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TOWN WARRANT.

To Herman Sanborn, a Constable of the Town of Wilton, in the County of Franklin,

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wilton, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the fifth of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit. : —

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year (including Road Commissioner and Superintendent of Schools).
- ART. 3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools the ensuing year.
- ART. 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of poor for the ensuing year.
- ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray town charges the ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair highways and bridges the ensuing year.
- ART. 7. To see what instructions the town will give in regard to expending the money raised for repairs of highways and bridges.
- ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Free High School, to be expended at Wilton Academy, in accordance with Section 34 of the School Laws of Maine.
- ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a schoolhouse to accommodate a portion of what was formerly School Districts Nos. 5, 10 and 20.
- ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to build said schoolhouse.
- ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to transportation, or maintaining a school in what was formerly known as District No. 20.
- ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school-books for the ensuing year.

- ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of schoolhouses the ensuing year.
- ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a period of ten years any new manufacturing plant that may be built in Wilton having a capital of not less than \$10,000, said period of ten years to commence from the time said plant is completed and ready for operation.
- ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of a town library.
- ART. 16. To see whether the town will vote to adopt Gould Brown's Grammar, as a text-book, into the schools.
- ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to the furnishing of text-books for Wilton Academy.
- ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay the School Board per day for services rendered.
- ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.
- ART. 20. To see what action the town will vote to take in regard to the road as discontinued by the County Commissioners from McCrillis Corner to the highway near J. C. Webster farm, so-called.
- ART. 21. To see how the taxes shall be collected the ensuing year and when made payable.
- ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to maintain a school in what was formerly Dist. No. 1.
- ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen from the highway in Wilton Village known as High Street to land of H. L. Knapp's.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the Selectmen's office, at two o'clock P. M., Saturday, March 3d, A. D. 1900, and at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1900.

FRED WILKINS, } *Selectmen*
 C. R. HALL, } *of*
 B. W. BROWN, } *Wilton.*

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

List of property at its full cash value in the town of Wilton, County of Franklin, for the year 1899, as made and returned to Board of State Assessors, as required by law.

Number of Polls taxed, 549 ; rate of taxation, .0155.

Value of Real Estate, resident,	\$451,207 00	
Value of Real Estate, non-resident,	46,440 00	
Total Value of Real Estate,		\$497,647 00
Value of Personal Property, resident,	\$168,885 00	
Value of Personal Property, non-resident,	115 00	
Total Value of Personal Property,		\$169,000 00
		\$666,647 00

VALUATION OF TOWN.

Personal Property.	No.	Av. Value.	Total Value.
Horses,	532	\$46 48	\$24732 00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs. old,	10	35 00	350 00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs. old,	10	28 50	285 00
Colts, under 2 yrs. old,	6	20 00	120 00
Cows,	775	23 95	18565 00
Oxen,	98	55 78	5460 00
3 yrs. old,	229	24 41	5590 00
2 yrs. old,	248	15 84	3939 00
1 yr. old,	388	7 92	2966 00
Sheep,	1864	2 73	5049 00
Swine,	225	5 59	1259 00

Bank Stock, shares 227,	\$22150 00	
Money at Interest,	21050 00	
Stock in Trade,	45950 00	
Bicycles, 41,	630 00	
Logs and Lumber,	600 00	
Carriages, 319,	6285 00	
Musical Instruments, 58,	2820 00	
Other Property,	1200 00	
	<hr/>	\$169,000 00

To the Citizens of the Town of Wilton:

The following report of Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending Feb. 17, 1900, is submitted to the inhabitants of Wilton :

Upon the Polls and Estates we have assessed the following sums, to wit :

For State Tax,	\$1963 13	
County Tax,	1096 43	
Support of Schools,	1426 52	
Support of Poor,	1000. 00	
Town Charges,	2000 00	
Repairs of Highways,	3000 00	
Free High School, Wilton Academy,	700 00	
School Books,	150 00	
Repairs of Schoolhouse,	250 00	
E. W. Woodman G. A. R. Post,	30 00	
New Roads,	200 00	
Overlay,	165 41	
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Commitment	\$11,981 49	
Supplementary Tax,	9 00	
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Total Commitment,		\$11,990 49

A list of the above assessments was committed to Herman Sanborn, Collector of the town, with warrant in due form of law, for collecting and paying the same to the Town Treasurer. Said Commitment was made April 22, 1899.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Amount Unexpended Feb. 18, 1899,		\$425 00
Appropriated Mar. 6, 1899,		700 00
Received from State,		112 50
Due from State,		137 50
		<u>1,375 00</u>
		\$1,375 00
Paid to Trustees of Academy, Spring term,	\$425 00	
“ “ “ Fall “	350 00	
“ “ “ Winter “	250 00	
Amount Free High School money unexpended,	350 00	
	<u>350 00</u>	
		\$1,375 00

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Amount Appropriated March 6, 1899,		\$250 00
Expended to Feb. 17, 1900,	\$214 27	
Unexpended	35 73	
	<u>35 73</u>	\$250 00

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount Appropriated March 6, 1899,		\$150 00
Schoolbooks sold by A. B. Allen,		8 05
Expended above appropriation,		108 38
		<u>266 43</u>
		\$266 43
Paid Ginn & Co.,	\$ 2 40	
Lee & Shepard,	5 00	
Freight on books,	4 17	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.,	14 10	
American Book Co.,	40 76	
Ginn & Co.,	200 00	
	<u>266 43</u>	\$266 43

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Money Raised by vote of Town,	\$1297 60	
Interest on School Fund,	94 56	
Interest on Ministerial Fund,	34 36	
	<u>1,426 52</u>	\$1,426 52

State School Fund and Mill Tax,	\$1236 55
Tuition from Dixfield, year 1898,	61 28
Tuition from Dixfield, year 1899,	67 83
Tuition from Temple, 1898,	6 22
Bills of 1898 transferred to Repair Account,	23 96
School money overdrawn,	35 24
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	\$2,857 60

Amount Overdrawn, Feb. 18, 1899,	\$ 90 30
Paid Teachers' wages,	2249 50
" Florence Fletcher, Ass't,	18 00
" Tuition to Farmington,	15 00
" Wood for schools,	100 75
" Janitors,	94 50
Transportation, P. T. Dascomb,	70 00
" E. J. Dakin,	52 00
" F. B. Jennings,	46 75
" H. A. Foster,	28 00
" J. B. Wood,	20 00
Board to Mrs. G. F. Ireland,	55 00
Board to Mrs. Georgie Robinson,	17 80
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	\$2,857 60
Due School money, Tuition from Farmington,	\$13 69

SUPPORT OF MRS. NAOMI BROWN.

Amount paid Maine Insane Hospital,	\$121 53
Received from A. S. Bump,	121 53

SUPPORT OF TOWN'S POOR.

Amount appropriated, March 6, 1899,	\$1,000 00
Paid for Christania Mooar,	\$ 50 00
Mrs. John Hamilton,	63 00
Miss Ella Robbins and child,	79 10
Miss Delia Brainard,	79 25
Mrs. Addie Walker,	148 69
Mrs. Matilda Humphrey,	128 08

Amount Paid for Wm. Tracy,	\$ 85 00	
W. H. Burbank and family,	111 87	
Willie Welch and family,	54 24	
R. S. Townsend,	209 46	
Fred Royal,	6 60	
James O. Bean and family,	14 50	
Chas. Mayhew and family,	63 45	
Expenses keeping tramps,	17 50	
Charlie Reed,	3 65	
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Amount expended,		\$1,114 39

SUPPORT OF NON-RESIDENT PAUPERS.

Paid for Albert W. Brown,	\$21 00
Collected from Town of Bridgton,	21 00
Paid for Edgar Haskell,	\$33 00
Collected from East Livermore,	33 00
Paid for Lucy A. Hall,	\$97 14
Collected from Chesterville,	97 14
Paid for Frank Beverly,	\$3 00
Charged same to Machias.	

DAMAGE TO SHEEP.

Paid Howard Pease, reported in 1899,	\$32 50
Howard Pease in 1899,	3 00
C. Ford,	2 50
H. D. Weeks,	6 00
C. Fenderson,	5 00
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	\$49 00

Received the same Amount from State Treasurer.

NEW ROADS.

Amount Appropriated,	\$200 00
Paid Gilbert Allen, land damage,	\$ 20 00

Amount paid Ranger & Adams, land damage,	\$ 25 00
For building Allen road,	15 00
Unexpended,	140 00
	<hr/> \$200 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount appropriated,	\$30 00
Order to J. L. B. Farrington, for G. A. R. Post,	30 00

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Support of Schools,	\$1426 52
Support of Poor,	1000 00
Repairs of Highways,	3000 00
Town Charges,	1500 00
Collecting of Taxes,	150 00
Abatement of Taxes,	100 00
School-Books,	200 00
Repairs of Schoolhouses,	200 00
Memorial Day,	30 00
	<hr/> \$7,606 52

TOWN'S PROPERTY AND ITS INCOME.

Town Hall and Lot, with furniture in same,	\$6000 00
Bonney slaughter house and lot,	50 00
Road Machine, scraper, plow, etc.	
Received for rent of store, W. E. Sawyer & Co.,	\$150 00
Received for rent of Hall, C. Fenderson, Agt.,	51 00
Value of rent of Selectmen's Office,	35 00
	<hr/> \$236 00

LIABILITIES.

Due Fred Wilkins, services as Selectman,	\$ 31 50
C. R. Hall, " " "	79 50
B. W. Brown, " " "	75 00
N. W. Sewall, Treasurer,	35 00
A. B. Allen, Superintendent of Schools,	139 50

Paid H. Sanborn, Collector for 1899,	\$155 87
Free High School account,	350 00
Outstanding Orders,	388 42
Pauper Accounts, (estimated),	25 00
Work on Highways, to Feb. 17, 1900,	500 00
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	\$1,779 79

RESOURCES.

Due from State Treasurer, (dog licenses, estimated),	\$ 80 00
Free High School money,	137 50
Town of Temple, for school property,	6 55
“ “ Chesterville, “ “	45 68
School Money, overdrawn,	35 24
Herman Sanborn, Collector for 1899,	2067 08
Interest on Taxes to date,	82 85
Cash in hands of N. W. Sewall, Treas.,	929 88
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	\$3,384 78
Resources above Liabilities,	\$1,604 99

TOWN CHARGES.

Gilbert Miller, as Selectman, 1898,	\$ 76 50
C. R. Hall, “	75 00
A. H. Adams, “	61 50
Gilbert Miller, Selectman, 1899,	30 00
J. W. Miller, Superintendent of Schools,	102 00
N. W. Sewall, Treasurer for 1898,	35 00
H. Sanborn, Collector for 1898,	131 20
J. E. Hiscock, Town Clerk,	5 00
J. E. Hiscock, recording births, deaths and marriages,	14 25
A. M. Chandler, interest on School Fund,	94 56
C. N. Adams, Ballot Clerk,	1 50
G. F. Pickens, Ballot Clerk,	1 50
E. Bridges, Election Clerk,	1 50
P. E. Hinds, Election Clerk,	1 50
A. B. Adams, Board of Health,	5 00
J. T. Wilkins, “ “	5 00

H. Sanborn, Dog Officer,	\$ 6 00
A. I. York, M. D., vaccinating town,	20 00
A. I. York, reporting births and deaths,	1 75
J. W. Perkins, reporting births and deaths,	3 50
W. J. Trefethen, reporting births and deaths,	4 75
A. B. Adams, reporting births and deaths,	2 00
V. O. White, reporting births and deaths,	3 00
H. Sanborn, abatement of taxes, 1898,	78 42
H. Sanborn, discount of 1899 taxes,	103 91
J. O. Lagroo, use of water-tub, 1899,	2 00
Lorin Walker, " " "	2 00
N. R. Adams, " " "	1 00
B. F. Russell, " " "	1 00
Paid for wood for town office,	7 25
Supplies and postage for Town Office,	8 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, for Town Office,	10 15
H. R. Dascomb, vaccine points,	1 50
A. B. Adams, " "	23 00
Knowlton, McLeary & Co., Reports of 1899,	24 00
Fred Wilkins, services as Selectman, Feb., 1898,	10 50
Fred Wilkins, time and expenses to Norway,	27 41
C. R. Hall, time and expenses out of town,	10 65
W. E. Sawyer, dishes for Town Hall,	8 07
H. S. Houghton, stove, etc.,	8 54
John Miller, Trustee of School Fund,	50
A. M. Chandler, Trustee of School Fund,	50
Joseph Trefethren, Trustee of School Fund,	1 50
C. A. Miller, use of teams,	11 75
G. M. Donham, year-book,	1 50
George E. Colburn, by vote of Town,	5 67
A. B. Allen, Truant Officer,	6 00
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	\$1,036 83

PAID ON HIGHWAYS BY ORDER OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Adams, W. D.	\$ 3 30
Adams, J. G.	6 45
Adams, G. W.	1 20
Adams, Wm. F.	11 03

Adams, C. S.	\$18 69
Adams, W. W.	2 92
Averill, P. M.	8 17
Averill, A. P.	2 25
Abbott, E. O.	1 50
Bailey, W. S.	75
Bean, D. G.	5 75
Bass, Gerard	60
Bunker, Mrs. M. L.	6 52
Blanchard, F. N.	3 15
Bunker, F. W.	1 65
Black, J. H.	90
Bridges, E.	18 45
Butterfield, Frank	5 10
Brown, J. L.	1 12
Brown, B. W.	8 50
Chase, Frank	8 05
Chase, G. O.	2 10
Chase, O. R.	8 10
Corbett, Job	2 10
Chaney, L.	5 02
Daisey, F. T.	1 50
Dascomb, P. T.	2 40
Dascomb, Wm. M.	9 15
Dakin, Charles	4 20
Farmer, H. A.	4 20
Ford, C.	10 95
Foot, J. W.	3 75
Foster, H. A.	10 20
Foster, J. D.	4 65
Gammon, F.	2 73
Green, C. L.	7 35
Hall, F. E.	3 07
Hall, A. B.	7 42
Hall, Newman	24 00
Hathaway, Geo. O.	75
Hathaway, H. H.	2 17
Hatch, George	82
Hardy, J. O.	7 35

Hardy, M. M.	\$ 1 05
Hatch, C. B.	5 62
Hathaway, B. R.	6 15
Hill, A. P.	6 90
Hill, L. E.	3 60
Howland, J.	1 50
Holman, J. B.	2 70
Hardy, Wm.	5 40
Jennings, F. B.	1 05
Kennedy, C. R.	3 07
Knowles, D. B.	10 87
Knowles, J. A.	6 75
Lockhead, James	1 19
Lord, G. H.	2 48
Legroo, J. O.	14 32
Littlefield, E. P.	7 65
Littlefield, C. F.	2 77
Mairs, George	3 22
Merrow, Nelson	1 05
Medbury, G. R.	5 25
Melcher, J. F.	21 97
Merchant, Will	3 30
Mosher, L. W.	3 37
Noyes, C. W.	7 57
North, H. A.	8 10
Paine, M. L.	2 25
Payne, W. W.	3 15
Parsons, R. B.	3 08
Pease, H.	2 50
Phillips, A. E.	1 43
Ranger, J. H.	5 85
Ranger, S. R.	7 20
Rollins, E. W.	5 47
Robbins, M.	3 75
Sargent, Enoch	1 80
Savage, W. F.	14 90
Sewall, N. W.	2 64
Searles, S.	8 85
Smith, E. O.	13 50

Talbot, A. T.	\$ 5 25
Trask, W. H.	4 05
Thompson, J. S.	2 65
Thompson, D. M.	9 15
Walker, S. W.	8 05
Walker, G. W.	2 32
Walker, H. A.	3 90
Webster, W. A.	1 25
Webb, W. S.	3 75
Wheelwright, E. H.	80
Whitney, E. H.	4 55
Wilkins, E. R.	2 49
Wilkins, Oscar	24 30
Witherell, F. P.	3 15
Wood, J. B.	3 30
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	\$533 17

BILLS PAID ON HIGHWAYS FROM MAR. 6, 1899, TO FEB. 17, 1900.

Adams, W. D.	\$ 6 45
Adams, W. W.	1 80
Adams, Jonas G.	3 00
Adams, J. W. & C. W.	7 95
Allen, W. F.	1 50
Averill, P. M.	9 81
Averill, D. C.	13 42
Averill, A. P.	4 13
Averill, T. E.	9 50
Bass, Geo. H.	18 00
Bennett, John	75
Bunker, Mrs. M. L.	3 52
Bishop, S.	1 50
Butterfield, Frank	7 80
Brown, B. W.	101 26
Brown, A. D.	1 72
Brown, Geo. A.	4 95
Brown, Laforest	9 15
Bridges, E.	36 20
Bonney, S. R.	3 07

Bryant & Sanders,	\$ 6 33
Blanchard, C. F.	7 05
Blanchard, F. N.	3 90
Calden, W. O.	2 25
Chaney, John,	1 00
Chaney, L.	47 81
Chase, Frank	1 35
Chase, A.	16 20
Chase, O. R.	6 90
Conner, C. M.	1 50
Climax Road Machine,	22 10
Colburn, C. C.	7 80
Colburn, Geo. E.	6 90
Clark & Parsons Co.,	15 14
Corbett, Job	3 00
Dascomb, P. T.	7 70
Dascomb, Wm. M.	24 60
Dakin, Wallace	9 00
Dunning, E. C.	2 00
Farmer, H. E.	3 30
Furnel, G. R.	3 30
Fuller, R. C.	3 40
Flagg, E. R.	5 00
Foster, H. A.	6 75
Ford, C.	13 60
Foster, J. D.	1 95
Gammon, F.	1 47
Green, C. L.	1 80
Gould, J. B.	6 67
Gould, E. S.	2 40
Gould, L. H.	4 65
Gould, C. A.	7 88
Hall, Newman	13 50
Hall, W. W. & Son	48 40
Hall, C. R.	39 45
Hatch, C. B.	2 70
Hatch, Geo.	1 05
Hathaway, B. R.	2 77
Hathaway, A. G.	5 10

Hill, L. E.	\$ 4 42
Hill, A. P.	6 67
Hildreth, W. H.	11 00
Hardy, J. O.	4 42
Hosmer, A. A.	3 60
Holman, J. B.	3 82
Holbrook, Geo.	12 55
Holbrook, H. E.	3 15
Hodgkins, A. G.	19 95
Hiscock, J. E.	40 70
Knowles, F. W.	16 35
Knowles, J. A.	9 90
Kennedy, C. R.	8 54
Lake, M. K.	3 75
Lake, E. H.	1 50
Lagroo, J. O.	3 00
Littlefield, E. P.	3 60
Littlefield, C. F.	2 17
Lothrop, O. D.	22 55
Lufkin, C. M.	9 00
Miller, Leon	8 67
Mairs, F. B.	6 00
Magrath, L. F.	11 85
Medbury, G. R.	3 75
Melcher, J. F.	15 37
Merchant, Will	1 65
Merchant, Harrison	5 10
Miller, Leon	8 78
Miller, Gilbert,	13 80
Miller, Chas. M.	101 50
Miller, J. W.	2 55
M. C. R. R.,	3 45
McCulley, A.	2 55
North, H. A.	12 75
Nash, Omer,	2 25
Parsons, R. B.	1 35
Phillips, A. E.	82
Phillips, A. L.	2 60
Pratt, F. C.	7 05

Pratt, S. E.	\$ 5 85
Powers, W. G.	24 90
Purington, Chas.	94 50
Ranger, J. H.	8 55
Ranger, S. R.	2 62
Ranger & Adams,	3 75
Robbins, T. A.	97
Robbins, M.	3 00
Rollins, E. W.,	5 65
Sargent, Enoch	1 34
Savage, A. R.	1 50
Savage, W. F.	12 60
Sewall, N. W.	46
Searles, S.	3 30
Smith, E. O.	6 60
Small, Frank	5 55
Smith, J. S.	21 50
Thompson, W. V.	13 25
Talbot, A. C.	5 55
Vaughan, C. M.	5 00
Vaughan, A. M.	5 50
Wilkins, J. T.	13 35
Webb, W. S.	2 47
Wells, B. C.	1 65
Walker, H. A.	90
Weeks, H. D.	15 50
Webster, Frank	8 10
Webster, W. A.	10 10
Whitney, E. H.	153 20
Whibley, G. W.	2 42
Whittemore, F. C.	3 15
Wright, F. W.	7 82
Wood, J. B.	7 05
Witherell, F. P.	9 11
Wilkins, Oscar	49 25
Wilkins, Fred	18 70
	————— \$1,550 34

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED WILKINS, } *Selectmen*
 C. R. HALL, } *of*
 B. W. BROWN, } *Wilton.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Wilton in account with N. W. Sewall, Treasurer.

DR.

To Cash paid State Pensions,	\$ 144 00
County Tax,	1,096 43
State “	1,963 13
State Treasurer (dog licenses),	98 00
Town orders,	10,077 66
Interest on orders,	46 47
Cash on hand Feb. 20, 1900,	929 88
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	\$14,355 57

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By Cash in Treasury Feb. 20, 1899,	\$ 142 80
Received State (dog licenses refunded),	82 62
State, support paupers,	10 68
State, Free High School,	237 50
State (damage done by dogs),	49 00
State, Pensions paid,	144 00
State, School Fund and Mill Tax,	1,236 55
D. G. Bean, material sold Dist. No. 3,	4 00
G. Miller, error in H. R. Dascomb's acc't,	9 93
Dixfield, tuition,	129 11
Temple, “	68 70
A. B. Allen, for books,	8 05
Town Clerk (dog licenses, 1899),	98 00
Bridgton, care Alfred W. Brown,	21 00
Chesterville, care Lucy A. Hall,	97 14

By Cash received A. S. Bump, care Naomi Brown,	\$ 121 53
Selectmen, sale old road-machine,	8 00
Selectmen, license pool table,	10 00
East Livermore, support Edgar Haskell,	33 00
Farmington, line-posts,	2 37
A. M. Chandler, int. on School Fund,	94 56
W. A. Webster, material from slaughter house,	8 00
W. E. Sawyer & Co., rent of store,	150 00
C. Fenderson, rent of hall,	51 00
Herman Sanborn, Collector, 1898,	1,614 65
Herman Sanborn, Collector, 1899,	9,923 38
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	\$14,355 57

Herman Sanborn, Collector, in account with N. W. Sewall, Treasurer.

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To due on 1898 commitment,	\$ 1,586 99	
Interest on 1898 commitment,	27 66	
Commitment taxes 1899,	11,990 46	
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By Cash on 1898 commitment,	\$ 1,586 99	
Interest on 1898 commitment,	27 66	
on 1899 commitment,	9,923 38	
Due on 1899 commitment,	2,067 08	
	<hr/>	\$13,605 11

Report of Trustees of Wilton Academy.

WILTON, ME., Feb. 17, 1900.

To Superintending School Committee :

GENTLEMEN.—We present herewith the financial statement of Wilton Academy for the year 1899-1900, as called for by our agreement of August 2, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation of town for tuition of its pupils at the Academy for year 1899-1900,	\$ 700 00
State Free High School Fund,	250 00
State Appropriation,	1,000 00
Amount from pupils, for text-books,	144 91

EXPENDITURES.

For teacher's salary, F. K. Lane,	\$520 00
Miss M. S. Croswell,	62 50
Miss E. F. Dascomb,	270 00
Miss E. C. Vaughan,	208 00
Janitor's work,	44 00
Report blanks, etc.,	3 50
Advertising (approximate),	25 00
Ten cords dry wood,	36 32
Sawing dry wood,	5 00
Thirteen cords green wood,	39 00
Sawing,	5 20
Books, etc.,	12 60
Repairs,	5 00
Text-books for pupils,	149 01

G. H. BASS, } *Standing Committee*
J. E. HISCOCK, } *of*
A. B. ADAMS, } *Board of Trustees.*

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD.

A large number of small landholders, in proportion to the whole population, tend to insure general prosperity. Therefore, let us see to it that we care for the nooks and the out-of-the-way parts of our town, by maintaining our schoolhouses in the rural districts, and building good roads; thus inviting newcomers and encouraging those already there to remain and to improve their farms, thereby increasing the value of the real estate and personal property of the town.

To the school officers of this town the transportation bills seem as large as to those who might for the moment forget themselves and complain, but how can we allow our schoolhouses to be sold and taken down, and have less expense for the town for transportation? We hope the people of Wilton will bear this in mind. And we suggest that the unoccupied schoolhouses in this town be kept in repair for possible future use.

More interest should be cultivated on the part of school officials and parents in the selection of text-books. Very few of the books used in our schools to-day are written by recognized authors. In many instances, they are compilations by some pedagogue who thinks himself competent to write a work on some subject in which he is particularly interested.

Good schoolhouses, standard text-books, and efficient teachers have as much to do with the advancement of education as the raising of money for school purposes.

Hoping these few suggestions will meet your approval, we remain yours truly,

J. W. PERKINS,

Chairman School Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Board and Citizens of Wilton:

In presenting this report, I call your attention to the prosperous condition of the schools, the work that has been done and some of the needs of the future.

Number of persons in town April 1, 1899, between the ages of 4 and 21 years, 504; number of different scholars registered in town schools, 295; average attendance, 246; number of Town pupils in the Academy, 41. This number has also been the average attendance during the year.

The year that closes with this report has been pleasant and profitable. The teachers have done faithful and conscientious work. The success of the schools during the year has been due to the faithful and practical work on the part of the teachers and the hearty co-operation with us in all our plans and suggestions.

Residents of the town have been employed as teachers in all of the schools except two, and the plan has been to keep the same teachers during the year, so far as this could be done. Resignations have occurred in three schools, and in two of them, three different teachers have been employed, necessitating a change at the commencement of each term. In the third school, two teachers have been employed, one for the spring term and the other for the fall and winter terms. We regretted these changes, because good teachers resigned after a successful term's work. We have, however, been fortunate in filling vacancies, and the good work begun at the commencement of the year has been continued.

We have had thirty weeks in both village and rural schools, except in the Primary at East Wilton, where the winter term

was shortened one week, on account of the teacher, Miss Calligan, being called home by the sickness of her mother. This is an increase of four weeks from last year.

The High School pupils in the Academy have thirty-two weeks. The pupils from the town, after passing a satisfactory examination, attend this school without paying any individual tuition. An appropriation is annually made by the town to defray this expense.

It would be a step in the right direction to appropriate money sufficient to run the schools throughout the town thirty-two weeks during the year. This arrangement will give two terms of eleven weeks each and one of ten weeks, and shorten the long vacation between the winter and spring terms.

During the school year, the pupils have been orderly and well disposed. Harmony and good will have existed between teachers and pupils, and good discipline has been the result. This is as it should be and speaks well for the character of our pupils and the high ideals of our teachers. Better boys and girls, better men and women and better citizens is the true work of every successful school.

Many parents and friends have visited the different schools during the year. This shows a growing interest in school work and is an encouragement to pupils and teachers. It shows to the pupils that you are interested in what they are doing, and words of approval are incentives to greater exertions on the part of teachers. We hope that you will not only continue the practice in the future, but also that greater numbers will visit the different schools.

The cost of transportation and board of pupils from the discontinued schools in the remote parts of the town are greater than was planned at the commencement of the year. This matter, according to the recent rulings of one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, can be much more economically managed in the future. Also a school so located as to accommodate the pupils in No. 20 and portions of Nos. 5 and 10 would do away with most of the transportation.

The text-books are in a much better condition than one year ago. The old readers were dilapidated. In the lower grades it was difficult to hear a class of any size and have them all read the same lesson, on account of the missing portions in some of the books. These have been replaced throughout the town by the Cyr series of readers, and the change is giving excellent results. Some of the other books are badly worn and should be exchanged or replaced during the coming year. Ginn & Co.'s system of vertical writing has been furnished by the town during the year and a marked improvement in penmanship has been the result. The pupils in the lower grades begin with vertical work and quickly learn to form the letters.

In all of the schools are some reference books, but an increase in this direction should be made during the coming year. The students consult them freely, and the greatest improvement in general information is made in those schools that are most liberally supplied with reference books.

The value of music and drawing is acknowledged by educators and school officers and is gradually being introduced into the school course, with very satisfactory results, by the towns and cities throughout the State. No school system can be complete without them. During the past year the School Board has favored the introduction of music in the village schools, but has been unable to do so on account of a lack of funds. The importance of this study is not questioned, and a slight increase of school funds will enable the school officials to have it taught in the Wilton schools. Many pupils would, in this way, obtain a knowledge of music, who, if not taught in the public schools, will never acquire any knowledge of it.

The standard or grade of work accomplished in the common schools has been raised during the year, and a printed course will be arranged for the coming year. This will commence with Primary pupils and include all of the work to the Academy. It was the plan to arrange the course for the past school year, but was found impracticable on account of the mixed state of affairs in the different schools. With a course and systematic work in

all of the schools, more work and better results can be accomplished.

The average attendance of pupils has been increased, and many who attended irregularly in the past, have hardly been absent or tardy during the school year. This has been accomplished by much work and many interviews with parents, but the results have been encouraging. The progress of these pupils has been satisfactory and a desire to acquire an education is plainly visible. Many parents do not realize or stop to consider the loss to pupils by absence from school even for a short period. The most satisfactory work is always done by the students regular in attendance. Allow nothing except sickness to keep a pupil from school, and let "*regular attendance*" be the watchword of every parent.

Some necessary repairs have been made upon all of the school-houses. At East Wilton, through the generosity of teacher and pupils, with some assistance from the town, the Grammar school-room has been papered and new shades hung, which greatly improve the room. The light paper makes the strain upon the eyes much less than it was with the dark paper previously upon the walls.

New box-stoves have been placed in the schoolroom at East Dixfield and in the Primary room at East Wilton. A saving in fuel of one quarter or more has been made by this change. Further changes should be made in some of the remaining cylinder stoves. Repairs are needed in the schoolroom at East Dixfield and upon the house in the Brown district, and the one in the Searles district, and should be made the coming year.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the pupils for making my work among them pleasant; to express my obligation to the teachers for their loyalty and co-operation; to the citizens for their many encouraging words; to the School Board for their approving support and sympathy.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. ALLEN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Schools of Wilton.

SPRING TERM.

No. of District.	TEACHERS.	Weeks of School.	Number of Pupils.	Av. Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Total Wages.
3	Amy E. Adams,	9	17	16	\$6 00	\$54 00
4	Anna M. York,	9	18	16	6 00	54 00
5	Sadie R. Hall,	9	13	11	6 00	54 00
6	Leon W. Mosher,	9	24	22	7 00	63 00
9	Mabelle Wilkins,	9	57	47	8 00	72 00
9	Vivian Calden,	9	30	27	7 00	63 00
9	A. B. Allen,	9	25	24	9 00	81 00
15	Lottie M. Smith,	9	38	30	9 00	81 00
16	Mabel A. Sampson,	9	36	33	8 00	72 00
16	Mrs. Nellie E. Lane,	9	26	23	9 00	81 00

FALL TERM.

3	Alice M. Hodgkins,	11	16	14	6 00	66 00
4	Lena B. Green,	11	18	16	6 00	66 00
5	Anna M. York,	11	14	12	6 00	66 00
6	Leon W. Mosher,	11	26	22	7 00	77 00
9	Mabelle Wilkins,	11	50	44	8 00	88 00
9	Vivian Calden,	11	26	23	7 00	77 00
9	A. B. Allen,	11	24	23	9 00	99 00
15	Celia S. Greenleaf,	11	32	25	9 00	99 00
16	A. Blanche Calligan,	11	37	33	8 00	88 00
16	Mrs. Nellie E. Lane,	11	24	22	9 00	99 00

WINTER TERM.

3	Mary E. Adams,	10			6 75	67 50
4	Lena B. Green,	10			6 00	60 00
5	Anna M. York,	10			6 00	60 00
6	Leon W. Mosher,	10			7 00	70 00
9	Mabelle Wilkins,	10			8 00	80 00
9	Vivian Calden,	10			7 00	70 00
9	A. B. Allen,	10			9 00	90 00
15	W. F. Allen,	10			9 00	90 00
16	A. Blanche Calligan,	9			8 00	72 00
16	Mrs. Nellie E. Lane,	10			9 00	90 00