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TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

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SELECTMEN
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF MANCHESTER,
FOR THE
MUNICIPAL YEAR, 1895-6.



HALLOWELL:
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1896.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriation 1895.....	\$500	00	
Balance from last year	126	44	
Mill tax from State, 1895.....	402	57	
Tuition from other towns	9	50	
			1038 51

EXPENDITURES.

School No. 1.	Teaching and board	150	00	
	Fuel and care of house	10	00	
	Tuition paid Hallowell	16	00	
				176 00
School No. 2.	Teaching and board	120	00	
	Fuel and care of house	8	75	
				128 75
School No. 3.	Teaching.....	5	00	5 00
School No. 4.	Teaching and board	176	80	
	Fuel and care of house	21	45	
				198 25
School No. 5.	Teaching and board	122	00	
	Fuel and care of house	4	63	
				126 63
School No. 6.	Teaching and board	135	00	
	Fuel and care of house	30	00	
				165 00
School No. 7.	Teaching and board	110	00	
	Fuel and care of house	8	00	
				118 00
	General supplies.....			19 58
				937 21
Balance due common schools.....				101 30
				1038 51

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Appropriated.....		
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid I. P. Berryman, teaching No. 1.....	95 00	
" G. M. Knowles, board	30 00	
" F. L. Williams, teaching No. 6.....	60 00	
Due E. F. Farnham, board No. 6.....	25 00	
	210 00	
Due from State.....		105 00
Excess,....		5 00
		210 00

REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation, 1895.....	15 00	
Unexpended balance.....	15 99	
	30 99	
EXPENDED.		
W. S. Malcolm, Stove No. 4.....	9 99	
G. M. Knowles, repairs.....	4 33	
	14 32	
Unexpended balance.....	16 67	
	30 99	

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriated, 1895.....	40 00	
Unexpended balance.....	5 40	
	45 40	
EXPENDED.		
Banner Pub. Co., book labels.....	2 00	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books.....	3 72	
Ginn & Co.,	6 95	
American Book Co.,	34 14	
G. M. Knowles, express.....	4 45	
	51 26	
Excess.....		5 86
		51 26

REPAIRS OF TOWN HALL.

Unexpended balance.....	16 09	
Received rent of hall, 1895.....	21 00	
	37 09	

EXPENDED.

G. M. Knowles, repairs on hall.....	1	30	
H. A. Eaton, flag pole, etc.....	6	75	
Unexpended balance.....	29	04	
		37	09

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation.....	600	00	
Overlay.....	27	35	
		627	35

EXPENDED.

District.	Surveyor.		
No. 1.	Frank Albee.....	52	30
“ 2.	F. J. Hewins.....	62	62
“ 3.	O. J. Foster.....	35	99
“ 4.	W. H. Wing.....	22	37
“ 5.	D. J. Douglas.....	21	72
“ 6.	J. T. Collins.....	18	52
“ 7.	Charles Nickerson.....	12	84
“ 8.	Henry Emery.....	13	34
“ 9.	W. H. Hartung.....	40	40
“ 10.	W. M. Prescott.....	65	13
“ 11.	Edwin Caldwell.....	36	29
“ 12.	John A. Knowles.....	34	60
“ 13.	T. E. Jackson.....	32	63
“ 14.	F. O. Boynton.....	38	50
“ 15.	Wm. Watson.....	32	53
“ 16.	M. S. Fifield.....	17	60
“ 17.	J. R. Fifield.....	13	15
	Committed to Collector.....	76	92
		627	35

INTEREST.

Appropriated.....	40	00
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EXPENDED.

Excess of last year....	10	87	
Interest on W. Fifield note.....	30	87	
“ “ temporary loans.....	25	00	
		66	74
Excess.....		26	74
		66	74

TOWN OF MANCHESTER

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation.....	300 00	
Uncollected Highway tax, 1894.....	73 38	
Non Resident " " 1895.....	77 13	
Unexpended last year.....	114 69	565 20

EXPENDITURES.

M. S. Fifield, labor on highway.....	9 50	
W. H. Hill, " "	3 50	
T. J. Dudley, " "	6 66	
L. R. Sanford, " "	19 33	
J. T. Collins and others "	4 77	
H. A. Drake, " "	7 91	
W. Hartung, " "	16 54	
F. J. Spear, " "	4 66	
Geo. Lilly, " "	1 00	
John Daley, " "	3 00	
R. B. Hussey and J. Fifield, building bridge...	65 00	
S. Fifield, labor on highway.....	3 39	
T. C. Jones, " "	4 32	
C. C. Bowman, " "	3 02	
H. F. Cummings, "	6 00	
G. Fifield, " "	17 40	
J. R. Fifield, " "	8 00	
M. Caldwell, " "	5 82	
E. Milliken & Son, lumber for Outlet bridge...	21 60	
G. W. Morrill, labor.....	2 53	
Hallowell Granite Co., stone for culvert.....	1 00	
H. E. Emery, labor.....	16 73	
C. C. Morrill, "	1 55	
E. Caldwell, "	16 05	
F. J. Hewins, "	26 69	
F. O. Boynton, "	2 67	
Burt Arnold, "	4 00	
W. H. Wing, "	1 97	
Creasy & Cummings, lumber for snow plow...	3 51	
J. T. Collins and others, labor.....	7 60	
T. E. Jackson, "	23 81	
F. O. Boynton, snow plow.....	10 27	
O. J. Foster, Merrill culvert.....	18 77	
W. M. Prescott, labor on highway.....	35 31	
		383 88
Unexpended.....		181 32
		<u>565 20</u>

BREAKING SNOW.

Appropriation..... 700 00

EXPENDITURES.

Excess of 1894.....	190 79
M. S. Fifield and others.....	19 47
N. Gilman.....	3 01
H. Martin.....	2 00
R. R. Smart.....	2 45
F. J. Spear.....	4 17
Eliza Meady.....	1 67
Emery Knowles.....	4 00
William Watson.....	11 53
L. R. Sanford.....	15 69
H. A. Drake and others.....	10 10
W. H. Steward “.....	20 33
Sumner Ward.....	2 50
W. H. Wing and others.....	5 04
Alvin Cottle “.....	31 99
Albert Daggett “.....	26 00
O. J. Foster “.....	12 36
J. R. Fifield.....	23 70
M. Caldwell.....	4 92
E. Caldwell.....	1 77
F. J. Hewins and others.....	2 66
F. O. Boynton “.....	13 29
Fred L. Fifield.....	2 83
Albert Knowles and others.....	18 29
W. Hartung.....	4 00
O. J. Foster.....	1 42
W. H. Lyon, Jr.....	4 20
T. C. Jones.....	3 00
W. M. Prescott and others.....	26 11

469 29

Unexpended balance..... 230 71

700 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation.....	600 00	
Received for wood and house rent, Groves place	5 00	
“ “ grass on Groves place.....	12 00	
Balance from last year.....	<u>36 23</u>	653 23

EXPENDITUR

Town of Webster for E. S. Higgins		
H. H. Laffin	“ “	195 35
B. F. Warner	“ “	5 00
E. E. Davis	“ “	9 45
Trouant & Bates	“ “	12 00
G. F. Wing	“ “	3 00
H. F. Cummings	“ “	2 50
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		365 71
Thos. C. Jones for S. Groves and wife		188 00
J. D. Nutting	“ “ “	13 75
W. H. Wing	“ “ “	3 54
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		205 29
O. W. Turner for Elias Howard.....		10 00
W. S. Hill	“ “ “	28 50
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		38 50
A. M. Bowman for E. W. Bowman.....		65 50
F. J. Spear	“ Reuben Perkins.....	4 00
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		679 00
Excess.....		<hr/>
		25 77
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		679 00

REPAIR OF CEMETERIES.

Unexpended balance of 1893.....	16 95
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INCIDENTAL CHARGES.

Appropriation.....	\$500 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Excess of expenditures, 1894.....	37 40
Banner Pub. Co., printing reports 1894-5.....	12 00
J. T. Collins, ballot clerk.....	1 50
H. A. Drake, repairs on road machine.....	7 66
J. F. Pierce, blank books.....	10 74
G. F. Wing, watering tub 1894.....	3 00
Sophia Smart, “ “ 1895.....	3 00
G. M. Knowles, vaccine points.....	5 35
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs on road machine....	60
E. L. Norcross, housing road machine (2 years)	6 00
Macomber, Farr & Co., insurance.....	6 25
F. J. Hewins, loss of sheep.....	6 00

Dr. H. J. Frederic, vaccination.....	30 00	
F. J. Hewins, damage to plow.....	3 50	
W. H. Wing, services as selectman, etc.....	47 72	
J. T. Collins, printing and stationery.....	3 00	
G. M. Knowles, services as Supervisor.....	44 00	
“ “ secretary Board of Health.....	4 00	
Dr. W. S. Hill, returning births and deaths....	1 75	
G. H. Kilbreth, services as clerk.....	6 00	
“ “ recording births and deaths, etc	7 57	
G. F. Wing, care of hearse.....	5 00	
“ “ stationery.....	1 70	
H. F. Cummings, expenses to Brunswick.....	2 50	
Heath & Andrews, Attorney fees in Gardiner case.....	174 99	
R. W. Prescott, Constable.....	10 00	
W. M. Prescott, Collector's Com. 1894.....	77 58	
W. R. Merrill, Selectman, Assessor, etc.....	47 25	
H. F. Cummings, “ “	41 30	
		607 36
Excess.....		107 36
		607 36

GENERAL SUMMARY

APPROPRIATIONS.

For common schools.....	\$500 00	
Free high school.....	100 00	
Support of poor.....	600 00	
Roads and bridges.....	300 00	
Breaking snow.....	700 00	
Incidental charges.....	500 00	
Repairs on school houses.....	15 00	
School books.....	40 00	
Interest.....	40 00	
		2795 00

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Tuition from other towns.....	00	
Rent of Groves' place and wood.....	5 00	
Grass on " "	12 00	
Rent of hall.....	21 00	
Mill tax of 1894.....	399 17	
Plank for bridge.....	4 00	
City of Gardiner, by Heath & Andrews.....	6 44	
Dog licenses of 1894 refunded by State.....	50 77	
High school fund.....	100 00	
Town Clerk. dog licenses 1895.....	55 00	
Temporary loan.....	600 00	
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		4057 88

EXPENDITURES.

For common schools (orders drawn).....	937 21	
Repairs of school houses " "	14 32	
School books " "	51 26	
Roads and bridges " "	383 88	
Breaking Snow " "	278 50	
Support of Poor " "	679 00	
Interest " "	55 87	
Incidental charges " "	569 96	
Free high school, 1894 " "	50 00	
" " " 1895.....	185 00	
Repairs on Town Hall.....	8 05	
Abatements, 1892-3-4-5.....	74 63	
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		3287 68
State treas. dog licenses of 1895.....	55 00	
" tax of 1894.....	584 56	
" " 1895.....	134 77	
County " 1894.....	289 09	
" " 1895.....	50 00	
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		1113 42
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Excess.....		343 22

Treasurer's Account.

DR.		
Rec'd Collector 1891-2-3-4,.....	1083	72
" " 1895,	2183	28
Miscellaneous Receipts,	607	88
Dog Licenses of 1895,	55	00
Temporary Loan,	600	00
	4529	88
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By paid Town Orders of 1894,	164	62
" " " 1895,	1358	54
" School orders of 1894,	50	00
" " " 1895,	1122	21
" Overseers' Orders,	680	75
" State Treasurer, Dog Licenses of 1895,	55	00
" State Tax of 1894,	584	56
" " " 1895,	134	77
" County Tax of 1894,	289	09
" " " 1895,	50	00
Cash on hand,	40	34
	4529	88

GENERAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.		
Uncollected Taxes, 1891-2-3-4,	590	69
" " 1895	1711	89
Due from State Free High School,	105	00
Mill Tax of 1895,	402	57
	2810	15
LIABILITIES.		
W. Fifield's note,	475	00
State Tax of 1895,	490	12
County " "	230	48
Temporary Loan	600	00
Balance due Schools	101	30
Outstanding Bills (estimated),	200	00
	2096	90
Balance,	713	25
	2810	15
State Tax of 1895,	624	89
County " "	280	48
Town " "	2795	00
Uncollected Highway Tax of 1894,	73	38
Non-resident " " 1895,	77	13
Overlay,	55	30

Amount of inventory,

No. of taxable polls, 149.

Rate of Taxation, 14 3-10 mills.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. CUMMINGS, } *Selectmen of*
W. R. MERRILL, } *Manchester.*

Manchester, Feb. 20, 1896.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.



At a meeting of the School Committee soon after the 1st March election, I. Warren Hawkes, who had served several consecutive years as Supervisor, did not care again to assume the duties of that office. His wishes were respected, and G. M. Knowles was chosen Superintendent.

The same course in regard to length of terms and number of schools was pursued, as last year. Terms of ten weeks each were held, both spring and fall, in all of the school-houses except No. 3, where only two or three pupils were found who would be likely to attend school. A winter term of ten weeks in No. 4, enabled the scholars of the south part of the town to obtain the same amount of schooling which is had by those who can attend the Free High Schools at Nos. 1 and 6. It seems an injustice that the children living in the northern extremity of the town do not have the privilege of attending a winter school. I hope some arrangement may be made so that they may have the advantages accorded to the other pupils.

The schools, on the whole, have been satisfactory: very few complaints by pupils or parents have been made, and no unpleasantness in the school-room, requiring the presence of the Superintendent.

Good progress has been made in nearly all the schools, but especial advancement is noted in No. 1. It is not due wholly to the superiority of the teacher, but partly to the size of the school. It is well known to teachers and school officers that better advancement is made, individually, in schools of twenty-five pupils than in schools of ten; while the cost of maintaining the larger is but little more than the smaller.

Your attention is called to the size of the schools, aside from No. 1, farther on in this report. Many towns are adopting the plan of consolidation, to the advantage of the schools and taxpayers as well. The matter of consolidating the schools should be seriously considered by the committee the present year.

Two winter terms of Free High School were held—one in No. 1, and the other in No. 6. Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining a teacher for No. 1, but after several unsuccessful attempts, Isaac P. Berryman, a student at Bates College, Lewiston, was engaged through

the Maine Teacher's Agency. He pro_____ forming his duties faithfully and well_____

given by the teacher at the close of the term, to all who could write. This method is recommended for all the schools. The Superintendent, by examining the different papers, can in a short time, see the advancement made by the scholars better than in any other way. The papers should then be returned to the parents for their inspection.

The last of the school, the attendance was seriously affected by the mumps, which reduced the average from 30 to 24.

Miss Florrie L. Williams who taught the fall term in No. 6 with good success, was employed to teach the winter school. Miss Williams was perfectly at home in the school room and had complete control over her pupils. The same method of examination was pursued as in No. 1. The only disappointment in this school was its attendance; only 11 being registered.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Hopkins and Miss Perkins, teachers in Nos. 1 and 4, flags were procured for those schools. No gift could be more appropriate, no gift more appreciated, and they are assured that they have the thanks of the town's people for their labors.

SCHOOL No. 1.

Mrs. Georgia R. Hopkins, teacher. Spring term, whole number of scholars 25; average 22. Fall term, whole number 26; average 22.5

SCHOOL No. 2.

Spring term, Miss Lucie A. Hawkes, teacher. Whole number of scholars 11; average 8. Fall term, Miss Alice M. Lord, teacher. Whole number of scholars 11; average 9.7.

SCHOOL No. 4.

Miss Alice E. Perkins, teacher. Spring term, whole number of scholars 10; average 8. Fall term, whole number of scholars 11; average 8.5. Winter term, whole number 10; average 8.

SCHOOL No. 5.

Miss Eliza J. Martin, teacher. Spring term, whole number of scholars 10; average 8.9. Fall term, whole number 11; average 9.

SCHOOL No. 6.

Spring term, Miss Greta L. Bigelow, teacher. Whole number of scholars 18; average 15. Fall term, Miss Florrie L. Williams, teacher. Whole number of scholars 14; average 10.

SCHOOL No. 7.

Spring term, Miss Alice M. Lord, teacher. Whole number of scholars 7; average 6.9. Fall term, Miss Grace L. Fifield, teacher. Whole number of scholars 7; average 6.7.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL No. 1.

Isaac P. Berryman, teacher. Whole number of scholars 32; average 24.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL No. 6.

Miss Florrie L. Williams, teacher. Whole number of scholars 11; average 9.

It will be necessary to make a larger appropriation than last year for the repair of school houses.

No. 1 needs new inside doors and other general repairs. No. 4 may need to have the chimney rebuilt and other minor repairs, costing perhaps \$20. \$50 should be appropriated for these purposes.

Many of the school books have been in use a long time and are much worn, especially those used by the little folks. These will have to be replaced at once. An appropriation of \$25 should be made.

The School Committee, last spring, thought best to purchase some charts for the schools, which cost \$55. As there was no appropriation for that purpose, the company of whom they were purchased agreed to wait one year. It will be necessary to raise the sum named above.

The same amounts should be appropriated for schools as last year, \$500 for common schools and \$100 for free high school purposes. The number of terms of free high school should be left for the Superintendent to determine.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. KNOWLES, *Superintendent of Schools.*

Manchester, Feb. 21, 1896.