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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MANCHESTER,
FOR THE
MUNICIPAL YEAR 1891-92.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	\$ 500 00	
Balance in treasury March 1, 1891,	165 28	
" from free high school, 1890,	35 25	
State fund for schools,	<u>373 79</u>	
	\$1074 32	
Repair of school houses,		\$50 00

EXPENDITURES.

School No. 1	Teaching and board,	\$142 00	
	Fuel and supplies,	30 95	
	Insurance,	14 00	
		<u> </u>	
		\$ 186 95	
	Repairs,		\$21 10
School No. 2	Teaching and board,	132 00	
	Fuel and supplies,	6 12	
		<u> </u>	
		138 12	
	Repairs,		3 50
School No. 3	Teaching and board,	110 50	
	Fitting fuel,	50	
	Fuel bill of 1890,	4 50	
		<u> </u>	
		115 50	
School No. 4	Teaching and board,	122 00	
	Fuel and supplies,	5 48	
	Insurance,	12 00	
	Book-case,	5 00	
		<u> </u>	
		144 48	
School No. 5	Teaching and board,	126 50	
	Fuel,	5 00	
		<u> </u>	
		131 50	

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School No. 6	Teaching and board,	149 00		
	Fuel and supplies,	15 50		
	Insurance,	15 00		
	Fuel and b'ld'g fires, '90	11 00		
		<u> </u>	190 50	
	Repairs,			16 00
School No. 7	Teaching and board,	88 00		
	Supplies,	3 90		
	Fuel bill of 1890,	6 00		
		<u> </u>	97 90	
	Repairs,			2 00
			<u> </u>	
			\$1004 95	
Balance to schools,			69 37	
			<u> </u>	
			\$1074 32	\$42 60
Unexpended,				7 40
				<u> </u>
				\$50 00

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$600 00
Overlay,	16 55
	<u> </u>
	\$616 55

District.	Surveyor,	Am't Com.	Uncollected
No. 1,	F. J. Hewins,	\$53 91	\$19 42
No. 2,	G. F. Wing,	66 54	4 50
No. 3,	O. J. Foster,	42 67	1 58
No. 4,	Mark Osborne,	21 08	2 08
No. 5,	Geo. Wadsworth,	22 05*	
No. 6,	H. A. Drake,	15 28	1 95
No. 7,	J. L. Spear,	11 16*	
No. 8,	F. J. Spear,	16 17*	
No. 9,	W. H. Hartung,	41 25	4 76
No. 10,	W. M. Prescott,	56 24	7 12
No. 11,	H. A. Young,	39 20	3 99
No. 12,	J. A. Knowles, 2d,	36 47*	
No. 13,	Albert Knowles,	33 13	4 22
No. 14,	C. E. Daggett,	39 59	1 26
No. 15,	L. R. Sanford,	39 50	8 97

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District.	Surveyor.	Am't Com.	Uncollected.
No. 16,	M. S. Fifield,	15 44	
No. 17,	John R. Fifield,	13 52	
Committed to collector,		53 35	
		<u> </u>	
		\$616 53	

*Bills not returned.

REPAIRS OF HALL.

Balance of Town Hall fund,	\$55 79
Received for rent of hall, 1891,	21 00
	<u> </u>
	\$76 79
Paid for painting Town Hall,	\$32 00
Paint for same,	11 60
	<u> </u>
	\$43 60
Balance,	\$33 19

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation, \$200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid H. A. Young, labor on highway,	\$ 4 66
N. Gilman, " "	6 24
E. F. Lyon, " and materials,	9 19
H. S. Roberts, " on highway,	3 00
G. F. Wing, " "	8 00
H. A. Drake, et als, labor on highway,	15 66
J. R. Fifield, plank and overwork,	27 50
Wm. Hartung, et als, labor on highway,	25 37
J. G. Sampson, labor on highway,	5 50
H. A. Young, " "	7 61
G. F. Wing, " "	7 00
Town of Farmingdale, planking bridge between towns of Manchester and Farmingdale,	11 45
Melvin Smith, labor on highway,	1 75
H. A. Drake, et als, labor on highway,	12 48
Albert Knowles, labor on highway,	25 35

L. R. Sanford,	“	“	20	87
M. S. Fifield,	“	“	20	00
R. W. Smart,	“	“	7	84
F. W. Snow,	“	“	8	70
F. J. Hewins, et als, labor on highway,			37	64
O. J. Foster,	“	“	3	20
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			\$269	01
	Excess,			\$ 69 01
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				\$269 01

REPAIR OF CEMETERIES.

Appropriated by town, March, 1890,				\$50 00
	EXPENDITURES.			
Paid E. W. Bowman, painting cemetery fence,			\$34	97
G. W. Morrill, clearing up Cummings cemetery,			16	50
			<hr/>	
			\$51	47
	Excess,			\$ 1 47
				<hr/>
				\$51 47

BREAKING SNOW.

Appropriated,				\$600 00
	EXPENDITURES.			
Orren Smith,	Dist.	10,	\$	4 25
J. A. Knowles,	“	15,		2 00
H. E. Emery et als.	“	8,		13 72
L. R. Sanford,	“	15,		13 20
H. S. Roberts,	“	10,		4 25
G. M. Knowles,	“	13,		1 38
A. Daggett et als,	“	14,		9 76
E. F. Lyon,	“	12,		39 41
S. N. Ward,	“	11,		18 51
W. H. Hill,	“	16,		5 00
Albert Knowles,	“	13,		31 60

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Virgil Scribner,	“ 13 and 17,	18 75
George Wadsworth et als,	“ 5,	22 28
“ “	“ 5,	14 40
Orren Smith,	“ 10,	5 74
B. P. Winslow,	“ 12,	8 93
J. L. Spear,	“ 7,	16 87
H. A. Drake,	“ 6,	8 51
C. C. Morrill,	“ 1 and 2,	5 00
G. W. Morrill,	“ 1 and 2,	2 50
William Hartung et als,	“ 9,	24 29
J. R. Fifield,	“ 17,	34 35
G. A. Lilly,	“ 12,	3 60
I. W. Hawkes,	“ 3,	8 50
David Parker,	“ 8,	3 77
“	“ 4,	1 49
W. H. Lyon, Jr.,	“ 11,	13 08
F. J. Hewins et als,	“ 1 and 2,	34 55
H. A. Young,	“ 11,	25 15
Martin Caldwell,	“ 11,	10 22
Cyrene Fifield,	“ 16,	12 27
T. E. Jackson,	“ 13,	15 61
L. R. Sanford,	“ 15,	25 78
Mark Osborne et als,	“ 4,	11 30
R. W. Smart,	“ 3,	+ 42
C. C. Bowman,	“ 4,	+ 78
M. S. Fifield,	“ 16,	9 81
W. M. Prescott,	“ 10,	39 03
C. E. Daggett et als,	“ 14,	29 30
L. H. Hammond et als,	“ 1 and 2,	5 25
Charles Nickerson,	“ 7,	9 77
G. W. Cottle,	“ 11,	+ 67
F. J. Hewins et als,	“ 1 and 2,	42 21
O. J. Foster “	“ 3,	13 73
W. H. Hartung et als,	“ 9,	14 39
H. F. Cummings,	“ 9,	10 00
		<hr/> \$657 38
Excess of expenditures,		\$ 57 38

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,	\$450 00
EXPENDITURES.	
Paid for support of S. Groves and wife,	\$ 52 41
“ “ Gorham Burgess,	25 75
“ “ E. Howard,	95 70
“ “ David Morgan,	139 67
“ “ T. Higgins,	97 14
“ “ Richard Dunn,	74 30
“ “ G. A. Davis,	46 26
“ “ Ida Lyon,	14 00
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	\$545 23
Due from town of Enfield on account of G. A. Davis,	\$46 26
Received of E. Howard,	56 50
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	\$102 76
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	\$442 47
Unexpended,	7 53
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	\$450 00

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriation,	\$50 00
EXPENDED.	
Paid E. H. Butler & Co.,	\$16 80
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	7 20
D. C. Heath & Co.,	6 00
Expenses on books,	2 25
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	\$32 25
J. B. Lippincott Co.,	\$10 20
American Book Co.,	7 68
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	2 40
Eldridge Bros.,	6 50
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	5 04
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	\$31 82
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	\$64 07

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Excess,	\$14 07
	\$64 07

The last five bills were drawn as school orders.

An appropriation of \$100.00 was made for support of a Free High School. The school is now in session and will cost about \$120.00.

INCIDENTAL CHARGES.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid L. Farr, Attorney fees,	\$ 3 00
G. H. Kilbreth, auditing accts. 1890,	5 00
F. J. Hewins, expenses on Groves place,	21 50
Melvin Smith, sawing wood.	2 00
Badger & Manley, printing town reports, 2 years,	28 00
E. R. Packard, printing extracts from school laws,	85
G. E. Macomber, insurance on Town Hall,	14 00
J. F. Pierce, blank books,	17 20
J. L. Wood, stationery and sundries,	2 56
G. F. Wing, services as sexton and work in cemetery,	7 00
G. M. Knowles, services as S. S. Com.,	1 50
G. H. Kilbreth, " Town Clerk,	6 00
I. W. Hawkes, " S. S. Committee,	19 50
F. J. Hewins, burying horse and cow at Outlet, and expenses on Dudley road,	4 50
E. Cook, services as S. S. Committee,	17 00
F. J. Hewins, services, Selectmen, Assessors, etc.,	57 25
G. H. Kilbreth, " " "	49 00
J. G. Sampson, " " "	44 00
J. T. Collins, commissions, Collector of 1890,	68 53
	\$368 39
Excess of Expenditures,	\$ 68 39
	\$368 39

INTEREST.

Appropriation,		\$35 00
	EXPENDED.	
Paid interest, note of Wm. Fifield,		\$30 87
W. M. Prescott, interest on temporary loan,		2 90
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		\$33 77
Unexpended,		1 23
		<hr/> \$35 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For common schools,	\$ 500 00
Free high school,	100 00
Repair of school houses,	50 00
Support of poor,	450 00
Roads and bridges,	200 00
Breaking snow,	600 00
Interest,	35 00
Incidental charges,	300 00
School books,	50 00
	<hr/> \$2285 00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

State fund free high school, 1890,	\$ 56 25
Rent of hall,	21 00
Mill tax of 1890,	297 08
Received of E. Howard,	56 50
	<hr/> 430 83
	<hr/> \$2715 83

EXPENDITURES.

For common schools,	\$1004 95
Repair of school houses,	42 60
“ Town Hall,	43 60
Roads and bridges,	269 01
Breaking snow,	657 38
Support of poor,	545 23

Incidental charges,	368	39
School books,	64	07
Interest,	33	77
Repair of cemeteries,	51	47
Abatement of taxes of 1889,	2	43
" " 1890,	51	36
" " 1891,	5	28
	<u> </u>	<u>\$3139 54</u>
Excess of expenditures,		\$ 423 71

ACCOUNT OF J. G. SAMPSON, COLLECTOR OF 1889.

	DR.	
To uncollected taxes of 1889,		\$34 37
	CR.	
By abatements,		\$ 2 43
paid Treasurer of 1891,		31 94
		<u> </u> \$34 37

ACCOUNT OF J. T. COLLINS, TREASURER OF 1890.

	DR.	
To cash on hand, Feb. 23, 1890,		\$128 86
	CR.	
By paid town order of 1889,		\$ 21 83
Treasurer of 1891,		107 03
		<u> </u> \$128 86

ACCOUNT OF J. T. COLLINS, COLLECTOR OF 1890.

	DR.	
To uncollected taxes of 1890,		\$1339 36
	CR.	
By paid balance State tax, 1890,		\$457 00
" " county "		\$100 00
" abatements of 1890,		56 46
" cash to Treasurer, 1891,		725 90
		<u> </u> \$1339 36

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

W. M. Prescott, to town of Manchester

DR.

To cash from Treasurer, 1890,	\$ 107 03
" " Collector, "	725 90
" " " 1889,	31 94
Mill tax for 1890,	297 08
High School fund, 1890, (fall term).	56 25
Rent of Hall,	21 00
Cash from E. Howard,	56 50
" " Collector, 1891,	1940 79
	<hr/> \$3236 49

CR.

By paid town orders,	\$1459 37
" Overseers' orders,	545 23
" school orders,	1075 87
" county tax of 1891,	150 08
Cash on hand,	5 94
	<hr/> \$3236 49

GENERAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

William Fifield note,	\$ 475 00
Due on State tax of 1891,	721 42
" county "	112 37
Due schools, balance from common schools,	69 37
" " free high school, '91,	40 00
Due for free high school,	120 00
Other outstanding bills, estimated,	200 00
	<hr/> \$1738 16

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes of 1891,	\$1528 92
Mill tax of 1891,	373 79
State aid free high school, 1890, winter term,	58 50
" due free high school, 1891,	60 00
Due from town of Enfield,	46 26
Cash in hands of treasurer,	5 94
	<hr/> \$2073 41
Balance in favor of the town,	335 25
	<hr/> \$1738 16

State tax, 1891,	\$ 721 42
County tax, 1891,	262 45
Town "	2285 00
Overlay,	95 41
Uncollected highway tax of 1890,	57 36
Non-resident " 1891, committed to collector,	53 35
Resident real estate,	\$165,225 00
Non-resident real estate,	33,345 00
Personal property,	42,395 00
Rate of taxation, 12 8-10 mills. Number of polls, 140.	

FRANK J. HEWINS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
G. H. KILBRETH,	
J. G. SAMPSON,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Manchester.</i>

MANCHESTER, Feb. 27, 1892.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

It was decided by your committee at the opening of the school year to have a spring term of 10 weeks, and a fall term of 12 weeks in each of the school houses in town. This arrangement was carried out except in No. 1, in which the spring term was but $7\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, owing to the illness of the teacher.

Both terms in No. 1 were taught by Miss Mary F. Haskell of West Gardiner. It was always a pleasure to visit this school. Excellent order was observed. The pupils were attentive to their books and to the oral instruction imparted by the teacher; and not only enjoyed their school privileges, but made very commendable progress in their studies. Registered attendance in spring term 21, average 17; fall term 19, average 16.

School No. 2. Miss M. Lillian Hopkins of this town, teacher. Miss Hopkins has taught several terms previously in this neighborhood and appears to enjoy the confidence of parents and scholars to a large degree. She is a very faithful teacher. Registered attendance in spring term 10, average 8; fall term 9, average 7.

School No. 3. Both terms were taught by Mrs. Georgia R. Hopkins of this town, the same teacher who served so acceptably in this school last year, but with a changed name. It was evident, however, that her characteristics as a teacher had not changed. Both terms were pleasant and profitable, especially the first. A very enjoyable exercise, was the daily opening of the school by singing, with organ accompaniment. At both examinations an original composition was read by each of the pupils. While all these were good some were excellent. Registered attendance in spring term 6, average 6; fall term 6, average 5.

School No. 4. Miss Bertha M. Nickerson of this town, teacher. This school has suddenly sprung from the position of one of the smallest to that of one of the largest schools in town. Twenty-four different pupils attended, although five of them were not registered. Miss Nickerson's time and patience were taxed to the utmost; but she proved equal to the occasion, and, considering the composition of the school, she succeeded admirably. A very interesting and profitable feature of the exercises was oral instruction. There was a large class taught orally in Arithmetic, Geography, History and Physiology, and their recitations were excellent. Registered attendance in spring term 18, average 15; fall term 19, average 15.

School No. 5. Both spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Alice F. Bowman of Hallowell. Number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 9.

Number of scholars, fall term, 12; average attendance, 8.6.

Miss Bowman had previously taught in this school with good success and fully maintained her former reputation.

School No. 6. The spring term was taught by Miss Stella M. Phillips of Belgrade. Number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 12. Miss Phillips has taught so many terms in this school that it is hardly necessary to state that her labors were satisfactory to all concerned.

The fall term was taught by Miss Mary A. Cook of Vassalboro. Number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 15. Although this was Miss Cook's first term she was very successful. In some respects this is a model school. The scholars were unusually attentive to their studies and made excellent progress during both terms.

School No. 7. The spring term was taught by Miss Mabel S. Merrill of Manchester. Number of scholars, 3.

The fall term was taught by Miss Grace Haskell of West Gardiner. Number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 6. Miss Haskell showed a good deal of tact and perseverance for a young teacher without experience and succeeded well.

Free High School. Miss Mary F. Haskell, teacher. The success which has attended Miss Haskell's labors in our public schools induced your committee to employ her in the Free High School,

and in so doing we believe that no mistake was made. The school directly became popular and reached a registered attendance of 36. After a time the prevailing influenza reduced its numbers, and at the close of the ninth week the teacher was compelled to take a week's vacation on account of severe illness in her family. Your committee have several times visited the school and have always found excellent order. The teacher has appeared alive to the importance of her duties, and the scholars attentive and studious. There is a fine class in rhetoric, and at a recent visit we were shown some very creditable compositions prepared by members of this class. The school was in progress at the time of writing this report. The length of term will probably be 12 weeks, and the average attendance about 26.

P. S. The associates of Prof. Cook desire (without his consent or knowledge) to express their hearty appreciation of his generous gift to the cause of education in our town, in delivering two public evening lectures during the progress of the High School.

Your committee are united in proposing the following school system for the coming year: That a spring and fall term of school be held in each of the schoolhouses in town, provided a sufficient number of scholars can be collected, and that a winter term of free high school be held in Nos. 1, 4 and 6, two of these schools being supported in part by State aid and the third by town funds alone. This arrangement will accommodate the larger scholars throughout the town, and give us a school system creditable to the town and adapted to the needs of our children, who are looking to us for the means of obtaining such an education as shall fit them for the duties of life. To carry out this plan will require an appropriation of \$600 for town schools and \$100 for free high schools; or \$50 less than the amount appropriated in 1890.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. M. KNOWLES,	} <i>School Committee</i>	
E. COOK,		<i>of</i>
I. WARREN HAWKES,		<i>Manchester.</i>

Manchester, Feb. 29, 1892.