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Town Officers.

ROY H. SPAULDING, Town Clerk.
GEORGE F. PLUMMER, WILLIAM BRETHRICK, Selectmen.
DANIEL C. HILL,
ORA A. BROWN. Treasurer.
STEPHEN C. BAKER, Collector.
GEORGE B. STEVENS, Overseer of Poor.
MRS. LUCY A. DEARBORN, Librarian.
THOMAS E. CARR, Janitor of Town Hall.
THOMAS F. MARR, GEORGE F. DOW, Policemen.
ALBERT E PORTER, GEORGE E. SCRIBNER, Auditors.
JAMES F. HUCKINS.
EARL P. HARRINGTON, CHARLES L. GORDON, CHARLES S. WOODMAN, Firewards.
EDGAR W. SANBORN, Supt. Water Works.
ALONZO R. GAREY, EDWARD P. WARNER, Board of Health.
ORA A. BROWN,
HENRY W. BOYNTON, JAMES F. HUCKINS, Tree Wardens.
JOHN H. MORRILL,
Selectmen's Report.

**Inventory of the Town of Ashland, April 1, 1902.**

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<td>No. of Polls, 356</td>
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<td>Horses, 224</td>
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<td>Asses and Mules, 1</td>
<td>20 00</td>
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<td>Cows, 213</td>
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<td>Sheep, 123</td>
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<td>12 00</td>
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<td>Fowls, 1550</td>
<td>540 00</td>
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<td>Carriages, 48</td>
<td>1,510 00</td>
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<td>Money at interest</td>
<td>6,038 00</td>
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<td>Stock in Trade</td>
<td>44,500 00</td>
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<td>Mills and Machinery</td>
<td>115,100 00</td>
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<td>Resident Real Estate</td>
<td>363,179 00</td>
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<td>Non-Resident Real Estate</td>
<td>8,929 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total Valuation</strong></td>
<td><strong>$600,761 00</strong></td>
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**Valuation by Districts.**

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<td>55,325 00</td>
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<td><strong>Total Valuation by Districts</strong></td>
<td><strong>$600,761 00</strong></td>
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MONEY RAISED.

For town charges, $2,100 00
  fire department, 325 00
  memorial day, 50 00
  town library, 100 00
  support of poor, 100 00
  Eastman nozzles, 120 00
  state tax, 1,062 50
  county tax, 1,260 00
  highway tax, 1-4 per cent, 1,501 90
  extra highway money, 300 00
  school tax, 1,500 00
  extra school tax, dist. No. 1, 1,200 00
  lighting schoolhouse, dist. No. 1, 75 00
  extra school tax, dist. No. 2, 175 00
  vote of 1899, note and interest, 449 92
  overlay, 494 38

Total amount raised, $10,813 70

Rate per cent. on $100, $1 80

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIVED.

Cash, Edward Horigan, billiard license. $10 00
  L. B. Brooks, " " 20 00
  Grafton Co., support of poor, 389 24
  F. L. Hughes, from G. A. R. Post, 16 25
  T. E. Carr, jan. town hall, 36 00
  Hughes & Brown, for spikes, 2 40
  Proceeds of play, "Nan, the Mascotte," 46 80
  H. Damon estate, 14 00
State treasurer, on acct., viz.,
  insurance tax, 3 75
  railroad " 101 29
  savings bank tax, 577 23
  literary fund, 123 00
  tuitions, high schools, 58 17
American Book Co., overpaid, 1 54
F. D. Sanborn, rent shed, 36 00
J. F. Huckins, " Masonic hall, 50 00
Robert Deane, justice fine, 10 00
Maggie Lougee, " " 10 00
Town clerk, dog license, 131 75
A. E. Porter, sewer dividend, 70 00
E. G. Gammons, use of tomb, 3 00

Total, $1641 12

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid H. F. Elkins, 400 town reports, 50 00
Iver Johnson Co., police clubs, 3 00
E. C. Eastman, stationary, 2 54
Francis M. Hughes, ins. town hall 80 00
Ashland Elec. Lt. Co., light, 3 mos. 217 31
Plymouth Record, 500 dog licenses, 1 75
James L. Wilson, services, 1902, 25 00
" " prosecuting complaints, 10 00
H. F. Elkins, printing, 2 65
Geo. W. Bettis, copying inventory for commissioners, 4 00
A. F. Fifield, sundry accounts, 7 54
H. E. Dale, cleaning town clock, 12 00
Ashland Elec. Lt. Co., light 3 mos. 217 31
Geo. W. Bettis, stove for town hall, 5 00
W. F. Hardy, enumerating children, 10 00
Ashland Elec. Lt. Co., light 3 mos. 217 31
F. Fifield, tables for town hall, 10 00
" " election booths Nov. '02, 2 25
E. A. Chase, checklists, 9 00
T. J. Barnard & Co., binding rep'ts, 2 00
A. A. Heath, wood for library, 6 00
Nellie E. Plummer copying inv't'ry, 5 00
B. H. Brown, labor on wood, 2 50
Rev. J. E. Finan, reporting marriages,
  6 years, 2 50
R. H. Spaulding, recording births,
  deaths, marriages and children's names, 13 60
" postage paid and stationery, 1 50
J. E. Morrison, oil for town clock, 75
A. R. Garey, M. D., reporting births
  and deaths, 3 25
E. M. Worthen, M. D. reporting
  births and deaths, 4 25
M. C. Spaulding M. D., reporting
  births and deaths, 1 00
Ashland Elec. Lt. Co. light 3 mos. 217 31
Hill & Hardy, ins. hose house, 40 00
Green Grove Cemetery, for lot, 5 00
Thompson & Sanborn, stove pipe
  and fittings, and sundry
  bills for repairs, 12 86
F. A. Kimball, water trough, '01-'02 4 00
Ora A. Brown, express and freight paid and postage stamps, 8 96
Brown & Huckins, disinfectants, 75
Hughes & Brown, supplies and hdw. 2 50
Geo. F. Plummer, Ex. paid and cash paid out, sundry bills, 6 49

Total, $1,226 88

WASHOUT AND COFFER DAM, JUNE 1902.

Paid R. C. Harriman, provisions, $4 50
John J. Harvey, labor, 16 33
James O. Clark and 4 men, labor, 75 00
J. J. McGuire, labor, 15 75
James Brogan, prov. and board. men, 37 00
S. J. Cotton, labor and teams, 167 70
Otto Willoughby, " " 46 46
R. & M. R. R. " " materials, 117 33
Kusumpe Lbr. Co., lumber and part cost, repairing center of dam, 122 68
H. H. Shepard, lumber, 50 23
Hughes & Brown, hardware and supplies, 40 18
Sullivan Bros., spikes, 3 00
Benj. Deane, teaming and piling, 69 94
Ora A. Brown, pay rolls, 197 36
" " " " " " " " 25 88
" " " " " " " " 6 05

Total, $1007 44
To deduct from this total should be applied
Proceeds of play, "Nan, the Mascotte," 46 80
Spikes sold, 2 40

Net cost to town to date, 958 24

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Paid G. F. Dow, supervisor, $11 00
M. G. Tucker, " 11 00
Geo. B. Stevens, " 10 00
Earl P. Harrington, ballot clerk, 2 00
Geo. H. Dearborn, " " 2 00
Fred A. Carr, " " 2 00
Geo B. Gordon, " " 2 00
R. H. Spaulding, town clerk, 50 00
J. E. Morrison, care of town clock, 25 00
Geo. B. Stevens, overseer of poor, 50 00
M. G. Tucker, truant officer, 50 00
R. L. Howe, moderator, 4 00
Mrs. L. A. Dearborn, librarian, 50 00
A. R. Garey, Health officer, 10 00
O. A. Brown, " " 5 00
E. P. Warner, " " 5 00
O. A. Brown, treasurer, 50 00
S. C. Baker, collector, 100 00
Geo. F. Plummer, selectman, 125 00
Wm. Brethrick, " 50 00
Daniel C. Hill, " 25 00
Albert E. Porter, Auditor, 1 50
James F. Huckins, " 1 50

$642 00
TUITIONS PAID AT HIGH SCHOOLS.

UNDER LAW OF 1901.

Paid Plymouth High School for

Georgianna Belanger, 1 year, $36 00
Orville Bryant, 1 " 36 00
Eva Crockett, 1 " 36 00
Alice Eastman, 1 " 36 00
Grace Lord, 1 " 36 00
Arthur Morrison, 1 " 36 00
Winnifred Nichols, 1 " 36 00
Lettie B. Harriman, 1-2 " 18 00

Paid New Hampton Literary Institution for

Florence H. Blanchard, 1 year, 35 85
Elsie M. Evans, 1-2 " 16 35
Marian Pease, 1-2 term, 5 35
Bret Pease, 5-6 year, 28 60
Earl E. Smith, 1 term, 11 35
Erville J. Batchelder, 1-2 year, 18 00
Vivian A. George, 1-2 term, 7 00
Lester T. Calley, 1-2 " 6 00

Paid N. H. Conference Seminary, Tilton, for

Ralph Hunt, 1 year 45 00
Arthur B Fifield, 1 " 45 00
Annie J. Goss, 1 " 45 00
Charles W. Davis, 1-2 " 22 50
Arthur L. Harriman, 1 term, 15 00
Daniel J. Holland, 1-2 year, 22 50
Melville Sanborn, 1-2 " 22 50
Lettie Harriman, 1-2 " 22 50
Beatrice D. Peavy, 1-2 " 22 50

Paid Colby Academy, New London,

Ruby J. Hersey, 1-3 years, 56 00

Total, $717 00
### SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

#### District No. 1.

Paid Ora A. Brown, pur. agent, for school books and supplies and as shown by vouchers,

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<td>Hughes &amp; Brown</td>
<td>38 68</td>
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<td>Silver, Burdett &amp; Co., books</td>
<td>14 70</td>
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<td>John F. Swanney, supplies</td>
<td>15 00</td>
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<td>J. L. Hammett Co., Books</td>
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#### District No. 2.

Paid Brown & Huckins, supplies,

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<td>A. E. Porter</td>
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<td>Leavenworth &amp; Green, maps</td>
<td>23 00</td>
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<td>American Book Co., books</td>
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<td>B. F. Pease, books, supplies and</td>
<td>14 51</td>
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<td>paid</td>
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<td>Mrs. John Blanchard, services</td>
<td>4 55</td>
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<td>and bills paid</td>
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<td>Hughes &amp; Brown, supplies</td>
<td>4 79</td>
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*$57 35$

### POLICE AND LOBBY ACCOUNT.

Paid T. F. Marr, keeping transients, 5 00

A. Morin, services, special, 2 00

J. W. Lowd, " " 2 00
Geo. F. Dow, services, police, 38 00
T. F. Marr, " " 60 00
Stevens & Gammons, lobby supplies, 47

**SUMMARY OF CURRENT EXPENSES.**

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<td>School Supplies, dist. No. 1</td>
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<td>57 35</td>
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<td>Police and lobby account</td>
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<td>Washout and coffer dam</td>
<td>1007 44</td>
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<td>Salaries town officers</td>
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<td>Tuitions at high schools</td>
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<td>$3963 02</td>
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<td>Appropriation</td>
<td>2100 00</td>
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**TOWN POOR ACCOUNT,**

Paid account death and burial Henry Damon.

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<td>E. M. Worthen, med. attendance</td>
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<td>D. C. Brown, care</td>
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<td>Stevens &amp; Gammons, clothing</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>C. H. Dow, digging grave</td>
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<td>Rev. F. D. George, services</td>
<td>2 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>L. E. Taylor care</td>
<td>1 50</td>
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<td>E. G. Gammons, undertaker</td>
<td>25 00</td>
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<td>T. Maltais, medicine</td>
<td>1 55</td>
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39 10
D. C. Hill, rent, J. S. Drew, 66 00

67 55

Appropriation, 106 65

100 00

Appropriation exceeded, 6 65

TOWN LIBRARY.

Appropriation, 100 00

Paid Mrs. Lucy A. Dearborn, librarian, 100 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation, 50 00

Paid F. L. Hughes, Q. M., G. A. R. post, 50 00

The G A. R. post returned $16.25 of this appropriation to the town on June 14th and are credited accordingly in the selectmen's received account.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

AND REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Appropriation, 1-4 of 1 percent on valuation, 1501 90

Extra money voted, 300 00

1801 90

Bills from Feb. 15th to May 1st, 1902, paid by Selectmen,

S. J. Cotton, labor and teams, 230 54

W. B. Smith, breaking roads, 5 00

S. J. Sanborn, “ “ 9 00
Hughes & Brown, drain pipe, 9 90
Thompson & Sanborn, drain pipe, 8 16

On May 1st the town was divided into 7 districts and the following surveyors appointed:—

District No. 1, Willis H. Calley.
  "  " 2, Fremont D. Eastman.
  "  " 3, Frank H. Leavitt.
  "  " 4, George W. Lambert.
  "  " 5, Charles H. Sanborn.
  "  " 6, Otto Willoughby.
  "  " 7, William D. Bateman,

Below is given report of expense in each district in detail:—

REPORT OF DIST. NO. 1, WILLIS H. CALLEY, SUR.

Paid Geo. O. Kelly, labor, $1 49
  Frank Kelly, " 32
  Frank Moore, " 1 49
  C Cummings, " 3 10
  M. J. Chase, " 4 04
  W. M. Currier, " 4 85
  W. H. Calley, " 8 65
  "  "  "  and breaking roads, 20 00

  43 94

REPORT DIST. NO. 2, FREMONT D. EASTMAN, SUR.

J. H. Blanchard, labor and team, 25 76
W. D. Smith, " " " 18 50
F. D. Eastman, " " " 64 98
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<td>W. E. Leavitt, labor</td>
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<td>and team</td>
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<td>J. E. Benton</td>
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<td>7 62</td>
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<td>Fred Wadleigh</td>
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<td>Moses Morse</td>
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<td>Owen Eastman</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>6 75</td>
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<td>F. W. Eastman</td>
<td>&quot;</td>
<td>5 74</td>
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<td>spikes, bolts and plank</td>
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<td>2 61</td>
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**170 84**

**REPORT DIST. NO. 3, FRANK H. LEAVITT, SUR.**

Paid Frank H. Leavitt, labor and team, **15 20**

Smith J. Sanborn, breaking roads, **6 60**

**21 80**

**REPORT DIST. NO. 4, GEO. W. LAMBERT, SUR.**

Paid Geo. W. Lambert, labor and team, **26 42**

S. M. Holmes, " " **1 22**

**27 64**

**REPORT DIST. NO. 5, CHARLES H. SANBORN, SUR.**

Paid Charles Sanborn, labor and team, **21 58**

Lewis Sanborn, " " " **25 31**

Geo. Campbell, " " **4 72**

Walter Plaisted, " " **2 02**

Bert Amsden, " " **1 08**

John Amsden, " " **2 16**

Alfred Tilton, " " " **3 50**

**60 37**
REPORT DIST. NO. 6, OTTO WILLOUGHBY, SUR.

Paid C. H. Dow, labor, 7 78
S. J. Cotton, " and team, 22 98
Robt. Harris, " 13 57
Ernest Clark, " 6 33
Hughes & Brown, supplies, 3 83
Thompson & Sanborn, " 80
Otto Willoughby, labor and team, 64 91
Frank Lougee " 68
Robert Deane, " 2 03
F. A. Carr, " " " 6 30
E. Boynton, " 6 40
Carl Boynton, " 4 05
J. I. Brown, " " " 8 58
M. G. Tucker " 1 95

This is up to Nov, 18th, after which date the account is in report of dist. No. 7.

REPORT OF DIST. NO. 7, WM. BATEMAN, SUR.

Paid J. Irving Brown, teams, 14 00
E. A. Stowell, lumber, 55 44
Levi Evans, labor, 22 15
Benj. Deane, teams, 59 17
Charles Wells, labor, 2 03
Earl Bickford, " 4 61
G. B. Peavey, teams. 28 00
Charles Dow, labor, 1 35
H. H. Shepard, lumber, 1 38
Frank Fifield labor, 9 33
Hughes & Brown, supplies, 20 74
M. G. Tucker, labor, 2 22
S. J. Cotton, " and team 3 50
Robert Deane, " 21 22
Wm. Lovejoy, " 96 43
Wm. Bateman, " " " 211 65
F. A. Carr, " " " 59 22
Joseph Guyett, " 2 01
Wm. Durham, " 1 41
A. F. Nichols, " " " 18 20
L. G. Fifield, repairs, 2 00
sundry accounts, 1 36

637 42

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.
Outstanding bills to May 1, 1902, paid by
Selectmen, 262 60
Paid Willis H. Calley, high. dist. No. 1, 43 94
Fremont Eastman, " No. 2, 170 84
Frank H. Leavitt, " No. 3, 21 80
Geo. W. Lambert, " No. 4, 27 64
Chas. H. Sanborn, " No. 5, 60 37
Otto Willoughby, " No. 6, 150 19
Wm. Bateman, " No. 7, 637 42

Total for year, 1374 80

The $300.00 extra money voted has been placed in the general account as investigation appeared to show the town officers were not warranted in applying it to any special piece of highway.

The results during the past year apparently justify the action of the town in voting to return to the district system.
COST OF EDUCATION.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

School money required by law, 1361 86
Extra money voted at school meeting, 1200 00
Proportion of literary fund, 111 72
" " dog license, 116 17
For lighting schoolhouse, 75 00
To pay debt vote of 1899, 449 92

3314 67

Paid out as follows:

Paid Ora A. Brown, treas. dist. No. 1, 2789 67
" " " repair com. 75 00
Geo. D. Pebbles, note and int., 449 92

3314 67

DISTRICT NO. 2.

School money required by law, 138 14
Extra money voted at school meeting, 175 00
Proportion of literary fund, 11 28
" " dog license, 15 58

340 00

Paid B. F. Pease, treas. dist. No. 2, 340 00

COUNTY POOR AND DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Due from county Feb. 15, 1902, 87 55
Paid G. B. Stevens for county poor, 380 87
" " " " dependent soldiers, 20 90

489 32
Received from county during year,  389 24

Due from county Feb. 14, 1903,  100 08

**SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR.**

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<td>interest charged</td>
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<td>312 59</td>
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<td>76 80</td>
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<td>2 40</td>
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Repaid collector to balance,  65 79

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**RECAPITULATION.**

**Financial standing of the town;**

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Increase of debt during year, 380 60
Increase of debt aside from extension of water works system, 20 60

**Receipts and disbursements for year ending Feb. 14 1903.**

### Receipts

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<td>Railroad &quot;</td>
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<td>Tuitions, amount due from state,</td>
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<td>Grafton County pauper account,</td>
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<td>O. W. Keyes Post, G. A. R.,</td>
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<td>Hughes &amp; Brown, for spikes,</td>
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<td>Rent town shed,</td>
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<td>&quot; Masonic hall,</td>
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**Total** 13735 60
Disbursements.

County tax 1260 00
State " 1062 50
Memorial day, 50 00
Town library, 100 00
Current expenses, 3246 02
Fire department, 388 74
" alarm, 66 02
Tuition paid, 717 00
Support of schools, 3204 75
Town poor, 106 65
County poor, 380 87
Dependent soldiers, 20 90
Highways, sidewalks and bridges, 1374 80
Collector taxes, overpaid, 65 79
Notes and interest, 1309 09
Excess receipts, 382 47

13735 60

During the year the balance against the town increased $380.00, this amount is nearly covered by the cost of the water works extension made necessary by the laying out of Spring street, and in order to serve and protect the property recently built in that vicinity. Insurance on town hall and hose house has been renewed for three years at a cost of $120.00. Almost $960.00 was expended at Little Squam bridge and in building the pier dam at the time of the washout in June last. It is believed the danger which threatened the town at that time and during the past summer justified the work done and money spent to avert it. The town was at no expense
on account of epidemic diseases the past year. All the departments were run practically within their appropriations except the current expenses. The cost of tuitions was $717.00 for the year, or about $100.00 more than the estimate. Results thus far appear to show the highways can be run more economically under the district than under the town system.

George F. Plummer, Selectmen
William Brethrick, of
Daniel C. Hill, } Ashland.
Report Superintendent of Water Works.

Recd. B. & M. R. R., watering engines, $2 50
Kusumpe Lumber Co., pipe, 7 40
Asquam Tran. Co., use of pump, 3 00
R. H. Hart, castings, 8 37
Water rents, 1962 95

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS.

Paid Mrs. Jennie Bowen, rebate on water rent, 8 35
for 24 service boxes, 24 00
Ludlow Valve Co., hydrant packing, 1 20
New Hampton tax, 227 00
Thompson & Sanborn, labor and material, service boxes, 48 56
Ora A. Brown, treasurer, 229 70
" " " " " " 90 50
" " " " " " 204 90
" " " " " " 357 15
" " " " " " 124 50
E. A. Chase, printing 500 receipts, 3 00
Thompson & Sanborn, labor and
material, service boxes, 36 35
Ora A. Brown, treasurer, 145 66
cost of extension from Cottage st. 364 35

1984 22

Cost of extension from Cottage street.

Paid U. S. Pipe Co., pipe and fittings 180 81
Ludlow Valve Co., hydrant, 25 00
freight, 62
Benj. Deane, delivering pipe, 4 25
Ray Brown, shoveling, 6 00
—— Peaslee, " 4 50
Louis Fortin, " 17 50
Fred Brooks, " 2 25
J. Peaslee, " 1 50
—— Bilideau, " 14 50
Rodney Cheney, " 14 50
Palian Fortin, " 14 50
Charles Sanborn, labor, 3 00
" " stone and wood, 3 00
George Chamberlain, shoveling, 8 27
James Peavey, Jr., " 6 55
Ed. Black, " 6 00
Arthur Harriman, " 9 75
William Bateman teaming, 2 25
Frank Chick, sharpening, 70
E. W. Sanborn, labor, 36 00
Extension pipe cutter from Milford, 90
Stamps and cement, 1 00
Milford Supt., use of cutter, 1 00

364 35
In making out the eighth annual report of the Ashland water works we find the water rents for the past year were $35.97 less than the year previous, owing to the number of empty tenements.

At present the system is in good order and very little complaint in the quality of the water.

Thanking the water takers for their promptness and kindness to me in my first year in this capacity as superintendent, I remain,

yours,

E. W. Sanborn.
Report of Overseer of Poor.

Paid Mrs. E. G. Nichols, support Mrs. E. C. Clark, $18 00
Stevens & Gammons, groceries, G. W. Randall family, 14 48
Sam'l Blanchard, rent, Randall family, 3 64
G. A. Edson, 4 84
Hughes & Brown, clothing L. E. Day family, 2 00
Tom Biladeau, sawing wood, 75
Benj. Deane, wood, L. E. Day family, 6 00
C. Fugier, sawing wood, 2 00
Sullivan Bros., clothing, 5 92
William Roby, rent, 12 00
Ahern Bros., milk, 2 20
Annie Parker, care Mrs. Day, 18 00
Stevens & Gammons, groc., Day family 20 77
Ahern Bros., milk, Mrs. Day and 2 25
B. & M. R. R., fare 2 16
Wm. Roby, rent, 6 00
Annie Parker, care 18 00
Stevens & Gammons, groc. 16 66
G. A. Edson, rent, G. W. Randall fam. 24 00
Stevens & Gammons, groc, Randall fam. 36 00
J. M. Cheney, attendance, Day fam. 14 00
A. E. Porter, medicine, " " 1 65
Hughes & Brown, mdse., " " 32
Mrs. J. Peavey, care Raymo child, 25 00
Mrs. E. G. Nichols, care Mrs. Clark, 60 00
Stevens & Gammons, groceries, Mrs. Preston, 19 13
Brown & Huckins, med. Mrs Preston, 2 10
J. M. Cheney, consultation," " 3 00
Stevens & Gammons, groc. Randall fam. 14 50
G. A. Edson, rent, Randall fam.. 16 00
Kusumpe Lbr Co., wood, Randall fam. 1 50
A. A. Heath, " " " 6 00
F. Lamond, " " " 2 00

380 87

PAID FOR SUPPORT DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Paid Mrs. Flora Heath, board, Leroy S. Heath, 18 00
Stevens & Gammons, goods, Leroy S. Heath, 2 90

20 90

Geo. B. Stevens,
Overseer of Poor.
Janitor's Report.

Recd. Good Templars, 3 00
Methodists and rehearsal, 3 50
show, (Ten Nights in a Bar Room), 5 00
ball, Brigham's Orchestra, 6 00
drama, rehearsal, Forced to the War, 6 00
Lucier's minstrels, 5 00
Masons, 4 00
Patrons of Husbandry, 3 00
show, R. J. Young's 7 00
Eastern Star, 4 50
Duffee's Jubilee, 3 00
Lucier's minstrels, 5 00
Ernest Workers, 6 50
Pythian Sisterhood, 3 00
Al Martz, 5 00
A. L. Davis, 3 00
Pierce & Hart, 19 00
I. O. O. F., 3 00
R. Pattee, 3 00
Masons, 3 00
W. C. Trenion, 2 00
Hadfield Stock Co., 6 00
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for two pails, 36
" " chairs, 75
electric lights, 4 60
sawing wood, 50
janitor, service, 2 00
" " 3 00
electric lights, 2 33
janitor, service, 1 50
stove blacking, 25
board for electric lights, 1 00
janitor, service, 1 00
lamp chimneys, 66
electric lights, 2 40
cleaning hall after school, 1 00
janitor, service, 1 00
electric lights, 4 40
janitor, service, 2 25
" " 1 00
for glass, 25
electric lights, 3 33
janitor, service, 1 00
" " 1 00
" " 1 00
light globes, 44
janitor, service, 6 00
Geo. F. Plummer, 20 00
janitor, service, 1 00
" " 1 00
Geo. Plummer, 3 00
lights, 4 93
janitor, service, 1 00
janitor, service, 1.00
for toilet paper, 25
janitor, service, 1.00
" " 1.00
light globes, 44
kerosene, 12
two pails, 35
janitor, service, 2.00
Geo. F. Plummer, 10.00
electric lights, 5.13
janitor, service, 1.00
" " 2.00
sawdust, 75
janitor, service, 1.00
kerosene, 24
janitor, service, 1.00
" " 2.00
F. B. Dalton, wood, 4.00
sawing wood, 75
electric lights, 5.13
wax, 30
janitor, service, 1.00
" " 6.25
light globes, 44
" " and supplies, 1.02
electric lights, 4.13
A. A. Heath, wood, 5.00
sawing wood, 1.00
janitor, service, 1.75
light globes, 66
Geo. F. Plummer, 3.00
Diary, 35
pitcher,  25
  tumblers,  07
  kerosene,  30
  frame to go in door,  75
  glass,  20
  broom,  30
  janitor,  1  25
   "  4 00
  electric lights,  3 53
  janitor,  10 00
  wood,  12 00
  sawing wood,  2 25
  janitor,  2 00
  wax and tumblers,  30
  kerosene,  15
  electric lights,  14 07
  wax,  20
  janitor, service,  1 00
   "  1 00
Balance on hand,  3 02

210 15

Total amount paid to town above expenses,  36 00

T. E. Carr,
Janitor of Town Hall.
Report of Fire Department and Fire Alarm.

Appropriation for new nozzles, $120 00
Paid S. Eastman Co., nozzles, $100 00
Bal. not expended, 20 00
——— $120 00

Appropriated for fire department, 325 00
Paid E. P. Harrington & help, trying hydrants, 8 00
J. G. Smith, removing snow and ice, 75
E. G. Nichols, services in full, 4 25
C. U. Fogg, " " " 5 83
J. E. Morrison, pay roll H. & L. Co., 42 25
J. G. Smith, pay roll Hose Co. No. 1, 90 50
F. A. Carr, " " " No. 2, 117 26
E. P. Harrington, services, chief, 12 00
R. L. Howe, shovelling out hydrants, 7 90
——— 288 74

FIRE ALARM ACCOUNT.
Paid A. F. Fifield, battery supplies, 13 00
L. G. Fifield, supt., 53 02
——— 66 02

LESTER G. FIFIELD, Supt.
COST OF FIRE PROTECTION.

Whole appropriation for fire purposes, 445 00
Whole amount expended, 454 76
Appropriation exceeded, $9 76

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Ashland:

In making this, our annual report, we have very little to say as we have had no fires to speak of. On April 19, at two o'clock in the afternoon, an alarm was pulled in from box 64 for a chimney fire in the house owned by Mrs. Locke and occupied by Zenas Henley, there was no damage and no water used. On the morning of June 8th box 43 called us out about four o'clock, not to a fire but more to alarm our people of the giving away of the dam at the Kusumpe Lumber company's mill. On Feb. 5th the boys were called, about 1.30 o'clock in the morning, from box 47 to a fire in the shoddy mill (so called), which was under good headway but by earnest work and the masterly manner in which the fire was handled, it was put out without very much damage. Again on Feb. 7th, at 4 a.m., we were called from box 43 to the shoddy mill, which had again broken out and was put out with a few pails of water.

Our apparatus is in the best of shape and always kept ready for use. The boys are ready to use it whenever called upon and "get onto their job" at once, which their record for the past eight years will show.

We have added two sets of the Eastman nozzles the past year which are a great addition to our apparatus, as they throw a solid stream of water, whereas the old kind sprayed it more, and one man or boy can hold this where it took three good men on the old one.

We have not yet seen or heard anything of our steam
gong for which $500.00 was voted by the town three years ago, although we understand that arrangements are all made whereby it can be attached to the paper mills at no cost to the town except getting the and whistle putting it in place and we hope the citizens of the town will use their influence with the next board of selectmen and have the matter attended to at once, for it may be that your home will be the next to need the firemen and if they do not hear the alarm in the night and do not respond, do not blame the firemen but lay the responsibility where it belongs. The town has always gotten everything that the firemen have needed and we think it has been well rewarded for not a fire has got the better of us yet, all have been confined in the building in which it was discovered and our firemen hope it may continue so and that our town may always be as free from fires in the future as it has been in the past.

Earl P. Harrington,
C. L. Gordon,
Chas. S. Woodman,

Fire Wards
Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1902, 444.15
Recd. tax collector, 10,501.20
    supt. water works, 1,146.41
    state treasurer, 863.44
    town clerk, dog licenses. 131.75
    F. M. Hughes, police fines, 20.00
    W. F. Hardy, proceeds drama, 46.80
    Ruby L. Blanchard, on note, 2.72
    E. G. Gammons, use of tomb, 3.00
    Grafton County, pauper acct, 389.24
    selectmen, sundry accounts, 186.89

Total, 13,735.50

DISBURSMENTS.
Paid county tax, 1260.00
    state tax, 1062.50
    on notes, 1309.09
    selectmen’s orders, 9721.54
    cash in treasury, 382.47

Total, 13,735.60

Ora A. Brown,
Town Treasurer
Report of Librarian.

RECEIPTS.
Recd. town treasurer,  
  fines and cards,  
  $100 00  
  2 13  
  102 13

EXPENDITURES.
Paid DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.,  
  F. J. Barnard & Co.,  
  C. W. Sargent,  
  dictionary,  
  Fare to Boston,  
  E. A. Chase, printing,  
  blanks,  
  supplies,  
  freight and cartage,  
  74 40  
  16 20  
  2 50  
  3 50  
  3 00  
  2 50  
  1 75  
  54  
  84  
  105 23

Due from town to balance,  
  3 10

During the past year there have been given out from the library 6468 volumes. 109 new volumes have been added besides a large number of public documents and pamphlets which have been sent from Washington, D. C.

There is a great interest manifested in regard to books by patrons of the library. There is great need of more shelf room, about which something should be done.

Mrs. L. A. Dearborn,  
Librarian.
Report of Board of Education.

District No. 1.

With the school year ending in June, 1902, we have had a school year consisting of 36 weeks. In a system of schools like this, after getting settled down to a steady course of study and line of work, not much appears each year for mention that is novel. So far we try only to give a complete fit for the high school as well as a strong course of study for those completing their education at home. One very gratifying element is the general disposition to seek the attainment that deserves promotion; likewise the more prevalent disposition to remain in school until the course of study is completed.

The new electric lights still leave us in need of a proper system of ventilation and a series of new floors in parts of the building. A program clock that shall give the correct time in each room and many other advantages is among the hoped-for improvements that may be expected in due course of time.

Quite an elaborate graduation was given in June last. That a grammar school class can satisfactorily render a scene from Shakespeare speaks well for the training our pupils are having.

The first grammar, taught by Miss Lulu M. Bryant, had 23 pupils; average attendance, 17. The second grammar, taught by Miss Augusta Tappen, had 31 pupils; average attendance, 17. The intermediate, taught by Miss Gladys Baker and Miss Valma Linscott, had 37 pupils; average attendance, 30. The first primary, taught by Miss Winifred Cochrane, had 40 pupils; average attendance, 29. The second primary, taught by Miss Alice P. Sargent, had 51 pupils; average attendance, 35.

A continuance of the same cordial support of the schools is hoped for in the future as well as appreciated in the past.

JOHN E. MORRISON, Pres.
WILLIS F. HARDY, Sec.
Report of School Board.

Report of District No. 2, (Pease School,) for the Year ending August 1, 1902;

Whole number of weeks during year, 22; First, or fall term, of 12 weeks commenced Sept. 12, ended Nov. 22; taught by Mary E. Pease. Whole number pupils registered, 12; average daily attendance, 10; wages per month, including board, $30.

Second, or spring, term of 10 weeks commenced April 14, ended June 20; taught by Mary E. Pease. Whole number pupils registered 10; average daily attendance, 9; wages per month, including board, $30.

B. F. Pease, Member of School Board.

Report of Dist. No. 2 (Union School).

Fall term, commencing Sept. 21 and ending Nov. 22, taught by Madge Pease. Whole number of weeks, 12; whole number of pupils, 18; average daily attendance, 9; wages of teacher, including board, $7 per week.

The scholars improved very much under an excellent teacher.

Geo. W Lambert, Ex-Committee.

Spring term taught by Miss Mary F. Smith. Whole number of pupils, 11. As I have forwarded the register
for use in making out the State report am unable to give average attendance.

I visited the school twice and was well pleased, it being a most quiet and orderly school, due I believe, not only to the teacher's efforts but to the good sense and natural goodness of the children. The progress in some studies was not quite what I would liked to have seen but I feel like putting the blame on the books in use, which, in my estimation, are unsuited to the school.

Wages of teacher, including board, $6 per week.

Mrs. John H. Blanchard, Member of School Board.

District No. 2, (Calley School);

First term, commenced September 9th, 1901, and ending November 25th, 1901, was taught by Rosie B. Smith, of Orford, N. H. Miss Smith was an extra good teacher, thinking a great deal of her pupils.

Whole number of pupils, 16; average daily attendance, 13.68; on roll of honor, 4; wages per month, including board, $26.

Second term, taught by Sadie E. Gray, of Lakeport, N. H. Mrs. Gray is an experienced teacher and a good one in the school room.

Whole number pupils, 9; average daily attendance, 8.88. On roll of honor, 7; wages per month, including board, $28. This term began April 27th, 1902, and ended June 13th, 1902.

C. W. Cummings.
We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, collector, etc., and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Albert E. Porter,
George E. Scribner,
James F. Huckins,

Auditors.
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I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ROY H. SPAULDING, Town Clerk.