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• SELECTMEN •

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

OF THE

TOWN OF MANCHESTER,

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR, 1898-9.



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## **Abstract of Town Warrant.**



FOR MARCH 6, 1899.

- ARTICLE FIRST.** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ARTICLE SECOND.** To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- ARTICLE THIRD.** To see if the town will elect a Superintendent of Schools.
- ARTICLE FOURTH.** To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools, and the poor, and repairs of roads and bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE FIFTH.** To see if the town will vote to assess a tax of one dollar on each poll, toward the support of common schools.
- ARTICLE SIXTH.** To see if the town will vote to instruct the School Committee to dispose of the school house in No. 3.
- ARTICLE SEVENTH.** To see if the town will vote to charge interest on taxes of 1899 remaining unpaid after Nov. 1st, 1899, or act anything thereon.
- ARTICLE EIGHTH.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriation 1898,	\$500 00	
Balance February 24, 1898,	71 65	
Mill tax from State,	420 07	
Received from State, Free High School, 1897,	50 00	
"    Town of Farmingdale, tuition, 1897-8,	16 00	
"    Sanford Fund,	90 00	
		1147 72

## EXPENDITURES.

School orders of 1897-8 drawn,	90 00	
School No. 1. Teaching and board,	224 65	
Care of house,	10 00	
	234 65	
School No. 2. Transportation,	40 00	
School No. 3. Transportation,	58 00	
School No. 4. Teaching and board,	225 00	
Fuel and care of house,	19 00	
	244 00	
School No. 6. Teaching and board,	225 00	
Fuel and care of house,	22 75	
	247 75	
School No. 7. Transportation,	50 00	
Paid tuition at Hallowell,	18 33	
Balance due Schools,	164 99	
		1147 72

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation of 1897,	100 00	
	<b>EXPENDED.</b>	
Teaching and board 1897-8,	100 00	
	<b>REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.</b>	
Appropriation,	25 00	
	<b>EXPENDED.</b>	
Excess of 1897,	35 32	
Laura A. Cram, cleaning school house in No. 1,	3 00	
Laura A. Cram, cleaning school house in No. 6.	2 00	
William Welch, cleaning house No. 4.	2 50	
J. T. Collins, repairs in No. 4,	5 46	
H. P. Getchell, repairs in No. 4.	1 98	
<b>Total,</b>	50 26	
<b>Excess,</b>	25 26	25 00

Outstanding bills estimated \$15.

SCHOOL BOOKS.		
Appropriation,	50 00	
Received of Edwin Caldwell for school books,	87	
	<hr/>	50 87
EXPENDED.		
Excess of 1897,	51 94	
Anderson & Stevens,	96	
Leach, Shewell & Co.,	2 53	
H. Noel Steeves,	90	
Ginn & Co.,	8 00	
Lee & Shepherd,	3 25	
E. E. Babb & Co.	8 54	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.,	6 90	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	9 59	
J. T. Collins, express on books,	2 35	
G. R. True, school supplies,	2 50	
Edwin Caldwell,	90	
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Total,	98 36	
Excess,	47 49	
	<hr/>	50 87

#### TOWN HALL FUND.

Unexpended balance,	67 16	
Due from G. M. Knowles for rent of hall,	37 20	
	<hr/>	104 15

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	800 00	
Unexpended balance,	12 54	
Received of Gardiner Water Power Co.,	62 00	
	<hr/>	878 54
EXPENDED.		
S. M. Witham, labor,	4 50	
J. A. Knowles, "	2 70	
L. S. Lyon, lumber for culverts,	4 65	
" " " labor,	7 56	
M. S. Fifield, "	262 50	
Will E. Lord, "	117 75	
Eben Hunt, "	94 00	
George Lilly, "	77 25	

George Cottle, “	4 75	
F. H. Taylor, “	8 25	
W. D. Farr, “	1 50	
H. E. Emery, “	7 80	
Fred Fifield, “	5 25	
Philo Hewett, “	6 25	
H. S. Roberts, “	5 75	
W. Y. Ballard, “	2 75	
Joseph Fifield, “	1 75	
Albert Knowles, “	9 00	
Edward Dudley, “	41 25	
Eugene Cottle, “	62	
John Fifield, “	47 25	
Herbert Lilly, “	2 00	
H. F. Cummings, “	7 00	
Geo. Parsons, “	7 00	
Mrs. Abbie Libby, labor,	1 25	
F. J. Lyon, “	3 00	
William Hunt, “	2 30	
E. A. Taylor, “	75	
T. J. Dudley, “	1 50	
N. C. Weston, “	75	
Edward Burgess, “	2 50	
M. S. Fifield, tools and repairs on road machine,	19 70	
Hallowell Granite Works, broken stone,	3 25	
James T. Collins, labor,	12 74	
Edwin Caldwell, “	1 25	
W. R. Merrill, “	2 00	
H. D. Pinkham, “	8 13	
J. W. Emery, “	22 76	
H. W. Hopkins, “	3 00	
Geo. Wadsworth, “	2 70	
Fred O. Boynton, “	3 00	
Josiah Gray, granite for outlet bridge,	12 60	
F. B. Albee, labor,	2 25	
L. H. Hammond, “	7 75	
Balance,	36 78	
		878 54
OUTLET BRIDGE.		
Appropriation,	400 00	
Received of J. W. Emery, bridge timber,	1 50	
		401 50



INCIDENTAL CHARGES.		500 00
Appropriated,		
Excess of last year,	106 56	
Wood & True, stationery,	1 40	
Enoch Adams, returning births and deaths.	50	
William E. Watson, watering place,	3 00	
Loring, Short & Harmon, valuation book,	2 50	
Laura A. Cram, cleaning town office,	1 00	
W. F. Marston, printing town reports,	9 50	
“ “ “ “ tax bills,	2 00	
L. S. Lyon, lock for office,	1 25	
J. Frank Pierce, blank books, etc.,	8 53	
Berlin Iron Bridge Co., 11 guide boards,	5 50	
M. S. Fifield, guide board posts,	6 00	
William Hartung, watering place,	3 00	
W. H. Wing, express on guide boards,	75	
Heath & Andrews, attorney fees, 1897.	3 00	
G. R. True, stationery,	1 13	
Mary F. Collins, services as Supervisor,	33 00	
James T. Collins, “ “ ballot clerk,	1 50	
Geo. H. Kilbreth, recording births, etc.,	5 40	
“ “ “ care of hearse,	2 00	
“ “ “ services as town clerk,	7 00	
“ “ “ Justice fees,	1 40	
John R. Fifield, snow plow,	3 00	
H. F. Cummings, watering place,	3 00	
A. E. Farr, wood for office,	1 75	
R. W. Prescott, services as constable,	13 00	
Willis H. Wing, services as selectman, etc.,	55 00	
L. S. Lyon, “ “ “	47 75	
Edwin Caldwell, “ “ “	49 25	
T. J. Dudley, watering place, 1897-8,	6 00	
James T. Collins, commission for collecting and disbursing taxes,	104 44	
Geo. W. Cottle, damage to sheep by dogs,	3 00	
Henry E. Emery, “ “ “ “ “	3 00	
James T. Collins, “ “ “ “ “	5 00	
	500 11	
Excess,	11	
	500 00	
INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS,		
Appropriation,		30 00

**REPORT OF SELECTMEN.**

EXPENDED.		
Expended.		17 75
Balance.		12 25
		30 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

APPROPRIATIONS.		
Common Schools.		500 00
Roads and Bridges.		800 00
Breaking Snow.		1500 00
Support of Poor.		300 00
Incidental Charges.		500 00
Outlet Bridge.		400 00
Text Books.		50 00
Repair of School Houses.		25 00
Interest on Temporary loans.		30 00
		4105 00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Overpaid order No. 131, of 1897,		1 08
Bridge plank, William Howard.		30
Dog licenses of 1897, refunded from State.		41 01
Mill tax from State for 1897.		375 66
Edwin Caldwell, school books.		87
City of Hallowel, for T. C. Jones.		9 24
Free High School funds from State for 1896-7.		150 00
Town of Farmingdale for tuition, 1897-8.		16 00
Telegraph Tax from State.		5 00
Sanford Fund.		90 00
D. J. Douglass hay on Groves place.		8 00
Gardiner Water Power Co. for highway.		62 00
J. W. Emery, lumber from outlet bridge.		1 50
Interest on taxes of 1897.		49 49
		810 15
		4915 15

EXPENDITURES.

Common Schools,	(orders drawn.)		1082 73
Repair of School Houses.	" "		14 94
Text Books,	" "		46 42
Roads and Bridges.	" "		841 76
Breaking Snow,	" "		1427 32
Outlet Bridge.	" "		366 56



TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.		
Received from Treasurer of 1897,		\$750 55
"    "    Collector of 1893-4,		33 65
"    "    "    "    1897,		636 02
"    "    "    "    1898,		3123 00
Miscellaneous receipts,		810 15
Dog licenses of 1898, received of town clerk,		43 00
Reimbursement State Pensions,		72 00
		5468 37
CR.		
By paid town orders,		3108 30
"    "    School    "		1082 73
"    "    Overseers Orders,		193 19
"    "    State Treasurer, Dog Licenses of 1898,		43 00
"    "    Balance State Tax of 1897,		612 53
"    "    on State Tax of 1898,		77 01
"    "    Balance County Tax of 1897,		87 38
"    "    State Pensions,		72 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		192 23
		5468 37

GENERAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.		
Uncollected Taxes of 1898,		1971 30
Mill Tax of 1898,		420 07
Due from City of Gardiner,		21 00
"    "    G. M. Knowles for rent of hall,		37 20
Cash on hand,		192 23
		2641 80
LIABILITIES.		
Balance State Tax of 1898,		626 89
County Tax of 1898,		287 38
Balance due Schools,		164 99
Outstanding bills, (estimated)		600 00
		1679 26

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Balance in favor of Town,	962 54	
	—————	2641 80

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Collins, *Treasurer.**Manchester, February 23, 1899.*

Examined and approved.

WILLIS H. WING,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
LOVICOUNT S. LYON,		
EDWIN CALDWELL,		
		<i>of</i>
		<i>Manchester.</i>

## Report of Superintendent of Schools.

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The Superintendent and Committee have shared the duties connected with the schools and have spared no effort to sustain their previous high standing; they hope their efforts have been successful.

The pupils have certainly made excellent progress and have showed unflagging interest in spite of much sickness in each school.

With but three schools they should rank among the best.

It is to be regretted that Manchester furnishes so few teachers for its own schools—since we can rarely retain a teacher for more than two terms.

Where the same teacher has charge for several successive terms, as in No 4., there is a systematic development of each subject from term to term and the advancement of the pupils is very marked.

Under the direction of the State Superintendent, who has perfected the plan, an enthusiastic movement has sprung up all over the State—known as the School Improvement League—having for its object the beautifying of school rooms and grounds and starting school libraries. There should be one in each school in town and it would help to do away with that destructive spirit which many children show in regard to school property.

Some maps have been bought this year and only the pressing needs supplied. Many of the books are worn out and are wholly unfit for use, otherwise the needs would be small for the coming year.

The record of attendance is as follows:—

### SCHOOL NO. 1.

Miss Mary E. Thompson, teacher. Spring term: whole number of scholars registered, 27; average attendance, 22. Ethel Knowles not absent one half day. Miss Abbie M. Merriman, teacher. Fall term: whole number, 29; average attendance, 25. Alice Wing, Clarence Gray, Freddie Martin, Roy Martin, Laura Martin and Winnie Albee were not absent one half day. Winter term: whole number, 26; average attendance, 22. Laura Martin, Thomas Martin, Roy Martin, Clarence Gray and Winnie Albee were not absent one half day.

### SCHOOL NO. 4.

Miss Bertha M. Nickerson, teacher. Spring term: whole number, 22; average attendance, 20. Wallace Welch, Mamie Welch, James Welch, Mattie Welch and Ernest Welch did not miss one half day. Fall term: whole number, 17; average attendance, 15. Winter term: whole number, 13; average attendance, 9. Mamie Hale was not absent one half day.

## SCHOOL NO. 6.

Miss Olive M. Green, teacher. Spring term: whole number, 24; average, 19. Helen Frost, Maurice Young and Harold Young were not absent one half day. Fall term, Miss Mary E. True, teacher: whole number, 26; average attendance, 21. Helen Frost, Harry Ballard, Harold Young, May Young, Blanche Cram, Perry Caldwell and Margarett Ballard were not absent one half day. Winter term: whole number, 21; average attendance, 14.

MARY F. COLLINS, *Superintendent.*  
*Manchester, February 23, 1899.*