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# Town Officers

For the Municipal Year of 1919

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SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

JAMES C. PURINTON

WM. F. TATE

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, 1920.

Valuation of taxable property April 1, 1920

Real Estate, resident	\$ 998,174
Real Estate, non-resident	357,110
Personal Estate, resident	236,631
Personal Estate, non-resident	19,145
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	\$1,611,060

Number of taxable polls, 446.

Rate of taxation, 20 mills.

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

Highways and Bridges	\$3,000 00
State Aid Road	798 00
Common Schools	4,400 00
Free High School and High School Tuition	1,200 00
School Books and Supplies	600 00
School Repairs and Supplies	800 00
Industrial Education	400 00
Public Library	75 00
Fire Department	500 00
Lights at Pejepscot	250 00
Street Lighting	1,200 00
“Shaw Road”	250 00
Cathance Road from W. A. Crocker towards Bowdoinham line	100 00
Meadow Road	300 00

Cathance Road from I. A. Pennell towards Topsham Village	250 00	
Contingent Expenses	1,200 00	
Abatements	100 00	
Interest Charges	250 00	
Town Hall	200 00	
Water Rentals	1,200 00	
Memorial Day	25 00	
“Guptil Road”	200 00	
	-----	\$17,298 00
Overlay		1,265 47
State Tax		12,159 57
County Tax		2,836 16
		-----
		\$33,559 20

## ABATEMENTS

Paid Pierre Levesque, property not had	\$ 2 00	
M. Tarr, overvaluation	1 00	
John Graves, overvaluation	2 00	
E. H. Phinney, Col. poll tax of 17 soldiers, commitment of 1917	51 00	
E. H. Phinney, Col. 1917 tax	13 52	
E. H. Phinney, Col. poll tax of 16 soldiers, commitment of 1918	48 00	
E. H. Phinney, Col. 1918 tax	68 46	
E. H. Phinney, Col. 1919 tax	15 00	
	-----	\$200 98
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920		175 97
		-----
		\$376 95

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$272 61	
Rec'd acct. duplicate abatement made	4 34	
Appropriation	100 00	
	-----	\$376 95

## HIGHWAYS (Including Summer St.)

From any data obtainable, we found it impossible to make the proper charges against Summer St., so have all Summer St. work to the highway account and have given all Summer St. credits to Highway.

The Town paid Ferguson Bros., contractors, for work on Summer St., Highways and other work, in part, but refused to pay balance of bill as presented by them.

Ferguson Bros., brought suit against the Town and upon advice of Town Counsel, Hon. E. W. Wheeler, the Town paid the bill, less a small discount as per items listed in suit of Ferguson Bros. against the Town, which appears in the Highway account.

Paid John Alexander	\$ 5 00
J. C. Purinton, breaking walks	11 00
Forest Cunningham	1 00
A. O. Manwaring, snow	3 00
A. O. Manwaring, team	28 50
James Hicks, labor	57 80
Florian Lavoire	33 00
C. E. Colby	4 00
J. A. Purinton	9 60
J. O. Lavoire	9 62
Hector Lachance	34 50
Edwin Rogers	1 50
F. H. Barnes	22 00
Wallace Quint	59 16
H. S. Small	12 21
G. A. Hunter	2 00
E. H. Phinney	26 99
C. A. Fickett	18 00
Mrs. Walter Foster, team	19 00
T. S. Allen	51 50
Harry Edgecomb	7 50
Holman Foster	12 37
J. P. Haywood	3 50

Good Roads Machinery Co.	10 50
Maine Central R. R. Co.	11 33
Deering, Winslow Co., Cathance Bridge	80 40
North East Metal Culvert Co.	89 60
E. R. Hildreth	3 00
D. H. Flagg	2 60
Hiram Ward	65 44
Town of Brunswick, Long Bridge	
47,345 ft. plank @ \$35, \$1,657 07	
6,500 ft. plank @ \$36,	234 00
Spikes and supplies	105 51
Labor	745 50
F. A. Colby & Son, supplies	102 60
Watchmen	35 00
Full cost of bridge	\$2,879 68
$\frac{1}{2}$ cost	1,439 84
Cost of tar and apply- ing same	71 46
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	\$1,511 30
2-5 of	604 52
Less amt. paid by Topsham	428 10
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Amount paid Brunswick	176 42
Town of Brunswick $\frac{1}{2}$ expense of painting Swing Bridge	155 05
Town of Brunswick, steam roller	28 00
W. F. Tate	13 00
Brunswick Machine Works	3 71
Joseph Dunning	16 50
Town of Lisbon $\frac{1}{2}$ expense re- pairing Lisbon Bridge	246 70
Eaton Hardware Co.	3 85
Francis Howland	18 00



F. A. Colby & Son., Long Bridge	102 60
“ “ “ “ repairs on	
bridge	5 20
Fred Atkinson	14 50
E. W. Mallett	12 00
W. A. Alexander	18 00
Jos. Lachance	3 50
Steve Ambrose	12 00
Henry Pagurker	6 00
A. R. Hunter	2 00
Milton Ward	23 13
Orris Ames	1 50
Ralph Ames	1 50
W. R. Hildreth	3 50
A. H. Hildreth	52 14
Eugene Libby	6 17
I. A. Pennell repairing catch basins	18 20
E. C. Patten	25 23
G. B. Ridley & Sons	33 53
R. J. Patten	22 95
J. L. Foster	9 60
F. B. Meserve	9 00
A. Gagne	3 50
E. J. Small	7 88
H. G. Powers	34 71
W. O. Powers, oil and supplies	3 57
H. J. Whitney	5 25
George Belanger	18 00
E. K. Merrill & Son	35 75
S. C. Curtis	1 75
H. S. Small, material	13 75
T. C. Cutler	4 50
Letus Lavoire	73 55
C. H. Barnes	15 00
M. A. Luce	3 33
H. S. Cary	9 00
A. H. Crowe	5 00
Wm. Graves	12 00

A. E. Ames, snow	6 50
E. B. Sprague "	10 50
L. H. White	423 39
" " material	9 75
" " snow	20 00
American Express Co.	86
M. H. Tarr	233 61
Dana Grover	30 00
Elgin Hunter	153 32
Fred Orr	12 50
Wm. White	3 16
Walter Curtis	49 72
Richard Tarr	11 67
Ed. White	79 64
Geo. Hunter	55 16
Frank Wilson	53 60
Ella Hunter	128 39
G. L. Quint	38 92
A. O. Manwaring	71 05
John Tarbox	2 33
Ray Leavitt	33 60
Maurice Chandler	105 64
Floyd Curtis	43 20
H. S. Small	82 25
Earl Leavitt	7 00
C. C. Leavitt, Jr.	22 95
E. L. Emerson	49 00
E. H. Phinney	11 67
State Treasurer, patrol	642 00
M. A. Luce "	38 38
Geo. Dugas "	126 00
Fred Rockley "	28 59
A. Gagne "	56 70

The following is a copy of the items as they appear in the suit of Ferguson Bros. against the town.

To paid cost of road building in Topsham in season of 1919 plus 15%, as per contract, as follows:

## June 25-27

Labor, 2 days @ \$7.00	\$ 14 00	
Labor, 21 7-9 days @ at \$3.65	79 49	
Teams, 4 8-9 days @ at \$8.50	41 55	
	<hr/>	\$135 04

## June 28-July 4

Labor, 6 days @ \$7.00	\$ 42 00	
Labor, 78 1-18 days @ \$3.65	284 90	
Teams, 28 days @ \$8.50	238 00	
	<hr/>	\$564 90

## July 5-11

Labor, 6 days @ \$7.00	\$ 42 00	
Labor, 106 $\frac{2}{3}$ days @ \$3.65	389 33	
Teams, 30 days @ \$8.50	255 00	
	<hr/>	\$686 33

## July 12-18

Labor, 6 days @ \$7.00	\$ 42 00	
Labor, 5 8-9 days @ t 4.50	26 50	
Labor, 11 8-9 days @ \$4.00	47 55	
Labor, 85 2-9 days @ \$3.65	311 16	
Teams, 33 7-9 @ \$8.50	287 11	
	<hr/>	\$714 32

## July 19-25

Labor, 6 days @ \$7.00	\$ 42 00	
Labor, 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ days @ \$4.50	21 00	
Labor, 30 days @ \$4.00	120 00	
Labor, 99 17-18 days @ \$3.65	364 80	
Teams, 36 days @ \$8.50	306 00	
	<hr/>	\$853 80

## July 26-Aug. 1

Labor 5 days @ \$7.00	\$ 35 00	
Labor, 15 days @ \$4.50	67 50	
Labor 5 days @ \$4.00	20 00	
Labor, 67 $\frac{2}{3}$ days @ \$3.65	247 01	
Teams, 31 days @ \$8.50	255 00	
	<hr/>	\$624 51

Aug. 4-7

Teams, 4 4-9 days @ \$8.50	\$ 37 77	
Telephone calls	5 45	
Time books	40	
Insurance	77 00	
Hose and fixings	26 54	
Pail and dipper	1 20	
Car fares	4 55	
Trucking drill and boiler to Port- land	25 00	
Steel for drills	66 41	
Rent of drill and boiler	79 06	
		<u>\$3,902 28</u>
15% of above		585 34
15% of blacksmith bill of \$75.00		11 25
15% of wages of 4 men 3½ days @ \$4.50 (\$63.00)		9 45
15% on teams 4 days @ \$8.50 (\$34.00)		5 10
15% on cement bill of \$100.00		15 00
15% on dynamite bill of \$53.00		7 95
Services of Samuel S. Ferguson as su- perintendent 12 days @ \$10 per day		120 00
		<u>\$4,656 37</u>

## CREDIT

By cash	<u>\$2,492 21</u>
Balance	\$2,164 16

The Town paid Ferguson Bros. the sum of \$2,000 to balance the account making the total amount paid Ferguson Bros. \$4,484.91 as follows:

Paid W. F. Tate pay roll, Sum- mer St.	\$ 79 45	
Ferguson Bros. check on acc't.	2,405 46	
“ “ “ “ to balance	2,000 00	
		<u>\$4,484 91</u>
Paid Jas. Hicks	\$ 26 80	

Maine Feldspar Co., dynamite	53 05
A. E. Ames	20 15
T. S. Allen, crusher repair	13 50
E. T. and L. A. Jack, lumber	834 18
Estate of S. T. Brown	4 59
M. C. R. R., freight on	17 00
Wm. Sedgley, oil, etc.	4 25
Geo. Hunter	2 60
Alexis Dufresne	21 75
George Quint	34 00
F. A. Rackley	52 75
M. Tarr	21 00
W. P. W. Purinton, rock	25 64
Pejepscot Paper Co., gravel, freight	101 02
Earl Hunniwell, team	34 00
John Maki	20 50
Chas. Laht	19 50
Leo Lewis	21 50
A. J. Hildreth, posts	6 30
G. B. Ridley & Sons	133 82
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Transferred to "Shaw" Rd., to balance acc't	\$10,579 50 85 53
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	\$10,665 03

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$1,977 36
Transferred from Guptil Rd. to balance acc't	2 64
Transferred from Meadow Rd. to balance acc't	27 34
Transferred from Cathance Rd. "Pennell"	3 74
Transferred from Cathance Rd. "Graves"	9 75
Transferred from Foreside Rd.	60 38
Rec'd Maine Central R. R., freight rebate	89

L. H. White	70	
Hall Bros., lumber	69	57
Cyrus Keay, lumber	1	38
F. A. Colby & Son	206	35
And. & Ken. R. R. Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ ex- pense of repairing Lisbon Bridge	123	35
Pejepscot Paper Co. for work done near mill by Ferguson Bros.	135	93
Appropriation for Highways	3,000	00
Balance unexpended on Summer St. Feb. 1, 1919	1,000	00
Summer St. loan as authorized at annual Town Meeting	2,500	00
Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1920	1,545	65
		<hr/> \$10,665 03

## COMMON SCHOOLS

## TEACHING

Paid Ruth S. Ridley	\$240	00
Clara M. Phinney	510	00
Josephine Bartlett	108	00
Mary Hanson	77	00
Florence Neiley	270	00
Marion Strout	360	00
Charlotte Benson	182	00
Janie Howes	224	00
Mildred White	234	00
Geraldine Baker	252	00
Annie Coffin	216	00
Addie Cail	220	00
Jessie Tarr	90	00
Mrs. Nellie Ricker	313	00
Mrs. Belle Warren	204	05
Mrs. Berniece Staples	486	00
Alice Williams	198	00
Helen Varney	159	05

Sara Bailey	216 00	
Ethel Allen	594 00	
Ella M. Hunter	121 00	
Mildred Edwards	288 00	
Margaret Jordan	234 00	
Mary Whitney	252 00	
Rebecca Bowker	272 00	
W. Adelle Snow	310 00	
Celia Bowie	306 00	
Ethel Ridley	126 00	
Etta Dickinson	54 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,116 10

## FUEL

Paid R. A. Mallett	\$ 31 00
F. H. Barnes	27 00
Lawrence Dugas	4 00
Berniece Staples	5 00
W. A. Foster	11 00
E. J. Peters	10 00
T. S. Allen	30 00
N. G. Curtis	33 50
Tel. Lapointe	21 50
H. S. Small	24 00
A. R. Hunter	1 00
L. A. Rogers	24 00
E. H. Phinney	34 00
W. S. Rogers	458 47
C. F. Wilson	33 75
A. Gagne	22 50
Geo. Gardiner	11 88
Ernest Eaton	12 00
E. C. Patten	37 50
F. B. Meserve	11 25
H. J. Whitney	12 00
C. H. Barnes	54 00

H. E. Jewett	2 25	
Pejepscot Paper Co.	112 00	
	<u>        </u>	\$1,023 60

## TRANSPORTATION

Paid F. H. Barnes	\$ 85 00	
Electric R. R. Co.	218 00	
S. C. Curtis	194 00	
L. T. Willis	417 50	
E. L. Emerson	173 00	
A. W. Eaton	84 00	
	<u>        </u>	\$1,171 50

## CARE

Paid Raymond Christopher	\$ 60 00	
Carl Given	1 57	
Herbert Joy	10 75	
Richard Smith	20 00	
Mary Whitney	9 00	
Albert Leighton	96 00	
Louis Barker	86 00	
Henry Hanson	18 00	
Rosanna Belanger	24 00	
Myrtle Everard	5 15	
C. F. Wilson	7 50	
A. Gagne	5 50	
Laurence Dugas	16 50	
Berniece Staples	8 40	
Annie Pagurker	19 25	
Joseph and Henry Pagurker	48 00	
Rauel Paiment	2 00	
Mildred White	2 00	
	<u>        </u>	\$439 62
Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1919		451 57
		<u>        </u>
		\$10,202 39



## CREDIT

Rec'd State Treas., School and Mill Fund	\$1,696 11	
Rec'd State Treas., Common School Fund	2,540 42	
Town of Bowdoinham, Tuition	48 00	
E. H. Phinney, Treas., School Fund	33 36	
Appropriation	4,400 00	
Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1920	1,484 50	
		-----\$10,202 39

## LIBRARY

Paid Brunswick Public Library Asso.	\$75 00
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## CREDIT

Appropriation	\$75 00
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## HIGH SCHOOL

Paid Isabel Pollard	\$299 98	
H. N. Dunham	189 58	
Augusta Cone	252 00	
Alexander Thomas	6 00	
Oscar F. Smith	350 00	
Maurice S. Coburne	116 00	
Town of Brunswick, Tuition	790 00	
Town of Lisbon, Tuition	20 00	
Louis Barker, care	10 00	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920	159 42	
		----- \$2,192 98

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$492 98	
Rec'd State Treas., Free High School	500 00	
Appropriation	1,200 00	
		----- \$2,192 98

## INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

Paid C. G. Wheeler	\$325 87	
B. L. Furbish	1 72	
W. H. Haskell	50	
Ralph Ames, care	10 50	
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & P. Co.	12 00	
Herbert Marriner	1 75	
W. R. Hildreth	49 20	
J. A. Purinton	1 50	
Eaton Hardware Co.	72	
G. B. Ridley & Sons	35 03	
D. S. Colby	8 33	
W. F. & J. Barnes Co.	3 24	
Mary S. Byrne, salary	158 36	
“ “ “ supplies	13 27	
Verna Payson	133 31	
W. O. Powers	39 42	
A. O. Manwaring, fuel	9 00	
J. F. Will Co.	12 55	
T. Albert Field	5 00	
Eaton Hardware Co.	32 93	
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & P. Co.	27 00	
D. S. Colby	20 31	
J. P. Haywood	1 54	
W. F. Senter	1 72	
T. S. Allen, fuel	6 00	
		\$910 77
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920		161 76
		<u>\$1,072 53</u>

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$ 250 31	
Rec'd State Treas., Industrial Education	422 22	
Appropriation	400 00	
		<u>\$1,072 53</u>

## SCHOOL REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES

Paid W. P. W. Purinton and others	\$ 13 50	
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	16 20	
Chemo Co.	38 50	
W. O. Powers	2 40	
Louis Barker	1 50	
B. L. Furbish	7 70	
A. P. Kondascin	5 77	
Joseph Curtis	26 05	
J. Gamache	6 50	
M. C. R. R. Co.	2 38	
Raymond Christopher	1 50	
W. D. Cripps	15 35	
J. F. Will Co.	1 78	
E. R. Tedford	20 00	
Brunswick & Topsham Water District	17 46	
Brunswick Machine Works	35	
Eaton Hardware Co.	17 74	
A. Gagne	17 00	
Brunswick Coal Co., shingles	74 00	
Hall Bros.	84 85	
Berniece Staples	1 00	
Frank Wilson	7 00	
F. A. Colby & Sons	112 89	
J. A. Purinton	2 15	
G. B. Ridley & Sons	133 46	
Est. of S. T. Brown	17 50	
M. C. Hall, insurance	24 70	
D. S. Colby	26 79	
W. F. Atkinson	18 61	
Geo. Atwood	12 00	
		\$726 63
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920		218 66
		<hr/> \$945 29

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$145 29	
Appropriation	800 00	
		<u>          </u> \$945 29

## SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Paid The John C. Winston Co.	\$ 10 76	
E. E. Babb Co.	58 95	
Dowling School Supply Co.	13 07	
Raymond Paper Co.	12 60	
Ginn & Co.	69 82	
American Book Co.	105 83	
Kenney Bros. & Walkins	6 72	
Clara M. Phinney	65	
J. L. Hammett & Co.	95 68	
Milton, Bradley & Co.	59 81	
Brunswick Pub. Co.	4 75	
D. C. Heath & Co.	9 13	
The Century Co.	14 61	
Howard & Brawn	6 71	
Nelson Doubleday	6 50	
D. & C. E. Scribner, seeds, etc.	2 88	
Marion Strout	3 29	
Mrs. Nellie Ricker	85	
Benj. Sanborn	15 01	
J. Q. Adams Co.	18 75	
Little, Brown & Co.	5 35	
Silver, Burdette & Co.	12 17	
F. Chandler & Sons	9 50	
Annis & Co.	8 41	
		<u>          </u> \$551 80
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920		49 29
		<u>          </u> \$601 09

## SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$	1 09	
Appropriation		600 00	
		— — — — —	\$601 09

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

Paid W. O. Powers, supplies for Rhoda Carter	\$	67 50	
L. M. Williams, wood for Rhoda Carter		3 80	
A. P. Kondascin, supplies for Mrs. Pagurker		134 75	
A. E. Ames, board and supplies, Henry Flood		63 00	
Ray Hanson, fuel, Mrs. Noble		5 00	
E. J. Furbish " "		3 00	
Ed. Atkins		1 00	
W. O. Powers, supplies, O. Patten and others		5 00	
C. P. Edgecomb, fuel, O. Patten and others		7 00	
R. E. Williams, fuel, O. Patten and others		6 75	
R. A. Mallett, fuel, O. Patten and others		15 00	
Mrs. S. A. Cook for E. Dube		23 50	
Day's Shoe Store, supplies, E. Dube		2 25	
Town of Brunswick, E. Dube		8 00	
J. E. Davis " "		1 70	
D. & C. E. Scribner Co., Town Farm		12 16	
Eaton Hardware Co., Town Farm		10 00	
G. B. Ridley & Sons, Town Farm		2 06	
		— — — — —	\$371 47

## AID OF OLD SOLDIERS

Paid W. S. Rogers, fuel for old soldiers	\$ 15 62	
W. O. Powers, supplies for old soldiers	105 00	
Est. of S. T. Brown, fuel for old soldiers	12 50	
C. P. Edgecomb, fuel for old soldiers	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$140 12

## DEPENDENTS OF SOLDIERS

Paid dependents of J. M. Furbish	\$54 28	
“ “ C. J. Young	53 71	
“ “ F. M. Coombs	8 57	
	<hr/>	\$116 56
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920		739 03
		<hr/>
		\$1,367 18

NOTE—The State has reimbursed the Town *in full* for all moneys paid by Town.

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$417 16	
Rec'd State Treas. acct. dependency claims	724 89	
Rec'd State Treas. acct. dependency claims	166 63	
Alton Ames, rent of Town Farm °	58 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,367 18

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid C. O. Colby, clerk	\$167 50
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	12 00
D. T. Percy & Sons, flag	9 50
Frank Hovey, True fire	50

Brunswick & Topsham Water Dist.	5 84	
B. Aronson, equipment	67 62	
G. B. Ridley & Sons	2 75	
E. J. Small, repairs	18 00	
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		\$283 71
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920		705 61
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		\$989 32

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$489 32	
Appropriation	500 00	
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		\$989 32

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Paid J. A. Cone	\$ 499 93
W. P. W. Purinton and others, acct. Board of Health	31 35
F. W. Atkinson, police	7 12
F. W. Atkinson, painting	10 00
New England Supply Co., printing	72 25
Dr. H. O. Curtis	2 25
Emery, Waterhouse Co., Flagg	4 09
Wm. Hennessey, election officer	5 50
Wheeler Print Shop	9 25
Geo. Curtis, election officer	1 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, office supplies	15 00
Louis Barker, school census	6 09
Dr. G. J. Roy	5 00
H. T. Stephens, transfers	9 65
Nellie Ricker, school census	2 96
Wheeler & Howe, legal matters	11 00
A. W. Folsom, police	3 00
Eaton Hardware Co.	1 25
The Times Co.	6 00
Forrest Cunningham	3 00
H. B. Willis, election officer	12 00
N. G. Curtis, election officer	3 00

F. A. Rackley	3 00	
C. I. Giveen, auditor	10 00	
Wilson's Pharmacy, supplies	19 60	
D. W. Scribner, domestic animals killed	108 00	
A. T. Bickford, domestic animals killed	20 25	
E. H. Phinney, domestic animals killed	15 00	
E. H. Phinney, property sold for taxes	44 57	
E. H. Phinney, posting warrants	1 00	
E. H. Phinney, commission	522 74	
E. H. Phinney, treasurer	100 00	
E. W. Mallett, bal. salary and expenses, 1918	110 00	
J. C. Purinton, bal. salary and expenses, 1918	94 13	
J. C. Purinton, salary in part '19	195 00	
W. M. Williams, bal. salary and expenses, 1918	149 55	
W. M. Williams, salary in part '19	175 00	
W. F. Tate, salary in part 1919	50 00	
M. C. Hall, salary, fees, etc.	85 53	
C. W. Foss, vital statistics and fumigating	15 00	
D. W. Scribner, paid others acct. flag pole	2 50	
Hiram Totman, domestic animals killed	7 50	
State Treasurer, dog licenses collected	122 00	
A. E. Ames, police	4 00	
C. E. Colby, traffic officer, fair time	15 00	
		\$2,590 56
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920		559 87
		<u>\$3,150 43</u>



## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$ 189 01	
Rec'd M. C. Hall and E. H. Phinney, dog licenses	122 00	
State Treasurer, R.R. & Tel. tax	53 80	
Dr. Butler, auctioneer license	2 00	
C. E. Colby, public auto	27 00	
C. S. Newell, tax redeemed	49 15	
E. H. Phinney, supplemental tax	242 00	
E. H. Phinney, overlay	1,265 47	
Appropriation	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,150 43

## TOWN HALL

Paid R. A. Mallett, fuel	\$ 9 00	
W. P. W. Purinton	1 75	
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & P. Co.	24 74	
E. W. Mallett, fuel	5 00	
Eclipse Paint Co.	41 80	
E. D. Phinney	3 00	
C. A. Warren, tuning	4 00	
Hall Bros.	106 47	
W. O. Powers	3 39	
Brunswick & Topsham Water Dist.	10 00	
C. F. Wilson	1 00	
G. B. Ridley & Sons	7 90	
Est. of S. T. Brown	14 00	
W. A. Alexander, fuel	16 00	
C. E. Colby	7 00	
M. C. R. R. Co.	2 44	
W. O. Powers	97	
	<hr/>	\$258 46
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920		171 16
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		\$429 62

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$194 12	
Rec'd of Schools, Church Societies and Grange, actual expense of light and heat	30 00	
J. C. Purinton, paint	5 50	
Appropriation	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$429 62

## STATE AID ROAD

Paid Otis Higgins	\$ 28 50	
Irving Temple	102 37	
Steve Ambrose	56 06	
C. C. Leavitt, Jr.	41 43	
Orren Leavitt	9 75	
Linwood Staples	17 00	
Parker Adams	37 38	
Edwin Rogers	37 37	
A. O. Manwaring	118 62	
G. A. Hunter	60 94	
Ray Hanson	84 50	
E. L. Emerson	56 87	
W. A. Foster	115 37	
Ella M. Hunter, material	76 00	
“ “	89 37	
M. A. Luce, material	130 60	
“ “	68 30	
C. F. Wilson	74 38	
Carl Hanson	45 50	
A. R. Hunter	126 12	
John Tarbox	91 00	
E. W. Mallett	84 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,551 43

## CREDIT

Appropriation	\$798 00	
Rec'd State Treas.	753 43	
	<hr/>	\$1,551 43

## CATHANCE ROAD (Pennell)

Paid Steve Ambrose	\$13 00	
Ralph Leavitt	9 75	
Carl Hanson	9 75	
Ray Hanson	19 50	
John Tarbox	26 00	
Ella Hunter, material	20 45	
Ella Hunter	30 87	
G. A. Hunter	21 60	
A. O. Manwaring	39 00	
A. R. Hunter	36 84	
W. A. Foster	19 50	
	<hr/>	\$246 26
Transferred to highway		3 74
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		\$250 00

## CREDIT

Appropriation	\$250 00
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## CATHANCE ROAD, (Near Bowdoinham)

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920	\$100 00
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## CREDIT

Appropriation	\$100 00
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## FORESIDE ROAD

Paid A. O. Manwaring	\$39 00	
Holman Foster	22 75	
Henry Cornish	29 62	
Milton Ward	16 25	
Ralph Ames	6 00	
W. A. Foster	26 00	
	<hr/>	\$139 62
Transferred to highway account		60 38
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		\$200 00

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$200 00
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## CATHANCE ROAD (Graves)

Paid F. B. Meserve	\$77 00	
E. J. Peters	44 00	
H. G. Powers	99 97	
H. J. Whitney	49 00	
Arthur Graves	14 67	
	<hr/>	\$284 64
Transferred to highway account		9 75
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		\$294 39

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$294 39
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## MEADOW ROAD

Paid H. S. Small	\$ 6 00	
Hiram Ward	26 25	
W. A. Alexander	50 00	
E. H. Phinney	124 65	
Hulda Small, material	39 50	
R. J. Patten, material	7 60	
R. J. Patten	18 66	
	<hr/>	\$272 66
Transferred to highway account		27 34
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		\$300 00

## CREDIT

Appropriation	\$300 00
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## GOODWIN ROAD

Paid Hiram Ward	\$37 25
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## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$37 25
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## ROAD LEADING FROM BRANCH TO BOWDOIN CENTER

Paid Harry Edgecomb	\$ 89 67	
L. T. Williams	140 87	
E. Y. Shaw	77 99	
E. C. Patten	27 00	
	<hr/>	\$335 53

## CREDIT

Appropriation	\$250 00	
Transferred from Highway acct.	85 53	
	<hr/>	\$335 53

## GUPTIL ROAD

Paid Walter Curtis	\$ 6 00	
Hiram Ward	40 50	
R. J. Patten	45 70	
W. F. Tate	3 00	
W. A. Alexander	18 00	
W. J. White	18 00	
E. C. Patten	40 66	
C. H. Barnes	25 50	
	<hr/>	\$197 36
Transferred to Highway		2 64
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		\$200 00

## CREDIT

Appropriation	\$200 00
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## CATHANCE BRIDGE

Paid State Treas., requisition	\$4,500 00
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## CREDIT

Rec'd Loan authorized by Town at special meeting	\$4,500 00
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## MUSTARD FUND

Paid Order No.	10	\$ 5 51	
	12	6 50	
	39	10 00	
	76	7 96	
	90	6 00	
	206	15 00	
	217	13 00	
	291	4 00	
	522	5 20	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 73 17
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920			<u>119 29</u>
			\$192 46

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$ 89 65	
Rec'd E. H. Phinney, interest on fund	102 81	
	<u>          </u>	\$192 46

## STREET LIGHTING

Paid Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	\$1,216 70	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920	218 41	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,435 11

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$ 235 11	
Appropriation	1,200 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,435 11

## PEJEPSCOT LIGHTING

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920	\$250 00
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## CREDIT

Appropriation	\$250 00
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## MEMORIAL DAY

Paid Walter Ross		\$25 00
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## CREDIT

By appropriation		\$25 00
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## OLD CEMETERY

Paid Orren Leavitt	\$31 00	
Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1919	5 98	
	<u>          </u>	\$36 98

## CREDIT

Rec'd C. I. Giveen, Treas.	\$11 00	
E. H. Phinney, Treas. Graves fund	5 48	
Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1920	20 50	
	<u>          </u>	\$36 98

## WATER RENTALS

Paid Brunswick & Topsham Water District	\$950 00	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920	646 55	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,596 55

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$ 396 55	
Appropriation	1,200 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,596 55

## EMUS FUND

Paid C. G. Wheeler, Treas.	\$ 8 08	
Balance in Bank Oct. 1, 1919	200 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$208 08
Balance in Bank Oct. 1, 1918	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1919	8 08	
	<u>          </u>	\$208 08

## EVERETT FUND

Paid C. G. Wheeler, Treas.	\$ 8 08	
Balance in Bank Oct. 1, 1919	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$208 08
Balance in Bank Oct. 1, 1918	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1919	8 08	
	<hr/>	\$208 08

## STATE TAX

Paid State Treas.		\$12,159 57
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## CREDIT

Appropriation		\$12,159 57
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## COUNTY TAX

Paid County Treas.		\$2,836 16
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## CREDIT

Appropriation		\$2,836 16
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## INTEREST

Paid C. G. Wheeler, acct. Cemetery Funds	\$ 38 75	
First Nat. Bank of Brunswick	159 10	
C. I. Giveen, Treas.	44 00	
E. H. Phinney, Treas. School fund	33 36	
E. H. Phinney, Treas. Mustard fund	102 81	
	<hr/>	\$378 02
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1920		214 30
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		\$592 32

## CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1919	\$225 10
E. H. Phinney, interest on over-due taxes	35 92



E. H. Phinney, interest on Bank balances	81 30	
Appropriation	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$592 32

### TEMPORARY LOANS

Rec'd First Nat. Bank of Brunswick	\$5,000 00
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### CREDIT

Paid First Nat. Bank of Brunswick	\$5,000 00
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### NOTES OUTSTANDING FEB. 1, 1920

Cathance Bridge Loan	\$4,500 00	
Summer St. Loan	2,500 00	
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### CATHANCE BRIDGE

Under provisions of the Public Laws of Maine relating to State and County Aid in the construction of Highway Bridges, the Town started proceedings for the rebuilding of this Bridge.

The State Highway Commission, County Commissioners, and Municipal Officers met and after examination voted to rebuild Bridge.

The State requisitioned the Town for sum of \$4,500 which the town paid into the State Treasury. This being authorized by Town at special meeting of May 24, 1919.

The County Commissioners, through a loop hole in the law, refused to pay into the State Treasury their part of the money.

The State refused to rebuild bridge until County paid the money.

As we understand the situation at present, the only way the State will go ahead and rebuild the bridge is for the Town to bring mandamus proceedings against

the County Commissioners. This the Selectmen thought unwise to do.

The Town has asked the State for a return of the money.

#### TOWN LIABILITIES

Mustard Fund	\$2,937 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	
Cathance Bridge Loan	4,500 00	
Summer St. Loan	2,500 00	
		-----\$12,254 78

#### RESOURCES

E. H. Phinney, uncollected tax 1918	\$ 91 87	
E. H. Phinney, uncollected tax 1919	626 04	
State Treas., domestic animals killed 1918	54 75	
State Treas., soldier's burial 1918	35 00	
State Treas., domestic animals killed 1919	150 75	
State Treas., Cathance Bridge Loan	4,500 00	
Alexander Bros., work by Fergu- son Bros.	49 34	
A. E. Ames, rent	37 50	
Cash in treasury	2,702 69	
Town debt	4,006 84	
		-----\$12,254 78

#### PUBLIC PARK

The Town at a Special Meeting authorized the Municipal Officers to secure land for a Public Park and voted that \$700 be raised by loan for payment and beautifying same. The Town in legal manner secured land at junction of Main and Green Sts.

Payment has been tendered to F. A. Colby and has been refused. Therefore loan of \$700 was not made and so does not appear in the financial accounts of the loan.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. PURINTON

W. M. WILLIAMS

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, Topsham.

# Report of Treasurer

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

To balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1919	\$7,840	07
State Treas., aid dependent families of soldiers and sailors	891	52
School and Mill fund	1,696	11
Common School fund	2,540	42
Railroad and Telegraph tax	53	80
Free High School	500	00
Industrial Education	422	22
State Aid Roads	753	43
Rent Town hall	30	00
Dog licenses	122	00
Temporary loans	12,000	00
M. C. Railroad, rebate on freight	89	
Alton Ames, acct. rent town farm	58	50
L. H. White, credit Highway Dept.	70	
Hall Brothers, lumber Highway Dept.	69	57
F. A. Colby & Son, lumber Highway Dept.	206	35
Cyrus Keay, lumber Highway Dept.	1	38
C. I. Giveen, Int. on Old Cemetery fund	11	00
Dr. Butler, license	2	00
C. E. Colby, auto license	27	00
J. C. Purinton, paint, credit Town Hall	5	50
Town of Bowdoinham, tuition	48	00

Property sold for taxes, re- deemed	49 15	
Electric Railroad, credit Highway Dept.	123 35	
Interest on Mustard fund	102 81	
Interest on School fund	33 36	
Pejepscot Paper Co., credit High- way Dept.	135 93	
Error in abatement	4 34	
Interest on Graves fund	5 48	
Interest on Carrie Emus fund	8 08	
Interest on Mildred Edwards fund	8 08	
Interest on Bank balances	81 30	
Interest on overdue taxes	35 92	
E. H. Phinney, Coll. supplement- al tax	242 00	
E. H. Phinney, Coll. taxes 1917	94 86	
E. H. Phinney, Coll. taxes 1918	404 88	
E. H. Phinney, Coll. taxes 1919	32,933 16	
		<u>\$61,543 16</u>

## CREDIT

By Town orders paid from Feb. 1, 1919 to Feb. 1, 1920	\$58,840 47	
Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1920	2,702 69	
		<u>\$61,543 16</u>

## COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

E. H. Phinney, Collector, 1917

Balance due Feb. 1, 1919	\$94 86
Paid Treasurer	94 86
	<u>          </u>

E. H. Phinney, Collector, 1918

Balance due Feb. 1, 1919	\$496 75
Paid Treasurer	404 88
	<u>          </u>
Balance due Feb. 1, 1920	\$91 87

## E. H. Phinney, Collector, 1919

Total commitment	\$33,559 20	
Paid Treasurer	32,933 16	
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Balance due Feb. 1, 1920		\$626 04

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1918

Alexander, Geo. E.	\$ 3 00
Crossman, Wm. S.	9 51
Hessel, Carl Jr.	4 09
Leavitt, John	5 17
Lachance, Alcide	3 00
Lachance, Adelarde	3 00
Paid	5 17
Lee, Samuel	3 00
Lacourse, Thomas	3 00
Little, Ray	3 00
Michaud, Onesin	3 00
Michaud, Honore	3 00
Paid	3 00
Menard, Arthur Jr.	3 00
Paid	4 63
Newell, Chas. S.	3 00
Noble, F. E.	5 17
Prince, Elmer	3 00
Pellitier, Emile	3 00
Pellitier, Joseph	3 00
Richardson, Guy	3 00
Small, William	3 00
St. Pierre, Oscar	3 00
Small, Frank	3 00
Terrien, Albert	3 00
Paid	3 26
Simpson, Addie	87
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	\$91 87

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1919

Paid	\$41 80
Paid	3 00
Avery, Joseph	5 00
Alexander, Geo. E.	3 00
Paid	19 70
Bernier, Camille	4 50
Blanchette, Raoul	3 00
Belanger, Damasse	3 00
Colby, James	3 00
Paid	3 00
Colby, Howard	3 00
Carter, George T.	3 00
Crossman, William	9 00
Paid	5 00
Coulombe, Phedine	4 50
Paid	3 00
Douglass, Bertie	3 00
Paid	3 00
Deschain, Uderick	3 00
Danforth, Lester	7 00
Furbish, Chas. E.	3 00
Fox, Henry	6 10
Furbish, Geo. Jr.	6 00
Hall, A. E.	3 00
Harkel, Mike	3 00
Hessel, Carl Jr.	8 00
Paid	10 00
Hunter, Linwood	3 00
Leavitt, John	5 00
Leavitt, Ellis	4 50
Leavitt, A. F.	9 00
Levesque, Pierre	5 00
Libby, Alex	3 00
Little, Ray	3 00
Ladd, G. L.	3 00
Leskanic, Mike	3 00

Levesque, Napoleon	3 00
Paid	6 50
Morrill, A. C.	3 00
Michaud, Max	3 00
Michaud, Fred	3 00
Marshall, John	3 00
Moore, Alex	4 50
Maynard, Oscar	3 80
Miller, Fred	8 00
Mansfield, John	3 00
Newell, Chas. S.	9 00
Paid	3 00
Noble, Frank	5 00
Paid	24 00
Paid	3 00
Preble, Henry	3 00
Pattee, Clarence	3 00
Prince, Elmer	3 00
Quint, Wallace	18 34
Paid	14 50
Paid	24 00
Richardson, Guy	3 00
Paid	3 00
Sedgley, Jeremiah	15 00
Smith, Edgar H.	3 50
Sprague, Victor	11 30
St. Clair, John	3 00
Tedford, J. E., Est. of	22 00
Tedford, A. E.	28 70
Thorn, Frank	5 00
Terrien, Albert	3 00
Thebedeau, Adelard	3 00
Paid	7 00
Wilson, Samuel	3 00
White, Elmer	3 00
Paid	54 50
Williams, Elmer	3 00
Walsh, William	3 00



Barner, Mary	4 00
Paid	50
Davis, Lee	6 00
Philbrook, Cornelia Est.	10 00
Simpson, Addie	80
Paid	21 50
Paid	28 00
Colby, C. O.	3 00
Paid	2 00
Paid	13 00
Paid	5 00
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	\$626 04

# Auditor's Report

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Topsham, Me., Feb. 14, 1920

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

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*To the Citizens of Topsham:*

I herewith submit my annual report as superintendent of the schools of the town. This is the eleventh report since the forming of the school union with Brunswick.

Notwithstanding a few discouraging conditions, the schools of the town have been maintained during the year with a fair degree of regularity and success. Only one school has been closed by reason of health conditions. On account of prevalence of whooping cough, the school at the Branch was discontinued for a few weeks, but is now again in session.

The Haley school, which had been closed for several years, was opened in September as there were found in the district a sufficient number of children to warrant this action.

## TEACHERS

The most serious problem at the present time demanding the attention of superintendents is the shortage of competent teachers. The average citizen has a vague idea that there may be some slight difficulty in securing an adequate supply of good teachers, but he fails to realize the seriousness of the situation. The fact is that there are more than fifty thousand teaching positions in the public schools of the United States either vacant or filled by teachers below standard, while the attendance at normal schools has fallen off more than 25 per cent during the past three years. The reason for this is obvious. The salaries of teachers have not increased in proportion to the increased cost of living, and in proportion to salaries paid to

workers in commercial and manufacturing positions. As a consequence, many have left the teaching profession to engage in work that promises a greater financial reward. An idea of the frequent changes of teachers brought about by this condition may be learned from the fact that only one person now employed in any school in the town of Topsham held the same position last year.

While all local vacancies have been filled during the past season, it is uncertain what the situation may be in the future unless salaries are considerably increased.

A few weeks ago the School Committee received the following communication from the grade teachers of the town:

“We, the undersigned teachers of the graded schools of Topsham village and Pejepscot, do respectfully request increases in salaries of at least 35 per cent of our present ones, with a minimum of \$700 a year, beginning with winter term. This seems very necessary as the cost of living increases constantly and our present salaries are inadequate.”

The school officials are in sympathy with the spirit of this petition, and hope that sufficient increase in the amount raised for common schools at the annual town meeting will enable them to grant a part, if not all, that the teachers request.

#### RURAL SCHOOLS

Statistics furnished by the National Education Association show that the teacher shortage, and the number of teachers below standard are greatest in the rural districts where salaries are lowest, and teaching conditions least attractive. Each year the rural school problem becomes more difficult of solution. Trained teachers are not inclined to go into the country districts, and even when a teacher is secured, it is next to impossible to find a boarding place for her. There needs to be

a revival of that spirit of cooperation which existed in a former generation, and which made parents feel a sense of personal responsibility for the success of the school in their home district.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL

At the last annual town meeting, after extended discussion, it was voted to close the Topsham High School for one year and to send the pupils to Brunswick High School at the expense of the town. The principal reason advanced was that of economy. The local school had become reduced to an average attendance of about twenty and the employment of three teachers was necessary in order that the school might remain in the A class. This made the cost of maintenance, including teachers, books and supplies, over \$125 per pupil.

While the trial year does not expire until the close of the spring term next June, it will be necessary for the citizens of the town to decide at the March meeting in regard to continuing the arrangement for another year. The following facts will be of assistance to those who are to decide the matter:

About forty pupils living in Topsham have thus far been in attendance at Brunswick. About a dozen of these were already enrolled there. This number shows conclusively that no one who desired to attend a high school was deprived of the opportunity on account of the change. The great majority of the Topsham pupils have maintained excellent standing at Brunswick. Those who have been irregular in attendance, unwilling to work or indifferent to their class standing, have of course, taken the same place that they would in any other school.

The tuition for these pupils has been paid for the fall and winter terms. It amounts to \$790. The tuition for the spring term, which completes the year, will be about \$420, making a total of \$1,210. Five hundred

dollars of this sum will be returned by the State to the town next July, making a net cost to the town of \$710. The cost of maintaining the local high school for the same time would now amount to about \$3,000. This makes a financial gain to the town of \$1,790.

The closing of the high school also relieved a congested condition in the village school building, and allowed a new arrangement of grades which has been to the advantage of teachers and pupils. The 8th and 9th grades are now installed in the room formerly occupied by the High School, while the 1st grade pupils are now located in the High School recitation room, which makes an ideal place for the little ones.

As was the case last year, the school officials make no recommendation concerning the continuation of the arrangement with Brunswick. It is for those directly interested to determine each year by their votes whether they wish the local high school opened again or the present plan to be continued.

On account of the small number in the senior class, no public graduation exercises were held last June. The following were granted diplomas: Louis Whitcomb Barker, Sarah Frances Hanson, Angelia Virginia Palozzi.

#### THE VILLAGE GRADES

At the close of the school year in June, Miss Marion G. Strout, principal of the grammar school, resigned to accept a position in Connecticut. Miss Strout had held the position as principal for nine years and rendered a valuable service to the community.

The vacancy caused by Miss Strout's resignation was filled by the election of Miss Ethel T. Allen. Miss Allen is well equipped for the position, having had more than a dozen years of successful experience in grammar school work.

The 6th and 7th grades are now under the direction of Mrs. Berniece D. Staples, a graduate of Farmington Normal School, and with several years of efficient service as a teacher to her credit.

The 4th and 5th grades, which last year were taught by Florence A. Neiley, are now in charge of Mildred F. Edwards. Miss Neiley resigned to accept a position in Brunswick, while Miss Edwards returned to her former position after a leave of absence of one year.

Clara M. Phinney continues for her second year as teacher of the 2d and 3d grades, while the 1st grade is in charge of Mrs. Jennie M. Howes.

The superintendent wishes here to express his gratification at the manner in which the village schools have been conducted during the past year. All the teachers have exhibited a spirit of co-operation, and a willingness to work, which deserves recognition by all the people of the community as well as by the school officials.

The following pupils of the ninth grade were awarded diplomas at the end of the spring term: Sarah Moore, Verna McIver, Edna Wilson, Lillian Howland, Eleanor Cornish, Eleanor Preble, Bertha Wilson, Chas. Leavitt, Arthur Staples, Renwood Flagg, Leslie Dickinson, James Scribner, Ralph Ames, Harry Martin, Albert Brassard.

#### PEJEPSCOT SCHOOLS

There was a complete change of teachers at Pejepscot at the beginning of the fall term. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Nellie M. Ricker as principal of the grammar school, was filled by the election of Adelle W. Snow. The intermediate department is in charge of Mrs. Rebecca M. Bowker, while Celia M. Bowie of Lisbon Falls is teacher of the 1st and 2d grades.

By reason of the large foreign element at Pejepsco, there are some problems in school management which are absent in other sections of the town. The teachers have succeeded admirably, however, in solving many of these problems, and the various departments are now running with commendable smoothness.

Owing to the crowded conditions of the grammar school, the eighth and ninth grades are, at the expense of the town, transported by electric to the corresponding grades in the village. This gives the boys and girls the advantage of the courses in manual training and domestic science—two courses which can not be well given at Pejepsco for lack of space and equipment.

#### SPECIAL TEACHERS

No reports are presented from the four special teachers, as the work of their several departments has been carried on in very much the same manner as last year.

Miss Mary S. Byrne, who had charge of the domestic science department for nine years, resigned at the end of the spring term to accept a position in Westbrook. The vacancy caused by her resignation was filled by the election of Miss Verna M. Payson of South Freeport.

The Grammar School had an exhibit at the Sagadahoc County Fair of drawings, specimens of work in the manual training department, sewing and cooking. Premiums to the amount of sixteen dollars were awarded the school exhibits. This sum has been used by the teachers in the purchase of needed material for school work.

It is, without doubt, the opinion of teachers, pupils and parents, that these special subjects form a very necessary and useful part of the school program.



## SCHOOL HOUSES

During the past year on account of the high cost of labor and of all building material, only repairs which seemed absolutely necessary have been made on school houses. The largest item of expense was at Pejepscot, where one half of the building was shingled and other repairs were made.

A new floor was laid at the Branch, as the old one was practically worn out.

A few needed changes were made at the village school building and slight repairs made in several other districts.

Whatever the cost, several school houses should be thoroughly renovated during the next summer vacation. New closets should be built at Cathance, and there should be new windows and doors at the Middlesex building. While labor and building material seem almost prohibitive in cost at the present time, it is false economy to delay too long any needed changes or improvement which tend to the preservation of school property or which are necessary for the health and comfort of teachers and pupils.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Topsham, in common with all other towns and cities of the country, needs, the present year, to raise more money for school purposes. Teachers' salaries must be increased, and books and supplies must be purchased whatever may be the increase in price. During the past year every economy possible has been practiced that would not interfere with educational progress. The various sums recommended by the School Committee, and endorsed by the Committee of Twelve, are as small as the probable demands of the schools for the coming year require.

The superintendent wishes again to thank the members of the School Committee for their friendly

and helpful interest in his work, and the teachers for their spirit of cooperation.

JOHN A. CONE,  
Superintendent of Schools.

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

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APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE

Common Schools, for present year	\$8,500 00
For overdraft	1,500 00
Text Books and Supplies	600 00
Repairs and Supplies	800 00
High School, if established again in Topsham	3,000 00
High School, if present arrangement is con- tinued	1,000 00
Industrial Training	500 00
Brunswick Public Library	75 00

# School Statistics

For Year Ending July 1, 1919

Number in town between the ages of 5 and 21; boys, 301; girls, 290; total, 591.

Enrollment in schools, boys, 199; girls, 194. total, 393.

Enrollment in village schools; boys, 169; girls, 162; total, 331.

Enrollment in rural schools, boys, 30; girls, 32; total, 62.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Principal, Herman N. Dunham, fall term; Oscar F. Smith, winter and spring terms. Assistants, Miss Laura Libby and Miss Isabelle Pollard, fall and winter terms; Miss Isabelle Pollard, Mrs. John A. Cone, part time, Mr. Maurice Coburn, part time, spring term.

Enrollment for year; boys, 13; girls, 17; total, 30.

Number registered, fall term, 29. Average, 23.

Number registered, winter term, 24. Average, 22.

Number registered, spring term, 23. Average, 21.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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

Enrollment for year; boys; 39; girls, 32; total, 71.

Number registered, fall term, 67. Average, 51.

Number registered, winter term, 62. Average, 58.

Number registered, spring term, 63. Average, 55.

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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

Enrollment for year; boys, 19; girls, 22; total, 41.	
Number registered, fall term, 35.	Average, 30.
Number registered, winter term, 34.	Average, 30.
Number registered, spring term, 39.	Average, 36.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal, Clara M. Phinney.

Enrollment for year; boys, 23; girls, 16; total, 39.	
Number registered, fall term, 27.	Average, 20.
Number registered, winter term, 33.	Average, 20.
Number registered, spring term, 32.	Average, 24.

#### PEJEPCOT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Principal, Mrs. Nellie Ricker.

Enrollment for year; boys, 22; girls, 24; total, 46.	
Number registered, fall term, 44.	Average, 31.
Number registered, winter term, 39.	Average, 35.
Number registered, spring term, 41.	Average, 38.

#### PEJEPCOT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Principal, Miss Ruth S. Ridley.

Enrollment for year; boys, 20; girls, 15; total, 35.	
Number registered, fall term, 32.	Average, 24.
Number registered, winter term, 28.	Average, 25.
Number registered, spring term, 29.	Average, 26.

#### PEJEPCOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal, Sara L. Bailey.

Enrollment for year; boys, 19; girls, 17; total, 36.	
Number registered, fall term, 25.	Average, 20.
Number registered, winter term, 34.	Average, 28.
Number registered, spring term, 36.	Average, 32.

#### TOPSHAM HEIGHTS SCHOOL

Annie F. Coffin, teacher for year.

Enrollment for year; boys, 14; girls, 19; total, 33.	
Number registered, fall term, 30.	Average, 29.

Number registered, winter term, 28	Average, 25.
Number registered, spring term, 15.	Average, 13.

## BRANCH SCHOOL

Lois M. Stover, teacher for fall term; winter and spring term, Alice L. Williams.

Enrollment for year; boys, 8; girls, 8; total, 16.	
Number registered, fall term, 15.	Average, 9.
Number registered, winter term, 12.	Average, 10.
Number registered, spring term, 11.	Average, 9.

## CATHANCE SCHOOL

Mrs. Addie E. Cail, teacher for year.

Enrollment for year; boys, 5; girls, 9; total, 14.	
Number registered, fall term, 13.	Average, 11.
Number registered, winter term, 13.	Average, 12.
Number registered, spring term, 14.	Average, 12.

## BRICK SCHOOL

Eva B. Soule, teacher for fall term; winter and spring terms school closed.

Number registered, fall term, 11.	Average, 8.
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## MIDDLESEX SCHOOL

Mattie M. Lanpher, teacher for fall term; winter term, Mary E. Hanson; spring term, Ella M. Hunter.

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

## MALLETT SCHOOL

Berniece D. Staples, teacher for year.

Enrollment for year; boys, 10; girls, 8; total, 18.	
Number registered, fall term, 14.	Average, 12.
Number registered, winter term, 13.	Average, 12.
Number registered, spring term, 18.	Average, 13.

## TEACHERS FOR FALL TERM, 1919

High School; closed.

Grammar School; Principal, Ethel T. Allen; Assistant, Mrs. Berniece Staples.

Intermediate School; Grades IV and V, Mildred Edwards.

Primary School; Grade II and III, Clara M. Phinney.

Primary School; Grade I, Mrs. Janie M. Howes.

Pejepscot Primary School; Adelle Snow.

Pejepscot Intermediate School; Mrs. Rebecca Bowker.

Pejepscot Primary School; Celia Bowie.

## RURAL SCHOOLS

Topsham Heights, Margaret Jordan.

Branch, Mildred White.

Cathance, Geraldine Baker.

Middlesex, Charlotte Benson.

Mallett, Mary D. Whitney.

## SPECIAL TEACHERS

Domestic Science, Verna M. Payson.

Music, Mrs. C. A. Warren.

Drawing, Helen L. Varney.

Manual Training, Charles G. Wheeler.