/>	\$76 00

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$76 00
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SUMMER STREET

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$1,000 00
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CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$1,000 00
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FORESIDE ROAD

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$200 00
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CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$200 00
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CATHANCE ROAD, NEAR W. B. STAPLES

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$294 39
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CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$294 39
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COMMON SCHOOLS

TEACHING

Paid Mrs. Belle Warren	\$187 40	
Helen L. Varney	142 40	
Lois Stover	366 00	
Mary Hanson	224 00	
Ella M. Hunter	20 00	
Josephine Bartlett	206 50	
Jessie M. Tarr	215 00	
Alice Longley	198 00	
Ruth S. Ridley	375 00	
Eva B. Soule	283 00	
Florence A. Neiley	391 60	
Marion G. Strout	648 00	
Belle D. Hutton	70 00	
Elizabeth K. Purinton	198 00	
Ethel T. Allen	534 00	
Nellië M. Ricker	486 00	
Addie E. Cail	347 00	
Mattie M. Lanpher	243 00	
Clara M. Phinney	192 00	
Augusta C. Cone	52 00	
Sara Bailey	216 00	
Annie A. Coffin	216 00	
Bernice D. Staples	198 00	
Alice Williams	44 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,052 90

CARE

Paid E. Dana Phinney	\$67 50
Rosa Belanger	27 00
Herbert Jewett	3 00

Raymond Foster	7 70	
Frank Braun	44 00	
Carl Given	1 00	
Mary Hanson	7 70	
Carl Hanson	12 00	
H. M. Stone	13 00	
Richard Smith	21 25	
Lois Stover	5 50	
Addie Cail	10 00	
Mrs. G. Carter	2 00	
Mrs. C. Staples	5 00	
Mrs. F. D. Biassic	3 00	
Mrs. H. Pagurker	16 73	
Louis Barker	88 90	
J. Curtis	3 20	
Henry Hanson	7 00	
Bernice Staples	5 60	
Lawrence Dugas	10 50	
Eva B. Soule	6 50	
Julia Grover	4 50	
Geo. Atwood	5 00	
Raymond Christopher	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$407 58

FUEL

aid Ralph Williams	\$ 31 50
H. M. Stone	14 00
Hall Bros.	19 00
A. R. Hunter	4 00
T. Lapointe	50 25
E. H. Phinney	16 50
Hiram Ward	40 00
Leo F. Davis	22 00
N. G. Curtis	1 95
T. S. Allen	38 00
C. E. Meserve	48 00
W. S. Rogers	62 70

Pejepscot Paper Co.	49 46	
F. B. Meserve	24 00	
Addie Cail	1 00	
Randall & McAlister	325 00	
Dr. J. F. Butler	18 00	
Maine Central R. R., freight	25 96	
Bernice Staples	2 00	
Ralph Mallett	1 50	
Lawrence Dugas	3 00	
Carr Bros.	10 00	
J. L. Foster	14 12	
W. A. Foster	14 50	
W. R. Hildreth	3 50	
Rosa Belanger	5 75	
	<hr/>	\$845 69

TRANSPORTATION

Paid Edward Atkins	\$312 00	
G. L. Quint	40 00	
F. H. Barnes	57 50	
Francis Howland	110 00	
Mrs. Eugene Rogers	87 00	
Lewiston, Augusta & Waterville		
St. R. R.	138 00	
E. L. Emerson	48 00	
Abiel Eaton	62 00	
Mrs. A. C. Edgecomb	35 00	
S. C. Curtis	135 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,024 50
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		\$8,330 67

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$ 301 75
Rec'd Town of Bowdoinham, tuition	36 00
Harold Bickford, tuition	3 00
Town of Bowdoin, tuition	22 00

Pejepscot Societies, rent	3 75	
E. H. Phinney, Treas., interest		
School Fund	33 36	
State Treas. School and Mill Fund	1,809 99	
State Treas. Common School Fund	2,431 99	
J. A. Cone, coal	21 62	
W. M. Williams, coal	12 64	
Maine Central R. R., rebate on freight bill paid	3 00	
Appropriation	3,200 00	
		\$7,879 10
Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1919		451 57
		<u>\$8,330 67</u>

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

Paid C. G. Wheeler	\$334 25	
Mary S. Byrne	324 98	
J. F. Will Co.	6 59	
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	12 10	
Ralph Eaton, care	15 50	
W. O. Powers, supplies	15 56	
B. L. Furbish, supplies	3 30	
W. Haskell, trucking	50	
A. Parent	3 57	
Mary Byrne, supplies	8 97	
G. B. Ridley & Sons, supplies	36 47	
W. R. Hildreth, lumber	47 94	
C. G. Wheeler, supplies	2 24	
T. A. Field	10 00	
W. R. Price, supplies	2 37	
N. G. Curtis	1 00	
Ralph Ames	1 75	
Mrs. Geo. Carter	1 50	
E. J. Small	2 75	
		\$ 831 34
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		250 31
		<u>\$1,081 65</u>

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$281 65	
Received State Treasurer	400 00	
Appropriation	400 00	
		<u>\$1,081 65</u>

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Paid Allyn & Bacon	\$14 88	
Rand McNally & Co.	10 29	
J. L. Hammett Co.	63 80	
Ginn & Co.	35 31	
Little, Brown & Co.	20 58	
American Book Co.	42 19	
The MacMillan Co.	22 13	
D. E. Heath & Co.	9 34	
E. E. Babb & Co.	71 07	
Benj. Sanborn	22 93	
World Book Co.	28 52	
Silver, Burdette Co.	75 57	
Milton Bradley Co.	90 11	
E. P. Dutton & Co.	3 35	
Marion G. Strout, supplies	7 77	
Brunswick & Topsham Water Dist.	17 44	
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	14 28	
J. A. Cone, express, etc.	17 63	
Howard & Brown	1 75	
Chemo Co.	33 00	
T. A. Field	5 75	
J. Q. Adams & Co.	18 75	
C. C. Birchard & Co.	2 49	
Atkinson, Mentzer & Co.	3 11	
The Plymouth Press	3 18	
E. L. Knott Apa. Co.	30 88	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	1 91	
The Palmer Co.	1 60	
Geo. H. Doran & Co.	2 36	
		<u>\$671 97</u>
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		1 09
		<u>\$673 06</u>

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$ 68 06	
Town of Brunswick, desks	5 00	
Appropriation	600 00	
		\$673 06

SCHOOL REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES

Paid E. D. Phinney	\$ 5 24
E. J. Small	50
Embert Allen, Jr.	2 00
W. O. Powers	70
Arthur Lemaire	5 93
Rosanna Belanger	9 75
Maine Central R. R. Co.	24 58
Alice Longley	70
Ruth S. Ridley	20
G. B. Ridley & Sons	429 14
A. H. Andrews Co.	172 14
Dirigo Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	11 25
Hall Bros., new addition to Pe- jepscot schoolhouse	1,162 30
Leonard's express	5 00
Gilbert Cox	43 25
M. C. Hall, insurance	37 10
C. F. Wilson	14 35
Raymond Christopher	50
C. A. Warren	5 00
Town of Brunswick, desks	5 50
W. S. Rogers, insurance	54 40
Henry Rogers	5 00
D. & C. E. Scribner Co.	1 20
J. A. Purinton	75
Louis Barker	2 00
Calixte Bernier	4 40
W. F. Atkinson	12 00
Wm. Gordon	39 22
F. M. Chandler & Son	7 50

Wilson's Pharmacy	4 00	
D. S. Colby	28 49	
L. M. Williams	4 75	
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		\$2,098 84
Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1918		55 87
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		145 29
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		\$2,300 00

CREDIT

Appropriation		\$2,300 00
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FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Paid Adeline E. Drew	\$290 13	
Fred Bartlett	345 00	
Mary Elliott	231 40	
Jennie M. Reed	10 41	
Myron Grover	125 00	
H. N. Dunham	644 59	
Laura E. Libby	83 36	
Isabelle Pollard	300 00	
Augusta C. Cone	192 00	
W. S. Rogers, coal	100 00	
E. Dana Phinney, care	18 00	
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		\$2,339 89
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		492 98
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		\$2,832 87

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$ 332 87	
State Treasurer	500 00	
Appropriation	2,000 00	
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		\$2,832 87

POOR, AID OF OLD SOLDIERS AND SOLDIERS'
WIDOWS, DEPENDENTS OF SOLDIERS

Paid W. O. Powers, supplies, R.	
Carter	\$84 00
Catherine Levesque	40 15

Lena Holman, supplies, Ward	8 13	
Tel. Lapointe, fuel, O. White	3 00	
M. G. Powers, supplies, town farm	1 22	
Sag. Mut. Fire Ins. Co., insurance	12 20	
G. B. Ridley & Sons, town farm	9 52	
D. & C. E. Scribner	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$164 47

SOLDIERS AND SOLDIERS' WIDOWS

Paid D. H. Flagg, rent soldier's widow	\$66 00	
W. O. Powers, supplies, old soldier	85 00	
S. T. Brown, fuel, old soldier	11 50	
J. F. Cheney, fuel, old soldier	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$169 25

DEPENDENCY CLAIMS OF PRESENT WAR

Dependents of A. P. Wright	\$301 86	
“ “ Clarence J. Young	125 71	
“ “ Frank M. Coombs	86 28	
“ “ Walter Roehrig	127 99	
“ “ John M. Furbish	66 85	
“ “ Frank P. Lincoln	64 00	
“ “ Ambrose P. Rose	74 85	
“ “ J. Earle Rackley	40 85	
	<hr/>	\$888 39
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		417 16
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		\$1,639 27

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$929 84	
Rec'd State Treas., acct. soldiers' dependents to July 1, 1918	113 43	
Alton Ames, rent to Feb., 1919	96 00	
Appropriation	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,639 27

INTEREST

Paid Julia M. Hildreth	\$ 34 78	
Emma B. Sylvester	33 25	
First Parish Con. Society	36 75	
C. I. Giveen, Treas.	44 00	
Mrs. J. A. Purinton	51 87	
J. O. Meserve	17 06	
Foster B. Meserve	13 78	
E. H. Phinney, Treas., school fund	33 36	
E. H. Phinney, Treas., Mustard fund	102 81	
First Parish Cong. Society note	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,067 66
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		225 10
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		\$1,292 76

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$664 20	
Rec'd E. H. Phinney, Int. bank bal- ances	97 25	
E. H. Phinney, Int. overdue taxes	231 31	
Appropriation	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,292 76

TOWN HALL

Paid Brunswick & Topsham Water District	\$12 50
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	14 52
M. C. Hall, insurance	78 25
C. E. Colby, care	21 50
E. W. Mallett, fuel	10 00
R. A. Mallett, sawing	2 00
W. O. Powers, supplies	74
G. B. Ridley & Sons	14 73
George Staples, fuel	12 00

D. S. Colby	2 50	
L. M. Williams, fuel	7 00	
E. H. Phinney, fuel	12 00	
	<u> </u>	\$187 74
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		194 12
		<u> </u>
		\$381 86

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$181 86	
Appropriation	200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$381 86

MUSTARD FUND

Paid Order No. 118	\$10 00	
122	5 00	
204	3 00	
547	10 00	
578	10 00	
746	4 98	
764	8 50	
320, 324, 330, 333,		
372, 418, 422	14 00	
478, 733	11 00	
118	14 00	
20, 26, 478	8 30	
203	8 00	
	<u> </u>	\$108 62
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919		89 65
		<u> </u>
		\$198 27

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$ 95 46	
Rec'd E. H. Phinney, interest on Mustard fund	102 81	
	<u> </u>	\$198 27

BRUNSWICK & TOPSHAM WATER DISTRICT

Paid Water District	\$1,025 00	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	396 55	
	<u> </u>	\$1,421 55

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$ 221 55	
Appropriation	1,200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,421 55

BATH & BRUNSWICK LIGHT & POWER CO.

Paid Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	\$1,200 00	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	235 11	
	<u> </u>	\$1,435 11

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$ 235 11	
Appropriation	1,200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,435 11

MEMORIAL DAY

Paid Walter Ross		\$25 00
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CREDIT

Appropriation		\$25 00
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OLD CEMETERY

Paid J. R. Wilson	\$14 87	
Ray Hanson	14 87	
	<u> </u>	\$29 74

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb 1, 1918	\$ 7 28	
Rec'd C. I. Giveen	11 00	
Interest Groves fund	5 48	
Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1919	5 98	
	<u> </u>	\$29 74

CARRIE EMUS FUND

Paid C. G. Wheeler, Treas.	\$ 8 08	
Balance in bank Oct. 1, 1918	<u>200 00</u>	\$208 08
Balance in bank Oct. 1, 1917	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1918	<u>8 08</u>	\$208 08

MILDRED EVERETT FUND

Paid C. G. Wheeler, Treas.	\$ 8 08	
Balance in bank Oct. 1, 1918	<u>200 00</u>	\$208 08
Balance in bank Oct. 1, 1917	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1918	<u>8 08</u>	\$208 08

STATE TAX

Paid State Treasurer	\$9,615 14
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CREDIT

Appropriation	\$9,615 14
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COUNTY TAX

Paid County Treasurer	\$3,336 68
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CREDIT

Appropriation	\$3,336 68
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MOTH

Transferred to interest account	\$347 14
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CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$347 14
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LIBRARY

Paid Brunswick Public Library	\$75 00
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CREDIT

Appropriation	\$75 00
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LOANS

Rec'd F. B. Meserve		\$350 00
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CREDIT

Paid F. B. Meserve		\$350 00
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NOTES OUTSTANDING

Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1918		\$3,050 00
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CREDIT

Paid from Contingent account	\$2,350 00	
Paid from Interest account	700 00	
	<u> </u>	\$3,050 00

TOWN LIABILITIES

Mustard Fund	\$2,087 50	
Cong. Society Fund	1,100 00	
Common School Fund	667 28	
Skolfield Cemetery Fund	200 00	
Perkins' Cemetery Fund	150 00	
Flye Cemetery Fund	200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$5,254 78
Cash in Treasury Feb. 1, 1919, in excess of Liabilities		4,041 61
		<u> </u>
		\$9,296 39

RESOURCES

E. H. Phinney, uncollected tax 1917	\$ 94 86	
E. H. Phinney, uncollected tax 1918	496 75	
State Treas., domestic animals	54 75	
State Treas., dependency claims	774 96	
State Treas., burial soldiers	35 00	
Cash in Treasury Feb. 1, 1919	7,840 07	
	<u> </u>	\$9,296 39

There is due from State Treasurer, account dog tax refund, an amount unknown.

The Selectmen, although no money was raised by taxation for the payment of notes held against the Town, have paid all outstanding notes amounting to \$3,050, \$2,350 of this amount from Contingent account and \$700 from Interest account.

There remains as Liabilities only the \$5,254.78 of Funds, noted above in "Town Liabilities." The Town simply pays the Treasurers of the several Funds interest amounting to \$199.42 each year. The Principal of the several Funds cannot be paid, except possibly by vote of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. MALLETT

JAMES C. PURINTON

W. M. WILLIAMS

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor.

Report of Treasurer

E. H. PHINNEY, Treasurer, in account with
Town of Topsham.

To balance Feb. 1, 1918	\$8,797 62
Town of Bowdoinham, tuition	58 00
Harold Bickford, tuition	3 00
State Treasurer, damage to domestic animals	51 30
State Treasurer, burial old soldier	35 00
State Treasurer, aid to dependent families of soldiers and sailors	113 43
State Treasurer, State Aid roads	775 86
State Treasurer, School and Mill Fund	1,809 99
State Treasurer, Common School Fund	2,431 99
State Treasurer, Railroad and Telegraph Tax	57 10
State Treasurer, Industrial Education	400 00
State Treasurer, Free High School	500 00
A. E. Ames, rent town farm	96 00
Dog licenses	64 00
Interest on the Old Cemetery Fund	16 48
F. B. Meserve, loan	350 00
Rent Pejepscot schoolhouse	3 75
Property redeemed, tax deeds	61 16
Town of Brunswick, credit school	5 00
Maine Central Railroad, rebate on freight	3 00

Interest on Common School Fund	33 36
Interest on Mustard Fund	102 81
Interest on Carrie Emus Fund	8 08
Interest on Mildred Edwards Fund	8 08
John A. Cone, coal, credit com- mon school account	21 62
W. M. Williams, coal, credit com- mon school account	12 64
E. H. Phinney, Treasurer, inter- est on bank balances	97 25
E. H. Phinney, Coll., interest on overdue taxes	231 31
G. Adam Hunter, credit, State Aid Roads	2 50
E. H. Phinney, Coll. taxes 1916	142 44
E. H. Phinney, Coll. taxes 1917	547 30
E. H. Phinney, Coll. taxes 1918	33,576 41
E. H. Phinney, Coll. supple- mental tax of 1917	61 60
E. H. Phinney, Coll. supple- mental tax of 1918	193 23
	<hr/> \$50,671 31

CREDIT

By Town orders paid from Feb. 1, 1918 to Feb. 1, 1919	\$42,831 24
Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1919	7,840 07
	<hr/> \$50,671 31

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

E. H. Phinney, Collector, 1916

Balance due Feb. 1, 1917	\$142 44
Paid Treasurer	142 44
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E. H. Phinney, Collector, 1917

Balance due Feb. 1, 1918	\$642 16	
Paid Treasurer	547 30	
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Balance due Feb. 1, 1919		\$94 86

E. H. Phinney, Collector, 1918

Total commitment	\$34,073 16	
Paid Treasurer	33,576 41	
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Balance due Feb. 1, 1919		\$496 75

UNPAID TAXES OF 1917

Berry, H. L.	\$ 3 00
Belanger, Mitchel	3 00
Curtis, G. K.	3 00
Chandler, Maurice	3 00
Coffin, Harry	3 00
Cloutier, Triffler	3 00
Godreau, Clarence	3 00
Guerrette, Baptist	3 00
Gamache, Joseph	3 00
Gamache, Napoleon	3 00
Leavitt, Ellis	4 10
Lavoire, Albert	3 00
Libby, Leonce	3 00
Lachance, Alcide	3 00
Lebonte, Fred	3 00
Lemieux, Joseph	3 00
Michaud, Adolph	3 00
McMillin, J. W.	4 94
Moody, Percy	1 10
Marshall, John	3 00
Newell, Charles	4 10
Plazzo, Jim	2 42
Prince, Elmer	3 00
Pellitier, Joseph	3 00

Powers, Thomas	3 00
Thibault, Adelard	3 00
Tardiff, Eugene	3 00
Trufant, Geo. O.	6 20
Trufant, Cyrus	3 00
Williams, Herbert L.	3 00
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	\$94 86

UNPAID TAXES OF 1918

Arris, William	\$ 3 00
Alexander, Geo. E.	3 00
Bernier, Camille	3 00
Cash	3 00
Bouchard, Alfred	3 00
Bickett, Velzora	1 63
Brodhead, Joe	3 00
Belanger, Mitchel	3 00
Colby, C. O.	3 00
Curtis, Geo. K.	3 00
Curtis, Joseph	3 00
Chandler, Maurice	3 00
Colby, Chas. E.	20 90
Cloutier, Eddie	3 00
Crossman, Wm. S.	9 51
Cloutier, Triffler	3 00
Carr, Fred P.	3 00
Deschain, Uderic	3 00
Dubrey, George	3 00
Godreau, Clarence	3 00
Groves, Geo.	4 34
Gagnon, William	3 00
Goldermean, Wm.	3 00
Harkel, Mike	3 00
Jackson, Herbert	3 00
Leavitt, John	5 17
Leavitt, Ellis	4 09
Lavoire, Albert	3 00

Libby, Leonce	3 00
Lebel, Tardy	3 00
Lachance, Alcide	3 00
Lachance, Adelard	3 00
Leighton, Harlic	5 17
Lee, Samuel	3 00
Lebarge, Albert	3 00
Little, ?	3 00
Michaud, Onessin	3 00
Michaud, Adolph	3 00
Michaud, Honore	3 00
Menard, Arthur	3 00
McKenney, Harry	3 00
Moody, Percy	4 09
Marshall, John	3 00
Munn, A. R.	4 63
Moore, Alec	3 00
Paid	11 68
Nadeau, Joseph	3 00
Nadeau, Frank	3 00
Newton, Wilbur	3 00
Noble, F. E.	5 17
Purinton, W. P. W.	88 22
Prest, C. A.	3 00
Plazza, Jim	76
Prince, Elmer	3 00
Pellitier, Emile	3 00
Pellitier, Joseph	3 00
Roehrig, Walter	7 50
Richardson, Guy	3 00
Small, William	3 00
St. Pierre, Oscar	3 00
Small, Frank	3 00
Paid	5 17
Trufant, Geo. O.	7 88
Thibedeau, Edward	3 00
Trembley, Frank	3 00

Therrien, Albert	3 00
Trufant, Cyrus	3 00
Williams, Roger E.	19 53
Paid	7 88
Williams, Herbert L.	3 00
Wellner, Thomas	3 00
Chandler, Edw. A.	30 38
Rae, Mrs. Annie Irene	32 55
Thompson, Chas. Est. of	1 50
Soldiers' poll taxes	60 00
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	\$501 09

Auditor's Report

Topsham, Me., Feb. 12, 1919

The accounts of the Selectmen as Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and the accounts of E. H. Phinney, Treasurer, have been examined and found correct and expenditures properly vouched.

The list of uncollected taxes has been verified, and the Collector has credit on the Treasurer's account for the amount collected.

CHARLES I. GIVEEN,
Auditor.

School Report

To the Citizens of Topsham:

I herewith present a report of the condition and needs of the public school system of the town. This is the tenth annual report since the organization of the Brunswick-Topsham school district.

Owing to the prevalence of influenza and severe colds, the conditions during the past year have been especially unfavorable for successful school work. Topsham has, however, been more fortunate in maintaining regular school sessions than many of the surrounding towns. While it has been necessary since September to close some of the schools for three weeks, two thirds of this time has already been made up, and the remaining week may be taken from the spring vacation, thus giving the town, as usual, the full thirty-six weeks.

The average attendance for the year has been very low—in some cases not more than one half of normal attendance as compared with other years.

The problem of maintaining profitable rural schools is becoming more and more difficult each year. Trained teachers do not wish to go into the country where there are few social advantages, and it is exceedingly difficult to secure boarding places for teachers who are engaged for work in country districts.

Several of the rural schools of Topsham are now so small that they barely escape being closed by the state law which requires an average attendance of eight. In these small schools there are so few members of each class, that the children are deprived of the incentive to study and to improve that comes from wholesome competition. Consolidation, by transporting the children of

these small schools to other districts, or to the village, seems to be the only remedy for the present condition.

The town has been fortunate in having the past year, the services of excellent teachers in the rural schools. Notwithstanding war conditions, and the prevalence of influenza and the grip, they have worked faithfully, and commendable progress has been made.

The Brick School was closed at the end of the fall term, as the few children attending could easily be accommodated in the village grades.

All changes in teachers made during the year, may be ascertained by an examination of the tables in the last part of this report.

HIGH SCHOOL

On account of war conditions, and for other reasons, changes of teachers in the high school have been frequent. Frederick O. Bartlett, who succeeded Francis T. Garland as principal in 1917, resigned during the spring term for the purpose of entering the Navy. The spring term was completed by Myron Grover, class of 1919, Bowdoin College. Last September Mr. Herman N. Dunham was elected as principal and now holds that position. Mr. Dunham is a graduate of Bowdoin, and has had many years of successful work as a teacher.

During the winter vacation Miss Jennie M. Reed, who had been an assistant in the school for several years, resigned to accept a position in the Gardiner high school. For the remainder of the school year, her place was taken by Miss Mary Elliott of Brunswick.

At the close of the spring term occurred the resignation of Miss Adeline E. Drew. Miss Drew had been connected with the school for two years. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Drew was filled by the election of Miss Laura J. Libbey of Phillips, Maine. She remained for four weeks, and then left to accept a position in Vermont at a higher salary. Owing to the

difficulty in securing a teacher at short notice while the school was in session, Mrs. Augusta J. Cone was engaged as a substitute teacher, and has held the position since that time.

In September Miss Isabelle C. Pollard of Brunswick, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, was engaged as an assistant, and still holds that position.

Notwithstanding the frequent changes in the teaching force, the standard of the school has been maintained, and a good degree of interest secured. The school has, however, suffered from two causes during the past year—irregularity in attendance and the small number of pupils enrolled. The first cause has been due, mainly, to the prevalence of influenza, grip and severe colds. The latter is more difficult of explanation, but it seems to be, principally, because there are fewer boys and girls of high school age in Topsham than there were half a dozen years ago. While a few from this town are attending the Brunswick High School, the number is not sufficiently large to account for the decline in the home enrollment.

The high wages paid by reason of war conditions has appealed to some who would otherwise have entered high school. The present enrollment is twenty-five. This makes the annual cost per pupil about \$125. Probably there are few, if any, towns or cities in the state which are expending this amount per pupil for high school maintenance.

It is a question worthy of consideration by the citizens of the town, whether it is worth while to spend this amount of money, when equal advantages could be secured for one-fourth that amount by sending Topsham pupils to Brunswick High School. This is not, however, a matter which the school officials wish to urge too strongly, but simply desire to remind the citizens of the town of the existing condition. If it is the wish of the voters that the school be maintained, every effort will

be made to continue the excellent standing which it has enjoyed for many years.

THE VILLAGE GRADES

At the close of the spring term, Miss Elizabeth K. Purinton resigned as principal of the Primary School. The position was filled by the election of Miss Clara M. Phinney of Topsham. Miss Phinney was graduated from Gorham Normal School in the class of 1918.

With this single exception, all the grades have been in charge of the same teachers as last season. For several years the superintendent has, in each annual report, called attention to the excellent condition of the village grades. He is pleased to state again, that the relations between teachers and pupils are friendly, good discipline is maintained and a high standard of scholarship is required.

Last June the following members of the ninth grade were granted diplomas:

Jerry James Crossman	Madeline Louise Foster
Thurman Francis Chandler	Mary Catherine Brawn
Ellen Frances Cheetham	Frank Arthur Cheetham
Albert Henry Leighton	Ruth Eleanor Mahar
	Lucy Viola French

THE SCHOOLS AT PEJEPSCOT

Pejepscot now forms a very important part of Topsham's educational system. There are nearly as many children enrolled there as there are in the village grades, exclusive of the High School. The total enrollment for the past year is 110. This does not include the pupils of the 8th and 9th grades transported to the village grammar school at the expense of the town.

On account of the increase in attendance, it became evident last year that the school building must be enlarged. At the annual town meeting \$1,500 was raised for that purpose. A new room 30 by 28 feet was

constructed on the south side of the main building, and a new furnace installed. The new room is attractive in appearance, well lighted, with hard wood floor, and abundant black board space. It accommodates 36 pupils of the 3d and 4th grades. The plan was approved by the State Educational Department and by the State Board of Health. The work was done under contract by the Hall Brothers of Topsham.

Although it was freely prophesied that the appropriation of \$1,500 would not be sufficient to pay for the required addition, the school officials are pleased to state that the total cost of the building, including desks, black boards and other necessary furniture was kept within the appropriation. The school house is now sufficiently large to serve the needs of the community at Pejepsco for many years.

The roof of the main building has not been shingled since the house was built years ago, and this will soon need attention.

It seems to be wise to continue the practice of transporting the 8th and 9th grades from Pejepsco to the village, as this gives both boys and girls the advantage of instruction in the special branches of manual training and domestic science.

The attendance at the Pejepsco schools has been very irregular during the fall and winter on account of the prevalence of influenza. This section of the town seems to have suffered more than any other from the disease. The teachers there have worked faithfully, and, notwithstanding many discouraging circumstances, they have secured excellent results.

THE SCHOOLS AND THE WAR

The school children of Topsham have responded promptly and generously to all appeals which have been made to them to assist in the various patriotic movements recommended by the State and nation.

The record of the High School is as follows:

Liberty Bonds sold	\$25,000 00
Liberty Bonds owned	250 00
War Saving Stamps sold	270 00
War Saving Stamps owned	430 00

In the grammar school, Thrift Stamps were purchased by the pupils to the amount of \$384.50. The amount of \$56.75 was pledged for War Relief. The school counts a one hundred per cent membership in the Red Cross, and the pupil members of the organization have made and contributed for war and hospital purposes, 10 sheets, one dozen handkerchiefs, several sets of refugee garments, 49 scrap books for convalescent soldiers, and 25 dozen gun wipes. The Topsham Junior Red Cross organization has at present in its treasury \$35.84.

Liberty Bonds to the value of \$600 are owned by the grammar school pupils, and six of the boys sold bonds to the value of \$4,450.

At Pejepscot Grammar School, Liberty Bonds sold amount to \$800; War Saving Stamps \$250. There are 30 paying members of the Junior Red Cross and \$22.45 in the treasury.

On account of frequent changes in the teaching force, it is impossible to give at this time an exact statement of the war assistance rendered by the rural schools, but the combined contributions of the country districts amount to a considerable sum.

The combined sales by the pupils of the village schools and the school at Pejepscot of Liberty Bonds, War Saving Stamps, and contributions to various war activities amount to \$32,513.70. Surely this is a record of which the town may be proud.

SCHOOL HOUSES

On account of the high cost of all building material and of labor, but little work has been done the past

year on the school houses of Topsham. Fortunately, nearly all of them were in fairly good condition at the beginning of the school year. During the summer vacation they were thoroughly cleaned, and they have been maintained in a sanitary condition.

A new stove has been placed in the school house in the Mallett district, and a new furnace installed at Pejepscot. Minor repairs have been made at Topsham Heights and at Middlesex.

Next season repairs must be made at the Branch and at Topsham Heights.

ILLITERACY

One of the startling conditions revealed by the war is the fact that there are in the United States millions of men and women who can neither read nor write. Of the 2,000,000 men drafted for service more than 200,000 of them were found to be illiterates, unable to read the letters sent them from home, and unable to decipher any written order given them by their superiors. According to the last census, there are 5,516,163 persons in this country over ten years of age who are unable to read or write, and 4,600,000 of this number are over twenty years of age.

This unfortunate condition can not be charged to any particular section or state, for all states are guilty, though not in the same degree. While the worst offenders are in the South, here in New England we have three times as many illiterates as can be found in some of the states of the Middle West. It has been officially announced that in Maine, alone, there are 10,000 illiterates.

Surely this national lack of education in the fundamentals demands immediate attention. Not only from a military point of view, but from a social and economic standpoint as well, these illiterates are a menace to the community in which they live, and to the nation at

large. The success of a republic depends wholly upon the average intelligence of the people composing it. Democracy is never safe with ignorance.

Topsham must bear its share of responsibility for this undesirable condition, and must assume its proportional part in the work of its removal. The superintendent intends, during the coming year, to see that the truancy laws of Maine are strictly and impartially enforced in Topsham, and that all children of proper age are in school unless excused by reason of illness. The sympathetic cooperation of all parents in this matter is earnestly requested, and any information from any source that will assist teachers and superintendent in maintaining regular school attendance will be gratefully received.

REPORTS OF TEACHERS OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

MR. JOHN A. CONE,
Supt. of Schools,

Dear Sir:—A report from this department for 1918 might well be given the heading "A Year of War Activities." Practically every lesson in both cooking and sewing has been related in some way to the great World War.

Conservation and Substitution have been the watch-words in cooking, which means that even more attention than usual has been given to the study of food values in order that the substitutes used might most nearly replace the sugar, fat, and wheat so necessary to conserve.

As far as possible the regular program has been followed. Peace time recipes have been used, but, where sugar, animal fat and wheat were called for, their equivalents in syrup or molasses, vegetable fat, and other flour

than wheat have appeared. Each class has been drilled thoroughly on changing a peace time into a war time recipe.

It is the custom to have "Mother's Day" sometime during the spring term, when each girl invites her mother to a cooking lesson and light refreshments are served. This year all the classes in Topsham and Brunswick united and the girls and their guests listened to a most interesting talk by Miss Ruth Cummings who at that time was Home Demonstration Agent for Cumberland County. The demonstration, which was given in Wheeler Hall, was on the use of mashed potato as a substitute for wheat in bread, cookies and cake, and was much enjoyed by the large audience.

Much work was done in canning, preserving, and jelly-making. At the opening meeting of the Saturday Club in November, the fruit, vegetables, and jellies were exhibited and a demonstration was given by one pupil of Topsham and three of Brunswick. A peace time recipe for chocolate cake was made over into two war time recipes, and three cakes, one from each recipe, were made and baked with excellent results.

The removal of food restrictions has enabled the classes to return to the former schedule since December.

The various stitches in sewing have been learned and as opportunity arose the knowledge has been put to practical use in sewing for the Red Cross. Most of this work has been on layettes and large gingham aprons.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY S. BYRNE.

REPORT OF MANUAL TRAINING TEACHER

MR. JOHN A. CONE,
Supt. of Schools,

Dear Sir:—In addition to the usual shop work, several bookcases, frames, etc. have been made for the

schools. Bicycle racks are being made to hold the wheels of those pupils who come to school on bicycles.

The war has emphasized the importance of all-round physical development—judicious use of the energy spent in play, and work has been continued on playground apparatus. Several pieces of gymnastic apparatus are being made ready for use in the spring.

It is the aim of the department to have the work as practical as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. WHEELER.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In the report of last year, attention was called to the great increase in the cost of maintaining the school system of the town. The statement was then made that no explanation or apology was needed to defend this increase in expenditure, as the high cost of almost everything was well known to everybody. The same words may properly be repeated the present year. Teachers salaries have been increased; all supplies used in the school room have greatly advanced in price, while wood and coal cost nearly twice as much as was the case two or three years ago. Whether there will be any decline in prices during the coming year is uncertain, but at present, there seems to be little evidence of any decline in the cost of living.

All bills against the school department have been paid, and, for the most part, the school accounts show a balance on the credit side. The exception to this rule is the common school account. This overdraft is due to two causes—the increase in teachers salaries, and the great advance in the cost of fuel. Another reason is that for several years there has been a decrease in the amount received from the state. If the common schools are to be properly maintained, a larger appropriation must be made by the town for their maintenance.

The school officials have carefully considered the school needs for the coming year, and the various amounts recommended by them for the consideration of the town are as small as efficiency in the school department will allow.

I am grateful to the School Committee for their continued interest in my work, and to the teachers for their helpful spirit of cooperation.

JOHN A. CONE,

Supt. of Schools.

W. S. ROGERS	}	School Committee.
C. I. GIVEEN		
W. M. WILLIAMS		

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Common Schools	\$4,400 00
Text Books and Supplies	600 00
Repairs and Supplies	800 00
High School	2,200 00
Industrial Training	400 00
Brunswick Public Library	75 00

School Statistics

For Year Ending July 1, 1918

Number in town between the ages of 5 and 21; boys, 314; girls, 272; total, 586.

Enrollment in schools; boys, 196; girls, 195; total, 391.

Enrollment in village schools; boys, 140; girls, 130; total, 270.

Enrollment in rural schools; boys, 56; girls, 65; total, 121.

HIGH SCHOOL

Principal, Fred O. Bartlett, fall and winter terms; spring term, Myron R. Grover; Assistants, Miss Adeline Drew; fall and winter terms, Miss Jennie Reed; spring term, Miss Mary Elliott.

Enrollment for year; boys, 15; girls, 16; total, 31.

Number registered, fall term, 29. Average, 26.

Number registered, winter term, 27. Average, 22.

Number registered, spring term, 28. Average, 23.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Principal, Marion G. Strout; Assistant, Ethel T. Allen.

Enrollment for year; boys, 27; girls, 26; total, 53.

Number registered, fall term, 53. Average, 49.

Number registered, winter term, 47. Average, 41.

Number registered, spring term, 46. Average, 44.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Principal, Florence A. Neiley; Assistant, part time, Josephine Bartlett.

Enrollment for year; boys, 22; girls, 25; total, 47.

Number registered, fall term, 44.	Average, 40.
Number registered, winter term, 39.	Average, 36.
Number registered, spring term, 40.	Average, 38.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal, Elizabeth Purinton.

Enrollment for year; boys, 14; girls, 11; total, 25.	
Number registered, fall term, 23.	Average, 19.
Number registered, winter term, 25.	Average, 18.
Number registered, spring term, 24.	Average, 20.

PEJEPSCOT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Principal, Mrs. Nellie Ricker.

Enrollment for year; boys, 26; girls, 24; total, 50.	
Number registered, fall term, 45.	Average, 42.
Number registered, winter term, 43.	Average, 39.
Number registered, spring term, 50.	Average, 43.

PEJEPSCOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal, Alice G. Longley; Assistant, Ruth Ridley.

Enrollment for year; boys, 36; girls, 28; total, 64.	
Number registered, fall term, 60.	Average, 54.
Number registered, winter term, 55.	Average, 50.
Number registered, spring term, 60.	Average, 51.

TOPSHAM HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Jessie M. Tarr, teacher for year.

Enrollment for year; boys, 17; girls, 22; total, 39.	
Number registered, fall term, 32.	Average, 24.
Number registered, winter term, 23.	Average, 19.
Number registered, spring term, 33.	Average, 22.

BRANCH SCHOOL

Ethel M. Cushman, teacher for fall term; winter and spring terms, Lois M. Stover.

Enrollment for year; boys, 7; girls, 11; total, 18.

Number registered, fall term, 15.	Average, 13.
Number registered, winter term, 14.	Average, 10.
Number registered, spring term, 16.	Average, 14.

CATHANCE SCHOOL

Ella M. Hunter, teacher for fall term; winter and spring terms, Mrs. Addie E. Cail.

Enrollment for year; boys, 8; girls, 13; total, 21.	
Number registered, fall term, 21.	Average, 15.
Number registered, winter term, 16.	Average, 13.
Number registered, spring term, 15.	Average, 14.

BRICK SCHOOL

Eva B. Soule, teacher for year-

Enrollment for year; boys, 10; girls, 6; total, 16.	
Number registered, fall term, 16.	Average, 11.
Number registered, winter term, 11.	Average, 8.
Number registered, spring term, 14.	Average, 12.

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL

Annie A. Williams, teacher for fall term; winter term, Isabel D. Hutton; spring term, Mattie M. Lanpher.

Enrollment for year; boys, 5; girls, 7; total, 12.	
Number registered, fall term, 9.	Average, 8.
Number registered, winter term, 8.	Average, 7.
Number registered, spring term, 12.	Average, 10.

MALLETT SCHOOL

Mary E. Hanson, teacher for year.

Enrollment for year; boys, 7; girls, 8; total, 15.	
Number registered, fall term, 12.	Average, 8.
Number registered, winter term, 10.	Average, 9.
Number registered, spring term, 14.	Average, 13.

TEACHERS FOR FALL TERM, 1918

High School; Principal, Herbert N. Dunham; Assistants, Isabel Pollard, Mrs. Augusta J. Cone.

Grammar School; Principal, Marion G. Strout; Assistant, Ethel T. Allen.

Intermediate School; Principal, Florence Neiley; Assistant, Josephine Bartlett.

Primary School; Principal, Clara M. Phinney.

Pejepscot Grammar School; Principal, Mrs. Nellie Ricker.

Pejepscot Intermediate School; Principal, Ruth Ridley.

Pejepscot Primary School; Principal, Sara Bailey.

RURAL SCHOOLS

Topsham Heights, Annie F. Coffin.

Branch, Lois Stover.

Cathance, Mrs. Addie E. Cail.

Brick, Eva Soule.

Middlesex, Mrs. Mattie Lanpher.

Mallett, Mrs. Bernice Staples.

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Domestic Science, Mary S. Byrne.

Music, Mrs. C. A. Warren.

Drawing, Helen L. Varney.

Manual Training, Charles G. Wheeler.