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ANNUAL REPORT

† † OF THE † †

MUNICIPAL * OFFICERS

† † OF THE † †

TOWN^{OF} BETHEL

† † FOR THE † †

YEAR ENDING FEB. 15,

1896.



BETHEL, MAINE:
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1896.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen,

HENRY FARWELL, J. C. BILLINGS, E. B. SHAW.

Clerk,

L. T. BARKER.

Treasurer,

J. U. Purington.

School Committee.

MRS. O. M. MASON,
E. C. PARK, (resigned),
E. B. SHAW.

C. M. KIMBALL,
J. A. TWADDLE,

Town Agent.

A. E. HERRICK.

Collector

S. B. TWITCHELL.

Road Commissioners.

A. W. GROVER, C. M. KIMBALL, C. L. ABBOTT JR.

Auditor.

G. P. BEAN.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen would submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1896:

VALUATION.

Am't of resident real estate	\$563,830
“ “ non-resident real estate	61,015
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Total real estate	\$624,845
Am't of resident personal estate	\$188,125
“ “ non-resident “ “	2,440
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Total personal estate	\$190,568
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Total valuation	\$815,413

Rate per cent of tax .0175 on the dollar.

No. of polls, 560. Poll tax \$2.00.

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax	\$2,098.79
County tax	901.48
For the highways	3,500.00
For schools	2,000.00
To pay on town debt, and interest	2,500.00
For support of the poor	1,200.00
To repair school house at East Bethel	1,000.00
“ “ “ “ “ West Bethel	500.00
For town officers	800.00
Miscellaneous expenses	300.00
Repair of school houses	150.00
Text books	50.00
Bethel library	50.00
Brown Relief Corps	50.00
Am't expended on toll bridge pier	86.50
Overlay	150.55
Supplementary tax	171.50
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Total amount committed for collection \$15,508.82

 EXPENSES OF THE POOR.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Name and age of inmates and number of weeks board furnished each:

Mrs. Dorcas Goodnow,	aged 81	board furnished	52 weeks
Wm. Cook	“ 36	“ “	52 “
Bert Smith	“ 23	“ “	52 “

Total.....156 weeks.

APPRAISAL OF FARM AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Town farm	\$2,000 00
1 yoke of oxen	125 00
4 cows	110 00
1 two year old	20 00
2 shoats	10 00
10 hens	5 00
14 tons English hay	140 00
7 tons meadow hay and straw	42 00
75 bushels of oats	25 00
300 bushels corn on the ear	100 00
75 bushels potatoes	12 00
250 lbs. of pork	15 00
25 “ butter	5 00
20 “ lard	2 00
groceries	12 00
40 gallons vinegar	8 00
100 “ cider	10 00
2 meat barrels	1 50
30 flour “	4 50
6 barrels apples	10 00
5 cider barrels	5 00
1 dinner bell	65
2 sprinklers	75
1 mowing machine	45 00
1 ox cart	15 00
1 farm wagon	10 00

1 family wagon	6 00
1 pair ox sleds	16 00
1 set horse sleds	22 00
1 family sleigh	12 00
1 horse rake	8 00
2 harrows	20 00
2 plows	10 00
1 cultivator	6 00
2 ox chains	2 50
8 tie chains	2 00
1 whiffle-tree chain	50
1 crow bar	50
6 scythe snaths	1 50
3 scythes	1 50
1 hay knife	150
2 drag rakes	70
4 hay forks	1 00
2 manure forks	75
3 shovels	1 50
3 hoes	75
2 potato diggers	50
3 axes	2 50
1 hand saw	1 00
2 wood saws	1 00
1 brace and bit	1 00
1 one inch chisel	25
2 wrenches	50
2 nail hammers	1 00
1 set grafting tools	2 25
1 draw shave	1 75
1 grind stone	3 00
3 ox yokes and bows	5 00
99 tin sap buckets	14 00
3 sap pans	8 00
1 kettle	3 00
3 sap holders	2 00
1 pair snow shoes	75
24 chairs	6 00
6 tables	12 00
10 bed-steads	12 00

4 stands	1 00
13 puffs	13 00
10 pillows	7 00
3 blankets	3 00
7 feather-beds	35 00
8 straw ticks	5 00
22 sheets	7 00
30 pillow slips	2 00
4 chambers	75
3 bureaus	2 00
6 roller towels	1 00
6 hand towels	50
3 table cloths	3 00
5 oil cloths	2 00
1 doz. napkins	75
1 cook stove and furniture	22 00
3 stoves	5 00
1 butter worker	1 50
1 churn	2 50
1 two quart dish	10
25 tin pans	4 00
5 tin pails	2 00
2 wooden pails	25
1 wash board	25
5 basins	50
1 dust pan	20
1 porcelain kettle	35
2 bean pots	40
1 coffee pot	20
3 baking tins	30
50 plates	2 00
2 water pitchers	50
1 fly screen	10
1 large dish	20
1 syrup pitcher	15
14 cups and saucers	1 00
7 bowls	70
1 mixing bowl	20
3 nappies	20
2 meat plates	40

2 sugar bowls	40
2 creamers	10
2 pepper boxes	15
3 stone jars	1 00
3 stone jugs	75
2 oil cans	2 00
7 table spoons	50
12 knives and forks	1 25
1 butter knife	20
6 glass tumblers	20
3 mirrors	75
1 clock	1 50
5 lamps	1 25
1 sewing machine	24 00
2 paring machines	50
1 pair steelyards	1 00
2 colanders	15
3 wash tubs	1 00
6 flat irons	2 00
1 wash boiler	1 75
1 clothes wringer	1 50
2 steamers	40
2 white wash brushes	1 00
5 baskets	1 25
1 bush hook	1 00
23 gallon cans	2 50
1 5 " syrup can	85
8 butter tubs	1 00
2 creamer cans	4 00
2 butter stamps	40
1 egg beater	10
1 bread toaster	05
1 pie knife	15
2 wooden bowls	40
1 syrup barrel	50
2 corn cutters	50
1 cow bell and strap	1 00
1 lantern	25
1 pair ox muzzles	40
2 steel traps	30

1 milk strainer	30
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel measure	65
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "	45
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousand shingles	3 00

Total appraisal Feb. 15th, 1896, \$3,116.00

EXPENDITURES.

Appraisal of farm and personal property Feb.

15th, 1895,	\$2,779.10
Order 52, Blanchard & Co. meat bill, (Cotton).....	11.11
Part of 55, C. F. Cotton Supt. of farm from Feb. 15, '95 to April 6 '95,	32.11
Due C. C. Bryant to Feb. 15th, 1896.....	215.08
Order 60, A. W. Small phosphate for 1894 (Cotton),	13.90
" 67, J. M. Philbrook oxen.....	120.00
" 72, C. E. Benson (Cotton),	

20 lbs sugar	1 00
12 " soap	50
1 package gold dust	25
2 lbs coffee	56
1 " tea	40
1 bag salt	20
4 9-16 lbs cheese	69
10 " onions	35
2 gallons molasses	80
1 broom	25
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb mustard	20
2 quarts peas	16
2 lbs. coffee	56
1 " soda	06
$\frac{1}{4}$ " cassia	07
1 " tea	40
1 pail lard	55
20 lbs. sugar	1 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. baking powder	50
2 lbs. raisins	20
2 gallons molasses	70
4 quarts peas	32
$\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. cream tartar	20
1 " soda	06

1 fish	18	
10 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. pork	107	
1 barrel flour	4 00	
20 lbs. sugar	1 00	
22 " brown sugar	1 00	
1 bag salt	20	
1 lb. tea	40	
$\frac{1}{2}$ " green tea	20	
3 lbs. coffee	84	
5 " rice	35	
4 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs cheese	72	
1 package gold dust	25	
10 lbs soap	50	
1 broom	25	
nutmeg	10	
$\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. spice	15	
$\frac{1}{2}$ " cream tartar	20	
10 gallons oil	90	
13 lbs. fish	78	
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " cheese	68	
10 " onions	35	
	\$24.10	
Order 84, to A. H. Powers laying arches (Cotton).....		\$2 00
" 93 Oniel Hastings pasturing oxen " 1894..		3 00
Part of 196, F. L. Edwards shingles.....		9 40
Order 234, N. F. Brown balance on mowing machine		42 50
Part of 289, J. U. Purington phosphate.....		14 00
Order 372, S. B. Twitchell oxen.....		105 00
Part of 402, G. R. Wiley		
4 rolls paper	60	
20 yards border	40	
		1 00
Part of 410, C. Bisbee (Cotton)		
1 bag meal	1 20	
1 " feed	1 10	
1 " bran	1 00	
		3 30
Order 409, Hastings Bro's (Cotton)		
100 saps pails and spiles	15 00	
1 sap pan	2 50	

1 file	15	
1 gallon paint	1 50	
1 bit	30	
1 stove and furniture (Bryant)	22 00	
		\$41 45
Order 414 G. P. Bean (Bryant)		
50 lbs. sugar	2 50	
4 " tea	2 00	
4 " coffee	1 12	
4 " soda	24	
10 " lard	1 20	
$\frac{1}{4}$ " nutmeg	25	
$\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. ginger	07	
$\frac{1}{4}$ pepper	07	
2 packages gold dust	50	
20 lbs soap	1 00	
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fish	39	
5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " cheese	64	
$\frac{1}{2}$ " cream tartar	16	
6 yards crash	72	
1 bag salt	20	
1 pair under shirts	1 00	
2 pair over-alls	1 50	
2 chambers	50	
1 doz plates	90	
1 " "	65	
$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen tea spoons	50	
1 meat dish	25	
1 sugar bowl	25	
1 creamer	12	
1 water pitcher	30	
4 bowls	48	
1 wash tub	70	
12 lbs pork	1 20	
11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " ham	1 17	
2 barrels flour	7 00	
52 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards sheeting	3 68	
4 spools cotton	20	
8 yards ticking	1 20	
10 yards print	60	

8 " cretonne	64
10 " sheeting	75
4 " netting	28
2 lbs. coffee	56
4 tumblers	16
18 lbs. sugar	1 00
4 " coffee	1 33
2 " cheese	30
5 lbs. soda	30
5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " pork	57
12 yards print	84
9 lbs sugar	50
1 package oat meal	12
1 box herring	10
1 bag salt	20
18 lbs sugar	1 00
6 " pork	60
$\frac{1}{4}$ " cream tartar	10
$\frac{1}{4}$ " ginger	07
6 yards crash	72
18 lbs sugar	1 00
2 " coffee	74
6 bars soap	30
100 crackers	25
2 lbs tea	1 00
2 " coffee	56
18 " sugar	1 00
10 " lard	1 00
6 $\frac{7}{8}$ " fish	41
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pork	45
2 lamp chimneys	16
2 spools cotton	10
18 lbs sugar	1 00
2 " soda	12
2 " raisins	16
4 " cheese	60
4 sheets tangle foot	10
2 pair over alls	1 50
1 peck beans	75
5 $\frac{2}{3}$ lbs cheese	83

2 gallons molasses	80	
2 lbs raisins	12	
18 " sugar	1 00	
1 package gold dust	20	
2 gallons molasses	80	
1 box oat meal	12	
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb cream tartar	10	
$2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs cheese	33	
$2\frac{1}{2}$ " sugar	13	
2 " soda	12	
4 bars soap	20	
$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen lamp wicks	05	
2 lbs. raisins	12	
$\frac{1}{4}$ ginger	07	
$\frac{1}{4}$ cassia	07	
1 ounce nutmeg	07	
1 bag salt	20	
1 lb tea	50	
1 " coffee	28	
2 gallons molasses	70	
5 gallons oil	70	
2 lbs coffee	56	
1 " tea	50	
$3\frac{1}{2}$ " cheese	52	
17 " sugar	1 00	
1 broom	25	
1 wash board	25	
		<u>\$65.19</u>
Order 411, I. C. Jordan		
5 bags meal (Cotton)	5 75	
4 " corn	4 80	
1 " shorts	1 05	
		<u>\$11 60</u>
3 bag shorts (Bryant)	3 15	
1 " meal	1 15	
1 bag cracked corn	1 15	
2 brooms	50	
100 crackers	25	
5 lbs rice	30	
$9\frac{1}{4}$ " cod fish	60	
11 lbs pork	1 10	

2 barrels flour	9 00
1 bag cracked corn	1 20
2 " meal	2 40
3 bags shorts	3 15
1 bushel timothy	3 35
40 lbs clover	4 40
$\frac{1}{4}$ bushel peas	2 00
1 " beans	65
10 " oats	4 50
1 pair shoes for Smith	1 25
2 pair hose	25
1 " over-alls	75
3 bushel oats	1 37
2 gallons molasses	80
$2\frac{1}{2}$ bushels oats	1 18
2 bushels meal	1 30
1 bag shorts	1 00
8 lbs cod fish	52
10 " lard	1 20
1 box mustard	10
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches	08
2 lbs raisins	14
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb cassia	07
1 pair shirts	1 00
$2\frac{1}{2}$ bushel oats	1 13
2 " meal	1 30
$2\frac{1}{2}$ " oats	1 13
1 bag mixed feed	1 05
3 bushels oats	1 35
2 " meal	1 25
1 bag mixed feed	1 05
1 pair over-alls for Cook	75
100 crackers	25
6 cakes soap	25
10 gallons oil	1 35
2 lbs raisins	14
10 " apples	50
2 lbs tea	1 00
18 " sugar	1 00
13 " cod fish	85

$\frac{1}{4}$ lbs cloves	07
10 " lard	1 20
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " cheese	82
6 " pork	60
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels oats	1 13
2 " cracked corn	1 25
18 lbs sugar	1 00
2 lbs coffee	64
$\frac{1}{4}$ " nutmeg	20
1 package gold dust	25
1 lb starch	10
1 " cream tartar	35
fly paper	50
1 mop stick	15
1 pair shoes for Smith	1 40
2 gallons molasses	80
18 lbs sugar	1 00
2 bags meal	2 50
1 " shorts	1 05
5 lbs lard	60
1 bag salt	20
1 bag shorts (125 lbs.)	1 35
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels oats	1 00
1 barrel flour	5 00
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs cheese	37
2 lbs raisins	14
$\frac{1}{4}$ " cassia	07
12 " nails	60
1 bag meal	1 05
3 bushels oats	1 13
2 gallons molasses	80
2 lbs tea	1 00
2 lbs coffee	64
1 package gold dust	20
4 cakes soap	20
2 bags meal	2 00
1 barrel flour	5 00
1 bag meal	95
1 pair bed blankets	1 40
18 lbs sugar	1 00

100 crackers	25
5 lbs lard	60
2 " soda	14
5 lbs pork	50
$\frac{1}{4}$ " ginger	06
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches	08
1 bag salt	50
100 crackers	25
2 lbs tea	1 00
2 bags meal	1 90
2 lbs salt petre	25
2 lbs soda	14
1 box mustard	10
6 cakes soap	25
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs pork	25
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs cod fish	33
1 package rolled oats	13
1 box herring	20
2 bags meal	1 90
2 pairs rubbers	2 90
2 " leggings	2 00
1 " shirts	2 00
2 lbs soda	13
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches	08
5 gallons oil	65
1 oil can	85
1 bushel salt	45
100 crackers	25
20 lbs sugar	1 00
2 lbs tea	1 00
2 " coffee	64
1 barrel flour	4 75
1 pail	15
2 canvas jackets	3 50
1 pair overalls	75

 \$133 80

J. C. Billings	
shoeing horse	4 99
" oxen	2 50
mending chains	25

 \$7.74

Credit by 1 gallon honey	1 00	
apples	1 00	
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	2 00	
Order 415, To balance	5 74	
Part of 442, Wm. D. Hastings shoeing oxen		2 50
C. C. Bryant		
clothes line		32
7 lbs butter		1 40
$\frac{1}{4}$ cream tartar		10
2 tin pails		40
6 milk cans		1 50
2 tin dishes		12
2 " "		20
16 syrup cans		2 00
1 5 gallon can		1 00
1 pair boots		3 00
nails and bolts		1 00
2 pigs		5 00
1 scythe		85
2 scythe stones		15
3 butter tubs		1 00
making cider		1 50
pasturing oxen		3 00
shoeing oxen		2 50
2 gallons molasses		90
sugar		1 00
4 lbs tea		2 00
1 bag salt		20
8 lbs lard		80
4 " coffee		1 28
$\frac{1}{4}$ cassia		08
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ pork		42
meat bill		22 00
1 pair boots for Cook		3 00
1 hat " "		30
2 pair feeting "		1 00
1 pair pants "		2 00
1 vest "		1 00
glass		36

1 pair pants for Smith	2 00	
1 shirt	1 00	
1 coat	3 00	
2 pair footings	1 00	
1 suit clothes	9 00	
2 pair hose	60	
1 gallon oil	15	
9 lbs sugar	50	
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches	10	
1 gallon oil	15	
1 pork barrel	75	
2 pigs	5 50	
		<u>\$85.13</u>
Paid by receipts from farm	50.30	
Order No. 429, to balance,	34.83	
Total expenditures		\$3,723 01

RECEIPTS.

Appraisal of town farm and property Feb. 15, '96,	\$3,116.05	
1 gallon maple honey	1 00	
apples sold	1 00	
3 calves	10 00	
butter	23 30	
1 hog	13 00	
1 stoye	4 00	
1 yoke oxen	135 00	
Labor and board for highway	5 00	
		<u>\$3,308.35</u>
Total receipts		3,723.01
Total expenditures		<u>\$414.66</u>
Balance against farm		

POOR NOT ON FARM.

B. R. Bartlett,		
E. P. Bartlett, board and care to July		
9th, 1895,	\$23.75	
Order 417, Town of Woodstock, burial		
expense.....	24.00	
		<u>\$47.75</u>

Caleb Goodnow :		
Geo. H. Goodnow board and care to		
Feb. 15, 1896.....	78.00	
Order 296, Ceylon Rowe clothing.....	3 55	
	<u> </u>	\$81.55
E. H. Fifield :		
Order 107, Henry Farwell, exp. to hospital	30 00	
Insane hospital.....	50 02	
	<u> </u>	\$80.02
Paid by E. O. Millett.....	80.02	
Joel Goodwin :		
A. M. Whitman Post, G. A. R.		
Burial expenses	\$35 00	
Refunded by State.....	\$35 00	
Mrs. Wm. Macomber :		
Order 244, Ellen Saunders care.....	\$12 00	
" 248, Minnie Cross....."	10 85	
Part of 268, Mrs. A. A. Parker..	7 00	
" " " Mrs. Kelliher.....	1 00	
" " " Mrs. Harris.....	1 00	
	<u> </u>	\$9 00
Total.....		\$31.85
Ed Taylor family :		
Part of 410, C. Bisbee merchandise.....	1 76	
Bethel Chair Co., wood.....	3 24	
H. and W. Farwell ".....	3 00	
Total.....		\$8 00
Total for poor not on farm.....		<u>\$169.15</u>

INSANE HOSPITAL

Daniel F. Bean Jr.,.....	\$156 51	
Mellin A. Cross.....	154 12	
Emma Mason.....	134 67	
Hattie Chapman.....	140 55	
C. A. Balentine.....	\$145 46	
Paid by Bingham.....	145 46	
	<u> </u>	
Total.....		\$585 85

TRAMP ACCOUNT.

Aid furnished Hiram Higgins	12 00	
“ “ by H. C. Barker, 84 tramps....	25 75	
	<u> </u>	
Total.....		\$37 75

TOTAL EXPENSE OF POOR.

Brought forward balance against farm	\$414 66	
Poor not on farm.....	169 15	
Insane Hospital.....	585 85	
Expense of tramps.....	37 75	
	<u> </u>	
Total.....		\$1,207 41
Appropriation.....		\$1,200 00
		<u> </u>
Excess of appropriation		\$7 41

LOCK-UP ACCOUNT.

DR.

Order 360, To E. S. Kilborn wood.....	3 25	
Part of 410, C. Bisbee blankets.....	2 50	
H. C. Barker care.....	9 00	
Total.....	<u> </u>	\$14 75

Cr.

By rent for 18 courts.....		27 00
		<u> </u>
Net income.....		\$12 25

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

To repair pier at toll bridge, appropriation.....		\$86 50
Part of 33, E. H. Smith stone and labor..	11 50	
H. and W. Farwell labor.....	35 00	
Henry Stearns.....	8 00	
Charles Douglass.....	8 00	
B. W. Kimball.....	24 00	
	<u> </u>	\$86 50
Brown Relief Corps Appropriation.....		\$50 00
Order 73, Treasurer.....		50 00
		<u> </u>

Bethel Library.....	\$50 00
Cora Burnham, Treasurer.....	50 00
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DOG ACCOUNT.

Order 65, H. H. Hutchins damage to sheep.....	\$9 00
Due from State.....	9 00
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ACCOUNT WITH LIQUOR AGENCY.

D. H. GROVER. AGENT.

DR.

To liquors and casks on hand Feb. 10,		
'95.....	\$443 90	
“ “ bought to Feb. 10th, '96.....	1,480 13	
Freight and truckage.....	20 83	
License.....	25 00	
Salary to Feb. 10th, 1896.....	180 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,149 86

Cr.

By cash received for liquors and casks,	1903 76	
Liquors and casks on hand Feb. 10, 1896;	512 75	
Total.....	<hr/>	\$2,416 51
Net profit.....		\$266 65

ABATEMENTS FOR 1894.

Order 448, Wm. M. Ames, poll, left town	\$2 00
Walter Ashley, poll, not of age....	2 00
Geo. Arsenault, poll, left town....	2 00
Dell Arsenault, poll, left town....	2 00
Frank Brown, poll, paid in Portland	2 00
Chas. Buck Jr. poll and personal in	
Woodstock.....	3 92
Ephraim Blanchard, poll, left town..	2 00
Oliver Blanchard, poll, left town....	2 00
A. C. Brown, poll left town.....	2 00
Leslie Carroll, poll, left town.....	2 00

C. H. Demerritt, per. error valuation	14 00	
Ellery Farwell, poll, paid in Mass.,	2 00	
Aver C. Glidden, poll, left town.....	2 00	
L. W. Kendall, poll, paid in N. H.,	2 00	
J. S. Lane, poll left town.....	2 00	
Joseph Lamere, poll and per. left town	2 70	
Donald Mcloud, poll, left town....	2 00	
Henry Perkins, poll, left town.....	2 00	
James Perry poll, left town.....	2 00	
W. S. Robertson, poll, paid in N. H.	2 00	
C. S. Russel, poll and personal not able to pay	2 70	
Hebbard Robar, poll, left town....	2 00	
Eben Scribner per error in valuation	56	
Wm. Reed, not able to pay.....	5 69	
Joseph Tyler, poll, left town.....	2 00	
Homer Williams, poll, left town..	2 00	
Fred Clark, poll, deceased.....	2 00	
Fritz Tyler, poll, not of age.....	2 00	
		\$73 57
	1895.	
Order 424, Bethel Water Co. by vote of town.....		\$218 75

HIGHWAYS.

Your Commissioners submit the following report. For convenience we divided the town into three sections, the middle, eastern, and western. The middle section, Grover's—comprises the village limits, the road leading across the Androscoggin river to Newry line at three points, including the branch to W. R. Eames'; the road on the east side, through Middle Intervale, to F. J. Russell's and its several branches as follows:— one leading to C. N. Kimball's, one to Alphonzo W. Bean's, one to H. and W. Farwell's, one to the old Kendell Ferry, one to J. L. Oliver's, and one to C. L. Sanborn's. The road from the W. W. Mason place to Greenwood line near Locke's Mills, including the branch to Dana B. Hall's, the "Rabbit road" so called, from Walker's Mills to Greenwood line near Herbert Coburn's, and the two roads—Paradise and lower road leading from the village, southeasterly to Greenwood line with a branch to Perley N. Bartlett's on Peter Grover farm.

The eastern section;—Kimball's, comprises all roads in town lying easterly of the above named limits

Western section Abbott's—comprises all the roads in town west of the same, on both sides of the river. In extent in miles, the three are nearly equal, outside the village limits.

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In December we had three freshets. They were of smaller magnitude than the April freshets yet washed the roads badly and then freezing up before many repairs could be made; consequently next spring will find them in bad condition.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR A. W. GROVER'S SECTION

No of Order.

54, J. S. Bartlett labor.....	\$6 70
71, L. J. Smith board.....	3 65
75, A. L. Hall labor.....	10 00
76, George Aldrich labor.....	2 00
78, C. H. Morrison labor.....	18 00
82, L. J. Smith labor.....	3 25
83, P. Lowe labor.....	18 75
87, A. W. Grover labor.....	30 00
88, W. E. Littlehale labor.....	1 50
89, E. W. Magill labor.....	3 00
90, E. B. Heath labor.....	3 00
92, Percy A. Chapman labor.....	10 50
96, M. W. Chandler, freight on drain pipe.....	24 00
103, A. W. Bean labor.....	1 80
104, E. G. Young labor.....	1 12
105, A. L. Hall labor.....	15 00
109, S. B. Osgood labor.....	2 25
Part of 112 George Aldrich labor.....	1 50
“ “ “ George Osgood “.....	1 88
	<u> </u>
	\$3 38
119, M. W. Chandler freight on pipe.....	8 19
120, Archie Grover labor.....	48 90
132, P. N. Bartlett labor.....	9 00
139, J. A. Chapman labor.....	38 50
143, A. L. Hall labor.....	15 00
146, B. W. Kimball labor.....	7 05
147, Cornelius Robar labor.....	3 00
148, I. A. Cushman labor.....	10 50
149, H. and W. Farwell labor.....	10 75
161, I. A. Cushman labor.....	13 40
162, C. H. Morrison labor on road machine.....	10 50
168, Eli F. Cushman labor and board.....	23 74
Part of 169, T. A. Conroy labor.....	4 87

Part of 169, J. H. Goodwin labor.....	1 50	
Dell Verrell labor.....	60	
		\$6 97
Part of 170, Taleran Cross labor.....	15 00	
J. S. Bartlett labor.....	6 00	
W. D. Hastings blacksmithing	3 95	
N. F. Brown material.....	11 81	
I. S. Morrill plank.....	18 21	
Ira C. Jordan grain.....	2 93	
F. F. Bean labor.....	3 45	
E. H. Smith labor.....	45	
J. U. Purington grain.....	6 76	
		\$68 56
Order 173, George Aldrich labor.....	3 00	
" 174, Percy Chapman labor.....	16 50	
175, A. L. Hall, labor.....	15 00	
186, V. W. Bean labor.....	6 00	
Part of 189, George Tyler & Co. repairs on machine	9 10	
190, Portland Pipe Co.....	196 67	
Order 191, Wm. Allen labor.....	1 50	
193, Cornelius Robar labor.....	6 00	
199, Addison Batchelter labor.....	1 50	
202, S. B. Twitchell labor.....	2 50	
235 A. L. Hall labor.....	15 00	
238, P. Lowe labor.....	7 50	
Part of 266, I. S. Morrill.....	38 88	
269, Alphonzo W. Bean labor & board	9 80	
O. D. Clough.....	2 00	
R. F. Cross.....	7 50	
Richard Coners.....	3 00	22 31
Order 273, A. L. Hall labor.....	15 00	
279, Charles Demerritt labor.....	1 05	
281, T. B. Burk labor.....	26 50	
Part of 285, D. C. Rose labor.....	6 37	
H. M. Osgood labor.....	1 80	
Geo. E. Osgood labor.....	1 73	
S. B. Osgood labor.....	75	
Chas. F. Cotton labor.....	1 75	
		12 40
Order 288, J. A. Chapman labor.....	12 69	
Part of 293, Gene Heath labor.....	1 50	

Part of 293, George Aldrich labor.....	75	
		2 25
Order 295, H. and W. Farwell labor.....		10 50
304, Nathan Bean labor.....		1 50
322, Lafayette Littlehale labor.....		9 75
325, Wm. W. Chase labor		2 70
326, B. W. Kimball labor		21 52
335, Clark Caswell water tub.....		2 00
336, C. N. Kimball labor.....		9 52
345, C. C. Stevens labor		1 80
347, A. W. Grover labor.....		30 00
Part of 349, R. J. Virgin plank		4 75
Order 350, F. E. Gordon labor.....		6 00
Part of 351, C. O. Moore labor.....	4 50	
C. L. Sanborn labor.....	4 50	
H. and W. Farwell plank.....	1 98	
		10 98
No. of Order		
353, E. F. Cushman labor and material		5 06
356, G. A. Plaisted board of road team		9 00
357, C. L. Davis labor.....		4 00
365, R. F. Cross labor.....		1 50
367, A. L. Hall labor		15 50
368, G. A. Hastings labor on Sun. Riv. dam		56 25
369, C. W. Godwin labor and water tub		5 00
373, Moses Robertson labor.....		75
377, D. H. Grover labor.....		10 00
Part of 380, T. H. Jewett gravel etc.,.....	1 55	
Jacob Annis board.....	1 20	
H. R. Godwin board.....	1 20	
Edward Capen board.....	1 20	
		5 15
Part of 425, C. E. Ryerson, road team and board.....		125 34
Part of 430, Wm. R. Eames labor.....	2 10	
Wm. L. Farwell labor.....	75	
Alphonzo W. Bean labor	1 35	
Bernie Barker labor.....	90	
I. S. Morrill plank.....	5 34	
F. L. Edwards posts.....	55	
D. M. Kimball plank	2 70	
Abial Chandler use of drag..	25	

E. H. Smith labor and board	1 00	
H. E. York labor	8 10	
B. W. Kimball labor.....	1 80	
W. W. Chase labor.....	90	
Edward L. Bean labor.....	2 70	
	<u> </u>	28 44
Part of 431, Hastings Bro's material and labor		33 17
Part of 432, Wm. D. Hastings blacksmithing		3 05
Part of 433, A. W. Grover labor.....	57 85	
" cash paid out	90	
Talerand Cross labor	10 00	
Dana B. Hall labor	9 30	
J. W. French labor.....	1 35	
Archie L. Grover labor.....	1 50	
	<u> </u>	80 90
Part of 439, J. C. Billings blacksmithing.....		22 42
Order 452, E. G. Annis labor.....		4 50
	<u> </u>	
Total.....		\$1,364 36

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By order drawn for labor in C. L.

Abbott, Jr., district.....	45 00	
" drain tile on hand.....	25 18	
" due from Riverside Park.....	15 00	
	<u> </u>	85 18
Balance.....		1,279 18
Expense of side walk to the town.....		680 94
Total.....		1,960 12

ORDERS DRAWN FOR C. M. KIMBALL'S SECTION.

Order 116. C. M. Kimball, board,.....		14 15
Part of 130, J. F. Bartlett, labor and board	8 60	
G. E. Farrar, labor,..	6 15	
C. H. Kimball, labor,	4 70	
James Mayconnell, labor,	1 50	
S. H. " " labor,	2 25	
L. A. York, labor,.....	2 25	
F. Q. Haines, labor,.....	1 75	
V. P. Adamson, labor,.....	7 50	
A. J. Peare, labor,	6 00	
C. A. Barker, labor,.....	3 00	
N. M. Bartlett, labor,.....	1 50	

D. T. Foster, labor,.....	3 00	
V. W. Bean, labor and board,...	9 25	
H. H. Bean, labor,.....	60	
C. C. Bean, labor,.....	2 50	
Joseph Holt, labor and board,...	1 60	
Alfred W. Bean, labor,.....	6 15	
Jacob M. Clark, labor,.....	3 50	
J. H. Swan,	4 65	
Geo. K. Hastings, labor,.....	5 70	
Nelson Austin, labor and board	11 50	
J. M. Bartlett, labor,.....	5 25	
J. O. Brown, labor and board..	17 75	
G. H. Swan, labor,	6 30	
H. E. Bartlett, labor,.....	5 25	
E. F. Verrell, labor,.....	4 65	
E. A. Verrell, labor,.....	6 82	
		139 65
Part of 144, B. W. Kimball, labor on machine.....		32 00
166, P. A. Wheeler, labor,.....	40	
F. B. Howe, labor,	2 00	
H. B. Holt, labor,.....	6 80	
F. P. Brown, labor,	4 50	
F. J. Russell, labor,	1 10	
D. A. Coffin, labor and board,...	10 25	
E. Bryant, labor,.....	15 25	
W. S. Hatham, labor,.....	6 75	
R. D. Cummings, labor,	4 00	
H. O. Blake, labor,.....	1 50	
S. F. Estes, labor,.....	12 44	
		64 99
Order 167, Irving Kimball, labor,.....		7 60
Part of 170, J. U. Purington, grain for road team,....		15 78
“ “ 189, George Tyler and Co. repairs,.....		8 25
“ “ 190, Portland Pipe Co. pipe,.....		19 93
Part of 221, Z. C. Perry, labor,.....	3 00	
Wm. H. Tracey, labor,	40	
D. C. Sweat, labor,.....	4 05	
S. H. Mayconnell, labor,	1 50	
		8 95
Order 306, Geo A. Virgin, plank,.....		8 20
307, C. R. Bartlett, boards,.....		5 15

Order 348, S. F. Estes, labor,	6 75	
Part of 349, R. J. Virgin, plank,	38 60	
Order 374, V. P. Adamson, labor,	3 00	
375, D. N. Blake, labor,	3 30	
Part of 403, James Mayconnell, labor,	4 85	
J. O. Brown, labor,	7 95	
C. H. Kimball, labor,	2 05	
J. M. Clark, labor,	75	
J. F. Howe, labor,	6 30	
O. A. Buck, labor,	10 35	
Geo. C. Mason, labor,	6 60	
H. E. Bartlett, labor and water tub	2 90	
Geo. E. Farrar, labor,	1 97	
L. A. York, labor,	1 80	
Porter Farwell,	75	
H. H. Bean, labor,	2 87	
E. J. Estes, labor,	7 54	
John L. Holt, labor,	12 00	
		68 68
422, G. K. Hastings, labor,	1 35	
J. M. Clark, labor,	1 95	
Joseph Holt, labor,	3 00	
D. T. Foster, labor,	1 50	
T. A. Conroy, labor,	5 00	
		12 80
425, C. E. Ryerson, road machine, team and board,	72 33	
431, Hastings Bro's, material and labor,	3 03	
		533 14

ORDERS DRAWN FOR C. L. ABBOTT J'R'S, SECTION.

Order 57, E. B. Shaw, labor,	1 50
69, G. C. Milliken, labor,	2 85
77, Geo. H. Seavey, labor,	6 50
79, E. W. Magill, labor,	11 37
80, G. W. Harding, labor,	4 50
81, F. E. Kendall, board,	1 20
131, E. W. Magill, labor,	8 25
133, C. L. Abbott, Jr., board,	10 20

134, A. A. Richmond, labor,.....	1 50
136, A. L. Hall, labor,.....	1 75
138, J. A. Chapman, labor,.....	15 00
144, Percy A. Chapman, labor,.....	8 25
Part of 146, B. W. Kimball, labor on machine	11 00
Order 153, A. L. Hall, labor,.....	6 12
160, L. A. Sanborn, labor,.....	7 50
Part of 165, John Hapgood. labor	
and board.....	32 25
A. L. Whitman, labor, board	9 00
Freeland Bennett. " ".....	11 70
L. N. Bartlett, labor and board	6 25
J. D. Bartlett, labor and posts,	4 10
I. S. Morrill, plank,.....	33 10
A. B. Grover, labor,.....	4 50
N. A. Stearns, labor, and board,	6 95
L. G. Grover, labor,.....	16 65
S. A. Lyon, labor,.....	7 50
A. C. Scribner, labor,.....	11 00
N. W. Barker, labor,	4 90
N. Dudley, labor,.....	2 55
A. H. Mason, labor,.....	1 40
John Barker, labor,.....	6 45
C. L. Abbott, labor,	5 03
S. and S. L. Mason, labor,....	19 87
G. W. Mason and Henry	
Schools labor,	13 80
Edward Mason, labor,.....	4 80
Chas. H. Verrill, labor,.....	2 25
R. G. Lane, labor,.....	75
N. S. Stearns, labor.....	2 85
I. H. Wilson, labor and board	4 25
A. P. Mason, labor,.....	10 44
N. F. Brown, material,.....	3 95

	226 29
Part of 170. J. U. Purington, grain,.....	2 95
190, Portland Pipe Co. pipe.....	16 00
Order 185, H. N. Upton, labor and lumber.	8 32
Order 201, A. A. Richmond, labor,.....	14 25
203, Charlie Verrill, labor,.....	9 00
211, C. D. Morrill, labor,.....	6 90

213, E. P. Bennett, labor,.....	5 30
Order 227, Wm. H. Merrow, board,.....	1 00
252, John Merrill, labor,.....	1 20
253, Charles Verrell, labor,.....	3 00
254, G. P. Bean, labor,.....	2 40
255, W. M. Brown, labor,.....	6 00
Part of 266, I. S. Morrill, plank,.....	38 25
Order 302, N. W. Mason, labor,.....	2 00
328, L. H. Tyler, labor,.....	9 20
Part of 346, T. L. Mayberry, labor,.....	3 00
R. L. Paine, labor,.....	3 50
W. A. Farwell, labor,.....	1 00
	7 50
Part of 359, E. S. Kilborn, posts,.....	1 40
Order 364, Geo W. Mason, labor.....	26 00
Part of 376, A. S. Bean, labor, lumber, and feed,.....	33 79
S. and S. L. Mason labor,.....	21 67
O. W. Ellingwood, labor,.....	6 52
S. K. Bennett, labor,.....	2 10
A. J. Peasley, labor,.....	2 60
A. E. Bean, labor,.....	2 40
D. W. Pratt, labor,.....	2 25
Frank Brown labor,.....	37
A. B. Tyler, labor,.....	45
	72 15
Part of 401, E. S. Smith, labor,.....	3 00
H. N. Upton, labor and lumber,.....	3 40
Wm. D. Mills " and supplies,.....	10 50
L. D. Grover, labor,.....	10 97
John Barker, labor,.....	8 00
H. M. Verrill, labor.....	6 00
G. P. Bean, labor,.....	7 61
I. S. Morrill, plank,.....	2 36
Chas. Dunham, labor,.....	12 40
Geo. Harding, labor,.....	3 00
G. H. Chapman, lum. & board.....	39 75
N. F. Brown, material,.....	2 30
	\$109 29
443, C. L. Abbott Jr., labor, feed, etc,.....	26 30
G. B. Mills, labor,.....	20 00

C. L. Abbott, labor,	6 09	
E. B. Shaw, labor,	4 90	
		57 29
Part of 425, C. E. Ryerson team, board, etc.....		108 83
431, Hastings Bro's, labor, material.....		8 00
439, J. C. Billings, blacksmithing		2 87
To orders approved by A. W. Grover,		45 00
		887 88
Total expense of Highways,	3,381 14	
Appropriation,	3,500 00	
		118 86
Unexpended,		118 86
All of which is respectfully submitted,		
A. W. Grover,	}	Road Commissioners.
C. M. Kimball,		
C. L. Abbott, Jr.,		

In justice to all I beg leave to submit the following separate report as one of the road commissioners:—

For several years the business of Bethel village has required improved sidewalks, consequently when entering upon the labor of a road commissioner last March I found myself between two fires at the very first. On one side was the urgent demand of the villagers for the beginning of permanent sidewalks, and on the other was the old time custom of putting the highway labor every where else but into sidewalks. Here my obligations and duties as a servant of the town were seriously considered, and not generally favoring radical changes, it was late in the season before decided steps were taken. This decision was based, to some extent, on the following facts and figures, viz:

The property within the limits of the village pays three sevenths of all the taxes in town. It has three well attended churches, a town school with about 175 regular attendants, an Academy with seventy or more students, a bank, two law offices, three physicians, more than twenty places of business and trade, a chair manufactory constantly employing forty hands, three saw mills, five blacksmith shops, two carriage and paint-shops, a butter factory, etc.,

etc., with many other places of business importance too numerous to mention, all making up a thrifty country village; and like other villages we find the majority of the horses are owned by horsemen and breeders, livery keepers, professional men, traders and teamsters; leaving the average villager, in main to travel on foot.

Therefore, I decided in this case to try the experiment, and on Sept. 23rd, the work began of putting a concrete walk on the west side of Main street from the Depot to the Post-Office, a distance of over two thousand feet. By places of business a granite curbing six inches thick and eighteen inches deep is placed. The stone work was contracted to Elmer Stowell of Bethel, and the concrete to Joseph Mead of Glen, N. H. I wish to thank those who assisted me in this movement, and especially those who assisted with their pocket-books that the expenses of the town might be reduced. A full report of expenses are rendered below:

A. M. Carters bill as civil engineer,	10 00
Elmer Stowell's bill by contract,	
382 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet granite curbing set, @ 40 ¢ per	
running foot	153 00
445 feet granite flagging, laid, @ 25 ¢ per	
running foot	111 25
Joseph Mead's bill, by contract, 912 sqr. yards	
concrete @ 50 ¢ per yard,	456 00
306 sqr. yards concrete crossing @ 70 ¢ per	
yard,	214 20
	\$944 45
Total cost	

AMOUNT PAID BY ABUTTERS

Ira C. Jordan, one half of expense

by lot	29 23
S. D. Philbrook, one half expense by lot	48 23
Seth Walker,	25 00
Eli F. Stearns	10 00
C. C. Bryant,	5 00
E. B. Goddard,	5 00

J. H. Barrows,	5 00
H. A. Packard, paid	5 00
G. A. Robertson,	10 00
J. M. Philbrook one half expense by lot	35 28
G. J. Hapgood,	2 00
Frank Young,	3 00
Mrs. B. K. Swift,	5 00
G. R. Wiley,	25 00
L. A. Hall,	2 00
G. T. R. Company,	14 77

Paid by other individuals,

J. C. Billings,	5 00
H. and W. Farwell,	5 00
M. W. Chandler,	5 00
E. E. Whitney,	5 00
A. W. Grover,	5 00
C. D. Hill,	5 00
N. E. Richardson,	1 00
H. C. Barker,	1 00
Milton Penley,	1 00
Martin A. Stowell,	1 00

 263 51

 Balance paid by town 680 94

SCHOOLS, REMAINDER OF 1894—5

Balance unexpended Feb. 15, 1895, ..	\$1, 232 64
Received from J. S. Swan,	30 00
Received from Milton tuition,	73 91
Total	<hr/> 1,336 55
Order 1, Bertha G. Twombly, teaching,	100 00
3, C. F. Abbott, wood,	10 50
5, Ellen A. Abbott, teaching,	55 00
6, Florence E. Abbott, “	55 00
7, Sadie M. Abbott, “	38 50
8, Maud M. Merrow, teaching and care of school house,	57 50

9, Ida M. Haselton, teaching,	55 00	
10, Nellie H. Frost, teaching,	60 00	
Part of 11, F. P. Bartlett, janitor,	5 00	
Guy Cushman, janitor,	2 50	
Geo. E. Farrar, carrying pupils	25 00	
D. A. Coffin, wood,	14 25	
H. H. Bean, carrying scholars	44 00	
		90 75
Part of 12, Clifford Wheeler, wood etc.,	8 00	
R. F. Cross, carrying scholars	10 00	
		18 00
Order 16, Goddard Bro's material,	4 38	
29, Albert C. Eames, teaching,	85 00	
30, N. A. Austin, carrying scholars,	20 00	
31, John Hapgood, wood,	17 00	
32, L. B. Brackett, carrying scholars,	20 00	
35, A. R. Haines, carrying scholars,	66 00	
41, F. J. Russell, carrying scholars,	10 00	
42, Willie H. Mills, janitor,	1 50	
43, I. C. Heath, carrying scholars,	5 00	
44, Annie C Hamlin, teaching,	82 50	
45, Agnes M. Kimball, teaching,	77 00	
46, Martha A. Gibson, teaching,	77 00	
50, E. A. Philbrook, teaching,	110 00	
51, G. P. Bean, carrying scholars,	15 00	
52, Dan R. Smith, janitor,	33 00	
53, J. M. Bartlett, wood, etc.,	15 00	
56, E. B. Shaw, fixtures,	3 85	
58, A. S. Bean, wood,	10 50	
63, R. J. Virgin, wood,	2 39	
Part of 97, C. L. Sanborn, carrying pupils	10 00	
A. C. Frost, labor,	75	10 75
Order 101, S. L. Hall, fixtures,	4 00	
Part of 282, N. F. Brown, wood, etc.,	20 50	
Order 358, J. S. Swan, wood,	13 12	
Total,	1,243 74	
Unexpended Feb. 15th, 1895,	1,336 55	
		92 81

SCHOOLS, 1895—6.

Unexpended 1894--5	92 81	
Raised by the town, 1895, ..	2,000 00	
State, school and mill tax,..	1,366 73	
Received from Gilead,	30 00	
Due from J. S. Swan.....	30 00	
Received from Milton,	65 00	
Due from Albany,	8 50	
Total school fund,		3,593 04
Order 47, E. F. Cushman, wood,.....		12 00
57, American Book Co. supplies,.....		15 10
53, Mrs. George Aldrich, cleaning school house		3 95
Part of 59, L. L. Mason, wood,		6 25
Order 70. D. R. Smith, janitor,		8 00
86, John Harris, cleaning school house,		2 00
Part of 95, Helen Heath, cleaning school		
house,	1 55	
Alma Heath, cleaning school		
house,	3 55	
Geo. W. Mason, cleaning		
school house,	6 00	
A. D. Ellingwood, printing,	1 50	
O. M. Mason, sundries,	13 17	
		<u>25 77</u>
Order 106, Bertha G. Twambly, teaching,		86 40
“ 111, H. B. Chapman, carrying scholars,....		25 00
Part of 113, Julia Gilcrease teaching,	50 00	
A. E. Tyler, janitor,	2 00	
		<u>52 00</u>
Order 114, Lillian R. Kimball, teaching,		70 00
115, Rose Kimball, janitor,		3 50
117, Geo. E. Farrar, carrying scholars,		25 00
118, Peter Wheeler, cleaning school house,...		3 50
121, Mary Douglas, teaching,		50 00
122, Nellie H. Frost, “		50 00
123, Mary Chapman, “		60 00
124, Agnes Limball, “		75 00
125, Lillian Brown, “		90 00
126, Martha Gibson, teaching,		75 00
127, Jennie H. Gibson. teaching,		75 00

128, A. R. Haines, carrying scholars,	50 00
129, Maud M. Merrow, teaching,	50 00
137, Dan R. Smith, janitor,	13 68
145, Edith Philbrook teaching,	70 00
149, C. B. French, teaching,	50 00
150, Alice Carter, teaching,	50 00
Order 151, A. R. Haines. carrying scholars,	30 00
152, Elmer R. Briggs janitor,	4 00
154, Mabel Shaw, teaching,	52 00
155, I. C. Heath, carrying scholars,	6 00
157, Addie Gordon, teaching,	50 00
192, E. K. Cushman, cleaning school house, ...	4 82
195, Mrs. C. E. Benson, cleaning school house,	2 00
200, J. D. George, carrying scholars,	25 00
Part of 215, J. M. Bartlett, fitting wood.....	1 50
Order 219, Rose Kimball, cleaning school house,....	1 00
220, Wm. H. Tracy, supplies,	80
228, Mrs. O. M. Mason, supplies, ..	20 00
236, Dan R. Smith, labor and material,	9 95
239, Chas. F. Abbott, cleaning school house, ..	5 50
240, H. H. Bean carrying scholars.	25 00
275, Lillian R. Kimball, teaching, etc.,	72 50
Part of 282, N. F. Brown, supplies,	16 31
Order 291, I. C. Heath, carrying scholars,.....	9 00
292, M. M. Merrow, teaching,	55 00
294, H. B. Chapman, carrying scholars.	25 00
297, Ida Haselton, teaching,	51 25
301, Cleavie Bartlett, janitor,	5 00
298, R. R. Mayberry, wood,	5 00
305, Bertha G. Twombly, teaching,	90 00
308, L N. Brown teaching,	90 00
309, Agnes M. Kimball, teaching,	75 00
310, Martha A. Gibson, teaching,	75 00
311, Alice Carter, teaching and care of school house,	52 50
312, Nellie H. Frost, teaching and care of school house,	52 50
313, Mary C. Douglass, teaching,	50 00
314, Hattie Harris, teaching,	50 00
315, Addie Gordon, teaching,	50 00

316, L. A. York, carrying scholars,	6 33
317, O. A. Buck, wood,	5 00
318, Mrs. F. P. Abbott, cleaning school house, ..	2 00
331, Geo. W. Harding, fitting wood.	2 50
334, R. F. Cross, carrying scholars,	20 00
Part of 337, D. A. Coffin, wood,	9 25
Order 338, T. B. Burk carrying scholars	25 00
339, Clyde Bartlett, teaching,	72 00
340, Mary C. Chapman, teaching,	56 00
341, A. R. Haines, carrying scholars,	80 00
342, Geo. E. Farrar, carrying scholars,	25 00
343, Master Wheeler, janitor,	1 00
344, Geo. W. Mason, wood,	3 50
Order 354, Alice E. Balintine, teaching,	21 00
355, Willie Mills, janitor,	4 00
361, Dan R. Smith, janitor,	37 22
378, Town of Greenwood tuition,	18 97
379, J. D. George, carrying scholars,	27 50
381, Lysander Ordway, wood,	3 00
382, Almen Tyler, janitor,	2 50
383, Julia Gilcrease, teaching,	40 00
395, R. J. Kimball, maps,	11 00
396, H. and W. Farwell, wood,	22 00
Part of 402, G. R. Wiley, supplies,	30 30
Order 405, Bethel Chair Co. chairs,	3 25
Part of 410, C. Bisbee, broom,	25
Order 412, C. L. Swan, carrying scholars,	30 00
413, Mrs. O. M. Mason, supplies,	21 73
416, L. B. Brackett, teaching,	72 50
427, Albert Eames, teaching,	90 00
428, H. B. Chapman, carrying scholars,	22 50
434, B. W. Kimball, wood,	3 00
435, Lillian N. Brown, teaching,	90 00
436, Bertha G. Twombly; teaching,	90 00
437, Martha A. Gibson, teaching,	75 00
438, Nellie H. Frost, teaching,	52 50
441, Agnes M. Kimball, teaching,	75 00
442, Mary C. Chapman, teaching,	60 00
443, Mary C. Douglass, teaching,	50 00
444, Hattie M. Harris, teaching,	50 00

445, A. R. Haines, carrying scholars,	80 00
446, Willie H. Mills, janitor,	2 50
447, Dan R. Smith, janitor,	41 67
449, Hastings Bro's material,	4 90
450, S. L. Hall, material,	1 20
451, V. P. Adamson, carrying scholars,	20 00
453, Bethel Chair Co. wood and chair,	4 75
463, H. W. Verrill, fitting wood,	1 50
Part of 464, A. S. Bean, wood,	6 00
Order 465, G. B. Mills, wood,	8 00
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Total,	3 640 10
Amount of school fund.,	3 593 04
Excess,	47 06

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Order 38, Gilbert Tuell, labor,	7 00
Part of 59, L. L. Mason, material,	5 60
Order 188, H. C. Barker, window and frames,	8 25
Part of 196, F. L. Edwards, shingles,	20 90
197, E. L. Bean labor and material, 14 40	
J. M. Philbrook, brick,	6 30
Hiram Twitchell, labor,	4 50
M. E. Young, labor,	4 00
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	29 20
Order 198, Wm. F. Kendall, labor,	9 00
Part of 215, J. M. Bartlett, labor,	2 00
229, L. L. Mason, labor & supplies, 16 50	
Bethel Chair Co. lumber	8 02
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	24 52
Order 230, Mrs. Griffin, labor,	3 00
Part of 289, J. U. Purington, lime etc.,	2 61
Order 303, B. W. Kimball, labor,	2 75
Part of 337, D. A. Coffin, labor,	3 75
Order 352, E. F. Cushman, labor,	3 63
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	122 21
Appropriation,	150 00
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Unexpended,	27 79

 TEXT BOOKS.

Order 98, Leach, Shewell and Sanborn,	5 96
99, Ginn and Co.,	42 56
100, American Book Co.	25 87
290, Ginn and Co.	31 73
360, Warner Co.,	8 64
370, Silver, Burdett and Co.	15 40
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Total,	130 16
Appropriation,	50 00
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	80 16

WEST--BETHEL SCHOOL--HOUSE.

Order 183, Austin and Martin, brick,	52 00
184, E. B. Shaw, cash paid for freight and lumber,	11 40
204, T. B. Kendall, labor,	33 00
205, Wm. F. Kendall, labor,	34 00
212, R. B. Brackett, labor,	7 50
Part of 223, H. L. Horne, lumber,	20 10
Order 224, Paris Manufacturing Co., desks,	94 50
226, N. F. Brown material,	5 86
231, E. Libby & Sons, lumber,	67 13
232, A. P. Ladd, labor,	5 50
233, J. U. Purington, lime and cement,	40 04
246, G. W. Harding, labor,	43 12
247, Milton Holt, nails and fixtures,	5 56
249, E. B. Shaw, cash paid for freight, etc.,	29 02
250, I. S. Morrill, lumber,	4 30
299, N. W. Mason, labor,	56 70
300, George W. Mason, labor,	8 50
329, M. M. Mason, labor,	44 00
330, E. B. Shaw, paint,	5 50
332, Geo. W. Harding, labor,	6 87
333, Wm. A. Farwell, labor,	3 00
398, H. L. Horne, material,	13 19
Part of 402, G. R. Wiley, paint	2 40
404, Hastings Bro's, furnace,	121 00
Order 417, Wm. D. Mills, labor,	14 04

Part of 464, A. S. Bean, labor and lumber,	14 54
Order 465, H. L. Horne, windows,	8 35
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Total,	751 12
Credit by material sold,	5 00
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	746 12
Appropriation,	500 00
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Excess,	246 12
<p>E. B. Shaw, } J. A. Twaddle, } Building Committee. E. G. Wheeler, }</p>	

SCHOOL HOUSE AT EAST BETHEL.

Order 108, F. L. Edwards, shingles,	29 00
140, Elmer N. Stowell, labor,	27 00
141, N. F. Swan, labor,	31 35
142, John Clark, labor,	23 00
156, John N. Swan, labor,	35 00
164, Charles C. Swan, labor,	40 50
171, Z. W. Bartlett, labor, lumber, board,	83 10
172, Wm. F. Kendall, labor,	17 50
176, G. H. Swan, team and cash paid out,	25 60
177, J. H. Swan, labor and cash paid for freight,	44 95
178, P. A. Wheeler, labor,	75
179, F. W. Jordan, brick,	26 80
180, N. F. Swan, labor, etc.,	21 74
181, F. C. Bean, labor,	9 00
182, E. F. Brown, labor,	1 13
194, E. Libby & Sons, labor,	22 10
206, F. L. Edwards, shingles,	9 42
208, J. U. Purington, lime and cement,	34 50
209, O. W. Brown, labor,	35 60
210, J. N. Swan, labor,	59 20
214, J. M. Bartlett, labor,	47 06
216, S. S. Felt, labor,	22 38

217, C. C. Swan, labor,	41 50
218, J. S. Bartlett, hauling shingles,	3 50
222, Geo. H. Seavey labor,	6 00
Part of 223, H. L. Horne, lumber, etc.,	98 79
224, Paris Manufacturing Co. lumber,	100 13
Order 225, N. F. Brown, paint and supplies,	51 75
251, John Clark, labor,	7 50
271, Wm. H. Tracy, nails, etc.,	6 91
283, Z. C. Perry, labor,	3 00
Part of 289, J. U. Purington, lime,	2 12
Order 323, Geo. A. Virgin, lumber,	8 19
324, Wm. H. Crockett, nails, etc.,	1 45
Part of 402, G. R. Wiley, paint, etc.,	7 09
404, Hastings Bro's, furnace,	136 00
Order 406, J. H. Swan, lumber,	7 22
407, E. C. Rowe, nails, etc.,	444
408, J. G. Roberts, window frames,	2 70
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Total,	1,134 97
Cr. By seats delivered to other	
school houses,	50 00
By goods sold	5 00
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	55 00
Total cost of repairs	1,079 97
Appropriation,	1,000 00
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Excess,	79 97
C. M. Kimball, } G. H. Swan, } Building Committee. J. A. Twaddle, }	

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS PAID FOR 1894-5

Order 17, Henry Farwell, selectmen etc.,	143 85
18, H. N. Upton, " "	89 00
20, J. C. Billings, " "	70 75
21, I. G. Kimball, road commissioner,	122 00
22, N. F. Brown, supervisor,	150 00
23, J. U. Purington, treasurer,	50 00

24, A. E. Herrick, town agent,	15 00
25, J. S. Swan, treasurer of the M. and S. fund,	6 00
26, G. P. Bean, auditor,	5 00
27, J. U. Purington, building committee,	100 00
28, N. F. Brown, " "	75 00
39, S. B. Twitchell, collector,	100 00
171, S. B. Twitchell, collector, ..	100 00
327, S. B. Twitchell, collector,	100 00
457, S. B. Twitchell, collector,	200 00
458, S. B. Twitchell, constable,	3 50
	1,330 10

OTHER BILLS PAID FOR 1894-5.

Order 4, Gilbert Tuell labor on voting booths,	1 50
40, Martin A. Stowell, damage on highway, ...	7 50
55, Balance due C. F. Cotton, Feb. 15, 1895,	96 69
394, J. M. Philbrook, one half expense on school house fence,	34 32
Total,	140 01

HIGHWAYS.

Bills for 1894-5 approved by I. G. Kimball.

Order 2, H. M. Osgood, labor,	2 03
Part of 13, Fred C. Bean, labor,	1 20
C. C. Swan, labor,	75
Z. W. Bartlett, labor,	11 10
Galen Blake, labor,	6 90
J. M. Bartlett, labor,	24 45
	44 40
14, Robert Howe, labor,	2 00
J. A. Libby, labor,	30 05
N. S. Stearns, labor,	6 75
J. F. Howe, labor,	2 55
S. L. Mason, labor,	1 35,

John Clark, labor,	4 50	
C. C. Bean, labor,	6 87	
Jacob Annis, labor,	1 75	
H. H. Bean, labor,	4 26	
C. H. Demerritt, labor,	1 35	
		61 43
Part of 15, George H. Goodnow, labor,.....	2 75	
G. C. Milliken, labor	7 35	
G. C. Ames, labor,	6 60	
E. H. Smith, labor,	4 50	
G. Emery, labor,	8 85	
J. M. Seavey, labor,	2 25	
Freeland Bennett, labor,	10 30	
A. W. Bean, labor,	4 57	
D. N. Blake, labor,	7 65	
Spurgeon Luxton, labor,	3 15	
Wm. A. Farwell, labor,	3 00	
Joseph Holt, labor,	3 95	
Wm. C. and C. G. —— labor,	29 45	
C. L. & C. L. Abbott, Jr., labor,	35 61	
O. A. Buck, labor,	16 30	
C. N. Kimball, labor,	5 55	
Wm. D. Mills, labor,	8 50	
Chas. Dunham, labor,	24 85	
R. B. Brackett labor,	3 53	
L. D. Grover, labor,	9 00	
A. P. Mason, labor,	18 30	
John B. Murphey, labor,	5 10	
E. B. Bennett, labor,	4 87	
L. H. Tyler, labor,	24 00	
G. B. Mills, labor,	29 55	
E. G. Annis, labor,	1 50	
C. C. Merrill, labor,	7 45	
Jennie Bolster, labor,	4 90	
Joseph Seames, labor	4 50	
D. C. Rose, labor,	2 80	
Hiram Twitchell, labor,	1 50	
Frank R. Barrows, labor,	1 50	
T. B. Burke, labor,	35 05	
Wm. Macomber, labor,	2 70	
		341 43

Part of 34, L. N. Bartlett, labor,	11 10	
S. H. Mayconnell, labor,	4 00	
H. E. Bartlett, water tub two years,	4 00	
Fred F. Bean, labor,	1 95	
N. A. Stearns, labor,	6 00	
N. A. Austin, labor,	4 50	
J. O. Brown, labor,	2 45	
Wm. F. Brown, labor,	10 40	
V. P. Adamson, labor,	4 80	
H. N. Upton, labor,	4 57	
J. S. Bartlett, labor,	8 00	
E. E. Chase, labor,	2 25	
Fred Shaw, labor,	1 00	
A. L. Whitman, labor,	5 40	
B. W. Kimball, labor,	6 00	
J. C. Swan, labor,	1 00	
Randall Cummings, labor,	4 40	
Wallace Farwell, labor,	4 00	
		85 82
Order 36, C. M. Kimball, labor,		3 20
37, J. F. Hapgood, labor,		9 00
Part of 48, E. S. Bean, labor,	9 30	
C. C. Kimball, labor,	4 20	
G. K. Hastings, labor,	5 32	
Alfred W. Bean, labor,	5 25	
Clark Caswell, water tub,	2 00	
J. L. Oliver, labor,	3 30	
Richard Coners, labor,	4 00	
J. W. Bartlett, labor,	1 50	
I. I. Young, labor,	2 25	
D. T. Foster, labor,	6 00	
W. S. Hathorn, labor,	3 00	
J. A. Chase, labor,	37	
E. Bryant, labor,	8 47	
P. C. Thomas, labor,	3 22	
R. D. Cummings, labor,	5 70	
H. F. Maxim, labor,	2 85	
N. S. Stearns, water tub,	2 00	
		68 73

Part of 56, John Barker, labor,	2 56	
F. Q. Haines, labor,	5 85	
A. W. Small, labor,	2 40	
A. B. Grover, labor,	8 25	
Peter Wheeler, labor,	2 50	
A. J. Peare, labor,	2 62	
C. L. Capen,	3 00	
Eli W. Barker, snowing bridge.	22 00	
Eli W. Barker, labor,	3 50	
Fred L. Chapman, labor,	4 50	
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Order 61, A. S. Bean, feed and plank,		17 06
62, R. J. Virgin, bridge plank,		60 98
Part of 64, S. B. Osgood, labor,	1 80	
J. O. Estes, labor,	1 40	
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85, F. J. Russell, labor,	10 70	
C. E. Ryerson, labor,	16 00	
D. A. Coffin, labor,	15 65	
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Order 94, Abial Chandler, labor,		5 00
102, J. H. Swan labor,		5 80
Part of 110, J. L. Holt, labor,	17 00	
F. P. Abbott, labor,	3 50	
W. M. Brown, labor,	7 65	
A. Lamere, labor,	3 00	
E. W. Ethridge, labor,	3 35	
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187, L. H. Tyler, labor,	6 60	
E. F. Cushman, labor,	2 10	
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Order 280, C. O. Moore, labor,		4 00
287, T. L. Mayberry, labor,		4 50
363, Geo L. Smith, use of snow plow,		8 50
Part of 399, S. F. Estes, labor,	6 30	
E. P. Bennett, labor,	1 50	
R. R. Mayberry, labor,	4 20	
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Part of 430, Wm. R. Eames, labor,		2 70
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Total,		882 51

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS DUE FOR 1895.

Henry Farwell, selectman, etc.,	136 95
J. C. Billings, " "	75 00
E. B. Shaw, " "	75 00
A. W. Grover, road commissioner,	137 35
C. M. Kimball, " "	46 00
C. L. Abbott, Jr., road commissioner,	89 82
Mrs. O. M. Mason, supervisor,	150 00
J. U. Purington, treasurer,	50 00
A. E. Herrick, town agent,	15 00
J. S. Swan, treasurer M. and S. fund,	6 00
G. P. Bean, auditor,	5 00
C. M. Kimball, building committee on school house,	15 00
Geo. H. Swan, building committee on school house,	30 25
J. A. Twaddle, building committee on school house,	25 00
E. B. Shaw, building committee on school house,	65 00
E. G. Wheeler, building committee on school house,	5 00
Total,	<u>926 37</u>

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS PAID 1895.

Order 19, H. N. Upton, to March 4th, 1895,	1 50
Part of 419, H. C. Barker, constable,	3 00
421, C. D. Hill, health officer,	5 00
Order 459, A. W. Grover, health officer,	5 00
460, E. C. Park, health officer,	5 00
461, Milton Penley, truant officer,	5 00
Total,	<u>24 50</u>
Town officers bills due,	926 37
	<u>950 87</u>
Appropriation,	800 00
	<u>150 87</u>
Excess,	150 87

 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Order 49, F. W. Sanborn, printing reports,	52 00
55, Bethel Savings Bank, office and hall rent, ..	60 00
66, F. W. Sanborn, advertising,	1 25
91, J. G. Rich, making pension papers	6 75
158, Farwell and Shaw, expenses before state assessors.	8 00
400, E. P. Grover, damage on highway,	15 00
402, G. R. Wiley, blank, books and stationery, ..	19 30
421, C. D. Hill, vaccinating and returning vital statistics,	14 75
440 L. T. Barker, recording vital statistics,	8 25
Orders drawn for fighting fires on Rowe's Meadow,	18 95
456, J. A. Twaddle, returning vital statistics,	4 00
457, J. W. Stewart, " " "	2 00
458, J. A. Morton, " " "	3 00
Total,	213 25
Appropriation,	300 00
Unexpended,	86 75

BETHEL CHAIR CO.

According to the vote of the town at a special town meeting, held Dec. 14th, 1895, the selectmen contracted with J. H. Barrows to put on forty outside windows and to sheath inside, the north side west end of the factory on the first floor, and sheathe the north and south sides, and the west end of the second story, for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, and this sum was deducted from the rent which was paid Feb. 1st, 1896.

 SUMMARY OF ALL TOWN EXPENSES

Bills paid for support of poor,	1,207 41	
Bills paid for highway,	3,381 14	
Town officers,	950 87	
Miscellaneous expenses,	213 25	
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Total,	5,752 67	
Total appropriation,	5,800 00	
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Unexpended,	47 33	

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Bridge bonds, four per cent., due 1898,	18,100 00	
Coupons overdue,	114 00	
Outstanding notes,	18,245 98	
Interest on same,	389 40	
Town officers bills due,	926 37	
Due C. C. Bryant to Feb. 15th, 1896..	215 08	
Outstanding orders,	435 54	
Estimated abatement of taxes,	50 00	
“ bills outstanding,	300 00	
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		38 776 37

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	44 96	
Due from S. B. Twitchell, collector, ..	5,289 49	
Due rent on corn shop,	37 50	
Liquors and casks on hand,	512 75	
Value of town farm, stock and tools,..	3,116 00	
Investments in chair factory,	8,000 00	
Investments in corn shop,	2,500 00	
Toll house property,	200 00	
Lock-up,	550 00	
Two road machines and tools,	200 00	
Due from State bear bounty,	10 00	
“ “ “ damage to sheep,	9 00	
“ “ “ dog tax	141 00	
Due from J. S. Swan,	30 00	
“ “ Albany,	8 50	
“ “ Riverside Park,	15 00	
Drain tile on hand,	25 18	
Non resident tax due,	7 00	
School money over drawn,	47 06	
		\$20,743 44

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY FARWELL,	}	Selectmen of Bethel.
J. C. BILLINGS,		
E. B. SHAW,		

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report of the selectmen of Bethel for the year ending Feb. 15, 1896, with the vouchers therefor, and believe it to be properly vouched and correctly cast. G. P. BEAN,
Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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To cash on hand Feb. 17th, 1895,	\$ 348 78
Received of S. B. Twitchell, collector, 15,538 09	
“ “ liquor agent,	1,657 48
“ “ J. S. Swan, treasurer,	30 00
State treasurer on account of	
bear bounty,	70 00
Dog tax,	170 16
Soldiers burial,	35 00
Sheep killed, 1894,	8 25
Rail Road and Tel. tax	3 26
State fund and mill tax,	1,366 73
Soldiers' pensions,	300 00
Milton Plantation on account	
of Tuition, 1894,	73 91
L. T. Barker dog tax,	150 00
Bethel Chair Co. rent,	445 00
J. & A. E. Wyman, rent,	150 00
Town of Bingham,	145 46
Town of Gilead for tuition,	30 00
For license,	16 00
Water rent for Chair Factory,	25 00
Tile sold,	7 51
School houses sold,	148 00
Oxen sold,	135 00
Rent of toll house,	21 75
Non resident taxes,	43 05
On account Elbridge Fifield,	80 02
Milton Plantation,	
tuition, 1895	65 00
S. B. Twitchell, stove,	5 00

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To Paid Interest to Bethel

Savings Bank,	372 40
Interest J. E. Trafton,	151 88
For Coupons,	734 00
Soldiers' pensions,	300 00
Bethel Water Co	50 00
Bounty on bears,	10 00
State Treasurer's amount of dog tax,	150 00
County tax,	901 48
State tax,	2,098 79
Town of Newry tax,	4 05
Selectmen's receipts for orders,	13,989 40
State liquor commissioner,	1,480 13
Insane Hospital, account of Daniel F. Bean, Jr.,	156 51
Emma Mason,	134 67
Mellen A. Cross,	154 12
Hattie G. Chapman,	140 55
Chas. A. Balentine,	145 46
Elbridge H. Fifield,	50 02
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	21,023 46
Balance on hand	44 96
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	21,068 42

J. U. Purington, Treasurer,

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report of J. U. Purington, Treasurer of the town of Bethel for the year ending Feb. 14th, 1896, with the vouchers therefor and believe it to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

G. P. Bean, Auditor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BETHEL:—

In accordance with an established custom, your committee begs leave to submit the following report of the educational work for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1896. We commenced the year with the full number, five, on the School Board, but after a few months, Mr. Park, feeling that he could not devote sufficient time to do himself justice in the position of Chairman, much to our regret, passed in his resignation. It was finally accepted, thus causing three places to be filled at your annual election.

BUILDINGS.

One of the many important duties devolving upon your Committee was looking after the condition of the school buildings. The appropriations made especially for East and West Bethel, have been expended by the special building committees; that for general repairs has been placed where most needed, and we would recommend that an equal amount be raised for a similar purpose another year, as it could be used to advantage. Three school houses have been sold and there are several more to be sold whenever purchasers can be found. We now have three modern school buildings, well furnished, the others are made as comfortable as possible with means furnished.

BOOKS.

Your Supt. is well aware that more books have been purchased than it was thought by your former Supt. would be required, but on finding a surplus of some kinds and a shortage of others I thought best to make an exchange, and try to supply each pupil old enough to use books, with those most needed. Have continued the introduction of Stickney's Readers, added a few Supplementary Readers, exchanged Harpers' Geographies for Barnes' Complete and Frye's Primary, in a portion of the schools. The Grammars have not given general satisfaction, and I would recommend a change in both Grammars and Arithmetics another year. This will necessitate an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars at least, for books.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study has been modified, somewhat, in our graded school in the village, and each year's work fully marked out. It has been thought best to make the promotions at the beginning of the fall term, hereafter. A similar course has been furnished the mixed schools and the teachers have carried out the plan as well as they cou'd. A course for general exercises has also been recommended which includes daily mental drill in Arithmetic, important events in History, Geography of state, county and town, also questions in Physiology, Language, Botany, Civil Government, and Literature. The Ling system of gymnastics has been introduced for physical culture. Our spring term closed on July 3rd, therefore, a patriotic wave struck the village teachers and pupils and they conceived the idea of giving a flag entertainment, which resulted in raising funds sufficient to procure a handsome flag; it now greets the eyes of the boys and girls as they enter the building. Appropriate exercises were held at the time of the flag raising; the G. A. R. came out in full force to kindly assist, and the spirit of patriotism was aroused in those young hearts by speech and song.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

During the spring term sixteen schools were maintained, but when the fall term commenced, the Committee decided that it was not economy to support a school on Chandler Hill for three pupils, therefore, those scholars were brought to the village, much to their advantage. The Flat school was suspended during the fall, the scholars going to West Bethel, but owing to some new families moving into the district, it seemed best to have a winter term. Two successful terms have been held on Grover Hill, and arrangements should be made whereby they can have full thirty weeks another year. The winter term of the village school was sadly broken into by the diphtheria scare, otherwise general good health has prevailed among the pupils throughout the town. We have registered in the last named school one hundred and sixty-four pupils, who represent nine districts. These scholars have been under the same instructors (with the exception of one room) for the year, and *most excellent* work has been done. "As is the teacher, so is the school," is an oft repeated saying. If teachers could realize how much influence they exert over the lives of their pupils, they would feel more deeply the responsibility. If a teacher is orderly, uses good language at all times, is easy and graceful in manner, and is always polite, to pupils as well as others, there is very little to fear in the general deportment of that school. In the assignment of teachers your Committee tried to select the best and retain

the same as long as good work was done, giving the preference to teachers of our own town, qualifications being equal.

We have tried, and, I think, partially succeeded, in arousing more interest among parents, more enthusiasm among teachers. Most, if not all, of the schools have held "Mothers' Day," at which time special invitations have been sent to parents to come and see what the children are doing, but in one district the teacher told me she had invited over and over again, and the answer was, "I'd like to visit your school very much, but I can't get time." This may speak well for the confidence placed in that teacher, but I am happy to say that in most places the people have shown their interest by their presence.

The millennium for schools will not arrive until teachers are more anxious to visit other schools, attend teachers' meetings and institutes, and subscribe for one or more of the many teachers' journals which are so helpful, and—

"But stop," some teacher says; "how can I do this with my small salary?" When a young man is fitting himself for any of the trades or professions, he does not expect much, if any, remuneration, until he becomes skilled. If a young lady wishes to be a milliner, dressmaker, stenographer or book-keeper, she must give her time and money until she becomes an expert, when she can command good wages. Should not a teacher, above all others, be well equipped for business by serving an apprenticeship in a Normal or Training school?

The question of salary is an important one, and I would recommend that a larger amount be raised for schools in order that our teachers be encouraged to better fit themselves for the work. I can see a marked improvement in most of our schools during the past year, and with good efficient teachers they can rank with the best. I wish to thank the teachers who have kindly co-operated with me in bringing about this improvement, the scholars for their hearty good will and faithful work, the parents for their words of encouragement both to the teachers and myself, the members of the School Board for their much needed assistance and advice and lastly the citizens for their confidence in my ability, manifested by electing me to serve on the Committee for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

O. M. Mason,

Supt. of Schools.

Report of the Board of Health.

Infectious and contagious diseases have not prevailed to any extent within the limits of the town during the past year. Not a case of typhoid fever, and very few nuisances have been reported to the board. To maintain this favorable degree of health we should improve our sanitary conditions by a system of sewerage for the village, which becomes each year more imperative on account of the increasing number of water closets, etc., which have attended the introduction of the water works. Such a system, which could be put in at a very moderate expense, would render our village from a hygeinic point of view wellnigh perfect. We hope some measures will be taken to further this end before serious results follow.

C. D. Hill, M. D., Chairman.
A. W. Grover, Secretary.
E. C. Park.

Warrant For Town Meeting.



To S. B. Twitchell, a Constable in the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

GREETING:—In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet in Odeon Hall in said town on the second day of March 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 a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To hear and act upon the report of the several Town Officers.
- Art. 4. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To establish the rate per cent for collecting taxes, and choose a Collector for the ensuing year.
- Art. 8. To choose Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To choose all other necessary town officers.
- Art. 10. To see if the town will vote and raise such sums of money as may be necessary to repair roads and bridges for the ensuing year, and whether it shall be assessed wholly in money, or part in labor tax.
- Art. 11. To see if the town will vote and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

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Art. 13. To see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.

Art. 14. To see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 15. To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise to pay on the town debt and interest on outstanding notes and bonds.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to renew outstanding notes or hire money to pay the same.

Art. 17. To receive and allow accounts.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to increase the poll tax to \$3.00.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes unpaid after Sept. 1st.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to Brown Post for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the repair of school-houses, and how much.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school text books.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of seventy-seven dollars to pay Bethel's part of the Hanover ferry boat as by agreement of the Selectmen.

Art. 24. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the road laid out by them August 9th, 1895, running across land of Chas. C. Merrill.

Art. 25. To see what action the town will take to provide for the payment of outstanding school bills and orders contracted in excess of school money raised last year.

The Selectmen will be in session at two o'clock Feb. 29 at their office in Odeon Hall, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.

Henry Farwell } Selectmen
J. C. Billings } of
E. B. Shaw } Bethel.