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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—



SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

—AND—

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ISLESBORO,

—FOR THE—

Municipal Year Ending March 5th,

1900.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF ISLESBORO:

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

VALUATION FOR THE YEAR, 1899.

Real estate of residents,	\$ 105,841 00
Personal estate of residents,	39,205 94
Real estate of non-residents,	219,386 00
Personal estate of non-residents,	2,373 00
	<u>—————</u> \$366,805 94

APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR, 1899.

To defray town charges,	\$ 1250 00
For repair of roads and bridges,	1100 00
“ damage of land taken and to build road,	200 00
“ repair of Mill Creek Bridge,	200 00
“ support of Common Schools,	804 80
“ support of Free High School,	150 00
“ support of poor,	800 00
“ free text books,	150 00
	<u>—————</u> \$ 4654 80
State tax,	\$ 916 56
County tax,	445 67
Overlaying,	130 86
	<u>—————</u> \$ 1493 09
	<u>—————</u> \$ 6147 89

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR, 1899.

On real estate of residents,	\$ 1693 45	
“ personal estate of residents,	627 30	
“ real estate of non-residents,	3510 17	
“ personal estate of non-residents,	37 97	
“ 186 polls at 1.50,	279 00	
	————	\$ 6147 89
Also a supplementary assessment,	24 60	24 60
		————
		\$ 6172 49

Rate of taxation, .016.

TOWN CHARGES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$ 1200 00
Overlayings,	130 86
Supplementary tax,	24 60
	———— \$ 1355 46

EXPENDITURES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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

FOR TOWN HALL.

Paid F..S. Pendleton & Co. material to build out-house,	3 29	
“ W. S. Pendleton material and paint- ing for out-house,	14 15	
	————	\$ 275 48

SNOW BILLS.

Paid W. A. Coombs,	\$ 1 00	
“ H. L. Freeman,	6 00	
“ J. C. Coombs,	2 00	
“ Geo. Keller,	3 70	
“ Wilbur P. Fairfield, snow bills,	13 50	
“ J. F. Fairfield,	3 60	
“ L. W. Wyman,	1 40	
“ L. F. Pendleton,	6 40	
“ J. C. Beckett,	1 20	
“ W. P. Sprague,	1 50	
“ M. R. Trim, snow bills,	9 30	
“ F. W. Adams,	1 80	
“ R. B. Trim,	2 80	
“ J. A. Sprague,	1 90	
“ G. S. Preble,	2 60	
“ F. S. Pendleton & Co.,	22 90	
“ W. F. Keller,	10 00	
“ W. N. Whitcomb,	3 20	
“ J. P. Bragg,	9 00	
“ L. N. Gilkey,	13 05	
“ J. R. Ryder,	26 80	
“ Frank Randlett,	1 22	
	————	\$ 144 87

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid W. P. Sprague, moderator,	\$ 2 00
“ L. N. Gilkey, commission collect- ing taxes, bills of 1898.	125 00
“ L. N. Gilkey, bills of 1899,	135 00

Paid E. D. Williams, Sec'y. Board of Health,	5 00	
“ “ “ “ services and expenses as superintendent of schools,	60 00	
“ C. F. Pendleton, officer,	10 00	
“ W. B. Pendleton, janitor town hall,	15 00	
“ W. C. Sprague, constable,	7 50	
“ J. R. Ryder, clerk and treasurer,	70 00	
“ Austin Trim, services and expenses, as assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,	103 00	
“ W. S. Pendleton, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,	30 00	
“ J. O. Sprague, services and expenses as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$582 50.

ABATEMENTS.

Paid L. W. Gilkey on tax bills 1898,	16 79	
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1899,	6 96	
	<hr/>	\$23 75
Total amount of town charges,		\$1,026 60
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Amount unexpended,		\$328 86

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation,		\$1,100 ⁰⁰ 00
Paid Abraham Dodge,	\$ 15 30	
“ Wm. A. Coombs,	3 70	
“ J. W. Clark,	3 70	
“ E. J. Clark,	4 70	
“ Geo. F. Keller,	10 70	
“ F. J. Decker,	16 60	
“ M. A. Bowden,	20 50	
“ Wm. F. Keller,	46 60	
“ E. S. Preble,	37 00	
“ John Pendleton,	47 00	

Paid F. E. Lawrence,	14 00
“ Walter Adams,	3 70
“ P. L. Rollerson,	38 00
“ Arnald Annis,	23 00
“ Benj. F. Williams,	5 00
“ Harry G. Pendleton,	17 00
“ Melvin Dodge,	12 00
“ C. S. Moody,	34 75
“ D. E. Carver,	16 00
“ Philip Pendleton,	3 70
“ Fred Patterson,	11 85
“ Oscar Morey	2 00
“ G. L. Pendleton,	3 00
“ F. A. Randlett,	3 80
“ Wm. F. Stockbridge,	8 60
“ C. W. Williams,	4 00
“ R. N. Pendleton,	159 00
“ L. L. Pendleton,	16 00
“ Wm. Ladd,	5 00
“ O. G. Perry,	2 40
“ John G. Collins,	5 70
“ A. A. Decker,	6 60
“ W. M. Whitcomb,	5 00
“ L. G. Pendleton,	17 40
“ C. E. Haynes,	7 00
“ A. Clements,	2 00
“ J. P. Bragg,	44 00
“ P. O. Coombs,	32 35
“ W. S. Dodge,	6 00
“ Geo. K. Willey,	20 00
“ L. K. Pendleton,	20 00
“ J. R. Yeaton,	4 80
“ I. E. Pendleton;	46 00
“ E. A. Bunker,	10 00
“ S. D. Pendleton,	25 40

Paid M. Z. Dodge,	3 00	
“ Ora Pendleton,	6 00	
“ C. N. Pendleton,	12 00	
“ T. R. Williams,	2 00	
“ R. B. Trim,	2 20	
“ F. and M. Flanders,	25 00	
“ L. C. Farnsworth,	9 00	
“ W. S. Pendleton, (lumber,)	72 12	
“ Edward Parker,	4 00	
“ A. E. Trim,	9 00	
“ Justin Trim (labor and material)	17 85	
“ E. G. Pendleton,	9 00	
“ M. R. Trim,	1 00	
“ Edson Sherman,	6 00	
“ J. O. Elwell,	34 00	
“ L. R. Pendleton,	4 00	
“ E. L. Nash,	9 00	
“ Geo. B. Pendleton,	10 20	
“ L. N. Gilkey,	3 00	
“ J. F. Grindle,	8 40	
“ John A. Dodge,	16 00	
“ F. W. Adams,	5 00	
“ Wm. Haynes,	9 00	
“ F. C. Keller,	2 00	
“ F. S. Pendleton & Co. (for nails)	4 22	
“ Wm. E. Hatch,	10 00	
“ J. L. Pendleton,	42 00	
“ Alonzo Coombs,	2 00	
“ D. A. Warren,	7 50	
“ Leon Wyman,	4 10	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,189 44
Overdrawn,		\$ 89 44
	MILL CREEK BRIDGE.	
Appropriation,		\$ 200 00
Paid F. S. Pendleton, (paid labor)	\$3 40	

Paid Freeman K. Pendleton, (labor)	17 00	
“ Austin Trim, (labor)	18 00	
“ J. O. Elwell,	3 50	
“ Harry G. Pendleton,	17 00	
“ Geo. W. Rollerson,	4 00	
“ P. L. Rollerson,	12 00	
“ E. L. Nash,	3 10	
“ W. S. Pendleton, (lumber and trucking)	40 34	
“ L. F. Rankin, (blacksmith work)	3 00	
“ W. M. Coombs, (cedar poles)	6 30	
“ L. N. Gilkey, (cedar poles)	7 00	
“ Alonzo Coombs, (cedar poles)	1 76	
“ F. S. Pendleton & Co. (iron and nails)	14 11	
“ E. A. Eames, (lumber)	2 33	
	<hr/>	\$ 152 84
Unexpended balance,		\$ 47 16

POOR.

Appropriation,

\$ 800 00

Paid Maine Insane Hospital, support and burial expenses of Mary Board- man,	\$ 66 66
“ F. S. Pendleton & Co., expressage and burial expenses of Mary Boardman,	15 00
“ F. W. Adams, support of F. Ches- sey,	130 50
“ F. S. Pendleton & Co., general sup- plies,	10 82
“ E. J. Dodge, support of M. J. Brown,	130 00
“ F. S. Pendleton & Co., supplies for and burial expenses of Sylvester H. Fletcher,	42 45
“ W. S. Pendleton, supplies for Sylves- ter H. Fletcher,	6 00
“ E. A. Eames,	1 50

Paid S. T. Keller, support and medicine for E. Decker,	102 00	
“ J. P. Bragg, burial expenses,	26 00	
“ Wm. Haynes, “ “	3 00	
“ Town of Camden and Frank Brown,	60 07	
“ J. A. Dodge, support of Wm. Grover,	6 00	
“ E. D. Williams, medical attendance for poor,	27 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 627 50
Balance unexpended,		\$ 172 50

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Unexpended for 1898,	\$ 162 81	
Appropriation,	804 80	
Received from State,	825 19	
	<hr/>	\$ 1792 80

EXPENSES.

Paid for teachers,	\$ 994 00	
“ “ board,	500 00	
“ “ fuel,	100 23	
“ “ transportation of scholars,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1694 23
Balance unexpended,		\$ 98 57

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Received from State,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300 00
Paid G. A. Prock, teaching and board,	\$ 163 50	
“ W. C. Clark, “ “ “	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 313 50
Overdrawn,		\$ 13 50

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation,		\$ 150 00
Paid Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	\$ 40 86	
“ American Book Co.,	82 92	
“ Ginn & Co.,	17 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 141 18
Balance unexpended,		\$ 8 82

BALANCES UNEXPENDED.

Miscellaneous,	\$ 328 86	
Mill Creek Bridge,	47 16	
Poor,	172 50	
Common Schools,	98 57	
Text Books,	8 82	
	<hr/>	\$ 55 91
Raised for new road and unexpended,		\$ 200 00
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		\$ 55 91

OVERDRAWN.

Overdrawn on Roads and Bridges,	\$ 89 44	
High School,	13 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 102 94
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Net balance,		\$ 752 97

SUMMARY.

Whole amount of orders drawn,		\$ 5145 29
Miscellaneous expenses,	\$ 275 48	
Snow bills,	144 87	
Town Officers,	582 50	
Abatements,	23 75	
Repair of Roads and Bridges,	1189 44	
Mill Creek Bridges,	152 84	
Poor,	627 50	
Schools,	1694 23	
High Schools,	313 50	
Text Books,	141 18	
	<hr/>	\$ 5145 29

FINANCE OF THE TOWN.**ASSETS.**

Amount of old tax deeds in treasury,	\$ 63 93	
Due on tax bills of 1899,	1417 20	
Cash in treasury,	240 73	
	<hr/>	\$ 1721 86

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding note,	\$ 500 00	
Interest on same,	13 33	
	<u> </u>	\$ 513 33
Balance in favor of town,		\$ 1208 53

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

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

AUSTIN TRIM, } Selectmen
 W. S. PENDLETON, } of
 J. A. SPRAGUE, } Islesboro.

Islesboro, March 5th, 1900.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. R. RYDER, Treasurer,

In Account With the Town of Islesboro,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 5, 1900.

DR.

Cash in the treasury March 6, 1899	\$ 398 80
Rec. of W. S. Pendleton for error on road order in 1898,	1 00
“ from State reimbursement for seal bounty for 1898,	8 00
“ from State reimbursement for dog licenses for 1898,	22 99
“ from State for burial expenses of soldiers,	35 00
“ from town for dog licenses for 1899,	27 00
“ from State for Free High Schools,	150 00
“ “ “ “ damage done by dogs,	6 00
“ “ “ reimbursement for pen- sions for 1899,	36 00
“ for rent of town hall for 1899,	70 00
“ on tax bills of 1898,	1,603 22
“ “ tax bills of 1899,	4,755 29
“ from State school fund and mill tax,	825 19
Non-resident tax deeds of 1888 on file March 6, 1899,	11 36
Non-resident tax deeds of 1893 on file March 6, 1899,	15 79

Non-resident tax deeds of 1894, on file March 6, 1899,	4 43	
Non-resident tax deeds of 1895, on file March 6, 1899,	29 80	
Non-resident tax deeds of 1896 on file March 6, 1899,	2 55	
	<hr/>	\$8,002 42

CR.

Paid Catherine Bagley, State pension,	\$ 36 00	
“ State Treasurer amount received for dog licenses for 1899,	27 00	
“ State tax,	916 56	
“ county tax,	445 67	
“ bounty on one seal,	1 00	
“ E. D. Williams for return of births,	5 00	
Stationary and postage,	1 25	
Paid selectmen's orders,	5,145 29	
“ interest on town orders,	33 33	
“ town notes,	1,000 00	
“ interest on town notes,	86 66	
Cash in the treasury,	240 73	
Non-resident tax deeds of 1888 now on hand,	11 36	
Non-resident tax deeds of 1893 now on hand,	15 79	
Non-resident tax deeds of 1894 now on hand,	4 43	
Non-resident tax deeds of 1895, now on hand,	29 80	
Non-resident tax deeds of 1896, now on hand,	2 55	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,002 42

J. R. RYDER, TREASURER OF ISLESBORO.

Superintendent's Report.

GENTLEMEN :—

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

STATISTICS.

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

LIST OF TEACHERS WITH SALARIES.

SUMMER TERM.

No.	Term.	Salary.	Board.
1. Lettie Ryder,	10 weeks,	\$ 30 00	\$ 22 50
2. Eva M. Ward,	10 “	40 00	30 00
3. Caro M. Parker,	10 “	50 00	30 00
4. Annie M. Maddocks,	10 “	50 00	30 00
4. Lizzie Warren,	10 “	30 00	20 00
5. Lottie Lufkin,	10 “	50 00	30 00
6. Cochie Farrow,	10 “	30 00	25 00
7. A. C. Trim,	6 “	27 00	18 00
7. Lena Rose,	4 “	18 00	12 00

FALL TERM.

No.	Term.	Salary.	Board.
1. Leila Keller,	10 weeks	\$ 30 00	\$ 22 50
2. Lettie Ryder.	10 “	35 00	30 00
3. Lentner Hatch,	10 “	30 00	20 00
4. Annie M. Maddocks,	10 “	50 00	30 00
7. Caro M. Parker,	10 “	50 00	20 00

WINTER TERM.

No.	Term.	Salary.	Board.
2. Eva M. Ward,	12 weeks	\$ 75 00	\$ 36 00
3. Lillian Maddocks,	12 "	93 00	36 00
4. Annie M. Maddocks,	7 "	54 25	21 00
4. A. C. Trim,	5 "	38 75	15 00
5. G. A. Prock,	12 "	100 00	36 00
7. Caro M. Parker,	12 "	93 00	36 00

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

No.	Term.	Salary.	Board.
5. W. P. Clark, Union Hall,	10 weeks	\$ 120 00	\$ 30 00
G. A. Prock,	10 "	133 50	30 00

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	\$ 804 80	
Received from State,	825 19	
Unexpended balance, 1898,	162 81	
	————	\$ 1792 80
Paid for teaching,	\$ 974 00	
“ “ board,	520 00	
“ “ fuel,	100 23	
“ “ transportation of pupils,	100 00	
	————	\$ 1694 23
Unexpended balance,		\$ 98 57

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation,	\$ 150 00	
Received from State,	150 00	
	————	\$ 300 00
Paid W. P. Clark, teaching and board,	\$ 150 00	
“ G. A. Prock, “ “ “	163 50	
	————	\$ 313 50
Amount overdrawn,		\$ 13 50

FUEL ACCOUNT.

A. H. Parker,	\$ 16 50	
E. D. Williams,	9 20	
John W. Pendleton,	5 00	
W. S. Pendleton,	16 03	
E. A. Eames,	53 50	
	————	\$ 100 23

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation,		\$ 150 00
Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	\$ 40. 86	
American Book Co.,	82 92	
Ginn & Co.,	17 40	
	————	\$ 141 18 .
Unexpended balance,		\$ 8 82

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Austin E. Wyman,	\$ 50 00	
Frank Adams,	50 00	
	————	\$ 100 00

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

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

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

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

It is, then, one of the first duties of the school to teach prompt and *complete* obedience to the commands of all persons who have the right to give directions to others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

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

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

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

Very respectfully,

E. D. WILLIAMS, Superintendent.



