

*Ernest Colby*

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Emerson, Printer, Wiscasset



## Assessments

Real estate resident	\$ 62,940 00
“ “ non-resident	71,392 00
Personal estate, resident	15,601 00
“ “ non-resident	22,235 00
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	\$172,168 00
State assessors' valuation	142,193 00
Value of land	63,572 00
“ “ buildings	70,760 00
Assessed on 76 polls at \$3.00, \$228.00	
Rate \$13.50 per \$1,000	

## Appropriations

Highways <i>400.00</i>	\$250 00
Snow <i>25.00</i>	25 00
Ferry	100 00
Bridges	50 00
Schools <i>200.00</i>	200 00
School Books	25 00
Poor <i>250.00</i>	200 00
Town buildings <i>125.00</i>	20 00
Town Officers <i>240.00</i>	240 00
Interest <i>10.00</i>	10 00
Abatements	25 00
Insurance <i>15.00</i>	25 00
Tuition <i>35.00</i>	36 00
State and County tax	545 00
Contingent expenses	475 00
Brown tail moths	50 00
State Road	200 00
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	\$2,476 00
Overlay	\$41 19

# Orders drawn for the year 1913-14

## Highway Account

### *Labor:*

Horace Lewis	5 26
Josiar Oliver	76
G. G. Jewett	2 15
G. G. Judkins	12 50
Elmer Greenleaf	5 25
C. A. Welch	7 39
J. R. Colby	15 78
Roy G. Colby	7 39
R. L. Fowle	7 39
Elmer Greenleaf	9 62
Jonas Jewett	7 00
Lester Knight	14 88
W. P. Stevens	28 00
M. C. Jewett	5 40
Charles Knight	3 50
Charles Owen	7 50
Horace Lewis	8 75
G. G. Judkins	24 62
Frank Thomas	4 10
W. A. Whitten	3 50
Warren Hodgdon	5 25
W. G. Beaton	7 58
Frank Thomas	2 73
W. P. Stevens	3 50
A. E. Gove	8 43
	<hr/> \$208 28

## Snow Account

Frank Thomas	\$3 50
Lester Knight	1 55
Horace Lewis	87
	<hr/> \$5 92

**Ferry Account**

Johnson Bros., supplies	\$ 6 53	
American Steel & Wire Co., cable	27 51	
C. E. A. Cromwell, labor	2 62	
Richard Leydon        "	7 68	
Jacob R. Colby         "	9 41	
George Cromwell       "	5 06	
A. H. Dodge, supplies	7 74	
J. R. Colby, labor	15 27	
Ernest Colby, labor	14 88	
Charles E. Colby, labor	14 88	
S. P. Cromwell, labor	6 09	
S. P. Cromwell, iron	1 75	
H. E. Bowie, labor	10 00	
A. H. Lennox, lumber	16 54	
Charles E. Colby, labor	1 75	
Richard Leydon, care of ferry	15 50	
C. E. A. Cromwell, labor and supplies	14 91	
M. S. Outhuse, freight and labor	1 82	
R. L. Fowle, labor and supplies	12 38	
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		\$192 32
Due on this account from town of		
Wiscasset, \$38.46		

**Bridges**

A. B. Harriman, plank	\$13 86	
A. B. Harriman,       "	2 90	
J. M. Russell,         "	51 72	
H. F. Knight, labor	7 00	
M. S. Outhuse,       "	6 02	
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		\$81 50

**School Books**

Silver, Burdett & Co.	\$2 40	
American Book Co.	96	
Ginn & Co.	1 44	
American Book Co.	17 40	
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		\$22 20

### School Account

R. T. Greenleaf, wood	25 05	
H. S. Shea, wood	16 60	
H. S. Shea, cleaning schoolhouse	2 50	
E. D. Bryant, teaching	45 00	
E. M. Webber        "	45 00	
S. E. Potter, teaching and board	68 85	
Flora Jewett, board	27 00	
Lester Hodgdon, board	27 00	
Maynard Gove, janitor	2 70	
Sanna Potter,        "	2 25	
Mrs. Clancy, cleaning	2 50	
Edward Knight, janitor	2 70	
Elsie Parker, teaching	50 00	
Sanna Potter, board, teaching and janitor	82 50	
Mrs. Chas. Knight, board	30 00	
Burnham Knight, janitor	3 00	
G. G. Jewett, wood	4 50	
M. Ordway Lewis, teaching	72 00	
Mrs. W. P. Stevens, board	27 00	
Evelyn Hodgdon, teaching	45 00	
Sanna Potter, teaching	74 70	
Edward Knight, janitor	2 70	
Eldred Lewis,        "	2 70	
	—————	\$661 25

### Tuition

Wiscasset Academy for Grace Colby,		
Gertrude Shea, Harold Shea	\$36 00	
Grace Colby, Albertha Greenleaf	12 00	
	—————	\$48 00

### Insurance

D. M. Humphreys on Town Hall	6 25	
" "        "        " No. School	15 00	
" "        "        " So. School	9 00	
	—————	\$30 25

**Abatements**

William Beaton	\$3 00
Harry Dickinson	5 20
Chester D. Greenleaf	3 00
James H. Jewett	3 00
Frank Knight, 2nd	3 00
Henry A. Tarbox	3 00
George D. Tarbox	3 00
Thomas Conley	3 00
W. W. Bean	3 00
George Clancy	3 00
C. C. Crosby	1 30
Sarah J. Graecelon	63
	<hr/> \$34 13

**Brown-tail Moth**

Lester Knight, labor	\$ 7 93
M. S. Outhuse, "	11 47
C. A. Welch, "	3 50
C. H. Colby, "	3 50
H. S. Shea, "	4 94
W. P. Stevens, cutter	1 00
Archie Higgins, labor	4 50
W. P. Stevens, "	1 75
Henry Greenleaf, "	1 55
P. F. Jewett,	1 75
	<hr/> \$41 89

**Contingent Account**

B. C. Redonnett, transfers	\$ 1 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, books	8 55
Charles Emerson, printing report	16 20
G. G. Jewett, supplies So. school	65
Haggett Bros., supplies No. school	1 81
R. L. Brooks, labor on So. School	27
R. L. Brooks, " " town books	7 00
W. P. Stevens, school repairs	2 00
W. P. Stevens, rope for school	32

R. T. Beaton, truant officer	4 00	
Charles Macurda, legal advice	1 00	
Newall White, moth notices	75	
R. L. Fowle, interest	8 75	
J. S. Winslow, stove repairs	3 20	
T. F. Knight, taxes on Oat Nut Park	25 43	
Walter S. Glidden, legal advice	4 00	
Percy Hodgdon, school supplies	79	
M. S. Outhuse, " "	1 38	
M. S. Outhuse, freight, postage	2 96	
Ernest E. Colby, vital statistics	1 80	
Ernest E. Colby, postage and stationery	1 00	
T. F. Knight, " " "	16 63	
T. F. Knight, posting warrants	1 50	
W. P. Stevens, labor on So. school	1 75	
		<hr/> \$113 24

#### **Town Officers' Account**

H. A. Swanton, Supt. of Schools	\$20 00	
M. S. Outhuse, Selectmen	50 00	
R. L. Fowle, "	25 00	
W. P. Stevens, "	25 00	
T. F. Knight, Collector	90 00	
T. F. Knight, Treasurer	20 00	
Ernest E. Colby, Town Clerk	10 00	
		<hr/> \$240 00

#### **Town Hall Account**

R. T. Greenleaf, wood	\$16 70	
T. F. Knight, supplies	2 15	
Percy Hodgdon, supplies	6 81	
T. F. Knight, janitor service	34 00	
		<hr/> \$59 66

#### **Poor Account**

C. F. Whitten, board and care of		
Whitten woman, 52 weeks at \$4	\$208 00	
A. A. Stott, medical attendance for		
Whitten woman	36 50	

Dennis Tarbox, carrying doctor to		
Whitten woman	3	50
John M. Clark, casket and robe for		
George Tarbox	18	00
M. S. Outhuse, David Whitney acct.	2	70
	————	\$268 70
Received on Geo. Tarbox acct. \$18.00		

### State Road Account

Richard Leydon, labor	2	66
Lester Knight, “	25	38
Annie R. Colby, gravel	15	00
Freeman Colby, labor	41	50
Jacob R. Colby “	59	50
C. E. A. Cromwell “	3	50
M. A. Cromwell “	46	00
Dexter Mahar “	18	38
Thomas Cromwell “	20	13
George Cromwell “	19	25
Elmer Greenleaf “	24	50
Robert Greenleaf “	62	00
Fred Greenleaf “	23	89
G. G. Judkins “	46	00
C. A. Welch “	27	13
A. H. Dodge, supplies	2	79
W. G. Beaton, labor	27	13
R. L. Fowle “	35	00
Roscoe Beaton “	21	87
Charles H. Colby “	23	63
A. H. Lennox, supplies	3	19
Charles E. Colby, earth	10	00
State Engineer	13	71
John Cromwell, labor	10	50
Jonas S. Knight “	25	88
Roy Colby “	20	13
	————	\$628 65

**Recapitulation**

Paid State tax	\$711 78
County tax	213 29
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Paid Highway account	\$208 28
Snow            "	5 92
Ferry           "	192 32
Bridge          "	81 50
School books   "	22 20
School          "	661 25
Tuition         "	48 00
Insurance       "	30 25
Abatements     "	34 13
Brown-tail moth account	41 89
Contingent      "	113 24
Town officers   "	240 00
Town Hall       "	59 66
Poor            "	268 70
State road      "	628 65
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Total amount expended	\$2,635 94

**Summary Statement****DR.**

Orders outstanding Mar. 1, 1913	\$ 350 00
Orders drawn during year 1913-14	2,635 94
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	\$2,985 94

**CR.**

Orders paid during year 1913-14	\$2,685 94
Outstanding orders Mar. 1, '14	300 00
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	\$2,985 94

**RESOURCES**

Cash in treasury March 1, 1914	\$ 68 21
Uncollected taxes Mar. 1, 1914	223 64

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Due on ferry account	52 31
“ “ tuition “	42 00
“ “ State road account	425 00
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	\$811 16
LIABILITIES	
Outstanding orders Mar. 1, 1914	\$516 71
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Resources above liabilities	\$294 45
A number of house lots bought for taxes	

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## Collector's Report

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*Thomas F. Knight, Collector, 1912*

DR.

To balance uncollected March 1, 1913	\$165 99
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CR.

By paid into Treasury, March 1, 1914	\$165 99
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*Thomas F. Knight, Collector, 1913*

DR.

To list of commitments including Brown-tail moth tax	\$2,535 16
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CR.

By paid into Treasury, March 1, 1914	\$2,311 52
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Balance uncollected 1914	\$223 64
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# Treasurer's Report

*T. F. Knight in account with Town of Westport*

DR.

To balance in Treasury, March 1, 1914	\$436 21
“ received of George D. Tarbox Estate, funeral expense	22 00
“ Received of Town Clerk dog license, '13	27 00
“ “ “ State reimbursements for pensions	48 00
“ “ “ First Nat. Bank in note	145 50
“ “ “ Selectmen for weir license 1913	5 00
“ “ “ State, school and mill fund	224 01
“ “ “ C. E. A. Cromwell in acct. Ferry	1 82
“ “ “ Bal. of collections for 1912	165 99
“ “ from collection for year 1913	2,311 52
“ “ for rent from Town Hall '13	68 00
“ “ “ State, dog license refunded	15 81
“ “ “ Common school fund	223 65
	\$3,694 51

CR.

By paid State tax for 1913	\$711 78
pensions for State 1913	48 00
County tax for 1913	213 29
First National Bank in note 1913	150 00
State dog tax deficiency for 1912	7 00
Outstanding orders of previous yrs.	50 00
Town orders of years 1913-14	2,419 23
State dog license for 1913	27 00
Balance in treasury	68 21
	\$3,694 51

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS F. KNIGHT, *Treasurer.*

## List of Delinquent Taxes 1913

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### *Resident:*

Colby, Jacob E., 1912	\$ 4 30
Colby, Jacob E., 1913	4 35
Jewett, Alice M., heirs, 1912	3 58
Jewett, Alice M., heirs, 1913	1 69
Jewett, Mary P.	9 13
Jewett, Erastus	4 17
Knight, Manfred P.	3 34
Lewis, Wm.	4 49
McKinney, Wm., heirs	7 55
Pierce, Chas. B.	4 69
Richardson, George, 1911	4 31
"        "        1912	3 91
"        "        1913	3 95
Richardson, Earl	4 02
Tarbox, James H.	10 84
Welch, C. A.	3 00
Jewett, B. F., 1912	2 48
Jewett, B. F., 1913	5 08
Jewett, James M.	52
Hodgdon, Woodbury <sup>20</sup>	9 68

### *Non-resident:*

Cochrane, Robert	\$6 08
Fowle, Irving M.	8 78
Gilmore, Lydia E.	1 35
Jones, John B.	7 43
Jordan, Lilla J., Allen, Emma	5 40
Littlefield, F. C.	1 35
Merrill, C. J.	1 08
Markham, Eva	1 35
McGregor, John	2 70

Vincent, Percival	1 35
Skinner, Jennie M.	1 69
Underwood, H. C.	4 05
Vandyke, Lulu and Nina L. Crowther	8 10
Welch, John S.	2 16
Cody, Grace	17
Coombs, Anthony	27
Carlisle, Frank	65
Dickinson, Thomas Mrs.	27
Estes, Chas. H.	41
Field, Henry W.	17
Field, W. H.	33
Hicks, Albert L.	33
Jewett, Melvina	27
Joslyn, Leon C.	65
Lewis, Lincoln	65
Morrill, Merle B.	17
Monfort, Wm.	41
Merrill, Alzo	49

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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*To the Selectmen :*

Gentlemen: As the affairs of our schools seem to be approaching a crisis I propose to make my report of considerable greater length than has been customary for several years.

The history of the past year is briefly as follows: The North and the Center Schools have been open for three terms or for twenty-eight weeks, while the South School was open during the spring and winter terms only or for eighteen weeks. At the North School we were fortunate in being able to retain the same teacher throughout the year, but at the other schools we have had to have different teachers each term.

I believe the usual branches of study have been carried on with reasonable success and progress under the circumstances.

There has been considerable said in the newspapers of late about the introduction of the study of agriculture into the rural schools, and I have in a small way, tried to see what could be accomplished in this line. Bulletins, some of which were especially designed to meet the needs of the schools, were secured from the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture and given to the teachers with instructions to use them as subjects for composition writing. At the Center School during the fall term, partly to strengthen the hands of the teacher who was not very strong in discipline and partly to see what could be done in

this line of study, I visited the school once a week and took up with the boys during their reading hour the study of some of these bulletins which it seemed to me they would find interesting and which might prove useful to them at home.

The success of this experiment seems to me to warrant its continuance in some form or other, and I have after some research found some books on elementary agriculture which I think can be introduced into our schools without greatly encroaching on the time sacred to the 3R's, and I believe it can be made extremely interesting and valuable to the scholars.

Just as a number of years ago it was found necessary to reduce the number of schools from five to three so now the time has arrived when it seems necessary to further reduce their number.

Where the schools are as small as those we now have, with one or at the most two children in a class there is little interest in the work or incentive for either scholars or teacher, and we are getting a relatively small return for the time and money expended.

We have less than 30 scholars attending our schools and I believe it would be far better for the children and the town, if proper transportation can be provided, to concentrate all the children at a good up-to-date, well equipped school, properly heated, lighted and ventilated and taught by a competent teacher with a thorough training for her work rather than to continue our present system of small, scattered, poorly equipped schools. At the salaries we are paying at present, except under unusual conditions, the only teachers we can secure are the girls from the teachers training classes of the High schools who have of course little or no experience and who will stay with us only a term or two until they can secure a better position. This frequent changes of

teachers is very detrimental to the schools, for each new teacher must of course lose much valuable time in getting acquainted with her work. Furthermore except for text books we have no equipment whatever at two of our schools and but little more at the other. In this age it would be as ridiculous to set a man to mow a twenty acre field with a hand scythe as to expect a teacher to do good work without the modern appliances now used in other places.

I believe that the town should spare no pains to give its children the very best education under the most favorable conditions it is possible for us with our limited resources to do. If Westport is to escape the fate of some of our neighboring islands, which are now little more than summer camps we must hold the people we have and induce others to come as permanent residents. To all families having children a good up-to-date school system is one of the greatest attractions and it would prove a real asset to the town.

I would not recommend that this plan of carrying the children be used unless some responsible, trustworthy person can be secured to do it and unless a suitable carriage to carry them in safety and comfort can be supplied, but I think with these conditions fulfilled this plan offers the best solution of the problem of getting proper schooling for our children.

If it does not seem practical at the present time to adopt this plan, I would urge that the town put the North and the Center school buildings in the best possible condition and make these schools the best we can under the circumstances.

The average attendance at the South school has now fallen so low that by law it cannot again be opened except "by special vote of the town on written recommendation of the school committee." While in

some respects this building is in better condition and more suitable for the purpose than the one at the Center, I think the superior location of the latter in that it is more easily reached by a larger number of children and has a better chance for a play ground, besides there being in its neighborhood more young children who will eventually become scholars makes it the more desirable of the two.

It is manifestly impossible for us to have a school in every one's front yard and equally impossible for us to transport all of the children of the island to and from the schools. This question therefore of the location of the school or what schools should be kept open should be decided only on the broad principle of the greatest good to the greatest number of the children themselves.

I wish to particularly call your attention to a few of the necessary repairs and equipment needed to make a start towards getting our schools in a proper condition.

Modern seats are badly needed particularly for the youngest children, many of whom cannot put their feet to the floor when sitting in their present seats. Now seems to be a very favorable time to make this change as the city of Bath has a large number of second hand desks which would serve our purpose very well and which can be secured at a fraction of their original cost.

The out-houses are in a very poor condition and these need thorough cleaning, painting and repair to make them suitable for use.

The latches of the doors need fixing so that it will not be necessary to use logs of wood to prevent the doors from being blown open.

Some better system of ventilation should be installed in the buildings so that it will be possible to

keep pure air in them without exposing the children to drafts and colds.

The halyards should be rove in the flagstuffs so that the flags may be flown as it is intended they should be.

The ceiling and walls of the Center school should be painted some light color as it would add much to the cheerfulness and light of the room.

Both schools are in need of maps, books other than text books, and other modern appliances and I think the town should appropriate some money each year for the purpose until the schools are properly provided for in this respect.

One word in closing in regard to the office of Superintendent. The past year has convinced me that this officer should be one who has had special training for the position and who can give more time to the work than it is possible for the most of us to do. It is of course out of the question for our town alone to hire such a person, but if we can unite for this purpose with some of our neighboring towns I think we could get some one of proper qualifications for this work and could secure much better results in our schools than we are now getting.

### Accounts and Statistics

#### RECEIPTS

Amount raised by town	\$200 00
Amount furnished by state	447 66
	<hr/> \$647 66

#### PAID

Teachers and board	\$588 85
Janitors and fuel	72 40
	<hr/> \$661 25
Overdrawn	<hr/> \$13 59

ENROLLMENT	No. SCHOOL	CEN. SCHOOL	So. SCHOOL
Spring term	17	10	8
Fall term	10	14	
Winter term	8	10	7
Average attendance			
Spring term	14	8.8	5.3
Fall term	6	11.3	
Winter term	7.4	8.8	6.5
Average for year	9.2	9.6	5.9
Spring term began	April 14,	No. School	one week later
Fall term began	Sept. 15		10 " 9 weeks
Winter term began	Dec. 1,	one week vacation at Christmas	9 weeks

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. SWANTON,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

# Warrant for Town Meeting

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## STATE OF MAINE

*To Thomas F. Knight, a Constable of the Town of Westport, in the County of Lincoln. GREETING:*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Westport qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at Town Hall in said town on Monday the 9th day of March, 1914, at twelve o'clock noon then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ART. 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To attend to and act upon the report of the Superintendent of schools and town accounts of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Treasurer.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary to maintain and support the schools, and the poor, and repairs of highways, ferry, bridges, and town buildings for the year ensuing.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay officers, interest, abatements and insurance for the year ensuing.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for snow bills, tuitions, state and county tax, contingent expenses, school books, supplies, equipment for the year ensuing.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to destroy brown-tail moths for the year ensuing.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the purpose of dynamiting rocks and ledges within the highway, and also clearing the highways of trees and bushes.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to state aid as provided in section 20 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

ART. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the improvement of section of state aid road as outlined in the report of the state highway commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 19 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

ART. 11. To see whether the town will vote to raise money and what sum for the maintenance of state aid highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town under the provisions of section 18 of the public Laws of 1913.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire in anticipation of taxes such sums of money as may be necessary the year ensuing.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to give the Selectmen power to stop all portable saw mills run by steam from the first day of June until the first day of November, within the town limits.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the pay of a man to run the ferry.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to the rent and janitor service of Town Hall.

ART. 16. To vote and act upon all other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of February A. D., 1914.

M. S. OUTHUSE,	}	<i>Selectmen of Westport.</i>
R. L. FOWLE,		
W. P. STEVENS,		





