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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

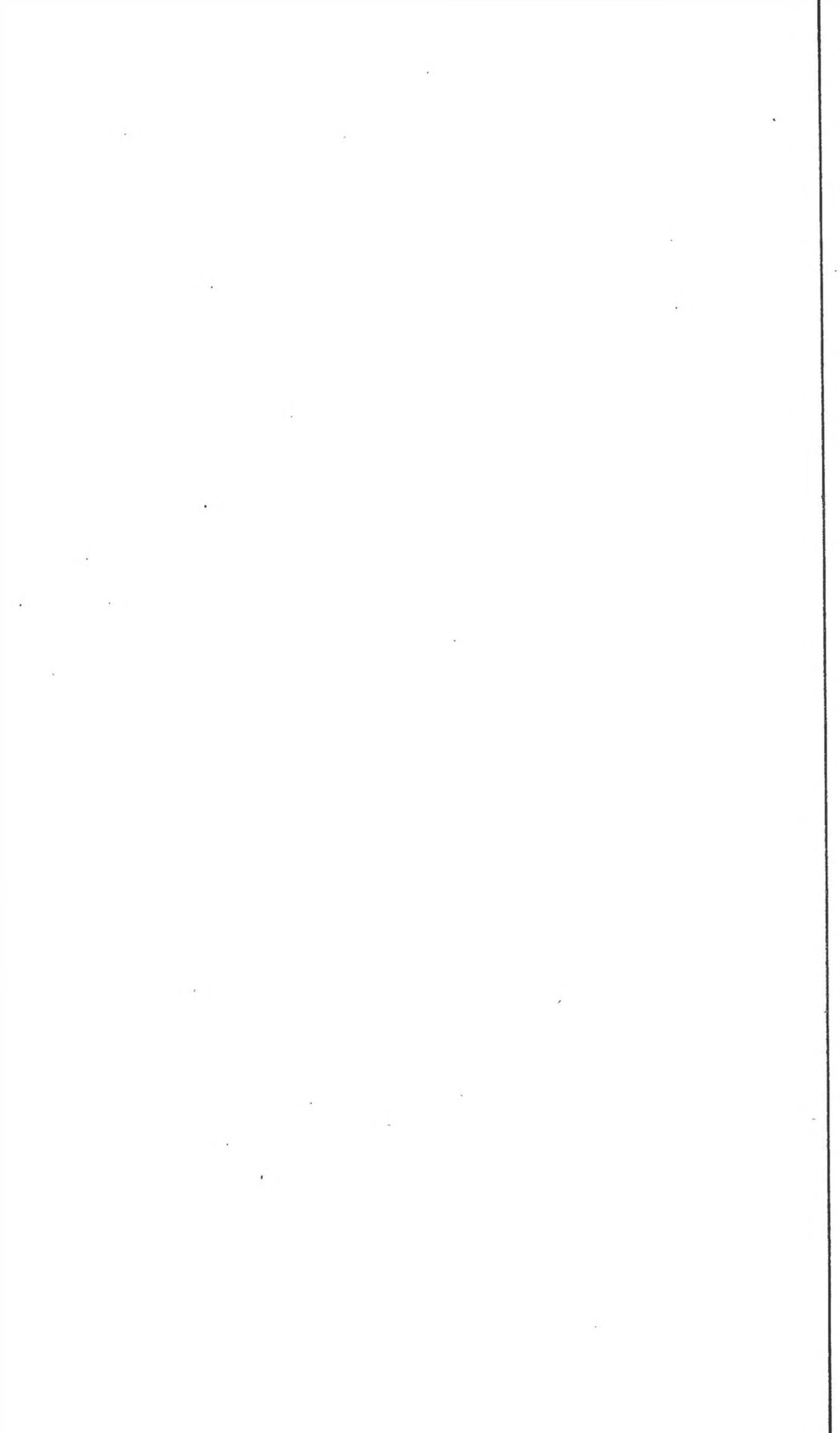
SULLIVAN, MAINE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1908.

ELLSWORTH, MAINE:

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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE
POOR.

W. B. BLAISDELL, S. WILSON, E. C. HANNA,

H. H. HAVEY, Treas., C. W. HAVEY, Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR.

W. C. HAVEY.

ROAD COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 1.

ATWOOD L. BUNKER.

ROAD COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 2.

WILLIAM R. HANNA.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

A. P. HAVEY,

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

B. C. BAKER, S. WILSON, G. M. FARNSWORTH.

TRUANT OFFICER.

G. H. TRACY.

CONSTABLES.

OAKMAN BUNKER, G. M. FARNSWORTH.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

H. H. HAVEY, Town Treasurer,

In account with TOWN OF SULLIVAN.

DR.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1907, \$ 311 74

Received of State of Maine as follows:

school and mill fund,	1,003 35	
burial of soldiers,	105 00	
support of paupers,	911 69	
High school,	293 75	
dog licenses (refunded)	47 28	
State pensions,	204 00	
R. R. tax,	03	
damage to domestic animals,	73 00	
State roads,	255 37	
	\$2,893 47	

Received of 1906 collector,	\$1,589 56	
1906 collector,	58 18	
	\$1,647 74	

Received of 1907 collector, \$7,384 32

of town of Harrington, Sam Colson,	\$ 33 06	
of town of Gouldsboro, schools,	148 09	
of town of Sorrento, schools,	72 00	
of town of Sorrento, A. Havey,	100 00	
for skating rink license,	20 00	
of town clerk, dog licenses,	72 00	
of O. P. Simpson, tax deeds,	56 77	
of Austin Robertson, burying lot,	15 00	
of Mrs, G. Hodgkins, burying lot,	15 00	
of B. C. Baker, stove sold,	1 50	
of Union Trust Co., interest,	22 82	
	\$ 556 24	

\$12,793 51

OR.

Paid State as follows:

State tax,	\$1,016 67	
State pensions,	204 00	
dog licenses,	72 00	
	\$1,292 67	

Paid County tax,	\$ 482 17
Paid selectmen's orders,	8,995 01
Cash in treasury,	2,023 66
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	\$12,793 51

H. H. HAVEY, Treasurer.

Sullivan, Me., March 2, 1908.

STATEMENT OF ASSESSORS.

VALUATION.

Resident, real estate,	\$209,165 00
Resident, personal estate,	70,364 00
Non-resident, real estate,	56,065 00
Non-resident, personal estate,	3,905 00
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Total valuation,	\$339,499 00
Number of polls taxed 332 at \$3.00.	
Number of polls not taxed 22.	
Rate \$18.75 per \$1,000.	

AMOUNT ASSESSED.

State road,	\$ 200 00
Roads and bridges,	1,000 00
Sidewalk,	200 00
Memorial day,	20 00
Support of poor,	400 00
Support of common schools,	1,350 00
Free High school,	250 00
Text books,	250 00
Incidental expenses,	800 00
Repair of school buildings,	200 00
Gravel for roads,	500 00
Outstanding note and interest,	505 00
County tax,	482 17
State tax,	1,016 67
Overlay,	198 76
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	\$7,372 60
Amount assessed on polls,	996 00
Amount assessed on property,	6,376 60
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	\$7,372 60

W. E. BLAISDELL,

S. WILSON,

E. C. HANNA,

Selectmen of Sullivan.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

ATWOOD L. BUNKER, Commissioner, District No. 1. 1907

RESOURCES.

By amount raised by town March, 1907	\$500 00	
By amount raised by town for gravel	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$750 00

EXPENDITURES.

Overdrawn, March 1st., 1907.	\$89 65
Paid Atwood L. Bunker, labor,	16 88
Moses Hawkins, gravel,	1 60
Bradbury Smith, team labor,	6 00
Archie C. Bunker, team labor,	24 00
Bradbury Smith, team labor,	46 00
Alvah Blaisdell, labor,	16 65
Arthur White, labor,	1 80
S. S. Scammon, lumber,	21 60
Rodney Ash, labor,	270
Atwood L. Bunker, labor,	113 89
Fred Orcutt, team labor,	25 54
Andrew Havey, labor,	25 54
Jesse R. White, labor,	60 00
A. G. Gordon,	11 20
Geo. Pettengill, gravel,	8 00
C. M. Moon, labor,	50
Henry Workman, labor and cement,	1 50
V. B. Gordon, gravel,	11 40
M. C. Bunker, labor,	14 85
Crabtree & Havey, drain pipe,	15 51
Fred Urann, labor,	12 60
Benjamin O. Baker, labor,	12 60
Ed Johnson, labor,	36 00
Harvey H. Hooper, labor,	9 90
Barney Watson, labor,	7 20
Harvey Watson, labor,	9 90
Dunbar Bros., gravel,	20 80
H. E. Joy, labor,	6 00
J. M. Blaisdell, team labor,	31 50
James Urann, gravel,	2 20
Roy White, labor.	90

Paid John Bean, team labor,	\$18 00	
H. L. Cleaves, labor,	75	
Robert Able, labor,	1 00	
W B. Blaisdell, labor and gravel,	3 35	
Wm M. McKusick, gravel,	2 50	
Preble & Clark, blacksmith work,	5 30	
George R. Watson, labor,	16 60	
	<hr/>	\$722 81
Unexpended balance, March 1, 1908,		\$27 19

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

ATWOOD L. BUNKER, Commissioner.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town March 1, 1907,	\$200 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Atwood L. Bunker, labor,	\$30 00	
H. N. Watson, labor,	4 50	
Archie Bunker, team,	4 00	
M. C. Bunker, labor,	3 60	
Dunbar Brothers, lumber,	4 80	
S. S. Scammons, lumber,	78 50	
E. W. Johnson, labor,	4 50	
Harvey N. Hooper, labor,	4 50	
J. M. Blaisdell, labor,	2 30	
S. Wilson, labor,	1 25	
Hooper, Havey & Co.,	5 16	
Overdrawn 1907,	27 98	
	<hr/>	\$171 09
Unexpended balance March 1, 1908		28 91

STATE ROAD ACCOUNT.

ATWOOD L. BUNKER, Commissioner.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town, March, 1907,	\$200 00	
Unexpended balance March 1, 1907,	411 82	
Received from State,	255 37	
	<hr/>	\$867 19

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Fred Orcutt, labor with team,	\$ 20 00	
Fred Orcutt, labor with team,	38 00	
John Bean, labor,	27 00	
Fred Urann, labor,	27 90	
B. C. Baker, labor,	56 70	
Ralph Perry, labor,	18 00	
E. G. Preble, gravel,	5 00	
Fred Urann, labor,	29 70	
Jesse White, labor with team,	103 00	
Ed. Johnson, labor,	49 50	
Ambrose Simpson, supplies,	2 54	
Atwood L. Bunker, labor,	67 50	
Clifford White, labor,	17 10	
John Bean, labor,	25 05	
Preble & Clark, blacksmithing,	23 45	
		<u>\$510 44</u>
Unexpended balance March 1, 1908,		<u>\$356 75</u>

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

W. R. HANNA, Commissioner, District No. 2, 1907.

RESOURCES.

By amount raised by town, March 1, 1907,	\$500 00	
raised for gravel,	250 00	
W. R. Martin, tax 1907,	14 16	
		<u>\$764 16</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Overdrawn March, 1907,	\$ 27 25
To Geo. Whalen, labor,	10 00
Edward Johnson, labor,	26 10
F. L. Orcutt, labor,	24 65
Paid Fred Bean, labor,	\$ 9 63
Forest Dunbar, labor,	1 75
E. A. Hanna, labor,	14 95
Dunbar Bros., lumber 1906,	9 81
F. D. Crane, team labor,	14 63
Wm. Robertson, labor,	8 28
Herbert Sinclair, lumber,	2 50

Paid E. G. Preble, gravel,	\$ 9 00	
Eugene Hayey, labor 1906,	6 40	
Eben Bunker, snow bill,	40	
Walter Donnell, snow bill, 1906	40	
Jesse White, snow bill, 1906	1 20	
Oscar Havey, snow bill, 1906	40	
Simon Bunker, snow bill,	40	
G. H. Hanna, team labor and plauk,	21 49	
Fred Patten, labor,	18 93	
Chas. Martin, labor,	6 13	
W. J. Lord, labor and gravel,	9 70	
T. B. Johnson, labor,	88	
J. S. Lord, labor and plank,	16 19	
James West, labor,	1 75	
W. R. Hanna, labor,	155 91	
W. R. Hanna, team and teamster,	105 75	
Maynard Pettee, labor,	10 50	
George Ferrin, labor,	10 03	
Simon Havey, labor,	10 00	
John Ferrin, labor,	14 50	
J. M. Pettee, labor,	5 25	
Noyes Haskell, labor,	7 50	
Noyes Haskell, labor,	11 38	
Harry Hill, labor,	4 15	
A. T. Hill, supplies,	2 05	
F. P. Noyes, lumber,	11 37	
Andrew Havey, team labor,	50 75	
W. B. Estabrook, labor and lumber,	32 35	
H. E. Joy, labor,	14 00	
H. E. Preble, labor,	5 25	
Preble & Clark, blacksmith work,	1 40	
W. R. Martin, labor,	14 16	
Fred Warren, labor,	7 88	
		\$717 00
Unexpended balance, March 1, 1908,		47 16

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

By unexpended balance, March 1, 1906,	\$1,059 82
outstanding note,	505 00

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By Raised by town March 1907,	\$800 00	
overlay, 1907,	198 76	
Received interest from Union Trust Co ,	22 82	
tax col. interest on 1906 and 1907		
taxes,	58 18	
from State on account burrial of		
soldiers,	105 00	
from State on account sheep		
killed by dogs,	73 00	
railroad and telegraph tax,	03	
from State dog licenses refunded,	47 28	
for two cemetery lots,	30 00	
on account tax deeds,	56 77	
for license for skating rink,	20 00	
	\$2,976 66	

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Stan Wilson, services school committee,		
1907,		5 00
R. F. Gerrish, lettering automobile signs,		21 00
Stan Wilson, expenses,		2 00
E. F. Dillingham, town books,		18 40
R. F. Gerrish, stationery,		3 60
Ed. Bragdon, services as moderator, 1907.		3 00
H. D. Gordon, services as truant officer,		
1906,		8 00
burial soldiers,		70 00
J. M. Blaisdell, fencing fanueil hall mine,		1 50
D. E. Phelps, board of health,		5 00
Dunbar Bros., paint and lumber for signs,		2 53
G. M. Farnsworth, shoes for moving jail,		4 00
Interest on outstanding note,		20 00
Outstanding note and interest.		502 83
W. B. Blaisdell, expenses as selectman,		18 52
E. W. Johnson, care of town house,		3 00
J. M. Blaisdell, moving C. E. Hilgrove,		2 00
W. C. Hayey, abatement on K. of P. hall,		
town tax,		22 43
S. Wilson, services as selectman, 1907,		58 14
G. M. Farnsworth, services board of		
health officer.		5 00

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Paid G. M. Farnsworth, fumigating,	\$3 00
G. M. Farnsworth, services S. com., 1907,	5 00
W. C. Havey, abatement water tub,	9 00
S. E. Phelps, fumigating Daly house,	7 00
G. M. Farnsworth, fumigating Daly house,	3 00
A. P. Havey, services as Supt.,	82 50
W. B. Blaisdell, expenses in Crabtree case,	71 43
L. B. Deasy, services to date and expenses,	350 12
G. H. Tracy, truant officer,	6 00
R. A. Black, report of births and deaths,	1 00
W. R. Pattangall, services in Crabtree case,	10 00
C. W. Havey, services as town clerk, 1907,	22 20
Atwood L. Bunker, erecting automobile signs,	3 00
G. M. Farnsworth, fumigating, Ed. Tracy,	7 00
G. M. Farnsworth, fumigating, Miss Hall,	10 00
W. B. Estabrook, fighting fire, 1906,	2 00
E. C. Hanna, services as selectman,	69 68
E. A. Hanna for sheep killed by dogs,	48 00
Oscar Havey for sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
F. A. Patten, housing hearse,	10 00
George L. Ferrin for sheep killed by dogs,	21 00
G. M. Farnsworth, fumigating school property,	10 00
B. C. Baker, ballot clerk, 1906,	2 00
B. C. Baker, school committee, 1907,	10 00
W. C. Havey, abatements, 1906 and 1907,	40 60
W. C. Havey, tax on Ambrose Pettee est., 1906 and 1907,	15 91
W. C. Havey, tax on Everard Greely prop- erty, 1906 and 1907,	17 63
W. C. Havey, tax on Smith Bean est., 1907,	10 06
H. H. Havey, services as town treasurer,	104 10
A. T. Hill, abatement,	1 88
E. C. Hanna, expenses in Crabtree case,	9 30
Witness fees in Crabtree case,	34 32
W. C. Havey, com. on balance of 1906 and whole of 1907 commitment,	278 86
Bradbury Smith, board of tramps and teams for town,	6 50

Paid C. S. Bridgham, reporting births and deaths,	\$ 75	
Hooper, Havey & Co., office rent,	5 00	
Lewis Noonan, labor on signs,	5 00	
S. Wilson, services schools, 1907,	5 00	
W. B. Blaisdell, services as selectman, 1907,	132 50	
H. H. Havey, services town treasurer, 1907,	104 19	
		\$2,210 38
Unexpended balance March 1, 1908,		\$766 28

W. B. BLAISDELL,
S. WILSON,
E. C. HANNA,

Selectmen of Sullivan.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR. TOWN PAUPER ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

By amount raised by town, March 1907,	400 00	
unexpended balance, March 1907,	13 42	
received from Harrington, Sam Colson	33 06	
received Town Sorrento account Amaziah Havey	100 00	
		\$546 48

EXPENDITURES.

To Town Harrington on account Sam Colson	24 19	
furnished Ed Tracy family,	210 99	
board etc., Geo. Hodgkins,	333 52	
board Mrs. Kief,	81 08	
furnished James Crabtree,	19 32	
Town of Franklin account E. W. Tracy,	14 11	
		\$683 21
Overdrawn March 1, 1908,		\$136 73

STATE PAUPER ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Received from State,		912 05
Due from State,	589 36	
Furnished Simon Young,	143 13	
Mrs. F. Foye,	140 30	

Furnished C. E. Hilgrove, James Hayworth.	\$ 61.29 175 56	
		\$1,109 64
Amount due from State, March 1, 1907,		\$197 59

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of male dogs licensed in 1907, 63 at \$1 each,	\$63 00
Number of female dogs licenced in 1907, 3 at \$3 each,	9 00
Total number dogs licenced 66,	\$72 00
Cash paid to Treasurer, H. H. Hayey for year 1907,	\$72 00
Number of male dogs licensed in 1907, 54; females, 4; total, 58.	

VITAL STATISTICS.

Number of births recorded in 1907, 24; males, 13; females, 11; living, 22; still born, 2. Number of births recorded in 1906, 23. Number of marriages recorded in 1907, 14; in 1906, 13. Number of deaths recorded in 1907, 16; in 1906, 17. Deaths in 1907, of infants less than one year old, 4; between five and ten years of age, 1; between twenty and thirty, 5; between thirty and forty, 1; between sixty and seventy, 3; between seventy and eighty, 2. Total 16.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Pneumonia, 1; Convulsions, 1; Angina Pectoris, 1; Acute nephritis, 1; Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 4; Premature birth, 3; Vesical Calculus and chronic cystitis, 1; Endocarditis, 1; Phthisis, 1; Acute Gastritis, 1; Supposed Accident, 1.

C. W. HAVEY, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

SULLIVAN, MAINE, MARCH, 1908.

To the Citizens of the Town of Sullivan:

I have the honor to submit to you my second annual report of the condition of the schools in the town of Sullivan. I shall endeavor in this report to give to the citizens of Sullivan a series of facts, indicating as nearly as possible just what the schools of Sullivan are, what they are doing, and offer a few suggestions relative to their future advancement and benefit.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

B. C. Baker, term expires 1908.

S. Wilson, term expires 1909.

G. M. Farnsworth, term expires 1910.

B. C. Baker, chairman.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

A. P. Havey.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

George H. Tracy, North Sullivan.

B. C. Baker, East Sullivan.

Before I make any comment on the work of the teachers, I desire to refer briefly to the length of the terms in the various districts. Owing to the prevalence of a contagious epidemic in the northern part of the town, the school year in that particular district has been considerably broken up. But it seems now that this epidemic is completely under control, and indications point to a commencement of the spring term at the customary time. Parents are assured that schools will not commence until every element of danger of contagion has been obliterated, hence they need entertain no fears whatever. The school-houses in the vicinity of infection have been thoroughly fumigated under the direction of the Board of Health, and we have their assurance that no fears need be entertained.

As regards the character of the work of the various teachers, I can say that so far as my personal observation is concerned, I have found good work being done in every school in town. Of course we all recognize the fact that it is practically impossible for any teacher to satisfy every parent. If we had a teacher that satisfied every father and mother, I should feel that a thorough investigation of that particular school was in order. Generally, parents listen to words of approbation or complaint from their child or children, and those words are final with the big majority of fathers and mothers. So I say that occasionally we hear mutterings of disapproval about this or that teacher, but as a general rule they are only of a temporary, passing nature, and present no serious difficulties. I am glad to say that the teachers in our schools have done efficient, faithful work to the satisfaction of all concerned. I also am pleased to announce that they manifested considerable interest in the county convention of teachers, and undoubtedly those who attended profited thereby. These conventions are becoming such a common element in the great system of education throughout the State, that I believe it is incumbent on the school committee to impress upon every teacher in town, not only the advisability of attending them, but also the necessity of doing so.

School teachers should bear in mind and continually keep before them the fact that the day has passed when the successful teacher can accomplish her work in a day of six hours. More often now we find the most successful teachers laboring with and for her pupils eight, and often more hours a day. Don't be afraid to earn your wages! You will eventually come to the realization that your services are appreciated. Manifest a moderate interest and your success will be moderate. Give the pupils and the town the best you have, and the best citizens will not only take notice of your good work but will openly approve it.

ENROLLMENT.

The number of persons of school age, five to twenty-one years, in Sullivan, according to the school census taken a year ago, is three hundred thirty-two, a slight increase over the preceding year. Although the total enrollment for the year

compares very favorably with that of former years, yet it has not been what it should have. It is a difficult proposition for any truant officer, clothed with the power of law as he may be, to trace truants and get them to the schoolhouse, if parents persist in upholding them in their misdemeanor, and even influence them to stay away from school under the cloak that "they are needed at home." No time in the history of our country has found an education more imperative than the present, and parents should remember this well. The schools of Sullivan are prepared to teach and train every boy and girl of Sullivan in a way that will prove satisfactory to them in future years. If not physically or mentally incapacitated, the place for children between the ages of five and twenty-one years is in the school-room, either in that of the town or some more advanced institution of learning. The day has forever departed when men and women can be generally successful without an educational training. Not that every man or woman must be a close student of Caesar or Homer, or be able to speak French, German and Italian as fluently as their own language, but that they should be close students of national affairs and matters pertaining to business in general. It is rare indeed that a person is found who acquires these requisites of a general education in the solitude of his own room; there are we admit instances of a self-acquired education, but these instances make up a very small exception to the general rule. It is therefore an urgent duty of fathers and mothers to see to it that their children are provided with the means of coping satisfactorily with other children, and they should not wait for the hand of the law to be placed on their shoulder and oblige them to perform a part of that duty.

THE COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study which was adopted and introduced in the fall of 1906 has been in use long enough to enable teachers, citizens and the school committee to detect its weak points. I recommend that there be a conference of the teachers and those citizens who are interested in this department of our school work, some time in the near future, and talk over its weaknesses and make such suggestions to the school committee as to its revision as may be deemed expedient. While this is primarily a matter for the committee to determine itself, yet

we should bear in mind that school affairs are matters of concern to every citizen of the town, and best results will accrue by intelligent investigation, criticism and discussion by citizens and parents in conjunction with the committee. We don't mean to intimate that every freak idea and suggestion that may be propounded will be incorporated into our school system, but rather we appeal to those citizens, and there are many of them who are amply qualified to make a suggestion, men and women who would not work from a selfish or vindictive motive, but who have the interests of our schools at heart.

REPAIRS.

Only the usual repairs have been made this year, such a school buildings require from year to year. At East Sullian, work on the Bridgham Hill schoolhouse has been nearly completed. A few changes are needed to make the upper part of the building as comfortable for the children as the other school-rooms of town are. It is extremely gratifying to note the progress scholars of this school have made since the remodeling of the building. We feel that the town will be amply repaid for the money expended in this project by the more satisfactory work that teachers and scholars alike can do.

TEXT BOOKS.

The only important change made in text books during the past year has been the introduction of a four book course in history. Many of the old histories were in good condition and these have been used in connection with the new ones, thus affording for the scholars an opportunity of acquiring a broader knowledge of American History. New grammars have been introduced into those schools where the "Steps in English," the books formerly used, were impracticable. It is needless to say that with these changes the books are in a first-class condition, but as the life of a book is a short one, and as books should be at all times cleanly, it is necessary to make more or less changes each year. Outside of a suggestion that I shall make a little later in my report, I know of no important changes that should be made during the year of 1908, and think the usual appropriation of \$200 will be sufficient to meet the demands.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Since our last report our High school has accomplished work that should be highly satisfactory to you. It is very unfortunate that we were obliged to close the school for this winter term, but we expect the good work accomplished last spring and fall to be taken up again this spring with added zeal and interest. The handicap we are laboring under is lack of room. It is indeed difficult to get satisfactory results from any one-room high school, but when that one room is taxed to its utmost capacity it is even more difficult. Considering the cramped, congested condition of the present quarters, our principal, Mr. A. J. Whitney, did fine work last fall, and we are fortunate to have secured him for the present year. Your superintendent is at a loss to know what to suggest to remedy this congested condition, but thinks it is a matter that should be thoroughly understood by the citizens of Sullivan and discussed by them at the coming annual meeting. In order that every one interested may acquaint himself with the situation, I will briefly give some facts in regard to the present quarters.

The whole number of pupils registered during the last fall term was 41. Of this number 5 will be graduated at the end of school year for the High school, leaving 36 to pursue their studies who are in the High school at present. When the school year for the common schools shall have been completed, there will be at least fifteen more eligible for advanced work; and in addition to these fifteen there are several who contemplate entering High school this spring, who have completed grammar school work in the past but have never taken advantage of their eligibility for High school work. Now the question is what is going to be done with these new scholars if the present capacity of the school room at Sullivan is already taxed to nearly its limit. The registration of last winter, 1907, was in excess of that of the fall term. There are at present six attending from Sorrento. This is a matter distinctly for the town to settle and we think some action is necessary. The interest of the scholars in their work is attested by the fact that the average attendance last fall was 38.

The present arrangements for seats and desks is settled

and long, wide tables. Possibly some of the present congestion could be obviated by the use of narrower tables.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The school committee have had under consideration the advisability of the introduction of a course in drawing into the schools of the town. Having considered the matter carefully they decided that it was advisable and authorized me to announce that fact to you, the citizens of Sullivan, in order that every one might be given an opportunity to familiarize himself or herself, as the case may be, with the contemplated improvement and be given an opportunity to register any objection he or she may have before the step is actually taken.

In the first place it is desired to impress upon your minds that the idea of introducing a course of drawing into the school is not radical. Practically no change, if any at all, will be undergone by the other long-established branches of education. They will be just as thoroughly taught as in the past; the scholars who shall be graduated from the grammar school in the future, will be just as proficient in reading, spelling, geography, arithmetic, etc., as those who were graduated last spring. The graduates in the future will have at their disposal another means of expression, that will be the only noticeable difference in their education, and we believe that this new acquirement will prove to be a valuable asset. Without doubt there are boys and girls in Sullivan that have a natural gift in the way of drawing, drafting and expressing themselves by means of the pen, pencil or brush, but if no opportunity is ever given them for using that talent, it will remain undeveloped and never be of any value to them. We do not wish to convey the impression that in the schools of Sullivan in the future there will be developed a Michael Angelo—although that isn't impossible—but we simply mean to convey the idea that if there are boys and girls in Sullivan who have a natural gift and talent for drawing of any kind, the rudimentary course that will be introduced into the schools, will bring that talent out and establish a ground work or foundation for future development. Drawing is said to be a universal language. It is, as we said above, a means of expression. It is an art that is much more easily learned and taught than is usually

supposed, this is the case at least in its rudimentary forms. It is not presumed that the course we are thinking of introducing will assume the finished aspect of the common school studies at the start. It will take, on the other hand, according to our plan, about three years for the course to be a thoroughly established one.

Scholars in the ninth grade at the beginning can do no different work than those in the fourth grade, for example. They must all commence at the bottom and work up. We believe an elementary course can be introduced in the first place in the lower grades, and then as the scholars develop and grasp their new subject, they can be advanced to the more difficult part of it. In this way the course will be worked into all the schools of the town, and finally become a permanent part of our school system. Most certainly we do not expect to have an art or drawing school established, but if the principles that the children learn and the ideas that they get, serve to develop in them ever so small an appreciation of those things that are beautiful and of beauty in general, we shall be greatly pleased and shall feel that our efforts have been successful. The best place to inculcate the love of things beautiful is undoubtedly in the school-room. The most lasting impressions are there made, and the most effective lessons there learned and as an inevitable consequence those impressions and those lessons are carried to the homes of the children. Furthermore than this children should gain or acquire by their own exertions and by actual experience, the power of observation and accuracy in copying, thereby learning what the elements of beauty are, and more important still, learning "to love beauty itself."

The point will perchance be raised by many that all the teachers will not be able to instruct scholars in this class of work. We will answer that point by saying that the teacher who cannot teach this branch of modern education is not suitable or fit for a position as teacher in any school of Sullivan. Every teacher will be provided with a handbook furnishing direct instruction as to the manner in which the different lessons should be taught, and containing knowledge and information for the teacher that will enable him to teach the subject intelligently and at the same time become proficient

himself. Any teacher with this hand-book, therefore, and an ordinary amount of common sense can intelligently teach rudimentary drawing.

We trust the citizens of Sullivan will approve our idea. It means but little extra expense, not over \$25. and we believe eventually it will be productive of good results. This town should keep abreast of the times in its schools and this step places them so much nearer the front. We do not intend to introduce this course without the approval of the town. Consequently, if any citizen entertains any doubt as to the wisdom of the proposed improvement, kindly advise the school committee by letter, setting forth your objections. An expression of approval by any citizen will be appreciated.

FINANCES.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the various departments of the schools of Sullivan.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	\$1,350 00	
received from State,	1,003 35	
received from Gouldsboro,	103 54	
	<hr/>	\$2,456 89

EXPENDITURES.

Overdrawn March, 1907,	\$ 43 47	
Paid for teaching and board,	2,078 45	
wood and manufacturing,	152 75	
janitor service,	117 25	
	<hr/>	\$2,391 92
Balance unexpended,		\$64 97

REPAIR ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	\$200 00	
due from District hall,	8 29	
received from Gouldsboro,	18 67	
	<hr/>	\$226 96

EXPENDITURES.

Overdrawn March, 1907,	\$54 33	
Amount expended in 1907,	166 12	
	<hr/>	\$220 45
Unexpended March, 1908,		<hr/> \$6 51

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	\$250 00	
received from Gouldsboro,	10 88	
due from Sorrento,	1 36	
	<hr/>	\$262 24

EXPENDITURES.

Overdrawn March, 1907,	\$19 59	
Amount expended 1907,	225 65	
	<hr/>	\$245 25
Unexpended March, 1908,		<hr/> \$16 99

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RESOURCES.

Amount raised by town,	\$250 00	
unexpended March 1, 1907,	117 43	
received from State,	293 75	
received for tuition,	87 00	
	<hr/>	\$748 18

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching and board,	\$376 15	
for janitor service,	14 75	
wood,	19 50	
for teaching winter, 1908,	11 25	
hall rent for High school,	26 00	
for manufacturing wood,	3 65	
	<hr/>	\$451 30
Unexpended March, 1908,		<hr/> \$296 88

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

TEACHERS	TERMS	NAME OF SCHOOL.	WAGES PER WK.	REPAIRS	FUEL	JANITORS	NUMBER WEEKS OF SCHOOL.
C. W. Havey,	2	West Sullivan Grammar.	\$12 50				21 wks. 4 days
Nina Davis,	2	West Sulliyen Primary,	10 00	\$22 85	\$86 00	\$30 00	21 wks. 4 days
Lottie Davis, }	1	West Sullivan Intermediate	9 00				21 wks. 4 days
Maud Oolby, }	1						
Ida Bennis,	2	Sullivan Harbor,	9 00	17 67 H. S		18 75	26 weeks
Flora Goodwin,	1	Sullivan Harbor,	9 00	42 03			26 weeks
Mrs. B. C. Baker,	3	Sullivan Centre,	7 50	no repairs	22 75	10 90	29 weeks
Harry Patten,	3	Bridgham Hill Grammar,	10 00				
Eva Orcutt, }	2	Bridgham Hill Primary,	7 50	57 02	21 25	33 00	29 weeks
Georgia Urann, }	1						
Eya Orcutt,	1						
Georgia Urann,	1	Ashe Dist. School,	7 50	24 55	11 00	12 10	28 weeks
Josie Urann,	1						
Richard Emery, 8 wks.		Tunk Pond School.	7 50	2 00	11 75	12 50	29 weeks
Edna Havey, 21 wks.							
Totals,			\$80 50	\$166 12	\$152 75	\$117 25	206 wks. 2 days

HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

PRINCIPAL	TERMS.	WAGES.	REPAIRS.	FUEL.	JANITOR S.	AMOUNT PAID.
Joseph H. Doyle,	1	\$75 per month	\$39 27	\$23 15	\$14 75	\$188 65
A. J. Whitney,	1					187 50
A. J. Whitney,	3 days					11 25

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

332	Number of Children in town between 5 and 21.
198	Number registered in Spring terms.
181	Number registered in fall terms.
175 est.	Number registered in winter terms.
174	Average number in spring terms.
160	Average number in fall terms.
152 est.	Average number in winter terms.
.43	Percentage of average attendance.
204	Number of different pupils registered.
\$8 94	Average wages of teachers per week.
\$573 00	Excess of amount of money voted in 1907, above amount required by law.
\$4 08	Amount raised per scholar.
.0039	Percentage of valuation assessed in 1907 for common schools.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1907.

35	Number of scholars registered.
31	Average attendance.
19	Number of boys enrolled.
16	Number of girls enrolled,
35	Number studying higher mathe- matics.
13	Number studying modern languages.
35	Number studying ancient languages.
\$563 00	Whole amount expended.
\$200 00	Amount from State Treasury.
30	Whole number of weeks.
4	Number of non-resident pupils.
\$16 08	Average cost per pupil for main- taining H. S.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. HAVEY, SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

ASSETS.

Amount due from State on account paupers,	\$197 59	
due from town Franklin, account E.		
W. Tracy,	14 11	
Tax deeds estimated,	115 00	
Town property estimated,	200 00	
Town cemetery lot,	100 00	
due from Harrington, pauper acct.,	6 13	
due for fumigation,	30 00	
due for cemetery lots,	30 00	
Balance in treasury March 1, 1908,	2,023 66	
	<hr/>	\$2,716 49

LIABILITIES.

Town orders unrepresented (est.)	\$142 27	
Due Jonesport on Crabtree case,	994 00	
Stonington supplies (estimated),	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,208 27
Balance in favor town, March 1, 1908,		\$1,508 22

EXPENSES OF CRABTREE CASE.

Paid L. B. Deasy, services and expenses,	\$350 12	
W. B. Blaisdell, expenses,	71 43	
Due town of Jonesport, estimated,	994 00	
Stonington, supplies,	72 00	
Town of Sullivan paid witnesses,	34 32	
Paid E. C. Hanna, expenses,	9 35	
W. R. Pattangall,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,561 22

COPY OF WARRANT.

STATE OF MAINE.

HANCOCK, SS.

To S. A. Haney, a citizen of the Town of Sullivan.

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sullivan, qualified by law to vote on town affairs, to meet at the town house in said Sullivan on the ninth day of March, A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting .
2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To hear report of the selectmen.
4. To choose three or more selectmen.
5. To choose three or more assessors.
6. To choose three or more overseers of poor.
7. To choose a town treasurer.
8. To choose a road commissioner or commissioners for the term one, two or three years.
9. To see if the town will vote yes or no upon the adoption of the provision of chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907 relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State aid for highways for the year 1908.
10. To see if the town will raise, appropriate and set apart for permanent improvement of the Maine highways within the town, such sum of money as is contemplated and directed by section 5 of chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907 being the sum of \$56.00
11. To see how much money the town will raise for repair of roads and bridges.
12. To see how much money the town will raise for repairs of sidewalks.
13. To see how much money the town will raise for Memorial services.
14. To see what action the town will take relative to the collection of taxes.
15. To choose a collector of taxes.
16. To choose a member or members of superintending school committee.

17. To choose three or more fence viewers.
18. To choose all other necessary town officers.
19. To see how much money the town will raise for support of the poor.
20. To see how much money the town will raise for support of common schools.
21. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of free high schools.
22. To see how much money the town will raise for free text books.
23. To see how much money the town will raise for repairs of school buildings.
24. To see how much money the town will raise for incidental expenses.
25. To see if the town will allow W. R. Martin to work out his tax on road leading from Carlton Ash house to said Martin's, work to be done under the direction of the road commissioner.
26. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be expended on road leading from C. H. Preble's blacksmith shop to the town line via. Albert Gray's.
27. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be expended for graveling the roads, same to be put on the roads as soon in the spring as possible.
28. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to have the jail remodeled so as to be suitable for housing the hearse.
29. To see what action the town will take in relation to the James Crabtree case.
30. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of February, A. D., 1908.

W. B. BLAISDELL,
S. WILSON,
E. C. HANNA,

Selectmen of Sullivan.

A true copy.

Attest:—SIDNEY HANEY, A citizen of Sullivan.

