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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

❖ SELECTMEN, ❖

ASSESSORS,

OVERSEERS OF POOR, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF MANCHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 7, 1887.

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MAINE.



# SELECTMEN S REPORT.

For the Year Ending March 7, 1887.

## SCHOOL FUNDS.

Appropriated by town,	\$600 00
Funds from State,	273 00
Sanford Fund,	90 00
Balance from last year,	9 23
Balance from Free High School,	3 25
	<u>\$975 48</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

	<i>Orders drawn.</i>	<i>Outstanding bills.</i>
School No. 1,	\$195 01	\$ 3 80
“ “ 2,	136 85	10 00
“ “ 3,	76 00	33 00
“ “ 4,	93 38	46 50
“ “ 5,	73 50	50 75
“ “ 6,	216 85	
Travelling fees,	17 00	
	<u>\$808 59</u>	<u>\$144 05</u>
Total expenditures,		\$952 64
Balance,		<u>\$ 22 84</u>

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriated by Town,	\$100 00
Received from State,	96 25
	<u>\$196 25</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

H. L. Jewett, principal,	\$111 00
Etta E. Lovejoy, assistant,	42 50
Mrs. John Wing, board of principal,	19 50

Mary A. Wood, board of assistant,

20 00
\$193 00
\$ 3 25

Balance,

**HIGHWAYS.**

Appropriated in labor,		\$1000 00	
<i>Dist</i>	<i>Surveyor.</i>	<i>Am't assigned.</i>	<i>Uncollected.</i>
1	L. H. Hammond,	\$93 72	\$ 80
2	F. J. Hewins,	97 12	22 72
3	O. J. Foster,	61 90	
4	C. C. Bowman,	31 54	2 92
5	R. T. Hopkins,	51 60	1 60
6	C. B. Collins,	34 78	
7	Charles Nickerson,	25 58	
8	Alvah Bailey,	19 22	
9	J. C. Hartung,	52 82	
10	H. C. Roberts,	99 79	1 04
11	George Cottle	67 86	
12	J. C. Hewitt,	72 86	
13	T. E. Jackson,	52 46	
14	A. Daggett,	63 02	9 11
15	L. R. Sanford,	66 54	
16	Wm. H. Hill,	33 86	
17	George Fifield,	24 60	

\*Bills not returned.

**SNOW BILLS.**

Appropriated,		\$520 00
<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Surveyor.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
1	E. L. Eaton,	\$30 49
2	S. Kilbreth,	54 19
3	R. W. Smart,	34 51
4	Mark Osborn,	42 86
5	R. T. Hopkins,	26 30
6	J. T. Collins,	21 11
7	Joseph Spear, 1885-86,	37 12
8	Alvah Bailey,	18 76
9	Henry Cummings,	37 28

10	Joseph Fifield,	8	50
11	George Cottle,		
12	John Knowles,	41	87
13	Virgil Scribner,	54	95
14	J. G. Sampson,	41	70
15	L. R. Sanford,	38	02
16	M. S. Fifield,	27	15
17	G. L. Fifield,	23	33
		<u>      </u>	<u>\$538 14</u>
	Excess,		\$18 14

### SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriated,		\$200 00
	EXPENDED.	
James Myers for D. Morgan, (2 qrs., 1884-5,)		\$52 00
James Myers for D. Morgan, (3 qrs., 1885-6,)		87 75
George Wadsworth for Mrs. Groves,		17 15
Town of Whitefield for W. B. Davis,		5 00
F. J. Hewins for Joseph Ham,		30 50
Insane Hospital for T. Higgins,		72 27
E. W. Bowman for F. Bowman,		40 00
City of Augusta for Joseph Ham,		22 50
F. J. Hewins, care of tramps,		3 75
		<u>      </u>
		<u>\$330 92</u>
	Excess,	\$130 92

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriated,		\$60 00
Uncollected highway tax of last year,.		38 19
Non resident highway tax,		48 54
		<u>      </u>
		<u>\$146 73</u>
	EXPENDED.	
Alven Cottle, labor on highway,		\$ 4 16
Tabor Lyon, " "		2 26
John Prescott, " "		4 50
John Knowles, " "		3 67
Alvah Bailey, " "		1 50
Cyrus B. Collins, " "		5 00
C. C. Bowman, " "		5 66
L. R. Sanford, " "		8 90

R. T. Hopkins, labor on highway,	\$ 3 10
J. C. Hartung, " " "	3 92
F. J. Hewins, Dist. 3, 8 and 9,	20 65
Albert Knowles,	3 50
F. J. Hewins,	9 97
	<hr/> \$ 76 79
Balance,	\$ 69 94

### INCIDENTAL CHARGES.

Appropriated,	\$275 00
EXPENDED.	
Mrs. John Wing, housing road machine,	\$ 2 00
S. J. Milliken, tax books, etc.,	3 10
George Wing, care of hearse, and repairs,	5 00
J. C. Hewitt, Supervisor of Schools,	35 00
George H. Kilbreth, services as Town Clerk,	6 75
F. J. Hewins, expenses of T. Higgins,	5 00
F. J. Hewins, repairs on hall, and freight,	2 40
L. H. Hammond, services as Selectman, &c.,	35 00
F. J. Hewins, " "	45 00
T. E. Jackson, " "	31 00
J. G. Sampson, services as Constable,	8 00
J. G. Sampson, to collecting and disbursing taxes,	69 00
	<hr/> \$247 25
Balance,	\$ 27 75

### TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Appropriated,	\$75 00
EXPENDED.	
John Whittier, interest,	\$35 33
Wm. Fifield, interest,	30 87
Abigail Sanford, interest,	24 00
	<hr/> \$90 20
Excess,	\$15 20

### GENERAL SUMMARY.

APPROPRIATED.	
Schools,	\$600 00
Free High School.	100 00

Support of poor,	200 00
Breaking snow,	520 00
Interest,	75 00
Roads and bridges,	60 00
For school house in No. 7.	500 00
Incidental,	275 00
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	\$2330 00
State tax,	1093 80
County tax,	400 07
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	\$3823 87

## MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

School fund and mill tax, 1886,	\$273 00
Overlay,	72 08
Uncollected highway taxes,	38 19
Non resident highway taxes,	48 54
Rent of Hall,	17 00
From State, for Free High School,	96 25
Sanford fund,	90 00
For school house in No. 7.	13 50
Interest on Taxes of 1885,	14 00
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	\$ 662 56
<b>Total,</b>	<hr/>
	\$4486 13

## EXPENDITURES.

Assigned to schools,	\$975 48
Expense of Free High School,	193 00
Support of poor,	330 92
Roads and bridges,	76 79
Incidental charges,	247 25
Breaking snow,	538 14
Town debt and interest,	90 20
Abatements,	80 07
Balance of State tax of last year,	993 80
Paid on State tax of 1886,	100 00
Paid on county tax of 1886,	400 07
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	\$4025 72
<b>Balance,</b>	<hr/>
	\$ 460 71



# REPORT OF COLLECTOR AND TREASURER.

For the Year Ending March 7, 1887

J. G. SAMPSON in account with the town of Manchester.

	DR.	
To cash from collector of 1884-5-6,	\$3934	43
To cash from treasurer,	110	17
School funds from State,	271	76
High School funds from State,	96	25
Received from J. C. Hewitt,	13	50
Rent of Hall,	17	00
Interest on 1885 taxes,	14	00
Sanford fund,	90	00
	\$4547	11
CR.		
Selectmen's orders,	\$1028	63
School orders,	1457	79
Overseers' orders,	330	92
State and County Tax.	1493	87
Cash on hand,	235	90
	\$4547	11

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

## NOTES OUTSTANDING.

Abigail Sanford,	\$400 00
William Fifield,	475 00
John Whitten,	200 00
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Town debt,	\$1075 00
Due on State Tax,	\$993 80
Due Schools,	166 89
Outstanding bills, (estimated,)	200 00
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	\$1180 69
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	\$2255 69

## ASSETS.

School fund due from State,	\$ 273 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	235 90
Uncollected Taxes of 1884,	41 60
Uncollected Taxes of 1885,	250 08
Uncollected Taxes of 1886,	1989 84
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	\$2790 42
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Balance in favor of Town,	<del>354</del> 73
Amount of inventory,	\$228,173 00
Number of polls,	134
Rate of taxation,	15 9-10 mills.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. HEWINS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
L. H. HAMMOND,	
T. E. JACKSON,	

*of*  
*Manchester.*



# REPORT OF SUPERVISOR

For the Year Ending March 7, 1887.

In accordance with my duty as Supervisor of Schools, I submit the following report :

Amount of money appropriated by the Town for School,	\$600 00
Mill tax from State,	273 00
Interest on Sunford Fund,	90 00
Total amount for Schools,	<u>\$963 00</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Teachers,	\$598 22
“ Board,	203 32
“ Wood,	78 50
“ Cleaning Houses,	5 00
“ Brooms, Chalk, &c.,	6 70
“ Care of house and building fires,	11 90
	<u>\$903 64</u>
For insurance,	\$27 00
Overdraft from last year,	12 77
	<u>\$ 39 77</u>
	<u>\$943 41</u>
Balance,	\$ 19 59
Amount for High School from Town,	\$100 00
Amount for High School from State,	96 25
	<u>\$196 25</u>
Amount expended,	193 00
Balance,	<u>\$ 3 25</u>

## The amount of expenditures, and to whom paid :

No. 1.	
Whole amount expended in No. 1,	\$202 36
Etta Lovejoy, teacher,	\$45 00
R. W. Sanford, board,	18 00
W. Knowles, cleaning house,	2 00
Percy Wing, building fires,	2 80
T. Jackson, wood,	23 75
J. G. Thompson, teacher,	22 10
J. G. Thompson, care of house,	90
R. W. Sanford, board,	11 14
J. C. Hewitt, teacher,	73 12
Jesse Wood, broom and chalk,	3 55
	<hr/> \$202 36

No. 2.	
Whole amount expended in No. 2,	\$146 85
Josie Wyman, teacher,	\$30 00
I. W. Hawkes, board,	20 00
R. Smart, cleaning house,	1 00
O. J. Foster, wood,	9 00
G. M. Knowles, teacher,	82 50
G. M. Knowles, broom and chalk,	60
T. Jackson, wood,	3 75
	<hr/> \$146 85

No. 3.	
Whole amount expended in No. 3,	\$109 85
Susie Cummings, teacher,	\$25 00
Myers, board,	20 00
G. Wadsworth, wood,	6 75
Jesse Wood, broom and chalk,	.85
Flora Jackson, teacher,	33 00
Warren Davis, board,	22 00
G. Wadsworth, wood,	1 25
G. Wadsworth, care of house,	1 00
	<hr/> \$109 85

No. 4.	
Whole amount expended in No. 4,	\$123 73
Stella Phillips, teacher,	\$30 00
S. Collins, repairs on house,	1 00
S. Collins, board,	22 50
B. Howard, wood,	6 00

Jesse Wood, broom and chalk,	85
Ida Cowan, teacher,	37 50
J. Witham, board,	21 38
Emery, building fires,	1 50
Witham, care of house,	1 50
Howard, soft wood,	1 50
	<hr/> \$123 73

## No. 5.

Whole amount expended in No. 5,	\$124 25
J. Fifield, wood,	\$6 75
Grace Cowan, teacher,	30 00
John Prescott, board,	20 00
R. Prescott, care of house,	2 00
Grace Cowan, teacher,	39 00
John Prescott, board,	20 80
John Prescott, repairs on house,	1 20
J. C. Hewitt, wood,	2 50
J. L. Merrill, building fire,	2 00
	<hr/> \$124 25

## No. 6.

Whole amount expended in No. 6,	\$196 60
T. Jackson, wood,	\$15 00
Della Neal, teacher	60 00
Jesse Wood, chalk and broom,	85
J. Colburn, teacher,	91 00
E. Caldwell, wood,	1 25
J. C. Hewett, wood, and fitting for stove,	1 00
T. Jackson, board,	27 50
	<hr/> \$196 60

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Whole amount expended,	\$193 06
H. L. Jewett, teacher,	\$100 00
Etta Lovejoy, teacher,	42 50
Boarding Jewett,	28 50
Boarding Miss Lovejoy,	20 00
Care of house and building fires,	2 00
	<hr/> \$193 00

## No. 1.

The Summer term was under the instruction of Miss Etta Lovejoy of Sidney. Miss Lovejoy is, from long experience, thoroughly familiar with the schoolroom and well understands the wants of the school. She succeeded well with her management of this school, which was profitably conducted.

The winter term was commenced by J. G. Thompson of New Hampshire. Mr. Thompson had not had much experience in teaching and, failing to gain the respect and confidence of his pupils, thought best to close his connection with this school at the expiration of three weeks. The term was finished by your Supervisor.

## No. 2.

The summer term was taught by Miss Josie Wyman of Sidney, whose previous labors in this school had been very satisfactory, but they were not entirely so in this term. Good progress was made in some studies, but the discipline was very lax.

The winter term was taught by G. M. Knowles of this town. Very good progress was made in all studies pursued, and the school gave evidence of being well conducted. Mr. Knowles is a good teacher.

## No. 3.

The summer term was taught by Miss Susie Cummings of Augusta. This was her first school and, as there were only five scholars, there could not be so much interest felt by either teacher or pupil as in a larger school. The smaller scholars in this school made the most advancement of any of the same age in town. I think with experience Miss Cummings will make a first-class teacher.

The winter term was taught by Miss Flora Jackson of Augusta. Although this was her first school, she proved herself competent to the task of governing and imparting instruction to a school of five scholars with a good degree of success.

## No. 4.

The summer term was under the direction of Miss Stella Phillips of Belgrade. The school appeared well, and the average attendance was large for this school. The instruction was good, and good progress was made.

The winter term was taught by Ida Cowan of Sidney, a teacher who has had large experience and Normal training. At my first visit I found a dozen pupils hard at work; at my second visit I found less than half that number. One thing alone is to be regretted, and for

this neither the teacher or the Supervisor, as far as I know are to blame. I refer to the small attendance. With the best of school houses, an excellent teacher, and as faithful oversight by Supervisor as can well be expected, I have yet to discover why so few scholars were sent to the winter school.

#### No. 5.

Both summer and winter terms were under the instruction of Grace L. Cowan of Sidney. She is one of the best teachers employed during the year. The school was excellent in all respects, and the examination at the close of the winter term showed that thorough work had been done in all branches. The school will be fortunate if it can secure the services of the same teacher the coming year.

#### No. 6.

The summer term was under the instruction of Miss Della Neal of this town. The scholars in this school made good progress under the direction of Miss Neal, who performed her duties in a faithful and acceptable manner.

The winter term was taught by Joseph Colburn of Windsor. When it is said that Mr. Colburn had the management of this school it is unnecessary to add that the teaching and discipline were excellent, as Mr. Colburn is well known as one of the best teachers in Kennebec county.

### FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Free High School at No. 1 was under the direction of H. L. Jewett as principal and Miss Etta Lovejoy as assistant. Both of these teachers came to me highly recommended. There were 41 scholars, and at my first visit everything seemed harmonious between teachers and pupils. Afterward, there was a complaint on the part of some of the parents that Mr. Jewett did not do his duty. I investigated the case and found no ground upon which to remove him, so, with the aid of Miss Lovejoy, he continued the school and the scholars present at the examination showed a degree of advancement highly creditable to both principal and assistant.

In conclusion I would say that most of your schools have been in a prosperous condition, while others have not come up to your expectations, on account of various reasons. If parents would be more interested in the schools, visit them and see for themselves how their scholars are progressing, take an interest for the teacher as well as for the pupil, there would be less disturbance. In nine cases out of ten the trouble in our schools is made by the unnecessary interference



of parents.

In looking over our school books I found them very much worn and many of them antiquated. The readers, though excellent, have been in use too long; the geographies are considered too cumbersome; the grammars are certainly very much behind the times. The advisability of a displacement of these books for more modern and better ones is unquestionable when we consider that they are very much worn and mutilated, and the expense of exchanging for others, at exchange rates, would not very much exceed that of replenishing the schools with the kinds now in use. Hence the work I have done in this department has been done with a view to secure the latest and best text-books. I have displaced Franklin's Readers with Lippincott's and have adopted Lippincott's Spellers in place of Swinton's, with, I think, good results.

### SCHOOL HOUSES.

I would say in regard to the school houses, there should be quite a sum of money laid out for repairs during the coming year. If that per cent should be taken from our school money that is allowed by law the amount would be insufficient to make the repairs that are necessary, (unless there is more money raised than in years past,) and the amount that would remain would not be sufficient to carry on the schools.

The house on what is called "Meadow Hill" should be repaired inside and out; the seats should be torn out and new ones put in. The people may say, "Consolidate with No. 2." Let me say, the scholars in No. 3 and No. 5 have made as much advancement as any in this town for the past year. They seem to *appreciate* their school privileges.

The house in No. 1 should be repaired. If you examine the inside you will agree with me.

The house in No. 6 should have a firmer base. The frost heaves it badly. I recommend a better foundation.

The lot in No. 4 should have some work laid out in grading it.

There should be a new school house in No. 7, as the town voted at its last annual meeting. There are a sufficient number of scholars to maintain a school there as well as in other parts of the town, the most of them being too small to attend school at No. 6.

I come to the close of my official duties with many pleasant memories. My task has been somewhat onerous, but the kindness and consideration of teachers, parents and scholars have been both cheering and relieving. I have done the best I could under the circumstances. With many thanks for favors conferred, I retire from the office.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HEWITT, *Supervisor.*