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Ashland, N. H.

Year Ending February 15, 1904.
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# The Annual Report 

OF THE

## Town Officers

# Ashland, N. H., 

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15, 1904.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Clerk-Roy H. Spaulding.

Selectmen-Ellis G. Gammons, Rodney L. Howe, John M. Jackson.

Treasurer-Ora A. Brown.
Collector-Stephen C. Baker.
Overseer of Poor-George B. Stevens.
Librarian-Lucy A. Dearborn.
Janitor Town Hall-Thomas E. Carr.
Policemen-Gay Robie, Thomas E. Carr.
Auditors-Charles H. Pattee, Harry R. Spaulding, Edward P. Warner.

Fire Wards-Earl P. Harrington, Charles S Woodman, John H. Morrill.

Superintendent of Water Works-Edgar W. Sanborn.
Superintendent of Fire Alarm-Lester G. Fifield:
Board of Health-Alonzo R. Garey, Edward P. Warner, Ora A. Brown.

Tree Wardens-Henry W. Boynton, James F. Huckins, John H. Morrill.

## WARRANT.

## State of New Hampshire.

> To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Ashland on Tuesday, the eighth day of March 1904, 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 how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the town library.
4. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.
5. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the current expenses of the fire department for the ensuing year.
6. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of the town debt and to defray the interest thereon for the ensuing year.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a gravel pit for use on highways of the town, and raise and appropriate money for the same.
8. To see if the town will vote to put in additional fire alarms, and raise and appropriate money for the same.
9. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the laying out, building and repairing highways and bridges for the ensuing year.
10. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of poor for the ensuing year.
11. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to have survey made of highways of the town for use of State Highway Engineer, and raise and appropriate money to pay for the same.
12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to alter and enlarge the stage and seating capacity of the town hall, and purchase furnishings for the same.
13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the expenses of observing Old Home Week.
\(\left.\begin{array}{l}ELLIS G. GAMMONS, <br>
RODNEY L. HOWE, <br>

JOHN M. JACKSON,\end{array}\right\}\)| Selectmen |
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| $o f$ |
| Ashland. |

## INVENTORY.

## Valuation of Town as by Inventory taken April I. 1903,



## REPORT.

## MONEY RAISED.



Rate on $\$ 100,00, \$ 2.00$.

## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

Edward Horrigan, billiard license, ..... $\$ 1000$
Louis B. Brooks, ..... 2000
T. E. Carr, janitor town hall, ..... 2500
Estate Henry Damon, ..... 400
Town of Bridgewater, rods Union bridge, ..... $\$ 400$
Grafton county, support of poor, ..... 38645
Wrought Iron Range Co., license, ..... 800
Alfred Dale, Justice fine, ..... 500
James Burbank, " ..... 500
Timothy McCarty, ..... 500
Albert L. Brown, " ..... 500
Daniel Bowen, " ..... 500
Harley Sanders, " ..... 1000
George Gilbert, ..... 300
Wm. Bateman, old plank sold, ..... 200
Ashland Knitting Co., wire, ..... 415
E. G. Gammons, rent of tomb, ..... 600
J. F. Huckins, treasurer, rent of Masonic hall, ..... 5000
Town clerk, dog license, ..... 13630
F. D. Sanborn, rent of town shed, ..... 3600
Sworn weighers, ..... 500
State license commissioners, ..... 21143
State treasurer, bounties on hedgehogs, ..... 225
insurance tax, ..... 375
railroad tax, ..... 10563
savings bank tax, ..... 88528
literary fund, ..... 14986
High school tuitions, ..... 12512

## EXPENDITURES.

Dexter Sanborn Press, 400 town reports, ..... $\$ 5000$
printing police notices and tax bills, ..... 325
J. M. Cheney, reporting 13 births, 3 deaths, ..... 400
A. E. Tomkinson, inspecting Union bridge, ..... 456
Ashland Electric Light Co., 1 quarter, ..... $\$ 21731$
" 6 6 " ..... 21731
6 6 66 ..... 24291
6 6 66 ..... 23374
Carey Furniture Co., curtains for town building, ..... 275
A. F. Fifield, globes ..... 138
" repairing door latch ..... 30
Stevens \& Gammons, 1 1-8 cords wood, ..... 563
Louis Fortin, labor on wood, ..... 125
Hughes \& Brown, supplies for town building, ..... 101
Thompson \& Sanborn, " ..... 350
C. H. Palmer, repairing shaft broken by D. S. Batchelder on defective culvert, ..... 85
F. F. Fifield, repairing shaft broken by D. S. Batchelder on defective culvert, ..... 143
E. C. Eastman, supplies, ..... 258
" order books, ..... 161
" town notes, ..... 27
L. A. Dearborn, librarian, to balance 1902 acct., ..... 310
John Vallier, building door for town shed, ..... 100
H. H. Shepard, Agt., lumber for door for town shed, ..... 237
E. G. Gammons, bounty on hedgehogs, ..... 225
" stationery, stamps, and bills paid, ..... 676
M. S. Brown, bags for Coffer dam 1903, ..... 1536
C. M. Sargent, saw lost at Coffer dam, ..... 125
Frank H. Chick, rods and iron at Coffer dam, ..... 236
W. F. Hardy, making school report for State Superintendent, ..... 1000
M. G. Tucker, enumerating school children, ..... 1000
F. Fifield, labor teaming supplies for voting booths, ..... 175
" repairing town hall roof, ..... 250
Roy H. Spaulding, recording deaths, births, marriages aud childrens' names, ..... 1100
Roy H. Spaulding, stationery and postage paid, ..... 150
John E. Morrison, oil for town clock, ..... \$ 175
A. C. Gammons, copying inventory, ..... 500
E. P. Harrington, trying hydrants for insurance inspector, ..... 250
John B. Sullivan, dumping ground, ..... 5000
D. C. Merrill, rent of scals five months, ..... 500
Dexter Sanborn Press, printing notices, ..... 50
Jas. L. Wilson, prosecuting complaints
and making warrants, viz: Alfred Dale, ..... 500
Timothy McCarty, ..... 500
Harley Sanders, ..... 500
James Burbank, ..... 500
George Gilbert, ..... 650
Albert L. Brown, ..... 500
James Irving, ..... 650
$\$ 1,16959$
TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.
George F. Dow, supervisor, ..... \$ 1000
1000
Moses G. Tucker, "
1000
George B. Stevens, "
200
200
Fred A. Carr, ballot clerk, .....
200 .....
200 ..... 200
Geo. H. Dearborn, "
Geo. H. Dearborn, "
Rodney L. Howe, moderator, ..... 700
Roy H. Spaulding, town clerk, ..... 5000
Ora A. Brown, town treasurer, ..... 5000
Moses G. Tucker, truant officer, ..... 5000
E. P. Warner, health officer, ..... 1000
Ora A. Brown, ..... 500
John E. Morrison, care town clock, ..... 2500
Earl P. Harrington, fire ward, ..... 2500
George B. Stevens, overseer of Poor, ..... \$ 5000
Jas. L. Wilson, retainer fee, ..... 2500
Stephen C. Baker, collector, ..... 10000
Lucy A. Dearlorn, librarian, ..... 5000
E. G. Gammons, selectman, ..... 12500
Rodney L. Howe, ..... 7500
John M. Jackson, ..... 5000
Chas. H. Pattee, auditor, ..... 150
Harry R. Spaulding, ..... 150
Edward P. Warner, " ..... 150

## TUITIONS PAID HIGH SCHOOLS.

## Under Law of 1901.

New Hampton Literary Institution:
For Florence H. Blanchard, 1 year, ..... \$ 3900
Vivian A. George, 1-2 term, ..... 700
Lester T. Calley, 1 " ..... 1250
Bret Pease, ..... 2 " ..... 2400
Earl E. Smith, 1-2 " ..... 600
Erville J. Batchelder, 1-2 " ..... 600$\$ 9450$
N. H. Conference Seminary and Female College:

| For Charles W. Davis, | 1 | $1-2$ | term, | $\$ 20$ | 84 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arthur S. Fifield, | 1 | $1-2$ | $"$ | 20 | 84 |
| Daniel J. Holland, | 1 | year, | 40 | 83 |  |
| Ralph J. Hunt, | 1 | $"$ | 40 | 83 |  |
| Melville C. Sanborn, | 1 | $"$ | 40 | 83 |  |
| Annie J. Goss, | 1 | $"$ | 40 | 83 |  |
| Lettie B. Harriman, | 1 | $1-2$ | term, | 20 | 83 |
| Beatrice D. Peavey, | 1 | year, | 40 | 83 |  |

For Ethel M. Brown, 1 1-2 term, ..... \$ 2001
Elsie G. Clark, 1 " ..... 1333
John L. Annon, 11-2 " ..... 2001Carl S. Porter, 1 1-2 "2000$\$ 34001$
Plymouth High School:

Schooi District No. 1, Hanover, N. H:
For Mary E. Cheney, 1-5 term, ..... $\$ 600$
Colby Academy, New London, N. H:
For Ruby Hersey, one year, ..... $\$ 4100$
Total amount paid for tuitions, ..... $\$ 68551$
SCHOOL SUPPLIES.
District No. 1.
Paid Ora A. Brown, purchasing agent, for school books and supplies as shown by vouchers, ..... $\$ 14402$
Ora A. Brown, purchasing agent, express, freight and stamps, ..... 1290
Silver, Burdett \& Co., books, ..... 880
Paid Brown \& Huckins, supplies, ..... \$ 193
J. L. Hammett \& Co., books, ..... 5476
Prang, Edu. Co., supplies, ..... 555
Hughes \& Brown, ..... 3262
E. A. Chase, ..... 3150
George F. King \& Co., ..... 392
White River Paper Co., " ..... 1558
Chas. W. Seaver, ..... 347
R. E. Lane, ..... 160
Ginn \& Co., books, ..... 9324
Anna R. Forbes, kindergarten supplies, ..... 1500
$\$ 42489$
District No. 2.
Paid C. W. Cummings, services, ..... $\$ 550$
Ginn \& Co., bnoks, ..... 370
F. W. Sanborn, books and express, ..... 1190
D. C. Heath, ..... 320
Fowler \& Co., ..... " ..... 20
Ginn \& Co., ..... 84
Benj. H. Sanborn \& Co., supplies, ..... 74
American Book Co., books and express, ..... 222
B. F. Pease. services as treasurer 1901-1902, ..... 1000
" " on board 1900-01-02, ..... 1500
George W. Lambert, services and bills paid, ..... 19
Byron Mills, carrying pupils, ..... 1800
C. M. Sargent, services, ..... 500
C. W. Cummings, services and express paid, ..... 1435 ..... \$ 9384
Total amount for supplies, ..... $\$ 51873$
POLICE AND LOBBY ACCOUNT.
Paid Stevens \& Gammons, wood, ..... \$ 700
". " feeding transients, ..... 115
Paid Hughes \& Brown, padlock, ..... \$ 125
A. F. Fifield, labor and supplies, ..... 868
Thomas F. Marr, services special police, ..... 400
Henry S. Lyford, ..... 400
Thomas E. Carr, services as police, ..... 4000
Gay Robie, ..... 10000
". keeping transients, ..... 2500
$\$ 19108$
SUMMARY OF CURRENT EXPENSES.
Miscellaneous bills, ..... $\$ 1,16959$
School supplies, Dist. No. 1, ..... 42489
" " No. 2, ..... 9384
Salaries town officers, ..... 73750
Police and lobby account, ..... 19108
Tuitions, ..... 68551
$\$ 3,30741$
Appropriation, ..... $\$ 2,20 \% 00$
Appropriation exceeded, ..... $\$ 1,10241$
TOWN POOR ACCOUNT.
Paid D. C. Hill, rent J. S. Drew, ..... \$ 6600 Appropriation, ..... 10000
Appropriation unexpended, ..... \$ 3400
TOWN LIBRARY.
Paid Mrs. Lucy A. Dearborn, librarian, ..... $\$ 10000$
Appropriation, ..... 10000
MEMORIAL DAY.
Paid F. L. Hughes, Q. M., G. A. R. Post, ..... $\$ 5000$
Appropriation, ..... 5000

## MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY BILLS.

Mrs. E. O. Gitchell, rail, etc., at Squam bridge, \$ 18 no

> A. F. Fifield, repairing bridge post, etc., at Squam bridge,

Concord Foundry Co., grate, 135
Kusumpe Lumber Co., lumber, 3169
H. H. Shepard, post, - y 96
E. P. Warner, brick and labor, 635
F. Fifield, labor and material, 1260

Hughes \& Brown, supplies, 197
Thompson \& Sanborn, " 437
B. Dean, team, 125
$\$ 9049$

## WINTER STREET BRIDGE.

Otto Willoughby, self and team, \$4200
James O. Clark and men, pay roll and
use of derrick, $\quad 73298$
F. A. Kimball, five days with engine, 2500

Jason Sanborn, stone, 800
John Vallier, use of derrick at quarry, 1500
Ashland Transportation Co., use of pump, 500
Hughes \& Brown, cement, pipe, oil, etc., 4798
S. J. Cotton, hauling stone, 1800
B. F. Pease, blacksmith labor, 305
F. H. Chick, " " 523
T. E. Carr, " " 2550

Kusumpe Lumber Co., lumber, 5183
United Construction Co., bridge, 45000
$\$ 1,42957$

## SIDEW ALKS.

Robie Concrete Co.,
$\$ 47877$

## SUMMARY.

| Paid Wm. Bateman, |  | t. |  | \$1,200 75 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fremont D. Eastman, | " | 6 | 2, | 22437 |
| F. H. Leavitt, | 6 | 6 | 3 , | 4660 |
| George W. Lambert, | 6 | " 6 | 4 , | 2749 |
| C. H. Sanborn, | 6 | 6 | 5, | 3314 |
| W. C. Currier, | 6 | 6 | 6 , | 1200 |
| Miscellaneous bills, |  |  |  | 9049 |
| Sidewalks, |  |  |  | 47877 |
| Winter Street bridge, |  |  |  | 1,429 57 |
| Total amount s |  |  |  | \$3,543 18 |
| Appropriation, 1-2 of | er | f v | atio | \$3,021 23 |
| Exceerled appropriatio |  |  |  | \$52195 |

## COST OF EDUCATION.

## District No. 1.

| School money required by law, |  | \$1,364 99 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Extra money voted at school meeting, |  | 1,400 00 |
| "6 "6 "6 | "6 for repairs, | 20000 |
| To pay debt, vote of 1899 , |  | 46784 |
| Proportion of literary fund, |  | 13321 |
| " dog license, |  | 12115 |
|  |  | \$3,687 19 |

Paid out as follows:

$$
\begin{array}{crr}
\text { Ora A. Brown, treasurer Dist. No. 1, } & \$ 3,019 & 35 \\
6 & \text { repair committee, } & 200 \quad 00
\end{array}
$$

John E. Smith, Ex. note and interest, 46748
$\$ 3,68719$

## District No. 2.

School money required by law, \$ 14562
Extra money voted at school meeting. 27000
Proportion of literary fund, 1665
" dog license, $15 \quad 15$
$\$ 44742$
Paid Frank A. Kimball, treasurer Dist. No. 2, $\$ 44742$ Total, $\$ 4,13461$

## COUNTY POOR AND DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Due from county, Feb. 15. 1903, $\$ 10008$
Paid Geo. B. Stevens, overseer, for county poor, 21251 " " " dependent soldiers, 12478
$\$ 43737$
Received from county during year,
38645
Due from county Feb. 15, 1904,
$\$ 5092$

## REPAIRING UNION BRIDGE.

J. B. Varrick, wire rope, etc., $\$ 1640$

Cole Mfg. Co., rods and turnbuckle, 7553
T. E. Carr, labor and material, 4969
W. G. \& I. H. Chase, lumber, 26357

Kusumpe Lumber Co., " 5694
Roader Bros. \& Haslet, " 240
Town of Bridgewater, " 1629
Thos. C. Shepard, labor, 35900
Wm. Bateman, " 1475
Hughes \& Brown, hardware, etc., 1841
B. Deane, teams,

350

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid E. P. Harrington, trying hydrants, ..... \$ 875
Ed Eastman, in full, ..... 1591
Chas. Drew, ..... 66 ..... 750
Chas. Stewart, " ..... 600
Geo. Chamberlain, ..... 1000
Henry K. Barnes, repairing hose, ..... 5560
R. L. Howe, foreman pay roll, Hose Co. No. 2, ..... 25703
H. S. Lyford, clerk pay roll Hose Co. No. 1, ..... 20825
E. P. Warner, foreman pay roll, Hook and Ladder Co., ..... 6325
A. F. Fifield, labor on gate and hand extinguisher, ..... 180
T. E. Carr, bar for hose cart, ..... 125
R. L. Howe, shoveling snow from hydrants, ..... 200
A. F. Fifield, repairing gate, ..... 30
Steyens \& Gammons, supplies, ..... 172
T. E. Carr, labor on sled, ..... 250
Hughes \& Brown, twine, ..... 30
E. P. Harrington, shoveling snow from hydrants, ..... 200
Thompson \& Sanborn, supplies, ..... 700
Gay Robie, labor and material repairing sled, ..... 350
Total expense for year, ..... $\$ 65526$
Appropriation, ..... $\$ 32500$
Appropriation exceeded, ..... $\$ 33026$
FIRE ALARM,
Paid A. F. Fifield, zincs supplies and labor, ..... \$ 2302
W. E. Decrow, contract for steam whistle, ..... 42789
L. G. Fifield expense and labor, ..... 1821
Paid F. Fifield, building building for whistle, ..... 3675
International Paper Co., supplies ..... 769
Plymouth \& Campton Tel. Ex. Co., labor, ..... 300
Hughes \& Brown, supplies, ..... 347
Thompson \& Sanborn, " ..... 110
L. G. Fifield, services superintendent and extra labor, ..... 6067
$\$ 58180$
CONCRETE ROAD.
Town of Exeter, road roller, ..... * 10000
Robie Con. Concrete Co., ..... 13,414 20
J. L. Wilson, writing bond, ..... 100
A. W. Dudley, making survey, plans, etc., ..... 16896
F. L. Dudley, engineer and inspector and expenses, ..... 45870
Harry S. Johnson, labor, ..... 1135
Fred J. Brooks, ..... 650
Robert Bruce, " ..... 150
Geo. H. Follett, ..... 713
Total cost, ..... $\$ 14,16934$
Appropriation, ..... 13,500 00
Exceeded appropriation, ..... $\$ 66934$
SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR.
'To taxes as per list, ..... $\$ 12,08490$
name added by collector, ..... 200
interest charged, ..... 380
By cash to town treasurer, ..... \$11,725 92
diccounts, ..... 30285
abatements, ..... 11600
overpaid by E. Colby, 1902, ..... 100
$\$ 12,14577$
Repaid collector to balance, ..... 5507
$\$ 12,090 \quad 70$
Amount of discounts at 4 per cent., ..... \$ 24988 ..... 2391 ..... 2906
\$302 85
RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1904.
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1903, ..... \$ 38247
Insurance tax, ..... 375
Railroad tax, ..... 10563
Savings bank tax, ..... 88528
Literary fund, ..... 14986
Tuitions, ..... 12512
Dog licenses, ..... 13630
Billiard licenses, ..... 3000
Janitor town hall, ..... 2500
Estate Henry Damon, ..... 400
Grafton County, support of poor, ..... 38645
Wrought Iron Range Co., license, ..... 800
Justice fines, ..... 3800
Old plank sold, ..... 200
Wire sold, ..... 415
Rent of tomb, ..... 600
Masonic hall, ..... 5000
town shed, ..... 3600
Sworn weighers. ..... \$ 500
State License Commission, ..... 21143
Superintendent water works, ..... 1,483 12
Collector of taxes, ..... 11,725 92
Bounty on hedgehogs, ..... 225
Town of Bridgewater, rods, ..... 400
Town notes, ..... 15,20000
$\$ 31,00973$
DISBURSEMENTS YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1904.
County tax, ..... $\$ 1,366 \quad 29$
State tax, ..... 1,06250
Memorial Day appropriation, ..... 5000
Library appropriation, ..... 10000
Fire department, ..... 65526
Fire alarm, ..... 58180
Tuitions, ..... 68551
Support of schools, ..... 4,134 61
Town poor, ..... 6600
County poor, ..... 21251
Dependent soldiers, ..... 12478
Highway accounts, ..... 3,543 18
Repairing Union bridge, ..... 87648
Current expenses, ..... 2,616 90
Collector taxes overpaid, ..... 5507
Concrete roadway, ..... 14,16934
Water works extension, ..... 42500
Town notes, ..... 16000
Excess receipts, ..... 12450
$\$ 31,00973$

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Liabilities February 15, 1904, ..... $\$ 50,81669$
Assets, (cash on hand and duefrom Grafton county,17542
Balance against the town Feb. 15, 1904, ..... $\$ 50,64127$
Balance against the town Feb. 15, 1903, ..... 33,891 00
Increase of debt during year, ..... $\$ 16,75027$
ELLIS G. GAMMONS, Selectmen RODNEY L. HOWE, JOHN M. JACKSON,
Ashlañd.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1903, ..... \$ 38247
Rec'd of tax collector, ..... 11,725 92
superintendent of water works, ..... 1,483 12
state treasurer, ..... 1,269 64
town clerk, dog licenses, ..... 13630
police fines, ..... 3800
use of tomb, ..... 600
Grafton county, pauper account, ..... 38645
selectmen, sundry accounts, ..... 17040
New Hampshire State License Commission, ..... 21143
J. B. Peaslee on note, ..... 1,50000
Mary A. Blanchard, ..... 2,800 00
Michael Horrigan, ..... 1,000 00
Geo. F. Plummer, 66 66 ..... 50000

| Rec'd | Nellie E. Plummer, on kote, Mary A. Warner, Sarah E. Chamberlin, " Henry M. Smith, Minnie L. Smith, Mabel A. Nichols, William Bateman, Henry S. Lyford, Francella C. Perkins, A. W. Harriman, Daniel E. Plaisted, Sarah E. Boynton, Henry C. Dearborn, " " Carrie A. S. Hughes, " Mary J. Horrigan, | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 200 \\ 1,000 \\ 1,000 \\ 600 \\ 600 \\ 400 \end{array} 00$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | DISBURSEMENTS. | \$31,009 73 |
| Paid <br> Cash i | unty tax, <br> ate tax, lectmens' orders, notes, treasury, | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,36629 \\ 1,06250 \\ 28,29644 \\ 16000 \\ 12450 \end{array}$ |
| Cash in treasury, |  | \$31,009 73 |

ORA A. BROWN, Town Treasurer.

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Wm. Bateman, District No. I.

Hughes \& Brown, supplies, ..... \$ 4805
Stevens \& Gammons, " ..... 230
Thompson \& Sanborn, " ..... 482
Frank Fifield, labor and supplies, ..... 125
R. W. Jordan, " ..... 180
Repair parts for road machine, ..... 1075
Sundry bills, ..... 130
Boston \& Maine R. R., freight, ..... 870
S. J. Cotton, ..... 3800
E. A. Stowell, Iumber and gravel, ..... 6246
Benj. Deane and teams, ..... 9950
A. F. Nichols " ..... 3695
G. B. Peavey " ..... 6929
J. I. Brown " ..... 2555
F. A. Carr, " ..... 2240
Wm. Bateman, " ..... 28052
Irving J. Drew, labor, ..... 1335
Geo. H. Follett, ..... 1100
T. E. Carr, ..... 340
Louis Fortin, ..... 400
M. F. Johnson, ..... 150
Wm. Durham, ..... 130
Theo. Guyotte, ..... 1035
Joseph Guyotte, ..... 100
William Lovejoy, ..... 17233
William Taft, ..... 110
F. H. Chick, ..... 305
Robert Deane, ..... 19904
Oliver Bryant, ..... $\$ 513$
Edwin Tappan, ..... 217
E. W. Clark, ..... 262
W. H. Clark, ..... 75
George Fortin, ..... 270
Tramp, H. S. Lyford witness, ..... 540
G. E. Dane, ..... 1241
H. L. Sanders, ..... 108
James Peavey, ..... 285
M. Horrigan, ..... 122
W. F. Harris, ..... 200
Harry Peavey, ..... 201
H. C. Bickford, ..... 782
Delos Huckins, ..... 203
Joseph Burbank, ..... 150
John Gault, ..... 225
Joseph Duffy, ..... 400
Harry A. Johnson, ..... 250
Fred Bryant, ..... 225
John Vallier, ..... 150
Otto Willoughby, ..... 75
M. Tucker, ..... 75
$\$ 1,20075$
Fremont D. Eastman, District No. 2.
Fremont D. Eastman and teams, ..... $\$ 8833$
Wm. E. Leavitt, ..... 2145
M. E. Morse, ..... 600
Edwin Drew, ..... 1400
Smith Worthen, ..... 450
J. E. Benton, ..... 2241
W. B. Smith and team, ..... 2625
F. A. Kimball and team, ..... 3059
F. W. Eastman, ..... $\$ 900$
Samuel Blanchard, ..... 52
Hughes \& Brown, supplies, ..... 132
$\$ 22437$
F. H. Leavitt, District No. 3.
Frank H. Leavitt, ..... $\$ 1800$
Perley Sanborn and team, ..... 2650
Augustus V. Moulton, ..... 210$\$ 4660$George W. Lambert. District No. 4.
George W. Lambert and team, ..... $\$ 2089$
Frank Lambert, ..... 225
A. H. Amsden, ..... 180
Henry Chilson, ..... 255$\$ 2749$
Charles H. Sanborn, District No. 5.
Charles H. Sanborn and team, ..... $\$ 3314$
Willis H. Calley, District No. 6.
W. C. Currier, breaking roads,$\$ 1200$

## REPORT OF FIRE WARDS.

This has been the worst year for fires that our town has ever known, either before or since we had our water system and fire companies. In our report we will endeavor to give you the loss, insurance, etc., of the past year, beginning with the fire of Cogswell's variety store.

| Name. | Damage | Insurance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb. 21, E. G. Gammons, | \$400 00 | \$400 00 |
| W. B. Cogswell, | 1,500 00 | 70000 |
| May 11, H. H. Shepard, | 6,550 00 | 2,000 00 |
| J. H. Morrill, | 4,50000 | 3,000 00 |
| Mrs. Carrie Terrill, | 10500 | 10500 |
| Bank building, | 6500 | 6500 |
| T. P. Cheney, teneme | 3000 | 3000 |
| Thompson House, | 15000 | 15000 |
| A. E. Porter, | 4500 | 4500 |
| J. G. Morrison, | 2500 | 2500 |
| Jacob Peaslee, | 500 | 500 |
| Mrs. M. J. Horrigan, | 100 | 100 |
| June 1, Ashland Knitting Co., | 12300 | 12300 |
| 3, Smith J. Sanborn, | 22500 | none |
| 26, Ashland Knitting Co., | 50000 | ne |
| July 6, Ethan Allen, | 3200 | 3200 |
| Aug. 2, Mrs. Charles Wright, | 7500 | 7500 |
| Nov. 8, Mrs. L. A. Dearborn, | 2000 | 2000 |
| 27, Mrs. M. J. Chace, | 1,200 00 | e |
| Jan. 6, F. H. Chick, | 10000 | 10000 |
| Totals, | $15,60100 \$ 6,87600$ |  |

During the year we have had eight alarms of fire pulled in from the several boxes; two fires where there was no alarm given, viz., Lucy A. Dearborn's and Ethan Allen's; two brush fires, and two fires outside of our fire precinct, viz., M. J. Chace's and S. J. Sanborn's. At two alarms there was no damage done, at Fifield's machine shop Sep. 11, and at Samuel Goss' barn on Nev. 1.

The sum of $\$ 250.00$ was raised for the support of the Fire Department, and it cost nearly $\$ 550.00$ to pay them, so you will see that we have exceeded the appropriation by some $\$ 300.00$. No one can tell how much should be raised to maintain the department, but we think there should be at least $\$ 300.00$ raised every year. If we are lucky it won't cost much to pay the firemen, but when we do have fires like the past year is when it costs, and we hope every person will take extra precaution and more than usual care of their fires, ashes, chimneys, etc. It costs but little to do that aud it may save you many dollars. There are several chimneys in our village which either should be repaired or discontinued. You can see from the street that they are unsafe and by using them the buildings are in danger every day of burning.

W'e think and do recommend that there should be at least four additional fire alarm boxes put into service and that some of the others should be changed to a different location. The cost will not be great and it may be a good thing before we know it, for when a fire gets to going the quicker you can get the firemen out the less damage is usually the case. The first five minutes is worth more than the last hour. There are several places where a run of at least one-half mile is made to get to an alarm box. That should not be so any longer. We think that boxes should go on a street nearly as far as the hydrants are.

We have everything for fighting fires that we need at present. We have our apparatus all on runners in the winter, and we have had some hose relined since the big fire
and our apparatus is in first class shape and ready for use any time, and the firemen-well, their record will speak for them. In the past ten years, never a fire has got the best of them, and they are as proud of themselves as our town is of them and our system of water works.

Hoping that we may have a year before us in which we shall not need a fire department we remain your obedient servants,

-EARL P. HARRINGTON, JOHN H. MORRILL,<br>Fire Wards. CHAS. S. WOODMAN,

## WATER WORKS REPORT.

RIVER STREET EXTENSION.
Dr.
May 9, From O. A. Brown, treasurer, ..... $\$ 20000$
30. ..... " ..... 22500
$\$ 42500$
Cr .
J. McCraw, shoveling, ..... \$ 900
M. McCraw, .....  ..... 2675
Ray Brown, ..... " ..... 975
M. Horrigan, ..... " ..... 75
Allie Bryant, ..... 1050
G. E. Dow, ..... " ..... 1875
M. Gyott, ..... " ..... 600
Bert Brown, ..... 750
Henry Vachon, ..... 2250
Fred Normand, "
Parlin Fortin, ..... 1650
Louis Fortin, ..... 1650
M. Gyott, ..... 300
Arthur Bryant, ..... 930
Earl Smith, ..... 45
Frank Elliott, ..... 150
Mike Landrock, ..... 2550
William Bateman, teaming, ..... 500
Hughes \& Brown, dynamite, ..... 64
Frank Chick, blacksmithing, ..... 200
E. W. Sanborn, labor, ..... 4000
Thompson \& Sanborn, pipe and supplies, ..... 18069
Total cost of extension, ..... $\$ 42008$
Received from the town, ..... 42500
Balance not expended, ..... $\$ 492$

Number of feet 1-inch galvanized pipe laid, 1,801.
Number of services connected, 2.
Received for water rent annually on the
extension at present,

MILL STREET EXTENSION.
Dr.
Balance from River street extension, $\$ 492$

## Cr.

Aug. 13, Brom, Wales Co., 3034 lbs. cast iron pipe, $\mathbf{1} 9$-10c. per pound, $\$ 5769$
Freight, 493
25, Lewis Sanborn, teaming, 100
J. O. Clark, blasting, 250
G. E. Dow, labor, 1575
P. Fortin, " 750
M. C. Sanborn, " 300
C. H. Sanborn, " 200
E. W. Sanborn, superintending labor, 2000

Total,
$\$ 11437$
River street balance, $-\frac{492}{\$ 10945}$
Number of feet 6-inch pipe laid, 96.
For automatic sprinklers in mill, annual rent, $\$ 2500$

## COST OF MAINTENANCE.

William St. York, labor, ..... \$ 300
G. E. Dow, ..... 100
Allie Bryant, ..... 100
G. E. Dow, ..... 300
" " ..... 780
Mike Landrock, ..... 300
Allie Bryant, ..... 780
Henry Crawford, ..... 75
Henry Vashon, ..... 150
M. MeCraw, ..... 250
Arthur Bryant, ..... 270
Ray Brown, ..... 300
S. E. Smith, ..... 165
E. W. Sanborn, " at bridge, ..... 700
" " " on leaks, ..... 500
M. G. Tucker, ..... 50
A. F. George, ..... 75
G. E. Dow, ..... 150
Olin B. George, ..... 300
S. J. Clay, New Hampton tax, ..... 21670
H. L. Bruce, labor, ..... 405
T. F. Carr, blacksmith, ..... 20
F. Beanchan, labor, ..... 250
Henry Vashon, ..... 300
Howe \& Harrington, ..... 650.
E. W. Sanborn, ..... 350
Henry Vashon, ..... 150
C. H. Sanborn, " at reservoir, ..... 1500
Express on water, ..... 25
Dana Hardware Co., shovels, ..... 1318
Thompson \& Sanborn, services, ..... 6800
E. W. Sanborn, superintendent, ..... 12500
Thompson \& Sanborn, services, ..... 14358
A. E. Porter, gate book and receipts, ..... 200
M. C. Sanborn, breaking road, ..... \$ 180
Hughes \& Brown, ..... 150
Fred D. Sanborn, water bills, ..... 350
O. A. Brown, town treasurer, ..... 1,483 12
Balance on Hart's extension, ..... 10945
$\$ 2,26220$
Rec'd for water rents, ..... \$2,168 31
balance of River street extension, ..... 492
A. F. Fifield, cast iron pipe, ..... 340
R. H. Hart, pig lead, ..... 240
International Paper Co., meter, ..... 8317
Total,$\$ 2,26220$
Total amount received for rents, ..... $\$ 2,25148$
" " " from other sources, ..... 1075
" cost of maintenance, ..... 66963
" " extensions, ..... 52903
Number of water takers, ..... 205
Number shut-off at sidewalks, ..... 5
These do not include services supplying sill cocks only.

## To the Citizens of Ashland:

We are approaching the tenth year of the Ashland Water Works and it will be seen that a gradual increase of income for water rates each year, the past year being $\$ 288.53$ increase over last year. The cost of maintenance last year was $\$ 465.11$, and this year $\$ 669.63$.
August 12, I had the water analyzed from a tap in the village, by H. E. Barnard, State Chemist at Concord, and
gave the parts in 100,000 it contained, and pronounced it in good condition and a very satisfactory supply.

During the year bushes have been cut over from the reservoir to the pond and the brook cleared of all brush and wood.

The gate at the pond has not been closed since June 20th. The supply in the reservoir has been governed entirely by this gate since. There have been fifteen services added this season. The system is in good working order and no complaint in quality or quantity at present.

Thanking you all, and especially the water takers for their promptness, I remain

Yours,
E. W. SANBORN, Superintendent.

## JANITOR'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.
1903.
Feb. 14, Balance on hand, ..... \$ 302
Feb. 13, Herdman's show, ..... 300
17, H. Crawford, social, ..... 300
18, Baker entertainment, ..... 400
19, Catholics, ..... 300
27, Grangers, ..... 300
Mar. 1, C. Howe, social, ..... 300
Apr. 16, A. C. A. dance, ..... 300
17, Rebekah's, ..... 300
23, Minstrel show, ..... 500
30, Patrons of Husbandry, ..... 300
May , Base ball benefit, ..... 300
25, Dog show, ..... 450
29, Dance, ..... 300
Jun. 1-2, Picture show, ..... 800
19-20, Vonder's show, ..... 800
22-26, Percell show, ..... 1900
July 20, F. W. Nason, ..... 300
30, A. L. Davis, ..... 300
Aug. 5, Luciers, ..... 500
15, Earnest Workers, ..... 350
28, Stoddard show, ..... 5 no
Sep. 8, Dance, ..... 300
25, Patten \& Perry show, ..... 500
Oct. 17, I. O. O. F., ..... 600
20, Athletic club, ..... 1213
23, Sisterhood, ..... 300
28, Al Martz, ..... 500
29-3v, F. B. fair, ..... 600
Nov.
12-13, Methodist fair, ..... $\$ 600$
17, Athletic cluh, ..... 750
24, Earnest Workers, ..... 450
27, Athletic club, ..... 300
28, Uncle Tom's Cabin, ..... 500
Dec. 16, Athletic club, ..... 655
17, " " ..... 300
18, Show, ..... 200
24, F. B. Christmas tree, ..... 450
1904.
Jan. 13, Athletic club, ..... 1050
15, Dance, ..... 600
21, Episcopals, ..... 300
Rehearsals, grangers, ..... 250
Feb. Athletic club, ..... 1075
4, Jubilee Singers, ..... 300
5, Episcopals, ..... 300
9, Masons, ..... 300
$\$ 22495$
EXPENDITURES.
Wood, ..... \$ 3713
Sawing, ..... 675
Sawdust, ..... 150
Kerosene, ..... 164
Lamp chimneys, ..... 60
Wax, ..... 62
Glass, ..... 120
Saw, ..... 50
Ax, ..... 50
Filing saw, ..... 15
Three chairs, ..... 195
Diary, ..... \$ 40
Tumblers, ..... 20
Fix pipe, ..... 25
Pail, ..... 25
Electric supplies, ..... 524
Electric lights, March, ..... 467
" " April, ..... 247
" " May, ..... 407
" " June, ..... 287
" " July, ..... 747
" " August, ..... 160
" " September, ..... 247
" " October, ..... 273
" " November, ..... 747
" " December, ..... 900
" " January, ..... 533
" " February, ..... 680
Janitor, seryices February, ..... 500
" 6 March, ..... 650
" " April, ..... 700
" " May, ..... 400
" " June, ..... 1000
" " July, ..... 300
" " August, ..... 325
" " September, ..... 200
" " October, ..... 1075
" " November, ..... 1000
" " December, ..... 675
" " January, ..... 850
" " to February 13, ..... 77
Selectmen, ..... 2500
$\$ 224$ ..... 95
T. E. CARR, Janitor.

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

RECEIPTS.
Rec'd from town treasurer, ..... $\$ 10000$
for fines and cards, ..... 782
for use of books from non-residents:
Ada Berry, ..... 25
Nellie Flanders, ..... 25
C. M. Nelson, ..... 50

- ..... 100$\$ 10882$
EXPENDITURES.
De Wolfe, Fiske \& Co, books, ..... \$ 8421
F. J. Barnard, binding books, ..... 1425
Fare to Boston, ..... 300
Freight and cartage, ..... 128
Postage, ..... 32
Express on books, ..... 30
Balance on books exchanged, ..... 17
Mucilage, ..... 25
Extra labor on books, ..... 154
Library slips, ..... 350
During the past year there have been given out from the library 7,450 volumes. Eighty-seven new volumes have been added besides a large number of public documents, which have been sent from Washington, D. C. There is a great interest manifested in regard to books by patrons of the library. Please give more shelf room as soon as convenient and oblige your librarian.

MRS. L. A. DEARBORN, Librarian.

## REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

## COUNTY POOR.



## DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

| Paid Flora Heath, board Leroy S. Heath, | $\$ 2700$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| M. C. Spaulding, M. D., attendance, |  |
| Lerny 太. Heath, |  |$\quad 225$

GEORGE B. STEVENS, Overseer of Poor.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

In making this report we would say that at the last annual school mecting, the district voted to print a report of the financlal and other doings of the district beginning this year. This report will be ready at the next annual school meeting which will occur March 26, 1904.

The schools for the thirty-six weeks ending in June 1903, were very satisfactory with nothing requiring especial comment.

During the summer vacation the entire lower story of the schoolhouse was re-floored with hard wood, making a marked improvement in cleanliness and sanitation. The second floor needs a like treatment.

For the second time in five years the increased attendance has necesitated the opening of another room. Consequently the remaining vacant room on the upper floor was fitted up and the grades so moved up that the west room on the lower floor could be fitted and has been used for kindergarten and preparatory work. This room registers forty pupils and is proving a success so far.

Among the present needs of the schools are the new floors, already mentioned, a completed fire escape, a piano or other instrument and a system of ventilation.

All this of course is not expected in one or two years but let us bear them in mind and add them one by one that we may maintain the standing for progress that we already hold throughout the state.

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## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

DISTRICT NO. 2, PEASE SCHOOL.

From April 1, 1903, to Feb. I, 1904,

Whole number weeks during the year, 20.
First term of nine weeks, commenced May 11, 1903, and closed July 10, 1903 . Seven weeks taught by Harl Pease, and two weeks by Arthur Thompson. Whole number of pupils registered, 11; average daily attendance, 9 26-40; wages of teacher per month, including board, $\$ 32.00$.

Second term of eleven weeks, commenced Sept. 8, 1903, and closed Nov. 20, 1903. Arthur G. Thompson, teacher. Whole number of scholars registered, 12; average daily attendance, 101-4. Both teachers are first-class in every respect.

Chas. M. Sargent, Member of School Board.

## DISTRICT NO. 2. UNION SCHOOL.

Fall term of 8 weeks taught by Mrs. Boynton.
Spring term of 12 weeks taught by Elsie Huckins. Reported with New Hampton.

> Geo. W. Lambert, Member of School Board.

## DISTRICT NO. 2, CALLEY SCHOOL.

First term of fourteen weeks commenced Sept. 1, 1902, and ended Dec. 5, 1902, taught by Beatrice Warren.

Second or spring term of eleven weeks, commenced

April 6, ended June 19, 1903, taught by Beatrice Warren. Wages per month, both terms, $\$ 28.00$. Whole number pupils registered in fall, 11; average daily attendance, $103-134$. Spring term, 13 pupils, average daily attendance, 10 29-36. Miss Warren is a first-class teacher in every respect and thought a great deal of her pupils. I can recommend her to anyone.
C. W. Cummings, Member of School Board.

## POLICE REPORT.

During the year the police department has made 27 arrests and taken care of 314 transients.

> GAY ROBIE, First Constable.

## AUDITORS REPORT.

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector, etc., and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Births Registered in the Town of Ashland，N．H．，for the Year Ending December 31， 1903.

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Marriages Registered in the Town of Ashland, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1903.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Ashland, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1903.




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    W. F. HARDY, Sec.,

