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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

In compliance with the Public Statutes the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Epsom for the year ending March 1, 1893, is respectfully submitted:

RECEIPTS.

Remaining in hands of treasurer for 1892	. . .	\$928.21
Remaining in hands of James H. Tripp, collector for 1891	. . . . .	131.09
Amount committed to Benjamin M. Towle for collection, 1892:		
Resident tax	. . . . .	\$4,672.12
Non-resident tax	. . . . .	677.44
Dog tax	. . . . .	81.00
		<hr/> \$5,430.56

RECEIVED OF STATE TREASURER.

Insurance tax	. . . . .	\$21.75
Railroad tax	. . . . .	222.57
Savings-bank tax	. . . . .	1,495.92
Literary fund	. . . . .	161.28
		<hr/> \$1,901.52

RECEIVED OF MERRIMACK COUNTY.

Support of Mrs. Eliza Hanscom	. . .	\$208.52
Mrs. Samuel Batchelder	. . .	95.37
Osum Dowst	. . .	94.00
Mrs. Randall	. . .	56.82
Maud Martenus	. . .	42.52
Mrs. Joseph Marden	. . .	25.00
		<hr/> \$522.23

Received by the hand of John C. Bickford, by bequest of Samuel M. Chesley, the interest to be expended upon the graves of his father and mother .		\$50.00
by note		165.29
for dog licenses		150.55
of state treasurer for diseased cattle killed		41.20
of administrator of Maud Martenus's estate		20.00
for balance of liquor fines		60.00
for B. M. Towle, interest on taxes		5.74
of J. H. Tripp, interest on taxes		2.81
for use of hearse		4.00
for 248 feet of plank		2.97
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		\$502.56
Total receipts		<hr/>
		\$9,416.17

EXPENDITURES.

Mar.	7.	Paid Gazette Press Co., printing reports	\$44.40
	25.	Samuel R. Yeaton, error made in his account as treasurer for the year 1891, the mistake occurring in dog account	100.00
		Temple & Farrington, check-lists	1.20
April	5.	G. P. Rand, breaking and repairing road in Dist. No. 5	3.80
		W. L. Pickard, breaking road in Dist. No. 13	12.49
		James Baker, for board and care of Mrs. Hanscom	31.50
	16.	D. M. Philbrick, work on road in Dist. No. 8	12.00

April 22.	Paid C. O. Brown, services as school committee and as member of school board for the year ending March 1, 1892	\$43.00
23.	Edith G. Batchelder, interest on note	10.25
.	Horace Bickford, damage to oxen	50.00
30.	Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, school books	5.04
	S. R. Yeaton, work on road	125.00
	C. C. Woodman, member of school board and labeling books	11.50
	Fred C. Fife, work on road in Dist. No. 14	1.00
	C. S. Heath, work on road	150.00
May 14.	G. C. Knowles, cow ordered killed by Dr. Maguire	12.50
28.	S. L. Clark, board of C. Wood	32.50
	C. C. Woodman, school books	7.46
	C. S. Heath, work on road	160.00
	G. H. Hoyt, post	50.00
	B. Freeze, note and interest	165.29
	J. H. Dolbeer, auditing accounts and insurance on town house	5.50
	J. Lawrence, Jr., breaking roads	3.00
	S. R. Yeaton, work on road	100.00
June 25.	J. H. Tripp, school money	300.00
	C. S. Heath, work on road	25.00
	S. F. Brown, abatement on dog license	1.66
July 22.	S. R. Yeaton, work on road	100.00
Aug. 27.	J. A. Goss, cow ordered killed by Dr. Maguire	15.00
	C. W. Doe, care of transient women	3.00
	C. S. Heath, work on road	200.00
Sept. 8.	James Baker, for board and care of Mrs. Hanscom	77.00

Sept.	14.	Paid W. A. Elliott, for driving hearse .	\$5.00
	24.	F. L. Knowles, care of C. Wood	28.50
		S. L. Clark, board and care of C. Wood	55.36
		S. R. Yeaton, work on road .	100.00
		C. S. Heath, work on road .	200.00
		C. S. Heath, work on road .	58.25
Oct.	29.	A. D. Sherburne, driving hearse .	15.00
		J. B. Tennant, check-lists and war- rants . . . . .	.85
		J. M. Clark, amount due for license on dead dog	1.20
		Julia A. Cutler, for board and care of Mrs. J. J. Haynes . .	20.00
		J. H. Tripp, school money .	400.00
		C. S. Heath, work on road .	100.00
		C. C. Woodman, school books and express	6.32
		Hollis Hall, breaking roads in Dist. No. 12 and for dead dog .	2.00
Nov.	15.	S. R. Yeaton, work on road .	200.00
	26.	J. B. Demers, breaking roads in Dist. No. 10	1.50
		G. C. Marden, for lumber .	10.26
		C. S. Heath, work on road .	500.00
		C. H. Palmer, public watering place	3.00
Dec.	1.	State treasurer, state tax .	1,015.00
		County treasurer, county tax .	1,027.60
		C. O. Brown, breaking roads .	6.75
		C. S. Heath, work on road .	300.00
	22.	Wm. Tasker, Merrimack County farm	50.83
	31.	J. Lawrence, Jr., sheep killed by dogs	26.00
		A. L. Yeaton, sheep killed by dogs	7.50
		C. C. Woodman, school books .	10.43

Dec. 31.	Paid C. S. Heath, work on road . . .	\$87.50
	Hollis Hall, cow ordered killed by Dr. Maguire	10.00
	J. H. Tripp, school money . . .	100.00
	E. R. Yeaton, wood for Mrs. Samuel Batchelder	3.62
	G. E. Critcherson, services as town clerk for 1892	15.00
	G. E. Critcherson, recording mar- riages, births, and deaths, and for cash paid for blank dog li- cense	4.25
	S. R. Yeaton, work on road . .	50.00
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Jan. 3.	C. P. Morse, coffin, box, and robe for Constantine Woods . . .	19.00
	George Sanders, for collector's book, blank-book, and stationery . . .	2.25
	Cyrus Marden, sheep killed by dogs	12.00
27.	James Baker, board of Mrs. Hans- com	73.50
28.	J. B. Tennant, cloth, nails, and screws	2.34
	J. H. Tripp, member of school board and due as collector, 1891 . . .	35.00
	C. S. Heath, labor on highway . .	18.00
	W. P. Babb, labor on highway . .	6.00
	G. H. Burnham, 3 hens killed by dogs	1.50
Feb. 13.	J. H. Tripp, school money . . .	730.46
	Silver & Hall, supplies for Shuah Sanborn	52.00
17.	Officers' fees in Irwin J. Cate case . . .	13.88
24.	Silver & Hall, supplies for Mrs. Samuel Batchelder	89.00
	Silver & Hall, supplies for Mrs. Randall	12.00

Feb. 24.	Paid Silver & Hall, supplies for Mrs. Joseph Marden	\$8.00
	H. S. Knowles, supplies for Osum Dowst	94.00
	H. S. Knowles, supplies for Mrs. Randall	44.82
	H. S. Knowles, supplies for Mrs. Joseph Marden	8.00
	Roscoe Hill, M. D., medical aid for Mrs. Batchelder	2.75
	Roscoe Hill, M. D., medical aid for Mrs. J. Marden	9.00
	Roscoe Hill, M. D., medical aid for Mrs. Hanscom	25.00
	Peter Maumey, carrying witnesses to Suncook in Irwin J. Cate case	3.00
25.	Albion Locke, supervisor	2.75
	J. B. Sanborn, check-lists and warrants	1.00
	C. Dowst, breaking roads	4.00
	A. D. Sherburne, attendance with hearse 4 times	10.00
	C. A. Langmaid, for 1,000 feet of 3 in. pine plank	13.00
	A. S. Ladd, public watering place	3.00
	Walter Chesley, cow ordered killed by Dr. Maguire	14.00
	J. C. Philbrick, drawing lumber and work on town-house	5.00
	J. C. Philbrick, work on road	2.00
	E. R. Yeaton, 384 feet lumber	4.60
	S. W. Bickford, half cord slabs for Mrs. Samuel Batchelder	1.25
27.	S. F. Brown, public watering place	3.00
	G. W. Lane, perambulating town lines and returning same	7.00

Feb. 27.	Paid R. C. Brown, damage to sheep by dogs	\$4.00
	G. C. Knowles, public watering place	3.00
	W. L. Foster, legal advice	15.00
	W. Lent, iron braces, etc., for town-house	2.72
28.	D. G. Chesley, for school supplies	48.37
	D. G. Chesley, lodging and feeding tramps	3.00
	Roscoe Hill, M. D., recording 19 births and deaths	4.75
	Roscoe Hill, M. D., medical aid for Constantine Woods	12.25
	H. S. Knowles, supplies for Constantine Woods	8.27
Mar. 1.	Abatement of taxes on B. M. Towle's list for 1892	13.85
	George Sanders, services as selectman	81.94
	J. H. Dolbeer, services as selectman	70.00
	E. R. Yeaton, services as selectman	56.00
	H. S. Knowles, 64 meals for selectmen, auditors, and horses	19.20
	H. S. Knowles, ink, pen, and paper . . . . .	.50
	E. R. Yeaton, order book . . . . .	.85
	M. C. Philbrick, services as town clerk since Dec. 31, 1892	5.00
	M. C. Philbrick, recording births, deaths, and marriages	1.20
	M. C. Philbrick, glass for town-house and wood for office . . . . .	.65
	C. S. Heath, work on road to date	309.83
	B. M. Towle, in part for collecting taxes	50.00

Mar. 1. Paid S. R. Yeaton, work on road to	
date	\$222.11
Daniel Yeaton, services as town	
treasurer	30.00
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Total expenditures	\$8,575.40
Remaining on B. M. Towle's list	200.00
Remaining in treasury	640.77
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Total expenditures and assets	\$9,416.17
Total receipts	9,416.17

GEORGE SANDERS,
J. H. DOLBEER,
E. R. YEATON,
Selectmen of Epsom.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS.

REPORT OF S. R. YEATON, AGENT ON ROADS AND BRIDGES IN SOUTH PART OF THE TOWN.

Paid C. P. Abbott	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$0.90
O. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.75
S. F. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	.	5.50
J. C. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	.	15.50
A. L. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	.	13.35
W. J. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	.	5.55
W. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	.	.83
J. M. Burnham	.	.	.	.	.	.	25.00
J. C. Burnham	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.25
S. G. Bickford	.	.	.	.	.	.	44.70
F. A. Bickford	.	.	.	.	.	.	16.50
J. L. Bickford	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.00
A. P. Bickford	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.00
S. Bickford	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.13
E. S. Baker	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.43
C. A. Chapman	.	.	.	.	.	.	2.70
G. P. Cass	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.00
F. T. Cass	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.50
A. B. Cass	.	.	.	.	.	.	24.30
J. H. Dolbeer	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.15
G. T. Dutton	.	.	.	.	.	.	14.10
C. Dowst	.	.	.	.	.	.	11.00
C. H. Foss	.	.	.	.	.	.	4.35
F. C. Fife	.	.	.	.	.	.	.67
B. Fowler	.	.	.	.	.	.	13.50
W. Fowler	.	.	.	.	.	.	3.75

Paid P. Fowler	\$8.25
J. W. Fowler	2.00
S. Fowler	11.25
H. Fowler	14.50
J. S. Green	3.00
J. Hadlock	9.00
H. D. Haynes	10.50
C. F. Haynes	1.50
J. S. Hartford	2.25
L. Heath	1.50
C. E. Kendall	1.57
H. C. Lovejoy	21.70
F. Marden	2.25
S. Martin	3.00
N. H. Monroe	7.90
P. Maumey	18.70
A. Pickard	12.00
W. L. Pickard	53.10
F. P. Ricker	4.50
A. L. Ricker	3.41
W. A. Sanders	4.65
A. L. Sanders	13.15
P. W. T. Sanders	1.50
G. Sanders	11.70
F. L. Seavey	5.32
C. F. Stevens	2.93
E. R. Spurlin	9.75
J. Spurlin	7.75
Paulinia D. Smith	5.25
W. H. Straw	2.55
B. M. Towle	22.25
J. K. Tarleton	1.42
F. W. Tripp	10.50
J. H. Tripp	27.75
G. T. Tripp	44.25
H. Verrett	2.85
H. O. Wells	3.55

Paid W. G. Weeks	\$26.55
F. W. Yeaton	2.25
D. Yeaton	8.10
S. R. Yeaton	141.11
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	\$776.42
Summer work	\$602.57
Winter work	173.85
Short Falls Bridge	
J. B. Tennant, 18M shingles . . .	\$58.50
J. B. Tennant, nails	5.86
J. C. Philbrick & Sons	24.75
Guy Marden	1.38
S. R. Yeaton, lumber	18.00
S. R. Yeaton, labor and team . . .	12.20
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	\$120.69
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	\$897.11

S. R. YEATON,
Road Agent.

REPORT OF C. S. HEATH, AGENT ON ROADS AND BRIDGES
IN NORTH PART OF THE TOWN.

Paid C. S. Heath	\$118.11
A. C. Heath	106.26
W. A. Elliot	9.20
A. Batchelder and team	60.65
A. M. Steele	23.09
A. O. Carter and team	22.75
Hollis Hall	34.67
H. L. Hilliard	52.67
J. B. Cass	15.25
A. D. Sherburne and team	63.12
S. W. Bickford and team	115.89
T. B. Langley	17.03

Paid D. Royal	\$1.50
H. G. Leighton	2.25
L. T. Hall	3.60
Chesley Brothers, teams and lumber	209.66
E. M. Kelley	7.12
R. C. Brown and team	47.24
T. F. Kelley and team	37.74
John Yeaton and team	38.72
C. E. Cilley and team	26.00
W. H. Yeaton and team	12.00
H. C. Ames and team	3.95
Will Knowles	10.50
Waldo Holmes	16.57
George S. Bixby	26.20
Horace Bickford . . . . .	.75
J. E. Eastman	1.05
Walter Philbrick	1.12
C. H. Hall and team	3.00
J. L. Wells	4.05
Nathan Griffin	1.80
James Yeaton	22.05
J. P. Locke	12.30
Charles Bickford	12.00
Harvey Wells	11.85
George Piper	4.50
J. Lawrence, oxen and plow	25.34
J. Lawrence, Jr.	87.35
T. J. Ames	9.00
E. R. Yeaton	19.50
J. O. Fisk	6.75
George V. Fisk	10.50
John T. Cotterell	21.30
Walter Fellows	10.95
Simon Brown and team	28.95
Will Burnham and team	28.00
George E. Warren	6.00
A. M. Tilton	7.50

Paid Cyrus Marden and team	\$25.25
C. M. Steele	3.00
R. D. Doe . . . . .	.60
Isaac Hale . . . . .	.60
J. C. Philbrick	1.00
Arthur Griffin, drawing plank to Yeaton Bridge	1.00
William Lent, repairing road machines	1.50
J. C. Brown, plank	1.20
G. H. Burnham, plank	2.30
George C. Towle	69.25
F. S. Weeks	11.25
Summer work	\$1,205.68
Winter work	327.83

AMOUNT EXPENDED ON NEW BRIDGE.

C. A. Bailey, 28 perch of stone at \$2.50 per perch	\$95.00
“ “ 27 days' use of derrick at 75 c. per day	20.25
Chesley Brothers, 5 stringers and 2 bed pieces	76.68
“ “ 1,005 feet dimension lum- ber	18.09
“ “ 1,000 feet plank	12.00
George H. Burnham, 1,000 feet plank	11.50
T. J. Ames, 20 days	30.00
H. L. Hilliard, 22 “	33.00
R. C. Brown, 24½ “	36.75
John T. Cotterell, 23 “	34.50
A. D. Sherburne, 23 “	34.50
James Yeaton, 7½ “	10.50
J. P. Locke, 20 “	30.00
A. C. Heath, 20 “	30.00
William Lent, 2 iron rods and sharpening tools	14.07
S. W. Bickford with team 6 days and 7 hours drawing stone and grade	23.50

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Paid Simon Brown with team 1 day and 7 hours drawing off old bridge	\$5.00
Chesley Brothers with team $1\frac{1}{2}$ days drawing off old bridge	4.50
A. Batchelder with team (and one man 3 days) $8\frac{1}{2}$ days drawing stone from cars and grade	34.25
W. A. Elliot with team 6 days drawing stone from cars	21.00
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	\$575.09

C. S. HEATH,
Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Epsom for the year ending March 1, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Received of S. R. Yeaton, treasurer 1891 . . .	\$641.75
State of New Hampshire, for cattle killed	41.20
J. H. Tripp, balance of taxes . . .	131.09
“ interest	2.81
borrowed money	165.29
state treasurer	1,901.52
Merrimack county, support of paupers	522.23
Maud Martenus estate	20.00
liquor fines	60.00
S. R. Yeaton, bridge plank sold . . .	2.97
S. M. Chesley estate in trust . . .	50.00
A. D. Sherburne, use of hearse . . .	4.00
B. M. Towle, collector 1892 . . .	5,152.56
“ interest on taxes	5.74
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	\$8,701.16

EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders drawn by selectmen	\$8,233.83
Remaining in hands of treasurer	<hr/>
	\$467.33

DOG MONEY.

Received of S. R. Yeaton, treasurer 1891	.	.	\$286.46
clerk, license money	.	.	150.55
collector, taxes on dogs	.	.	78.00
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			\$515.01
Paid S. R. Yeaton, error in last year's			
account	.	.	\$100.00
J. H. Tripp, treasurer school board		186.46	
animals killed and damaged by dogs		51.00	
abatements on dog licenses	.	2.86	
town clerk for blanks	.	1.25	
		<hr/>	\$341.57
Remaining in hands of treasurer	.	.	\$173.44

DANIEL YEATON,
Treasurer.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN, MARCH 1,
1893.

Indebtedness by note and interest . . .	\$2,349.03
Due B. M. Towle, collector . . .	15.00
	<u>\$2,364.03</u>

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury	\$640.77
Remaining on B. M. Towle's list . . .	200.00
Due from Town of Northwood on W. L. Foster's bill	18.07
Due from Deerfield for same	4.17
	<u>\$863.01</u>
	\$1,501.02
Due school district for repairs	100.00
Due school district balance dog tax and license money	173.44
	<u>\$1,774.46</u>
Actual indebtedness	

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen and treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1893, we hereby certify that we found them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

JAMES W. FOWLER,
ANDREW J. SILVER,
Auditors.

EPSOM, N. H., March 1, 1893.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. H. Tripp in account with the School District of Epsom
for the year ending March 1, 1893:

1892.		Dr.
Mar. 1.	To balance in treasury	\$182.46

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1892.

Railroad tax	\$222.57
Literary fund	161.28
Dog tax and license	186.46
Town appropriation	910.00
Received of selectmen for repairing schoolhouses	50.00
	\$1,712.77

BY AMOUNT PAID TEACHERS.

1892.		Cr.
June 24.	Paid Josie B. Shaw	\$63.00
	Abbie J. James	67.50
	S. Edith Fowler	55.00
	E. G. Goodwin	67.50
	May V. Tilton	63.00
	Evelyn M. Burleigh	70.00
	C. C. Woodman	49.50
		\$435.50
Nov.	Paid Mary I. Brown	\$54.50
	S. Edith Fowler	49.50
	Josie B. Shaw	63.00
	Clara J. Little	58.50
	May V. Tilton	63.00
	Abbie J. James	67.50
	E. G. Goodwin	112.00
		467.50

Feb.	Paid Abbie J. James . . .	\$82.50	
	Ruth M. McGown . . .	58.50	
	Cora M. Brown . . .	80.50	
	Olive E. Freese . . .	79.75	
	Frank L. Seavey . . .	45.50	
	S. Edith Fowler . . .	72.00	
		<hr/>	\$418.75
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			\$1,321.75

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

1892.					
Paid M. C. Philbrick, as per bill					\$9.85
1893.					
Paid D. G. Chesley, as per bill					22.34
Silver & Hall, "					1.44
H. S. Knowles, "					2.10
R. C. Brown, "75
J. H. Tripp, for door fastening20
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					\$36.68

WOOD BILLS.

Feb. 28.	Paid Albion Locke, 1 cord wood . . .	\$4.75	
	John A. Chesley, 7½ cords wood . . .	24.49	
	J. H. Dolbeer, 1 " " . . .	4.00	
	R. C. Brown, 3 " " . . .	11.25	
	Warren Tripp, 2 " " . . .	5.00	
	Geo. T. Tripp, ½ " " . . .	1.25	
	Jas. H. Tripp, 8½ " " . . .	33.00	
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			\$83.74

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

1893.					
Feb.	Paid sundry persons for sawing wood . . .	\$11.95			
	sundry persons for cleaning school-				
	houses	6.60			
	Silver & Hall, school supplies . . .	1.85			
	H. S. Knowles, " " . . .	.93			
	C. S. Heath, " " . . .	.25			

Feb. Paid Philip Fowler, conveyance of scholars	\$8.00
Warren E. Hilliard, " "	15.00
School district of Chichester, tuition	
for pupils	20.00
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	\$64.58
Total amount of receipts	\$1,712.77
Amount paid teachers	\$1,321.75
for wood	83.74
incidental expenses	64.58
repairing schoolhouses	36.68
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Amount of expenditures	\$1,506.75
Balance in treasury, for repairs	\$32.31
schools	173.71
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	\$206.02

J. H. TRIPP,
Treasurer.

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer of the school board of the town of Epsom for the year ending March 1, 1893, we hereby certify that we find them correct and supported by proper vouchers.

JAMES W. FOWLER,
ANDREW J. SILVER,
Auditors.

EPSOM, March 1, 1893.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EPSOM
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1893.

The close of another school year reminds us that we are required by the statutes to make another report of our doings and state the condition of our schools. With one exception experienced teachers have been employed in all our schools. Although a few schools were not what we had hoped them to be, yet, upon the whole, they were very satisfactory, excellent results having been obtained in most of them. Scholars have seemed to appreciate the superior privileges which they enjoy. We say superior privileges, for indeed they are such, as compared with the privileges of some of their predecessors. By examining the records of the town it will be found that while none of our schools are shorter, nearly all of them are very much longer since the enactment of the new school law. In some instances the schools are now nearly or quite twice as long as they were under the old law. Then, again, under the new system of the town furnishing text-books, there is a good supply of these books and a uniformity of them. Seldom, if ever, could this have been said when the old system was in vogue. At the commencement of the school year we urged upon all of the pupils the importance of giving due attention to penmanship. Those of our parents who attended our schools during the forties, can testify that there is a vast difference between the looks of the copy-

books of their children and the writing-books seen in the schools when they were pupils, which were often home-made ones, if scholars were fortunate enough to have any at all, with copies set by the teachers, some of whom could write fairly well, while some could not, no two of them making the capital letters alike. Is it to be wondered at that under these circumstances, with a quill pen, some of the writing at that time should look like "the trampling of geese with muddy feet"? Is it any wonder that so many who attended school in those days are often heard to say, "I can't write, my hand trembles so"?

Copy-books are now furnished promptly to all scholars as they are needed, with tracing copy-books for the little ones, and the result is as we might expect, fine specimens of penmanship may be seen in all of our schools. Drawing was made a study in some of our schools, and good progress was made in the art, especially in the Centre and Short Falls schools. The written reviews by pupils of the Centre school are among the best we ever saw. Classes in the Gossville school excelled in arithmetic, and the best reading was heard in the Short Falls school. For various reasons, chief among which were deep snows, bad traveling, and sickness, several of our winter terms were closed sooner than they otherwise would have been; and the coming year the Centre school will be entitled to have 4.6 weeks added to the school; the New Orchard, 2 weeks; the Mountain, 3 weeks; the North Road, $1\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; and the New Rye, 4 weeks.

We think there is a growing sentiment in favor of having our schools commence earlier in the season, and under existing circumstances would it not be best to have the spring term begin near the middle of April?

For a number of years past the town has generously raised annually some \$300 beyond the requirements of the law of the State for the support of schools. We hope that the same generous spirit will be manifested for them in the future as in the past, as it is money well expended. If many parents could better realize the expense of sustaining schools for the benefit

of their children, we think more pains would be taken to have them attend more regularly. It is painful to minds at all sensitive to the educational interests of a community to see the marks of absences, tardiness, and dismissals that disfigure the registers of some of our schools. The money is lost to every scholar who is absent from his place in the school. Parents of Epsom, we appeal to you to assist in improving our schools in this direction. It is for your interest that this improvement should be made and it depends principally upon your efforts whether it be made or not. Will you attend to this matter as a personal work?

The whole number of different scholars attending school during the year is 121 — number of boys sixty-five, number of girls, fifty-six.

The number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years by selectmen's enumeration in April, 1892, is boys, fifty; girls, forty-nine.

For length of schools, names and wages of teachers, number of scholars in each school, and average attendance, etc., you are referred to a tabular statement on another page all of which we trust may receive your careful attention and we hope approval.

JAMES H. TRIPP,
CLARA C. WOODMAN,
DANIEL G. CHESLEY,
School Board.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of those who have not been absent or tardy for one or more terms, the figure 2 denoting two terms, the figure 3 the whole year, and the star (*) those who are entitled to honorable mention.

CENTRE.

Eddie L. Bunker,	Millie L. Hilliard,
Albert C. Knowles,	Mary G. Knowles,
Eva A. Lawrence,	Nellie G. Langley,
Bertha T. Cotterell,*	Grace B. Sherburne.*

GOSSVILLE.

Maud E. Knowles, 2	Ada F. Marden, 2
Alice F. Sargent,	Alice B. Yeaton,
Walter L. Marden, 2	Harry Silver, 2
James M. Robinson,	Ethel A. Marden.
Joseph A. Warren,	

MOUNTAIN.

Winifred J. Pickard.

SHORT FALLS.

Annie Cofran, 3	Grace E. Cofran, 3
Thomas E. Cofran, 3	James H. Cofran, 2 *
Clayton H. Fowler,	Florence L. Fowler,
Ida M. Fowler,	Florence E. Yeaton. 3
Leola I. Tripp,	

NEW ORCHARD.

Helen E. P. Yeaton,	Walter C. Lewis.
George H. Yeaton, 2 *	

NORTH ROAD.

E. Christie Yeaton, 3	Gertie M. Chase,
Delia M. Demers,	Dora L. Demers,
Emma E. Demers, 2	Ora Hilliard,
Ada Hilliard,	Clara Hilliard,
Willie Brown,	Arthur Demers,
Ralph Hilliard,	Oscar Hilliard.

NEW RYE.

Nora A. Foss,	H. Gertie Greene,
C. Lewis Cass, 2*	George H. Haynes,
Arthur H. Fife,	Effie M. Fife,
N. Louisa Fife,	Edward C. Moses.*

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Epsom for the Year Ending December 31, 1892.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Sex and Condition.				Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.	Age of father.*	Age of mother.*
		Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.								
Feb. 1	Epsom.	M	....	L	4	W	Lemuel Shaw	W	Epsom	Shoe-cutler...	Nova Scotia....	Nova Scotia....	39	35
Mar. 27	"	....	F	"	2	"	Hosea L. Hilliard..	"	"	Blacksmith...	New Hampton.	Alexandria....	42	38
May 1	"	M	....	"	2	"	Walter L. Pickard.	"	"	Farmer	Canterbury....	Epsom	35	32
" 20	"	"	....	"	4	"	Chas. W. Royal.....	"	"	Shoemaker...	Monroe, Me....	Pembroke.....	25	29
" 30	"	....	F	"	2	"	George P. Cass.	"	"	Farmer	Epsom	Epsom	34	32
Sept. 9	"	M	....	"	1	"	Edward M. Kelley.	"	"	"	Pembroke	"	27	27
Dec. 21	"	"	....	S	1	"	Lawrence Morris....	"	Manchester.	Stable keeper.	Manchester....	New Haven, Vt.	40	27

* At last birthday.

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

M. C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk.*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Epsom for the Year Ending December 31, 1892.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age of each in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birth-place of parents.	Occupation.	What marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
April 5	Epsom	Chas. W. Towle.. Rebecca C. Towne	Epsom Newport ..	51 51	W "	Farmer ... Domestic .	Epsom ... Bath	Simeon Towle Hannah Yeaton Amos C. Towne..... Tryphena B. Sherburne.	Epsom .. " .. Bath Lisbon .	Farmer ;... Housewife..	1st. 1st.	Rev. J. W. Scribner, Epsom, N. H.

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M. C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk.*

Deaths Registered in the Town of Epsom for the Year Ending December 31, 1892.

Date of death.	Place of death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Sex and condition.			Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.		Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 1	Epsom ..	Pearl Cofran, 1	50	3	25	Pembroke .....	.....	F	W	Housewife..	Pembroke	Pembroke	John Cochran	Harriet French.
5	"	Maud V. Whitcomb, 2	49	2	25	New Brunswick .....	.....	"	"	Domestic...	New Brunswick	New Brunswick	Thomas Field	Phoebe J. Nichols.
Feb. 2	"	Ann Marden, 3	74	4	.....	Epsom .....	.....	"	"	"	Epsom	Anesbury, Mass.	Samuel Bickford	Sarah Perryear.
Mar. 23	"	Abigail A. Lear, 4	60	.....	23	Alton .....	.....	"	"	Housewife..	Alton	Acton, Me.	T. B. Rollins	Abigail Miller.
Aug. 10	"	Sarah A. Hilliard, 5	45	.....	3	Pittsfield .....	.....	"	"	"	Pittsfield	Epsom	Cyrus Dow	Sarah A. Gove.
12	"	Oliver Brown, 6	72	11	17	Epsom	M	"	"	Farmer	Epsom	Rye	Eleck Brown	Mary Dalton.
16	"	Ephraim Locke, 7	83	3	8	.....	.....	"	"	"	.....	.....	Ephraim Locke	Deborah Wells.
20	"	Abigail H. Chesley, 8	71	.....	25	Northwood .....	.....	F	"	Housewife..	Northwood	Northwood	John Hoyt	Charlotte Knowlton.
21	"	George S. Chapman, 9	67	.....	25	Epsom	M	"	"	Shoemaker	Epsom	Northwood	Samuel Chapman	Deborah Dow.
Sept. 4	"	John K. Stokes, 10	65	.....	.....	Ossipee .....	.....	"	"	Blacksmith.	Northwood	Northwood	Jonathan K. Stokes	Abigail Holt.
Oct. 11	"	Constantine Woods, 11	67	.....	.....	Epsom .....	.....	"	"	Farmer	Epsom	"	Joseph Woods	Abigail Bickford.
Nov. 13	"	Melissa Dickey, 12	45	.....	.....	"	.....	F	"	Clerk	Chichester	"	David Dickey	Lucinda Cass.
13	"	James B. Fife, 13	39	10	18	"	M	"	"	Housewife..	Chichester	"	John H. Fife	Mary E. Haynes.
Dec. 10	"	Jennie Noyes, 14	53	11	13	"	F	"	"	"	Candia	"	Simon W. Healy	Abigail Robinson.
	"	William H. Straw, 15	59	9	12	Hill	M	"	"	Farmer	Hill	"	Moses Straw	Susan Brown.

DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.—1, pneumonia; 2, pneumonia; 3, la grippe; 4, heart failure; 5, pulmonary phthisis; 6, Bright's disease; 7, general debility; 8, cancer of stomach; 9, heart disease; 10, apoplexy; 11, general debility; 12, dropsy; 13, pulmonary phthisis; 14, pulmonary phthisis; 15, heart disease.

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