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**TOWN OF MANCHESTER.**

**ANNUAL & REPORTS.**

**1900.**

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

❖ SELECTMEN ❖

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF MANCHESTER,

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR—1899--1900.



COMPLIMENTS OF  
JAMES T. COLLINS, AP  
HALLOWELL, - - ME

HALLOWELL:  
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1900.

## ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

FOR MARCH 5, 1900.

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ARTICLE FIRST. To choose a moderator to preside in 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 repair 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 re-establish a school in what was formerly district No. 7.

ARTICLE SIXTH. To see if the town will vote to lay out a road across the land of C. G. Atkins, a distance of about 35 rods, to connect the Fifield road with the Readfield road, and appropriate money to build the same, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE SEVENTH. To see if the town will appropriate money for the purchase of a hearse, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE EIGHTH. To see if the town will accept a list of jurors as made out by the revising board.

ARTICLE NINTH. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

# S. S. COMMITTEE'S REPORT

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriation of 1899.....	\$500 00	
Balance Feb. 23, 1899.....	164 99	
Mill tax from State.....	335 00	
Town of Farmingdale. (Tuition.).....	4 00	
Received of W. R. Merrill.....	2 00	
"    "    F. J. Hewins.....	2 00	
"    "    J. T. Collins.....	6 50	
	\$1014 49	

## EXPENDITURES.

School orders of 1898-99 tuition. (To Hallowell.)	4 00	
School 1. Teaching and board.....	\$225 00	
Fuel and care of house.....	27 75	
Transportation from No. 5.....	10 00	
	262 75	
School 4. Teaching and board.....	225 00	
Fuel and care of house.....	15 00	
Transportation from No. 2.....	60 00	
"                    "    "    3.....	30 00	
	330 00	
School 6. Teaching and board.....	225 00	
Fuel and care of house.....	18 00	
	243 00	
Paid tuition of 1898 to Sidney.....	5 33	
Balance due schools Feb. 21, 1900.....	169 41	
	1014 49	
Out-standing bills. (est.).....	125 00	

## REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation 1899.....	100 00	
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### EXPENDED.

Excess of 1898.....	25 26	
No. 1. Laura A. Cram, cleaning house.....	3 00	
G. H. Kilbreth, labor.....	2 48	
G. M. Knowles, ".....	5 13	
L. S. Lyon, shingles and lumber.....	11 87	
G. R. True, nails and paint.....	1 23	

## TOWN OF MANCHESTER.

<b>No. 4.</b>	W. G. Spear and others, painting.....	14 75	
	John W. Church, paint, oil, etc.....	11 09	
	William Welch, cleaning house.....	2 50	
<b>No. 6.</b>	R. F. Knowles, labor.....	7 10	
	G. M. Knowles, ".....	14 85	
	J. A. Daggett, ".....	17 50	
	Laura A. Cram, cleaning house.....	2 00	
	Webber & Gage, door.....	2 00	
	G. H. Kilbreth, labor.....	3 55	
	L. S. Lyon, shingles.....	28 12	
	G. R. True, nails etc.....	98	
	Edwin Caldwell, painting blackboards....	3 00	
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		156 41	
	Excess.....	56 41	
		<hr/>	100 00

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriation.....	100 00	
Received for blank books.....	1 60	
Edwin Caldwell.....	66	
M. F. Collins.....	25	
H. A. Young.....	40	
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## EXPENDED.

Excess of 1898.....	47 49	
G. R. True, express and supplies.....	9 97	
E. E. Babb & Co., text books.....	24 43	
W. F. Marston, labels.....	1 15	
Thomas R. Shewell, books.....	13 00	
Silver, Burdette & Co., books.....	11 05	
J. T. Collins, express and supplies.....	3 97	
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Total.....	111 06	
Excess.....	8 15	\$102 91
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G. M. KNOWLES, } S. S. Committee  
 G. H. KILBRETH, } of  
 JAMES T. COLLINS }

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

## TOWN HALL FUND.

Unexpended balance of 1898.....	\$67	16
Received of G. M. Knowles for rent of hall for 1898	37	20
Received of W. R. Merrill for rent of hall for 1899	16	50
		\$120 86

### EXPENDED.

W. R. Merrill, labor and repairs.....	12	00
G. H. Kilbreth, labor shingling.....	2	48
G. M. Knowles, “ “ etc.....	5	12
W. H. Wing, paint and oil.....	1	01
L. S. Lyon, shingles.....	12	08
G. R. True, nails, paint, etc. ....	1	24
		33 93
Balance .....	86	93
		120 86

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation .....	800	00
Unexpended balance of last year.....	36	78
Unexpended balance from appropriation for Outlet bridge of 1898.....	34	94
		871 72

### EXPENDED.

M. S. Fifield, labor....	239	75
Edward Dudley, labor.....	141	88
George Lilly, “ .....	67	55
F. J. Lyon, “ .....	45	50
Ozro Murray, “ .....	52	50
R. Pease, “ .....	7	0
Mrs. Charles Wing, “ .....	3	50
William Hartung, “ .....	36	88
Arche Maguire, “ .....	1	25
Wallace M. Prescott, labor.....	8	13
Philo Hewitt, “ .....	4	25



Albert Brown, .....	3 58
T. W. Hammond, .....	40 45
Charles Arnold, .....	3 00
A. E. Taylor, .....	2 00
Geo. W. Cottle, .....	5 00
Charles Trask, .....	2 60
T. J. Dudley, .....	3 25
A. E. Farr, .....	12 88
Henry E. Emery, .....	5 00
Fred J. Spear, .....	1 25
Charles Lint, .....	1 50
Milton Spear, .....	1 25
J. L. Spear, .....	2 00
L. Sherburne, .....	8 75
W. Y. Ballard, .....	1 25
George Wadsworth, .....	3 85
L. Dearborn, .....	2 00
J. W. Emery, .....	17 00
Creasey and Cummings, lumber for bridge, .....	2 61
L. S. Lyon, labor bill of '98, .....	7 91
E. F. Percival, .....	4 00
M. S. Fifield, lumber and tools, .....	30 36
J. Waldo Sampson, labor, .....	7 59
James T. Collins, .....	3 71
H. E. Cochrane, .....	1 38
T. C. Jones, .....	1 00
L. S. Lyon, .....	25 17
L. S. Lyon, timber and plank for highway, .....	17 19
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	819 42
Balance, .....	52 30
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	871 72

## SNOW BILLS

Appropriation, .....	800 00
Balance from last year, .....	307 89
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	1107 89

## EXPENDED.

L. S. Lyon.....	5 75
B. R. Niles.....	1 25
William E. Watson.....	11 60
Arche Maguire.....	1 83
M. S. Fifield.....	49 75
H. A. Young.....	29 39
J. S. Fifield.....	15 00
L. R. Sanford.....	11 02
Alvin U. Cottle.....	15 08
George Lilly.....	4 27
J. A. Knowles.....	6 00
Albert Hall.....	1 67
Fred Spencer.....	7 85
William Steward.....	3 67
W. G. Spear.....	3 75
Milton Spear.....	4 50
Charles Nickerson.....	6 50
H. E. Emery.....	14 16
F. J. Spear.....	7 35
H. D. Pinkham.....	8 58
J. W. Emery.....	23 78
G. H. Parsons.....	54 16
Fred L. Fifield.....	25 25
F. W. Snow.....	7 57
H. F. Cummings.....	2 08
William Hartung.....	4 55
Fred Leach.....	2 00
Martin Caldwell.....	18 19
Edwin Caldwell.....	1 42
B. C. Masher.....	6 50
W. R. Merrill.....	5 16
A. E. Farr.....	4 29
John Mills.....	8 17
William H. Lyon.....	4 67
T. J. Dudley.....	14 02
V. Scribner.....	1 00
J. T. Collins.....	32 94
Asa E. Benson.....	17 25
C. G. Emery.....	1 33
J. L. Spear.....	7 42

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William Howard.....	1 75
M. A. Mayo.....	1 09
W. M. Prescott .....	42 83
M. Cram.....	3 00
Philo Hewitt.....	24 75
Albert F. Brown.....	6 50
F. R. Taylor.....	30 05
Geo. W. Cottle.....	12 44
E. R. Burgess.....	3 16
Josiah Gray .....	4 04
Charles Fifield.....	3 08
Bert Arnold.....	7 00
John Daggett.....	12 17
Charles Arnold.....	12 88
H. W. True .....	2 00
H. C. True .....	2 08
Fred True.....	6 17
W. B. Creasey.....	4 80
Daniel Reagan.....	1 17
George Morrisey.....	50
C. S. Pope.....	4 25
John Maguire.....	1 00
Willis Nickerson.....	1 50
R. Pease.....	2 00
William Grant .....	2 66
G. M. Knowles.....	2 50
G. H. Kilbreth.....	2 67
Herbert Hopkins.....	10 83
J. C. Doucett.....	2 00
R. F. Knowles .....	21 11
Eugene Cottle.....	1 83
A. E. Taylor.....	1 00
W. Y. Ballard.....	5 00
C. Whitten .....	2 34
David J. Douglas .....	19 21
Geo. Miller.....	3 67
Leonard Dearborn.....	3 00
Chas. Staples.....	3 67
Geo. Wadsworth.....	14 20
L. M. Pinkham.....	16 27
William Welch.....	10 50

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W. Scott Merrill.....	83	
Henry Martin.....	6 32	
Henry Stevens.....	50	
T. C. Jones.....	1 87	
I. W. Hawkes.....	7 77	
William Rich.....	17	
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	780 85	
Unexpended balance.....	327 04	
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		1107 89

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**SUPPORT OF POOR.**

Appropriation.....	50 00	
Balance from last year.....	324 28	
Received of city of Gardiner on account of Anna L. Douglas.....	21 00	
Received for grass on Groves Place.....	5 00	
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		400 28

**EXPENDED.**

Oren Smith for board of Octavus Drake.....	78 00	
Sherburne & Daley, clothing for Drake.....	12 75	
G. R. True, clothing for Drake.....	25	
G. M. Knowles, for care of tramp.....	75	
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	91 75	
Balance.....	308 53	
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		400 28

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**INCIDENTAL CHARGES.**

Appropriation.....	400 00	
Excess of last year.....	11	
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		399 89
William E. Watson, watering place.....	3 00	
W. F. Marston, printing town reports.....	10 00	
G. M. Knowles, services as ballot clerk 1898.....	1 50	
J. Frank Pierce, blank books.....	5 69	
W. F. Marston, printing tax receipts.....	2 50	
Geo. W. Tibbetts, blade for road machine.....	8 00	

Loring, Short & Harmon, blank books.....	2 25
Chas. G. Emery, repairs on road machine.....	3 96
Hallowell Granite Works, repairs on road machine,	4 50
Alvin U. Cottle, watering place.....	3 00
W. H. Bruce, damage on highway.....	5 00
Will Hartung, watering place.....	3 00
B. L. Dunphy, repairs on tools.....	3 00
Macomber Farr & Co., insurance.....	12 50
H. E. Emery, Damage to sheep.....	2 00
Newell White, printing blanks.....	1 25
William Hartung, damage to sheep.....	4 00
G. M. Knowles, services as S. S. Committee.....	1 40
G. H. Kibreth, services as Town Clerk.....	6 00
" " " recording births and deaths.....	2 70
" " " Justice fees.....	1 60
" " " Care of hearse.....	2 00
" " " Services as S. S. Committee.....	3 00
" " " " " Constable.....	12 00
Willis H. Wing, " " Selectman.....	47 00
L. S. Lyon, " " ".....	34 25
Edwin Caldwell, " " ".....	31 50
Mary F. Collins, " " Supt. of Schools.....	35 00
James T. Collins, " " S. S. Committee.....	6 50
" " " " " Collector's Commission	
1898.....	113 50
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	371 60
Unexpended balance.....	28 29
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399 89

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**INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOAN**

Balance from last year.....	12 25
Expended.....	12 00
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Balance.....	25

## GENERAL SUMMARY.

## APPROPRIATIONS 1899.

Common Schools .....	500 00
Roads and bridges.....	800 00
Breaking snow.....	800 00
Support of poor.....	50 00
Incidental charges.....	400 00
Repairs of school houses.....	100 00
Text books.....	100 00
	----- 2750 00

## MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

H. A. Young, school book.....	40
School fund from State, 1898.....	420 07
G. M. Knowles, rent of town hall 1898.....	37 20
City of Gardiner, account of Anna L. Douglas....	21 00
Dog licenses of 1898 refunded from State.....	36 63
Blank books.....	1 60
John Daley, grass on Groves place.....	5 00
Edwin Caldwell, school books.....	66
W. R. Merrill, school fund.....	2 00
From State, reimbursement for damages to sheep.	13 00
Town of Farmingdale, tuition.....	4 00
F. J. Hewins, school fund.....	2 00
James T. Collins, school fund.....	6 50
G. R. True, error order No. 54.....	1 15
W. R. Merrill, rent of town hall 1899.....	16 50
	----- 567 71
	----- 3317 71

## EXPENDITURES.

Common schools, (orders drawn).....	845 08
Repair of school houses, (orders drawn).....	131 15
Text books, " ".....	63 57
Roads and bridges, " ".....	819 42
Breaking snow, " ".....	780 85
Support of poor, " ".....	91 75
Incidental charges, " ".....	371 60
Interest on temporary loan, " ".....	12 00
Repairs on town house, " ".....	33 93
	----- \$3149 35

Amount of Inventory,..... \$241,090

No. of taxable polls, 139.

Rate of taxation, 14 1-2 mills.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Manchester, February 21, 1900

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1899-1900.

Dr.

TAXES COMMITTED 1899.

Town taxes.....	\$2750 00
State tax.....	704 28
County tax.....	287 45
Overlay.....	31 03
Uncollected taxes of 1898.....	1971 30
	-----\$5744 06

Cr.

By cash paid Treasurer 1898 taxes.....	1931 20
“ Abatements “ “ .....	40 10
	1971 30
“ cash paid Treasurer 1899 taxes.....	2192 51
Balance uncollected 1899 taxes .....	1580 25
	-----\$5744 06

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. COLLINS, *Collector.*

Manchester, February 21, 1900.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Received from Treasurer of 1898.....	\$ 192 23
“ “ Collector “ “ .....	1931 20

Miscellaneous receipts.....	567 71	
Dog licenses of 1899.....	37 00	
Reimbursement state pensions .....	72 00	
Received from collector of 1899.....	2192 51	
		—————\$4992 65

Cr.

By paid town orders.....	2212 52	
“ “ school “ .....	845 08	
“ “ overseers’ orders .....	91 75	
“ “ state treasurer dog licenses 1899.....	37 00	
“ “ balance state tax 1898.....	626 89	
“ “ on state tax 1899 .....	108 63	
“ “ county tax of 1898.....	287 38	
“ “ state pensions.....	72 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer .....	711 40	
		————— 4992 65

GENERAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes of 1899 .....	1580 25	
Mill tax of 1899.....	335 00	
Cash on hand.....	711 40	
		————— 2626 65

LIABILITIES.

Balance state tax 1899 .....	595 65	
County tax 1899.....	287 45	
Balance due schools.....	169 41	
Due state dog license 1898.....	2 00	
Outstanding bills (estimated).....	500 00	
		————— 1554 51
Balance in favor of town.....	1072 14	
		—————\$2626 65

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. COLLINS, *Treasurer.*

Manchester, Feb. 21, 1900.

Examined and approved.

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



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 REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.
 

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The schools of Manchester have had a successful year; there has been less sickness than in many years heretofore and we have had some exceptionally fine teachers.

We put in a course of study in the spring which has been of some assistance to the teachers and the schools are now almost perfectly graded—it is found to be much better for a pupil to be in the same grade in all of his studies instead of being, perhaps, in the Fourth Reader while just commencing Arithmetic.

Improvement Leagues have been formed which the teachers think have been helpful, in some of the schools, at least. The Longfellow school has procured a fine framed picture of Longfellow, one of the State Superintendent of Schools a small but choice library and a bookcase for their library; these together with a dictionary which the school purchased last year make an outfit to be proud of.

The Washington school has a handsome framed portrait of Washington, one of the State Superintendent of Schools and one other framed picture; they have taken the Youth's Companion for a year and have many plans for the future.

While it is praiseworthy that our young people are anxious for a broader education than they can receive in our schools, and I am very glad that so many are able to procure this, I do regret that they are in such haste to leave our excellent schools. When they leave these they leave the more practical studies and there is much comment on all sides that High school graduates are deficient in the common English branches, especially spelling and grammar, and if those who consider themselves ready to go would devote as much time to study while in our schools as they are obliged to do when they go away they would be much better prepared for advanced work.

There is one lack which has been spoken of many times probably in the reports, and that is the lack of visitors. If the parents would show their interest by a call each term and those who have no children would sacrifice a few hours it would do much to spur on both teachers and pupils.

## LONGFELLOW SCHOOL.

Georgia R. Hopkins, teacher; Spring Term: whole number of pupils registered, 34; average attendance, 30. Winnifred Albee, Alida Doucett, Clarence Gray, Ethel Knowles, Harry Maguire, Harold Pease, Elizabeth Regan were not absent one half day. Georgia R. Hopkins, teacher; Fall Term: whole number 26; average 25. Laura Martin, Alice Wing, Bessie Martin, Florrie Mills, Eva Weeks, Gussie Gray, George Vigus, Clarence Gray, Roy Martin, Harry Maguire not absent one half day. Clara M. Smith, teacher; Winter Term: whole number 24; average number 20. Tommy Martin, Roy Martin, Fred Martin, Eva Weeks were not absent one half day.

## WASHINGTON SCHOOL.

Bertha M. Nickerson, teacher; Spring Term: whole number 18; average number 15.3. Wallace Welch, Mary Welch, James Welch, Ernest Welch, Mattie Welch were not absent one half day. Fall Term: whole number, 13; average number, 11.51; Wallace Welch, Mary Welch, James Welch, Ernest Welch, Mattie Welch, Verna Spear were not absent one half day. Winter Term: whole number, 11; average attendance 9.33. Wallace Welch, James Welch, Ernest Welch, Mary Welch not absent one half day.

## LINCOLN SCHOOL.

Mary E. True, teacher; Spring Term: whole number 27; average attendance 23. Harry Rhino, Harold Young, Maurice Young, Perry Caldwell, May Young were not absent one half day. Bertha L. Irving, teacher; Fall Term: whole number 26; average 22; Margaretta Ballard, Dottie Ballard, Helen Frost, Maurice Young were not absent one half day. Effie L. Josslyn, teacher; Winter Term: whole number 20; average attendance 15 6-25. Harry Ballard, Harry Rhino, Harold Young, Maurice Young were not absent one half day.

An appropriation should be made sufficient to include some necessary repairs upon the Lincoln school room and to make it as attractive as the other school rooms in town. The teachers and pupils will then feel an ambition to follow up the good work. No appropriation will be needed for books other than to cover the wear and tear. The books wear out very quickly but as we now keep an accurate account of the condition of the books we hope that better care will be taken of them than in the past.

MARY F. COLLINS, Superintendent of Schools.  
Manchester, Maine, Feb. 21, 1900