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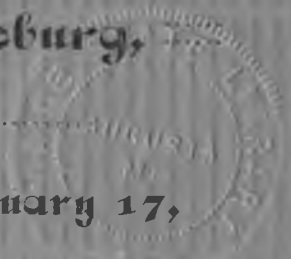
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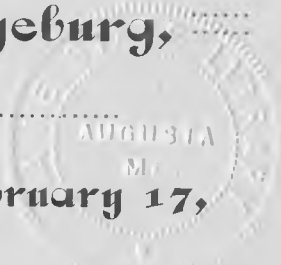
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF FRYEBURG:

We herewith submit our annual report of the receipts and expenditures of your money, including an itemized list of general orders drawn the past year, ending Feb. 17th, 1897.

Total amount of taxable property, as shown, by the valuation book for 1896 is:

Real estate.....	\$610,928 00
Personal estate.....	185,482 00
Total.....	<u>\$796,410 00</u>

Whole number of polls taxed 415. Poll pays \$2.00.
Rate per \$1.00 .01.

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax.....	\$1,928 59
County tax.....	920 77
For roads and bridges.....	1,800 00
Support of poor.....	800 00
Current expenses.....	1,000 00
Support of schools.....	1,400 00
School books.....	50 00
School house repairs.....	100 00
New drainage in village.....	500 00
Grover Post G. A. R.....	25 00
Fractional overlay.....	269 74
Amount committed to collector.....	<u>\$8,794 10</u>

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

INMATES OF POOR HOUSE.

Fred B Johnson.....	52 weeks
Wm. McKeen.....	52 weeks

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Master C. S. Wiley.....	\$ 250 00
Additional labor on farm.....	16 00
Supplies	217 10
Paid F. W. Thoms, exchange on oxen.....	32 50
By shrinkage on stock.....	19 00
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	\$534 60

RECEIPTS.

On stock and produce sold.....	183 16
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Expenses of running town farm.....	351 44

The expenses away from the farm for the past year are as follows:

For support of John F. Beaman, at Augusta.....	142 80
For expense of Mrs. Jacob Gilman.....	35 00
For support of Wm. Johnson.....	72 00
For medical attendance on Henry Nutter and family.....	33 50
Supplies furnished Henry Nutter.....	41 55
For nurse taking care of Mrs. Nutter.....	15 00

Expenses during the sickness and death of Frank Kneeland.

Paid for help taking care of Kneeland during sickness.....	17 00
Paid for casket.....	25 00

For expense taking Mrs. John F. Harriman, to Augusta....	20 00
Abby Elay's child at Norway.....	23 30
For supplies furnished Joseph Bowley.....	9 57
Lizzie B. Willey at Industrial school.....	6 50
	\$441 22

SUMMARY.

Amount apportioned.....	\$800 00
Total expense of poor the past year	792 66

ORDERS DRAWN FOR EXPENSES AT POOR FARM THE
PAST YEAR.

H. L. Hutchings supplies for town farm.....	\$18 66
C. S. Wiley balance due on salary April 1, 1896.....	130 00
F. W. Thoms, for exchange on oxen.....	32 50
E. W. Burbank seed Co., for superphosphate.....	19 80
C. S. Wiley, part pay on salary.....	110 00
J. S. Johnson, for 8 days haying.....	12 00
Albert Wiley, for 8 days horse haying	4 00
J. T. Whitmore, for supplies.....	7 94
H. L. Hutchings, for supplies.....	30 60
H. W. Cousins, for supplies.....	42 00
A. E. Bemis, for supplies.....	5 40
J. T. Whitmore, for supplies.....	9 90
H. L. Hutchings, for supplies.....	30 39
S. A. Page & Co., for supplies.....	1 64
Norman Charles, for supplies.....	3 92
F. A. Wiley, for supplies.....	4 00
M. M. Smart, seed furnished town farm.....	1 00

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ON TOWN FARM.

3 cow.....	\$75 00
2 three year olds.....	70 00
1 one year old.....	12 00

2 swine	10 00
5 tons English hay.....	60 00
17 tons meadow hay.....	85 00
200 bushels potatoes.....	35 00
6 bushels beans.....	6 00
25 bushels oats.....	7 00
300 lbs. pork.....	21 00
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	\$381 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR BREAKING ROADS 1895-6.

H. F. Hurd, labor on snow roller.....	\$22 50
E. D. Abbott, labor on snow repairs.....	3 00
H. W. Stevens, labor on road.....	1 00
John Weston, labor on snow roller.....	29 47
H. B. Eastman, labor on snow roller.....	17 50
John Weston, labor on snow roller.....	60 00
J. I. Lovis, labor at watering trough.....	2 00
Wm. Shaw, labor on snow rollers.....	23 50
H. D. Harnden, labor on snow roller.....	68 00
E. N. Bemis, labor on snow roller.....	33 00
Almond Haley, labor on road.....	3 00
H. B. Eastman, labor on roller and snowing bridge.....	31 55
Dexter Walker, labor on roller.....	26 75
John Weston, labor on roller.....	67 00
F. C. Davis, labor on roller.....	10 00
W. R. Sturdivant, labor on road.....	2 32
Amaziah Sands, labor on road.....	4 25
J. A. Jones, labor on snow roller.....	38 50
C. E. Emery, labor on snow roller.....	35 30
H. K. Hobbs, labor on road and snowing bridge.....	6 00
Isiah Booth, labor on road and snowing bridge.....	4 00
E. C. Buzzell, labor on road and board.....	4 50
Eben Fessenden, labor on road and board.....	11 00
Eckley Ballard, labor on road and board.....	2 25
W. E. Thompson, snowing bridge.....	5 00
H. F. Hurd, labor on snow roller.....	9 25
C. S. Young, labor on road.....	15 00
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	\$539 64

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUMMER WORK 1895.

C. H. Walker, labor plank and board.....	\$ 36 14
John Weston, for labor and material rubbling river bank near bridge.....	115 00
Woodman Charles, labor on road.....	2 50
Clarence Day, labor on road.....	6 00
B. C. Chadborn, labor on road.....	4 00
C. H. Walker, labor on road and snowing bridge.....	8 55
M. M. Smart, board of road team.....	3 25
John Weston, labor on road.....	95 53
Frank Douglass, labor on road.....	1 50
J. S Brown, labor on road.....	2 25
J. C. Marston, for bridge plank.....	2 20
B. F. Buzzell, labor on road.....	3 00
B. F. Buzzell, labor on road.....	12 10
	\$294 02

It was found necessary to build the North Fryeburg snow roller all over nearly new, which was done by Anson Bennett, at a cost of \$8506 and the some has been paid.

SUMMER ORDERS FOR 1896 ROAD WORK.

Levi Johnson, for material and labor on road.....	\$ 2 75
C. T. Shortridge, for material and labor on road.....	12 00
James Osgood, labor on road and board.....	12 50
Frank C. Haley, labor on road and board.....	3 15
John Ward, labor on road.....	17 10
John Weston, labor on road.....	36 28
W. B. Eastman, labor on road.....	2 25
George Gordon, labor on road.....	16 40
Charles Ward, labor on road.....	35 25
Marshall Walker, part pay for men and teams.....	200 00
E. D. Abbott labor on road.....	49 00
Amaziah Sands, labor on road.....	3 25
H. D Hutchings, labor on road and board.....	23 95
Loyd Stevens, labor on road and board.....	57 75
John McNeil, laror on road.....	29 31

Sidney Webster, labor on road.....	40	50
Frank Douglass, board of men and teams.....	65	75
Levi Johnson, labor on road.....	3	00
N. C. Connors, labor on road.....	64	37
Thomas Arbo, labor on road.....	48	50
Marshal Walker, for teams and labor on road.....	275	00
Maine Central R. R. freight on drain pipe.....	12	50
C. T. Shortridge, labor and material.....	4	50
Hurbert Hurd, labor on road.....	119	43
John L. Osgood, labor on road.....	42	75
Ira Seavey, labor on road.....	6	00
George Booth, labor on road.....	12	25
Mark Booth, labor on road.....	4	50
C. P. Giles, labor on road, by John McNeil.....	10	19
John Osgood, stone for culvert.....	8	00
Maine Central R. R. Co., freight on drain pipe.....	54	75
A. R. Jenness, for cash paid laying drain and fixtures.....	161	32
A. R. Jenness, labor and cash paid on drain pipe near A. R. Jenness.....	46	50
Geo. W. Tibbetts, repairs for road machine.....	8	50
F. A. Wiley, cement for drain pipe.....	7	00
Portland Pipe Co., for drain pipe.....	576	15
Henry Andrews, labor on road.....	50	00
J. E. Hutchings, labor on road.....	1	00
Charles J. Abbott, labor on road.....	2	00
C. F. Smith, labor on road.....	20	00
A. R. Jenness, cash paid E. Shurley, on drain pipe.....	1	25
Maine Central R. R. freight on drain pipe.....	2	35
J. J. Johnson, labor on road machine.....	2	50
E. D. Abbott labor on road.....	1	50
J. H. Heald, labor on road.....	5	50
Moses Smart, labor on road.....	10	00
George Booth, labor on road and drain.....	5	50
A. A. McIntire, board of men, and teams.....	18	67
Dexter Wiley, board of men, teams and labor.....	18	80
F. A. Holt, labor on road and cash paid for same.....	11	50
D. A. Ballard, labor on road and drain.....	6	00
C. R. Locke, plank for bridge.....	23	10
A. F. Sanborn, labor on road.....	7	00
C. S. Wiley, labor on road.....	1	00
Levi Johnson, labor on road.....	10	50
Harrison McNeal, labor and material.....	5	49
Maine Central R. R. freight on drain pipe.....	8	38
E. P. Weston & Co., supplies for road.....	1	82

C. H. Walker, labor on road material.....	22 75
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	\$2,309 01

At the last annual meeting the town voted to raise \$1,800.00 for roads and bridges. And for drainage at the village \$500.00 the town also voted that the cost of building the new road through the old fair ground be appropriated from money in the town Treasury. And by the statement of the road Commssioner the cost of the same was \$175.00. Making for the support of roads and drainage \$2,475.00

Your road Commissioner found it necessary to lay out much more on old drains than any one thought would be required at our last annual meeting. Since the death of the road Commissioner the selectmen have taken charge of the roads, but only to the extent of making such repairs as seemed, to them, to be absolutely necessary.

The building of the new county road was let by the Selectmen to Henry Andrews at a cost of \$275.00 and the same has been paid from the town Treasury.

GENERAL ORDERS FOR 1896-7,

B. N. Stone, as Supervisor for 1895-6.....	\$135 00
Fryeburg Fire Corporation, rent for town office in full to April 1, 1896.....	50 00
E. S. Chase, for Grover Post G. A. R.....	25 00
D. A. Ballard, services as selectman 1895-6.....	100 00
A. W. McKeen, sevices as selectmen 1895-6.....	80 00
F. A. Holt, services as selectman 1895-6.....	80 00
J. F. Merrill, services as treasurer 1895-6.....	50 00
Norman Charles, services as clerk.....	25 00
F. W. Sanburn, printing town reports.....	20 50
Fryeburg Manf. Co., land damages on road.....	50 00
Norman Charler, recording marriages, births, and deaths..	13 05
Loring Short & Harmon, for town books and blanks for 1896.....	16 75

A. D. Park, for copy of records.....	4 00
Clarence Day, breaking roads 1894.....	2 50
Nathan Nicholson, burying one horse.....	2 00
J. J. Johnson, services as constable 1895.....	5 00
Harrison McNeal, for land damages on road.....	15 00
D. A. Ballard, making return to State Assessors 1896.....	5 00
Charles Fessenden, error in assessing 1894.....	75
D. A. Ballard, cash paid C. F. Whitman, for records of county road.....	1 00
W. L. Mansfield, labor on cemetery.....	3 50
Moses Smart, part pay on poundage 1895.....	200 00
D. A. Ballard, recording valuation and tax 1896.....	15 00
J. E. Hutchings, care town house 1895-6.....	2 50
Orrin Charles estate, for services as supervisor.....	9 50
J. W. Towle, for supervisor.....	6 00
Eckley Ballard, labor helping survey fair ground road.....	75
J. J. Johnson, services as constable 1896.....	6 00
Moses Smart, balance due on poundage 1895.....	31 62
R. S. Howe, services as election clerk 1896.....	4 00
Simeon Charles, services as election clerk 1896.....	4 00
Otis Warren, land damages on road 1896.....	20 00
H. W. Cousins, wood for town office.....	3 50
Geo. A. Allan, returning births and deaths to Jan. 26, 1897..	4 00
J. F. Morrill, stamps and express.....	3 50
Moses Smart, conditional abatements 1895.....	33 58
Moses Smart, conditional abatements 1896.....	19 00
Fryeburg Water Co., water for fountain 1897.....	10 00
Total.....	\$1057 00

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

D. A. Ballard, selectman 1896.....	\$100 00
F. A. Holt " "	80 00
A. W. McKeen " "	80 00
J. F. Merrill, Treasurer "	50 00
Norman Charles, Clerk "	25 00
B. N. Stone, Supervisor "	125 00
C. S. Wiley, due as master town farm April 1, 1897.....	140 00
Due Moses Smart at time of settlement as collector for 1896	123 12
Abatements estimated for 1896.....	20 00
Outstanding bills. Estimated, but not including the	

breaking of roads for 1897.....	250 00
	\$993 12

SUMMARY.

By assessment 1896 after deducting State and County tax..	\$5,944 74
School fund received from State.....	873 87
“ “ “ “ other towns.....	19 00
“ “ unexpended Feb, 17, 1896.....	119 38
Amt. unexpended Feb, 17, 1896, that was assessed for roads and bridges.....	370 64
Balance unexpended Feb. 17, 1896 of the cemetery fund..	64 08
Cost of fair ground appropriated from Treasury.....	175 00
Balance unexpended Feb. 17, 1886 of the amt. voted for the support of poor.....	12 28
Total.....	\$7,578 99

Orders on the above resources have been drawn as follows;

For the support of schools.....	\$2,225 27
“ “ “ “ poor.....	792 66
Summer work 1895.....	294 02
Winter work 1895-6.....	539 64
Summer work 1896.....	2,309 01
Making over Snow roller.....	85 06
Current expenses.....	1,057 00
	\$7,302 66

D. A. Ballard,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
F. A. Holt,	
A. W. McKeen,	

of
Fryeburg.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1895.....	\$ 857 94
Denmark for schoolhouse.....	6 00
Auctioneer license.....	2 00
State pension.....	132 00
" Dog license refunded.....	52 98
" railroad and telegraph tax.....	75 66
" pension.....	72 00
" school fund and mill tax.....	873 87
License on pool table.....	10 00
License on dogs.....	50 00
Non-resident taxes.....	6 61
Selectmen, oxen sold.....	126 00
Selectmen, straw sold.....	5 46
Fryeburg Manfg. Co.,.....	320 00
Conway and Stow school tuition.....	19 00
School books sold.....	1 30
Moses Smart collector.....	8,852 15
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	\$11,462 97

PAYMENTS.

County tax.....	\$ 920 77
State tax.....	1,928 59
State dog license.....	50 00
Interest on bonds 1893.....	568 00
State pension.....	72 00
Town orders.....	7,857 06
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	\$11,496 42

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bills.....	\$	993	12	
Orders drawn and not presented.....		147	20	
Bonds 1893 for chair factory.....		16,000	00	
Interest on bonds 1893.....		135	00	
Due schools.....		336	98	
				<u>\$17,612 30</u>

RESOURCES.

Amount in treasury.....	\$	66	55	
Due from Moses Smart.....		2,801	58	
				<u>\$2,868 13</u>
Balance town debt.....				\$14,744 17

Fryeburg Feb. 1897.

JOHN F. MERRILL, Treasurer.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF FRYEBURG:

The sudden and lamented decease of Mr. Orrin Charles, just as the schools were about opening for the summer term, seemed to make it advisable, in the judgement of your Committee, that I should again take the office of Superintendent for the present year.

While no very great improvement has been observed in any of the school yet the work done will compare favorably, I think, with that of previous years. Many of your children have progressed well in their studies and have made good use of their privileges. And if there has been some idleness and disorder, and some bad boys and girls have not been disciplined as they should have been, we must remember that it is a remarkable field which yields no small potatoes. In the very best schools not all are first-class in rank and department. The teachers have all tried, apparently, to do their duty faithfully according to their several gifts of teaching ability. Some of them seem to me to be not fully qualified for their work. But on the other hand, if they have not been quite competent, neither has the 'pay been altogether adequate. You cannot expect to get a College Professor for four dollars per week and board. For the most part, I am confident, our teachers have honestly earned their wages.

Let us not undervalue, then, the good our common schools are doing, though it is true that they are far from being ideally satisfactory. But when all the limitations and difficulties are considered, it is not easy to see just what can be done to make them very much better. It requires no very high order of mental genius to find fault with the existing state of things in the schools or elsewhere, but to find just the right remedy is quite another matter. Of course if the citizens were able and willing to spend more money on the school buildings and to pay for the highest grade of teachers, we could have more successful and flourishing schools; but the majority, probably, do not care to vote much larger appropriations than they have heretofore. The best that can be done, then, is to use the available means for the maintenance of the schools with

good judgement and strict economy.

Since the town has nearly 50 less scholars to draw money, we receive from the State fund \$140 less than last year. But notwithstanding this diminished revenue, it has been possible to increase by two weeks the amount of schooling for the present year. The reason for this gain is partly because several items of expense have been somewhat less, but mainly because less money has been needed for the Village schools, while the Menotomy school, No. 4, has been suspended for the year, and No. 9. for the fall term.

Only a few small repairs have been made; but in my judgement it would be good policy for the town to lay out two or three hundred dollars every year, until all the decent school-houses were put in thoroughly good condition, inside and outside. If you wish the buildings to be kept insured, I suppose that a special appropriation should be made for this purpose. Most of the policies now in force will expire this year or next. I am well aware that the present financial state of many of our townsmen is not the most cheerful, yet I cannot forbear reminding you once more of the urgent need of a suitable building, containing three rooms, to accommodate all the scholars of Fryeburg Village. I recommend an appropriation of \$100 for the purchase of text-books.

The whole number of scholars belonging to the town is 359.

The term of office of Mr. Jason W. Towle and of the late Mr. Orrin Charles having expired, it will be necessary at the coming town meeting to fill these vacancies by electing two members of the Snperintending School Committee to serve for three years each. And the law also requires the election of one or more Truant Officers.

Following is a summary statement of the revenues and the expenditures for school purposes, the current year;

RESOURCES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

School money from the State.....	\$ 873 87
The town appropriation.....	1,400 00
Tuition of scholars from Conway and Stow.....	19 00
Unexpended balance of last year.....	3 76
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Total.....	\$2,296 63

EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Wages of teachers including board, for summer term.....	\$642 00
“ “ “ “ fall term.....	486 50
“ “ “ “ winter term.....	798 00
Transportation of scholars.....	129 50
Cost of fuel.....	119 63
Cleaning and care of schoolhouses.....	59 25
Furniture and other school supplies.....	23 75
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Total.....	\$2,258 63
Unexpended balance.....	\$38 00
Cost of insurance.....	\$6 00

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Expended for repairs.....	32 73
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Unexpended balance.....	\$ 67 27

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

Appropriation	\$50 00
Unexpended balance of last year.....	59 25
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Total	\$109 25
Expended for school books.....	59 52
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Unexpended balance.....	\$ 49 73

COST OF SUPERINTENDENCE.

Bill of Jason W. Towle.....	\$ 6 00
Bill of Orrin Charles.....	9 50
Bill of B. N. Stone for personal services and expenses.....	125 00
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Total	\$140 50

Additional facts and statistics are given in the annexed tabular statement.

Respectfully submitted,

BAMAN N. STONE, Superintendent of Schools.

