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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 seventh of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit. :

ART. 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.

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 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.

ART. 7. To see what instruction the town will vote to give in regard to expending the money raised for repairs of highways and bridges.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to elect a Road Commissioner.

ART. 9. 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. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school-books the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of school-houses the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for school supplies.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the Wilton Free Public Library Association.

ART. 15. To see how the taxes shall be collected the ensuing year, and when made payable.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate and raise for State roads.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to contribute the use of the Grammar school-room in the old school-house in Dist. No. 9, for the Wilton Free Public Library Association.

ART. 18. To see if the town will empower the School Board to unite with another town or towns, in hiring jointly a Superintendent of Schools, and fix the compensation for the same.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to sell its road-roller.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to buy some more "Holley Patent" snow-plows.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take in regard to its claim against the estate of D. Llewellyn Pratt.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to accept and ratify the contract made by the Selectmen, with the Wilton Water Company, for furnishing the supply of water at the new school-building in Wilton village.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to build a lockup.

ART. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to build said lockup.

ART. 25. To see what action the town will take to pay note of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) which is now due.

ART. 26. To see what action, if any, the town will take to pay outstanding town orders that are on interest.

ART. 27. To see if the town will empower its Treasurer to execute deeds for burial lots in Lakeview Cemetery.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to build a suitable fence around the "Weld Street Cemetery."

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to take a re-valuation, at its full cash value, of all the real estate in the town of Wilton.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to hire for the use of said town, for a period not less than ten years, a sum of money not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to pay the present indebtedness of said town, with interest at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, interest payable semi-annually; and issue the script of the town with interest coupons attached thereto bearing the fac-simile of the Treasurer's signature; the interest to be payable on the first day of April and the first day of October of each year.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to buy the works and rights of the Wilton Water Company, at a price to be determined by a commission of three disinterested men, one of the commission to be appointed by the Wilton Water Company, one by the town, and the two thus selected to choose the third member of the commission.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer of said town to issue the bonds of said town, and to determine the amount of the issue, the rate of interest, and when to be made payable, if the town shall vote to buy the works and rights of the Wilton Water Company.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee whose duty it shall be to see what arrangements can be made with the Wilton Water Company to furnish water for fire protection and municipal purposes.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to maintain a school in what was formerly District No. 1.

ART. 35. To see what action the town will take, if any, in procuring and maintaining street lights for the villages of Wilton, East Wilton, East Dixfield, Dryden, or either one or ones.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to furnish and maintain a suitable watering-tub to be located at the junction of the road leading to Farmington, and Depot Street, so-called, and near the Academy.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to enlarge the slaughter house for storage purposes.

ART. 38. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the same.

ART. 39. To see if the town will vote to accept of list of jurors as prepared by the municipal officers and town clerk.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote to raise the highway around Wilson Lake wherever necessary if the flowage of said lake is increased one foot.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to abate any part of the tax assessed against Chas. D. Robbins, and if so, how much.

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 applications of persons claiming the right to have their names entered upon said list, at the Selectmen's Office at two o'clock P. M., Saturday, March 5th, A. D. 1904, and at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-sixth day of February, A. D. 1904.

W. A. PALMER,	}	<i>Selectmen of Wilton.</i>
S. W. WALKER,		
F. R. YOUNG,		

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

List of property at its full cash value in the Town of Wilton, County of Franklin, for the year 1903, as made and returned to the Board of State Assessors as required by law.

Number of polls taxed, 576; rate of taxation, .0155.

Value of real estate, resident,	\$543,710 00
Value of real estate, non-resident,	47,655 00
Total value of real estate,	\$591,365 00
Value of personal property, resident,	\$193,747 00
Value of personal property, non-resident,	3,867 00
Total value of personal property,	\$197,614 00
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Valuation of town,	\$788,979 00

VALUATION OF TOWN.

Personal Property.	No.	Av. Value.	Total Value.
Horses,	484	\$66 17	\$32,030 00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs. old,	10	69 00	690 00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs. old,	24	49 37	1,165 00
Colts, under 2 yrs. old,	31	31 29	970 00
Cows,	859	23 20	19,930 00
Oxen,	119	46 72	5,679 00
3 yrs. old,	264	20 42	5,392 00
2 yrs. old,	217	19 22	4,151 00
1 yr. old,	381	7 71	2,937 00
Sheep,	1,317	2 83	3,736 00
Swine,	269	6 65	1,789 00
Goats,	29	4 21	122 00

Bank stock, shares,	179	\$17,900 00
Money at interest,		16,050 00
Stock in trade,		64,275 00
Bicycles,	55	555 00
Logs and lumber,		5,600 00
Carriages,	412	8,225 00
Musical instruments,	136	6,418 00
		<hr/> \$197,614 00

To the Citizens of the Town of Wilton:

The following report of Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending Feb. 20, 1904, is submitted to the inhabitants of Wilton:

Upon the polls and estates we have assessed the following sums, to wit.:

For State tax,	\$2,091 68
County tax,	834,33
Support of schools,	1,446 52
Support of poor,	600 00
Town charges,	1,200 00
Repairs of highways,	3,500 00
Free High School, Wilton Academy,	950 00
Repairs of school-house,	350 00
E. W. Woodman, G. A. R. Post,	30 00
Public library,	100 00
New school-building,	2,500 00
State road,	200 00
School supplies,	75 00
Overlay,	81 64
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Commitment,	\$13,959 17
Supplementary tax,	55 41
Total commitment,	\$14,014 78

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 28, 1903.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount unexpended Feb. 18, 1903,	\$ 350 00	
Appropriated by town Mar. 2,		
1903,	950 00	
Received from State,	250 00	
		\$1,550 00
Paid Trustees of Academy, Spring term,	\$350 00	
" " Fall term,	600 00	
" " Winter term,	250 00	
" " Spring term,		
1904,	350 00	
		\$1,550 00

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Amount appropriated Mar. 2, 1903,	\$350 00	
Overdrawn Feb. 18, 1903,	113 25	
		\$236 75
Expended for repairs, 1903,	\$106 66	
Unexpended Feb. 20, 1904,	130 09	
		\$236 75

SCHOOL-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount unexpended Feb. 18, 1903,		\$208 90
Paid A. B. Allen for books,	\$ 4 00	
Wm. Wood for books,	12 85	
Baptist Pub. Co. for books,	3 00	
D. C. Heath Co. for books,	3 00	
D. Appleton & Co.,	7 50	
		\$ 30 35
Unexpended Feb. 20, 1904,	\$178 55	

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SUNDRIES ACCOUNT.

Appropriated Mar. 2, 1903,		\$75 00
Paid G. W. Larrabee for brooms,	\$ 3 00	
A. B. Allen, balance on clock and flag,	3 50	
" " express and freight,	4 30	
Loring, Short & Harmon, erasers,	5 10	
A. B. Allen, express and freight,	4 15	
D. H. Knowlton & Co., supplies,	7 14	
H. S. Houghton, sundries,	57 23	
C. A. Whibley, "	3 00	
H. R. Dascomb, "	10 00	
Cleaning school-houses,	31 72	
		\$129 14
Amount overdrawn Feb. 20, 1904,	\$54 14	

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Money raised by town,	\$1,317 60	
Interest on school fund,	94 56	
Interest on ministerial fund,	34 36	
		\$1,446 52
State school fund and mill tax,		1,399 54
Amount unexpended Feb. 18, 1903,		864 41
Due from Jay,		10 00
Due from Dixfield,		120 03
Due from Farmington,		11 87
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		\$3,740 50
Paid teachers' wages,	\$2,206 40	
Wood for schools,	307 62	
Janitors,	148 04	
Transportation and board of scholars,	70 00	
		\$2,732 06
Unexpended Feb. 18, 1904,	\$1,008 44	

SUPPORT OF TOWN'S POOR.

Amount appropriated Mar. 2, 1903,	\$600 00	
Amount unexpended Feb. 18, 1903,	224 24	
		\$824 24
Paid for Dorcas Hatch,	\$ 70 80	
Delia Brainard,	78 00	
Cora Robbins,	68 02	
Mrs. Mahalia Cockerin,	72 00	
Christina Mooar,	111 00	
Mrs. C. H. Burbank,	9 00	
Llewellyn Pratt,	219 99	
Mrs. Benj. Jennings,	46 50	
Wm. H. Burbank,	78 61	
Benj. Jennings,	51 05	
		\$804 97
Unexpended Feb. 20, 1903,	\$19 27	

SUPPORT OF NON-RESIDENT PAUPERS.

Paid for Pearl J. Holland,	\$99 39	
Charged town of Hancock,		\$99 39
Paid for Wm. C. Dodge,	\$8 00	
Charged to New Vineyard,		\$8 00
Paid John D. Furnel, caring for remains of Mrs Mary Rollins,	\$2 00	
Charged to Weld,		\$2 00
Paid for Lydia Hill and family,	\$39 68	
Charged to Brownfield,		\$39 68
Paid for Adelbert Wing and family,	\$49 56	
Charged to Oxford,		\$49 56
Paid for Vina Bean,	\$6 42	
Charged to Farmington,		\$6 42
Paid for Maria Benson,	\$6 42	
Charged to Gray,		\$6 42
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		\$211 47

SUPPORT OF STATE PAUPERS, DUE FROM STATE.

Paid for Cyrus Skeetup,	\$69 75	
Paid for Benj. Jennings,	30 50	
Paid for James Stone,	20 64	
Paid for Wm. J. Stebbins,	7 10	
Paid for Maxime Gebeau,	52 21	
		\$180 20
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Whole amount paid for non-resident paupers,		\$391 67

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Amount appropriated Mar. 2, 1903,	\$100 00	
Received from Tyngtown Club,	100 00	
Received from State,	20 00	
Unexpended Feb. 18, 1903,	50 00	
		\$270 00
Paid H. R. Dascomb, Treas.,	\$220 00	
Amount unexpended Feb. 20, 1903,	50 00	
		\$270 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount appropriated Mar. 2, 1903.	\$30 00
Paid order J. L. B. Farrington for G. A. R.,	\$30 00

CEMETERY FENCE.

Amount unexpended Feb. 20, 1904.	\$6 75
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TOWN'S PROPERTY.

Town hall and lot, with furniture,	\$6,000 00	
Bonney slaughter house and lot,	50 00	
Road-machines,	275 00	
Road-roller,	100 00	
Scrapers,	85 00	
Sleds,	25 00	
Portland pipe,	50 35	
Old school-house, Dist. 9,	1,500 00	
		\$8,085 35

INCOME OF TOWN'S PROPERTY.

Rent of store,	\$150 00	
Rent of hall,	72 88	
		\$222 88

TOWN CHARGES.

W. A. Palmer, services as selectman, 1902,	\$ 85 00
S. W. Walker, services as selectman, "	74 00
C. N. Blanchard, services as selectman, "	79 50
N. W. Sewall, treasurer, 1902,	50 00
N. W. Sewall, postage,	2 00
A. B. Adams, reporting births and deaths, 1902,	2 25
A. B. Adams, board of health, 1902,	5 00
V. O. White, reporting births and deaths, 1902,	3 75
Herman Sanborn, abatement of taxes, 1902,	93 43
E. C. Bump, setting up new roller,	2 70
C. N. Blanchard, attorney for A. B. Adams (R. W. Fowles case),	25 75
W. F. Adams, use of watering tub, 1902,	2 00
Enoch Sargent, keeping tramps,	1 00
C. H. Mitchell, road-machine repairs, 1902,	12 30
Knowlton & McLeary Co., printing town reports, 1903,	27 20
J. O. Eaton, abatement of tax to correct error,	2 00
W. H. H. Walker, ballot clerk,	1 50
F. J. Goodspeed, abatement of tax, 1903, as voted,	256 87
J. O. Legroo, rent of school-building, 1902,	50 00
C. R. Ranger (two orders, \$5.00 and \$2.55), sharpening drills,	7 55
F. R. Young, expense to Lewiston and hiring team,	5 10
C. O. Jones, team,	3 00
S. W. Walker, one grub,	1 00
F. R. Young, freight on road-machine repairs,	1 25
Royal D. Blaisdell, keeping tramps, team,	5 85
Centennial celebration, voted by town,	200 00
J. O. Legroo, going to Augusta with L. Pratt,	3 00

J. O. Legroo, rent of school-building, 1 term, 1903,	\$ 16 67
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks,	16 25
Knowlton & McLeary Co., printing,	7 75
F. R. Young (No. 248), freight, \$1.08, mowing common, .50, repairs on wagon, \$1.75,	3 33
Hardy & Tarbox, 1 generator and formaldehyde,	13 00
Farmington Fire Co., services at E. Wilton fire,	20 00
Telegraph and telephone Co., (2 orders, \$11.30 and \$1.10,)	12 40
A. D. Parsons, services board of health,	5 00
J. W. Perkins, medical service Cleveland Welch family,	20 00
W. F. Hellen, land damage,	10 00
Mrs. Frank Davis, land damage,	5 00
H. R. Dascomb, antitoxine, C. Welch family,	33 00
H. Sanborn, discount on taxes, 1903,	133 19
Oscar Wilkins (order No. 322), freight on repairs,	1 05
W. A. Palmer (2 orders), looking after Mrs. Bennett,	21 40
W. A. Palmer (same order), looking after pauper,	2 25
W. F. Allen, use of watering-tub,	3 00
A. B. Adams, for vaccinating,	75 00
Hardy & Tarbox, for vaccine,	21 00
A. H. Jones, work on road-machines, etc.,	18 30
W. F. Adams, use of watering-tub, 1903,	2 00
N. K. Whittemore, use of watering-tub, 1902 and 1903,	4 00
H. Sanborn, collecting 1901 tax,	137 97
F. R. Young, paid Chas. Graves, sawing wood for office,	75
F. W. Wright, mowing intervale cemetery,	3 00
J. M. S. Hunter, advertising,	5 00
N. W. Sewall, sundries,	16 80
F. W. Merritt, reporting birth,	25
C. H. Mitchell, road-machine repairs, 1903,	32 40
A. I. York, reporting births and deaths,	7 50
A. B. Adams, service of J. W. Perkins and A. I. York,	3 00
A. B. Adams, for formaldehyde,	8 10
A. B. Adams, services on board of health,	31 50

A. B. Adams, reporting births and deaths,	\$ 1 25
Wilfred McLeary, rope,	7 00
R. C. Fuller, mowing Lake View cemetery,	2 00
B. F. Russell, mowing Weld street cemetery,	1 50
W. E. Sawyer, office supplies,	3 00
C. N. Blanchard, land damage for F. J. Goodspeed,	50 00
C. N. Blanchard, cost of court on same,	17 87
W. J. Trefethen, reporting births and deaths,	6 25
C. N. Adams, two trips to Wilton,	1 50
J. E. Hiscock, services as town clerk,	5 00
J. E. Hiscock, recording marriages, deaths and births,	19 35
J. W. Perkins, reporting deaths and births,	2 50
R. L. Butler, oil and lanterns,	1 15
O. C. Jones, teams,	1 00
H. S. Houghton, sundries,	13 43
Geo. W. Larrabee, sundries,	6 30
C. W. Noyes, carrying scholars to visit school, approved by J. W. Perkins,	2 00
H. R. Dascomb, sundries,	1 50
B. F. Stanley, sundries,	1 07
F. C. Pratt, wood for office,	2 50
C. M. Miller, sheep killed by dogs, charged to State,	5 00
Howard Pease, sheep killed by dogs, charged to State,	17 00
L. J. Walker, use of watering-tub,	2 00
H. Sanborn, abatement of taxes, 1902,	62 25
H. Sanborn, collecting taxes, 1902,	182 06
A. M. Chandler, interest on school fund,	94 56
C. M. Miller, wood for office,	2 50
H. R. Dascomb, antitoxine, Stevens family,	35 75
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	\$2,240 15
Amount appropriated Mar. 2, 1903,	\$1,200 00
Overdrawn Feb. 20, 1904,	\$1,040 15

DASCOMB CEMETERY FUND.

Balance reported, 1903,	\$326 72	
Dividends for year,	13 12	
	<hr/>	\$339 84
Expended on lot,		\$ 5 00
On deposit in City Institution for Savings, Lowell, Mass.,		334 84
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		\$339 84

J. E. HISCOCK, *Trustee.***AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID OUT FOR REPAIRS OF
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.**

Adams, J. G.	\$ 9 67
Adams, W. W.	7 65
Adams, Jason	1 50
Adams, J. W. and C. W.	9 95
Adams, W. F.	28 00
Allen, A. C.	12 05
Allen, W. F.	4 00
Allen, A. B.	1 20
Averill, Sherman	1 00
Averill, D. C.	5 36
Atwood, Geo. W.	2 75
Bean, W. A.	4 00
Bridges, Enoch	128 20
Bishop, Stillman	96 10
Buck, E. L.	14 20
Brown, A. D.	26 40
Brown, L. G.	6 15
Brown, B. W.	9 00
Bunker, Martin L.	1 50
Butterfield, Frank G.	15 60
Burns, W. C.	8 40
Buker, Urban	33 30
Blanchard, C. F.	85 78
Blanchard, C. N.	7 50

Blanchard, F. N.	\$ 38 70
Butterfield, S. W.	24 78
Butterfield, Ned	2 25
Butler, F. L.	2 58
Bennett, John	40 50
Colburn, Geo. E.	18 00
Carey, John	5 78
Chase, O. R.	59 85
Chase, Frank	3 75
Chase, G. O.	4 80
Chase, Alphonso	57 74
Cram, Ed.	11 25
Chaney, J.	16 05
Chaney, Luraman	13 25
Corbett, Job	5 70
Dakin, Chas.	5 70
Dakin, W. C.	7 87
Dascomb, W. M.	10 00
Dascomb, Peter T.	8 85
Farmer, H. E.	21 52
Fletcher, J. S.	9 45
Flagg, R. E.	5 00
Flagg, E. R.	5 00
Ford, Cummings	44 15
Ford, Chas.	5 10
Foster, H. A.	20 25
Foster, J. D.	7 45
Foster, Arthur H.	31 20
Farrington, Chas. F.	90 25
Goding & Ranger,	357 14
Gammon, F.	3 23
Grounder, George	205 51
Grounder, Frank	170 00
Gordon Bros.	34 81
Green, C. L.	20 55
Green, M. S.	2 95
Guptill, Chas. F.	14 44
Granite Co., Maine & New Hampshire	278 61
Holmes, A. W.	3 50

Hardy, Oscar E.	\$ 90 10
Hardy, G. S.	6 90
Hardy, J. O.	10 35
Holmes, J. A.	8 70
Hatch, Geo. L.	3 45
Hatch, Mrs. C. B.	2 20
Hathaway, A. S.	3 45
Hall, Newman	51 75
Hall, C. R.	24 30
Hill, L. E.	4 50
Howard, Nelson	165 65
Hellen, Frank	9 00
Hellen, Wm. F.	4 12
Hiscock, Nath'l	75 00
Huse, Willard	4 75
Ireland, G. F.	11 08
Knowles, F. W.	59 70
Knowles, J. A.	42 00
Knowles, D. R.	20 55
Knowles, Oliver	164 00
Knowles, James	1 05
Lake, Harry	3 75
Littlefield, C. F.	3 15
Legroo, J. O.	6 50
Miller Bros.,	20 10
McCulley, Albion	2 70
Masterman, Chas. H.	10 50
Miller, C. M.	147 37
Miller, N. R.	8 90
M. C. R. R., Freight,	48 00
Mooar, O. A.	2 40
Milliken, James	12 57
Magrath, L. F.	11 77
Melcher, J. F.	28 35
Millett, E. G.	4 00
McKeen, B. L.	81 76
Noyes, C. W.	9 75
Noyes, Earland	12 75
North, Linwood	3 50

North, H. A.	\$ 21 00
Palmer, W. A., oxen	9 00
Palmer, W. A.	114 89
Parsons, R. B.	10 84
Palmer, W. A. stone and freight	36 50
Powers, W. G.	25 50
Phinney, A. L.	25 20
Purington, Heber P.	44 90
Purington, Chas. E.	527 29
Phillips, E. A.	27 15
Phillips, W. L.	18 15
Perkins, O. W.	3 00
Paine, Lorin	8 18
Pratt, F. C.	61 44
Pratt, S. E.	28 87
Ranger, E. A.	1 50
Ranger, O. A.	68
Ranger, J. H.	35 85
Robbins, Chas. D.	49 25
Robbins, Fred	3 00
Robbins, Mart	3 75
Savery, G. A.	3 02
Sargent, Enoch	19 65
Searles, Sylvester	13 53
Savage, W. F.	13 95
Stoyel, Hiram B.	9 00
Stuart Co., W. A.	4 62
Townes, John	13 00
Tossey, Herbert	75
Thompson, W. V.	20 93
Thompson, J. L.	23 48
Tarbox, J. S.	6 50
Tafft, Albert	12 30
Tarr, Chas. C.	20 25
Talbot, Asa C.	31 65
Webster, Frank	16 65
Webster & Son, W. A.	13 04
Webster, W. A.	81 00
Webster, Ozro	28 60

Webster, Guy	\$ 31 50
Webster, Henry	27 75
Walker, S. W.	135 49
Walker, L. J.	1 50
Webb, Walter S.	12 75
Wilkins, J. L.	9 45
Wilkins Bros.	352 60
Wilkins, W. W.	7 50
Wilkins Bros., freight on tar	11 70
Witham,	18 00
Whitney, Eben H.	332 45
Witherell, F. P.	6 30
Walker, E. K.	11 40
Walker, Geo.	10 95
Wright, F. W.	3 30
Wright, H. F.	4 25
White, V. O.	2 00
Whittemore, N. K.	35 50
Whittemore, Carl	27 75
Woodcock, Martin	4 50
Wood, J. B.	21 60
Wood, Joseph	45
Weeks, H. D.	28 45
Yeaton, E. H.	9 75
Young, F. R.	92 00
Young, F. R., paid Omar Nash	3 00
York, Ernest	3 15
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	\$5,741 10

LIABILITIES.

Due W. A. Palmer, services as selectman,	\$ 85 00
S. W. Walker, " "	77 00
F. R. Young, " "	80 00
N. W. Sewall, services as treasurer,	50 00
Outstanding orders not on interest,	156 42
Pauper account (estimated),	50 00
A. B. Allen, superintendent of schools,	145 00
Work on highway to Feb. 18, 1904 (estimated),	300 00

Due School money unexpended,	\$1,008 44
Notes, Franklin County Savings Bank,	5,000 00
Orders on interest at 4 per cent.,	5,250 25
F. W. Butler, fees on Goodspeed vs. Town,	7 00
Overdraft on Bank,	316 45
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	\$12,525 56

RESOURCES.

Due from town of Chesterville, school property,	\$ 45 68
Town of Dixfield, schooling scholars,	120 03
Town of Farmington, schooling scholars,	11 87
State Treasurer, support of paupers,	192 20
H. Sanborn, collector for 1903,	2,927 38
Interest on taxes, 1903 to date,	58 55
F. J. Goodspeed for grass,	5 00
W. J. Trefethen for brick,	12 00
C. A. Miller for brick,	4 50
John Bennett,	21 40
Town of Hancock, support of Pearl J. Holland,	99 39
Town of Brownfield, support of Lydia Hill and family,	39 68
Town of Oxford, support of Adelbert Wing,	49 56
Town of Gray, support of Maria Benson,	6 42
Town of Farmington, support of Vina Bean,	6 42
Town of New Vineyard, support of W. C. Dodge.	31 57
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	\$3,631 65
Liabilities above resources,	\$8,893.91

ESTIMATES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Support of schools.	\$1,446 52
Support of poor,	800 00
Repairs of highways,	3,500 00
Town charges,	1,500 00
Collection of taxes,	150 00
Abatement of taxes,	350 00
School-books,	200 00
Free High school,	700 00
Repairs of school-houses,	200 00
New school-building,	2,500 00
Memorial Day,	30 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. PALMER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
S. W. WALKER,	
F. R. YOUNG,	

of
Wilton.

NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The Building Committee for the new school-house would make the following report. Mr. Keene completed his work as per contract, for which we paid the balance of contract price, \$5,824.00. He also had an extra bill for building the ventilating flues in the attic, furnishing and putting in chimney lining, and building foundations under the furnaces, for which we paid \$351.40.

The building is completed, with the exception of some work in the basement, which we would estimate to cost \$125.00.

F. W. Keene, contractor, as per contract,	\$5,824 00
F. W. Keene, contractor, for extras,	351 40
W. R. Miller, architect,	264 00
A. L. & E. F. Goss Co., plumbing,	638 21
Geo. Grounder, cementing cellar,	188 80
Chandler Adjusting Chair and Desk Works,	500 59
Chas. N. Taylor, laying sewer and water pipes,	255 40
Oscar Wilkins, freight of desks,	37 41
Oscar Wilkins, freight on teacher's desk and chair,	6 40
Oscar Wilkins, material furnished and grading,	120 99
Harry Lake, labor,	6 45
E. C. Bump, putting down seats,	15 80
J. E. Hiscock, putting down seats,	3 75
F. E. Trefethen, putting down seats and labor,	13 25
E. L. Vining, putting in regulator and pipe furnished,	39 19
O. L. Perry, mason work,	42 00
T. E. Averill, tender,	12 75

C. H. Brown, labor, carpenter,	\$ 4 37
H. R. Dascomb, for curtains,	55 00
Fred E. Trefethen, hanging curtains,	5 50
Goding & Ranger, lumber for basement and out- building,	25 09
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	\$8,410 35

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. PALMER,	}	<i>Building Committee.</i>
S. W. WALKER,		
F. R. YOUNG,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

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By cash in treasury February 18, 1903,	\$ 406 96
State, dog licenses refunded,	62 60
School fund and mill tax,	1,399 54
Free High school,	125 00
Roads,	100 00
Pensions,	396 00
Free Public library,	20 00
A. B. Allen, tuition, Dixfield,	231 83
Tuition, Hutchinson children,	5 00
Grass,	3 00
Selectmen, rent of store,	150 00
Rent of hall,	72 98
Account Pearl Holland,	2 53
Benj. Jennings,	4 50
James Stone,	3 36
Use of plank,	2 50
F. A. Linscott, treasurer Tyngtown Club,	100 00
J. E. Hiscock, dog licenses, 1903,	99 00
Dog licenses, 1902,	2 00
Wm. Bowman, Burial lot No. 360,	5 00
A. B. Adams, formaldehyde,	1 00
A. L. Fletcher, apples,	75
Franklin Co. Savings Bank, loan,	2,500 00
Orders, Herman Sanborn, Coll., 1903,	14,691 11
Amount of overdraft,	316 45
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	\$20,701 11

DR.

To cash paid State pensions,	\$ 396 00
State tax,	2,091 68
Dog licenses, 1903,	99 00
Porcupines,	6 50
County tax,	834 33
Bank interest,	139 03
Town orders,	17,134 57
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	\$20,701 11

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Outstanding	From	Rate	Due.	
Note,	Jan. 14, 1903,	4	Jan. 14, 1904,	\$2,500 00
Note,	Mar. 12, "	4	Mar. 12, 1905,	2,500 00
Town orders, Dec. 7, "		4	When called,	2,000 00
Town orders, Dec. 10, "		4	When called,	2,800 00
Town orders, Dec. 12, "		4	When called,	200 00
Town orders, Jan. 15, 1904,		4	When called,	250 25
Overdraft,				316 45
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				\$10,566 70

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

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

DR.

To due on 1901 commitment,	\$ 424 63
1901 commitment interest account,	63 67
1902 commitment,	3,001 97
1902 commitment interest account,	135 47
1903 commitment,	13,959 17
1903 commitment, supplementary,	55 41
1903 commitment, interest collected,	33 58
1903 commitment, interest not collected,	58 55
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	\$17,732 45

CR.

By cash on 1901 commitment,	\$ 488 30
1902 commitment,	3,137 44
1903 commitment,	11,065 37
Due on 1903 commitment,	2,927 38
Interest on 1903,	58 55
Supplementary tax, 1903,	55 41
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	\$17,732 45

In presenting this my sixth annual report to the voters of Wilton, I take this opportunity to thank you for the confidence you have expressed, and ask that you do not use my name for the office this year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. SEWALL, *Treasurer of Wilton.*

WILTON ACADEMY.

The Standing Committee of the Board of Trustees of Wilton Academy have used two hundred and fifty dollars of the money appropriated in March, 1903, as follows:

Paid F. E. Voter for \$3,000.00 insurance on Academy buildings,	\$ 75 00
Paid Geo. M. Currier for insurance for \$2,000.00,	50 00
To be paid toward furnace,	125 00
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	\$250 00

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

WILTON, ME., Feb. 5, 1904.

Standing Committee of Board of Trustees of Wilton Academy.

GENTLEMEN:—I present herewith the complete account of all receipts and expenditures for Wilton Academy for the school year of 1902–1903.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation of Town of Wilton for tuition of its pupils at the Academy for year 1902–1903,	\$700 00
State appropriation in aid of the Academy,	750 00
State Free High School fund,	250 00
Tuition of pupils from other towns,	569 50
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Total,	\$2,269 50

EXPENDITURES.

Advertising,	\$ 23 50
Clearing vaults,	4 50
Catalogue,	32 25
Telephone,	16 50
Janitor,	48 50
Chemical and Physical apparatus,	20 04
Thirty-four cords of wood and fitting the same,	150 34
Oil,	5 61
Repairs, cleaning, work on grounds,	10 00
Sink for Chemical Laboratory,	3 30
Tuning piano,	2 00
Reports, etc.,	6 70
Carpet for platform,	6 01
Atlas of Maine,	10 00
Interest on State payment of \$350.00 for 7 months,	12 83
Teachers' salary, Miss E. T. Dascomb,	384 00
Miss L. E. Bass,	320 00
Miss M. E. Eaton,	256 00
Principal,	939 27
Amount due Treasurer,	18 15
Total,	<hr/> \$2,269 50

The sum of \$50.00 was received from Mrs. F. G. Butler of Farmington to be used in repairing and repainting the interior of the building. With this sum the wood-work of the lower hall, the library, the main room and one of the recitation rooms was painted, the walls tinted and the ceiling whitened.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DREW T. HARTHORN, *Principal,*

Approved:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee and Citizens of Wilton.

I herewith present to you my annual report in regard to the condition and some of the needs of the schools in this town.

The year which closes at this time has been one of progress. Advancement has been made in many ways, and care has been taken to secure good progress, to maintain a higher standard of scholarship and the better development of the pupils.

Our pupils rank well with those in the towns about us. Several from our grades, who have moved away, have found no trouble in entering and doing the work in the corresponding grades in the schools of larger towns and cities.

This speaks well for the work done in our schools, and is a high compliment to our teachers and their efficient work. Our town is especially fortunate in having, as a whole, so good a corps of instructors, animated by good professional ideas, entering heartily upon their duties, and working for the general success of our school system.

COURSE OF STUDY.

It has been the aim to systematize the work as much as possible and have each grade accomplish certain results. At first, it was the plan to arrange a printed course for the present year, but this arrangement presented difficulties so that it was thought best to have the new arrangement of grades and a careful revision and arrangement of the course of study go into effect at the opening of the school year in September, as all of the promotions will be made at the close of the spring term.

This will give a good opportunity to begin a more systematic work, and every teacher will know what will be required for each term.

We have nine grades in our village schools below the Academy, which is the same as the arrangement in the best schools of our State, so that we are well situated to observe their work and receive suggestions from them for improvement in our own schools and grades.

In the rural schools, there is such a wide scope in the abilities and ages of the pupils, that the adoption of a closely graded system would be difficult. Their work has been improved and made more systematic by combining classes so as to diminish the number of daily recitations, and can be further improved by following the course as closely as possible, which will make the teaching more systematic and effective.

PROMOTION TO THE ACADEMY.

At the close of the spring term, twenty-two pupils from the different schools in town passed satisfactory examinations and entered the Academy at the commencement of the fall term, where they are doing good work.

The entire attendance, in the Academy, of pupils from the town, is sixty-three, with an average of fifty-nine. Each of these pupils is pursuing some one of the different courses, and as a whole are improving their advantages.

The instruction is thorough and practical, and such as is calculated to arouse the ambition of the students, and create in them a willingness and desire to do much work outside of the regular school hours.

The different courses in the Academy give our pupils excellent High school privileges, which are appreciated not only by our citizens, but also by parents in adjoining towns, who send their pupils here.

PUPILS AND SCHOOLS.

The number of pupils in town between 4 and 21 years of age is 501. The whole number in the different schools is 343, with an average attendance of 296.

The number of different schools, not including the Academy, is 13. In some of these the attendance is small, but they are so situated that it is cheaper and more satisfactory to the parents to run the schools than to transport the pupils long distances.

The length of the school year has been 34 weeks in the Academy, and 30 in the other schools, except in the Blanchard Primary, where the year has been 22 weeks. Here the pupils are small and the parents have not desired a winter term since the school was opened four years ago by a special vote of the town.

SCHOOL-BUILDINGS.

Extensive repairs were made last Summer in the school-room at the Intervale, and also in the Grammar and Primary rooms at East Wilton. All of these rooms were newly plastered, and the two latter newly painted.

Modern seats and desks are needed in the East Wilton Primary and the Intervale rooms. It was the plan of the School Board to furnish these rooms last Summer, with modern school furniture, but on account of the extra expenses this year it was thought advisable to defer putting in this furniture until another year.

The school-room at McCrillis Corner is heated by a furnace, which is satisfactory, but the cellar is low so that the top of the furnace comes too near the floor for absolute safety, and a grown person cannot stand erect. A ledge forms the cellar bottom, so that it cannot be dug deeper. The only way to remedy the situation is to raise the building about a foot, which should be done another summer. This would give plenty of room for storing wood, make it easy to get about in the cellar, and prevent any risk of fire from overheating the floor by the furnace.

The other rural rooms will require no extensive repairs during the coming year. It should be the plan of the town, however, to equip each year one or two school-rooms with modern furniture. The expense would scarcely be felt in this way, and

the uncomfortable seats and disfigured desks would soon be relics of the past.

THE NEW SCHOOL-BUILDING.

The new building in Wilton village was opened for school purposes at the commencement of the Fall term. It is a beautiful and imposing structure, containing ample corridors and four large and well-lighted school-rooms, all furnished with the Chandler Adjustable desks and chairs, which are so arranged that the light comes from the back of the room and over the left side of the pupil. The teachers' desks and chairs correspond with the other school furniture, and blackboards extend around each room, thus giving ample space for board work.

The building is heated by three large furnaces, one for the corridors and two for the school-rooms. The basement is supplied with running water, sinks and other modern improvements.

The cost thus far has been about \$14,000.00, and Wilton has a beautiful school-building, and well-arranged for school purposes.

At the commencement of the fall term the Primary school was divided so that we now have a First and Second Primary, Intermediate, and Grammar school in the building, and nine grades, from the First Primary to the close of the Grammar school course. This is a great improvement, as is shown by the excellent work of the past two terms.

MUSIC.

Last summer a numerously-signed petition for the introduction of music in our schools was presented to the School Board. On account of the increased expenses for the year, it was thought best to defer the introduction of music until the coming year, when it is hoped that a course will be arranged and music taught by a special teacher.

It seems to be the prevailing sentiment among parents that

this should be done, and the time seems especially favorable for taking such a step, for we are surely behind the times in this matter, and many of the pupils will never get any knowledge of music unless it is taught in our schools. Pupils moving to towns where music is taught and entering any of the grades, find it very difficult to do this part of their work. It is hard for them and also for their teachers. A pupil from one of our grades found no difficulty in entering one grade higher in a city school, and taking the highest rank in a large entering class in everything except music. Her teacher found it difficult to imagine a place in Maine where music was not taught when the pupil was so well prepared in other respects.

Music, if introduced, should be at the commencement of the Spring term, so that the results of a full year's work could be shown before another annual meeting, and it is hoped that the plan will receive the general support of the people.

No extensive changes in text-books have been made during the year. The three-book series of Brown's Grammars are used and outline the work in Language.

Teachers have been kept in the same schools during the year, as far as possible, and but few changes have been made. This insures better work, as the teacher is familiar with the standing and needs of each pupil.

The teachers have attended the educational conventions and also visited schools, not only in this but in other towns, and profited by the observations made.

Parents have taken a deep interest in the schools throughout the town and frequently visited them. In this village alone there have been over two hundred and fifty visitors during the year. They learn by personal observation some of the difficulties encountered by the teacher. In this way fewer complaints are made and a more cordial support is given to the schools.

The average attendance has been lowered by several cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria, which have caused the suspension of several schools for short periods, by the Board of Health.

Arbor Day was quite generally observed. The school

grounds were cleared up and improved by beds of beautiful flowers. Trees were set out and carefully looked after. This practice continued will result in more attractive school grounds.

In closing, I wish to thank the teachers for their kindly support and co-operation, the members of the committee for their kind assistance and advice, and the people of the town for their cordial interest and encouraging words.

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. ALLEN, *Superintendent of Schools.*

School Statistics.

SCHOOL NAME.	TERM.	TEACHERS.	Wages.	No. of Weeks.	No. Pupils Registered.	Average Attendance.
Wilton, Grammar.	Spring,	Vivian Calden,	\$ 9 00	10	27	24
	Fall,	Wilbur W. Wilkins,	10 00	10	28	26
	Winter,	Wilbur W. Wilkins,	10 00	10	31	29
Intermediate.	Spring,	Ina M. Ward,	8 00	10	31	22
	Fall,	Vivian Calden,	9 00	10	17	15
	Winter,	Vivian Calden,	9 00	10	29	26
(Primary, Second Primary.	Spring,	May E. Adams,	9 00	10	52	40
	Fall,	May E. Adams,	9 00	10	37	30
	Winter,	May E. Adams,	9 00	10	18	16
First Primary.	Fall,	Helen L. Wright,	9 00	10	20	17
	Winter,	Helen L. Wright,	9 00	10	19	15
E. Wilton, Grammar.	Spring,	Wilbur W. Wilkins,	9 00	10	30	28
	Fall,	Maud W. Parker,	9 00	10	24	21
	Winter,	Maud W. Parker,	9 00	10	-	-
E. Wilton, Primary.	Spring,	A. Blanche Calligan,	8 00	10	36	31
	Fall,	A. Blanche Calligan,	8 00	10	28	22
	Winter,	A. Blanche Calligan,	8 00	10	-	-
E. Dixfield, Mixed.	Spring,	Ella B. Walton,	9 00	10	25	24
	Fall,	Ella B. Walton,	9 00	10	28	26
	Winter,	Ella B. Walton,	9 00	10	23	20
McCrillis, Mixed.	Spring,	Vivian Calden,	7 00	10	22	19
	Fall,	Vivian Calden,	7 00	11	16	13
	Winter,	Daisy T. Dascombe,	7 00	9	19	16
Intervale, Mixed.	Spring,	Florence M. Smith,	7 00	10	21	16
	Fall,	Florence M. Smith,	7 00	10	18	16
	Winter,	Florence M. Smith,	7 50	10	15	12
Knowles, Mixed.	Spring,	Rubie Ireland,	5 00	10	12	9
	Fall,	Rubie Ireland,	6 00	10	12	10
	Winter,	Leon W. Mosher,	7 50	10	12	10
Scales, Mixed.	Spring,	Chester M. Dascombe,	5 00	10	10	9
	Fall,	Chester M. Dascombe,	5 00	10	10	9
	Winter,	Chester M. Dascombe,	5 00	10	9	8
Brown, Mixed.	Spring,	Mrs. Lilla Nash,	5 00	10	6	5
	Fall,	Ina M. Powers,	5 00	10	9	8
	Winter,	Ina M. Powers,	5 00	10	12	9
Blanchard, Primary.	Spring,	Jennie E. Paine,	5 00	10	8	7
	Fall,	Jennie E. Paine,	5 00	12	7	7