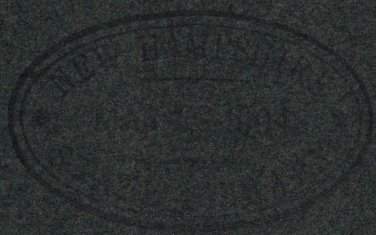


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OF THE TOWN OF
GREENLAND, N. H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 15 1904
WITH THE
VITAL STATISTICS
FOR THE YEAR 1903.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator,

CHARLES H. BRACKETT.

Town Clerk

FRANK D. WENTWORTH.

Selectmen,

JOHN H. BRACKETT, STEPHEN H. WEEKS.

ANDREW P. BODGE.

Treasurer,

WILLIAM P. FRINK.

Collector of Taxes,

ELMER D. MOULTON.

Highway Agents,

WILLIAM A. ODELL, EDWARD R. WEEKS,

JOHN A. CHAPMAN.

Board of Education.

JOHN HATCH, CHARLES W. PICKERING,

Mrs. S. S. MOULTON.

Library Trustees,

JOHN HATCH, ANN R. P. SIMPSON,

JOHN A. M. CHAPMAN, D. D.

Board of Health,

Dr. JOSEPH W. ODELL, JOHN P. WEEKS,

ALFRED M. CLOUGH.

Assessors,

WALTER B. NORTON, ELMER D. MOULTON.

Auditors.

JOHN HATCH, EMERY H. ROKES.

Supervisors,

SIMEON S. BRACKETT, NATHANIEL P. ORDWAY

BELKNAP S. WEEKS.

Police and Constables,

CHARLES H. BRACKETT, DANIEL MAHONEY.

APPROPRIATIONS & VALUATION

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1903.

County tax,	\$1,504 20
State tax,	799 00
School tax,	1,128 00
High School,	500 00
Repairs of Highways,	800 00
Library,	256 40
Interest on bonds,	200 00
Town expenses,	500 00
	\$5,687 60

Valuation of the town, \$366,235.00.

Rate of taxation on \$100., \$1.50.

Amount of tax given the collector for collection, \$5494.30.

Town bonds outstanding, \$4,000.; \$500. of which comes due April 1st of each year, till paid.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNTS

Town of Greenland To ANDREW P. BODGE, DR.

Mar 12,	½ day, inventories,	\$1 00
13,	1 dis. inventories,	2 00
Apr. 1,	1 taking “	2 00
14,	1 assessing taxes,	2 00
15,	1 “ “	2 00
27,	½ in session,	1 00
May 12,	½ “	1 00
20,	½ Electric Road,	1 00
June 1,	½ in session,	1 00
17,	½ “	1 00
Sep 21,	1 S. & G. line,	2 00
Nov. 2,	drawing juror,	50
Dec. 9,	1-2 day in session,	1 00
16,	“ “	1 00
1904.		
Jan. 29,	1-2 day Portsmouth,	1 00
Feb. 13-15,	1 day settling accounts,	2 00
19,	1-2 “ “	1 00
		\$22 50

Town of Greenland To STEPHEN H. WEEKS, DR.

Mar. 12,	preparing inventory blanks,	\$1 00
16,	delivering “ “	3 00
Apr. 1 & 2	taking inventory.	4 00
	team,	2 00
	14 & 15, assessing,	4 00
May 20,	1-2 day with Electric R. R.,	1 00
	team,	50
	22, drawing juror,	50

June 1, $\frac{1}{2}$	in session,	1 00
17, $\frac{1}{2}$	“	1 00
Aug. 7, $\frac{1}{2}$	“	1 00
Oct. 12,	drawing juror,	50
Nov. 2,	“ “	50
Dec. 9,	1-2 day in session,	1 00
16,	“ “	1 00
1904.		
Feb. 15,	1 day settling accounts,	2 00
16, 1	“ “	2 00
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		\$26 00
Aid to tramp,		50
Freight on part of road machine,		27
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		\$26 77

Town of Greenland To JOHN H. BRACKETT, DR.

For postage stamps,	\$0 73
R. R. fare to Concord to settle with State Trea.	2 48
For services as Selectman for year ending	
March 8th, 1904,	46 79
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	\$50 00

HIGHWAY AGENTS' REPORTS

WILLIAM A. ODELL, HIGHWAY AGENT.

	DR.	
To cash received,		\$402 55
	CR.	
Paid Libby & Odell,		\$127 55
Chas. H. Brackett,		53 75
Fred A. Akerley,		52 75
John W. Weeks.		42 87
M. Silver,		9 00
John E. Davis,		29 00
Geo. E. Tuttle,		15 37
I. L. Wilbur,		13 47
John A. Pillsbury,		20 62
Jerry L. Godfrey,		14 62
Daniel Wiggin,		1 25
Leon Evans,		2 40
Frank D. Wentworth,		2 65
Charles Hayes,		1 50
S. S. Brackett,		1 20
W. A. Odell,		14 55
		\$402 55

BREAKING ROADS.

Feb. 17, 1903.		\$8 68
Jan. and Feb., 1904,		31 25

EDWARD R. WEEKS, HIGHWAY AGENT.

	DR.	
To cash received,		\$328 11
	CR.	
Paid T. W. Berry,		\$62 70
S. H. Weeks,		62 25

Paid W. R. Weeks,	\$12 30
T. F. Wentworth,	11 00
J. H. Pottle,	25 10
G. E. & S. T. Odell,	20 70
Est. Margaret Smith,	30 20
E. R. Weeks,	31 40
F. P. Hughes,	16 50
C. R. Rumrill,	4 80
J. W. Brown,	14 00
W. L. Dewing,	5 00
S. S. Brackett, plank,	1 56
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	\$297 51

SNOW ACCOUNT.

Paid T. W. Berry,	\$3 15
S. H. Weeks,	5 45
E. P. Wentworth,	5 85
G. E. Odell,	1 35
E. R. Weeks,	2 60
A Littlefield,	1 00
L Shaw,	75
F P Hughes,	1 20
C Rumrill,	45
D Mahoney,	1 50
F H Simpson,	2 00
Est Margaret Smith,	4 35
S S Brackett,	95
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	\$30 60
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	\$328 11

JOHN A. CHAPMAN, HIGHWAY AGENT.

	DR.	
To cash received,		\$198 75
	CR.	
Paid F Chesley,		\$1 50

Paid Wm. Haines,	\$4 50
Wm. Whenal,	10 50
C. Marden,	1 50
Israel Wilbur,	6 00
G. Wiggin,	8 25
J. L. Godfrey,	4 50
C. Norton,	9 00
Perley Cole,	10 50
John Seavey,	13 50
Wesley Marston,	1 50
Fred Hughes,	1 50
Atwood Adams,	9 00
Walter Adams,	3 00
J. L. Norris,	2 00
C. Foss,	75
M. J. Lowd,	2 25
J. A. Chapman,	72 40
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	\$162 15

SNOW ACCOUNT.

Paid J. L. Godfrey,	\$2 75
M. J. Lowd,	1 80
John Crook,	1 80
A. P. Bodge,	1 30
J. L. Norris,	2 65
J. A. Chapman,	8 25
G. Berry,	3 30
J. Crowell,	4 50
W. B. Norton,	75
W. Marston,	2 00
A. Adams,	1 20
W. Adrms,	1 20
John Seavey,	3 75
Archie Crowell,	1 35
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	\$36 60
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	\$198 75

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.

Railroad tax,	\$750 92
Savings bank tax,	682 44
Literary fund,	57 25
Insurance tax,	2 25
From County for support of paupers,	309 88
E. G. Clough, drain pipe,	11 70
B. A. Berry, part pay for cemetery lot,	10 00
E. D. Moulton, cemetery lot No. 40, right,	10 00
John W. Rand, " 33, "	10 00
W. A. Odell, rent of Clough pasture, '02-3,	10 00
Use of town hall, 37 nights at 85c.,	31 45
	\$1,885 89

EXPENDITURES.

Orders given after auditing Feb. 15, 1903,	
H. A. Holmes, printing town reports,	\$28 00
Orders given—	
John Hatch for Weeks Library,	256 40
Mrs. E. D. Moulton for schools,	1,857 17
Ports. Journal, printing check lists,	10 35
H. A. Holmes, printing town appointments,	1 50
Libby & Odell, wood for hall,	7 50
Pryor & Matthews for glass,	1 04
C. Foss, repairing roof of hall,	5 00
Hoyt & Dow collector's book,	1 25
J. A. & A. W. Walker, drain pipe,	18 80
Brewster & Wilson, printing check lists,	3 95
F. D. Grace, window for hall,	2 60
G. W. Duntley, repairs on school room,	38 33
C. Foss, " "	30 69
J. A. & A. W. Walker, drain pipe,	33 30
E. C. Eastman, order book and paper,	1 00
Geo. A. Norton, supplies for hall,	2 95

W. E. Drake, work on piano,	5 00
D. Mahoney, collecting dog licenses,	6 25
Mrs. J. W. Chapman, dinners for assessors,	5 00
C. W. Marden, storing ballot boxes,	3 65
E. D. Moulton, wood for hall,	6 75
Highway agents,	997 11
M. J. Lowd, oil for hall,	5 02
E. D. Moulton, postage and stationery,	2 12
C. H. Brackett abatement on farm at Bayside,	6 00
W. H. Packer, abatement on real estate,	1 50

\$3,318 23

COUNTY CHARGES.

TWOMBLY.

Orders given after auditing Feb. 15, 1903,	
C. F. Farrell, fitting wood,	\$3 00
J. W. Weeks, wood,	10 00
Orders given—	
Geo. A. Norton, groceries,	104 08
C. R. Edmunds, house rent,	52 00
C. F. Farrell, fitting wood,	9 75
E. G. Walden, meat,	35 61
C. H. Brackett, milk, eggs and wood,	34 75
W. M. Haines, red wood,	6 00

\$255 19

WILCOX.

Dr. Harvey, medical attendance,	\$10 00
Mrs. Mahoney, nursing,	20 00
L. D. Duntley, groceries,	6 14
Mrs. Fred Holmes, washing,	1 80
S. S. Brackett, wood,	4 00
J. Y. Whitehorn, house rent,	4 50
D. Mahoney, police services & witness fees,	8 25

\$54 69

Dr. Odell, medical attendance on Davis family,	12 00
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\$321 88

TOWN OFFICERS.

Orders given—		
J. W. Odell, Board of Health,	\$18 00	
J. L. Godfrey, care of cemetery,	25 00	
B. S. Weeks, supervisor,	10 00	
N. P. Ordway, “	10 00	
S. S. Brackett, “	10 00	
J. K. Hatch, treasurer,	22 80	
W. P. Frink, “	7 20	
F. D. Wentworth, clerk and expenses,	32 90	
W. B. Norton, assessor,	4 00	
E. D. Moulton, “	2 00	
C. H. Brackett, constable,	2 30	
J. L. Godfrey, janitor of hall,	30 60	
Mrs. E. D. Moulton, treas. School Board,	15 00	
Mrs. E. D. Moulton, salary “ “	10 00	
E. D. Moulton, tax collector,	60 00	
A. P. Bodge, selectman,	22 50	
S. H. Weeks, “	26 77	
J. H. Brackett, “	50 00	
	\$359 07	
Tax of 1900, uncollectable, abated,	\$7 28	
“ 1902, “ “	23 73	
Discount on tax of 1903,	189 79	
Uncollected tax of 1903,	37 55	
JOHN H. BRACKETT,	}	Selectmen of Greenland.
STEPHEN H. WEEKS,		
ANDREW P. BODGE.		

Feb. 22, 1904. We certify that the accounts of the Selectmen have been carefully examined, and found to be correctly cast and well vouched.

JOHN HATCH, }
E. H. ROKES. } Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1903. Cash	\$769 87
From Investment Committee,	500 00
State, Insurance tax,	2 25
Railroad tax,	750 72
Savings bank tax,	682 44
Literary fund,	57 23
	1,492 64
County,	309 88
Cemetery lots,	30 00
Rent of town hall,	31 45
Collector of taxes for 1902,	90 50
" " 1903,	5,234 23
Drain pipe,	11 70
Rent of town land,	10 00
	\$8,480 27

DOG LICENSES.

Receipts.

Balance from 1902,	\$67 00
From Town Clerk, licenses for 1903,	75 60
	\$142 60

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Selectmen's orders for 1902, Nos. 98, 44, 99, 100,	\$42 50
Town bond,	500 00
Coupons from bonds for Oct. 1, 1902,	7 50
" " " Apr. 1, 1903,	110 00
" " " Oct. 1, 1903,	87 50
County, tax,	1,504 20
State tax,	799 00
Deposited in Portsmouth Savings bank,	500 00
Selectmen's orders, 1903,	3,796 73
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	7,347 43
Cash to balance,	1,132 84
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	\$8,480 27

DOG LICENSES.

Paid School treas. bal. dog money, order No. 81,	\$67 00
Cash to balance,	75 60
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	\$142 60

WILLIAM P. FRINK, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS.

for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904.

Weeks Fund for support of Schools.

Invested in city of Quincy, Mass., \$1,000. 3½ per cent bond.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Receipts, May 1903, Coupon,	\$17 50	
Nov. 1903, " "	17 50	
		\$35 00
Expenditures, paid School Treas. order 80,		35 00

Weeks Fund for repair of Highways.

Invested in city of Portsmouth \$1,000. 4 per cent bond.

INCOME ACCOUNT.

Receipts, balance from 1903,	\$36 33	
Coupon, May 1, 1903,	20 00	
" Nov. 1, 1903,	20 00	
		\$76 33
Expenditures, W. H. Packer, order 14,	45 70	
Cash to balance,	30 63	
		76 33

Fund for care of Robert Manson Cemetery Lot.

Portsmouth Savings bank book No. 37,219, 50 00

Interest to Jan. 1, 1904, 5 46

55 46



INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Statement of the Investment Committee of the Town of
Greenland, March 1st, 1904.

DR.

Cash on deposit, Rockingham B'k, Mar. 1, '03,	\$21 00
Rockingham Bank dividend, Oct. 1, 1903,	21 00
Apr. Cash withdrawn from Manchester B'k,	458 00
	\$500 00

CR.

April 27, 1903, Paid Town Treasurer,	\$500 00
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Cash and securities on hand March 1904:

Deposit in Rockingham B'k,	\$21 00
7 shares " " "	1,050 00
Deposit in Manchester Savings bank,	900 08
	\$1,971 08

WM. A. PEIRCE,
 For the Committee.



TOWN WARRANT

[L. S.] STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Greenland, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:—

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Greenland on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairing highways.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to distribute the blank inventories at the time they examine and appraise the property to be taxed.
5. To see if the Town will vote to receive, take and hold in trust the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and apply the income of said sum to the care, preservation and embellishment of the lot and its appurtenances in the public cemetery in Greenland wherein is buried the body of the Reverend Samuel W. Clark.
6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cancel any claim it may have upon a strip of land, for thirty years a gravel pit and dumping-ground, lying between the highway and the land of J. A. M. Chapman, if so upon what terms; in refusing to release its claims, if it will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay the expense of filling in and grading the same.
7. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and four.

JOHN H. BRACKETT, } Selectmen
STEPHEN H. WEEKS, } of
ANDREW P. BODGE. } Greenland.

A true copy—Attest:

JOHN H. BRACKETT, } Selectmen
STEPHEN H. WEEKS, } of
ANDREW P. BODGE. } Greenland.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

At the annual school meeting in March, 1903, it was voted to establish two schools in the town, and to leave the number of teachers to be employed to the discretion of the school board of the district, and to unite the schools of the town into two schools.

No action was taken by the school board towards carrying into effect this change in the school system, probably because it was the custom to begin the scholastic year in September, and to consider the spring term of the schools, immediately following the annual meeting, as belonging to the preceding year; although the school fiscal year conforms to that of the town.

On the 30th day of July, 1903, a special meeting of the voters of the school district was called by the school board to see if the district would vote to reconsider the vote taken at the annual meeting to consolidate the schools into two schools.

The special meeting refused to rescind the vote of the annual meeting, whereupon, Mr. John P. Weeks resigned as a member of the board, followed by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Edward Robie on account of his age and physical infirmity. Messrs. John Hatch and Charles W. Pickering were appointed to fill the vacancies until the next annual meeting of the district.

With the fall term, the consolidation of the schools was attempted by the school board in accordance with the vote of the district, as best they were able with the very limited time at their command. It is necessary, therefore, to treat the subject of the schools for the past year in two parts.

First, the schools under the old system:

A term of twelve weeks was held in the three school houses, commencing March 30th and ending June 19th.

The North school was taught by Miss Lillian Y. Chapman, with 20 scholars, and an average attendance of 16.

The South school was taught by Miss Gertrude Chapman, with 16 scholars, and an average attendance of 13.

The Bayside school was taught by Miss Theodosia L. Barrell, with 25 scholars, and an average attendance of 14.

The ages of the scholars in these schools varied from 5 to 17, as shown by the school registers. The usual English branches were taught, viz.: reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar, and history, with the addition physiology and algebra.

A high school was also kept in the academy building, with a term of 10 weeks, from April 6th to June 12th, by Miss Carrie Weeks, with 10 scholars, and an average attendance of 7. The ages of the scholars at this school were from 12 to 15. The same studies were taught as at the district schools, and in addition four scholars studied physical geography, three latin, and one geometry.

During the term, two scholars were allowed to attend school in Stratham, the distance being nearer for them than our own school houses.

Seven scholars attended the high school in Portsmouth, and one the Robinson Seminary in Exeter.

The cost of salaries of teachers for this term was, for the teachers in the three districts, \$96. each,	\$288.
and for the teacher at the High school	120.

	\$408.00
The cost of janitor service, \$5. at each school,	20 00
Paid for fuel during the term,	10 50
“ “ incidentals,	3 67
“ “ transportation of children to school,	6 30
“ “ tuition at Portsmouth High school, \$105 00	105 00
“ “ “ Exeter Seminary,	10 00
“ “ “ Stratham school,	4 50
	119 50

A total cost of \$567 97

These few facts, showing the condition of the schools during the spring term are sufficient to demonstrate the

need of a radical change in their organization and management, without going into the question of the progress made by the scholars or the results accomplished towards the education of the children of the town. They show a wasteful expenditure of both energy and money.

Four teachers were expending their labor in educating a total of 71 pupils, with an average attendance of only 50 scholars, or 13 to each teacher, all covering practically the same branches of instruction, from the primer to the studies pursued by pupils of 15 or 16 years, the average age of high school scholars. One teacher can properly instruct thirty or more pupils, if graded into classes; but the best teacher cannot obtain satisfactory results and do justice to all with half that number ranging from the primary to the high school grades in the same school room.

The cost of the schools thus arranged was excessive. (It is evident that more than \$10.50 worth of fuel was burned in the four school houses during this term, and it would be more accurate to take one third of the total amount for the year, as but little was left when the schools closed for the summer; therefore) the cost is given as follows:

Teachers,	\$408 00
Janitors,	20 00
Fuel—1-3 of \$101 50,	33 83
Incidentals,	3 67

Total, \$465 50

or \$38 79 per week of school.

We are not alone in finding such a system of schools undesirable. In December last, a news item was published in the daily papers, that on the first of January the district system of schools in Rhode Island would be abolished, when but one other state in the country will remain an adherent to that system; and the editor said: "The district school was formerly the type and pride of the common school system. It was not ill adapted to the conditions that once existed in the older states; but long ago it became a promoter of inequalities of privilege and opportu-

nities, and the town instead of the district became the unit in furtherance of a purpose, both to give all children an equal chance, and to raise the standard of accomplishment."

New Hampshire abolished the district system as long ago as 187—, but to all intents and purposes we retained the old district schools in Greenland, with their imperfections and inequalities.

It has been the aim of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to obtain as nearly equal advantages of education for all children of corresponding age as possible, and such has been the tendency of recent legislation; but it is impossible to accomplish much in this direction without, first, instructors who have been trained to teach, — for teaching is a science that needs as careful instruction and training as any other profession or business, if it is to be successful; and second, a classification, or grading, of the children into proper classes, so that they may have equal opportunities and be taught with the least waste of time and labor.

Second, the schools under the new system:

There are three essentials for the success of this system: Trained teachers, graded classes, and regular attendance of the scholars.

With the time near at hand when the fall term of the schools should open, the first step towards carrying into effect the vote of the district was to obtain teachers. The school board could personally do little towards selecting them. Resort to teachers' agencies is rarely satisfactory. The assistance of the Superintendent of Public Instruction was, therefore, solicited, and the thanks of the citizens of Greenland are due to Hon. Channing Folsom and to Prof. Klock, principal of the State Normal school, for the interest shown by them in the welfare of our schools and for recommending to us suitable teachers. With their assistance, Miss Mehitable J. Smith was secured to teach the grammar grades, and Miss Abbie E. Scruton to teach the primary grades. The schools opened on September

14th in two departments,—the primary at the brick school house, and the grammar at the academy, for a term of 14 weeks. The second term commenced on January 4th, and will have completed a term of 12 weeks on March 25th.

Some difficulty was experienced by the teachers in properly grading the scholars. Children of the same age, who professed to have had the same studies, were found to be more or less advanced, as they had studied under different teachers and different methods of instruction. It was impossible to put the backward ones forward, and both parents and pupils naturally objected to their being put back in their studies; but through the efforts and skill of the teachers, classes pursuing studies in proper sequence were formed. The only serious trouble met with in the management of the schools arose from the efforts of the school board to make a more perfect classification, and to have a few of the pupils study in a lower grade; but this was finally adjusted to the satisfaction of all directly interested.

Thus a new system of public schools in Greenland was started on a fresh path, alongside, yet diverging gradually from the track that has grown old in a glorious cause, yet none the less to be abandoned if our schools are to keep abreast of the times. While we cannot claim that our school is by any means perfect, it is in fair working order. It would be entirely unreasonably to look for perfection at once. The results have, however, exceeded our expectations. Two teachers have been able to properly care for all the children attending school without the neglect of any one of them. The instruction has been more thorough, the children being taught to think and reason for themselves, instead of merely committing a lesson to memory without understanding it. A regular consecutive course of instruction has been commenced towards a fair English education, or qualification to enter a high school, the aim being to commence with children of 5 or 6 years of age and in eight years, having one grade for each year, fit them to pass an examination for admittance to the Portsmouth High school. Much praise is due to each of

the teachers for the excellent results attained.

During the first term there were 72 scholars attending school, with an average attendance of 59.

During the second term there have been 59 scholars attending, with an average attendance of 48.

The average attendance has been somewhat disappointing, though sickness, or threatened contagion, with unusually severe winter weather, will account for most of the absences. Heretofore, the regular attendance of the scholars has been left to the good sense of the parents, trusting they would feel the importance of having their children attend every session of the school possible. Should many absences occur hereafter, the school board will find it necessary to see that the law requiring parents and guardians to send their children to school is enforced (Chapter 93, Sec. 14, School Laws imposes a fine of \$10. for each neglect to send the child to school), not alone because of the harm to the pupil who is losing the benefit of the school, but also because of the injury to the school itself. In a graded school the children must be arranged in regular classes, and must keep up with the work of the class so as to graduate with the others into the next grade. Frequent absences disturb the whole system, and make it unfair to the teachers and the other scholars. The convenience or even needs of the parents to have a child remain at home is no excuse. Sickness alone is a valid excuse for any extended absence; and in such cases hereafter the rule should be that the lessons missed must be made up or the pupil go into a lower grade. Regular attendance is so vital to the success of the graded system that the school board should use the means the law has placed in their hands to secure it.

The cost of the schools has been as follows;

Salaries of teachers to Feb. 15, 1904,	\$382 00
Fuel,	44 25
Janitors,	6 00
Incidentals, (including cleaning and setting glass)	22 46

Total, \$454 71

or about the rate of \$22.73 per week.

Notwithstanding the necessity of purchasing many new text books in order to have uniform books for the classes, the cost of supplies has been less than the cost of the previous year by \$25.64, as shown by the report of the Treasurer of School Board.

It was found at the beginning of the fall term that extensive repairs were needed in both school rooms. At the academy school room the plaster was falling so as to be unsafe, and it was necessary to repair it and to color and paint the walls, which was done at the expense of the town, under the agreement by which the town holds the building, and will be found in the selectmen's report. At the brick school every window had to be taken out and new sash cords put in, the floor shored up, the front door frame repaired, and a number of desks put in order. It was found that the brick work in places on the outside was in bad condition, the cellar window frames gone and the bricks falling. These were repaired and the cracks in the walls cemented, at the following cost:

Carpenter work,—Wilbur & Wiggin,	\$18	01
Mason work, Duntley,	7	50
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	\$25	51

These being extraordinary repairs, are not reckoned as a part of the cost of the school, though paid out of the school money. Under the law, a flag-staff was necessary on the brick school house, which was erected at the following cost:

Flagpole,	\$2	45
Labor,	1	00
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	\$3	45

A like pole will be needed at the academy.

While the need of consolidating and grading the schools had long been felt, the problem of carrying children to the school who lived at too great a distance to walk was so difficult to adjust that it has no doubt hindered carrying into effect such a plan for a number of years. The law per-

mits the school board to expend one fourth of the total money raised for school purposes for the transportation of scholars, leaving it entirely in their discretion what children should be so carried to the school. The school board have endeavored to provide transportation for the largest possible number the money at their disposal would allow, and while no fixed distance was determined upon, it was thought proper that children living more than a mile from the school houses should ride, having regard in some cases to the age and physical condition of the children when living at about the same distance from the school. This is nearer than the rule in most of the towns in the state furnishing carriage for school children,—a mile and a half to two miles being the more frequent limit. Probably more children have been carried to school this year than will be expedient in the future; but of this, the town must judge. Comparatively little difficulty was experienced in arranging transportation for children living on the line of the electric road. The railway carries school children at half price on purchasing a dollar's worth of tickets, so that the cost is five cents a school day for each child who rides. Arrangements were perfected with the railway company by which they generously allowed the small children to ride to the door of the brick school house, though beyond the one fare limit. Twenty-two children have been furnished with tickets issued to them for corresponding days' attendance at school, so that the tickets could not be used for other than school attendance. Greater difficulty was experienced in arranging for children living in the south part of the town. It was necessary to provide a team for them, the cost of which is so disproportionate to the number of children carried that careful consideration should be had to see if some other plan cannot be adopted. Eight children on the average were carried by team from this section of the town. A more equitable arrangement would be to pay the parents living more than a mile and a half from the Parade five cents a day, or ten dollars a year, for each child attending school, to be paid monthly or otherwise, and let them provide car-

riage for their own children. In a number of towns, especially in the western part of the state, from five to fifteen cents a day is allowed and paid for children residing greater or less distances from the central school. This would entail hardship on some of our people, and increase their burden in obtaining education for their children; but they are too few in number (but 13 on the average at the south school) to warrant a separate school; and the advantage of the graded school to both scholars and the town is so great that it would be folly to think of returning to the old system, even if the number of scholars who would attend that school was much greater. The school board desire to submit the consideration of this subject to the voters of the town. The cost of transportation of scholars has been as follows:

For tickets on the electric road,	\$100 00
“ “ “ steam cars,	1 30
John E. Seavey for team,	155 20
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Total,	\$256 50

Under the law of the state each town is obliged to provide high school education to every child who is qualified and desires to attend, to the extent of \$40. each, if so much be required to pay for the tuition. The cost of tuition in the high school in Portsmouth is \$50.; and at the Robinson Female Seminary, Exeter, \$30. There have been seven scholars at the Portsmouth High school for whom the town is liable to pay tuition, and two at the Robinson Seminary. Two children have been allowed to attend school in Stratham, at a cost of twenty-five cents a week, being the same cost as car fare to our own school. While we lose something from the literary fund, which is distributed in proportion to the number attending school, the arrangement was more satisfactory to the parents.

The cost of tuition is as follows:

Portsmouth High School,	\$180 00
Robinson Seminary, Exeter,	40 00
Stratham School,	8 00
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	228 00

Our obligations are due to Mr. Morrison, the Sup't of the Portsmouth Schools for his gratuitous assistance, in consultation with the Board, in outlining a regular course of study for a two years term in the Grammar School, and which is designed not only to thoroughly fit the scholar (who completes it successfully) for entrance to the Portsmouth High School, but which will afford to the much larger number of scholars in our school, who may not be able, or do not care to take a High school course, a good sound, practical education to prepare them for the active business of life—the Boys, whether they become farmers, mechanics or tradesmen; the Girls, in whatever employment they may hereafter engage for the purpose of gaining a livelihood.



This amount, like the cost of transportation, is a part of the sum the town has to pay for educational purposes, but under a proper system of accounting should be treated separately from the direct cost of the schools in the town.

Where efficient and successful teachers have been engaged to teach our schools, it is the best policy to endeavor to retain them, avoiding the uncertainty of untried instructors and the time lost by the scholars in becoming accustomed to a different manner of teaching. It is the practice in Portsmouth to increase the compensation paid the teachers by a moderate sum each year, until the maximum salary is reached.

If the present system of schools is to continue, some action should be taken by the district for the disposal of the unoccupied school houses. We have an insurance of \$600. on the South school house, and \$400. on the Bayside school house. The insurance company, while consenting to continue the policy in force until the annual school meeting, declines to carry the risk after that date.

It is greatly to be regretted that Dr. Robie has found it necessary to withdraw from active oversight of our schools. To his unfailing interest in the school work and kindly influence, is due to a large extent whatever success may have been heretofore attained, and is one of the many items in the debt of gratitude we owe to him.

There must be raised for school purposes, under the law, the following year,	\$1,140.00
which amount the Weeks' fund, the dog tax, and the literary fund will increase to about	1,235.00

There will be needed to maintain the present schools another year, approximately	\$850.00
For high school tuition,	350.00
leaving for incidental expenses or repairs,	35.00
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	\$1,235.00

The board recommend to the school meeting, action on the following subjects:

- I. To see if the district will instruct the school board to

continue the graded school sytem.

2. To see what sum of money the district will raise, in addition to that required by law, for the purpose of providing transportation for school children; and to determine in what manner and under what conditions the same shall be expended.

3. To see what disposition shall be made of the unoccupied school houses, and to pass such votes in relation thereto as may be necessary.

CHARLES W. PICKERING, } School Board
SUSAN S. MOULTON, } of
JOHN HATCH. } Greenland,

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD,
for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, 1903,	\$122 79
School tax,	1,128 00
Appropriation,	500 00
Literary fund,	57 23
Dog license,	67 00
Caroline A. Weeks fund,	35 00
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	\$1,910 02

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries paid teachers,	\$790 00
Janitors,	26 00
Fuel,	54 75
Incidentals and repairs,	55 09
Transportation of school children,	262 80
High school tuition,	347 50
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Cash in Treasury,	\$373 88

BOOK AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Cash received from town,	\$69 94
Paid for Copy-books,	4 54
“ “ Text-books,	45 73
“ “ Paper, Crayons. etc.,	19 67
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	\$69 94

SUSAN S. MOULTON, Treasurer.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees of the Weeks Public Library respectfully submit to the town their seventh annual report.

At the present time there are 3888 volumes in the library, an increase of 269 since our last report. They comprise 2303 volumes of fiction, 168 vols. of biography, 383 vols. of history, 148 vols. of travel, 181 vols. of literature, 110 vols. of natural history, 171 vols. of poetry, and 424 vols. of religious and scientific works and books of reference.

The library has been open every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and evening during the year. Books have been taken out 3551 times, an average of 31 books each library day. The largest number of books taken out on any one day was 76; the smallest, 14. Of the books taken out, 3395 have been fiction, and 156 history, travel, etc.

There have been presented to the library during the year 109 volumes, as follows: Mr. Chas. W. Pickering, 8; Mrs. Wm. A. Peirce, 33; Harper Bros., 1; Mr. Albert E. Pillsbury, 1; Mr. W. P. Frink, 1; Mrs. J. Lewis Harris, 1; Mr. D. W. Shea, 1; State of New Hampshire, 12; Town School District books, 51; there have been purchased, 160.

The trustees have received:

From the town appropriation,	\$200 00
“ “ state tax for support of libraries,	56 40
Cash on hand, 1903,	5 78
From library fines,	7 90
Fines on hand, 1903,	50
Total,	\$270 58

There have been purchased 160 books at	\$123 13
There has been expended for fuel and light,	33 27
“ “ “ “ “ librarian,	30 00
“ “ “ “ “ janitor etc.,	11 50
“ “ “ “ “ supplies etc.,	11 65
“ “ “ “ “ exp. & sundries,	7 92
“ “ “ “ “ repair of books,	6 80
“ “ “ “ “ cement floor,	38 21
Cash on hand,	6 49
Fines on hand,	1 61

Total, \$270 58

We urge again upon the patrons of the library that they use as much care in handling the books as is consistent with their free use. Books must never be marked with pencil or ink, or the leaves turned down; and care used not to bend back the covers, which soon distroys the binding and necessitates the purchase of duplicate copies.

It will be noticed that fewer books have been purchased than in former years. This can be explained by the fact that as the standard sets of authors are filled, which books can usually be obtained at very low prices, newer publications are purchased, which, even with the discount obtained of 1-3 off from the publishers prices, average about \$1.00 a volume. There have also been purchased this year more expensive books as follows: The Great Siberian Railway, Winter in India, Northward Over the Great Ice, The Many Sided Franklin, Life of Abraham Lincoln by Nicolay, Castilian Days by John Hay, Letters of a Diplomat's Wife, Nature's Garden, How to Know the Ferns, Among the Meadow People, With the Birds, and others.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Greenland, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Date 1903.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Age, years	Color	Condition	Place of birth.	Names of Parents	Name of Clergyman.
Jan. 18	Greenland	Millard Filmore Berry, Lucy Francis Gookin.	53 59	All white	2	Isles of Shoals, Woodstock, Me.	Nathaniel F. Berry Rebecca Caswell John R. Briggs Lucy R. Swan	F. S. Knowlton, Exeter
Nov. 11	"	William Darbyshire, Sarah M. Smith.			1	Cohoes, N. Y., Newfields.	William J. Darbyshire Mary E. Baker Benjamin Smith Margaret Smith	Herbert A. Hennon, Portsmouth

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Greenland, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

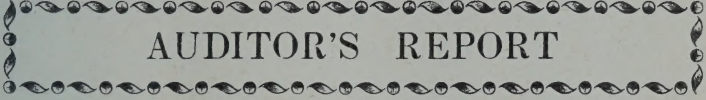
Date 1903.	Name of child (if any.)	Sex	Color	No. of child	Name of Father.	Maiden name of mother.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
Feb. 12	Russell Andrew	M	All white.	2	Robert L. Rolston	Florence J. Duntley	Nov ^a Scotia	Greenland
Mar. 9	William A. Crowell	M		1	William A. Crowell	Mary A. Otis	Yarmouth, N.S.	Berwick, Me.
Apr. 5	Clarence William	M		1	Edw. B. Marston	Adeline S. Burleigh	North Hampton	North Hampton
June 11	Gertrude Ally	F		7	Edgar Ally	Emma Martele	Canada	Canada
13	John Warren Crowell	M		3	John N. Crowell	Lilla G. Norton	Yarmouth, N.S	Greenland
14	David Badger	M		4	Joseph L. Schurman	Anna F. Badger	Nova Scotia	Newington
Aug. 13	Hilda May Fife	F		1	William M. Fife	Hattie M. Toller	Iowa	Mass.
23	Lydia R. Carkin	F		4	Thos. L. Parnham	Beulah Davis	Portsmouth	Exeter
31		F		6	John A. Carkin	Minnie R. Day	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
Mar. 31 '02	*George Edw. Millner	M				George H. Millner	Victoria B. Noiles	Kennebunk, Me.

*Sent in since report of births for 1902 was published.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Greenland, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Date 1903.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age			Place of birth.	Sex	Color	Condition	Place of death.	Cause of death.
		Years	Months	Days						
Feb. 14	Timothy Shea	81	1	2	Ireland	M	W	W	Greenland	Heart disease and age.
Feb. 16	*David Smith	82	9	2	Not known	M	W	W	North Hampton	LaGrippe
Mar. 6	*Levi Wheeler Harmon	75	9	6	"	M	W	W	Portsmouth	Pneumonia
Mar. 21	Abigail W. Smith	86	11	15	"		W	W	Greenland	Apoplexy and paralysis
Mar. 27	*James W. Glass	4	9	29	"		W	W	Portsmouth	Tuberculosis meningitis
July 11	David Russell Ambrose	85	4	24	Pembroke, N.H.		W	W	Greenland	Paratis of brain
Aug. 15	*Edwin C. Foss	56	4	23					Hyde Park, Mass.	
Oct. 5	*Georgiana F. Toscan	73	7	4					Portsmouth	Fall from stairs

*Brought here for
burial.



AUDITOR'S REPORT

I certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector and Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched, that all of the tax assessed for 1903 has been collected except such taxes as have been abated by the Selectmen, and I find a balance of cash in the hands of the treasurer amounting to \$1,132.84, a balance of \$75.60 belonging to the dog tax account and a balance of \$30.63 belonging to the Weeks fund for the repair of the highway.

The Town Treasurer also holds a savings bank book of the Portsmouth Savings bank for \$500., also a savings bank book of the Portsmouth Savings bank for \$55.46 being the fund for care of Robert Manson cemetery lot, and a like book for \$100.25 being the fund for care of John H. Clark cemetery lot.

JOHN HATCH, Auditor.

