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# Seventeenth Annual Report

OF THE  
**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

OF THE  
**TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS,**

AND THE REPORT OF THE

Superintendent of Schools,

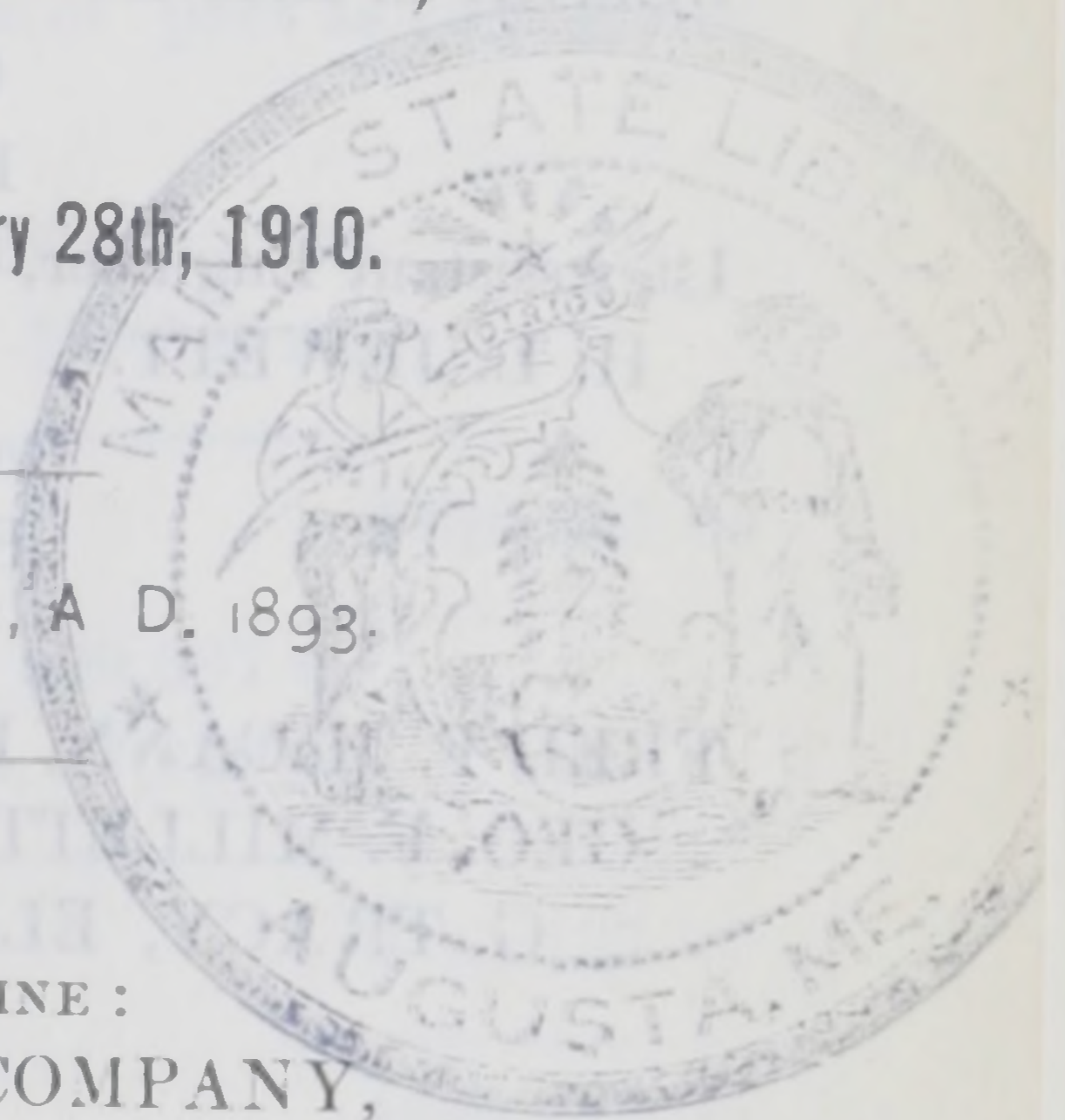
For the Fiscal Year Ending February 28th, 1910.

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1910.



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# TOWN OFFICERS.

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Clerk and Treasurer.

C. M. HUTCHINS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,

FRANK A. MILLETT, FRED H. WATERHOUSE,  
ERNEST F. SMITH.

Collector,

FRED F. McCANN,

Superintendent of Schools,

J. M. LIBBY.

School Committee,

J. W. WAYNE, A. H. BRIGGS, E. C. RAWSON.

Trustees Public Library,

C. B. RANKIN, J. M. LIBBY, W. E. HANSCOM.

Librarian,

KATE L. DENISON.

Board of Health,

C. B. RANKIN, A. V. HATHAWAY, LEROY SPILLER,

Auditor,

ELMER Z. LANE.

Town Physician

GUY H. HUTCHINS, M. D.

Chief Engineer,

E. E. JORDAN.

1st Assistant Engineer,

H. L. JEWETT.

2d Assistant Engineer.

E. C. RAWSON.

Road Commissioner,

E. A. FAUNCE.

Constables.

FRED F. McCANN, FRED J. FARRIS, DANA M. RAND,

GEO. F. MILLETT, J. ALTON CROOKER, LYMAN

G. TRACY, ELMER A. FAUNCE, F. EDWIN

DWINAL.

Truant Officers,

H. N. WHITTLE, FRANCIS MAINS.



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# Report of Selectmen.

*To the inhabitants of the town of Mechanic Falls :*

In compliance with Section 41, Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes of our state, we herewith submit a detailed statement of all the financial transactions during the municipal year ending Feb. 28, A. D. 1910, with a statement in detail of the indebtedness and resources of the town.

## Assessors' Report.

Valuation of property and number of polls as enumerated April 1st, 1909.

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Real estate, resident owners,           | \$416,900 00 |
| Real estate, non-resident owners,       | 318,535 00   |
|   | <hr/>        |
| Total value, real estate,               | \$735,435 00 |
| Personal property, resident owners,     | \$69,587 00  |
| Personal property, non-resident owners, | 17,820 00    |
|   | <hr/>        |
| Total personal estate,                  | \$ 87,407 00 |
|   | <hr/>        |
| Total real and personal estate,         | \$822,842 00 |



Rate of taxation, .023.

Poll tax, \$3.00.

Number of polls taxed, 402.

Number of polls not taxed, 92.

## Assessments.

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| For state tax,                    | \$2,512 43 |
| County tax,                       | 1,029 94   |
| Common schools,                   | 1,500 00   |
| Free high school,                 | 850 00     |
| Highways and bridges,             | 2,100 00   |
| Support of poor,                  | 1,500 00   |
| Officers' salaries,               | 550 00     |
| Sinking fund,                     | 700 00     |
| Payment of interest,              | 600 00     |
| Observance of Memorial Day,       | 50 00      |
| Lighting streets,                 | 1,650 00   |
| Hydrant rental,                   | 1,680 00   |
| Fire department,                  | 600 00     |
| Public library,                   | 200 00     |
| Abatements and commissions,       | 700 00     |
| Text books,                       | 150 00     |
| Apparatus and furnishings,        | 200 00     |
| Repair of school houses,          | 400 00     |
| Graduating exercises high school, | 25 00      |
| School incidentals,               | 45 00      |
| State road,                       | 139 00     |
| Brown tail moths,                 | 75 00      |
| Building Pigeon Hill road,        | 1,000 00   |
| Contingent,                       | 1,000 00   |
| Re-valuation commission,          | 50 00      |
| Deficiency high school account,   | 75 38      |



|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Deficiency school house repairs,                   | 301 45      |
| Deficiency school incidentals,                     | 46 93       |
| Deficiency snow roller,                            | 30 00       |
| Deficiency abatements and commissions,             | 235 94      |
| Overlay,   | 86 23       |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$20,082 31 |
| Supplementary assessment,                          | 23 50       |
|  | <hr/>       |
| Amount committed to Fred F. McCann for collection, | \$20,105 81 |

ASSESSORS REPORT AS MADE TO STATE AS-  
SESSORS,

| Live Stock.           | No. | Av. Value | Total Value. |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------|--------------|
| Horses and mules,     | 208 | \$73 60   | \$15,310 00  |
| Colts, three to four, | 9   | 65 42     | 590 00       |
| Colts, two to three,  | 7   | 70 70     | 495 00       |
| Colts, under two,     | 6   | 32 50     | 195 00       |
| Cows,                 | 174 | 23 00     | 4,009 00     |
| Oxen,                 | 8   | 56 25     | 450 00       |
| Three-year-olds,      | 30  | 20 13     | 604 00       |
| Two-year-olds,        | 43  | 14 10     | 606 00       |
| One-year-olds,        | 61  | 8 57      | 523 00       |
| Sheep,                | 33  | 2 94      | 97 00        |
| Swine,                | 38  | 8 24      | 313 00       |
|                       |     |           | <hr/>        |
| Total,                |     |           | \$23,192 00  |

Personal property, other kinds:

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Bank stock,        | \$ 650 00 |
| Money at interest, | 1,100 00  |
| Stock in trade,    | 29,505 00 |
| Logs and lumber,   | 12,250 00 |



|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Wood and bark,                             | 1,075 00    |
| Carriages, (26)                            | 995 00      |
| Automobiles (2)                            | 700 00      |
| Musical instruments, (60)                  | 7,140 00    |
| Finished product in mills,                 | 6,000 00    |
| Materials in stock,                        | 2,000 00    |
| Machinery,                                 | 2,800 00    |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$64,215 00 |
|  | <hr/>       |
| Total personal property,                   | \$87,407 00 |
| <br>                                       |             |
| Railroad property,                         | \$10,350 00 |
| Water Company,                             | 900 00      |
| Electric Light Company,                    | 15,000 00   |
| Paper Mills,                               | 180,000 00  |
| Town property other than school buildings, | 5,300 00    |
| Net Town Debt, Feb. 28, 1909,              | 4,103 37    |

## Building Pigeon Hill Road.

|                                |     |            |
|--------------------------------|-----|------------|
|                                | Dr  |            |
| Appropriation,                 |     | \$1,000 00 |
|                                | Cr. |            |
| Labor and material,            |     | \$974 02   |
| Carried to state road account, |     | 14 65      |
| Carried to highway account,    |     | 11 33      |
|                                |     | <hr/>      |
|                                |     | \$1,000 00 |

### ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| J. G. Tyler, land damage, | \$275 00 |
| E. A. Faunce, labor,      | 78 00    |



|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| L. E. Faunce, man and team,        | 160 00     |
| Preston Dudley, man and team,      | 88 00      |
| C. F. Campbell, labor,             | 55 50      |
| W. W. Tilton, labor,               | 42 75      |
| E. H. Purington, labor,            | 14 25      |
| C. O. Russell, labor,              | 78 00      |
| Francis Mains, labor,              | 24 00      |
| Arthur Holt, labor,                | 9 00       |
| E. E. Faunce, labor,               | 3 00       |
| P. B. Faunce, labor,               | 1 50       |
| H. Benson, labor,                  | 3 00       |
| E. D. Dudley, labor,               | 4 00       |
| Berger Manufacturing Co., culvert, | 69 00      |
| Hawkes & Whitney,                  | 9 40       |
| J. W. Storey, repairs,             | 15 45      |
| Geo. B. Bearce & Son, posts,       | 8 40       |
| A. J. Weston, lumber,              | 12 59      |
| F. A. Millett, team,               | 75         |
| A. W. Bridge, dynamite,            | 17 70      |
| Maine Central Railroad,            | 4 73       |
| Carried to state road account,     | 14 65      |
| Carried to highway account,        | 11 33      |
|                                    | <hr/>      |
|                                    | \$1,000 00 |

## State Road.

Dr.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| To appropriation,         | \$139 00 |
| From highway account,     | 278 00   |
| State,                    | 417 00   |
| Pigeon Hill road account, | 14 65    |
|                           | <hr/>    |
|                           | \$848 65 |



Cr.

By labor and material, \$848 65

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Berger Manufacturing Co., culverts, | \$ 75 00 |
| C. B. Cummings & Son, cement,       | 4 40     |
| W. W. Tilton, labor,                | 27 75    |
| Arthur Holt, labor,                 | 57 00    |
| C. F. Campbell, labor,              | 61 50    |
| C. O. Russell, labor,               | 44 00    |
| B. R. Strout, labor,                | 44 25    |
| Ernest Holt, labor,                 | 21 00    |
| G. A. McCaul, labor,                | 21 00    |
| W. C. Bray, labor,                  | 20 25    |
| H. S. Boyer, labor,                 | 2 50     |
| J. W. Story, labor,                 | 1 00     |
| E. A. Faunce, labor,                | 89 00    |
| L. E. Faunce, man and team,         | 174 00   |
| Preston Dudley, man and team,       | 134 00   |
| D. F. Bray,                         | 72 00    |
|                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                     | \$848 65 |

## Sinking Fund.

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance in fund, Feb. 28, 1909,  | \$3,226 90 |
| Added, appropriation,            | \$700 00   |
| Added, interest on deposit,      | 64 53      |
|                                  | <hr/>      |
|                                  | \$764 53   |
|                                  | <hr/>      |
| Balance in fund Feb. 28th, 1910, | \$3,991 43 |



## Memorial Day.

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| To appropriation,        | \$50 00 |
| By paid Geo. W. Robbins, | 50 00   |

## Street Lights.

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| To appropriation,    | \$1,650 00 |
| To deficiency, 1908, | 4 94       |
|                      | <hr/>      |
|                      | \$1,654 94 |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| By deficiency, 1909,                       | \$ 4 94    |
| By paid Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co., | 1,650 00   |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$1,654 94 |

## High School Graduation.

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| To appropriation,       | \$25 00 |
| By paid Vera B. Briggs, | 25 00   |

## Hydrant Rental.

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| To appropriation,                 | \$1,680 00 |
| By paid Mechanic Falls Water Co., | 1,680 00   |

## State and County Tax.

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| To tax assessed, state, | \$2,512 43 |
| “ “ “ County,           | 1,029 94   |
|                         | <hr/>      |
|                         | \$3,542 37 |



|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| By paid, state treasurer,  | \$2,512 43 |
| By paid, county treasurer, | 1,029 94   |
|                            | <hr/>      |
|                            | \$3,542 37 |

## High School.

Dr.

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| To appropriation,                  | \$850 00   |
| Appropriation for deficiency 1909, | 75 38      |
| From state,                        | 375 00     |
| Error,                             | 90         |
| Deficiency,                        | 92 85      |
|                                    | <hr/>      |
|                                    | \$1,394 13 |

Cr.

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Paid Burton H. Whitman, teaching, | 777 73     |
| Ethel Bradford, teaching,         | 416 00     |
| Deficiency, 1909,                 | 200 40     |
|                                   | <hr/>      |
|                                   | \$1,394 13 |

## Common Schools.

Dr.

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Surplus, 1909, | \$ 788 89  |
| Appropriation, | 1,500 00   |
| From state,    | 1,649 67   |
| Tuitions,      | 45 00      |
|                | <hr/>      |
|                | \$3,983 56 |



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|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| By teaching,        | \$2,056 40 |
| Transportation,     | 666 50     |
| Janitors,           | 360 00     |
| Fuel,               | 291 25     |
|                     | <hr/>      |
| Total expenditures, | \$3,374 15 |
| Surplus,            | 609 41     |
|                     | <hr/>      |
|                     | \$3,983 56 |

#### ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Edith G. Cross, teaching,          | \$396 00   |
| Lola D. Smith, teaching,           | 396 00     |
| Ethel Howe, teaching,              | 324 00     |
| Evis H. Bridge, teaching,          | 306 00     |
| Sadie Bray, teaching,              | 324 00     |
| Inez Martin, teaching,             | 274 40     |
| Auvie G. Jordan, teaching,         | 36 00      |
| D. F. Bray, transportation,        | 152 00     |
| Jordan & Saunders, transportation, | 252 00     |
| S. N. Haskell, transportation,     | 150 00     |
| W. E. Morton, transportation,      | 112 50     |
| Francis Mains, janitor,            | 180 00     |
| H. N. Whittle, janitor,            | 180 00     |
| H. N. Whittle, fuel,               | 5 00       |
| Francis Mains, fuel,               | 6 25       |
| A. J. Weston, fuel,                | 280 00     |
|                                    | <hr/>      |
|                                    | \$3,374 15 |



# School Furnishings.

Dr.

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| To Balance,    | \$ 69 65 |
| Appropriation, | 200 00   |
|                | <hr/>    |
|                | \$269 65 |

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| By paid Poland Paper Co.,          | \$ 9 50  |
| Merrill & Denning,                 | 119 14   |
| Ledger Publishing Co.,             | 5 00     |
| W. W. Rice & Co.,                  | 3 75     |
| Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co., | 4 62     |
| E. C. Rawson,                      | 1 50     |
| W. G. Pulsifer,                    | 10 35    |
| F. I. Dwinal,                      | 13       |
| Amount unexpended,                 | 115 66   |
|                                    | <hr/>    |
|                                    | \$269 65 |

# School House Repairs.

Dr.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| To appropriation,             | \$400 00 |
| Appropriation for deficiency, | 301 46   |
| Overpaid bill,                | 38       |
|                               | <hr/>    |
|                               | \$701 84 |

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|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| By paid deficiency,      | \$301 46 |
| J. W. Penney & Sons Co., | 73 21    |



|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Mechanic Falls Water Co., | 5 83     |
| E. E. Faunce,             | 50       |
| G. F. Millett,            | 2 00     |
| J. W. Fessenden,          | 33 13    |
| Poland Paper Co.,         | 1 00     |
| H. N. Whittle,            | 15 85    |
| E. C. Rawson,             | 60       |
| Hawkes & Whitney,         | 34 16    |
| C. W. Austin,             | 2 65     |
| A. J. Weston,             | 2 96     |
| E. Z. Lane,               | 1 25     |
| Unexpended,               | 227 24   |
|                           | <hr/>    |
|                           | \$701 84 |

## Text Books.

Dr.

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| To balance,    | \$ 58 35 |
| Appropriation, | 150 00   |
| Overdrawn,     | 79 29    |
|                | <hr/>    |
|                | \$287 64 |

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| By paid Silver Burdett & Co., | \$ 26 76 |
| Charles E. Merritt & Co.,     | 7 04     |
| American Book Co.,            | 110 46   |
| Educational Publishing Co.,   | 1 69     |
| Edward E. Babb & Co.,         | 7 20     |
| Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,      | 11 22    |
| D. C. Heath & Co.,            | 35 38    |
| Ginn & Co.,                   | 64 49    |



|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| D. Appleton & Co., | 22 00 |
| White & Westall,   | 1 40  |

—————  
\$287 64

## School Incidentals.

Dr.

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| To appropriation,                   | \$45 00  |
| Appropriation for deficiency, 1908, | 46 93    |
| Deficiency, Feb. 28, 1910,          | 8 80     |
|                                     | —————    |
|                                     | \$100 73 |

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|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| By deficiency, 1908, | \$46 93  |
| Expenditures,        | 53 80    |
|                      | —————    |
|                      | \$100 73 |

### ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Paid H. N. Whittle,       | \$ 25    |
| C. W. Austin,             | 1 00     |
| Eustace Lane,             | 2 00     |
| F. H. Ireland,            | 4 00     |
| G. F. Millett,            | 1 25     |
| L. D. Simpson,            | 16 50    |
| Francis Mains,            | 2 25     |
| Orient Manufacturing Co., | 22 00    |
| Howard & Brown,           | 4 55     |
| Deficiency Feb. 28, 1909, | 46 93    |
|                           | —————    |
|                           | \$100 73 |



# Highways.

|                                |     |             |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------|
|                                | Dr. |             |
| To balance,                    |     | \$ 1,185 00 |
| Appropriation,                 |     | 2,100 00    |
| From Pigeon Hill road,         |     | 11 33       |
| Deficiency,                    |     | 234 36      |
|                                |     | <hr/>       |
|                                |     | \$2,530 69  |
|                                | Cr. |             |
| Carried to state road account, |     | \$ 278 00   |
| Expended on Highways,          |     | 1,955 08    |
| Expended on snow bills,        |     | 297 61      |
|                                |     | <hr/>       |
|                                |     | \$2,530 69  |

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| By carried to state road account,    | \$278 00 |
| Expended by I. H. Judkins,           | 71 41    |
| Expended by E. A. Faunce as follows: |          |
| By Paid C. W. Foster,                | 12 00    |
| Arthur Holt,                         | 82 75    |
| C. F. Campbell,                      | 111 00   |
| E. A. Faunce,                        | 242 60   |
| L. E. Faunce,                        | 435 25   |
| P. C. Dudley,                        | 162 00   |
| J. S. Fish,                          | 1 50     |
| Percy Adams,                         | 2 25     |
| Earle Waldron,                       | 17 25    |
| W. W. Tilton,                        | 65 65    |
| C. A. Scribner,                      | 3 75     |



|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| I. L. Meserve,         | 2 30  |
| S. H. Mann,            | 57 35 |
| G. O. Goodwin & Co.,   | 82 20 |
| David Taylor,          | 23 25 |
| P. C. Cox,             | 5 00  |
| K. F. Purington,       | 6 00  |
| Frank Merrill,         | 1 50  |
| Ralph Hooper,          | 2 25  |
| Fred Walker,           | 2 25  |
| F. L. Keene,           | 5 00  |
| A. W. Bridge,          | 14 00 |
| F. A. Millett,         | 30    |
| G. W. Marshall,        | 5 00  |
| Geo. E. Moore,         | 13 00 |
| Francis Mains,         | 39 75 |
| H. L. Rogers,          | 2 25  |
| R. B. Bancroft,        | 19 99 |
| D. M. Rand,            | 4 90  |
| J. C. Goodwin,         | 5 00  |
| L. J. Morton,          | 46 25 |
| David Harris,          | 15 40 |
| C. O. Russell,         | 31 71 |
| J. W. Benson,          | 21 75 |
| H. P. Seal,            | 5 50  |
| Sherman Churchill,     | 17 55 |
| C. G. Raymond,         | 1 50  |
| H. A. Harmon,          | 5 50  |
| W. F. Gould,           | 24 75 |
| C. B. Cummings & Sons, | 55    |
| C. W. Bucknam,         | 45 50 |
| Saunders Bros.,        | 2 72  |
| E. D. Nelson,          | 4 50  |
| Hawkes & Whitney,      | 58 03 |



|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Poland Paper Co.,      | 90 25 |
| Geo. F. Millett,       | 7 35  |
| F. I. Dwinal,          | 60    |
| E. E. Faunce,          | 2 00  |
| J. W. Story,           | 28 25 |
| F. O. Mayberry,        | 3 75  |
| C. W. Campbell,        | 7 50  |
| S. N. Haskell,         | 6 00  |
| Ernest Holt,           | 2 25  |
| W. E. Leach,           | 3 50  |
| E. A. Griffin,         | 1 65  |
| A. J. Weston,          | 9 12  |
| J. K. & C. K. Denning, | 8 00  |
| A. S. Bray,            | 4 95  |

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SNOW BILLS.

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Hawkes & Whitney, | 7 73  |
| I. L. Meserve,    | 15 70 |
| L. J. Morton,     | 3 50  |
| George Holt,      | 14 25 |
| P. C. Cox,        | 11 40 |
| J. H. Sawyer,     | 75    |
| E. A. Faunce,     | 26 25 |
| L. E. Faunce,     | 41 40 |
| D. M. Rand,       | 17 40 |
| H. J. Jordan,     | 26 15 |
| J. G. Tyler,      | 1 50  |
| W. C. Bray,       | 4 50  |
| Arthur Holt,      | 75    |
| Ernest Holt,      | 1 50  |
| H. L. Rogers,     | 13 88 |



|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Francis Mains,         | 1 00       |
| Ralph Mains,           | 2 25       |
| J. W. Story,           | 8 05       |
| D. F. Bray,            | 10 50      |
| Geo. O. Goodwin & Co., | 2 00       |
| J. K. & C. K. Denning, | 7 00       |
| Sherman Churchill,     | 6 25       |
| Oscar Nason,           | 90         |
| Ralph Hooper,          | 75         |
| C. E. Jordan,          | 7 75       |
| J. H. King,            | 18 50      |
| Jordan & Saunders,     | 46 00      |
|                        | <hr/>      |
|                        | \$ 297 61  |
|                        | <hr/>      |
|                        | \$2,530 69 |

### STATE ROAD.

As in 1908, the selectmen employed Mr. E. A. Faunce to take charge of the building of the state road, and have had no regrets thus far for so doing. We completed 2800 feet, which, in addition to the 1300 hundred feet built in 1908, makes nearly one mile of continuous state road. We have not been looking for bouquets, but are pleased to hear that the state inspectors have reported to headquarters that Mechanic Falls led the state in building country state roads for length and goodness at the lowest cost.

### PIGEON HILL ROAD.

The new road on Pigeon Hill was built by the road commissioner, E. A. Faunce, under the supervision of the selectmen, for \$25.98 less than the appropriation. We believe that the



road is substantially built, and we have received commendations from many sources in praise of its construction. We are glad to note that a large majority of those who did not favor this expenditure, are commending it for the saving of the grades and distance by the old route.

## Public Library.

Dr.

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| To balance     | \$152 73 |
| Appropriation, | 200 00   |
| Rent,          | 12 00    |
| Fines,         | 5 00     |
| From State,    | 20 65    |
|                | <hr/>    |
|                | \$390 38 |

Cr.

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| By paid Kate L. Dennison,          | \$ 50 50 |
| Lawrence Merrill,                  | 7 80     |
| Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co., | 14 30    |
| J. A. Bucknam & Co.,               | 15 90    |
| Poland Paper Co., rent,            | 130 00   |
| Merrill & Denning,                 | 25       |
| A. V. Hathaway,                    | 3 50     |
| Loring, Short & Harmon,            | 74 96    |
| Unexpended,                        | 93 17    |
|                                    | <hr/>    |
|                                    | \$390 38 |

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The library has been very well patronized by the citizens during the year just closed. The scholars in our schools have



made much more use of the reference books than formerly and appreciate the help they are able to get from the encyclopædia and other books of reference with which the library is well supplied.

The number of borrowers added during the year is 64 making a total of 1498 as shown on the books, but owing to removals from town and deaths, the number is not as large probably as the figures indicate.

Have received \$10.90 in fines.

The average circulation is about the same.

In June the library had a donation of nearly fifty volumes from the late Mrs. Louisa F. Cobb through Mr. Hiram Bailey. A set of Bulwer's and Scott's novels were among the volumes presented. In November more books were added including a complete set of Shakespeare's works. The library contains about 2000 volumes. A number of books have been taken from the shelves as they were unfit for circulation. The usual number of state and government reports have been received. The Study Club deserve thanks for the beautiful bust of Longfellow presented by them to the library on Dec. 27 when a very pleasant evening was spent at the public library rooms. Mrs. Lizzie Jewett Butler made the presentation speech which was responded to by the trustees of the library. If any of the citizens have magazines that they would be willing to contribute, their kindness would be appreciated by the patrons of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE L. DENISON,

Librarian.



# Officers' Salaries.

Dr.

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| To balance,                     | \$145 00 |
| Appropriation,                  | 550 00   |
| Appropriation for re-valuation, | 50 00    |
| Deficiency,                     | 9 94     |
|                                 | <hr/>    |
|                                 | \$754 94 |

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|--|----------|
| By paid Francis Mains, truant officer, | \$ 5 00  |
| H. N. Whittle, truant officer,         | 5 00     |
| W. H. Cushman, moderator,              | 5 00     |
| C. M. Hutchins, clerk,                 | 3 00     |
| C. M. Hutchins, treasurer,             | 75 00    |
| F. A. Millett, selectman,              | 105 00   |
| F. H. Waterhouse, selectman,           | 105 00   |
| E. F. Smith, selectman,                | 105 00   |
| G. H. Hutchins,                        | 29 00    |
| C. B. Rankin, board of health,         | 15 00    |
| Leroy Spiller, board of health,        | 15 00    |
| A. V. Hathaway,                        | 10 00    |
| J. M. Libby,                           | 100 00   |
| E. Z. Lane, auditor,                   | 15 00    |
| Re-valuation commission,               | 162 94   |
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|  | \$754 94 |



# Fire Department.

Dr.

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| To unexpended, 1909,        | \$ 49 37 |
| 00 Appropriation,           | 600 00   |
| 00 Paid lights for lock-up, | 8 54     |
|                             | <hr/>    |
|                             | \$657 91 |

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|  |          |
|--|----------|
| By paid J. W. Penney & Sons Co., hose, | 195 00   |
| H. F. Sawin,                           | 20 00    |
| H. J. Doane, Secretary,                | 49 30    |
| A. C. Barker, Secretary,               | 55 00    |
| E. E. Jordan,                          | 25 00    |
| E. E. Jordan, supplies,                | 2 00     |
| H. L. Jewett,                          | 15 00    |
| H. L. Jewett, cleaning hydrants,       | 2 00     |
| E. C. Rawson,                          | 15 00    |
| Safty Belt Co.,                        | 20 00    |
| Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co.,     | 17 06    |
| Merrill & Denning,                     | 1 60     |
| A. J. Weston,                          | 22 50    |
| F. P. Wyman,                           | 5 00     |
| Balance unexpended,                    | 213 45   |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$657 91 |

# Report of Overseers of the Poor.

Dr.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| To Unexpended, 1909, | \$ 77 54 |
| Appropriation,       | 1,500 00 |



|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Receipts,              | 11 70             |
| Deficiency,            | 519 28            |
|                        | <u>          </u> |
|                        | \$2,108 55        |
| Cr.                    |                   |
| By Total expenditures, | \$2,108 52        |

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

MELINTHA THAYER.

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Paid Rose L. Harmon, | \$43 60           |
| E. W. Howe,          | 36 80             |
| Mary Flagg,          | 4 00              |
| Leroy Spiller,       | 2 50              |
| W. P. Hutchins,      | 9 00              |
| F. A. Millett,       | 2 40              |
|                      | <u>          </u> |
|                      | \$ 98 30          |

RUFUS W. HERRICK.

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paid Winfield Churchill, care, | \$ 40 00          |
| M. L. Edwards, care,           | 50 00             |
| Lila M. Herrick, board,        | 294 15            |
| A. J. Richardson, supplies,    | 1 29              |
| S. M. Patterson; rent,         | 7 50              |
| W. H. Cushman, supplies,       | 3 00              |
| Burns & Waterhouse, wood,      | 11 25             |
| A. V. Hathaway,                | 2 50              |
| G. H. Hutchins,                | 65                |
| F. A. Goldermann,              | 3 50              |
| Merrill & Denning,             | 85                |
| W. G. Pulsifer,                | 19 40             |
| Jordan & Saunders,             | 5 00              |
|                                | <u>          </u> |
|                                | \$439 09          |



JOHN F. THOMAS.

|                                  |         |          |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid F. H. Waterhouse, expenses, | \$ 4 00 |          |
| F. L. Everett,                   | 113 25  |          |
| W. G. Pulsifer,                  | 1 00    |          |
| Merrill & Denning,               | 4 15    |          |
|                                  | <hr/>   |          |
|                                  |         | \$122 40 |

ALFRED WATERHOUSE.

|                     |          |          |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Alta E. Files, | \$120 50 |          |
| W. H. Cushman,      | 75       |          |
| F. A. Goldermann,   | 65       |          |
|                     | <hr/>    |          |
|                     |          | \$121 90 |

HATTIE SPILLER.

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Paid City of Portland, | \$158 40 |
|------------------------|----------|

J. S. FISH.

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Paid E. A. Libby, rent, | \$ 16 50 |
|-------------------------|----------|

S. N. HOLT.

|                   |         |          |
|-------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid T. S. Blake, | \$14 50 |          |
| E. E. Proctor,    | 42 50   |          |
|                   | <hr/>   |          |
|                   |         | \$ 57 00 |

JOHN B. RAND.

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Paid Maine Insane Hospital, | \$178 11 |
|-----------------------------|----------|

L. C. YORK.

|                      |         |  |
|----------------------|---------|--|
| Paid E. C. Douglass, | \$10 00 |  |
| Alice E. Edwards,    | 85 00   |  |
| G. W. Coffin & Co.,  | 24 85   |  |
| F. I. Dwinal,        | 1 75    |  |



|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Merrill & Son,     | 9 61 |
| W. G. Pulsifer,    | 1 30 |
| F. A. Goldermann,  | 6 75 |
| Merrill & Denning, | 65   |
| W. H. Cushman,     | 4 00 |

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\$143 91

F. H. IRELAND,

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Paid L. & H. L. Cook,  | \$ 2 18 |
| D. M. Rand,            | 75      |
| G. O. Goodwin & Co.,   | 11 07   |
| C. B. Cummings & Sons, | 15 75   |
| Burns & Waterhouse,    | 52 00   |
| S. L. Hawley,          | 11 39   |
| Geo. D. Bridgham,      | 4 91    |
| P. T. Murray,          | 2 69    |
| J. B. Barnett & Co.,   | 2 92    |
| F. A. Millett,         | 3 95    |
| G. W. Coffin & Co.,    | 5 92    |
| A. J. Richardson,      | 37 67   |
| F. I. Dwinal,          | 2 38    |
| W. H. Cushman,         | 1 75    |
| Merrill & Denning,     | 2 52    |
| F. A. Goldermann,      | 6 90    |
| Hawkes & Whitney,      | 2 95    |
| A. V. Hathaway,        | 3 25    |
| W. G. Pulsifer,        | 9 85    |

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\$180 58



J. Z. WATERMAN.

|                       |          |          |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Helen E. Hawkes, | \$143 00 |          |
| W. G. Pulsifer,       | 1 60     |          |
|                       | <hr/>    |          |
|                       |          | \$144 60 |

ARTHUR HOLT.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Virgin Bros.,   | \$20 00 |         |
| J. B. Barnett & Co., | 1 81    |         |
| F. I. Dwinal,        | 3 33    |         |
| F. A. Millett,       | 1 62    |         |
| Merrill & Denning,   | 1 70    |         |
| A. V. Hathaway,      | 5 82    |         |
| A. J. Richardson,    | 5 19    |         |
| W. G. Pulsifer,      | 1 10    |         |
| Merrill & Son,       | 3 58    |         |
| Burns & Waterhouse,  | 4 00    |         |
| G. W. Coffin & Co.,  | 3 00    |         |
|                      | <hr/>   |         |
|                      |         | \$51 15 |

S. S. KNIGHT.

|                     |          |          |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Dennet Cotton, | \$160 71 |          |
| W. G. Pulsifer,     | 80       |          |
| W. H. Cushman,      | 2 50     |          |
|                     | <hr/>    |          |
|                     |          | \$164 01 |

HARRIET BANCROFT.

|                         |        |  |
|-------------------------|--------|--|
| Paid Jordan & Saunders, | \$1 75 |  |
| Burns & Waterhouse,     | 3 25   |  |
| W. G. Pulsifer,         | 95     |  |
| A. V. Hathaway,         | 6 50   |  |
| Minnie Gallagher,       | 9 48   |  |



|                                    |         |            |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Lillian Bartlett,                  | 5 00    |            |
| Essie M. Pratt,                    | 3 00    |            |
| Abbie Morse,                       | 12 00   |            |
| Geo. D. Bridgham,                  | 1 10    |            |
| Merrill & Denning,                 | 60      |            |
|                                    | <hr/>   |            |
|                                    |         | \$43 63    |
| <br>EMMA M. FOSTER.                |         |            |
| Paid F. A. Millett,                | \$49 50 |            |
| Merrill & Denning,                 | 90      |            |
| W. G. Pulsifer,                    | 1 70    |            |
|                                    | <hr/>   |            |
|                                    |         | \$52 10    |
| <br>E. C. HOLT.                    |         |            |
| Paid City of Auburn,               |         | \$4 00     |
| <br>H. L. ROGERS.                  |         |            |
| Paid A. A. Woodsum,                |         | \$75 00    |
| <br>O. H. BICKNALL.                |         |            |
| Paid I. F. McCann & Co.,           | \$4 50  |            |
| A. V. Hathaway,                    | 7 89    |            |
|                                    | <hr/>   |            |
|                                    |         | \$12 39    |
| <br>TRAMPS.                        |         |            |
| Paid,                              |         | \$30 80    |
| <br>MISCELLANEOUS.                 |         |            |
| Paid F. A. Millett, expense,       | \$1 90  |            |
| F. H. Waterhouse, Hughes & Hooper, |         |            |
| cases,                             | 12 75   |            |
|                                    | <hr/>   |            |
|                                    |         | \$14 65    |
|                                    |         | <hr/>      |
|                                    |         | \$2.108 52 |



If the inhabitants of our town will study the proposition of taking care of the poor as diligently as the overseers have worked the past year to keep down the expenses in this department, and profit thereby it will benefit the town financially.

You will see in one case over \$400 00 was expended which would have been materially decreased had we had an almshouse where such persons could be cared for.

We have had three deaths among our town's poor. Melantha Thayer, John F. Thomas and Rufus W. Herrick. Prior to their deaths they were the most costly of all the beneficiaries.

Commencing January 1, 1910, the insane paupers will be provided for by the State which will reduce the expense considerably as we have two persons which this law applies to, John B. Rand and Hattie Spiller, which will reduce our yearly expense about \$400 00.

We renew our recommendation of last report that some plan be adopted to reduce the cost of the poor and have placed an article in the warrant under which the town can act.

## Poor of Other Towns.

|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Due Feb. 28, 1909,              |          | \$208 10 |
| Paid on account, town of Paris. | \$226 10 |          |
| Raymond,                        | 112 32   |          |
| Rumford,                        | 15 27    |          |
| Poland,                         | 25 85    |          |
| City of Auburn,                 | 180 01   |          |
| Biddeford,                      | 9 65     |          |
| Calais,                         | 32 43    |          |
|                                 | <hr/>    | \$601 63 |
|                                 |          | <hr/>    |
|                                 |          | \$809 73 |



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|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Discount, Town of Oxford,     | \$ 7 00  |          |
| Received from City of Auburn, | 18 25    |          |
| Biddeford,                    | 59 93    |          |
| Town of Raymond,              | 122 99   |          |
| Rumford,                      | 5 75     |          |
|                               | <hr/>    |          |
|                               |          | \$213 92 |
|                               |          | <hr/>    |
| Due from other towns,         |          | \$595 81 |
| Due from Paris,               | \$296 21 |          |
| Rumford,                      | 15 27    |          |
| Biddeford,                    | 1 65     |          |
| Auburn,                       | 224 12   |          |
| Calais,                       | 32 73    |          |
| Poland,                       | 25 83    |          |
|                               | <hr/>    |          |
|                               |          | \$595 81 |

This department has been under the immediate charge of our Mr. Waterhouse, which management has been a credit to his ability and is much appreciated by the other members of the board of overseers.

The amounts due from the City of Auburn and town of Paris necessitated detailed work to convince them of their liability and we expect remuneration at any time.

All the work in the poor department has been kept well in hand during the fiscal year.

## Contingent.

|                |     |           |
|----------------|-----|-----------|
|                | Dr. |           |
| To balance,    |     | \$ 780 44 |
| Appropriation, |     | 1,000 00  |



|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Overlay,                        | 86 23      |
| Dog license, refunded,          | 111 99     |
| Soldiers' burial, refunded,     | 105 00     |
| Turkeys killed, refunded,       | 17 00      |
| Licenses, etc.,                 | 33 66      |
| Lumber sold shoe factory,       | 54 51      |
| Insurance rebate, shoe factory, | 22 16      |
| —Deficiency,                    | 953 18     |
|                                 | <hr/>      |
|                                 | \$3,164 17 |

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Returned to brown tail moth, | \$ 87 47   |
| Expended for shoe factory,   | 2,542 71   |
| Expended for contingent,     | 533 99     |
|                              | <hr/>      |
|                              | \$3,164 17 |

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

### CONTINGENT.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Paid F. H. Waterhouse, postage,          | \$ 6 23 |
| F. H. Waterhouse, Maine Register,        | 2 00    |
| F. L. Waterman, postage,                 | 3 00    |
| Ledger Publishing Co.,                   | 114 90  |
| F. A. Millett, postage, telegrams, etc., | 14 88   |
| Jordan & Saunders,                       | 2 00    |
| W. G. Pulsifer, office supplies,         | 12 90   |
| F. A. Millett, paid drawing lease,       | 3 22    |
| L. A. Wardwell, lock-up,                 | 80      |
| Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co.,       | 10 85   |
| E. F. Smith, postage,                    | 6 78    |
| D. S. Perkins, hall,                     | 15 00   |



|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| D. S. Perkins, office,               | 30 00 |
| D. M. Rand,                          | 1 50  |
| H. J. Jordan, turkeys killed,        | 17 00 |
| H. J. Jordan, watering tub,          | 3 00  |
| E. A. Faunce, team to Paris,         | 2 00  |
| I. F. McCann,                        | 3 50  |
| F. P. Wyman,                         | 5 00  |
| David Harris, cleaning dump,         | 3 00  |
| L. J. Morton, cleaning dump,         | 8 25  |
| E. W. Garrett painting doors,        | 2 60  |
| F. J. Farris, moving safe,           | 2 50  |
| F. J. Farris, killing dogs,          | 2 00  |
| F. J. Farris, constable, the 4th.    | 4 00  |
| E. A. Faunce, constable, the 4th,    | 4 00  |
| J. A. Crooker, constable, the 4th,   | 4 00  |
| G. F. Millett, constable, the 4th,   | 4 00  |
| D. M. Rand, constable, the 4th,      | 4 00  |
| L. G. Tracy, constable, the 4th,     | 4 00  |
| Merrill & Denning,                   | 20 37 |
| W. W. Rice & Co., lock-up,           | 7 60  |
| M. F. Millett, collector's book,     | 12 00 |
| M. F. Millett, administering oaths,  | 4 75  |
| Geo. C. Wing,                        | 3 00  |
| F. F. McCann, postage,               | 10 37 |
| H. F. Sawin, signs,                  | 75    |
| J. W. Colley, dump,                  | 5 00  |
| Merrill & Denning,                   | 1 75  |
| A. V. Hathaway,                      | 6 50  |
| F. O. Purington,                     | 48 00 |
| Hawkes & Whitney,                    | 5 28  |
| Hawkes & Whitney,                    | 3 86  |
| Soldiers' burial,                    | 70 00 |
| C. M. Hutchins, recording births and |       |



|   |       |
|---|-------|
| deaths,   | 18 35 |
| C. M. Hutchins, paid physicians for<br>reporting births and deaths, | 15 00 |
| C. M. Hutchins, paid clergymen and<br>others,                       | 4 50  |

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\$533 99

### SHOE FACTORY.

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| F. A. Millett, paid for work,      | \$ 18 33 |
| S. H. Mann, lumber,                | 172 94   |
| J. W. White & Co.,                 | 67 36    |
| C. F. Campbell, labor,             | 3 75     |
| J. L. Keene, labor,                | 40 50    |
| S. S. Nason, labor,                | 42 75    |
| F. L. Keene, labor,                | 10 50    |
| F. E. Caswell, labor,              | 2 50     |
| J. E. Estes, labor,                | 14 00    |
| F. H. Waterhouse, labor,           | 1 50     |
| A. S. Bray, labor,                 | 64 22    |
| C. G. Cole, labor,                 | 11 25    |
| H. E. Goodwin, lumber,             | 7 55     |
| I. H. Judkins, labor,              | 6 00     |
| W. F. Hall, labor,                 | 66 50    |
| G. F. Millett, labor,              | 126 48   |
| E. D. Dudley, labor,               | 14 00    |
| Jerry Berry, labor                 | 12 00    |
| Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co., | 119 38   |
| J. W. Penney & Sons Co.,           | 815 19   |
| Percy Adams,                       | 24 00    |
| J. A. Bucknam & Co., insurance,    | 230 00   |
| Whitehouse Bros.,                  | 120 80   |
| C. B. Cummings & Sons,             | 15 55    |
| Saunders Bros.,                    | 3 25     |



|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| David Harris,                   | 3 75   |
| L. J. Morton, cleaning grounds, | 9 00   |
| D. M. Rand,                     | 8 93   |
| A. M. Martin,                   | 10 00  |
| G. W. Marshall,                 | 5 00   |
| I. I. Meserve,                  | 1 70   |
| D. L. Mitchell,                 | 2 50   |
| Hawkes & Whitney,               | 75 32  |
| A. J. Weston,                   | 227 06 |
| Poland Paper Co.,               | 60     |
| Sprague Shoe Co.,               | 120 00 |
| Mechanic Falls Brick Co.,       | 26 60  |
| E. E. Faunce,                   | 19 00  |
| Stevens Tank & Tower Co.,       | 18 86  |
| J. W. Story,                    | 75     |
| F. P. Wyman,                    | 3 34   |

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\$2,542 71

We lack the language to express ourselves relative to the cost of our infant industry, which expense is under the head of the contingent account. We cannot make it more impressive than the cold figures indicate, and we are not sure we can say anything that will assuage the pangs of the tax payer, who contributes to this enterprise by sermonizing at length on the subject.

Fortunately for the town, we had the excuse to make the repairs at this time, as it would have been but a few years before the shoe factory would have been useless as a business proposition. The boilers had to be re-set, every window had to be taken out and the glass re-puttied. Six bends, which was nearly half of the entire flooring on the main building, was replaced with new timbers and flooring. The pipes were not properly drained when the factory was closed by the Chase-



Merritt Co., and the damage from that source alone was \$500.00 to \$600.00 additional, There was nothing done but what was called for by the contract between the town and the Sprague Shoe Co. and the insurance underwriters.

The prospects for a good business from now on are encouraging, and we trust the tax-payers will be amply repaid for the expenditures. The tax-payer who is assessed for \$1000 will be called upon to the extent of \$2.90, and we believe it is amply worth that amount.

## Brown Tail Moths.

Dr.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| To Appropriation,            | \$ 75 00 |
| Old account from contingent, | 87 47    |
| Deficiency,                  | 250 84   |
|                              | <hr/>    |
|                              | \$413 31 |

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| By Paid C. W. Foster,              | \$ 10 76 |
| F. H. Waterhouse, paid for nests,  | 44 14    |
| F. A. Millett'           "   "   " | 115 57   |
| E. F. Smith,           "   "   "   | 12 93    |
| E. H. Purington,                   | 9 22     |
| C. O. Russell,                     | 68 27    |
| Bert Keene,                        | 6 18     |
| Stuart McDonald,                   | 6 00     |
| Vernon Keene,                      | 5 30     |
| Azal Faunce,                       | 18 42    |
| Guy Fessenden,                     | 8 54     |
| E. J. Stone,                       | 4 16     |
| H. L. Jewett,                      | 7 75     |



|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Rudolph Tobie,                    | 8 00     |
| R. E. Mains,                      | 6 03     |
| C. D. Welch,                      | 16 68    |
| F. W. Caswell,                    | 7 43     |
| F. A. Millett, postage on notice, | 3 78     |
| Ledger Publishing Co., printing,  | 2 00     |
| E. J. Stone,                      | 26 15    |
| J. W. Fessenden,                  | 17 80    |
| H. L. Rogers,                     | 6 00     |
| L. A. Wardwell, supplies,         | 2 20     |
|                                   | <hr/>    |
|                                   | \$413 31 |

This appropriation was not sufficient to do the work in this department as called for by the laws passed by the legislature and required by the Commisioner of Agriculture who has this matter in charge. We were obliged to conform to the requirements with the result as above indicated.

## Interest.

Dr.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| To Balance,                          | \$ 72 79 |
| Appropriation,                       | 600 00   |
| Interest on taxes from F. E. Dwinal, | 18 61    |
| "    "    "    "    F. F. McCann,    | 9 13     |
| Deficiency,                          | 60 65    |
|                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                      | \$761 18 |

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|----------------------------|----------|
| By Paid Interest on bonds, | \$577 50 |
| Loans,                     | 183 68   |
|                            | <hr/>    |
|                            | \$761 18 |



## Abatements and Commissions.

Dr.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| To Deficiency, Feb. 28, 1909, | \$235 94 |
| Appropriation,                | 700 00   |
|                               | <hr/>    |
|                               | \$935 94 |

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| By Paid Deficiency,               | \$235 94 |
| Abatements, 1909,                 | 140 59   |
| Commissions to F. E. Dwinal,      | 6 84     |
| "    "    F. F. McCann,           | 293 37   |
| Tax deed charges to F. F. McCann, | 43 53    |
| Balance unexpended,               | 215 67   |
|                                   | <hr/>    |
|                                   | \$935 94 |

## Snow Roller.

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Deficiency,                   | \$30 00 |
| Appropriation for deficiency, | 30 00   |

## Re=valuation Commission.

The Commission raised at the annual meeting in 1909, E. A. Gammon and S. N. Haskell acting with the board of assessors, performed the duty required of them. The commission practically made a new assessment, carefully considered every parcel of property and made the assessment as equitable as was possible to do.

We found valuable pieces of property that had escaped



taxation in part and some that was estimated to high.

Our aim was to have the burden bear as equitably as possible on those that contribute to the support of the town, and at the conclusion of our work we believed we had done our duty to those who employed us.

# Financial Standing.

## LIABILITIES.

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Outstanding bonds, Series B, | \$ 2,000 00 |
| Outstanding bonds, Series C, | 14,500 00   |
|                              | <hr/>       |
|                              | \$16,500 00 |

## RESOURCES.

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Cash in Treasury,          | \$1,936 41  |
| Sinking fund,              | 3,991 43    |
| Due from Rumford,          | 15 27       |
| Auburn,                    | 224 12      |
| Biddeford,                 | 1 65        |
| Paris,                     | 296 21      |
| Calais,                    | 32 73       |
| Poland,                    | 25 83       |
| F. E. Dwinal, Col.,        | 2,548 88    |
| F. F. McCann, Col.,        | 189 60      |
| Tax deeds, Mechanic Falls, | 1,257 24    |
| Balance,                   | 5,980 63    |
|                            | <hr/>       |
|                            | \$16,500 00 |

It will be beneficial to the inhabitants to familiarize themselves with the items in the resources of our town, especially in regard to delinquent taxes and tax deeds which accumulate



year after year and in many cases become a loss to the town.

We would suggest that the collector try other methods of collecting rather than by selling property as has been the custom in our borough.

## Recommendations.

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Common schools,           | \$ 500 00 |
| Free high school,         | 1,000 00  |
| Support of poor,          | 1,200 00  |
| Roads and bridges,        | 2,000 00  |
| Sinking fund,             | 700 00    |
| Interest,                 | 650 00    |
| Officers' salaries,       | 600 00    |
| Abatements,               | 300 00    |
| Commissions,              | 400 00    |
| Hydrant rental,           | 1,080 00  |
| Electric lights,          | 1,654 94  |
| Contingent,               | 500 00    |
| Fire department,          | 600 00    |
| Public Library,           | 200,00    |
| Memorial day,             | 50 00     |
| Text books,               | 150 00    |
| Incidentals,              | 60 00     |
| Apparatus and furnishing, | 150 00    |
| Repairs on school houses, | 200 00    |
| State road,               | 450 00    |
| Graduation expense,       | 50 00     |
| Brown tail moths,         | 200 00    |

The fiscal year of our town which closed Feb. 28, 1910, has become a matter of history, and the work done by your servants is to be reviewed by you and we hope it will merit your approval. While there were many perplexing events connect-



with the trust committed to us, these incidents will long be forgotten when the memories of the many compliments we have received will be fresh in our minds. We thank you for your confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. MILLETT,  
FRED H. WATERHOUSE,  
ERNEST F. SMITH,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

## Treasurer's Report.

C. M. Hutchins, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Mechanic Falls.

DR.

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| To balance on hand March 1, 1909, | \$3,545 32 |
| State, account free high school,  | 375 00     |
| “ “ Mill tax,                     | 1,649 67   |
| “ “ Dog licenses refunded,        | 111 99     |
| “ “ State pensions.               | 444 00     |
| “ “ Public library,               | 20 65      |
| “ “ Burial Soldiers,              | 70 00      |
| “ “ State road,                   | 417 00     |
| “ “ Turkeys killed,               | 17 00      |
| Temporary loans,                  | 7,500 00   |
| Town Clerk for dog licenses,      | 152 00     |
| City of Biddeford,                | 59 93      |
| Town of Rumford,                  | 5 75       |
| Town of Raymond,                  | 122 99     |
| Catherine Tenney, returned,       | 35 00      |



|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Licenses,                                   | 33 66       |
| Shoe factory, lumber sold,                  | 54 51       |
| Refund rent paid,                           | 11 20       |
| J. W. Penney & Sons Co., overpaid,          | 38          |
| Public Library, fines collected,            | 10 90       |
| Della Martin, tuition,                      | 30 00       |
| Marion Hanscom,                             | 15 00       |
| Poland Paper Co., overpaid,                 | 2 50        |
| Public Library, for rent from Study Club,   | 12 00       |
| F. E. Dwinal, collector, account tax, 1899, | 5 19        |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1900,                           | 7 57        |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1901,                           | 5 07        |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1902,                           | 27 17       |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1903,                           | 10 32       |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1904,                           | 172 33      |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1905,                           | 14 56       |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1906,                           | 309 14      |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1907,                           | 372 23      |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ 1908,                           | 329 72      |
| “ “ “ “ interest collected,                 | 18 61       |
| F. F. McCann, collector, tax, 1909,         | 19,916 21   |
| “ “ “ “ interest collected,                 | 9 13        |
| E. F. Smith, collected on tax of 1906,      | 3 00        |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1907,                       | 3 00        |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1908,                       | 3 00        |
| J. A. Bucknam & Co., rebate on insurance,   | 22 16       |
| F. E. Hanscom,                              | 19 27       |
| Tax deeds,                                  | 385 36      |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$36,329 49 |
|   | Cr.         |
| By paid town orders,                        | \$33,797 08 |
| State pensions,                             | 444 00      |







## IN MEMORIAM.

| Date of Dth. | Name.                  | Place of Dth.  | —Age— |      |       | Mar. or Sin. |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------|-------|------|-------|--------------|
|              |                        |                | Yrs.  | Mos. | Days. |              |
| Mch. 8, '08  | *F. DeLos Harmon       | Mechanic Falls | 35    | 5    | 21    | Married.     |
| " 12, '09    | Eleanor Merrill        |                | 87    | 6    | 4     | Widow.       |
| " 21,        | Elijah S. Berry        |                | 79    | 4    | 3     | Widower.     |
| " 29,        | Jerusha F. Libby       |                | 86    | 1    | 5     | Widow.       |
| " 30,        | Inft. of A. B. Walker  |                |       |      | 2     | Single.      |
| Apr. 14,     | James L. Thurlow       |                |       | 6    | 21    | "            |
| " 23,        | Inft. of Jabez Benson  |                |       |      | 2     | "            |
| " 29,        | Almira Barker          |                | 83    | 1    | 9     | Married.     |
| May 2,       | Charles L. Hackett     |                | 81    | 8    | 12    | "            |
| " 8,         | Frank L. Farrow        |                | 53    | 8    |       | Widower.     |
| " 17,        | Lizzie Harris          |                | 59    | 11   | 25    | Married.     |
| " 21,        | Joseph L. Brown        |                | 80    | 5    | 1     | "            |
| " 25,        | Levi N. Strout         |                | 74    | 1    | 24    | Widower.     |
| June 26,     | In. Linneus M. Millett |                |       |      |       | Single.      |
| " 28,        | Daniel M. Rowe         |                | 71    | 1    | 15    | "            |
| " 28,        | Lucy A. Millett        |                | 63    | 2    | 2     | Married.     |
| Aug. 7,      | Mark A. Herrick        |                | 64    | 11   |       | Widower.     |
| " 17,        | Maria Skinner          |                | 70    | 8    |       | Widow.       |
| Sept. 18,    | Myrtle L. French       |                | 45    | 4    | 14    | Married.     |
| Oct. 9,      | Allen Bailey           |                | 76    | 8    | 11    | Divorced.    |
| " 14,        | Hamlin T. Bucknam      |                | 78    | 10   | 6     | Married.     |
| " 28,        | Hanson Lord            |                | 79    | 7    |       | Widower.     |
| Nov. 1,      | John Witham Penney     |                | 78    | 5    | 9     | "            |
| " 19,        | Rosalia B. Dwinal      |                | 75    | 11   | 26    | Widow.       |
| " 26,        | Eliza J. Collins       |                | 71    |      | 24    | "            |
| " 30,        | John F. Thomas         |                | 65    | 5    | 6     | Divorced.    |
| Jan. 2, '10  | Elias Douglass         |                | 85    | 8    | 15    | Widower.     |
| " 9,         | Charles W. Hawes       |                | 40    |      | 16    | Divorced.    |
| " 15,        | George E. Moore        |                | 60    | 2    | 29    | Widower.     |
| " 19,        | Benj. P. Pendexter     |                | 84    | 6    | 17    | Married.     |
| " 20,        | Rufus W. Herrick       |                | 78    | 5    |       | Widower.     |
| " 30,        | Mary J. Elder          |                | 89    | 11   | 10    | Widow.       |

Names marked with (\*) were inadvertently omitted from last report.

## Vital Statistics.

|                                | Deaths. | Births. | Marriages. |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Previously reported,           | 388     | 296     | 472        |
| March 1, '09, to March 1, '10, | 31      | 28      | 21         |



# Delinquent Taxes.

1899.

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Nason, Samuel S., ✓   | \$2 50  |
| Young, Carleton G., ✓ | 2 50    |
|                       | <hr/>   |
|                       | \$ 5 00 |

1900.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Cole, Phila E., ✓    | \$ 56    |
| Dwinal, Fred E.,     | 37 88    |
| Faunce, Elmer A., ✓  | 24 94    |
| Faunce, Perley B., ✓ | 3 00     |
| Mayberry, Mark L., ✓ | 4 01     |
| Mayberry, H. M., ✓   | 1 10     |
| Rand, Joseph E., ✓   | 2 67     |
| Young, Carlton G., ✓ | 3 00     |
|                      | <hr/>    |
|                      | \$ 77 16 |

1901.

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Buck, Alonzo Z.,      | \$3 56 |
| Day, Herman C.,       | 3 00   |
| Elwell, Howard L.,    | 6 79   |
| Faunce, Perley B., ✓  | 3 00   |
| Foster, C. D.,        | 38     |
| Grant, Sherman S., ✓  | 3 89   |
| Haskell, Herman W., ✓ | 5 79   |
| Hanscom, Geo. A., ✓   | 3 00   |
| Hasey, James M.,      | 7 18   |
| Harris, Chas., ✓      | 3 00   |
| Keene, Wilfred L., ✓  | 3 00   |
| Leach, Anna L., ✓     | 89     |



|  |       |   |
|--|-------|---|
| ✓ McCann & True,                       | 2 46  | — |
| Mayberry, H. M.,                       | 9 91  |   |
| Milliken, Frank W.,                    | 3 00  |   |
| Mason, James B.,                       | 3 00  | — |
| Mayberry, Mark L., ✓                   | 4 01  |   |
| Poland, James B., ✓                    | 11 27 |   |
| Pinkham, Rishworth,                    | 3 00  |   |
| Rand, Joseph E., ✓                     | 4 78  |   |
| Ross, Chas. F., ✓                      | 3 00  |   |
| Strout, Stephen B., ✓ (9)              | 4 12  | — |
| Smith, Walter T.,                      | 3 00  | — |
| Strout, Joseph F.,                     | 11 92 |   |
| Stiles, Elmer E.,                      | 3 89  |   |
| Woodside, Israel R., 84 State & Boston | 3 00  |   |
| Wood, Wm.,                             | 3 00  |   |
| Young, Carleton G., ✓                  | 3 00  |   |

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1902.

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Benson, Jabez W.,            | \$ 3 00 |
| Bridge, Oliver C., Benson H. | 6 12    |
| Berry, Jerry, ✓              | 4 45    |
| Conant, Wm. Q., ✓            | 3 00    |
| Clish, James G., ✓           | 3 56    |
| Davis, Frank L., ✓           | 3 56    |
| Faunce, E. A. & Son, ✓       | 25 59   |
| Grant, Sherman S., ✓         | 3 00    |
| Herrick, Humphrey C.,        | 5 67    |
| Haskell, Herman W., ✓        | 5 78    |
| Hawkes, Chas. W.,            | 3 45    |
| Hanscom, Geo. A., ✓          | 3 00    |
| Holt, Edwin, ✓               | 3 00    |



|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Keene, Wilfred L., ✓ - 2 -   | 3 00  |
| Leach, Wm. E.,               | 3 00  |
| Milliken, Frank W., ✓        | 3 00  |
| Mayberry, Mark L., ✓         | 3 00  |
| Mayberry, H. M., ✓           | 7 67  |
| Nason, Samuel S., ✓          | 3 00  |
| Poland, James B.,            | 10 51 |
| Roach, Henry W.,             | 3 67  |
| Ross, Chas. F., ✓            | 3 00  |
| Spiller, Silas C.,           | 3 00  |
| Story, John W.,              | 4 11  |
| Strout, Samuel D.,           | 12 23 |
| Somerset, Fred, - Dead -     | 3 00  |
| Sturtevant, Frank, W. minor  | 3 62  |
| Strout, Adelbert,            | 3 00  |
| Strout, Edwin M.,            | 3 00  |
| Skillin, J. A.,              | 3 00  |
| Thurston, John P.,           | 3 00  |
| Trundy, Virginia,            | 56    |
| Woodsum, Albion G.,          | 6 46  |
| Woodside, Israel R., ✓ - 2 - | 3 00  |
| Young, Carlton G., ✓ - 2 -   | 3 00  |

**NON-RESIDENT.**

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Dunn, Denny, Auburn m | 3 02 |
|-----------------------|------|

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1903.

|                                    |         |        |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Andrews, Alfred C., Hyde Park Mass | \$ 4 33 | Boston |
| Benson, Jabez W.,                  | 3 00    |        |
| Butler, Lizzie,                    | 14 68   |        |
| Bridge, Oliver C., - 2 -           | 5 86    |        |



|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Bunker, Ralph S.,                       | 3 00   |
| Berry, Jerry, ✓                         | 4 59 ✓ |
| Chute, Herbert W.,                      | 3 00   |
| Cousens, Delmer, L.,                    | 3 00   |
| Conant, Wm. Q., - 2 - ✓                 | 3 00   |
| Clish, James G., - 2 - ✓                | 3 00   |
| Chase, Horace E.,                       | 3 82   |
| Davis, Frank L., ✓ - 2 -                | 3 51   |
| <del>Elie, Chas.,</del>                 | 3 00   |
| Faunce, Elmer A., ✓                     | 3 41   |
| ✓ Faunce, E. A. & Son,                  | 20 81  |
| Grant, Sherman S., ✓                    | 3 00   |
| ✓ Gould, W. F.,                         | 4 53   |
| ✓ Garrett, Wm. E.,                      | 3 00   |
| <del>Gower, L. C.,</del> <i>unknown</i> | 6 26   |
| Holt, Fred A.,                          | 3 00   |
| Haskell, Herman W., ✓                   | 5 55   |
| Hawkes, Chas. W., - 2 -                 | 3 41   |
| Harmon, Walter D., <i>White - Man</i>   | 3 00   |
| Hanscom, Geo. A.,                       | 3 00   |
| <del>Holt, Edwin C.,</del>              | 3 00   |
| Harris, Chas., <i>Dead</i>              | 3 00   |
| Hancock, Chas. T., <i>Auburn</i>        | 3 00   |
| ✓ Knight, Chas. S.,                     | 3 00   |
| <i>M</i> Leach, Wm. E.,                 | 3 00   |
| <del>Mayberry, Ella P.,</del>           | 13 26  |
| Mayberry, H. M., ✓                      | 6 77   |
| Mayberry, Walter M.,                    | 4 22   |
| ✓ Masrton, Fred L.,                     | 3 00   |
| ✓ Milliken, Frank W.,                   | 3 00   |
| ✓ Mayberry, Mark L., <i>✓ offered</i>   | 3 00   |
| ✓ Martin, Frank A.,                     | 3 00   |
| ✓ McKinnon, W. A.,                      | 3 00   |



|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| McKinnon, Allan,                    | 8 40  |
| Nason, Samuel S., ✓                 | 3 00  |
| <del>Noyes, John Q.,</del>          | 3 00  |
| Purington, Ed. H.,                  | 3 00  |
| Poland, James B., ✓                 | 15 30 |
| <del>Pinkham, A. A.,</del>          | 32    |
| Pinkham, Harry A., <i>Auburn</i>    | 3 00  |
| Pratt, Ellis L.,                    | 3 00  |
| Ross, Chas. F., ✓                   | 3 00  |
| Record, Geo. H., <i>unknown</i>     | 3 61  |
| Strout, Derome B.,                  | 4 74  |
| Spiller, Silas C., <i>12</i>        | 3 00  |
| Story, John W., <i>2</i>            | 3 00  |
| Seal, Howard P., <hr/>              | 3 00  |
| <del>Sawin, Harley F.,</del>        | 3 00  |
| Strout, Samuel D., <i>-2-</i>       | 12 34 |
| Sawyer, J. Herman,                  | 3 00  |
| <del>Strout, Edward H.,</del>       | 3 00  |
| Strout, Stephen, ✓ <i>-2-</i>       | 3 51  |
| <del>Thurston, John P.,</del>       | 3 00  |
| <del>Trundy, Virginia,</del>        | 51    |
| Verrill, Richard E.,                | 4 53  |
| Woodsum, Albion G.,                 | 1 74  |
| Winchester, W. E., <i>Eq Poland</i> | 3 00  |
| Young, Carleton G.,                 | 3 00  |

NON-RESIDENT.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| <del>Elden, John M.,</del>               | 41       |
| <del>Smith, Samuel V., or unknown,</del> | 10 40    |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$281 82 |



1904.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Andrews, Alfred C., - 2 -              | \$ 4 32 |
| Allard, Frank H.,                      | 3 00    |
| Austin, C. H.,                         | 3 00    |
| Benson, Jebez W.,                      | 3 00    |
| Bunker, Ralph S.,                      | 3 00    |
| Berry, Jerry, ✓                        | 3 81    |
| Burdon, H. F.,                         | 3 00    |
| Boyer, Herbert S.,                     | 1 00    |
| Bryant, A. R., <i>Gilead Wm</i>        | 3 00    |
| Bedell, Wm. W. <i>Dead</i>             | 3 00    |
| Bennett, Frank D., <i>unkn</i>         | 3 00    |
| Bumpus, Chas., <i>aubun</i>            | 3 00    |
| <del>Chute, Herbert W.,</del>          | 3 00    |
| Cousens, Delmar L., - 2 -              | 3 00    |
| Conant, Wm. Q., ✓                      | 3 00    |
| Clough, Ed., <i>unkn</i>               | 3 00    |
| Chase, Horace E.,                      | 3 00    |
| Davis, Frank L., ✓ - 3 -               | 3 00    |
| Dunlap, Orin C. <i>New Gloucester</i>  | 4 02    |
| Dudley, Preston C.,                    | 6 09    |
| <del>Dwinal, O. B.,</del>              | 3 00    |
| Elie, Chas.                            | 3 00    |
| <del>Edwards, W. H., <i>Dead</i></del> | 51      |
| Faunce, Elmer A., ✓                    | 3 00    |
| Faunce, E. A. & Son, ✓                 | 6 79    |
| Faunce, Lowe E.,                       | 3 00    |
| Grant, Sherman S., ✓                   | 3 00    |
| Grant, James P.,                       | 2 25    |
| Gray, Ellis, <i>Fannington Ht</i>      | 3 00    |
| Gould, W. F., - 2 -                    | 3 00    |
| Goodwin, J. Clark,                     | 2 54    |
| Garrett, John A.,                      | 3 00    |



|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| ✓ Garrett, Wm. E.,                    | 3 10  |
| ✓ Holt, Fred A.,                      | 3 00  |
| ✓ Herrick, Humphrey C.,               | 2 79  |
| Haskell, Herman W., ✓                 | 5 54  |
| ✓ Hall, Edgar A.,                     | 3 00  |
| Hawkes, Chas. W., - 3 -               | 3 41  |
| Harmon, Walter D., - 2 -              | 3 00  |
| Hanscom, Geo. A., ✓                   | 3 00  |
| <del>Harris, Chas.,</del> <i>Dead</i> | 3 00  |
| Hopkins, J. Clifford,                 | 3 00  |
| <del>Holt, Arthur,</del>              | 3 00  |
| <del>Hines, Wm. J.,</del>             | 3 00  |
| <del>Holt, Edwin C.,</del>            | 3 00  |
| Jordan, Harry, <i>Portland m</i>      | 3 00  |
| Knight, Chas. S., - 2 -               | 3 00  |
| Keene, F. L.,                         | 3 00  |
| ✓ Leach, Wm. E., - 3 -                | 3 81  |
| Leach Walter,                         | 3 00  |
| Millett, Chas. M.,                    | 1 85  |
| Mayberry, Walter M., - 2 -            | 3 00  |
| Marston, Fred L., - 2 -               | 4 52  |
| Milliken, Frank W., ✓                 | 3 00  |
| Mayberry, Mark L., ✓                  | 3 41  |
| Mayberry, H. M., ✓                    | 4 22  |
| Martin, Frank A.,                     | 3 00  |
| Mayberry, Frank O.,                   | 3 00  |
| Milliken, Harry M.,                   | 3 00  |
| McCann, Josiah S.,                    | 3 00  |
| Nason, Samuel S., ✓                   | 3 00  |
| <del>Noyes, J. Q.,</del>              | 3 00  |
| Poland, James B., ✓                   | 13 80 |
| Purington, E. H.,                     | 3 00  |
| Poland, John, - 2 -                   | 3 00  |







|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Benson, Elie M.,       | 3 00  |
| Bryant, A. R.,         | 3 00  |
| Brown, Forest E.,      | 3 00  |
| Benson, John M.,       | 3 00  |
| Bennett, Frank D.,     | 3 00  |
| Conant, Chas. A.,      | 6 95  |
| Conant, Wm. Q., ✓      | 3 00  |
| Chase, H. E.,          | 3 00  |
| Chute, Herbert W., ✓   | 3 00  |
| Cox, Ernest A.,        | 3 00  |
| Davis, F. L., ✓        | 3 00  |
| Denton, Cyrus G.,      | 3 00  |
| Fielding, Harry Jr.,   | 3 00  |
| Faunce, E. A. & Son, ✓ | 10 88 |
| Faunce, Lowe E.,       | 3 00  |
| Frost, Frank E.,       | 3 00  |
| Frazier, Wm. S.,       | 3 00  |
| Frost, Chas.,          | 3 44  |
| Faunce, Edgar,         | 3 00  |
| Grant, Sherman S.,     | 3 00  |
| Garrett, Edward E.,    | 3 00  |
| Garrett, John A.,      | 3 00  |
| Girond, Geo.,          | 3 00  |
| Herrick, Humphrey C.,  | 3 67  |
| Haskell, Herman W., ✓  | 5 73  |
| Hall, Edgar A.,        | 3 00  |
| Harmon, Walter D.,     | 3 00  |
| Hanscom, Geo. A., ✓    | 3 00  |
| Harris, Chas., ✓       | 3 00  |
| Haskell, Stephen R.,   | 2 00  |
| Holt, Arthur,          | 3 00  |
| Hines, Wm. J.,         | 3 00  |
| Holt, Edwin C.,        | 3 00  |



|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Herrick, Bert W.,    | 3 00 |
| Hill, Fred W.,       | 3 00 |
| Hilton, G. F.,       | 3 00 |
| Hezeltine, Lester,   | 3 87 |
| Jordan, Harry,       | 3 00 |
| Knight, Chas. S.,    | 3 00 |
| Keene, F. L.,        | 3 00 |
| Keniston, N. A.,     | 3 00 |
| Leach, Wm. E.,       | 4 85 |
| Lord, Willis A.,     | 3 44 |
| Leach, Edward C.     | 3 00 |
| Leach, Walter D.,    | 3 00 |
| Linnehan, George,    | 3 00 |
| Millett, Chas. M.,   | 4 63 |
| Mayberry, Walter M., | 3 00 |
| Mayberry, H. M., ✓   | 5 61 |
| Meggett, Geo.,       | 3 00 |
| Mayberry, Mark L., ✓ | 3 00 |
| Martin, Frank A.,    | 3 00 |
| Morey, Alexander,    | 3 00 |
| Mayberry, Frank O.,  | 3 00 |
| Milliken, Harry M.,  | 3 00 |
| Morton, Harry C.,    | 3 00 |
| Moffatt, Wm.,        | 3 00 |
| Morton, Chas. H.,    | 3 00 |
| McKeene, Fred C.,    | 3 00 |
| McKinnon, W. A.,     | 3 00 |
| McKinnon, Allan,     | 3 70 |
| McCann, Wm. J.,      | 8 99 |
| McKinnon, John,      | 3 00 |
| Noyes, J. G.,        | 3 00 |
| Poland, James B., ✓  | 8 89 |
| Purington, E. H.,    | 3 00 |



|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Pinkham, Harry S.,   | 3 00 |
| Pinkham, Harry A.,   | 2 00 |
| Pratt, Ernest H.,    | 3 00 |
| Poland, John,        | 3 00 |
| Perkins, John H.,    | 3 00 |
| Quance, William,     | 3 00 |
| Robbins, Geo. W.,    | 3 00 |
| Royal, Melvin N.,    | 5 18 |
| Rand, David E.,      | 2 84 |
| Rowe, Edgar E.,      | 3 00 |
| Rowe, Solomon M.,    | 3 00 |
| Rounds, A. L.,       | 3 00 |
| Rosseau, Octave,     | 5 18 |
| Rand, Leroy D.,      | 3 00 |
| Towne, W. D.,        | 3 00 |
| Twitchell, James,    | 3 00 |
| Twitchell, George,   | 3 00 |
| Ruggles, Bertrude,   | 3 00 |
| Rand, Stephen B.,    | 3 76 |
| Sawyer, Curtis M.,   | 65   |
| Scribner, Chas. A.,  | 3 00 |
| Spiller, Silas C.,   | 3 00 |
| Seal, Howard P.,     | 3 00 |
| Sawin, Harley F.,    | 3 00 |
| Skillin, J. A.,      | 3 00 |
| Sawyer, J. Herman,   | 3 00 |
| Strout, Edward H.,   | 3 00 |
| Strout, Stephen B.,  | 5 33 |
| Saunders, Leonard,   | 3 00 |
| Stanton, Lewis G.,   | 3 00 |
| Strout, Theodore C., | 3 00 |
| Strout, Adelbert,    | 3 00 |
| Stanton, Forest A.,  | 3 00 |
| Tibbetts, Henry H.,  | 3 00 |



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| Tripp, Lendall,   | 5 76 |
| Tibbetts, Wm.,    | 3 00 |
| Thurlow, Wm. P.,  | 3 00 |
| Verrill, A. P.,   | 3 55 |
| Waycott, Wm.,     | 3 00 |
| Walker, Garfield, | 3 00 |
| White, W. B.,     | 3 00 |

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| Andrews, Alfred C., | 1 85 |
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| Allard, Frank H.,    | 3 00  |
| Austin, C. H.,       | 3 00  |
| Austin, Forest,      | 3 00  |
| Bailey, Allen,       | 3 00  |
| Bray, Augustus S.,   | 12 09 |
| Benson, Jabez W.,    | 3 00  |
| Bridge, Oliver C.,   | 3 00  |
| Bunker, Ralph S.     | 3 00  |
| Bartlett, Alonzo D., | 3 00  |
| Berry, Jerry,        | 1 88  |
| Boyer, Herbert S.,   | 1 00  |
| Bridge, E. W.,       | 3 00  |
| Brown, Forest E.,    | 3 00  |
| Benson, John M.,     | 3 00  |
| Briggs, Chester A.,  | 3 00  |
| Bryant, Eugene R.,   | 3 00  |
| Bumpus, Chas. A.,    | 3 00  |
| Campbell, James,     | 3 00  |
| Conant, Chas. A.,    | 7 90  |
| Conant, W. Q.,       | 3 00  |
| Chandler, H. E.,     | 3 00  |



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| Chase, H. E.,          | 3 00  |
| Chaplin, Almon,        | 4 09  |
| Chute, Herbert W.,     | 3 00  |
| Cox, Arthur,           | 3 00  |
| Cole, F. H.,           | 3 00  |
| Chase, Lorison W.,     | 3 00  |
| Davis, Frank L., ✓     | 3 00  |
| Denton, Cyrus G.,      | 3 00  |
| Dyer, Fred,            | 3 00  |
| Dudley, Edward D.,     | 6 52  |
| Faunce, Elmer A., ✓    | 3 00  |
| Faunce, E. A. & Son, ✓ | 16 71 |
| Faunce, Lowe E.,       | 3 00  |
| Faunce, Edgar,         | 3 00  |
| Fraze, Wm.,            | 3 00  |
| Grant, Sherman S., ✓   | 3 00  |
| Garrett, Edward E.,    | 3 00  |
| Gookin, J. W.,         | 1 00  |
| Garrett, John A.,      | 3 00  |
| Garrett, Benj.,        | 3 00  |
| Haskell, Herman W., ✓  | 6 81  |
| Hall, Edgar A.,        | 4 31  |
| Hawkes, Chas. W.,      | 3 44  |
| Hanscom, Geo. A., ✓    | 3 00  |
| Haskell, Stephen R.,   | 3 00  |
| Holt, Arthur,          | 3 00  |
| Hines, Wm. J.,         | 3 00  |
| Holmes, H. W.,         | 3 00  |
| Joyce, Wm. M.,         | 3 00  |
| Jordan, Harry,         | 3 00  |
| Knight, Chas. S.,      | 3 00  |
| Keene, F. L.,          | 3 00  |
| Keene, Percy H.,       | 3 00  |
| Knight, Geo. S.,       | 3 00  |



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|----------------------|------|
| Kilbreth, Leslie,    | 3 00 |
| Kane, F. J.,         | 3 00 |
| Leach, Wm. E.,       | 3 00 |
| Leach, Edward C.,    | 3 44 |
| Leach, Walter D.,    | 3 00 |
| Lancaster, Wallace,  | 3 00 |
| Millett, Chas. M.,   | 4 63 |
| Mayberry, Walter M., | 3 00 |
| Mayberry, H. M.,     | 5 94 |
| Marston, Fred L.,    | 3 00 |
| Milliken, Frank W.,  | 3 00 |
| Morris, Albert E.,   | 53   |
| Mayberry, Frank O.,  | 3 00 |
| Morse, Geo. W.,      | 3 00 |
| Meggett, Frank,      | 3 00 |
| Mason, Chas. H.,     | 4 85 |
| Merrill, Harry A.,   | 3 00 |
| Milliken, Harry M.,  | 3 00 |
| Morton, Harry C.,    | 3 00 |
| Morton, Chas. H.,    | 3 00 |
| McKinnon, John,      | 3 00 |
| DcDonald, Angus,     | 3 00 |
| Murray, Jacob,       | 3 00 |
| Miller, H. B.,       | 3 00 |
| McKeen, Fred C.,     | 3 00 |
| Nason, Samuel S.,    | 3 00 |
| Noyes, J. G.,        | 3 00 |
| Poland, James B.,    | 9 29 |
| Purington, E. H.,    | 3 00 |
| Pinkham, Harry S.,   | 3 00 |
| Pinkham, A. A.,      | 2 35 |
| Pinkham, Harry A.,   | 3 00 |
| Perham, F. S.,       | 3 00 |



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|------------------------|------|
| Pratt, Ernest H.,      | 3 00 |
| Poland, John,          | 3 00 |
| Pierce, Everett M.,    | 3 00 |
| Royal, Melvin N.,      | 6 05 |
| Rawson, E. C.,         | 4 54 |
| Rand, David E.,        | 4 09 |
| Reynolds, John,        | 3 00 |
| Raymond, Carol G.,     | 3 00 |
| Rowe, Edgar E.,        | 3 00 |
| Rounds, A. L.,         | 3 00 |
| Rowe, Lendall W.,      | 3 00 |
| Rodick, Fred,          | 1 00 |
| Sawyer, James F.,      | 3 71 |
| Sawyer, Curtis M.,     | 3 00 |
| Scribner, Chas. A.,    | 3 00 |
| Spiller, Silas,        | 3 00 |
| Seal, Howard P.,       | 3 00 |
| Sawin, Harley F.,      | 3 00 |
| Skillin, J. A.,        | 3 00 |
| Sawyer, J. Herman,     | 3 00 |
| Strout, Adelbert,      | 3 00 |
| Strout, Stephen B.,    | 5 18 |
| Stanton, Lewis G.,     | 3 00 |
| Somerset, Wilbert,     | 3 00 |
| Schlag, Geo. J.,       | 3 00 |
| Small, Wm. K.,         | 3 00 |
| Sylvester, John F.,    | 3 00 |
| Stevens, A. French,    | 3 00 |
| Strout, Edward H.,     | 3 00 |
| Thomas, John F.,       | 3 00 |
| Thurston, John P.,     | 3 00 |
| Tripp, Lendall,        | 3 00 |
| Teague, James H., Jr., | 3 00 |



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| Taylor, Alfred B., | 3 00 |
| Thurlow, Wm. P.,   | 3 00 |
| Tilton, Ira A.,    | 3 00 |
| Turple, James,     | 3 00 |
| Tilton, Winfield,  | 3 00 |
| Tibbetts, H. H.,   | 3 00 |
| Verrill, A. P.,    | 3 55 |
| Wyman, C. H.,      | 3 48 |

NON-RESIDENT.

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| Morrill, A. L., | 1 31     |
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|                 | \$438 69 |

1907.

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|----------------------|---------|
| Allard, Frank H.,    | \$ 3 00 |
| Arris, Albert B.,    | 3 00    |
| Bray, A. S.,         | 12 18   |
| Benson, Jabez W.,    | 3 00    |
| Bunker, Ralph S.,    | 3 00    |
| Bartlett, Alonzo D., | 3 00    |
| Berry, Jerry, ✓      | 3 42    |
| Boyer, Herbert S.,   | 3 00    |
| Bancroft, Geo. E., — | 3 00    |
| Benson, John M.,     | 3 00    |
| Booker, A. B.,       | 3 00    |
| Brazier, Chas., —    | 3 00    |
| Bumpus, Harold,      | 3 00    |
| Bryant, A. R.,       | 3 00    |
| Brand, James,        | 3 00    |
| Conant, Chas. A., —  | 9 09    |
| Currier, Alba W.,    | 3 00    |
| Clarke, Wm. H.,      | 3 00    |
| Cole, Elijah,        | 3 00    |



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|-----------------------|------|
| Chase, H. F.,         | 3 00 |
| Corbett, Fred M.,     | 4 37 |
| Chaplin, Almon,       | 3 74 |
| Churchill, Sherman,   | 6 17 |
| Chute, Herbert W.,    | 3 00 |
| Cole, F. H.,          | 3 00 |
| Chase, Walter S.,     | 3 00 |
| Crawford, Geo. W.,    | 3 00 |
| Churchill, Arthur E., | 3 00 |
| Davis, Frank L., ✓    | 3 00 |
| Duran, J. C.,         | 3 00 |
| Denton, Cyrus G.,     | 3 00 |
| Dudley, E. D.,        | 6 00 |
| Edwards, Alice,       | 1 68 |
| Faunce, Elmer A., ✓   | 3 00 |
| Faunce, Lowe E.,      | 3 00 |
| Fish, Jotham S.,      | 3 00 |
| Faunce, Edgar,        | 3 00 |
| Faunce, Perley B.,    | 3 00 |
| Grant, Sherman S., ✓  | 3 00 |
| Garrett, Wm.,         | 3 00 |
| Gould, Winfield A.,   | 4 58 |
| Goodwin, J. Clark,    | 74   |
| Garrett, Edward E.,   | 3 00 |
| Garrett, John A.,     | 3 00 |
| Garrett, Benj.,       | 3 00 |
| Gallagher, Hugh,      | 3 00 |
| Harris, Simeon L.,    | 3 00 |
| Hall, Edgar A.,       | 3 53 |
| Harlow, A. E.,        | 3 00 |
| Hanscom, Geo. A., ✓   | 3 00 |
| Haskell, Stephen R.,  | 3 00 |
| Holt, Arthur,         | 3 00 |



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| Hovey, A. R.,        | 3 00 |
| Hanley, James,       | 3 00 |
| Hatch, Millard,      | 3 00 |
| Jordan, Samuel D.,   | 3 00 |
| Jordan, A. T.,       | 3 00 |
| Knight, Chas. S.,    | 3 00 |
| Keene, F. L.,        | 3 00 |
| Leach, Wm. E.,       | 3 00 |
| Leach, Walter D.,    | 3 00 |
| Lewis, W. E.,        | 3 00 |
| Lesco, Joseph,       | 3 00 |
| Millett, Chas. M.,   | 4 58 |
| Mayberry, Walter M., | 3 00 |
| Mayberry, H. M.,     | 7 73 |
| Mayberry, Eugene M., | 3 00 |
| Milliken, Frank W.,  | 3 00 |
| Mayberry, Frank O.,  | 3 00 |
| Mason, Chas. H.,     | 5 63 |
| Merrill, Harry A.,   | 3 00 |
| Milliken, Harry M.,  | 3 00 |
| Morton, Harry C.,    | 3 00 |
| Morton, Chas. H.,    | 3 00 |
| Meggett, Frank,      | 3 00 |
| McKeene, Fred C.,    | 3 00 |
| Nason, Samuel S.,    | 3 00 |
| Noyes, J. G.,        | 3 00 |
| Prince, Arvilla,     | 1 79 |
| Purington, E. H.,    | 3 00 |
| Pinkham, Harry S.,   | 3 00 |
| Penney, Harvey,      | 3 00 |
| Pratt, Ernest H.,    | 3 00 |
| Poland, John,        | 3 00 |
| Powers, John F.,     | 3 00 |
| Royal, Melvin N.,    | 9 09 |
| Ruggles, A. H.,      | 3 00 |



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|------------------------|-------|
| Raymond, Carroll G.,   | 3 00  |
| Rodick, Fred,          | 3 00  |
| Rand, Leroy D.,        | 3 00  |
| Reeves, Rev. F. H.,    | 3 00  |
| Sawyer, Curtis M.,     | 3 00  |
| Scribner, Chas. A.,    | 3 00  |
| Spiller, Silas C.,     | 3 00  |
| Seal, Howard P.,       | 3 00  |
| Sawin, Harley F.,      | 3 00  |
| Skillin, J. A.,        | 3 00  |
| Sawyer, J. Herman,     | 3 00  |
| Strout, Stephen B.,    | 4 58  |
| Strout, Adelbert,      | 3 00  |
| Schlag, Geo, J.,       | 3 00  |
| Strout, Joseph N.,     | 3 00  |
| Small, Wm. K.,         | 3 00  |
| Strout, Edward H.,     | 3 00  |
| Strout, Harold,        | 3 00  |
| Shannahan, E.,         | 3 00  |
| Thurston, John P.,     | 3 00  |
| Teague, James H., Jr., | 3 00  |
| Tilton, Ira A.,        | 3 00  |
| Tilton, Winfield W.,   | 3 00  |
| Thurlow, Walter,       | 3 00  |
| Thompson, Wm.,         | 3 00  |
| Thomas, James,         | 3 00  |
| Tripp, Lendall,        | 3 00  |
| Thayer, Melintha,      | 13 65 |
| Verrill, A. P.,        | 3 53  |
| Woodsum, A. G.,        | 3 53  |
| Walker, Geo. E.,       | 5 10  |
| Watt, S. M.,           | 3 00  |
| Walker, Elmer,         | 3 00  |



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| Rand, David E., | 1 05     |
| Morrill, A. L., | 2 63     |
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|                 | \$415 39 |

1908.

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|----------------------|---------|
| Arris, A. B.,        | \$ 3 00 |
| Austin, Forest A.,   | 6 45    |
| Bray, Augustus S.,   | 16 04   |
| Benson, Jabez W.,    | 3 00    |
| Bunker, Ralph S.,    | 3 00    |
| Bancroft, Geo. E.,   | 3 00    |
| Bryant, G. C.,       | 3 00    |
| Briggs, Chester A.,  | 3 00    |
| Bartlett, Alonzo D., | 3 00    |
| Boyer, Herbert S.,   | 3 00    |
| Brazier, Chas.,      | 3 00    |
| Bumpus, Harold,      | 3 00    |
| Bryant, A. R.,       | 3 00    |
| Brazier, Arthur W.,  | 3 00    |
| Currier, A. W.,      | 3 00    |
| Chaplin, Almon,      | 69      |
| Churchill, Sherman,  | 1 70    |
| Chute, Herbert W.,   | 3 00    |
| Chase, Walter S.,    | 3 00    |
| Cox, R. G.,          | 3 00    |
| Campbell, C. W.,     | 58      |
| Cox, P. C.,          | 3 00    |
| Cushman, Chas.,      | 3 00    |
| Conant, Chas. A.,    | 3 00    |
| Curran, A. G.,       | 3 00    |
| Campbell, F. E.,     | 3 00    |
| Crosby, Chas.,       | 3 00    |
| Conley, J. D.,       | 4 73    |



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|----------------------|------|
| Dudley, Edward D.,   | 7 69 |
| Edwards, W. H.,      | 58   |
| Elie, Chas.,         | 3 00 |
| Faunce, Perley B., ✓ | 3 00 |
| Frazee, Wm.,         | 3 00 |
| Grant, Sherman S., ✓ | 3 00 |
| Goodwin, J. Clark,   | 81   |
| Garrett, Edward E.,  | 3 00 |
| Goss, Orville,       | 3 00 |
| Gallagher, Hugh,     | 3 00 |
| Hall, Edgar A.,      | 3 92 |
| Hawkes, Chas. W.,    | 3 00 |
| Hanscom, Geo. A., ✓  | 3 00 |
| Holt, Arthur,        | 3 00 |
| Hovey, A. R.,        | 3 00 |
| Hooper, John A.,     | 3 00 |
| Howe, Harry M.,      | 3 00 |
| Hezeltine, Walter,   | 3 00 |
| Judkins, T. J.,      | 3 00 |
| Knight, Chas. S.,    | 3 00 |
| Keene, F. L.,        | 3 00 |
| Leach, W. E.,        | 3 00 |
| Leach, Walter D.,    | 3 00 |
| Mayberry, Walter M., | 3 00 |
| Mayberry, Eugene M., | 3 00 |
| Meggett, R. W.,      | 3 00 |
| Milliken, Frank W.,  | 3 00 |
| Milliken, Harry M.,  | 3 00 |
| Mayberry, Frank O.,  | 3 00 |
| Mason, Chas. H.,     | 3 00 |
| Merrill, Harry A.,   | 3 00 |
| Marshall, Geo. W.,   | 3 97 |
| Merrill, Thos. O.,   | 3 00 |



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|---------------------|------|
| McIntyre, Roy P.,   | 3 00 |
| McIntyre, J. C.,    | 5 30 |
| Millett, Linneus,   | 3 00 |
| Nason, Samuel S., ✓ | 3 00 |
| Prince, Arvilla,    | 53   |
| Purington, Ed. H.,  | 3 00 |
| Pynn, C. T.,        | 3 00 |
| Penney, Harvey,     | 3 00 |
| Pratt, Ernest H.,   | 3 00 |
| Parker, Almon,      | 3 00 |
| Parker, Rufus,      | 3 00 |
| Royal, M. N.,       | 8 75 |
| Rand, D. M.,        | 9 28 |
| Raymond, Carrol D., | 3 00 |
| Rounds, A. L.,      | 58   |
| Royal, A. M.,       | 3 00 |
| Strout, W. S.,      | 4 73 |
| Spiller, Silas C.,  | 3 00 |
| Sawyer, C. M.,      | 3 00 |
| Strout, Hiram,      | 1 15 |
| Skillin, J. A.,     | 3 00 |
| Sawyer, J. Herman,  | 3 00 |
| Strout, Benj. R.,   | 3 92 |
| Strout, Stephen B., | 3 92 |
| Strout, Adelbert,   | 3 00 |
| Schlag, Geo. J.,    | 3 00 |
| Strout, Alice M.,   | 6 53 |
| Sylvester, H. V.,   | 9 00 |
| Strout, Edward H.,  | 3 00 |
| Spiller, Fred L.,   | 3 53 |
| Strout, Ralph C.,   | 3 00 |
| Sawyer, Carroll M., | 3 00 |
| Staples, Arthur,    | 3 00 |



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| Thurston, John P.,  | 3 00     |
| Thurlow, A. F.,     | 3 00     |
| Teague, J. H.,      | 3 53     |
| Teague, J. H., Jr., | 3 00     |
| Taylor, David S.,   | 3 00     |
| Thurlow, W. W.,     | 3 00     |
| Thomas, James,      | 3 00     |
| Thomas, Alonzo,     | 3 00     |
| Tripp, Albert,      | 3 00     |
| Taylor, Frank,      | 3 00     |
| Walker, Geo. E.,    | 4 73     |
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|                     | \$352 84 |

SUMMARY.

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Delinquent taxes for 1899, | \$ 5 00    |
| "    "    " 1900,          | 77 16      |
| "    "    " 1901,          | 119 84     |
| "    "    " 1902,          | 167 03     |
| "    "    " 1903           | 281 82     |
| "    "    " 1904,          | 284 78     |
| "    "    " 1905,          | 402 75     |
| "    "    " 1906,          | 446 69     |
| "    "    " 1907,          | 415 39     |
| "    "    " 1908,          | 352 84     |
|                            | <hr/>      |
|                            | \$2,545 30 |

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

E. Z. LANE, Auditor.



## STATEMENT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Fred F. McCann, collector, in account with the town of  
Mechanic Falls:

Dr.

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| To commitment of 1909, | \$20,082 31 |
| “ “ Supplementary,     | 23 50       |
| “ “ Interest accrued,  | 9 13        |
|                        | <hr/>       |
|                        | \$20,114 94 |

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| By tax deeds delivered to selectmen, | \$ 214 49   |
| Abatements,                          | 140 59      |
| Interest paid treasurer,             | 9 13        |
| Uncollected (See list below),        | 189 60      |
| Cash paid treasurer,                 | 19,561 13   |
|                                      | <hr/>       |
|                                      | \$20,114 94 |

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|---------------------|---------|
| Wm. E. Allen,       | \$ 3 00 |
| A. S. Bray,         | 11 25   |
| Arthur W. Brazier,  | 3 00    |
| Bert W. Benson,     | 3 00    |
| Martin Cary,        | 3 00    |
| Chas. F. Campbell,  | 3 00    |
| Walter M. Mayberry, | 3 00    |
| Frank O. Mayberry,  | 3 00    |
| J. C. McIntyre,     | 5 30    |
| Melvin N. Royal,    | 8 75    |
| C. S. Walker,       | 5 30    |



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|----------------------|-------|
| W. E. Hanscom & Co., | 69 00 |
| McCann & Cook,       | 69 00 |

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\$189 60

The last two items are in dispute between this and other towns and the parties are and have been ready to pay when a decision is reached.

Since the copy of the above was prepared, C. S. Walker has paid his tax of \$5.30, leaving the uncollected taxes \$184.30.



## Superintendent's Report.

### *To the Town of Mechanic Falls :*

Our school work for the past year has been, generally speaking, eminently satisfactory. This is not claiming that everything connected with the schools has been above all criticism. But on the whole, our schools have been doing excellent work, our teachers have been faithfully endeavoring to perform their full duties, and in most cases teachers and scholars have labored together harmoniously for the best interests of their respective schools. There seems to have been of late something of an awakening of ambition among the pupils of the higher grades, evidenced by the increased number of those who have determined to persevere, and, at least to finish the courses of the high school. However, there are still too many of our young people who fail, for one reason or another, to fully appreciate the manifold privileges provided, at little or no expense to them, for their education and preparation for the active duties and responsibilities, which are soon to be thrust upon them, as citizens of the state.

Our citizens are inclined to great liberality in expenditures for educational concerns, and the pity is, that so many of those who most need the privileges freely furnished them, should neglect to avail themselves of their opportunities, which once gone, never return. Too many leave school at the very first



moment, when the compulsory laws of the state cease to compel their attendance. We believe that another year, at least, should be added to the age to which all scholars should be, by law, obliged to attend school. At present, many pupils leave school at the very age when they are prepared to receive the most advantage from attendance.

But this failure to accept and receive the benefits of training is not to be wholly charged to the thoughtlessness of the young. We must not expect mature ideas and actions from the immature and inexperienced. At *this age* we must depend upon the judicious influence of parents to hold and guide the young to and along the course of their true interests. The parent must govern and control until maturity of judgement renders the child capable of discerning and comprehending those things which make for his own highest welfare. The abounding vitality of youth, the lack of experience and the inability to properly appreciate the privileges and opportunities of the *present* in their relation to the duties and responsibilities of the *future*, doubtless explain in part the fact that so many of our young people fail to stand to and complete the full courses in our higher grades, and especially of the high school. Only proper restraint and insistence on the part of parents can correct this trouble.

Your school committee has during the year made necessary repairs on the several school houses, and has made some advantageous changes in the heating apparatus. The idea inaugurated last year, of requiring the janitors to be in attendance at their several places at an early hour in the morning, and to remain there during the noon hour, has been continued through the year to manifest advantage. Your committee has also added another route to those usually maintained for the transportation of scholars, so that, at the present time, nearly every scholar, living at any great distance from school is pro-



vided with the means of transportation.

Through the thoughtful generosity of the Women's Relief Corps Auxiliary to A. A. Dwinal Post, G. A. R., each of our five schools has received the gift of a beautiful flag, together with a standard to support the same, which were recently presented to the several schools, with appropriate ceremonies. Our citizens unitedly appreciate the efforts of this patriotic organization in fostering the sentiments of patriotism and loyalty to country among the youth of our town.

Much labor has been entailed upon your committee this year in rearranging and formulating the new courses of study for the high school to make them conform to the requirements of the new state law. Our courses, as adopted by the committee, have received the approval of the state superintendent of schools, and there appears no reason why our high school will not hereafter receive \$500.00 each year, instead of \$250.00, as heretofore, from the state.

It will be necessary to make an additional appropriation for this year for the equipment of a laboratory for work in physics and chemistry. This is a requirement of the state in order to secure the additional assistance above mentioned. This will require an appropriation of probably \$500.00, but once made, this department will require only a small yearly expense for replenishing.

Many of our citizens have exhibited their interest in our school work by frequent visits to the various schools, and we confidently believe that all who have made personal observation of our schools and their work, will cheerfully testify to their efficiency.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

Prof. Burton H. Whitman has continued as principal during the year, and to his zealous and conscientious labors the high standing of the school is largely due.



Miss Ethel Bradford has been assistant in this school. Her rare tact and fine scholarship, have contributed to the success of the school.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH GRADES.

Miss Lola D. Smith, as principal, and Miss Ethel Howe, as assistant, have labored most successfully for the interest of this school. This school is largely attended, and is by no means the most easily controlled of our schools, but notwithstanding this situation, this school has experienced a most prosperous and satisfactory year.

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, 5TH AND 6TH GRADES.

Miss Edith G. Cross has continued as principal, with Miss Evis Bridge as assistant. This school is in fine condition of discipline, and the work of the pupils has been satisfactory to a high degree. Both these teachers have labored zealously and faithfully for the good of the pupils under their instruction.

#### WATER STREET PRIMARY.

This school comprises the third and fourth grades, and has been under the care and instruction of Mrs. Sadie Bray. This school is in a most satisfactory condition, both as to discipline and efficiency of its work.

#### ELM STREET PRIMARY.

This school is made up of the first and second grades. Miss Inez Martin has been in charge of these grades during the year and has continued the good work of her previous service. By reason of the greatly increased numbers attending this school during the last term, your committee found it necessary to employ an assistant. Mrs. Orvie Jordan has occupied this position in a most acceptable manner.



## SUMMARY.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Graduated last year,  | 4  |
| Graduating this year, | 13 |

|                          | Largest Attendance. | Average Attendance. |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Spring term, '09,        | 45                  | 40.1                |
| Fall term, '09,          | 54                  | 50.2                |
| Winter term, '09 and '10 | 53                  | 44.2                |

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

|                           |    |      |
|---------------------------|----|------|
| Spring term, '09,         | 62 | 59.9 |
| Fall term, '09,           | 69 | 61.7 |
| Winter term, '09 and '10, | 74 | 65.1 |

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

|                           |    |    |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Spring term, '09          | 62 | 55 |
| Fall term, '09,           | 68 | 61 |
| Winter term, '09 and '10, | 65 | 61 |

### WATER STREET PRIMARY.

|                           |    |    |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Spring term, '09,         | 52 | 44 |
| Fall term, 09,            | 39 | 37 |
| Winter term, '09 and '10, | 42 | 39 |

### ELM STREET PRIMARY.

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|---------------------------|----|----|
| Spring term, '09,         | 58 | 48 |
| Fall term, '09,           | 65 | 52 |
| Winter term, '09 and '10, | 57 | 50 |



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| Largest attendance in all schools,                  | 313     |
| Largest attendance in common schools,               | 259     |
| Largest attendance in high school,                  | 54      |
| Average attendance in the common schools,           | 235     |
| Average attendance in the high school,              | 45      |
| Average attendance in all schools,                  | 280     |
| Number of terms in school year,                     | 3       |
| Number of weeks in each term,                       | 12      |
| Highest weekly wages of teachers in common schools, | \$11 00 |
| Lowest weekly wages of teachers in common schools,  | \$6 00  |
| Average weekly wages of teachers in common schools, | \$9 28  |
| Monthly salary of principal of high school,         | \$88 88 |
| Monthly salary of assistant in high school,         | \$48 00 |
| Average cost of transporting scholars per week,     | \$18 25 |
| Average cost of janitor service per week,           | \$10 00 |

The problems of sanitation and ventilation, brought to your attention in previous reports, still remain unsolved, and should receive the thoughtful attention of the citizens. It would not require a large outlay to provide scientific sanitary condition, for our two houses, and it would seem that a due regard to the health and well-being of our scholars, should prompt the town to immediate action in this matter.

I have to thank the members of the school committee for their faithful and untiring labors in the interest of our schools during the year, and to bespeak for them your grateful appreciation for their otherwise unrewarded sacrifices of time and effort.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LIBBY,

Superintendent of Schools.



## Warrant for Town Meeting.

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*To Fred F. McCann, a constable of the town of Mechanic Falls, in the County of Androscoggin and State of Maine.*

### GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Mechanic Falls, qualified as the constitution requires to assemble at Perkins Hall, in said town, on Monday, the fourteenth day of March, 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To act on the report of the town officers.

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



ART. 5. To choose a collector and fix his compensation.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for support of common schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of a free high school for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to expend for a free high school for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the repair of highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

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

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the contingent fund for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the town officers' salaries for the ensuing year.

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

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the payment of interest for the ensuing year.

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

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the observance of Memorial Day for the ensuing year.



ART. 17. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for lighting streets for the ensuing year.

ART. 18. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$1,680.00 for hydrant rental for the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the fire department and for the purchase of hose for the ensuing year.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of the public library and the purchase of books for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purchase of text books, apparatus, furnishings and incidentals for schools for the ensuing year.

ART. 22. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the repair of school houses for the ensuing year.

ART. 23. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to defray the the expense of graduating exercises of the high school for the ensuing year.

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

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges.



ART. 26. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" upon the adoption of the provisions of chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, as amended by Chapter 69, Public Laws of 1909, relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to state aid for highways for the year 1910.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate in addition to the amounts regularly raised and appropriated for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the sum of \$450.00, being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, as amended by Chapter 69, Public Laws of 1909.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to provide for the construction of permanent sidewalks and if necessary raise money therefor.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to take action to protect the trees and forests from moth pests and raise money therefor.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize its superintending school committee to join with any other town or towns for the purpose of employing a superintendent of schools in accordance with the provisions of Sections 40 to 45 inclusive of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to execute a quit claim deed in behalf of the town, releasing its right in and to real estate held by it by tax deed, upon payment of taxes, interest and costs.



ART. 32. To see what action the town will take relative to replacing the bridge, built in 1877, over the Little Androscoggin from Elm to Main Streets, and raise money therefor.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to arrange with the Electric Light Co. for a light on Pleasant Avenue near the residence of W. F. Hall, and if necessary raise money therefor.

ART. 34. To see if the town will take any action relative to providing an alms house for the poor, and if necessary raise money therefor.

ART. 35. To see what action the town will take relative to the collection of taxes due for the years 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908; and also to act on the resignation of F. Edwin Dwinal, collector of taxes.

ART. 36. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for collector's commissions for the ensuing year.

ART. 37. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$519.28 to liquidate the deficiency in the poor department; the sum of \$234.36 to liquidate the deficiency in the highway department; the sum of \$92.85 to liquidate the deficiency in the high school department; the sum of \$79.29 to liquidate the deficiency in the text book account; the sum of \$953.18 to liquidate the deficiency in the contingent account; the sum of \$60.65 to liquidate the deficiency in the interest account; the sum of \$250.84 to liquidate the deficiency in the brown tail moth account.

ART. 38. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to build a sewer from a point on Water Street to connect with Main Street sewer, thence up Pleasant Street as by plan adopted by town, and if necessary raise money therefor.



ART. 39. To see if the town will accept a list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 40. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to take action as provided by Chapter 29 Section 26 of the Revised Statutes.

ART. 41. To see if the town will instruct the school committee to take action as provided in Chapter 73 Public Laws of 1909 relative to the appointment of a school physician and other provisions as provided in said chapter.

Hereof fail not, and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

The selectmen will be in session at the selectmen's office on the 14th day of March at eight o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Dated at Mechanic Falls the 1st day of March A. D. 1910.

FRANK A. MILLETT,  
FRED H. WATERHOUSE,  
ERNEST F. SMITH,

Selectmen of Mechanic Falls.