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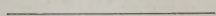
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Town Officers.

Representative,

HARRY K. TORREY.

Moderator,

CHARLES E. SMITH.

Town Clerk,

ERNEST S. NEAL.

Supervisors,

HERBERT W. SMITH,

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON.

ALFRED CONNOR,

Selectmen,

THOMAS SHEEHY,

JOSIAH E. ROBINSON.

GEORGE L. CHASE,

Tax Collector,

J. LEWIS COE.

Treasurer,

CHARLES W. PALMER.

Auditor,

JOHN F. C. RIDER.

School Board,

CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD,

AUGUSTUS W. RICHARDS.

DANIEL R. SMITH,

Library Trustees,

HARRIET A. PAUL,

OTIS COLE.

AUGUSTUS W. RICHARDS,

Health Officers,

CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD,

SAMUEL NEAL.

ALBERT H. VARNEY,

Highway Agents,

JESSE S. GRAY,

OSCAR C. BEAN.

CHARLES F. NEAL,

Fire Wards,

TIMOTHY J. O'CONNOR,

DAVID LEVANGIE,

GEORGE C. CHAMBERLAIN,

JOHN HERLIHY,

FRED S. FOSS.

Valuation and Appropriations.



VALUATION APRIL 1, 1908.

136 polls.....	\$13,600 00
Real estate	147,976 00
73 horses	4,724 00
4 oxen.....	300 00
124 cows.....	3,290 00
23 neat stock	316 00
3 carriages	1,075 00
Stock in banks	1,963 00
Money on hand and at interest	7,000 00
Stock in trade	7,050 00
Machinery.....	4,000 00
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	\$191,294 00

APPROPRIATION.

Amount of money raised.....\$4,800 00

Rate of taxation, \$2.60 per \$100.00.

Collector's Report.

Amount of 1906 tax uncollected	\$3 63	
Interest collected.....	30	
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		\$3 93
Cash to Treasurer	\$3 93	
Amount of 1907 tax uncollected	\$167 47	
Abatements	\$19 80	
Cash to Treasurer	143 27	
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		\$163 07
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Amount uncollected Feb. 15, 1909	\$4 40	
Amount of 1908 tax submitted for collection ..	\$5,023 93	
Amount of Brown Tail Moth tax	91 00	
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		\$5,114 93
Cash to Treasurer	\$4,424 68	
Cash to Treasurer, Brown Tail Moth tax,....	83 74	
Amount discount	415 63	
Amount discount Brown Tail Moth tax	7 26	
Amount of abatements	6 50	
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		\$4,937 81
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Amount uncollected Feb. 15, 1909	\$177 12	

J. LEWIS COE, *Collector.*

NEWFIELDS, N. H., Feb. 15, 1909.

Examined and approved, Feb. 15, 1909.

THOS. SHEEHY,
GEO. L. CHASE,
J. E. ROBINSON,

Selectmen of Newfields.

Treasurer's Report.



CHARLES W. PALMER in account with the Town of Newfields.

DR.

Received cash on hand Feb. 15, 1908	\$12 36
John Allen estate.....	200 00
John K. Bates, soldiers and county poor	1,019 97
E. S. Neal, Town Clerk, dog tax	94 45
State Treasurer, insurance tax	19 50
Railroad tax	817 66
Savings bank tax	616 87
High School tuitions	130 76
Literary fund.....	62 37
State License Com- mission.....	318 47
Interest on Brodhead fund	350 00
Walker cemetery fund	35 00
Fowler cemetery fund	10 75
Sale of cemetery lots	30 00
State highway fund	380 30
by note of the town, thirteen months .	750 00
two months	1,000 00
six months.....	1,000 00
Tug Iva settlement	238 50
J. Lewis Coe, 1908 tax	4,508 42
1907 tax	143 27
1906 tax	3 93

\$11,742 58

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Paid State tax	\$535 00
County tax	806 08
Dependent soldiers and county poor	1,035 72
Treasurer School Board.....	1,320 00
Officers of School Board	60 00
School supplies and repairs.....	348 18
Highway Agent, No. 1.....	437 11
Highway Agent, No. 2.....	131 20
Highway Agent, No. 3.....	95 45
Newmarket Electric Light Co.	430 50
Police Officers	32 00
Cemeteries	59 25
Miscellaneous.....	590 16
Town Officers.....	310 20
Public Library.....	339 77
Board of Health	20 00
High School tuition	458 21
State highway	715 14
Town of Stratham for settlement with Tug Iva	119 25
A. H. Varney, on account of note	1,000 00
A. H. Varney, interest.....	105 00
Hannah S. Pike, interest	28 00
Geo. H. Tarlton, interest	30 00
Mary Sheehy, interest	12 00
Newmarket National Bank for note.....	1,000 00
“ “ “ “	250 00
“ “ “ “	300 00
“ “ “ “	1,000 00
Interest	57 00

 \$11,825 22

 CHARLES W. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles E. Smith, Moderator	\$10 00
Ernest S. Neal, Town Clerk	44 10
Thomas Sheehy, Selectman.....	39 00
George L. Chase, Selectmen	20 00
Josiah E. Robinson, Selectman.....	39 54
J. Lewis Coe, Tax Collector	69 81
Charles W. Palmer, Treasurer	48 75
Jesse S. Gray, Supervisor, 1907-1908	10 00
Josiah E. Robinson, Supervisor, 1907-1908 .	6 67
Christopher A. Pollard, Supervisor, 1908....	3 33
James E. Fowler, Election Officer	2 00
Fred A. Spead, Election Officer	2 00
David Levangie, Fire Ward.....	5 00
John F. C. Rider, Truant Officer.....	2 00
John F. C. Rider, Truant Officer, 1907.....	2 00
Albert H. Varney, Selectman, 1907.....	6 00

\$310 20

SCHOOL BOARD.

Paid Augustus W. Richards	\$20 00
Christopher A. Pollard	15 00
Daniel R. Smith.....	15 00
Clara E. Paul, Treasurer	10 00
“ money by law	802 50
“ money extra	324 61
“ literary fund.....	62 37
“ licenses on dogs.....	80 26
“ non residents' tuition	50 26

\$1,380 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS.

Paid E. E. Babb, supplies	\$46 37
P. P. Simmons, supplies	39 85
Oscar G. Poor, lumber	70 26
Augustus Young, hardware	16 71

Paid Daniel R. Smith, lumber	\$23 70
Fred S. Foss, fence \$3.00, flagpole \$6.75	9 75
Frank P. Neal, labor.....	47 80
Irvin Howard, labor	23 00
Perry T. Kuse, stock and labor, painting ...	21 40
Harry Buskey, stock and labor, painting ...	10 25
Walter B. Grant, stock and labor.....	2 16
James E. Fowler, stock and labor	2 10
Boston Regalia Co., flagpole trimmings.....	2 05
Boston and Maine railroad, freight	1 00
American Book Co., supplies.....	31 78

\$348 18

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Paid Mabel E. Paul, Robinson Seminary.....	\$13 00
F. Valerie Kendall, " "	13 00
Annie E. Kendall, " "	27 00
Sara G. Cummings, " "	40 00
Winifred Burleigh, " "	40 00
Ruth K. Howard, " "	40 00
Lena M. Howard, " "	27 00
Kathryn Levangie, " "	27 00
Bertha Bean, " "	27 00
L. W. Crafts, Exeter High School	30 00
A. W. Neal, " "	10 00
E. M. Sanborn " "	10 00
P. E. Turner, " "	22 50
D. O. Turner, " "	12 50
C. L. Simpson, " "	20 00
F. A. Clough, " "	20 00
Leonard W. Sheehy, Newmarket High.....	35 00
Russell Sheehy "	9 21
Pearl Levangie, " "	35 00

\$458 21

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Albert H. Varney, services, 1907.....	\$10 00	
" " 1908.....	10 00	
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		\$20 00

POLICE.

Paid Jesse S. Gray.....	\$8 00	
William Pease.....	14 00	
Perley R. Bean, watch, night July 3.....	2 00	
Clifford S. Dixon, watch, night July 3	2 00	
Charles F. Simpson, watch, night July 3 ...	2 00	
John F. C. Rider, watch, night July 3	2 00	
Robert Barron, watch, night July 3.....	2 00	
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		\$32 00

CEMETERY.

Paid Charles E. Quinn, labor	\$1 50	
Albert Hanscomb, labor	3 00	
Timothy Splahn, labor.....	3 00	
Robert Barron, labor.....	1 50	
Andrew Hanscomb, labor.....	2 75	
Charles F. Simpson, labor.....	4 20	
George H. Varney, labor	4 00	
Charles W. Palmer, labor.....	9 00	
Frank P. Neal, labor.....	10 00	
Daniel Donovan, labor	19 65	
John F. C. Rider, labor	65	
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		\$59 25

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Paid Newmarket Electric Light Co.	\$430 50
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DR.

To appropriation	\$50 00
interest on Brodhead fund	350 00
unexpended balance from 1908	91 64
Note :	
The Librarian has received in fines	\$5 83
One book destroyed	1 00
Sale of catalogues	1 20
Binding one book	25
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	\$8 28
Paid for stationery, etc	4 30
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	\$3 98
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	\$495 62

CR.

Paid Charles F. Neal, cord hard wood	\$5 50
Library Art Club, assessment	6 00
Lincoln History Co., books	8 00
Dodd, Mead & Co., books.....	100 00
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books.....	95 41
Olin V. Hersey, magazines.....	33 25
John Templeton, printing	29 00
American Express Co., express	8 50
Boston and Maine railroad, freight	25
Edna D. Paul, Librarian.....	25 00
Edna D. Paul, cataloguing books	10 00
P. E. Turner, Janitor	17 36
J. O. Hanson, glass and setting	1 50
unexpended balance.....	155 85
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	\$495 62

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid G. D. W. Robinson, water trough, 1907	\$3 00
G. D. W. Robinson, water trough, 1908	3 00
Frank A. Sanborn, water trough, 1908	3 00
John Templeton, printing reports.....	36 00
John B. Tetherly, Memorial Day.....	25 00
Edson C. Eastman, invoice book	12 00
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	2 18
Portsmouth Trust & Guaranty Co., box	4 00
Irvin Howard, building A. W. Richards' fence	1 25
John Cloutier, moving chairs, etc	1 00
A. H. Wilkinson, insurance on school build- ings.....	44 56
A. H. Wilkinson, copying inventory	5 00
W. B. Grant, lumber, labor, etc., for booths.	19 62
J. L. Coe, postage, etc.....	4 54
R. B. Badger, office rent	12 00
Boston and Maine railroad, freight	25
Augustus Young, police supplies.....	7 75
A. J. Hanscomb, team to Exeter	1 50
Irvin Howard, watch, fire.....	2 00
James H. Batchelder, check lists	90
Brown Tail Moths destroyed.....	391 61
Newmarket Bank, interest	10 00

\$590 16

REPORT OF J. S. GRAY, HIGHWAY AGENT.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Paid J. S. Gray, winter work, 1908	\$15 00
Charles E. Quinn, labor	39 75
Geo. S. Littlefield, labor.....	33 00
Samuel Neal, labor	2 00
Henry Thompson, labor	10 50
Frank Shaltry, labor.....	3 00
Peter Lamie, Jr., labor	4 50

Paid Eugene Jenness, labor.....	\$2 25
Leroy Otis, labor	6 00
Andrew Hanscomb, labor.....	5 65
Daniel Donovan, labor	13 80
Clarence Thompson, labor	6 75
Jesse S. Gray, labor	73 00
Jesse S. Gray, team and man	122 00
John Griffin, drain pipe	23 90
Ed Carpenter	5 00
W. B. Grant, cinders	15 75
J. T. Pike, gravel	4 10
Balance due from State work.....	4 66
Paid J. S. Gray, winter work, 1909.....	46 50
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	\$437 11

REPORT OF C. F. NEAL, HIGHWAY AGENT.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Paid Samuel Neal, labor	\$25 20
G. H. Varney, labor	10 05
M. B. Ellis, labor	11 40
J. T. Rumford, labor	11 30
James Thomas, labor.....	5 55
James F. Bennett, labor	6 00
Geo. S. Littlefield, labor.....	3 00
H. P. Neal estate, gravel	9 60
C. F. Neal, bridge	5 00
C. F. Neal, winter work	3 50
C. F. Neal.....	38 60
C. F. Neal, repair on tools.....	2 00
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	\$131 20

REPORT OF OSCAR C. BEAN, HIGHWAY AGENT.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid Oscar C. Bean.....	\$95 45
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STATEMENT OF JOINT FUND ACCOUNT.

STATE HIGHWAY WORK.

	Bal. 1907.	1908.	Total.
Town contribution.....	\$47 46	\$283 50	\$330 96
State contribution	59 33	363 75	413 08
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	\$106 79	\$637 25	\$744 04
Town disbursements approved.....		\$719 80	
State disbursements approved		32 78	
		<hr/>	\$752 58
Paid by State to Town.....	\$380 30		
Overdraft			\$8 54

REPORT OF J. S. GRAY, STATE HIGHWAY.

Paid George S. Littlefield, labor.....	\$6 00
Charles E. Quinn, labor	18 75
William Brown, labor	18 00
Frank Hill, labor	19 50
James Rumford, labor	48 75
Herman Hoot, labor	53 25
Clifford Dixon, labor.....	140 00
Robert Barron, labor.....	24 00
Clarence Thompson, labor	12 00
Fred Lamie, labor	36 00
Peter Lamie, Jr., labor	11 25
Henry Thompson, labor	10 50
Richard Clay, labor.....	13 50
Daniel Donovan, labor	15 00
Charles Jones, labor	9 00
J. S. Gray, labor.....	97 00
J. S. Gray, team and man	166 00
John Griffin, drain pipe	10 50
L. C. Chase, teaming	2 00
Austin J. Neal, gravel.....	7 80
Sharpening tools.....	1 00

 \$719 80

NEWFIELDS, N. H., February 15, 1909.

Town of Newfields to THOMAS SHEEHY, DR.

To taking inventory	\$6 00
making taxes.....	6 00
settling with county	8 00
attending office meetings	4 00
time with State Engineer.....	1 50
attending town meetings	4 00
time and expense settling Tugboat Iva case...	5 00
making town report	2 00
settling town accounts	2 50
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	\$39 00

NEWFIELDS, N. H., February 15, 1909.

Town of Newfields to G. L. CHASE, DR.

To taking inventory	\$6 00
making taxes.....	6 00
attending town meeting	4 00
settling town accounts	2 00
making town report	2 00
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	\$20 00

NEWFIELDS, February 15, 1909.

Town of Newfields to J. E. ROBINSON, DR.

To preparing and sending inventory blanks.....	\$3 00
taking inventory	6 00
making taxes.....	6 00
making inventory book	2 00
making Collector's book	2 00
attending town meetings	4 00
attending office meetings	6 00
making town report	2 00

To time with State Engineer.....	\$1 00	
Portsmouth after interest moneys	3 00	
preparing and distributing Brown Tail Moth notices	4 50	
settling State tax	04	
		\$39 54

BRODHEAD LIBRARY FUND.

DR.

To Brodhead legacy.....	\$10,000 00	
" " interest	350 00	
		\$10,350 00

CR.

By Newmarket Town Bonds	\$10,000 00	
interest transferred to library account	350 00	
		\$10,350 00

WALKER CEMETERY FUND.

DR.

To Walker legacy.....	\$1,000 00	
" " interest.....	35 00	
		\$1,035 00

CR.

By City of Newton Bond.....	\$1,000 00	
" " Interest.....	35 00	
		\$1,035 00

FOWLER CEMETERY FUND.

DR.

To G. C. Fowler Legacy	\$200 00	
" " Interest	10 75	
		\$210 75

CR.

By deposit Portsmouth Trust and Guaranty Co.	\$200 00	
Interest expended	10 75	
		\$210 75

' ABATEMENTS.

1907.

Timothy Griffin, paid in Newmarket	\$2 20	
Albert Hill, paid in Exeter	2 20	
Fred Jones, paid in Dover.....	2 20	
Daniel G. Langlands, paid in Cambridge	2 20	
Jere McMurphy, out of state	2 20	
William Smith, out of state	2 20	
John Sullivan, out of state.....	2 20	
James Sullivan, out of state	2 20	
William Wilson, soldier	2 20	
		\$19 80

1908.

Nathan Kuse, dead	\$2 60	
Fred Thompson, under age	2 60	
George Chamberlain, horse.....	1 30	
		\$6 50

THOS. SHEEHY,
GEO. L. CHASE,
J. E. ROBINSON,

Selectmen of Newfields.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Dog license money	\$94 45
Unexpended balance library fund	155 85
John Allen cemetery fund.....	200 00
Note of Mary Sheehy	300 00
George H. Tarlton	500 00
Hannah S. Pike	700 00
Newmarket National bank	1,000 00
Albert H. Varney.....	1,250 00
Overdraft on Newmarket National bank	82 64
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	\$4,282 94

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes, 1907	\$4 40
" " 1908	177 12
Due from county	18 00
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	\$199 52
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	\$4,083 42
Town debt February 15, 1908	\$4,783 15
" " 1909	4,083 42
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Reduction during the year	\$699 73

THOS. SHEEHY,
GEO. L. CHASE,
J. E. ROBINSON,
Selectmen of Newfields.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers for disbursements.

JOHN F. C. RIDER, *Auditor.*

NEWFIELDS, N. H., February 15, 1909.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN
FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

School money by law	\$802 50
Extra school money.....	400 00
School supplies.....	100 00
High School tuitions	500 00
Highways, town	600 00
Highway, state	300 00
Street lights.....	420 00
Library	50 00
Interest on town notes	150 00
Memorial day.....	25 00
Town officers.....	250 00
County tax	835 00
Miscellaneous	400 00

\$4,832 50

Town Warrant.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. s.]

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

You are hereby notified to meet at Walter B. Grant's Pattern Shop in said Newfields, on Tuesday the ninth 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 if the town will vote to discontinue that portion of Swamscot street, so called, commencing at George K. Thompson's corner and leading along the land of the Boston and Maine railroad and land of Patrick Quinn heirs to Main street, so called.
4. To transact all other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and nine.

THOS. SHEEHY,
GEO. L. CHASE,
J. E. ROBINSON,

Selectmen of Newfields.

Library Report.

The fifteenth annual report of the library.

Number of volumes in the library, 2818. Number of volumes added during the year 160, including the New International Encyclopædia of 21 volumes.

Gifts have been received as follows: Mr. H. J. Paul, one volume; W. C. T. U., one volume; Mrs. M. C. Fitts, magazines, North American Review; Newfields Book Club, magazines.

Number of volumes in circulation during the year, 3559. Average number in circulation each week, 115. Percentage of fiction called for, 65; other classes, 35.

A catalogue of books added to the library since 1898 may be obtained at the library.

The following magazines are to be found on the reading table, and, excepting the latest number, may be taken on a borrower's card: *American Boy*, *Century*, *Current Literature*, *Country Life*, *Garden Magazine*, *Harper's*, *Harper's Weekly*, *Judge*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *McClure's*, *St. Nicholas*, *World's Work*, and *Youth's Companion*.

EDNA H. PAUL, *Librarian*.

The report of the Librarian is approved by the Trustees. The year just closed has witnessed a notable increase in the patronage of the library. The number of books distributed to applicants has been the greatest in its history, and exceeds the circulation of last year by 575 volumes. The teachers of our schools have found the library a valuable help in the instruction of their classes and special arrangements have been made whereby that aid may be utilized.

A good selection of periodicals is open to the public at the reading room. Copies of the new catalogue may be had at the library for ten cents each.

HARRIET A. PAUL,
AUGUSTUS W. RICHARDS,
Trustees of Newfields Public Library.

Report of School Board.

The annual school meeting was held in the Grammar school room, March 14, 1908.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Charles E. Smith, Moderator; Charles W. Palmer, Clerk; Clara E. Paul, Treasurer; Mattie Jacques, Auditor.

Augustus W. Richards was elected a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

The School Board met and organized March 20, 1908. Daniel R. Smith was elected Chairman and committee on fuel and repairs; Christopher A. Pollard, Clerk; Augustus W. Richards, Committee on superintendence, text-books and supplies. John B. Tetherly was chosen Janitor, and John F. C. Rider was appointed Truant Officer. It was voted to retain the teachers of last year.

The spring term of the several schools in town began March 30, and closed June 19; 12 weeks. The fall term began September 1, and closed December 18; 16 weeks. The winter term began December 28, and ended February 12; 7 weeks. Total number of weeks, 35 for Piscassic and primary schools. The fall grammar term was interrupted six days by sickness of the teacher; total length, 33 4-5 weeks.

In the analysis of the Treasurer's report it should be noted that two weeks' expense of last year's schools enters into the account, the report for that year being made for the fiscal year only, and the schools continuing two weeks after the close thereof.

GENERAL SUMMARY FOR YEAR.

The enumeration as the law requires gives us 82 children in town. Boys, 41; girls, 41. Number of schools in district, 3; semi-graded, 2; ungraded, 1; aggregate length of school in weeks, 103 4-5; greatest number of weeks in any school, 35; least number,

33 4-5; schoolhouses, 3; rooms, 4; estimated value, \$6,400; apparatus, \$100; whole number of pupils attending school, 92; boys, 48; girls, 44; under five years of age, 0; between five and sixteen, 91; over sixteen, 1; greatest number in any school, 43; least number, 9; average membership, 70.08; average daily attendance, 62.62; per cent. of daily attendance, 89.35; average salary of teachers per month, \$37.33; normal school graduates, 2. Population of town, 647. Average expense per pupil for school supplies, 60c. Average total cost of tuition, \$16.82. Visits of School Board, 20; by citizens, 161.

TEACHERS.

Two of our teachers, Miss Hurd and Miss Phelan, have had charge of their respective schools during the entire year, with their accustomed fidelity and success.

Miss Isophene K. Dow, two days prior to the opening of the winter term, tendered her resignation as teacher of the Grammar school and Miss Florence Driscoll, of Boston, Mass., was elected to the position.

Miss Dow had charge of her school for twenty-five successive terms, to the entire satisfaction of officers and parents, and to great benefit of pupils.

Miss Driscoll entered upon her duties with energy and tact, and gave much evidence of superior ability as a teacher, but her illness compelled the securing of a substitute in the fifth week of the term and Miss Dow kindly agreed to act in that capacity. When Miss Driscoll found it impossible to return to her work, Miss Dow reluctantly consented to complete the term.

TEXT-BOOKS.

That some extra expense should be incurred for text-books was unavoidable. Many of them, especially the geographies and readers, were old and much worn and defaced by long use in the classes and all were more or less injured by their itinerant experience of two years ago.

Fry's geographies and Cyr's readers have been exchanged for more modern series, and twenty-eight books on other subjects

have been added. The text-books in use are: Wentworth's and Franklin's arithmetic, Buckwalter's reader, Morton's geography, Montgomery's history, Mother Tongue grammar, Blaisdell's physiology, Aiton's speller, Giffin's Civics, Carpenter's Geographical reader, and Shepard's system of medial penmanship.

REPAIRS.

The doors of the new schoolhouse have been changed to open outward as the law provides. The arrangement for the same has been found to work well.

A new fence has been built around the school lot at Piscassic, and the slate around the chimney of the Grammar schoolhouse has been relaid.

SCHOOL EVENTS.

A fine flag for the new school building, the gift of the Village Improvement Society, was presented and raised on Memorial day. From the Universalist church at the close of the exercises, in which the children as usual took part, a procession of veterans, pupils, and citizens, marched to the school grounds, where a new pole had been erected. The following interesting programme was then carried out: Singing of "Star Spangled Banner," presentation, acceptance, lowering by the veterans of the old flag presented by them in 1897, raising by them of the new flag, prayer, school salute of new flag, singing of "America," cheering of "Old Glory" by veterans and citizens.

Of the presentation address, prepared by Miss Hannah S. Pike, a paper worthy of recording in full, we here give the closing sentences:

"May it be loved, honored, and guarded by the boys and girls who study and play beneath its stars and stripes.

"May they all become true, loyal citizens, obedient to law, and ready to give their best services for the honor of their country and their country's flag."

Christmas exercises were held at the Piscassic school in the afternoon of the closing day of the term, December 18. A programme of songs, compositions, declamations, and dialogues, was

rendered in a manner highly creditable to teacher and scholars. Gifts from a well laden Christmas tree were distributed at the close by Daniel R. Smith.

Lincoln Centenary was observed in the forenoon at the Village by the schools uniting in the Primary room. Twenty visitors were present. The exercises included patriotic songs, readings, declamations, sayings and anecdotes of Lincoln.

An interesting exhibit, which seemed to bring to child and visitor alike a sense of nearness to the Great Emancipator, was the official commission appointing as second comptroller of the United States treasury a former Newfields boy, the Hon. John M. Brodhead.

The commission was signed by William H. Seward, Secretary of State, and Abraham Lincoln, President. At the close the schools were addressed by Rev. Henry Candler and Veteran John B. Tetherly.

ATTENDANCE.

The per cent. of daily attendance this year is 89.35, a gain of 1.79 points over last year and 6.63 over that of 1907. The number who have attended during the year without absence or tardiness is eleven, four more than last year. Nine of whom, representing four families, are scholars of Piscassic division, where the attendance has been truly excellent, and is a commendable feature of this otherwise interesting school.

Such a record of pupils whose homes are a mile from the school should surely serve as an example for those who live nearer.

Your Committee has no thought of making invidious comparison, but speaks from a conviction of the vital importance of regular attendance. Every day brings its lessons which, if unlearned, detract just so much from the possible acquirement of the term. Moreover, as we have before stated, the failure of promotion, or of entrance to an approved High school, is often the direct result of frequent absence. It seems only just to state that in a greater number of instances the attendance is excellent, and that a large per cent. of tardiness (almost as bad in effect as absence) and of absence is due to the apathy of a small number of parents

Shall we not awaken to this fact, and see what we can do for the benefit of our own children?

ROLL OF HONOR.

Not absent or tardy during the year: Ella Kendall, Edna B. Kimball, Esther L. Brown, Gertrude M. Smith, D. Beatrice Smith, Florence A. Smith, Arthur Smith, Edwin C. Smith, D. Perry Smith, John Herlihy, Merton Ticknor.

During two terms: Thomas Herlihy, Irving Spencer.

During one term: Jessie M. Russell, Lester Simpson, Edward Kendall, Everett Kendall, Eugene Levangie, Doris Whittier, Bessie Candler, Eva Donovan.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Spring Term begins March 29th.

Fall Term begins September 7th.

Winter Term begins December 27th.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL R. SMITH,
CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD,
AUGUSTUS W. RICHARDS,

School Board of Newfields.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

DR.

Balance from 1907	\$75 84
Received from the town	1,320 00
Tuition from Exeter.....	78 00
A. W. Richards.....	50
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	\$1,474 34

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TEACHERS.

Paid Helen A. Phelan.....	\$333 00
Lillia M. Hurd	333 00
Isophene K. Dow.....	312 00
Florence Driscoll	46 00
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	\$1,024 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid C. H. Calkin, repairs	\$4 50
A. W. Richards, securing teachers, etc	7 81
James A. Spead	2 61
D. R. Whittier, repairs	1 50
J. E. Savoie, supplies.....	65
Augustus Young.....	1 50
A. W. Richards, making check list.....	2 00
C. A. Pollard, making check list.....	2 00
A. W. Richards, supplies.....	2 62
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	\$25 19

FUEL.

Paid Daniel R. Smith, coal	\$116 25
" " wood	6 00
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	\$122 25

JANITORS.

Paid Lillia M. Hurd, 1907	\$9 00
John B. Tetherly	96 05
Lillia M. Hurd, 1908	8 75
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	\$113 80
Cash on hand.....	189 10
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	\$1,474 34

CLARA E. PAUL, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Board and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

MATTIE J. JAQUES,

Auditor of School Board.

School Warrant.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Newfields, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grammar school-room in said district on the thirteenth day of March, 1909, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the coming year.
2. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.
5. To transact all other business which may properly come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Newfields this twenty-eighth day of February, 1909.

DANIEL R. SMITH,
CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD,
AUGUSTUS W. RICHARDS,

School Board.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1908.

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
April 19	Howard Everett	M	3	"	William Pease	Emma J. Hanscomb	Newfields	Newmarket.
Sept. 5	Florence G.	F	3	"	Elmer D. Paul	Minnie F. Sargent	Albany, Me.	Lawrence, Ms.
Nov. 7	Charles A.	M	4	"	Lewis R. Smith	Elphy M. Brown	Newfields	Lee.
Nov. 16		F	3	"	Hugh F. Kelley	Annie G. Gerry	Newfields	Kittery, Me.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1908.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Mar. 9	Newfields	Bliss C. Eadon Bertha M. Mersereau	20 19		Lewiston, Me. Lewiston, Me.	Daniel S. Eadon Etta M. Leighton Rufus Mersereau Edith Thompson	1st "	Ernest S. Neal, Justice of the Peace, Newfields.
Sept. 5	Newfields	William Wilson Josie Carpenter	36 30		Philadelphia, Pa. Barrington	John Wilson Mary Eddis William Carpenter Clara Ramsdell Peter Lamie	2d 1st	Ernest S. Neal, Justice of the Peace, Newfields.
11	Exeter	Peter Lamie, Jr. Martha Ann Wilcox	21 20		Lee Houlton, Me.	Leo Lamie Alfonzo Wilcox Mrs. Wilcox	1st "	Rev. Raymond H. Huse, Exeter.
15	Portsmouth	Joseph John Koen Margaret Ann Donovan	45 48		New York Epping	Zerramna Koen Elizabeth Brady Daniel Donovan Abbie McGillrenddy Elbridge T. Pond	2d 1st	Rev. J. H. Walsh, Portsmouth.
Oct. 12	Newfields	Harry Tolman Pond Helen Amanda Sanborn	27 26		Dorchester, Ms. Newfields	Clara R. Butler Asa F. Sanborn Mary D. Noble	1st "	Rev. Henry Candler, Newfields.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1908.

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
*Oct. 30	Harriet P. Hill	55	10	11	Newfields	F	S	Ephraim Hill	Susan Pond.	
*31	Edward A. Hanson	62	24		Lowell, Mass.	M	M	Joseph H. Hanson	Catherine Grant.	
Mar. 3	Charles H. Flood	83	3	3	Exeter	"	W	E. Flood	Betsy Miles.	
May 5	Sarah Jane Sanborn	77	1	1	Shapleigh, Me.	F	M	Samuel Tarlton	Sophia Tenney.	
13	Nathan E. Kuse	28	9	26	Newfields	M	"	Perry T. Kuse	Carnie Thompson.	
Jan. 15	Arthur H. Smith	76	4	1	Newfields	"	S	Lewis R. Smith	Elphy Brown.	
April 25	John Colby Todd	82	9	10	Newfields	"	M	John Todd	Rebecca Binkert.	
Sept. 25	Martha Jane Adams	82	4	17	Chester	F	W	Charles Marston	Elizabeth Pierce.	
Nov. 10	Charles E. Howard	53	11	4	Greenland	M	"	Jethu Howard	Hannah Daley.	
Dec. 20	William Brown	50				"	M	Not known	Not known.	

*Died in 1907.

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