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OF THE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF MANCHESTER,

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR, 1897-8.



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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriation 1897,.....	\$500 00
Balance February 26, 1896,.....	51 79
" Free High School, 1896,.....	2 50
Mill tax from State.....	375 66

929 95

EXPENDITURES.

School orders of 1896-7 drawn,		25 00
School No. 1. Teaching and board, 151 25		
Fuel and care of house, 9 00	—————	160 25
School No. 2. Teaching and board, 61 00		
Fuel and care of house, 8 25		
Transportation, 20 00	—————	89 25
School No. 3. Transportation,.... 20 00		20 00
School No. 4. Teaching and board, 230 00		
Fuel and care of house 25 50	—————	255 50
School No. 6. Teaching and board, 200 00		
Fuel and care of house, 30 35	—————	230 35
School No. 7. Teaching and board 65 00		
Fuel and care of house, 6 50	—————	71 50
General Supplies,.... 6 45		6 45
		858 30
Balance due Schools,.....		71 65

929 95

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation,.....	100 00
Outstanding bills, [est.]	50 00

TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation,	300 00	
Unexpended balance,	33 60	
		333 60

EXPENDED.

Thomas C. Jones, mason work No. 1,	14 00	
G. M. Knowles, labor,	23 33	
C. S. Pope, freight, etc.,	16 26	
J. A. Daggett, labor,	25 35	
Trouant & Bates, curtains,	11 40	
Bobrick Sch. Furniture Co., seats,	129 52	
Augusta Lumber Co., lumber,	8 71	
Webber & Gage, lumber,	10 82	
Taber, Carey & Reid, materials, ...	6 37	
J. A. Daggett, labor on shed,	11 75	
R. Pease, " " "	8 75	
Augusta Lumber Co., lumber,	8 00	
R. Barrett, recitation seats,	16 74	
Creasy & Cummings, lumber,	9 83	
S. M. Witham, bill of '96,	70	
G. M. Knowles, repairs,	4 45	
Wood & True, materials,	9 03	
C. S. Pope, freight and repairs,	14 06	
		329 07
A. E. Benson, materials No. 4,	5 20	
T. C. Jones, labor,	7 00	
G. W. Miller, labor,	12 00	
E. R. Mayo, materials,	6 00	
C. A. Nickerson, repairs,	1 80	
J. T. Collins, repairs,	1 35	
		33 35
E. Caldwell, labor and material, No. 6,	4 00	
G. M. Knowles, repairs,	50	
		4 50
G. A. Lilly, materials and labor No. 7,	2 00	
		2 00
		368 92
Excess,	35 32	
		333 60

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriation,..... 50 00

EXPENDED:

Excess of 1896,.....	10 12	
E. E. Babb & Co.,.....	62 37	
Ginn & Co.,.....	29 45	
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Total,.....	101 94	
Excess,	51 94	
	<hr/>	50 00

Orders drawn this year. \$91.82

BUILDING ERECTED BY VOTE OF TOWN MARCH 1, 1897.

J. F. Ruggles, iron work,.....	1 66	
B. F. Hill, labor,.....	34 50	
Augusta Lumber Co., lumber.....	10 90	
Wood & True, materials,.....	7 19	
Creasy & Cummings, lumber,.....	68 11	
F. J. Hewins, material and labor,.....	9 75	
	<hr/>	132 11

ROAD MACHINE BOUGHT BY VOTE OF TOWN MARCH 1, 1897.

G. W. Tibbetts, agent Western Wheel Scrap- er Co.,.....	231 00	
Repairs,	1 90	
F. B. Albee, freight and express,.....	2 10	
	<hr/>	235 00

TOWN HALL FUND

Unexpended Balance,.....	51 83	
Received rent of hall, 1897,.....	19 50	
	<hr/>	71 33

EXPENDED.

G. M. Knowels, repairs,.....	4 17	
Balance unexpended,.....	67 16	
	<hr/>	71 33

TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation,.....	1000 00
Unexpended balance,.....	186 08
Uncollected Highway tax, 1896,.....	93 12

 1279 20

EXPENDED.

W. E. Watson, labor,.....	5 61
L. S. Lyon, ".....	2 67
H. E. Emery, ".....	3 33
L. S. Lyon laying sleepers near mill,.....	23 66
" " " lumber for culvert,.....	2 09
" " " labor,.....	2 54
D. J. Douglas, labor,.....	3 51
F. B. Albee, ".....	18 23
M. C. R. R. Co., steel rails for bridge,.....	17 90
F. B. Albee, labor on Farmingdale bridge,..	8 44
J. T. Collins, lumber for " " ..	19 70
J. A. Knowles, labor,.....	4 13
G. A. Lilly, ".....	3 75
L. R. Sanford, ".....	7 55
Josiah Gray, ".....	26 20
E. Caldwell, ".....	2 13
W. H. Lyon, ".....	7 00
F. J. Hewins, ".....	22 23
Philo Hewitt, ".....	3 38
T. E. Jackson, ".....	23 77
E. W. Knowles, " and plank for Wade bridge,.....	10 92
Augusta Lumber Co., lumber for Outlet bridge,	15 06
Geo. Wadsworth, labor.....	6 49
F. W. Snow, logs for culvert,.....	4 06
D. J. Douglas, labor,.....	14 50
H. A. Young, ".....	6 25
Creasy & Cummings, material for culverts,..	6 29
G. W. Cottle, labor,.....	2 50
W. E. Lord, ".....	1 00
B. G. Taylor, R. R. ties for road,.....	9 35
A. Knowles, labor,.....	4 00

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S. S. Brooks & Co., drain tile,.....	16 97
J. T. Collins, plank for Outlet bridge,	2 24
H. S. Roberts, labor,.....	1 00
Z. H. Thomas, "	3 00
A. E. Benson, "	2 50
William Wilder, "	1 50
M. S. Fifield, "	3 50
H. E. Emery, "	13 15
F. B. Albee and others,.....	934 56

1266 66

Balance,	12 54
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1279 20

Received from Farmingdale 1-2 expenses of repairing Beaver Dam bridge, \$23.02.

SNOW BILLS.

Appropriation,.....	300 00
Unexpended balance,.....	121 28

421 28

EXPENDED

T. C. Jones,.....	3 62
W. E. Watson,.....	3 50
H. E. Emery,.....	1 88
" " " and others,.....	5 58
F. O. Boynton,.....	7 48
L. S. Lyon,.....	13 93
D. J. Douglas,.....	2 96
J. A. Knowles,.....	4 00
L. R. Sanford,.....	4 25
J. T. Collins and others,.....	4 00
F. O. Boynton,.....	3 00
E. Caldwell,.....	1 25
E. K. Burgess,.....	1 00
R. T. Hopkins,.....	3 00
A. E. Farr and others,.....	6 08
G. L. Fifield,.....	12 55
Philo Hewitt,.....	7 00
W. E. Lord,.....	3 00

E. F. Lyon,.....	12 05
W. Hartung,.....	2 16
M. S. Fifield,.....	10 60
C. A. Nickerson.....	3 83
A. Knowles,.....	11 50
J. McGuire,.....	1 08
G. M. Knowles,	4 33
F. C. True,.....	9 33
J. F. Ruggles,.....	5 50
A. E. Benson,.....	2 70
J. L. Spear,.....	2 70
John Rich,.....	3 51
R. W. Prescott and others,.....	28 70
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	186 07
Balance,	235 21
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,.....	500 00
Unexpended balance,.....	147 17
Rec'd of A. M. Bowman for E. W. Bowman,	90 00
" Town of New Sharon for J. Page and	
family,.....	32 51
" Town of Rome for J. Trask and wife,	3 00
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EXPENDED.

Mrs. T. C. Jones for S. Groves and wife,....	209 86
C. G. Glidden, digging grave for Mrs. G.....	2 00
Dr. E. S. Hawkes, medical attendance,	2 25
G. H. Kilbreth, shirts for Saml. Groves,	50
G. R. True, " " "	1 00
Trouant & Bates, casket for Mrs. Groves.....	13 00
F. B. Wood, casket Saml. Groves,.....	13 00
F. J. Hewins, digging grave etc.,.....	7 50
Dr. W. Scott Hill, med. attendance Mrs. G.,	4 00
Oren Smith, care Octavus Drake,.....	61 85
F. B. Albee, shoes " "	1 25
J. H. Leigh & Co., suit clothes for Drake,	6 50

G. R. True, rubbers for Drake,.....	1 50
W. H. Hill, care Saml. Boynton,	125 00
F. B. Wood, casket " "	13 00
F. J. Hewins, getting casket, laying out, etc.	7 50
G. W. Morrill, digging grave,.....	2 00
E. R. Freeman, care of tramps,.....	21 50
I. W. Gray, care of tramps,	6 00
Dr. J. D. Nutting, medical attendance, Mrs. Connor,.....	25 00
A. E. Farr for T. C. Jones,.....	4 50
Dr. G. H. Brickett, med. attendance J. Page and family,.....	26 00
Dr. G. H. Brickett, med. attendance J. Trask and wife,.....	3 00
Town of Cumberland, Eugene Groves,.....	6 00
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	563 21
Balance,	209 47
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INCIDENTAL CHARGES.

Appropriated, 500 00

EXPENDED.

Excess of last year,.....	233 26
W. F. Marston, printing reports, 1897.....	9 50
H. J. Frederic, returning births and deaths,.	3 00
W. F. Marston, printing tax bills,.....	2 25
J. F. Pierce, blank books, etc.,.....	9 40
J. F. Ruggles, repairs on old machine,.....	1 25
Dr. E. Adams, returning births and deaths,	2 00
John Fairbanks, damage on highway,.....	12 00
C. H. Blaisdell, insurance on hall,.....	31 50
H. F. Cummings, watering place,.....	3 00
H. A. Young, loss of sheep,.....	2 75
Mrs. Chas. Wing, housing snow plow,.....	2 00
G. Hilton. ballot clerk,.....	1 50
G. M. Knowles, ballot clerk,.....	1 50
J. T. Collins, snow plow,.....	5 09
Augusta Safe Deposit Co., interest,.....	3 00

Dr. W. Scott Hill, returning births and deaths,	1 75	
G. H. Kilbreth, services as town clerk,	6 00	
“ “ “ recording marriages births, etc.,	3 60	
“ “ “ postage and stationery,	1 13	
C. S. Pope, Supervisor of schools,	30 00	
G. H. Kilbreth, selectman, assessor, etc., . . .	60 75	
F. J. Hewins, “ “ “	45 75	
F. B. Albee, “ “ “	29 75	
J. T. Collins, commissions of 1896,	92 83	
Ralph W. Prescott, constable,	12 00	
	606 56	
Excess,	106 56	
		500 00

Orders drawn this year, \$373.30.

Reimbursed by State for loss of sheep, \$2.75.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Cammon Schools,	\$500	
Free High School,	100	
Repair of School Houses,	300	
Text Books,	50	
Support of Poor,	500	
Breaking Snow,	300	
Incidental Charges,	500	
Repair of Highways,	1000	
		\$3250 00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

A. M. Bowman for E. W. Bowman,	\$90
Dog Licenses of 1896, refunded from State, .	40 32
Town of New Sharon,	32 51
Town of Rome,	3
Plank, Outlet Bridge,	1
License J. T. Collins, Auctioneer,	2
Reimbursement—damage to sheep,	2 75
Telegraph Tax,	5 05
N. C. Weston, shingles,	60

C. S. Pope, school book,.....	25	
Rent of Hall,.....	19	50
Town of Farmingdale, Bridge,	23	02
State Pensions,Refunded by State.....	72	
Interest on Taxes of 1896-7,	57	72
	<hr/>	349 72
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		\$3599 72

EXPENDITURES.

Common Schools, (orders drawn,)	\$858	30
Repair of School Houses, " "	368	92
Text Books, " "	91	82
Repair of Town Hall, " "	4	17
Roads and Bridges, " "	1266	66
Breaking Snow, " "	186	07
Support of Poor, " "	563	21
Incidental Charges,.....	373	30
Building for housing machines,	132	11
Road Machine.....	235	
	<hr/>	\$4079 56
Abatements of 1891-2-3-4, \$42.03.		
Abatements of 1896-7, \$31.45.		

Treasurer's Report.

DR.

Rec'd from Treas., 1896,.....	619 61	
“ Collector 1891-2-3-4,.....	109 82	
“ “ 1896,.....	623 08	
“ “ 1897,.....	3671 73	
Miscellaneous Receipts,.....	220	
Dog Licenses of 1897,.....	47	
Reimbursement State Pensions,	72	
Interest on taxes, 1896-7,.....	57 72	
		\$ 5420 96

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By paid town orders,.....	2658 05	
“ “ School Orders,.....	858 30	
“ “ Overseers, “	563 21	
“ “ State Treasurer, Dog Licenses, 1897,	47	
“ “ State Tax, 1897,.....	91 37	
“ “ Balance County Tax, 1896,.....	180 48	
“ “ “ “ 1897,.....	200	
“ “ State Pensions,.....	72	
Balance in hands of Treas.,.....	750 55	
		\$ 5420 96

GENERAL STATMENT.

ASSETS.

Uncollected Taxes of 1893-4,.....	56 85	
“ “ “ 1897,.....	670 55	
Due from State Free High School, 1896,....	97 50	
Mill Tax, of 1897,.....	375 66	
Due from city of Hallowell,.....	4 50	
Cash on hand,.....	750 55	
		1955 61

LIABILITIES.

State Tax of 1897,.....	612 53	
Balance of County Tax 1897,.....	87 38	
Balance due Schools,.....	171 65	
Outstanding Bills, (estimated),	1000	
		1871 56
Balance in favor of Town,.....	84 05	
		1955 61
State Tax of 1897,.....	703 90	
County Tax of 1897,.....	287 38	
Town " " "	3250	
Overlay,	22 54	
Uncollected Highway Tax 1896.....	93 12	

Amount of inventory, \$240,230.

Number of taxable polls 138.

Rate of taxation, 16 6-10 mills.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. KILBRETH,	}	Selectmen of Manchester
F. J. HEWINS,		
F. B. ALBEE,		

Manchester, Feb., 24, 1898.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

In submitting this our Report of Schools for the year 1897, we congratulate ourselves and the citizens of the town that we have been fortunate in securing the services of experienced teachers who have been able to interest the pupils and impart instruction, and we are assured that our money has been well expended.

It has been our aim to retain those teachers who have been successful in our own schools or employ those who have had experience in teaching, are conversant with the best methods, and can bring a good recommendation. Although such teachers command a higher salary we are satisfied it is to the advantage of our pupils and the town, even in the smaller schools. Not only can they better direct the present work of the school room, but give an atmosphere of refinement and culture, and create a desire for knowledge that shall give an impetus which will extend far beyond their personal supervision.

After the spring term closed it was decided that it would be a more economical plan to discontinue the schools in houses No. 2 and No. 7 and have the scholars conveyed to other schools. While there are some objections to this course, we think on the whole it is better for the pupils and much cheaper for the town. Those most opposed to this plan will probably be the parents of young children who dislike to send them so far from home. If they will follow the advice of the best educators of the day, all children will be kept at home until they are seven years old, and this difficulty will be met to a certain degree. Although the law has been changed so that children must have attained the age of five before they can attend school, it is the practice in this town to send them at the age of four. We believe it would be much better for all concerned to have this law enforced. The child is injured rather than benefited. Their attendance adds to the labor of the teacher and they claim the time and attention which rightfully belongs to the older pupils.

School house No. 1, which was in bad condition, has been thoroughly renovated and furnished with the "Harvard Adjustable" desks and seats. The wood house has been floored and the building covered with clapboards and shingles.

It was found necessary to rebuild the chimney in house No. 4, and it was put up at the south end of the room to secure a better draft. The walls of all the houses which are now in use have been white-washed and we think all of them are now in good condition. The

outbuildings in No. 4 and No. 6 should be repaired this spring, and a small appropriation is necessary.

The bill for school books has been very large. The expense involved in the purchase of a new series of readers was more than the amount appropriated for the purchase of books. The books furnished by the publishers are many of them very poorly bound and although sold at low prices are expensive on this account. Our schools are almost destitute of maps and several should be purchased for each room before another term. We would advise that the loaning of books to the pupils during vacation be discontinued. So many books have been taken to the homes that it is impossible to keep a trace of them when there is so frequent a change of officers and teachers.

The record of attendance is as follows:—

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Mrs. J. M. Kidder, teacher. Spring term: whole number of scholars registered, 27; average attendance, 25. Fall term: whole number, 28; average attendance, 24.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Miss Etta M. Pulsifer, teacher. Spring term: whole number of scholars registered, 9; average attendance, 6.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Miss Bertha M. Nickerson, teacher. Spring term: whole number of scholars registered, 21; average attendance, 19. Fall term: whole number, 25; average attendance, 21. Winter term: whole number, 14; average attendance, 12. Four pupils in this school, Wallace Welch, Mamie Welch, Jimmie Welch and Charlie Hughes have not been absent half a day in the thirty weeks of school.

SCHOOL NO. 6.

Miss Alta W. Paul, teacher. Spring term: whole number of scholars registered, 26; average attendance, 22. Fall term, Miss Olive M. Green, teacher: whole number, 22; average attendance, 17. Winter term: whole number, 20; average attendance 16.

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Miss Phronic S. Knowles, teacher. Spring term: whole number of scholars registered, 7; average attendance, 6.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Although money was appropriated to meet the expenses of two High Schools in the town, the number of scholars who were compe-

tent to attend such schools was so small that all could be accommodated in one school.

With existing laws we doubt the advisability of raising money the coming year for a Free High School. We have very few scholars who can pass the examination required by law, and the scholars in this section who are excluded will have no opportunity for attending school in the winter. We would rather recommend that the unexpended balance of the High School funds be used, under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, to pay the tuition of our advanced pupils in the High Schools of some neighboring town.

Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, who had been so successful in teaching the spring and fall terms of School No. 1, was engaged as teacher for the High School. The school opened December 20, and is still in session.

CHAS. S. POPE, *Superintendent.*

Manchester; Feb. 25, 1898.