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J. W. NELSON. PRINTER. WILTON, MAINE.

## Town Officers for 1916.

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SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.  
E. M. BRIDGES, C. W. NOYES, C. E. MILLER.

CLERK  
J. EVERETT HISCOCK.

TREASURER  
J. EVERETT HISCOCK.

ROAD COMMISSIONER  
H. H. FARRAR.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
A. I. YORK, W. W. WILKINS, J. W. PERKINS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
J. F. BURCH.

BOARD OF HEALTH  
ROY G. FURNEL, Chairman, A. I. YORK, Secretary  
A. H. JONES, 3rd member.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES  
A. F. HINKLEY, resigned. O. W. ROBBINS.





# *Report of Assessors.*

The following is the list of property in the town of Wilton, as made and returned to the Board of State Assessors for the year ending Feb. 17th, 1917.

Number of polls taxed	690
Number of polls not taxed	55
Amount assessed on each poll	\$3.00
Rate of taxation	.0215
Value of real estate, resident	\$830,640 00
Value of real estate, non-resident	46,595 00
Total value of real estate	\$877,235 00
Value of personal property,	
resident	\$255,330 00
Value of personal property,	
non-resident	4,725 00
Total value of personal property	260,055 00
Total valuation of town	\$1,137,290 00

## *Description of Personal Property.*

### VALUATION OF LIVE STOCK

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Av. Value</i>	<i>Total Value</i>
Horses	473	\$92 42	\$43,715 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old	13	82 91	995 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old	32	62 65	2,005 00
Colts, under 2 years old	30	46 33	1,390 00
Cows,	766	27 58	21,125 00
Oxen,	85	69 86	5,940 00
3 years old	180	27 30	4,915 00
Total Amount			\$80,085 00

### VALUATION OF EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Av. Value</i>	<i>Total Value</i>
2 years old	275	\$22 36	\$6,149 00
1 year old	345	11 96	4,128 00
Sheep	772	3 63	2,807 00
Swine	214	10 13	2,168 00
Total amount			\$15,252 00



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**VALUE OF OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY**

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Value</i>
Bank Stock	62	\$ 6,260 00
Trust Co. Stock	210	21,000 00
Stock in trade	39	40,950 00
Small boats	5	265 00
Logs and Lumber		3,550 00
Wood and Bark		7,600 00
Carriages	169	4,370 00
Automobiles	110	29,030 00
Musical Instruments	165	20,460 00
Furniture		2,025 00
Finished products in mill		11,000 00
Materials in stock		27,500 00
Machinery not taxed as real estate		5,500 00
Gasoline engines		460 00
Amount		<u>\$179,970 00</u>
Amount of live stock brought forward		<u>80,085 00</u>
Total amount of personal property taxable		\$260,055 00

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

For Support of schools	\$2,500 00
Support of poor	500 00
Town charges	2,000 00
Highways	4,500 00
Repairs, Supplies and Textbooks	800 00
E. W. Woodman Post	50 00
Free High School, Academy	2,800 00
Grading at E. Dixfield schoolhouse	75 00
Free Public Library	500 00
Superintendency of Schools	300 00
State Aid Road	666 00
Maintenance of State Aid Road	100 00
Lights	1,325 00
Hydrants	1,020 00
Abatements	200 00

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Music	\$ 350 00	
Insurance on schoolhouses	331 00	
County tax	1,489 84	
State tax	5,781 41	
Overlay	1,233 48	
Fractions	77	
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		\$26,522 50

On April the 29th 1916, a list of the above assessments were committed to A. F. Hinkley, collector of Wilton, with warrant in due form for collecting and paying the same to J. E. Hiscock, town treasurer.

Subsequently a supplementary tax was assessed and committed to the collector of \$33.22 making a total commitment of \$26,555.72.

E. M. BRIDGES,	}	<i>Assessors</i> <i>Of</i> <i>Wilton</i>
C. W. NOYES,		
C. E. MILLER,		



## *Report of Overseers of Poor.*

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Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$500 00
Paid for Christina Mooar	\$141 08
C. O. Cushman	209 14
E. W. Adams	206 93
Victoria Nash	<u>167 78</u>
	\$724 93

Amount overdrawn Feb. 17th, 1917 \$224 93

### SUPPORT OF NON-RESIDENT POOR

Paid for John Partridge	\$ 54 33
Mary Knowles	160 00
Mrs. Charles E. Wilson	140 68
Nelson Henderson and family	<u>64 15</u>
	\$419 16
Total paid for poor for year	\$1,144 09

Or.

By cash received from Poland on John Partridge	\$ 31 10
Due from Poland on John Partridge	23 23
rec'd from state on Mary Knowles	128 00
due from state on Mary Knowles	32 00
rec'd from state on Mrs. Chas. E. Wilson	88 12
due from state on Mrs. Chas. E. Wilson	52 56
due from Hallowell on Nelson Henderson	
and family	<u>64 15</u>
	\$419 16

E. M. BRIDGES,	}	<i>Overseers of Poor</i>
O. W. NOYES,		
C. E. MILLER,		
		<i>of</i>
		<i>Wilton</i>



# Report of Selectmen.

## Highway Account.

*H. H. Farrar, Road Commissioner, in account with the town of Wilton:*

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916 \$4,500 00  
Paid winter bills approved by H. A. Bryant.

Adams, W. W.	\$ 8 00	Gammon, Fordyce	\$ 1 00
Aldrich, H. F.	7 80	Hosley, W. C.	1 54
Butterfield, C. R.	6 00	Knowles, J. A.	24 40
Babb, H. M.	7 25	Knowles, F. W.	35 50
Bennett, John	1 00	Lidstone, John	7 05
Buker, U. A.	95 75	Magrath, A. P.	19 60
Bridges, E.	43 80	Miller, N. R.	2 00
Bryant, E. P.	5 50	Newton, R. A.	5 10
Babb, H. M.	15 20	Severy, G. A.	3 50
Brown, F. I. (2 bills)	6 00	Thompson, W. D.	6 90
Daisey, F. T.	22 25	Wilkins, W. W.	4 40
Deane, G. M.	14 00	Wilder, W. E.	10 40
Foster, H. A.	12 00		\$392 64
Gould, L. H.	26 10		

Summer work expended under H. H. Farrar.

Allen, Stephen (2 bills)	\$ 11 65	Bridges, E. (3 bills)	\$37 50
Allen, Garfield (8 bills)	113 54	Conant, C. M. Co. (2 bills)	18 05
American Enamel Co.	19 50	Cony, Chas.	3 30
Allen, M. E.	4 35	Cox, B. J.	6 28
Adams, N. E. & Co.	153 58	Decker, Chas.	12 44
Base Ball Association	1 70	Eustis, Wm. (2 bills)	6 20
Buker, U. A. (14 bills)	1,411 80	Eaton, C. P.	15 00
Bryant, E. P. (7 bills)	271 10	Farrar, H. H. (11 bills)	477 77
Butterfield, G. P.	2 00	Farrar, H. H.	24 50
Bubier, W. N. (3 bills)	40 00	Fuller, Irving (5 bills)	117 18
		Foster, H. A.	1 00
		Hill, L. E.	9 00

Hardy, J. O.	\$ 1 25	Sewall, N. W. Co.	
Ireland, G. F.	1 50	(2 bills)	\$17 96
Knowles, F. W.	25 00	Swett, S. C. (14 bills)	235 67
Kennedy, O. R.	2 90	Swett, S. C.	12 00
Lidstone, John	2 00	Soule, D. H. (9 bills)	148 26
Miller, Frank	11 65	Savage, W. F.	10 80
Merchant, Walter		Swett, Archie	4 00
(14 bills)	274 17	Swett, E. G. (2 bills)	16 00
Mosher, H. S.	12 60	Stickney, O. N.	3 00
Mosher, O. M.	10 35	Savage, A. R.	3 30
McKeen, B. L.	2 00	Varney, Elbridge	
Macomber, A. O.	6 00	(3 bills)	23 10
Mayo, Ernest	1 78	Webster, Guy	2 00
Nash, L. P.	6 50	Whittemore, Carl	
Newman, D. L.	1 00	(2 bills)	27 10
No. East Metal C. Co.	67 79	Woodcock, C. A.	4 50
Phinney, A. L.		Weeks, W. A. (2 bills)	12 40
(2 bills)	29 12	Wilder, W. E.	45 47
Phinney, A. L.	15 00	Wilkins, Fred	12 85
Pratt, George	2 00	Wilder, F. L.	7 83
Pease, G. W.	2 00	Whitney, E. H.	15 00
Pease, R. L.	1 00	Webster, Glen	3 30
Robbins, T. A.		Webb, W. S.	5 50
(2 bills)	6 00	Wilton Hardware Co.	4 82
Robbins, C. D.	4 00		\$3,862 02
Ranger, E. A.	7 00		

Winter work expended under H. H. Farrar.

Adams, W. F.	\$28 90	Butterfield, G. W.	\$31 95
Averill, P. M.		Bridges, E.	96 50
(2 bills)	50 55	Clark, E. C. (2 bills)	30 70
Adams, W. W.	17 90	Clark, O. F.	12 70
Aldrich, H. F.	11 40	Chaney, J. K.	
Buker, U. A.	25 50	(2 bills)	21 61
Brown, S. W.	8 50	Chase, A. (2 bills)	36 00
Brown, J. L. (2 bills)	41 55	Daisey, F. T.	39 19
Brown, F. I.	20 25	Frost, E. (2 bills)	45 15
Bubier, Chas.		Fulkenham, S. L.	
(2 bills)	122 90	(2 bills)	29 75
Blanchard, F. N. &		Fletcher, J. S.	
Sons (2 bills)	45 90	(2 bills)	18 60
Bubier, W. N.	11 92	Foster, H. A.	16 25
Butterfield, Ned	9 75	Gilman, O. A.	
Butterfield Bros.,	24 40	(2 bills)	39 83

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Gilman, H. A.	\$ 2 50	Newton, R. A.	\$ 7 65
Gould, L. H.	2 70	Pease, S. H.	11 20
Hamlin, O. P.		Phinney, E. A.	
(2 bills)	65 20	(2 bills)	52 25
Hall, Thurlow	65 80	Pratt, S. E. (3 bills)	134 10
Hosmer, A. A.		Pease, G. W. (2 bills)	31 00
(2 bills)	41 87	Pratt, George	45 00
Huse, W. M.	7 92	Ranger, J. H.	
Hiscock, Elward	4 05	(2 bills)	30 38
Ireland, G. F.	2 60	Ranger, E. A.	
Knowles, F. W.	63 60	(2 bills)	6 76
Knowles, D. B.		Robbins, O. D.	2 50
(2 bills)	37 45	Rollin, Frank	11 65
Knowles, J. A.	28 25	Rollin, E. W.	14 00
Lake, E. B.	25 20	Rowe, A. M.	2 75
Lambkin, H. A.		Rowe, S. S.	7 00
(2 bills)	35 70	Sargent, A. H.	
Mayo, I. C. (3 bills)	75 86	(2 bills)	11 50
Martin, A. B.	5 15	Savage, W. F.	13 20
McKeen, B. L.	33 89	Swain, Ernest H.	5 70
Melcher, Oscar	9 50	Thompson, W. V.	12 40
Melcher, A. R.	23 50	Tufts, Eugene	40 00
Miller, C. A. (2 bills)	57 75	Trask, R. W. (2 bills)	49 24
Miller, L. N.	28 46	Whitney, E. H.	
Mosher, A. M.	3 94	(2 bills)	71 00
Macomber, A. C.	29 00	Weeks, W. A.	1 20
Mosher, L. W.	21 25	Wilkins Bros.	73 00
Magrath, A. P.	42 50	Webb, W. S.	12 94
Noyes, C. W. (2 bills)	21 25	Wilton W. Co. summer	3 00
Niles, H. E.	5 00		\$2,240 56
Newman, D. L.			
(2 bills)	13 60		

Drawn by State for Maintenance Patrol \$647 30

Total amt. expended by road com. 6,495 22

Expended for sidewalk on High Street 303 70

\$7,446 22

Amount overdrawn Feb. 17, 1917

\$2,946 22



*Sidewalk Account.*

Amount expended for sidewalk on High St.	\$303 70
Paid E. B. Davenport (5 bills)	214 53
Wilton Hardware Co.	9 12
C. E. Miller	3 00
Wilkins Bros.	67 14
P. A. Howard	3 15
N. E. Adams & Co.	6 76
	<hr/> \$303 70

*State Aid Road Account.*

Unexpended balance from 1916	\$ 39 84
State apportionment 1916	612 72
Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	666 00
	<hr/> \$1,318 06
Amount overdrawn	41 88
	<hr/> \$1,359 94

## EXPENDITURES

Paid H. A. Bryant (6 bills)	\$1,274 44
N. E. M. Culvert Co.	52 00
	<hr/> \$1,326 44
Expended by State for inspection	33 50 \$1,359 94

## MAINTENANCE PATROL ACCOUNT

Paid E. M. Bridges (2 bills)	\$212 83
H. A. Bryant	4 00
U. A. Buker (3 bills)	134 50
Elbridge Varney	26 00
Walter Merchant	26 00
E. Bridges (2 bills)	80 75
	<hr/> \$483 58
Town treasurer reimbursed by State	483 58
Amount raised for maintenance unexpended	100 00

## STATE PATROL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Estimated no. of miles under patrol maintenance	12.89	
Joint Fund	\$885 10	Expended as follows
Patrolman's wages		\$377 52
Cost of extra help		406 33
Cost of material		88 93
The following work was done;		
Dragging		\$49 36
Raking rocks		28 88
Work with road machine		4 00
Cleaning ditches and culverts		117 92
End Walls		14 78
Surfacing: gravel		<u>657 84</u>
Total expenditure		\$872 78
Unexpended balance		12 32
Cost of inspection	\$68 72	

*Music Account.*

Amount appropriated March 6, 1916		\$350 00
Paid Mrs M. T. Wade, teacher	\$217 00	
for transportation	135 00	
for books	<u>24 11</u>	
Total paid	\$376 11	
Amount overdrawn	26 11	
		\$350 00

*School Superintendency.*

Amount appropriated March 6, 1916		\$300 00
Paid R. L. West, for services,		
(6 paym'ts)	\$139 60	
J. F. Burch, for services,		
(6 paym'ts)	100 00	
Balance unexpended	<u>60 40</u>	
		\$300 00

***Free High School Account.***

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$2,800 00
unexpended Feb. 19th, 1916	1,300 00
Received from the State Jan. 27th, 1917	<u>500 00</u>
	\$4,600 00

Paid trustees of Wilton Academy	
(9 payments)	\$3,100 00
Amount unexpended Feb. 17th, 1917	1,500 00
	\$4,600 00

***G. A. R. Memorial Day.***

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$50 00
Paid O. N. Adams for E. W. Woodman	
Post G. A. R.	\$50 00

***Hydrant Service Account.***

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$1,020 00
Paid treasurer of Wilton Water Co.	
(2 payments)	\$1,020 00

***Street Lighting Account.***

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$1,325 00
Paid Franklin Light & Power Co.	\$1,200 00
Livermore Falls L & P Co.	<u>125 04</u>
	\$1,325 04
Amount overdrawn	04
	\$1,325 00

***Concrete Bridge Account.***

Paid Sanders Engineering Company	\$2,500 00
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***Insurance Account.***

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$331 00
Paid R. L. West	\$332 64
Amount overdrawn	1 64
	\$331 00

*Town Charges.*

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$2,000 00
Paid Maine Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$ 2 07
C. W. Noyes, selectman for 1915	131 25
C. E. Miller, " " "	202 00
E. M. Bridges, " " "	146 50
J. W. Nelson, printing town reports	74 00
Franklin L. & P. Co. lights for lockup	7 20
J. L. Thompson, booth and fixtures	110 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	14 65
J. D. Furnel & Son, two chairs	4 50
J. E. Hiscock, treasurer	100 00
C. E. Miller, team in assessing	5 00
C. W. Noyes, " " "	5 00
E. M. Bridges, " " "	5 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, taxbook	2 00
H. A. Bryant, repairing cemetery wall	1 00
G. F. Ireland, schoolhouse lot	50 00
C. O. Sturtevant, fixtures in Red Men's Hall	19 55
A. N. Campbell, painting cemetery fence	32 45
M. A. York, storage 3 roadmachines	3 00
Seth W. Jones, tax on hall	25 00
A. B. Allen, truant officer Mar. 1915 to Mar. 1916	15 00
L. N. Miller, damage to sheep	45 00
Abner Stickney, watchman at school building	1 50
Wilkins Bros., wood for office and lockup	8 50
A. F. Hinkley, collecting dog taxes	25 00
A. N. Campbell, painting cemetery fence second time	20 00
J. W. Nelson, office supplies	5 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, Maine Register	2 50

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E. E. Howland, mowing cemetery	\$ 4 00
H. R. Dascombe, error in assessing	3 22
Franklin L. & P. Co.	1 00
E. H. Lake, repairs on town hall	1 00
E. B. Davenport, repairs on Red Men's hall	2 25
B. F. Russell, mowing cemetery	2 50
F. L. Wilder, posts for schoolhouse lot	2 10
O. E. Miller, team and work	12 11
W. F. Allen, use of watering tub 1915 and 1916	6 00
Luraman Chaney, mowing cemetery	4 35
E. M. Bridges, office supplies	12 41
F. E. Trefethen, services as ballot clerk 1916	10 00
L. W. Mosher, services as ballot clerk 1916	10 00
W. J. Connon, services as election clerk 1916	10 00
E. J. Dakin, services as election clerk 1916	10 00
O. F. Jones, damage to sheep	15 00
N. E. Adams & Co., lumber for town hall	1 92
A. F. Hinkley, collecting taxes	350 00
E. H. Morison, land damage on M. Holmes estate	50 00
O. M. Miller, land damage	6 00
P. T. Dascombe, land damage	4 50
B. J. Cox, getting road mileage	18 00
Seth W. Jones, town hall tax	12 50
J. W. Nelson, b. t. moth notices	7 50
Wilton Hardware Co. repairs on Red Men's Hall	2 02
Wilton Hardware Co., repairs on Town Hall and for heater	6 88

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G. S. York, supplies for tramps	\$ 2 10
Lorin J. Walker, use of watering tub for 1916	3 00
Maine Tel. & Tel. Co., tolls	7 28
V. O. White M. D., reporting births and deaths	1 50
R. G. Furnel, services on board of health for 1916	14 50
R. G. Furnel, stool for hall	1 40
C. D. Robbins, mowing cemetery 1915 and 1916	2 00
A. I. York M. D., reporting births and deaths	5 75
A. I. York, services on board of health 1916	59 50
C. E. Miller, use of team	4 50
E. M. Bridges, office supplies	3 57
A. H. Jones, services on board of health	5 00
A. H. Jones, " as truant officer	3 00
B. J. Cox, sealer weights and measures	25 00
N. W. Sewall, Int. on school fund	94 56
J. E. Hiscock, services as town clerk	15 00
J. E. Hiscock, recording births, deaths and marriages	19 20
J. E. Hiscock, postage and express	5 00
W. J. Trefethen M. D., reporting births and deaths	11 00
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	\$1,911 29
Amount unexpended	\$88 71

## *Wilton Free Public Library Association.*

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$500 00
State Aid	33 00
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Amount available	\$533 00
Paid N. W. Sewall, treas. 3 payments	\$533 00

### ***Grading at East Dixfield Schoolhouse.***

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$75 00
Amount unexpended Feb. 17th, 1917	\$75 00

### ***Common School Account.***

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$2,500 00
of school and mill fund	1,987 00
of common school fund	1,883 92
of interest on school fund	94 56
of interest on ministerial fund	34 36
of tuition due from Farmington	99 75
of tuition due from Dixfield	345 20
of tuition due from state	22 50
	<u>\$6,917 35</u>
Less overdraft of 1915	76 40
Amount available for 1916	<u>\$6,840 95</u>
Paid out for teachers	\$5,789 51
fuel	565 24
janitors	488 20
conveyance	13 70
tuition	175 50
	<u>\$7,032 25</u>
Amount overdrawn	\$191 30

### ***Repairs on School Buildings, Books, Appliances.***

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$800 00
Amount overdrawn	363 07
	<u>\$1,163 07</u>
Paid out for books	\$281 47
repairs	542 69
appliances	338 91
	<u>\$1,163 07</u>

### ***Abatement Account.***

Amount appropriated March 6th, 1916	\$200 00
Paid Wilton Woolen Co.	\$169 97
A. F. Hinkley, collector 1916	123 99
	<u>\$293 96</u>
Amount overdrawn	\$93 96

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### *Town Hall.*

In account with C. E. Miller, hall agent:

Total receipts of hall and piano from Feb. 19th, 1916 to  
Feb. 17th, 1917 \$950 00

Paid C. E. Miller 20% of receipts	\$190 00
for lights	28 16
for light fixtures	1 25
for tuning piano	2 50
for wood, sawing and storing	14 00
for brooms	90
for other supplies	1 69
to town	711 50
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	\$950 00

### *List of Town Property.*

Town hall and lot, with furniture and piano	\$6,300 00
Road machines, (three)	175 00
Holley snow plows with sleds	150 00
Sidewalk plow	40 00
Old schoolhouse and lot	1,800 00
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	\$8,465 00

### *Income of Town Property.*

Rent of store	\$180 00
Income of town hall and piano	711 50
Rent of schoolhouse hall, rent paid to July 1, '17	50 00
Rent of print shop	60 00
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	\$1,001 50

### *Abatements.*

Abatements made to A. F. Hinkley 1916 commitment.

Adams, Alvin	inability	\$12 90
Austin, Dana	not here	3 00
Allen, Stephen L.	error	3 00
Burbank, Russell	under age	3 00
Blasel, Fred	not here	3 00



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Buck, E. L.	inability	\$ 3 54
Berry, Fred	paid elsewhere	3 00
Bangs, Clifford	paid elsewhere	3 00
Bubier, Guy	error	86
Colburn, John	paid elsewhere	3 86
Colletin, Frank	not here	3 00
Connelly, Martin,	error	1 61
Dyer, A. A.	paid elsewhere	3 00
Dandrew, Robert	not here	3 00
Folsom, A. G.	inability	3 00
Henderson, Nelson,	not here	3 00
Hammot, Karol	under age	3 00
Holmes, Walter	error	2 15
Jones, Arthur	error	1 08
Lane, Clarence	under age	3 00
Lake, E. H.	error	86
Locklin, Abbie		1 09
Matson, Ohas.	not here	3 00
Maloof, Louis	under age	3 00
McCarthy, Thomas	not here	3 00
Norton Percy	not here	3 00
Nelzor, Albert	not here	3 00
Pemeleau, Ted	not here	3 00
Perley, Ohas. E.	inability	3 00
Ranger, Otto	paid elsewhere	7 30
Remick, W. E.	paid elsewhere	3 00
Shofer, Lewis	under age	3 00
Tirrell, Edward,	not here	3 00
Tibbetts, Bert	paid elsewhere	3 00
Trefethen, Verne	error	3 22
Trefethen, Harry	error	7 53
Wazny, Joe	not here	3 00
Worliski, Worlenty	not here	3 00
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		\$123 99

*Recapitulation.*

Whole amount of orders drawn		\$29,629 99
Paid for schools	\$7,032 25	
repairs, books and appliances	1,163 07	
abatements	293 96	
support of poor	1,144 09	
common highways	6,798 92	
music	376 11	
street lights	1,325 04	
free high school	3,100 00	
superintendency	239 60	
G. A. R. Memorial Day	50 00	
hydrants	1,020 00	
library	533 00	
state aid road	1,326 44	
patrol maintenance	483 58	
insurance	332 64	
town charges	1,911 29	
concrete bridge	2,500 00	
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		\$ 29,629 99

*Liabilities.*

E. M. Bridges, services as selectman 1916	\$ 201 25
O. W. Noyes,       "       "       "       "	160 47
O. E. Miller,       "       "       "       "	220 00
J. E. Hiscock,       "       "       treasurer       "	100 00
O. W. Robbins,       "       "       collector	84 05
Outstanding town orders	4,714 60
Notes against town	2,400 00
Balance due the Academy	1,500 00
Wilton Water Company	48 16
Franklin Light & Power Company	57 00
Livermore Falls Light & Power Company	5 89
Interest on town debt	195 94
Estimated outstanding school bills	900 00
Other outstanding bills, estimated	300 00
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	\$10,887 36

*Resources.*

Due from state, dog license refund, estimated	\$ 100 00
state on pensions	306 00
Poland	23 23
Hallowell	64 15
state on paupers	84 56
Dixfield, tuition	345 20
Farmington, tuition	99 75
Rent of printing shop	60 00
Due from tax deeds	135 52
Overdrawn school money	191 30
Cash on hand	2,018 20
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	\$3,427 91
Liabilities above resources	\$7,459 45

## ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

By the school board :

For schools	\$2,700 00
text books, repairs and appliances	850 00
insurance on East Dixfield schoolhouse	90 00
music	400 00
supervision	350 00

By selectmen :

For repairs of highways and bridges	6,000 00
town charges	2,000 00
abatements	300 00
free high school	2,800 00
Memorial Day	50 00
hydrants	1,020 00
lights	1,325 00
state aid road	666 00
town debt and interest	1,000 00
support of poor	800 00
new road machinery	300 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BRIDGES,	}	<i>Selectmen Of Wilton</i>
O. W. NOYES,		
O. E. MILLER,		

## *Treasurer's Report.*

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OR.

Cash in treasury Feb. 19, 1917	\$5,670 00
State treasurer state pension 1915	135 00
Damage to domestic animals	60 00
Support of paupers	216 12
Dog licenses refunded	92 82
Free Public Library	33 00
Schooling of children	22 50
Improvement of state roads	618 56
Free High School 1916	500 00
State Highway	483 58
School and Mill Fund	1,937 06
Common School Fund	1,883 92
Railroad and telegraph tax	107 69
Town of Poland, support of John Partridge	47 61
Farmington, tuition	39 00
Jay, tuition	21 50
Dixfield, share of expense 1915-16 school	384 31
Temple, tuition	12 00
Masonic Lodge No. 158, rent	14 58
J. W. Nelson, rent	60 00
O. F. Blanchard, tax deed J. J. Hunt Est.	27 10
Interest on same	23
A. F. Hinkley, refund of abatement	3 00
T. D. Strout, license for pool room	10 00
O. E. Miller, town hall acc. Feb. 19, '16 to Feb. 19, '17	711 50
Wilton Trust & Banking Co., interest	31 33
Joseph Berry, victualer's license	1 00
Ernest S. Gould, Lot No. 222A Lake View Cem.	5 00
L. W. Mosher,     "     "     369     "     "     "	5 00
C. O. Webster,    "     "     321     "     "     "	5 00
W. W. Eustis,     "     "     310     "     "     "	10 00
A. L. Gill,        "     "     305     "     "     "	10 00
J. E. Hiscok, dog licenses 1916	178 00

E. P. Parlin, license to sell fireworks	\$ 1 00
B. J. Cox, " " " "	1 00
A. L. Welch, " " " "	1 00
B. F. Stanley, " " " "	1 00
J. L. Thompson, license for picture show	10 00
Fred Mason, " " " "	10 00
St. Joseph's Church, rent old school hall	50 00
W. E. Sawyer, rent of store	1 0 00
A. F. Hinkley, Collector of 1916 tax	20,832 90
C. W. Robbins, " " " "	5,722 82
N. W. Sewall, treas. of school fund 1 yr. int.	94 56
B. J. Cox, Sealer, fees for sealing	20 15
Selectmen, advertising in town report	4 00
	<u>\$40,264 84</u>

## DR.

To Cash County tax	\$1,489 84
State tax	5,781 41
Pensions	306 00
Dog licenses	178 00
Interest	266 69
Town orders	29,577 40
State Treas., Joint maintenance,	
State Highway	647 30
Cash on hand	2,018 20
	<u>\$40,264 84</u>

*Treasurer's Statement of Debt.*

Outstanding	From	Rate	Int. paid to
Note	Mar. 28, '05	.04	Mar. 28, '16 \$ 900 00
	May 9, '05	.04	Nov. 9, '16 1,500 00
Townorder	Dec. 10, '03	.04	Dec. 10, '15 1,000 00
	Dec. 10, '03	.04	Dec. 10, '16 400 00
	Dec. 12, '03	.04	Dec. 12, '15 200 00
	May 2, '04	.04	May 2, '16 100 00
	Feb. 20, '05	.04	Feb. 20, '16 165 46
	Apr. 18, '05	.04	Apr. 18, '16 305 00
	Sept. 18, '08	.04½	Sept. 18, '15 1,000 00
	July 22, '10	.04	July 22, '16 470 00

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Town order Apr. 22, '18	.04	Apr. 22, '16	984 57
Interest due Feb. 17, 1917			195 94
			<u>\$7,220 97</u>

J. E. Hiscock, Treasurer.

## Collector's Account.

A. F. Hinkley, collector in acct with J. E. Hiscock, treas.			
To due on 1916 commitment		\$26,522 50	
" " " 1916	"	supplementary	33 22
			<u>\$26,555 72</u>

OR.

By cash of A. F. Hinkley, collector	\$20,832 90		
" " " C. W. Robbins,	"	5,722 82	
			<u>\$26,555 72</u>

## Cemetery Funds.

William H. and Adalinda Dascombe

On deposit as per last report	\$454 26
One year's int. paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	18 34

O. L. Walker

On deposit Maine Savings Bank	\$50 00
One year's int. paid East Wilton Cemetery Assn.	1 74

John and Marcena Robbins

On deposit Livermore Falls Trust & Banking Co.	\$233 00
One year's int. paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	9 40

Miranda Woodward

On deposit Livermore Falls Trust & Banking Co.	\$100 00
One year's int. paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	4 04

A. R. Savage

On deposit Wilton Trust & Banking Co.	\$107 85
One year's int. paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	4 28

Oscar Wilkins

On deposit Wilton Trust & Banking Co.	\$106 12
One year's int. paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	4 24

Agnes I. Goodspeed

On deposit Wilton Trust & Banking Co.	\$1,000 00
One year's int. paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	40 00

**Orie M. Miller**

On deposit Wilton Trust & Banking Co.	\$200 00
One year's int. paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	8 00

**R. C. Fuller**

On deposit Wilton Trust & Banking Co.	\$200 00
One year's int. paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	8 67

**William and Drusilla Bowman**

On deposit Wilton Trust & Banking Co.	\$200 00
One year's int. paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	4 00

**John O. Legroo**

On deposit Wilton Trust & Banking Co.	\$500 00
Interest paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	10 00

**J. F. W Gould**

On deposit Wilton Trust & Banking Co.	\$51 00
Interest paid Lake View Cemetery Assn.	1 71

# *Report of the Superintendent of Schools.*

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*To the Superintending School Committee of Wilton.*

GENTLEMEN :— I am pleased to present to you my first annual report of your public schools.

As the year was half over when I began supervision, it was my purpose to continue plans already in operation and get acquainted with conditions.

## TEACHERS

There are sixteen changes since the Spring Term. Now it is a question, whether or not it is economy to make our schools a place where unexperienced teachers gain their experience at the expense of our children. The salaries of the small rural schools are not attractive to a large group of teachers and selection is restricted. I should recommend paying more money to rural teachers, both to get them and to keep them. It is pleasing to note that in one district the people offer to do this out of their own pockets. Economy can be had in other things.

The changes are as follows: Chester M. Dascombe, Upper Grammar; Rubie Ireland, Rose Mathiew, Dryden; Annie Seavey, East Wilton; Alice Hopkins, Dora Smith, McCrillis; Helen Bagley, Magdalena Walker, Blanchard Gladys Mosher, Helen York, Brown; Josie Penney, Knowles; Stella Getchell, Intervale; Hazel Smith, from Walker Hill to East Dixfield; Elizabeth Mosher, Mattie Dingley, Hathaway; Emma Whittemore, East Dixfield.

## SCHOOL YEAR.

The school year is shorter than formerly and at the present is the minimum allowed in Maine. Ordinary ab-



sences of sickness and holidays cut down this amount of instruction. I should recommend giving our children the same number of weeks as our neighbors, Jay and Farmington.

### ACCOMMODATIONS.

With as many pupils in the upper floor of the Village School as at Wilton Academy, the situation is critical. Not only does a teacher fail to attend to the needs of so many scholars, but the confusion detracts from study. An assistant was added for the last six weeks of the Fall Term and gave some relief by holding classes in my office. I should recommend that the town consider adding to the present building which was planned for this purpose. Next fall we should operate two more rooms.

It is very probable that more room than that will be needed within a few years according to the present increase of the town, because this school had 169 before Dryden had a schoolhouse. Now we have 190 there with twenty-four in Dryden and twenty-four returned to Hathaway and Walker Hill. This is about a room a year increase.

### REPAIRS.

The Intervale School had a new hardwood floor and seats varnished. As this school is so far from the village it is likely always to continue, and it makes a fine school center. At East Wilton the Primary Schoolhouse had the walls and ceiling sheathed. When this was done, the condition of the roof was noticed and it was thought wise to shingle. This added duty and the increasing cost of all materials has largely increased the expenditures for repairs. A new heater was also installed and now the children are kept warm in an economical way and have ventilation. It is a pleasure to visit this school and watch the children.

If the Walker Hill School is to be continued, a woodshed should be built. While at the Hathaway School the underpinning needs to be repaired; repairs made in

shed and entry, and the walls painted. These schools are lacking in pictures and the equipment that goes to make a profitable school and I recommend more attention given them if they are to be continued. The McOrillis Schoolhouse should be painted. This is a pleasant location and deserves to be kept looking good.

#### COURSE OF STUDY.

The effort is being made to confine the drill in spelling to the words a person writes. Practise in writing is following the ideas of muscular movement and letter formation. The reading from the Progressive Road to Reading installed last year, is improving, both in quantity and quality.

As in many other subjects, the tendency in arithmetic is to reduce the field of instruction to a practical working knowledge.

#### FINANCES.

My policy has been to take a given situation and decide it on the basis of available funds. To get the most out of any dollar rather than ask for more money. However, this town is not poverty stricken, and it seems to me good economy to observe the recommendations made in the preceding sections. The fair minded person will admit that the large increase in the cost of living affects the value of teachers' salaries, cost of fuel, repairs and supplies. The large and prosperous farms and the valuable industries of this town demand a like grade of education. The estimates are made to give this corresponding grade, and not the cheapest articles that can be found.

To summarize I make the following:

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

FIRST: Permit a salary in rural schools that will attract the competent teachers and to retain them.

SECOND: Make the school year thirty-three weeks.

THIRD: Put in comfortable shape the small rural schools of those that are to be continued.

FOURTH: Build an addition to the Village School.

## CONCLUSION.

Your attention and thoughtful consideration is directed to these matters—the most important to the future citizens of your town.

I wish to take this occasion to state my appreciation of the work of the teachers, this wise counsel of the School Committee, and support of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Burch, Superintendent of Schools.

*School Statistics.*

School	Teacher	Education	Exp.	Salary	Janitor's Salary	Summer Cleaning	Pupils
Upper Grammar	A. L. Dennison	Bowdoin	20 yrs	\$20	\$8	\$8	59
Assistant	Mertie Stowe	Wilton A.		9			
Lower Grammar	Helen Grover	F. S. N. S.	2 yrs.	12			46
Upper Primary	Freda Mitchell		4 yrs.	12			34
Lower Primary	Mabo Collins		7 yrs.	12			39
E. W. Grammar	Lillian Webster	Wilton A.	5 yrs.	10½	1½	2½	
E. W. Primary	Ruth Blake	F. S. N. S.	2 yrs.	10½		2	
McCrillis	Theo Buckley	F. S. N. S.	1 yrs.	10	0.50	4	16
Blanchard	Helena Bissonette	G. N. S.	1 term	9	0.50	4	
Brown	Mabel Webster	F. S. N. S.	1 yr.	9	0.50	4	
Knowles	Lena Pettengill,	Wilton A.	10 terms	9	0.40	5	
Intervale	Ethel Davis	F.S.N.S.	1 yr.	11	0.50		
Walker Hill	Irma Knowlton	F.S.N.S.		9	0.50	2	12
Hathaway	Nellie Sample,	Strong H. S.	1 term	9	0.40		12
E. Dix. Grammar	Marion Beedy,	F. S. N. S.	3	11	2		21
E. Dix. Primary	Hazel Smith	F. S. N. S.	2	9			16
Searles	Sadie Rowe	F. S. N. S.	13 yrs.	11	0.40	5	
Dryden	Kathleen Hodgkins,	F. N. S.	1 term	10	0.75		24

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*Report of the Principal of Wilton Academy.*

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

I herewith submit my fifth annual report of work at Wilton Academy.

Since my last report, the increase in the size of the several classes has made necessary lengthening the school day by thirty minutes, making possible a school day of eight instead of seven periods as before. The teachers have shouldered the extra work without a murmur of protest, and the extra period has made possible smaller classes and more thorough instruction.

The spirit and discipline of the school was never better than this present year. The vocational guidance, which the school began over four years ago, has resulted in a more earnest attention to the work of the school; and the cooperation of teachers with pupils in their play as well as work has developed a fine spirit of loyalty to the school. In fact, the entire school of pupils and teachers presents the appearance of a big family working together in the best of harmony. We challenge comparison with any other school in the state of Maine and invite the closest inspection. This is the boast of the school as a whole, and not of the teachers as such.

No feature of our school organization has met with as much success as our vocational guidance. Twice each year, each pupil of the school goes to the office of the principal for a heart to heart talk on the pupil's ambition in life. The principal advises with the pupil as to the best methods of attaining his desired position in a vocation and keeps a careful record of the conference. Nearly every day in the school year, pupils go to the principal for advice in regard to studies needed and ways and means of getting into the trades and professions. The result of this system of vocational guidance is that every pupil in school has a definite aim in his school work, and comes to feel that the school exists for

the purpose of helping him to attain that aim.

Another feature of our school organization that is yielding large returns is the system of physical measurements and records. In keeping these records we are following the practise of the leading schools of the country. These records give us for each pupil in school, the standing height, weight, chest and waist girth, condition of eyes, ears, nose and teeth, record of sickness and physical defects and a record of correcti e exercises. Where it is possible to secure the cooperation of the family phpsician, we also have a record of the heart and lungs. The object of these records is, of course, to enable us to cooperate more intelligently with the pupil and his home in building good health.

The curriculum of the school has been undergoing a gradual evolution to the end that the school may more fully meet the needs of the pupils who come to us. In the near future, we must take one more step in advance and bring the curriculum nearer our ideal. According to the advise of the state department of education, this next move will mean merging our department of Manual Training in a new department of Agriculture. We do not need an independent department of Manual Training. Aside from the general function of manual training in the training of the child, our department of manual training should function in giving the training in woodworking, iron working and cement molding needed by the farmer.

We can bring about the needed change without adding to our teaching force and without adding to the cost of our needed equipment. We can have a man teach all of the subjects in a three year course in agriculture and such manual training as we need in this school. The present courses in science can be made to more fully correlate with the work in agriculture.

With this change completed, we shall be offering four courses of study as follows:—

## Courses of Study.

Classical	Scientific	Domestic Arts
<b>REQUIRED:</b> English I Algebra A Latin I General Science Manual Training I <b>ELECTIVE:</b> Piano	<b>REQUIRED:</b> English I Algebra A Latin I. General Science Manual Training I <b>ELECTIVE:</b> Piano	<b>REQUIRED:</b> English I Algebra B Commercial Arithmetic General Science Manual Training I <b>ELECTIVE:</b> Piano
<b>SECOND YEAR</b>		
<b>REQUIRED:</b> English II Plane Geometry Latin II Ancient History <b>ELECTIVE:</b> Biology Manual Training II Domestic Science I Piano	<b>REQUIRED</b> English II Plane Geometry Latin II Biology <b>ELECTIVE:</b> Ancient History Manual Training II Domestic Science I Piano	<b>REQUIRED:</b> English II Biology Book-keeping and Law Domestic Science I <b>ELECTIVE:</b> Plane Geometry Ancient History Piano
<b>THIRD YEAR.</b>		
<b>REQUIRED:</b> English III Latin III French I <b>ELECTIVE:</b> Physics European History Manual Training III Domestic Science II Piano	<b>REQUIRED:</b> English III French I Physics <b>ELECTIVE:</b> Latin III European History Manual Training III Domestic Science II Piano	<b>REQUIRED:</b> English III Domestic Science II <b>ELECTIVE:</b> French I Physics European History Piano
<b>FOURTH YEAR.</b>		
<b>REQUIRED:</b> English IV Latin IV French II Algebra & Solid Geom. <b>ELECTIVE:</b> Chemistry Economic History Manual Training IV Domestic Science III Piano	<b>REQUIRED.</b> English IV French II Chemistry Algebra & Solid Geom. <b>ELECTIVE.</b> Latin IV Economic History Manual Training IV Domestic Science III Piano	<b>REQUIRED.</b> English IV Chemistry Economic History Domestic Science III <b>ELECTIVE.</b> French II Algebra & Solid Geom. Piano

**AGRICULTURE.**

FIRST YEAR	THIRD YEAR
<b>REQUIRED:</b> English I Algebra B Commercial Arithmetic General Science Manual Training I <b>ELECTIVE</b> Piano	<b>REQUIRED:</b> English III Physics Agriculture II Manual Training III <b>ELECTIVE:</b> French I European History Piano
SECOND YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
<b>REQUIRED:</b> English II Biology Book-keeping and Law Agriculture I Manual Training II <b>ELECTIVE:</b> Plane Geometry Ancient History Piano	<b>REQUIRED.</b> English IV Chemistry Economic History Manual Training IV Agriculture III <b>ELECTIVE.</b> French II Algebra & Solid Geom. Piano

Note: These courses follow the plan of requiring certain subjects and allowing ambitious pupils to elect additional work in any courses that may interest them.

The land recently purchased by the Academy for an athletic field, will also afford ample opportunity for such experiments as may need to be attempted by the department of agriculture.

The school catalogue, about to be issued, presents so much information concerning the school, that I shall cut this report short with a very few of the usual statistics.

## GRADUATING CLASS—1916.

**Classical Course:—**

Perley Lee Berry

Dryden

Employed in Paper Mill,  
[Rumford, Me.]**Scientific Course:—**

Lauriston Franklin Noyes

East Wilton

Farming, Wilton

John Earl Oakes

North Chesterville

Farming, Chesterville

Van Wilder Toothaker

North Chesterville

Farming, Chesterville

**English Course:—**

Herbert Moody Allen

Wilton

Univ. of Maine

Roland Harold Calden

Wilton

Shoe-factory, Wilton

Charles Goodwin Carter

Wilton

Gorham Normal School

Amy Clark

Wilton

Farmington Normal School

Helen Randall Clifford

Wilton

At home, Wilton

Madeline Beatrice Collins

Wilton

Telephone Exchange, Wilton

Arthur Elton Davenport

Dryden

Mason, Dryden

George Albert Farnum

East Wilton

Shoe-factory, Wilton

Lizzie May Grant

Temple

Farmington Normal School

Georgie Lucille Larrabee

Wilton

Farmington Normal School

Hazel Cornelia Martin

Wilton

At Home, Wilton

Irena Masterman

Wilton

Mrs. Geo. A. Farnum, Wilton

Myrtle Maxine Niles

Wilton

Housekeeper, Farmington

Mildred Shirley Pease

East Wilton

Housekeeper, East Wilton

Mertie Mercides Stowe

Wilton

Teacher, Wilton

Raymond Frank Woodcock

Wilton

Univ. of Maine

Myrtle Olive Yerxa

Wilton

Mrs. Harry Trask, N. Jay

Table A. TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

	Boys	Girls	Total
1912-13	28	47	85
1913-14	42	44	86
1914-15	42	53	95
1915-16	54	59	113
1916-17	56	58	114

Table B.

	Total Enrollment	Ave. Att.	Agg. Att.
1912-13	85	70.8	11,818
1913-14	86	76.28	13,274
1914-15	95	83.7	15,151
1915-16	113	101.85	17,723
1916-17	114		



Table C.

Total Enrollment by Months.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
1912-13	84	83	79	77	74	73	70	69	69	69
1913-14	81	82	80	80	80	79	79	76	76	76
1914-15	92	91	88	86	87	88	87	88	83	83
1915-16	108	108	107	105	104	105	105	105	105	105
1916-17	112	113	112	107	106					

These statistics are given to show the continued increase in attendance and regularity of attendance—the best proof that can be offered that the school is giving its pupils what they want and what they need.

There has been an unusual amount of sickness from contagious diseases this winter and I expect that our average and aggregate attendance will show a marked falling off from the standard of previous years. I wish that something might be done to prevent the spread of these diseases in our community. I believe that the remedy lies in a more rigid quarantine.

We would like to have more parents visit the school.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. Colby, Principal.

### *Wilton Academy.*

The trustees of Wilton Academy submit the following financial statement for the year ending June 13, 1916.

#### RECEIPTS

Rec'd from State Free High School	\$ 500 00
Academy appropriation	750 00
Industrial Appropriation	495 23
Wilton tuition of pupils	2,400 00
Towns and individual tuition	
Balance 1914-15	\$ 60
Towns and individual tuition	
1915-16	450

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Total tuition	\$510 00
Rec'd from Boston Alumni	50 00
Rec'd from rent of hall	34 75
Hired to pay expenses	186 24
Total receipts	<hr/> \$4,926 22

## EXPENDITURES

Cash paid W. G. Colby, in full	\$1,500 00
R. M. Sanborn, in full	950 00
Mary E. Eaton, in full	600 00
Susan H. Weston, in full	600 00
Louisa M. Talbot, in full	450 00
Janitor, in full	176 00
Fuel	168 21
Franklin Light & Power Co.	53 42
Indebtedness of 1914-15	147 03
J. W. Nelson, catalogues, etc.	61 80
Sundries	219 76
Total expenditures	<hr/> \$4,926 22

W. J. Trefethen, *Treasurer.*

J. E. Hiscock,	}	<i>Executive</i>
G. N. Blanchard,		
John R. Bass,		
		<i>Committee</i>

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### ***Report of the Supervisor of Music.***

*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

In giving you my report as Supervisor of Music for the Wilton Public Schools, I will ask you and the parents of the town to go with me in imagination as I visit the various schools.

Let us commence with Walker Hill. Here we find twelve pupils. After a rote song by the whole school they are divided into three groups according to ability, and each group has a drill of a few minutes, from the oldest who can do quite a bit at sight singing to the lit-

tle tots who are trying to imitate sounds at different pitches. A few words of explanation and instruction to the teacher and we are off for East Dixfield.

In the Grammar room here we find the pupils struggling not only with tone problems including di, ri, fi, se, le, and the rest of the family, but with time problems as well. Written work is used very freely.

Then we visit the primary room, a large percentage of whose scholars were one time monotones. Now, under their musical teacher, they are able to sing a variety of songs acceptably and they know the easier scale intervals. The third and fourth grades can also sing easy exercises from the Music Primers.

Next we take a look at the Hathaway school which has suffered from a frequent change of teachers. There are one or two notable examples here of monotone singers who have persevered and overcome this disability, and are now the leading singers of their class. All the more hope then for others of them, eager, forceful youngsters, who have yet to learn that noise is not music.

The afternoon we will devote to the village schools. Here is the Lower Primary full of promise, the Upper Primary hear how sweetly they sing "I wonder if the snowflakes," and how well they can identify tones sung by the teacher. They can also do a little in two-part work.

The Lower Grammar is doing a good deal of two-part work, learning keys, letters and all that.

The Upper Grammar has the help of a piano, which, however, is used after the songs are learned by syllable.

Perhaps you are too tired after this day's work to start out again, but I could show you the Searles school, small now in numbers, and having no marked musical talent, yet, under their faithful teacher who has been long with them doing the best they can.

I could show you too the Intervale school which has shown a marked improvement this year, the Knowles

school which is doing well, and the Brown with only six scholars. Among these six there is a wide range of ability.

Then there is the Dryden school with a membership of twenty five or more, loving to sing, and fortunate in having a teacher who can sing.

At McCrillis Corner is an interesting school, part of whose pupils are going on the principle that it is best to know something about singing, even if nature has denied them a voice.

The Blanchard is another small but splendid school which has made steady progress in various ways in later years.

Last, but not least, are the two schools at E. Wilton.

The Primary school children sing exceptionally well both in songs and in reading from chart or book.

In the Grammar room the eighth grade are doing splendid work, and are able to undertake quite difficult music. At present they are taking three-part singing with much pleasure and profit.

Respectfully submitted

Mittie T. Wade.

### *Itemized School Accounts.*

#### TEACHERS' WAGES

C. M. Dascombe	\$255 00
A. L. Dennison	312 00
Helen Grover	364 50
Freda Mitchell	364 50
Mabo Collins	364 50
Rubie Ireland	116 60
Kathleen Hodgkins	160 00
Annie Seavey	185 51
Lillian Webster	124 20

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Stella Getchell	\$165 00
Ethel Davis	176 00
Sadie Rowe	343 00
Mabel Webster	279 00
Helen York	59 40
Mattie Dingley	117 00
Nellie Sample	27 00
Marion Beedy	326 00
Mrs. Norman Dyer	72 00
Ruth Blake	315 90
Alice Hopkins	157 50
Dora Smith	130 00
Theo Buckley	30 00
Helen Bagley	135 00
Magdalena Walker	117 00
Helena Bissonette	27 00
Gladys Mosher	135 00
Irma Knowlton	144 00
Josie Penney	150 00
Lena Pettengill	144 00
Emma Whittemore	135 00
Hazel Smith	144 00
Elizabeth Mosher	72 00
Viola Calden	4 40
Vannie Oakes	11 00
Rose Mathiew	33 00
Marion O. Johnson	12 50
Mertie Stowe	81 00
Total	<hr/> \$5,789 50

## FUEL

S. E. Pratt	\$ 23 00
E. S. Gould	20 00
Wesley Foss	1 00
F. W. Knowles	27 10
F. S. Newell	5 00
A. M. Rowe	1 00
Josie Penney	2 00

# TOWN REPORT

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L. V Prescott	\$ 6 00
Chester Hosley	3 75
E. B. Lake	8 10
Wilkins Bros.	246 43
E. E. Winter	7 20
C. M. Mosher	20 00
Ed. Adams	4 25
C. C. Campbell	1 00
James Eaton	2 50
E. A. Ranger	36 67
W W Wilkins	24 00
M. L. Walton	44 50
L. V Prescott	8 50
O. L. Perry	22 00
D. B. Knowles	16 00
Donald Brown	23 24
A. L. Dennison	5 50
K. A. Hill	1 50
M. E. Adams	3 00
G. P. Butterfield	2 00
Total	<u>\$565 24</u>

## JANITORS

A. E. Stickney	\$248 00
E. W Adams	33 80
Stella Getchell	10 30
J. O. Campbell	22 50
Alton Hiscock	12 90
Perley Ranger	11 00
Chester Hosley	6 80
Donald Brown	14 55
Wesley Foss	7 70
E. O. Clark	15 00
G. P. Butterfield	60 00
Helen York	3 50
Zetta Hill	8 40
Harold Ranger	3 20
J. F. Burch	45

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Walter Johnson	\$8 00
Ethel Davis	6 50
Irma Knowlton	6 50
Sadie Rowe	5 20
Ruth Blake	4 00
Total	<u>\$488 10</u>

## CONVEYANCE

P. M. Averill	\$8 00
H. F. Aldrich	5 70
Total	<u>\$13 70</u>
Town of Jay for Tuition	\$175 50

## TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT. For Common School use.

American Book Company	\$ 15 54
Atkinson M. & Company	3 98
Mac Millan Company	10 97
Ginn & Company	3 31
D. C. Heath & Company	31 18
Knowlton & McLeary Company	2 40
Silver, Burdett Company	40 40
E. E. Babb & Company	172 11
American Express	55
Wilkins Bros.	1 00
Total	<u>\$281 47</u>

## REPAIRS. Common Schools

W. W. Wilkins	\$11 50
J. E. Hiscock	7 00
W. E. Adams	184 29
H. Babb	42 12
S. P. Butterfield	7 84
O. Knowles	1 00
Elward Hiscock	2 00
Mrs. Sadie Eaton	2 00
D. Brown	50
E. O. Crockett	5 00
H. Young	21 90
E. A. Ranger	4 00

## TOWN REPORT

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Ethel Hosley	\$ 2 00
P. E. Foss	5 00
C. C. Campbell	5 47
F. L. Hiscock	5 00
Ed Adams	25
Emma Butterfield	2 00
A. S. Johnson	74 68
F. A. Russell	96 50
Alice Spinney	2 50
Smith System	3 00
Sewall	31 36
Ida Brown	4 00
E. C. Clark	2 50
A. E. Stickney	12 28
B. J. Cox	1 00
C. A. Miller	50
S. E. Pratt	4 00
C. Hosley	1 50
Total	<u>\$592 60</u>

## APPARATUS, APPLIANCES ACCOUNT

R. L. West	\$11 68
Kenney Bros.	15 00
Milton Bradley	22 80
J. L. Hanmet	113 90
H. P. White	1 35
Orman Knowles	1 00
Nelson	23 80
E. A. & C. E.	3 72
Knowlton & McLeary	4 68
Alice Hopkins	1 50
N. W. Sewall & Co.	25 99
Stickney	1 30
J. D. Furnel & Son	3 00
E. E. Babb & Co.	67 96
Wilkins Bros.	14 90
Stella Getchell	25
H. R. Dascombe	1 98
Norton	1 30



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Rose Grounder	\$1 90
Ed Adams	1 00
Shaw Walker	4 20
W. W. Wilkins	1 00
C. A. Miller	1 50
E. P. Parlin	6 60
Sadie Rowe	2 60
J. W. Burch	4 00
Total	<u>\$338 91</u>

## MUSIC ACCOUNT

M. T. Wade, teacher	\$217 00
C. O. Jones, conveyance	135 00
Supplies	24 11
Total	<u>\$376 11</u>

## INSURANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

East Dixfield policy	\$3,000 00
Dryden	2,000 00
Grammar	9,600 00
Grammar contents	400 00

## SUPERINTENDENT ACCOUNT

R. L. West	\$139 60
J. F. Burch	100 00
Total	<u>\$239 60</u>

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*Calendar.*

The Superintendent will be in Wilton on Monday and Wednesday of each week and on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Fall Term	Sept. 5 to Dec. 15	13 weeks
Fair week and Thanksgiving week out.		
Winter Term	Jan. 8 to March 9	9 weeks
Spring Term	April 16 to June 8	8 weeks

## ACADEMY

Fall Term	September 12 to December 22
Winter Term	January 9 to March 30
Spring Term	April 10 to June 15

***Wilton Free Public Library Association.***

N. W Sewall, Treasurer, in account with Wilton Free  
Public Library Association.

1916 To	DR.	
Feb. 18	Cash on hand Feb. 18, 1916	\$ 197 01
Mar. 8	L. E. Palmer, fines and fees	11 00
10	Bowman fund Savings Dept.	500 00
June 7	L. E. Palmer, fines and fees	14 00
Sept. 9	L. E. Palmer, fines and fees	10 75
Oct. 30	Town of Wilton	250 00
Nov. 10	Sale of bookcases	40 00
10	Sale of old paper	60
27	Town of Wilton	250 00
Dec. 1	L. E. Palmer, fines and fees	5 70
28	Sale of stove	8 00
1917		
Feb. 19	Sale of bookcase	2 00
21	Town treasurer from the State	33 00
		\$1,322 06

1916 By	CR.	
Mar. 8	Paid L. E. Palmer, salary	\$ 25 00
10	Bowman fund transferred to savings ac.	500 00
Apr. 3	C. Fenderson, rent	20 00
13	Franklin Light & Power Co., light	2 00
June 7	Dodd, Mead & Co., books	4 05
7	L. E. Palmer, salary	25 00
15	Franklin Light & Power Co., light	2 00
July 15	A. F. Hinkley, insurance	21 00
17	Franklin Light & Power Co., light	1 00
Aug. 16	Franklin Light & Power Co., light	1 00
Sept. 9	L. E. Palmer, salary	25 00
13	Library Bureau, Supplies	18 98
13	A. L. A. Publishing Board, booklist	1 00
Oct. 6	L. E. Palmer, supplies	7 20
6	Library Bureau, Cards	12 50
18	Franklin Light & Power Co., light	2 00

Nov. 4	Eastern News Co., Periodicals	\$ 1 90
4	Literary Digest	3 00
4	H. W. Wilson Co., Periodicals	22 45
11	J. W. Nelson, slips	1 00
11	L. E. Palmer, cataloguing and moving	53 91
11	Louise Jones, cataloguing and moving	3 50
11	Carrie S. Palmer, cataloging and moving	39 30
11	Virgil Taylor, moving	1 80
11	Harlow Melendy, moving	1 80
11	H. A. Huston, books	42 83
15	Franklin Light & Power Co., light	2 50
20	Harold Clifford, shoveling coal	30
20	Earl Robbins, Janitor	2 00
Dec. 1	L. E. Palmer, salary	25 00
2	Stephen E. Barton, Insurance on building, \$15,000 to Nov. 1, 1921	245 30
6	A. F. Hinkley, Insurance on contents \$2,000 to Oct. 26, 1921	28 55
16	Franklin Light & Power Co., light	3 50
28	Williamson No. 20, rent	4 45
1917		
Jan. 16	Franklin Light & Power Co., light	3 75
Feb. 3	H. W. Wilson Co., Readers Guide	6 00
3	John C. Gorman, rebinding 94 books	24 44
7	Library Bureau, supplies	6 16
12	Charles Waldron, Janitor to Feb. 25	50 00
12	L. E. Palmer, supplies	30
15	Franklin Light & Power Co., light	2 75
		<u>\$1,244 22</u>
Feb. 21	Cash on hand	77 84
		<u>\$1,322 06</u>
	The F. J. Goodspeed Bequest	
	Deposited in Wilton Trust & Banking Co.,	
	Savings account	\$500 00
	The Drusilla Bowman Bequest	
	Deposited in Wilton Trust & Banking Co.,	
	Savings account	500 00
	Accrued interest on above to Jan. 1, 1917	43 95
		<u>\$1,043 95</u>

# ***Town Warrant.***

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*To Fred. E. Trefethen, 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 day 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.

### **ARTICLE 2.**

To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

### **ARTICLE 3.**

To hear the report of the municipal officers and act upon the same.

### **ARTICLE 4.**

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, including road commissioners and hall agent.

### **ARTICLE 5.**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools the ensuing year.

### **ARTICLE 6.**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 7.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the defraying of town charges for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 8.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 9.

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

#### ARTICLE 10.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise toward paying the town debt or interest on same.

#### ARTICLE 11.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school books, repairs and appliances for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 12.

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

#### ARTICLE 13.

To see if the town will vote to place a hydrant in front of the Severy house in Dryden.

#### ARTICLE 14.

To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the revising board.

#### ARTICLE 15.

To see if the town will vote to have thirty-four weeks for the school year instead of thirty weeks as now.

**ARTICLE 16.**

To see if the town will vote to build an addition to the Grammar School building this year.

**ARTICLE 17.**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for said purpose.

**ARTICLE 18.**

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway leading from the old Gammon buildings down the hill to the land of Elmer Hathaway.

**ARTICLE 19.**

To see if the town will vote to purchase a clock and place it on the town hall.

**ARTICLE 20.**

To see what some of money the town will vote to raise for said purpose.

**ARTICLE 21.**

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of fifty dollars for the Wilton Cornet Band.

**ARTICLE 22.**

To see if the town will vote to widen, straighten and improve the highway as laid out by the County Commissioners leading through Wilton village.

**ARTICLE 23.**

To see what sum the town will vote to raise for said purpose.

**ARTICLE 24.**

To see if the town will vote to rebuild the Maine Street Bridge in Wilton village, the construction to be of cement and to be built in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of Chapter 319 of the Public Laws of 1915.

**ARTICLE 25.**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the building of said Main Street Bridge.

**ARTICLE 26.**

To see if the town will vote to install three additional electric lights on High St., one of the three to be located near the residence of Dr. Higgins; also one on Canal Street.

**ARTICLE 27.**

To see if the town will vote to contract for a 500 watt electric light to be located in Village Square where the present electric light is located.

**ARTICLE 28.**

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purpose of lighting the streets of Wilton, Dryden, East Wilton and East Dixfield.

**ARTICLE 29.**

To see if the town will vote to insure the building in which the town hall is located.

**ARTICLE 30.**

To see if the town will vote to sell to the Wilton Trust & Banking Company, the real estate deeded by Cyrus Fenderson to the Inhabitants of Wilton by his deed of warranty dated August 25th, 1883, and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 98, Page 583.

**ARTICLE 31.**

To see what price the town will vote to place upon said real estate described in a deed from Cyrus Fenderson to the Inhabitants of Wilton by deed dated August 25th, 1883.

**ARTICLE 32.**

To see if the town will vote to clean and keep in repair a fish screen that may be erected at the outlet of Wilson Lake.

### ARTICLE 33.

To see if the town will vote to instruct its Treasurer to make such temporary loans as may be necessary, said loans to be made upon the approval of the Selectmen.

### ARTICLE 34.

To see if the town will vote to raise twenty-five dollars to grade McCrillis Corner School grounds, if the parents would put in a like amount in labor.

### ARTICLE 35.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to purchase a steam roller, or other road machinery.

### ARTICLE 36.

To see if the town will vote to raise the road leading from Enoch Bridges, to F. W. Knowles, near the Pine Brook Bridge so called.

### ARTICLE 37.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to do the same.

### ARTICLE 38.

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

### ARTICLE 39.

To see if the town will vote to exchange a part of its highway on main road from Farmington to Temple being between the afore said towns for the part of Temple Highways from the Temple line near the Averill farm to the main highway on the mail route in Temple or their choice of the parts number four, two or three.

### ARTICLE 40.

To see if the town will authorize the superintending school committee to make a contract with and pay the trustees of Wilton Academy for the tuition of its scholars qualified to attend such schools, in accordance with Chapter 88, of the Public Laws of 1911.

### ARTICLE 41.

To see what sum of money shall be appropriated for this purpose.



#### ARTICLE 42.

To see how the taxes shall be collected and when made payable for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 43.

To see if the town will vote to unite with another town or towns for hiring jointly a superintendent of schools.

#### ARTICLE 44.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the superintendency of our public schools for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 45.

To see if the town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

#### ARTICLE 46.

To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$666.00 for the improvement of the section of state aid road as outlined in the report of the state highway commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provision of section 19 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

#### ARTICLE 47.

To see if the town will vote to raise five times the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of section 19 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913, provided the state will appropriate a like increase of state aid, together with an additional sum equal to twenty-five percentum of such increase of state aid.

#### ARTICLE 48.

To see whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum for the maintenance of state and state aid highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town, under the provisions of sections 9, and 18 of Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.

#### ARTICLE 49.

To see if the town will vote to raise \$1,020.00 for hydrant service for the year 1917.

#### ARTICLE 50.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for abatements for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 51.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the instruction of music in our common schools for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 52.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for insurance of school buildings for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 53.

To see if the town will vote to maintain a school in the Brown District for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 54.

To see if the town will vote to maintain a school in the Blanchard District for the ensuing year.

#### ARTICLE 55.

To see if the town will vote to maintain a school in the Knowles District for the ensuing year.

## ARTICLE 56.

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

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 the right of having their names entered upon said list, at the selectmen's office in said Wilton at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on the 3rd day of March and at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of March next, A. D. 1917.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of Feb. A. D. 1917

E. M. BRIDGES,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
C. W. NOYES,		<i>Of</i>
C. E. MILLER,		<i>Wilton</i>





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