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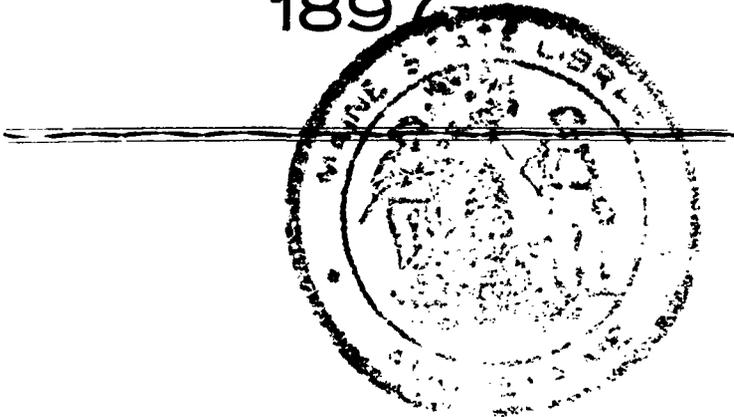
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TOWN OF MANCHESTER.
ANNUAL & REPORTS.

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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN

AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF MANCHESTER,
MUNICIPAL YEAR—1896-7.



**HALLOWELL:
REGISTER PRESS.
1897.**

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriation 1896.....	\$500 00	
Balance from 1895.....	101 30	
Mill tax from State 1896.....	355 39	
Tuition from Farmingdale.....	12 00	
Tuition from Belgrade.....	2 00	
	970 69	

EXPENDITURES.

School No. 1.	Teaching and board	150 00	
	Fuel and care of house	46 95	
		196 95	
School No. 2.	Teaching and board	118 00	
	Fuel and care of house	7 25	
		125 25	
School No. 3	Transportation of scholars	9 00	
		9 00	
School No. 4	Teaching and board	195 00	
	Fuel and care of house	17 50	
		212 50	
School No. 5	Fuel, (Bill of 1895),	3 00	
	Transportation	15 00	
		18 00	
School No. 6	Teaching and board	155 00	
	Fuel and care of house	30 25	
		185 25	
School No. 7	Teaching and board	117 50	
	Care of house	8 00	
		125 50	
	Paid town of Sidney,		
	Tuition and transportation	33 00	
	Paid City of Hallowell,		
	Tuition	8 00	
	General Supplies	5 45	
		46 45	
		\$918 90	
	Balance due Schools	51 79	
		970 69	

TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Appropriation.....		\$100 00	
EXPENDITURES.			
Paid Sophia A Smart, board.....	30 00		
" James P. Russell, teaching No. 1.....	90 00		
" Alice Lowell, teaching No. 6.....	50 00		
" Joseph Fifield, board.....	25 00		
		<u>195 00</u>	
Due from State.....			97 50
Balance.....	2 50		
		<u>197 50</u>	<u>197 50</u>

REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation.....	50 00		
Unexpended from last year.....	16 67		
			<u>66 67</u>

EXPENDED.

G. M. Knowles, Repairs No. 6.....	3 00		
Webber & Gage, Repairs No. 1.....	8 75		
J. H. Merrill, and others, Repairs No. 4	5 36		
C. C. Morrill, Repairs No. 1.....	15 96		
		<u>33 07</u>	
Unexpended balance.....	33 60		
			<u>66 67</u>

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriation 1896.....		\$25 00	
EXPENDED.			
Excess of 1895.....	5 86		
E. E. Babb & Co.....	8 06		
Leach, Shewell & Co.....	7 10		
Ginn & Co.....	6 40		
Silver, Burdette & Co.....	4 80		
I. W. Hawkes, (Express)....	2 90		
		<u>35 12</u>	
Excess.....			<u>10 12</u>
Orders drawn.....	29 26		<u>35 12</u>

REPAIR OF CEMETERIES.

Unexpended balance 1893.....		16 95
EXPENDED.		
G. M. Knowles, mowing cemetery.....	1 50	
W. Scott Merrill, cutting bushes.....	1 00	
	—	
	2 50	
Unexpended balance.....	14 45	
	—	
		16 95

REPAIRS ON TOWN HALL

Unexpended balance....	29 04	
Rent of hall for 1896.....	29 80	
	—	
		58 84
EXPENDED.		
C. C. Morrill, repairs.....	2 31	
Creasy & Cummings, lumber.....	2 70	
B. F. Hill, repairs.....	2 00	
	—	
	7 01	
Unexpended balance	51 83	
	—	
		58 84

HIGHWAYS

Appropriated.....	700 00	
Overlay.....	15 42	
	—	
		715 42

ASSIGNED

District.	Surveyor.	
No. 1.	F. B. Abbee.....	63 48
“ 2.	F. J. Hewins.....	75 16
“ 3.	I. W. Hawkes.....	43 94
“ 4.	T. C. Jones.....	24 60
“ 5.	D. J. Douglas.....	22 61
“ 6.	J. T. Collins.....	20 80
“ 7.	Chas. Nickerson.....	13 45
“ 8.	H. E. Emery.....	13 73
“ 9.	W. Hartung.....	44 67
“ 10.	Philo Hewett.....	70 67
“ 11.	H. A. Young.....	40 31

TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

" 12.	J. A. Knowles	40 24	
" 13.	Albert Knowles	36 01	
" 14.	F. O. Boynton.....	42 73	
" 15.	William Watson.....	34 34	
" 16.	M. S. Fifield.....	18 19	
" 17.	J. R. Fifield	15 35	
	Committed to Collector .	95 14	
			\$715 42

NEW ROAD.

Appropriated..... \$250 00

EXPENDED.

Paid F. B. Albee, building said road.. 290 00
 Excess..... .. 40 00

\$290 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Unexpended Balance of 1895....	181 32	
Uncollected Highway Tax of 1895	91 86	
Non-Resident " " 1896	95 14	

\$668 32

EXPENDED.

F. J. Spear, Outlet Bridge..... \$3 75
 Hewett & Jackson, repairs Wade Bridge. 9 03
 W. H. Dudley, railroad ties for road.. 20 00
 Wesley Baker, stone for culvert..... 2 00

District. Surveyor.

No. 1.	F. B. Albee and others	61 48
" 2.	F. J. Hewins " "	39 72
" 3.	I. W. Hawkes " "	10 00
" 4.	T. C. Jones " "	12 31
" 5.	D. J. Douglas " "	22 87
" 6.	J. T. Collins " "	4 70
" 8.	H. E. Emery " "	18 95
" 10.	Philo Hewitt " "	25 21
" 11.	H. A. Young " "	97 62
" 12.	J. A. Knowles " "	7 31
" 13.	Albert Knowles " "	38 81

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

" 14.	F. O. Boynton " "	7 03	
" 15.	Wm. Watson " "	17 02	
" 16.	M. S. Fifield " "	36 46	
" 17.	John R. Fairfield " "	47 97	
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		482 24	668 32
Unexpended balance.....	186 08		
		<hr/>	
		668 32	

BREAKING SNOW.

Appropriated.....	\$300 00	
Unexpended Balance, 1895-6	230 71	
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		\$530 71

EXPENDED.

District.	Surveyor.		
No. 1.	F. B. Albee and others	\$44 12	
" 2.	F. J. Hewins " "	37 95	
" 3.	I. W. Hawkes " "	15 61	
" 4.	T. C. Jones " "	10 76	
" 5.	D. J. Douglas " "	13 12	
" 6.	J. T. Collins " "	11 38	
" 7.	Chas. Nickerson " "	14 30	
" 8.	H. E. Emery " "	18 90	
" 9.	W. Hartung " "	42 41	
" 10.	Philo Hewitt " "	30 58	
" 11.	H. A. Young " "	71 67	
" 12.	J. A. Knowles " "	12 42	
" 13.	Albert Knowles " "	21 41	
" 14.	F. O. Boynton " "	7 52	
" 15.	Wm. Watson " "	19 03	
" 16.	M. S. Fifield " "	23 00	
" 17.	John R. Fairfield " "	15 25	
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		409 43	
Unexpended balance.....	121 28		
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		530 71	

TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Appropriation—Debt.....	\$475 00	
" Interest.....	50 00	
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		525 00

EXPENDED.

Paid Wm. Fifield note.....	475 00	
Excess Interest of 1895.....	26 74	
“ Interest on Fifield note.....	30 87	
“ “ on Temporary Loan, 1895	7 30	
	<u>539 91</u>	
Excess.....		14 91
		<u>539 91</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation.....	\$500 00	
Rec'd of E. S. Higgins, Jr., on acct.		
E. S. Higgins, Sr.,	17 00	
“ for Grass on Groves Place	11 00	
“ of A. M. Bowman for E. W.		
Bowman.....	38 50	
	<u>566 50</u>	

EXPENDED.

Excess of last year.....		25 77
Mrs. T. C. Jones for S. Groves and wife	260 00	
B. F. Warner, “ “ “ “	1.75	
Pinkham & Sherburne “ “ “	1.50	
W. R. Merrill, “ “ “	1.80	
E. E. Davis “ “ “	4.50	
	<u>269 55</u>	
E. S. Higgins, Jr. for E. S. Higgins, Sr.	8 00	
A. M. Bowman for E. W. Bowman,	55 00	
W. B. Miller for “ “ “	18 00	
	<u>73 00</u>	
E. R. Freeman, care of tramps.....	24 00	
Oren Smith, care Octavus Drake.....	12 50	
H. F. Cummings, Supplies J. Page ...	6 51	
	<u>419 33</u>	
Unexpended balance.....	147 17	
	<u>566 50</u>	
Due from New Sharon, acct. J. Page, 6.51.		

INCIDENTAL CHARGES.

Appropriation.....	\$400 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Excess of 1895-6.....	107 36
Macomber, Farr & Co., Insurance.....	53 75
W. F. Marston,printing Reports,1895-6	10 00
G. Tyler & Co., repairs road machine,	8 50
W. F. Marston, printing Blanks.....	5 25
J. F. Pierce,Blank Books and Stationery	12 33
Oren Smith, loss of Sheep.....	8 00
E.L.Norcross, housing road machine, '95	3 00
Loring Farr, Attorney Fees.....	5 00
J. F. Ruggles, repairs road machine...	1 65
H. F. Cummings,expenses to Brunswick,	4 70
W. Scott Hill, returning births and deaths	2 50
Albert Daggett, damage to plow.....	4 00
Albert Knowles, witness fees, Gardiner case	2 34
H. E. Emery, loss of Sheep	7 50
Fred. W. Snow, " "	5 50
J. S. Fairfield " "	24 00
F. J. Spear, " "	7 00
E. R. Freeman, repairs road machine	4 20
C. E. Norcross, housing same to May '97	3 00
N. White, Blanks.....	1 73
G. M. Knowles, services Ballot Clerk. .	3 00
W. B. Getchell, surveying road and town line.....	28 50
G. Hilton, services Ballot Clerk.....	3 00
E. R. Freeman, care of Hearse.....	5 00
L. M. Pinkham, loss of Sheep.....	3 00
L. E. Reynolds, returning deaths.....	50
H. F. Cummings, Selectman, etc.,....	54 50
W. R. Merrill, "	45 75
A. W. Hawkes, "	42 00
Wood & True, Stationery.....	2 02
I. W. Hawkes, Supervisor.....	42 00
H. F. Cummings, watering tub.....	3 00
G. H. Kilbreth, recording births and deaths	5 08
" " services as Town Clerk	8 00

R. W. Prescott, Constable.....	16 00	
J. T. Collins, Commissions 1895	90 60	
		<u>\$633 26</u>
Excess.....	233 26	<u>\$633 26</u>

Reimbursed by State for loss of Sheep, \$61.

Orders drawn this year, \$525.90.

PURCHASE OF SAFE.

Appropriation		\$100 00
EXPENDED.		
For Safe	45 00	
“ moving, painting, etc.....	15 50	
Unexpended Balance	39 50	
		<u>100 00</u>

SCHOOL CHARTS.

Appropriation		\$55 00
Expended for Charts.....		55 50
Excess.....	.50.	

GENERAL SUMMARY.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Common Schools.....	\$500 00	
Free High School.....	100 00	
Support of Poor	500 00	
Roads and Bridges.....	300 00	
Breaking Snow	300 00	
Fifield Note.....	475 00	
Incidental Charges.....	400 00	
Safe.....	100 00	
New Road.....	250 00	
Interest.....	50 00	
School Charts.....	55 00	
Repair of School Houses.....	50 00	
Text Books.....	25 00	
		<u>\$3,105.00</u>

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Elisha Higgins, Jr.....	\$ 17 00
Tuition from other towns.....	14 00
Dog licenses 1895, refunded by state...	48 56
High school fund, 1895.....	105 00

Hay on Groves Place.....	11 00
Mill tax of 1895.....	402 57
A. M. Bowman.....	38 50
Town W. Gardiner, running line.....	2 25
Telegraph tax.....	4 28
Reimbursement by State, damage by dogs.....	61 00
Mill tax of 1896.....	355 39
Rent of Hall ‘.....	29 80
Interest on taxes of 1896.....	1 75

\$1091 10

\$4196 10

EXPENDITURE.

Common schools, orders drawn.....	\$918 90
Free high school.....	195 00
Repair of school houses.....	33 07
School books.....	29 26
Repair of cemeteries.....	2 50
Repair of town hall.....	7 01
New road.....	290 00
Roads and bridges.....	482 24
Breaking snow.....	409 43
Town debt.....	475 00
Interest.....	38 17
Support of poor.....	393 56
Incidental charges.....	525 90
Safe.....	60 50
Charts..	55 50
Temporary loan.....	600 00

\$4516 04

Abatements of 1895-6.....	45 28
Discount allowed on taxes paid prior to Sept. 1, 1896.....	146 71

Treasurer's Account.

DR.

Received Treasurer of 1895.....	\$ 40 34	
“ Collector of 1891-2-3-4.....	381 99	
“ “ 1895.....	1684 95	
“ “ 1896.....	3354 90	
“ Miscellaneous receipts.....	1091 10	
“ Dog Licenses 1896.....	45 00	
“ Reimbursement of State Pensions.....	72 00	
	\$6670 28	

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By paid Town Orders, 1895.....	\$ 34 47	
“ “ 1896.....	3008 58	
“ School Orders 1896.....	1113 90	
“ Overseers' Orders 1896.	393 56	
“ State Treasurer, dog licenses 1896.....	45 00	
“ balance State tax of 1895... ..	490 12	
“ “ “ 1896... ..	562 56	
“ balance County tax of 1895.	230 48	
“ “ “ 1896.	100 00	
“ State Pensions.....	72 00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer....	619 61	
	\$6670 28	

GENERAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes of 1891-2-3-4.....	\$208 70	
“ “ 1896	637 76	
Due from State, F. H. School	97 50	
Cash on hand.....	619 61	
	\$1563 57	

LIABILITIES.

Balance County tax 1896.....	\$180 48	
Balance due schools.....	51 79	
Outstanding bills estimated.....	200 00	
	432 27	
Balance in favor of town.....	1131 30	
	\$1563 57	

State tax of 1896.....	\$562 56
County tax of 1896.....	280 48
Town tax of 1896.....	3105 00
Overlay.....	16 67
Uncollected Highway tax 1895.....	91 86
Non-resident Highway tax 1896.....	95 14
Amount Inventory.....	\$240,570
Number taxable polls.....	142
Rate of taxation.....	15 3-10 mills

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. CUMMINGS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
W. R. MERRILL,		<i>of</i>
A. W. HAWKES.		} <i>Manchester.</i>

Manchester, Feb. 16, 1897.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

The School Committee of the town of Manchester respectfully submit their annual report.

At our first meeting in March, I. Warren Hawkes was chosen Superintendent of Schools. Arrangements were made, as required by law, for two terms of school of ten weeks each, in each of the school-houses in town except Nos. 3 and 5. In No. 3, there was but one scholar, who was assisted to the amount of \$9.00 to attend school in No. 2. In No. 5, there were five scholars—four of whom wished to attend the school in No. 1. Roy Brown, aged 8 years, was conveyed by his parents to No. 6; he attended 20 weeks without losing a half day, and made excellent progress in his studies. The law allows a School Committee to procure conveyance for scholars "if in their judgment necessary," and in this case the parents were allowed the sum of \$15.00.

Twelve dollars has been received from the town of Farmingdale for the tuition of three scholars in No. 4. There has been paid to the city of Hallowell four dollars for the tuition of Carl Richards in the Granite Hill school, and to the town of Sidney twelve dollars for the tuition of three children of Sumner Ward.

The only change made in text books during the year has been the introduction of "Greenleaf's Brief Course in Arithmetic" as a substitute for Wheeler's. The change was appreciated by teachers and pupils. Many of the books now in use bear the marks of years and hard service, and must be laid aside: an entire change in Readers seems desirable. A larger appropriation for books than last year will be necessary. Very little money has been expended upon repairs, but it is to be hoped that when the "good, easy times" so long delayed arrive, extensive repairs may be made in several of the school-rooms. No. 1 should be thoroughly renovated, including new desks. We believe the scholars in that school would take pride in keeping their school-room in first-class order, if it was made pleasant and attractive. The same might be said of No. 2. Scholars should be educated to have an interest in and love for their school-room, second only to that which they have for their own home: and a movement in the direction of improving our school-houses and their surroundings is desirable. In Nos. 6 and 7, flags have been purchased during the past year, and raised with appropriate exercises. Each of our schools is now supplied, and it is

to be hoped that under its "starry flag" a spirit of true patriotism is being cultivated.

We think that our schools have been attended during the past year with more than the usual measure of success. The Spring term was especially satisfactory—every examination was excellent. Our town sustained a loss during the Summer vacation, in the person of Miss Alice Perkins, one of its best teachers, who was elected to a city school in Hallowell. In No. 1, the Spring term was nine, and the Fall term eleven weeks, owing to the sickness of the teacher, Mrs. Hopkins, near the commencement of the school-year. There was a general feeling of thankfulness for her recovery. Mrs. Hopkins has taught 15 terms in this town, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of scholars, parents, and school-officers.

Our best teachers, with ourselves, feel the need of a Course of study for our schools, through which the scholars may advance by grades, until the Town Course of study is completed. Such an arrangement would, we believe, add to the interest and usefulness of our schools. A plan was presented at the opening of the school-year, but was considered too difficult for practical use. It is hoped that something may be arranged, simpler and better adapted to the needs of our schools, before another year's work begins.

The record of attendance is as follows:—

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Mrs. Georgia R. Hopkins, teacher. Spring term: whole number of scholars, 28; average, 25. Fall term: whole number, 25; average, 22.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Miss Bertha M. Nickerson, teacher. Spring term: whole number of scholars, 12, average, 9. Fall term: whole number, 10, average, 8.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Miss Alice E. Perkins, teacher. Spring term: whole number of scholars 11; average 10. Fall term, Miss Anna Gullifer teacher. Whole number of scholars 20; average 15. Winter term, Miss Bertha M. Nickerson teacher. Whole number of scholars, 12; average 10.

SCHOOL No. 6.

Miss Alice Lowell teacher. Spring term, whole number of scholars 13; average 12. Fall term, whole number of scholars 11; average 9

SCHOOL No. 7.

Miss E. Jennie Martin teacher. Spring term, whole number of

scholars 5; average 4.8. Fall term, whole number of scholars 4; average 3.8.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL No. 1.

James P. Russell teacher.

Mr. Russell is a member of the senior class of Bowdoin College and came to us highly recommended. He enjoyed the esteem of his scholars, and their advancement under his instruction was very satisfactory. Whole number of scholars 25; average 22.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL IN No. 6.

Miss Alice Lowell teacher.

Miss Lowell had taught the spring and fall terms with good success. Circumstances prevented an examination of this school, but we hear it well spoken of. Whole number of scholars, 10, average 9.

One of the most interesting and satisfactory examinations for the school-year was that of the Winter term in No. 4, under Miss Nickerson. Four pupils, Misses Winnie Albee, Grace Hewins and Laura Martin of No. 1, and Helen G. Frost of No. 6, were not absent a half day during the 30 weeks of school.

We recommend the usual appropriations for schools, and \$50 for the purchase of books.

I. WARREN HAWKES, *Superintendent.*

Manchester, Feb. 19, 1897.