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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF BETHEL

—FOR THE—

Year Ending Feb. 15,

1897.



BETHEL, MAINE:
PRINTED AT THE NEWS OFFICE,
1897.

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,
C. M. KIMBALL,

J. A. TWADDLE,
E. B. SHAW

A. C. EAMES.

Town Agent,
A. E. HERRICK.

Collector,
S. B. TWITCHELL.

Auditor,
CEYLON ROWE.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen would submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1897.

Valuation.

Am't of resident real estate.....	\$560,537	
“ “ non-resident real estate.....	61,330	
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Total real estate.....		\$621,867
Am't of resident personal estate.....	\$195,195	
“ “ non-resident personal estate....	2,642	
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Total personal estate.....		\$197,837
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Total Valuation.....		\$819,704
Rate per cent. money tax .012 on the dollar.		
No. of Polls, 540. Poll tax, \$2.00.		
Rate per cent. of labor tax for highway, .002.		
Labor poll tax, \$1.75 for highway.		
Amount of labor tax for highway, \$2,500.		

Appropriated and Assessed.

State tax.....	\$1,889	47
County tax.....	901	48
For highways (money tax).....	500	00
For schools.....	2,000	00
For support of poor.....	1,200	00
Town debt and interest.....	2,500	00
For town officers.....	800	00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	300	00
Brown Post, G. A. R.....	40	00
Repair of school houses.....	150	00
Text books.....	100	00
Hanover ferry boat.....	77	00
School bills outstanding.....	328	56
Overlay.....	130	03
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Total committed for collection.....	\$10,916	54

Town Farm Account.

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

Mrs. Dorcas Goodnow, aged 82,	board	furnished	52	weeks.
Wm. Cook,	"	37,	"	52 "
Bert Smith,	"	24,	"	33 "
Mrs. Wm. Macomber	"	60,	"	10 "

Total 147 weeks.

Appraisal of Farm and Personal Property.

Town farm.....	\$2,000 00
3 cows	80 00
13 hens.....	6 50
12 tons English hay.....	120 00
8 tons meadow hay and straw....	48 00
50 bushels oats.....	15 00
350 bushels corn on the ear.....	100 00
100 bushels potatoes.....	25 00
200 lbs. of pork.....	14 00
15 lbs. of butter.....	3 00
10 lbs. lard.....	1 00
Groceries.....	10 00
40 gall. of vinegar.....	8 00
100 gall. of cider.....	10 00
2 meat barrels.....	1 50
25 flour "	5 00
10 barrels apples.....	5 00
5 cider barrels... ..	5 00
1 dinner bell.....	65
2 sprinklers.	75
1 mowing machine.....	45 00
1 ox cart with rack.....	15 00
1 farm wagon.....	8 00
1 family wagon.....	5 00
1 pair ox sleds.....	16 00
1 set horse sleds.....	22 00
1 family sleigh.....	10 00
1 horse rake.....	5 00

2 harrows	20 00
2 plows.....	10 00
1 cultivator	6 00
2 ox chains.....	2 50
8 tie chains.....	2 00
1 crow bar.....	50
6 scythe snaths.....	1 50
3 scythes.....	1 50
1 hay knife	1 50
4 rakes.....	50
2 drag rakes.....	50
4 hay forks.....	1 00
2 manure forks.....	75
3 shovels	1 00
3 hoes.....	50
2 potato diggers	50
3 axes.....	2 50
1 hand saw.....	1 00
1 wood saw.....	75
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.....	50
24 chairs.....	6 00
6 tables.....	12 00
10 bedsteads	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 pct.....	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.....	2 50
2 steamers.....	40
2 whitewash brushes.....	1 00
5 baskets.....	1 25
1 bush hook.....	1 00
3 gallon cans.....	2 00
1 5-gallon syrup can.....	85
8 butter tubs.....	75
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 washing machine.....	3 00
1 milk strainer.....	30

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel measure.....	65
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ bushel measure.....	45
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousand shingles,	3 00
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Total appraisal, Feb. 15th, 1897,..	\$2,904 80

Town Farm Expenditures.

Appraisal of farm and personal property, Feb. 15, 1896,.....	\$3,116 00
Part of 31, C. C. Bryant, Supt. from Feb. 15, '96, to April 6, '96,.....	34 92
Due C. C. Bryant, Supt. to Feb. 15, '97,.	237 51
Order 70, Wm. J. Wheeler, insurance,...	3 13
Order 102, J. U. Purington, phosphate,.	14 00
Part of 130, A. H. Goddard, burial ex- penses of Mrs. Macomber,.....	23 00
Part of 130, A. H. Goddard, burial ex- penses of Bert Smith,.....	24 00
Part of 130, J. C. Billings, shoeing horse,	4 50
Order 190, A. Hamilton, funeral services of Smith,.....	3 00

Poor Farm Expenditures.

I. C. JORDAN.

2 lbs tea,.....	1 00
2 lbs. coffee,.....	64
6 bars soap,.....	20
18 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00
2 lbs. soda,.....	13
$\frac{1}{4}$ " cream tartar,.....	10
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans,.....	40
1 pr. overalls,.....	75
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches,.....	08
2 lbs raisins,.....	16
$\frac{1}{4}$ " mustard,.....	10

2 boxes gold dust,.....	50
6 bars soap,.....	25
3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. cheese,.....	57
100 crackers,.....	25
5 gallons oil,.....	70
2 " molasses,.....	80
1 bbl. flour,.....	4 75
2 sacks bran,.....	1 80
2 gallons molasses,.....	80
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. cheese,.....	34
21 " beans,.....	70
1 pkg. rolled oats,.....	13
49 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. cotton,.....	3 21
23 lbs. ham,.....	2 30
18 " sugar,.....	1 00
2 " tea,.....	1 00
2 " coffee,.....	64
4 " soda,.....	25
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches,.....	08
4 qts. seed peas,.....	30
1 bbl. flour,.....	4 75
2 sacks mixed feed,.....	1 80
2 gallons molasses,.....	80
1 bag meal,.....	85
2 pr. rubber boots,.....	5 50
5 bu. oats,.....	1 75
$\frac{1}{2}$ bu. timothy,.....	1 13
20 lbs. clover,.....	2 20
4 qts. seed peas,.....	50
10 lbs. lard,.....	1 20
4 lbs. cheese,.....	60
12 cakes soap,.....	50
1 lb. borax,.....	20
4 yds flannel,.....	1 20
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds print,.....	27
2 prs. hose,.....	50
6 yds sheeting,.....	40
2 chambers,.....	70
5 gallons oil,.....	70

5½ lbs. fish,.....	28
1 pr. shoes,.....	1 35
1 lb. rope,	15
16 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00
2 lbs. coffee,.....	64
2 pkgs. rolled oats,.....	25
¼ lb. mustard,.....	10
¼ bu. beans,	40
2 gallons molasses,.....	80
5 lbs. dried apples,.....	50
2 lbs. tea,.....	1 00
2¼ " cheese,	33
2 " raisins,.....	15
½ gross matches,.....	08
100 crackers,.....	25
1 bean pot,.....	20
1 bag salt,.. . . .	20
1 box gold dust,.....	25
2 lbs. coffee,.....	64
2½ lbs. cheese,	33
2 pr. overalls,.....	1 50
2 pair shirts,.....	2 00
17 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00
2 " tea,.....	1 00
10 " lard,	1 10
2 gallons molasses,.....	80
1 bbl. flour,.....	4 75
2 lbs. Paris green,	50
2 bu. meal,.....	85
6 cakes soap,	25
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
2 lbs. coffee,.....	64
¼ bu. beans,.....	40
17 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00
2 gallon molasses,.....	80
2 lbs. coffee,.....	64
1 bag salt,.....	20
¼ lb. ginger,.....	06
5 lbs. soda,.....	30

6 yds. crash,.....	54
2 prs. hose,.....	25
2 lbs. cheese,.....	24
2 lbs. tea,.....	1 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. insect powder,.....	20
1 bu. salt,.....	40
2 gallons molasses,.....	80
1 box gold dust,.....	25
100 crackers,.....	25
16 lbs sugar,.....	1 00
2 lbs. coffee,.....	64
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans,.....	40
1 pr. shoes,.....	1 40
12 lbs. cod-fish,.....	78
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. pepper,.....	14
$\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. cassia,.....	14
2 lbs. raisins,.....	15
16 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00
10 lbs. lard,.....	1 00
1 bbl. flour,.....	4 50
2 lbs. tea,.....	1 00
17 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00
6 bars soap,.....	25
2 lbs. cheese,.....	24
5 gallons oil,.....	65
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans,.....	40
2 gallons oil,.....	80
17 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00
2 lbs. coffee,.....	64
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cloves,.....	06
2 prs. overalls,.....	1 50
6 yds. sheeting,.....	48
4 lbs. cheese,.....	56
$\frac{1}{4}$ bus. beans,.....	45
17 lb. sugar,.....	1 00
2 gallons molasses,.....	80
5 " oil,.....	70
2 lbs. tea,.....	1 00
2 " coffee,.....	64

2 lbs. raisins,.....	16	
1 " starch,.....	10	
2 " cheese,.....	30	
$\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. ginger,.....	06	
1 bbl. flour,.....	5 25	
$5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. pork,.....	44	
5 " lard,.....	50	
2 lamp chimneys,.....	12	
1 lantern globe,.....	08	
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. mustard,.....	10	
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cayenne,.....	10	
2 pr. hose,.....	1 00	
1 pr. mitts,.....	50	
2 pr. drawers,.....	1 00	
1 shirt,.....	1 00	
17 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00	
1 bu. salt,.....	45	
1 lb. salt-petre,.....	12	
1 " tea,.....	50	
2 " coffee,.....	64	
1 box cocoa,.....	25	
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. pepper,.....	06	
1 pkg. rolled oats,.....	12	
1 bag salt,.....	20	
4 lbs. cheese,.....	60	
1 doz. bars soap, ..	50	
$\frac{1}{4}$ gross matches,.....	20	
1 pr. rubbers,.....	1 45	
18 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00	
1 lb. tea,.....	50	
2 lbs. coffee,.....	64	
2 gallons molasses,.....	80	
1 pkg. gold dust,.....	25	
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cassia,.....	06	
$\frac{1}{4}$ " cloves,.....	06	
5 gallons oil,.....	65	
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. pimento,.....	06	
2 " molasses,.....	80	
17 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00	
Paid with orders 151 and 193.....		\$129 04

G. P. BEAN.

8 yds. print,.....	48
2 yds. print,.....	10
6 " crash,.....	72
10 " bleached cotton,.....	1 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ginger,.....	05
$\frac{1}{4}$ " pepper,.....	06
$\frac{1}{4}$ " cloves,.....	05
$\frac{1}{4}$ " cassia,.....	06
2 " coffee,.....	64
2 " tea,.....	1 00
$2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. cheese,.....	33
Sugar,.....	1 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. nutmeg,.....	20
1 bbl. flour,.....	4 25
2 lbs. coffee,.....	64
2 " raisins,.....	16
5 spools cotton,.....	25
16 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00
1 bag salt,.....	20
5 lbs. soda,.....	30
1 pkg. gold dust,.....	25
2 lbs. coffee,.....	64
2 " tea,.....	1 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ " cloves,.....	07
1 box mixed spice,.....	08
1 broom,.....	25
6 bars soap,.....	25
4 yds. print,.....	24
5 " cotton cloth,.....	35
16 lbs. sugar,.....	1 00
2 " tea,.....	1 00
2 " coffee,.....	64
$\frac{1}{4}$ gross matches,.....	20
1 pk.,.....	12
2 lbs. raisins,.....	16
100 crackers,.....	25
1 pr. boots,.....	2 00

1 bbl. flour,.....	4 75	
1 pail lard,.....	80	
2 gallons molasses,.....	80	
2 lbs. soda,.....	12	
Paid with order 194,.....		\$27 46

C. C. BRYANT.

Beef,.....	4 75	
Washing machine,.....	3 00	
Milk pans and pails,.....	2 50	
Scythe and rakes,.....	2 50	
Pulling Smith's teeth,.....	50	
Digging Mrs. Macomber's grave,.....	2 50	
A. Hamilton, services at Mrs. Macomber's funeral,.....	2 00	
Digging Smith's grave,.....	2 50	
4 butter tubs,.....	80	
4 pigs,.....	5 00	
Hayrack,.....	4 00	
Bolts and nails,.....	1 00	
Rope,.....	60	
Ox knobs,.....	20	
Use of bull,.....	2 00	
4 bu. potatoes,.....	75	
Tinware,.....	70	
Pasturing oxen,.....	5 50	
Repairs of water works,.....	1 00	
Ax and handle,.....	1 25	
Clothes wringer,.....	2 50	
Meat bill,.....	16 98	
1 pr. pants, (for Cook).....	2 00	
Cap, " ".....	60	
Paid by receipts from farm, ..\$53 10		
Order No. 204 to balance,.... 12 03		\$65 13
Total expenditures,.....		<u>\$3,681 69</u>

Town Farm Receipts.

Appraisal of town farm property, Feb. 15, 1897,	\$2,904 80
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1 yoke of oxen sold,.....	125 00	
2 cows "	65 00	
3 calves "	16 00	
2 shoats "	12 00	
135 lbs. butter "	24 30	
4 gallons vinegar sold,.....	80	
Total receipts,		\$3,147 90
Total expenditures,.....		3,681 69
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Balance against farm,.....		\$533 79

Poor Not on Farm.

Caleb Goodnow.		
George H. Goodnow, board and care to Feb. 15th, 1896.....	\$78 00	
Ceylon Rowe, clothing,.....	8 85	\$86 85
Ed. Taylor.		
H. A. Packard, rent,.....	5 00	
C. Bisbee, merchandise,.....	2 60	\$ 7 60
Granville Glines.		
Town of Greenwood, merchandise,.....		\$ 4 75
Melinda Bean.		
A. R. Haines, wood,.....		\$ 5 00
Mrs. Wm. Reed.		
A. H. Goddard, burial expenses,.....	\$ 15 00	
C. D. Hill, medical attendance,.....	33 75	\$ 48 75
Alfred Estes.		
C. Bisbee, merchandise,.....		\$ 7 00
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Total poor not on farm,.....		\$159 95

Poor Belonging to Other Towns.

Aid furnished Henry Judkins,.....	\$ 43 32	
" " Frank Cotton's children,	12 00	
Total,	<hr/>	\$ 55 32
Paid by Norway,.....		55 32

Insane Hospital.

Daniel F. Bean, Jr.,.....	\$135 26	
Mellen A. Cross,.....	139 66	
Emma Mason,.....	134 61	
Hattie G. Chapman,.....	143 57	
Ethan Etheridge, commitment,..	\$19 15	
" " board at hospital, 15	34 66	
Total expense to town,.....		\$587 76
C. A. Balentine,.....	\$142 84	
Paid by town of Bingham.....	142 84	
E. H. Fifield,		
Commitment and examination..	\$32 15	
Board, etc., hospital,....	55 62	87 77
Paid by E. O. Millett,.....	87 77	
Abial Chandler,		
Board, etc., at hospital,.....	45 94	
Paid by A. J. Blake,.....	45 94	

Tramp Account.

Aid furnished Hiram Higgins,	\$12 00	
" " by H. C. Barker (172		
tramps),	52 35	
		\$64 35

Total Expense of Poor.

Brought forward balance against farm,	\$533 79	
" " poor not on farm,....	159 95	
" " insane hospital,.....	587 76	
" " expense of tramps,....	64 35	
Total,		\$1345 85
Appropriation,		1200 00
Excess of appropriation,.....		\$145 85

Lockup Account.

DR.

Order 135, A. H. Goddard, fixtures.....	2 15	
“ 136, H. and W. Farwell, wood....	4 50	
“ 188, N. F. Brown, 2 locks,.....	2 50	
Total,	<u> </u>	\$ 9 15

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By rent of 13 courts,.....		\$ 13 00
Net income,.....		<u> </u> \$ 3 85

Special Appropriations.

Hanover ferry boat,.....	77 00
Order 132, Town Hanover,.....	77 00
Brown Post, G. A. R.,.....	40 00
Order 44, A. S. Chapman,.....	40 00

Abatements for 1894.

Order 218, Frank Mason, poll, paid in Mass.,.....	\$ 2 00
D. W. Morrill, poll, and per., deceased,.....	2 53
Ed. McPhee, poll, not of age,.....	2 00
Alex. McLain, poll, not a resident of Bethel,.....	2 00
Wm. Richards, poll, left town,...	2 00
Herman Skillings, poll, paid in Mass,	2 00

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Archer Asenault, poll, left town.	2 00
Wilber Allen, “ “	2 00
Wm. Allen, “ “	50
Dennis Bowman, “ “	2 00
James Bowman, “ “	2 00

George S. Chapman, poll, paid in Andover,.....	2 00	
Charles R. Cross, per error,.....	3 50	
Harry Carter, poll, paid in Mass.	2 00	
Charles Campbell, poll, not of age,	2 00	
Walter Davis, poll, paid in Gilead,	2 00	
Wm. H. Emery, poll, not of age,.	2 00	
Elbridge H. Fifield, insane,.....	11 60	
Alex. Galant, poll, left town,....	2 00	
Stephen Goodrich, poll, left town,	2 00	
Josep: " " "	2 00	
Byron Harding, poll, paid in N.H.,	2 00	
Josiah Horr, poll, left town,.....	2 00	
Samsul Haynes, poll, error,.....	2 00	
Warner L. Kendall, poll, paid in N. H.,.....	2 00	
E. W. Magill, poll, paid in Newry,	2 00	
David Morrell, " " Albany,	2 00	
August Miller, poll, left town,...	2 00	
Asa K. Prescott, poll and per., paid in Mason,.....	2 79	
John F. Russell, poll and per., left town,.....	3 45	
Wm. Reed, not able to pay,.....	6 30	
Philip Robarge, poll, left town,..	2 00	
Wm. Ryan, " " ..	2 00	
Olen E. Swan, poll, paid in Mass.	2 00	
Frank Stiles, poll and per., not able to pay,.....	2 44	
Jonathan Tyler, not able to pay,.	1 75	
Arthur Tracy, poll and per., paid in Freeman,.....	4 63	
Charles Watson, poll, left town,.	2 00	
Total,		\$ 95 49

1896.

Order 212, Bethel Water Co., by vote of
town, \$150 00

Schools.

Raised by town, 1896,.....	\$2,000 00	
" to pay outstanding bills, 1896...	328 56	
State, school and mill tax,.....	1,338 79	
Received from Milton, tuition,.....	55 00	
" " Gilead, " 	30 00	
" " Albany, " 	11 00	
Due from J. S. Swan,.....	30 00	
Total school fund,.....	\$3,793 35	
Excess of appropriation, 1896,.....	47 06	
Order 1., J. S. Hutchins, teaching,.....	70 00	
" 2, J. M. Philbrook, wood,.....	7 00	
" 20, Maude A. Bartlett, teaching and janitor,.....	52 50	
" 21, town of Mason, tuition,.....	6 00	
" 22, Geo. E. Farrar, carrying scholars,	25 00	
" 23, Rion Swan, janitor,.....	2 50	
" 26, G. P. Bean, carrying scholars,	15 00	
" 28, Maude Merrow, teaching and janitor,.....	57 50	
" 30, Samuel MayConnell, wood,..	1 75	
" 36, N.A. Stearns, wood and janitor,	9 50	
" 49, Hastings Bros., labor and ma- terial,	12 08	
" 53, J. C. Bartlett, janitor,.....	5 35	
" 54, N. S. Stearns, wood,	7 87	
" 55, H. H. Hutchins, carrying scholars,	20 00	
Part of 62, Willie Holmes, janitor,	21 00	
Order 63, Bertha G. Twombly, teaching	90 10	
" 64, Alice Carter, teaching,.....	40 00	
" 65, A.R. Haynes, car'y scholars...	70 00	
" 67, A. P. Burgess, " " "	50 00	

Order 68, A. G. Bean, balance on wood,	5 12
“ 71, C. M. Kimball, wood,.....	12 00
“ 76, J. G. Tyler, carrying scholars,	20 00
“ 77, Elizabeth J. Grover, teaching,	50 00
“ 78, Lillian N. Brown, “	90 00
“ 79, Agnes M. Kimball, “	75 00
“ 80, Martha A. Gibson, “	75 00
“ 81, J. D. George, carrying scholars,	22 50
“ 83, J. S. Hutchins, “ “	20 00
“ 85, Ethel Hammons, teaching,..	70 00
“ 86, Mary C. Chapman, “	52 00
“ 87, Alice M. Russell, “	50 00
“ 88, Maude M. Merrow, “	50 00
“ 89, Mary C. Douglass, “	45 00
“ 90, Hattie Harris, “	45 00
“ 91, J. S. Hutchins, “	80 00
“ 92, Ida M. Haselton, “	50 00
“ 93, Rosa C. Bean, janitor and teaching,.....	33 00
“ 94, Willie Holmes, teaching,.....	12 00
“ 95, Frances Carter, car'y scholars,	25 00
“ 96, John Clark, “ “	15 75
“ 97, E. S. Kilborn, wood,.....	61 55
“ 98, Julia Gilcrease, teaching,.....	50 00
“ 105, Grace H. Swan, janitor,.....	3 00
“ 110, Amy Bean, wood,.....	8 75
“ 112, L. G. Tyler, wood,.....	10 50
“ 116, C. L. Abbott, Jr., wood,.....	9 00
“ 118, F. F. Cushman, wood,.....	11 00
“ 126, Willie Holmes, janitor,.....	12 50
“ 127, Clifford Wheeler, wood,.....	7 00
“ 128, Cora Twombly, teaching,.....	15 00
“ 129, L. L. Mason, wood,.....	2 50
Part of 133, Agnes M Kimball, teaching,	56 00
“ “ C. B. French, “	36 50
“ “ Ida M. Haselton, “	35 00
“ “ A. R. Haynes, car'y scholars,	49 00
“ “ Martha A. Gibson, teaching,	52 50
“ “ Miss Elliot, “	9 00

Part of 133, Grace E. Preble, teaching, ..	63 00	301 00
“ 139, Maude M. Merrow, teaching,	70 00	
“ “ Ethel Hammons, “	70 00	
“ “ Alice M. Russell, “	50 00	
“ “ Eva Twaddle, “	13 50	
“ “ Roscoe Cross, car’y scholars,	14 00	
“ “ Verne Verrill, “ “	25 00	
“ “ Elmer Allen, janitor,.....	4 00	246 50
“ 144, Mary C. Chapman, teaching and janitor,.....	52 50	
“ “ Julia Gilcrease, teaching,	50 00	
“ “ Bertha Twombly, “	54 00	
“ “ Lillian Kimball, “	75 00	
“ “ Geo. A. Chapman, carrying scholars,	14 00	
“ “ Almon Tyler, janitor,.....	2 00	247 50
Order 145, B. W. Kimball, wood,.....		6 00
Part of 152, E. J. Grover, teaching,	50 00	
“ “ Addie Gordon, “	30 00	
“ “ Walter Holmes, “	35 00	
“ “ J. C. Bartlett, car’y scholars,	25 00	
“ “ O. A. Buck, wood,.....	11 00	
“ “ L. H. Tyler, “	5 25	
“ “ Archie Cushman, janitor,...	2 50	158 75
Order 153, E. P. Kimball, car’y scholars,		25 00
“ 154, L. L. Mason, wood,.....		2 00
“ 161, Grace Swan, janitor,.....		5 00
“ 166, G. K. Hastings, wood,.....		4 00
“ 170, A. S. Bean, “		1 75
“ 171, Alice Russell, teaching,		18 50
“ 172, Bertha Twombly, “		45 00
Part of 173, Ida M. Haselton, teaching,	35 00	
“ “ Fred Wheeler, janitor,,.....	1 50	
“ “ Levi Brown, “	1 50	
Order 174, Ethel Hammons, teaching,		60 00

"	175, James M. Bartlett, carrying scholars,.....		20 00
"	176, J. C. Bartlett, janitor,.....		5 00
"	177, Elmer Allen, "		4 00
Part of 178,	Flora B. Shaw, teaching,	99 00	
"	" A. M. Kimball, "	88 00	
"	" Martha A. Gibson, "	82 50	
"	" Lillian R. Kimball, "	65 00	
"	" Maude M. Merrow, "	56 00	
"	" Mary C. Chapman, "	48 00	
"	" Walter Holmes, janitor and teaching,.....	42 00	
"	" A. R. Haynes, car'y scholars,	77 00	
"	" L. H. Tyler, " "	16 00	
"	" Harry Swett, janitor,.....	2 00	575 50
"	179, Silas Littlehale, janitor,.....	33 00	
"	" J. D. George, car'y scholars,	30 00	
"	" Roscoe Cross, " "	20 00	83 00
"	180, N. F. Brown, wood, etc.,....		8 75
"	189, Carrie Hastings, teaching,	40 00	
"	" Bertha Twombly, "	54 00	
"	" E. J. Grover, "	20 00	
"	" D. A. Coffin, wood,.....	8 75	122 75
"	191, Edith M. Allen, teaching,	50 00	
"	" Town of Hanover, tuition,..	16 00	
"	" Archie Cushman, janitor,..	2 00	68 00
Order 195,	Town of Greenwood Tuition.		20 00
"	196, G. R. Wiley, supplies,.....		2 03
"	197, R. J. Virgin, wood,.....		2 50
"	220, G. P. Bean, carrying scholars,		12 00
"	221, F. J. Philbrook, wood,.....		6 00
	Total,.....		<u>\$3,786 81</u>
	School fund,.....		<u>\$3,793 35</u>
	Undrawn,.....		\$6 54
	Wood and supplies unused,..		33 16

Text Books.

Order 69, American Book Co.,.....	\$ 69 25
“ 124, Wm Ware,.....	9 06
“ 125, D. C. Heath & Co.,.....	3 00
“ 140, Mrs. O. M. Mason,.....	12 00
“ 199, “ “ “	3 32
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Total,	96 57
Appropriation,.. ..	100 00
Unexpended,	3 43

Repairs of School Houses.

Order 47, Mrs. Griffin, labor,.....	\$ 3 00
Part of 62, Willie Holmes, repairs and labor,	10 20
Order 66, J. M. Bartlett, labor,....	3 00
“ 82, Mrs. E. Cushman, “	2 00
“ 108, Mrs. A. W. Small, “	2 50
“ 111, M. M. Mason, “	4 00
“ 113, John A. Chapman, “	2 00
“ 114, Peter Wheeler, material and labor,	3 00
“ 115, E. B. Shaw,.....	5 00
“ 119, A. F. Copeland, labor,....	5 25
“ 121, Ella Hamlin, “	2 50
“ 141, I. S. Morrill, lumber,.....	5 13
Part of 133, Willie Holmes, labor and material,.....	7 00
Order 179, S. F. Littlehale, labor and material,	3 77
“ 180, N. F. Brown, material,.....	11 64
“ 189, D. A. Coffin, labor	1 25
“ 198, Ceylon Rowe, curtains,.....	1 50

Part of 200, R. A. Virgin, lumber and labor,	72 80	
“ “ Fred L. Edwards, clapboards	2 00	
“ “ N. W. Mason, labor,	2 00	
	<hr/>	76 80
Total,		149 54
Appropriation,		150 00
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Undrawn,		46

Town Officers' Bills Paid For 1895--6.

Order 4, C. M. Kimball, road commissioner,	\$46 00
“ 5, C. M. Kimball, building committee,	15 00
“ 6, Henry Farwell, services Selectman,	136 95
“ 7, J. C. Billings, services Selectman,	75 00
“ 8, E. B. Shaw, services Selectman,	75 00
“ 9, A. W. Grover, road commissioner,	137 35
“ 10, C. L. Abbott, Jr., road commissioner,	89 82
“ 11, Mrs. O. M. Mason, supervisor,	150 00
“ 12, J. U. Purington, treasurer,	50 00
“ 13, A. E. Herrick, town agent,	15 00
“ 14, J. S. Swan, treasurer of the M. and S. fund,	6 00
“ 15, G. P. Bean, auditor,	5 00
“ 16, G. H. Swan, building com.,	30 25
“ 17, J. A. Twaddle, “ “	25 00
“ 18, E. B. Shaw, “ “	65 00
“ 19, E. G. Wheeler, “ “	5 00

Order 219, S. B. Twitchell, collecting taxes,	300 00	
Total,		\$1,226 37

Other Bills Paid For 1895--6.

Part of 31, C. C. Bryant, supt. to Feb. 15, 1896,	\$215 08
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Highway Bills for 1895=6.

Approved by A. W. Grover.

Order 42, H. and W. Farwell, labor....		11 95
Part of 56, J. W. French, labor,....	30	
“ “ Richard Connors, “	2 00	
“ “ C. O. Moore, “	15 75	
“ “ Bethel Chair Co., lumber,...	3 71	
“ “ Alphonso W. Bean, labor,..	1 20	
“ “ Chas. C. Eames, “	9 00	31 96
Part of 58, J. L. Oliver, labor,.....	6 75	
“ “ Elliott Rich, “	19 75	
“ “ I. A. Cushman, “	2 69	
“ “ Ernest Demerritt, “	75	
“ “ A. R. Haynes, “	3 00	
“ “ G. A. Plaisted, “	3 00	
“ “ Hiram Twitchell, “	1 20	
“ “ O. R. Stanley, “	2 25	
“ “ Wm. L. Chapman, “	1 33	
“ “ Wm. R. Eames, “ ..	2 40	
“ “ Edward L. Bean, “	3 30	
“ “ A. L. Hall, “	1 50	
“ “ A. S. Chapman, lighting bridge.....	20 05	

Part of 58 A. S. Chapman, labor.....	2 00	
“ “ Lafayette Littlehale, labor, ..	1 50	
“ “ B. W. Kimball, “ ..	9 45	
“ “ Fred F. Bean, labor,.....	1 95	
“ “ D. A. Glines, “	2 40	
“ “ Jacob Annis, “	60	
“ “ E. F. Cushman, “	4 82	
“ “ T. B. Burke, “	9 45	
“ “ A. W. Grover, “	8 09	108 23
Order 130, H. M. Osgood, “		98
Part of 135, A. H. Goddard, board,.....		3 25
Order 149, C. C. Stevens, labor,.....		2 75
“ 213, N. F. Brown, material,.....		3 01
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Total,.....	\$	162 13

Approved by C. M. Kimball.

Order 32, N. A. Austin, labor,....		25 20
“ 34, V. E. Verrill, “		12 15
“ 34, J. A. Chapman, “		4 00
“ 35, H. A. Buck, “		16 50
“ 37, H. H. Bean, “		1 12
“ 43, N. F. Swan, “		12 78
Part of 59, F. J. Russell, labor,....	6 33	
“ “ E. A. Verrill, “	1 80	
“ “ E. E. Chase, “	6 00	
“ “ O. E. Twitchell, “	2 55	
“ “ C. H. Kimball, “	5 85	
“ “ J. F. Howe, “	60	
“ “ O. A. Buck, “	1 80	
“ “ Joseph Holt, “	3 35	
“ “ C. C. Bean, “	50	
“ “ E. F. Haines, “	2 05	
“ “ J. H. Swan, “	4 20	
“ “ James Mayconnell, “	2 85	
“ “ V. P. Adamson, “	3 00	
“ “ D. C. Sweat, “	75	

Part of 59	D. A. Coffin,	"	2 63	
"	" G. K. Hastings,	"	4 20	
"	" Fred C. Bean,	"	3 00	
"	" E. Bryant	"	7 12	
"	" P. C. Thomas,	"	90	
"	" H. F. Maxim,	"	10 12	
"	" W. S. Hotham,	"	45	
"	" J. D. George,	"	75	
"	" C. R. Jordan.	"	1 87	
"	" C. F. Abbott,	"	7 50	
"	" Geo. L. Smith, use of snow plow,		7 05	
"	" J. M. Bartlett, labor,		4 20	
"	" A. J. Peare,	"	6 15	
"	" I. I. Young,	"	3 97	101 54
Order 72,	C. M. Kimball, labor,			2 85
" 73,	J. O. Estes,	"		7 85
" 74,	D. C. Estes,	"		5 20
" 131,	W. R. Bean,	"		3 00
" 156,	R. J. Virgin, bridge plank, . .			54 71
" 167,	A. P. Burgess, labor,			60
	Total,			<u>\$ 247 50</u>

Approved by C. L. Abbott, Jr.

Order 27,	C. L. Abbott, Jr., labor,			26 92
" 33,	Geo. D. Morrill,	"		11 45
" 45,	C. F. Shaw,	"		3 25
Part of 57,	L. G. Grover,	"	10 03	
"	" O. W. Ellingwood,	"	1 20	
"	" H. B. Chapman,	"	75	
"	" E. P. Bennett,	"	8 10	
"	" L. A. Sanborn,	"	3 40	
"	" A. L. Whitman,	"	5 05	
"	" L. N. Bartlett,	"	6 75	
"	" A. J. Peaslee,	"	4 05	

Part of 57	J. G. Tyler,	"	1 91	
"	" N. A. Stearns,	"	9 98	
"	" A. C. Scribner,	"	1 25	
"	" L. H. Tyler,	"	21 35	
"	" Charles Verrill,	"	1 42	
"	" S. K. Bennett,	"	30	
"	" E. B. Shaw,	"	75	
"	" Seth L. Mason,	"	13 34	
"	" E. S. Mason,	"	2 60	
"	" E. W. Etheridge,	"	4 25	
"	" John Hapgood,	"	13 50	
"	" Wm. A. Farwell,	"	4 20	
"	" Chas. Dunham,	"	4 80	
"	" A. B. Grover,	"	1 50	
"	" H. V. Chapman,	"	10 00	
"	" G. B. Mills,	"	9 60	
"	" G. H. Goodnow,	"	4 48	
"	" E. P. Grover,	"	4 00	
"	" Freeland Bennett,	"	4 95	153 51
Order 75,	Geo. W. Mason,	labor,		7 12
" 100,	A. Lamere,	"		3 90
Part of 143,	T. L. Mayberry,	"	4 99	
"	" S. J. Walker,	"	2 25	7 24
Order 147,	S. A. Lyon,	"		7 50
" 168,	A. A. Richmond,	"		3 82
" 169,	L. A. Sanborn,	"		5 46
" 187,	N. W. Barker,	"		3 40
Total,				233 55

Brought forward by A. W. Grover,	162 13
" " " C. M. Kimball,	247 50
" " " C. L. Abbott, Jr.,	233 55
Total,	
	643 18

Highway Bills of 1896, Money Tax.

Order 39, J. M. Bartlett,	labor,		3 05
“ 40, F. C. Bean,	“		8 10
Part of 60, A. S. Chapman,	snowing		
	bridge	6 00	
“ “ A. S. Chapman,	labor on road,	2 25	8 25
Order 103, Martin A. Stowell,	labor on		
	sidewalk,		4 35
“ 104, Elliott Rich,	labor,		8 30
“ 106, A. F. Copeland,	“		5 25
“ 107, Lois C. Bean,	“		2 85
“ 117, C. L. Abbott,	“		11 23
“ 120, A. P. Mason,	“		6 77
Part of 122, George A. Plaisted,	labor,	3 00	
“ “ A. R. Haynes,	“	3 00	
“ “ Fred F. Bean,	“	4 50	
“ “ Daniel Glines,	“	45	
“ “ Frank J. Russell,	“	4 48	
“ “ H. A. Buck,	“	2 40	
“ “ S. I. French,	“	1 50	
“ “ V. P. Adamson,	“	1 65	
“ “ G. K. Hastings,	“	3 75	
“ “ Robert Howe,	“	1 50	
“ “ Joseph Holt,	“	3 75	
“ “ Henry E. Bartlett,	“	7 88	
“ “ J. F. Bartlett,	“	1 13	
“ “ I. I. Young,	“	3 45	
“ “ Nathan A. Stearns,	“	11 85	
“ “ A. S. Chapman,	lighting		
	lamps,	10 95	65 24
Part 142, B. W. Kimball,	labor,	3 85	
“ “ T. L. Mayberry,	“	1 20	
“ “ James Mayconnell,	“	3 50	8 55

Part of 148, Freeland Bennett, labor.....	9 15	
“ “ Leon H. Tyler, “	8 85	
“ “ S. A. Lyon, “	3 06	
“ “ J. H. Swan, “	3 30	24 30
Order 150, A. S. Bean, labor,.....		15 00
“ 155, C. L. Abbott, Jr., “		5 00
Part of 158, C. H. Kimball, labor,.....	4 05	
“ “ E. F. Verrell, water tub,...	2 00	6 05
Order 164, E. G. Young, labor,.....		2 35
“ 165, C. M. Kimball, “		1 95
Part of 180, N. F. Brown, material,.....		6 90
“ 186, J.C. Billings, blacksmithing		2 70
Order 201, E. B. Shaw, labor,.....		5 11
“ 203, Hastings Bros., material and labor,		18 08
“ 205, R. J. Virgin, bridge plank,..		25 65
“ 206, Seth Mason, labor,.....		2 50
Part of 207, H. and W. Farwell, labor,	13 05	
“ “ E. Bryant, labor,.....	7 95	
“ “ E. R. Briggs, labor,.....	2 60	23 60
Order 208, H. M. Osgood, labor,.....		1 72
“ 210, Fred L. Edwards, plank,.....		46 24
“ 216, Geo. D. Morrell, labor,.....		7 95
“ 217, I. S. Morrell, plank,.....		16 30
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Total,		343 34
Appropriation,		500 00
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Undrawn,	\$	156 66

Town Officers' Bills Due for 1896.

Henry Farwell, selectman,.....	\$169 00
J. C. Billings, “	88 50
E. B. Shaw, “	72 75

O. M. Mason, supervisor,.....	150 00	
J. U. Purington, treasurer,.....	50 00	
J. S. Swan, treas. M. and S. fund,.....	6 00	
A. E. Herrick, town agent,.....	15 00	
Total,	—————	551 25

Town Officers' Bills Paid for 1896.

Part of 160, E. C. Park, ballot cl'k, 2 days	4 00	
“ “ F. B. Howe, “ “ “	4 00	
“ “ A. W. Grover, election clerk 2 days,.....	4 00	
“ “ Wm. L. Chapman, election clerk 2 days,....	4 00	16 00
Part of 182, C. D. Hill, health officer,....		10 00
Order 184, H. C. Barker, constable fees,		4 00
Part of 209, E. C. Park, health officer,...	5 00	
“ “ A. W. Grover, “ “ ...	5 00	10 00
Order 211, S. B. Twitchell, constable fees,		4 50
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Total,.....		44 50
Town officers' bills due,..		551 25
Appropriation,.....		800 00
		—————
Undrawn,.....		204 25

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Order 3, A. D. Ellingwood, printing town reports,	62 00
“ 46, A. S. Bean, damage to field,...	10 00
“ 61, J. G. Rich, making state aid papers,	10 00
“ 109, Bethel Savings Bank, rent,..	60 00
“ 123, G. R. Wiley, blank books, etc.	22 03
“ 137, G. H. Durham, Maine register	1 50

Order 159, Gilbert Tuell, putting up voting booths,		3 00
Part of 182, C. D. Hill, returning vital statistics,	8 75	
“ “ C. D. Hill, disinfecting apparatus for use of board of health,	10 60	19 35
Order 183, L. T. Barker, recording vital statistics,		14 40
“ 202, T. F. Hastings, damage to carriage,		11 75
“ 214, J. A. Morton, returning vital statistics,		1 75
“ 215, J. A. Twaddle, returning vital statistics,		3 75
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Total,		219 53
Appropriation,		300 00
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Unexpended,	\$	80 47

Account with Liquor Agency.

D. H. GROVER, Agent.

DR.

To liquor and casks on hand Feb. 10, '96, \$	512 75	
To liquor bought to Feb. 10, '97.....	1,555 40	
Freight, truckage, etc.,	18 06	
License,	25 00	
Salary to Feb. 10, '97,	180 00	2,291 21

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By cash received for liquors and casks,	2,333 85	
Liquor and casks on hand, Feb. 10, '97, ..	303 29	
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Net profit,	\$	346 03

Summary of Town Expenses for 1896.

Bills paid for support of poor.....	\$1,345 85	
“ “ “ highways,	343 34	
Town officers,	595 75	
Miscellaneous expenses,.....	219 53	
Total,	—————	2,504 47
Total appropriation,.....		2,800 00
		—————
Unexpended,.....	\$	295 53

Financial Standing of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Bridge bonds, four per cent, due 1898.	\$18,100 00	
Coupons overdue,.....	64 00	
Outstanding notes,.....	17,650 00	
Town officers' bills due,.....	551 25	
Due C. C. Bryant, to Feb. 15, 1897,....	237 51	
Estimated abatement of taxes,.....	50 00	
“ bills outstanding,.....	200 00	
School money undrawn,.....	6 54	
Wood and supplies at school-houses,.	33 16	
	—————	
Total liabilities,.....	\$	36,892 46

ASSETS.

Cash in treasurer's hands,.....	\$ 533 67
Due from S. B. Twitchell, collector,...	4,787 94
Due rent on corn shop,.....	37 50
Liquor and casks on hand,.....	303 29
Value of town farm, stock and tools,.	2,904 80
Investment in chair factory,.....	6,000 00
Investment in corn shop,.....	2,500 00

Toll house property,.....	200 00
Lock-up,	550 00
Two road machines,.....	100 00
Due from state bear bounty,.....	70 00
“ “ “ dog tax,.....	139 00
“ “ J. S. Swan,.....	30 00
“ “ Riverside Park,.....	15 00
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Total assets,	\$18,171 20

NOTE: The valuation of the Bethel Chair factory in the above assets has been reduced since last year, \$2,000.

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 the town of Bethel for the year ending Feb. 12th, 1897, with vouchers therefor, and I believe it to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

CEYLON ROWE, Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

1897.

DR.

To cash on hand, Feb. 22, 1897	\$	44 99
“ “ received of G. T. R. R.,.....		4 00
“ “ “ Ginn & Co.,.....		14 33
“ “ “ J. S. Swan, Treas.,.		30 00
“ “ “ C. L. Abbott,.....		1 50
“ “ “ A. Chandler,.....		45 94
“ “ “ License,.....		9 00
“ “ “ Town of Norway,.		55 32
“ “ “ Bethel Savings B'k		328 00

To cash received of L. T. Barker, dog			
tax,.....	139	00	
“ “ “ Bethel Chair Co.,			
water rent,....	25	00	
“ “ “ Bethel Chair Co.,			
rent of factory,..	595	00	
“ “ “ A Batchelder, rent,	16	90	
“ “ “ J. & E. A. Wyman,			
rent,.....	150	00	
“ “ “ Town farm stock			
sold,.....	190	00	
“ “ “ Milton Pl., tuition,.	55	00	
“ “ “ Town of Albany “	11	00	
“ “ “ Town of Gilead “	30	00	
“ “ “ Town of Bingham,.	142	84	
“ “ “ E. O. Millett, acct.			
E. H. Fifield,....	87	77	
“ “ “ Non-resident tax,..	7	00	
“ “ “ State fund & mill tax	1,338	79	
“ “ “ State treas. on acct.			
bear bounty,....	10	00	
“ “ “ State tr. dog tax, '95	132	44	
“ “ “ State tr. on acct.			
Sheep killed,....	9	00	
“ “ “ State tr. on acct. R.			
R. and Tel. tax,.	10	63	
“ “ “ State tr. on acct.			
pensions,.....	258	00	
“ “ “ Liquor agent,.....	2,132	94	
“ “ “ S. B. Twitchell, coll.	11,418	09	
			\$17,292 48

1897.

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By Paid Bethel village corp. tax, '95,	21	80
“ “ “ “ “ “ '96,	23	16
“ “ Int. on Trafton notes,.....	350	00

By paid Bethel Savings bank, int.,....	894 52	
“ “ “ “ “ notes,..	923 98	
“ “ Bethel Water Co.,.....	50 00	
“ “ State treasurer, dog tax,.....	139 00	
“ “ County tax,.....	901 48	
“ “ State treasurer, state tax,.....	1,889 47	
“ “ Soldiers pensions,.....	258 00	
“ “ Bounty on bears,.....	70 00	
“ “ State Liquor commissioner,...	1,555 40	
“ “ Maine Insane Hospital,.....	813 01	
“ “ Selectmen’s receipts,.....	8,108 99	
“ “ Coupons,	754 00	
“ “ Stamps and postal cards for 1895 and 1896,.....	6 00	
Balance on hand,....	533 67	
		17,292 48

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. 12, 1897, with vouchers therefor, and I believe it to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

CEYLON ROWE, Auditor.

Report of the Board of Health.

The past year has brought with it, perhaps not more than the usual amount of illness, except during the latter part, when we had the misfortune to have diphtheria brought into the village. There have been reported to this Board, nineteen cases with three deaths,—a low rate of mortality for this disease; but its breaking out here is to be looked upon in the nature of a public calamity; for the difficulties in the way of ridding the town of it are many. Strict attention to sanitary measures, prompt reports of suspected cases with early isolation of the infected, faithful compliance with quarantine regulations, thorough disinfection after convalescence, are the measures to be taken to stamp out the infection; to accomplish this, we appeal to all citizens having the welfare of the community at heart, to cooperate with us. The Health Officer of the town, in the BETHEL NEWS of Feb. 17th, calls the attention of the people to some facts in relation to diphtheria, which it would be well for all to read. The Board has recently purchased a disinfecting apparatus which we believe will prove most effective. A few cases of typhoid fever have occurred during the year, but all, except in one instance, have originated outside the town; in this case the family had used impure well water. We again earnestly call attention to the urgent need of some system of sewerage for the village; the growing number of water closets, bath tubs with sink drains are becoming a menace to the public health. To rid ourselves of infectious diseases, it is very important that all such sources of pollution be removed by proper drainage. Nature rarely pro-

vides a more suitable location for easy sewerage. Pipes of small calibre, which could be put in at moderate expense, would carry our sewage into the Androscoggin. This, with our excellent water supply, would enable us to easily put our village in first class sanitary condition. Citizens living outside the limits supplied by the Chapman brook system, whenever possible should get their water from brooks or springs far from sources of possible pollution; but when obliged to use well water should be careful in regard to its location.

Good drainage, pure air and water are most powerful factors in the prevention and cure of disease.

C. D. Hill, M. D.,	}	Board
A. W. Grover,		of
E. C. Park,		Health.

School Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BETHEL:—

Again, in accordance with the law and established custom, we beg leave to submit our annual report of the educational work of the past year. At no time in the past has the education of the young claimed the attention of the people so generally as now. Newspapers give column after column for the discussion of school questions, reports of conventions, and the like. We have many magazines devoted wholly to this work, whose contributors are numbered among our best educators, while new books by the score are issued every year, bearing upon all subjects required to be taught in our public schools. Through the influence of the press and organizations of both men and women, public sentiment has been thoroughly aroused, and although our large cities and towns will lead off in the march of progress, let us not be found quite in the rear, or what would be worse, left out of the race entirely. At the annual election in March, vacancies on the school-board were filled, and we commenced with the usual number, five, but at no regular meeting have all been present. The first question that confronted your committee the present year was, "How and where can we economize?" Thinking it might be in transportation, we called a meeting of all interested to consult together. The result was, that no one would consent to work for less money than formerly, and we only reduced distances where it was possible. We concluded that *two* weeks of *good* school would be better than *four* of *poor*, therefore we have worked on that basis,

and have tried to equalize matters so that all would have about the same advantages throughout the town. The spring term of ten weeks was unbroken in fourteen of the sixteen schools. Swan's Hill school was closed two weeks earlier on account of measles, and the winter term lengthened accordingly. The fall term in the village school was closed at the end of seven weeks, owing to the appearance of several cases of diphtheria. The scholars on Chandler Hill were carried to Walker's Mills for the fall term, much to their advantage. On Grover Hill school has been maintained twenty-four weeks instead of the former period of twenty. At the opening of the fall term, the number of scholars likely to attend school at Swan's Corner was three, but they could not be accommodated in any other school, so we, as an experiment, employed a teacher for one session each day, for ten weeks. During this term, others moved into the district, and the winter term of eight weeks was resumed on the old plan with better success and more expense. The winter term in the Hapgood school was interrupted by diphtheria at the end of four weeks, and it was thought best not to resume until another spring. Owing to various circumstances the school at Middle Intervale was too small for a winter term, and they, too, are to have the spring term lengthened accordingly.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The money appropriated for repairs has been expended as prudently as possible, the Walker's Mills school-house claiming the larger share. Your committee would recommend that as much be raised another year, in order that the house at Milton may be shingled, and the one at the Flat be made comfortable for a winter term. We would also suggest that a special appropriation be made to move

and repair one of the two buildings at N. W. Bethel. When the buildings are made comfortable, would it not be well to look after the yards or play-grounds? Some of our school-houses are located in pleasant places, surrounded by the native forest, while others are close beside the highway, with no tree or shrub near. Several have deep yards with a chance for adornment, while others are "set upon a hill"—of sand. We believe that environment has much to do with character building, and if we would educate our children in morality, cleanliness, politeness, obedience, and all of those things that go to make life better and nobler, we must give them object lessons, and in what better way than by making their school homes, where so much of their time is spent, so pleasant that they will ever hold them in loving remembrance? Now this suggestion will not involve money, therefore I venture to make it, that on Arbor day the men in the vicinity of the school-houses devote the day to helping the children to beautify the grounds, grading, planting trees and flowers. Time would be well spent, and the good accomplished could not be estimated. Show the children that you have an interest in their school work and they will strive the harder.

TEXT BOOKS.

We have purchased a few supplementary Readers, continued the exchange of Geographies as far as means would allow, and have added a small number of Grammars. The books, as a rule, are well looked after by the teachers, and none have been maliciously injured. Our Arithmetics are far behind the age and should be exchanged another year. A generous appropriation could be advantageously used.

TEACHERS.

The same teachers have been retained where practicable and possible. In several schools, however, circumstances arose which compelled a change of teachers during the term; this, in connection with the fright resulting from the appearance of diphtheria in town, has hindered the work in a great degree. The attendance has been irregular, in our own village more especially, and here let me say a word to the parents. Our teachers lay out certain work each day for the pupils; if they are absent, they must do two days' work in one or fall behind, hence the importance of prompt and regular attendance, if you would have them bring home good rank. Of the larger schools, West Bethel is the "Banner" school in attendance, having an average of thirty out of thirty-four, with no instances of tardiness. The smaller schools have, generally, done good work where the same teachers have had charge, and our village schools, including East and West Bethel, have maintained their former good reputations. Our teachers have responded cheerfully and willingly to any suggestions made for the improvement of the schools. We have held teachers' meetings, and those who could attend have received much help. Owing to the distances separating the schools, it is impossible to visit them as often as desired, therefore we have tried to do individual work with the teachers, and judging from the many kind expressions received from them, we can but feel that our labors have been appreciated. It is hoped that the good time will come when parents will visit the schools more freely, confer with the teachers, and when a common interest in the work is aroused we shall see still better results.

FINANCIAL.

I cannot close this report before giving a few facts in regard to the expenditure of the school money.

State Supt. Stetson, in his annual report, gives us a long chapter on "Waste," and cites instances where it is very evident that money has not been wisely expended, but I think he would agree with me, that in hiring teachers, the best usually prove to be the cheapest. The average price paid is six dollars per week, including board, which is less than other towns pay for same grades. It is very poor economy to employ untrained teachers, and I am anxiously looking for the time when we shall have state examinations and no one will be admitted to the teachers' ranks who is found incompetent. We have paid for transportation the past year, about five hundred dollars, in no case paying more than fifty cents for single terms, to go from one to three miles and return twice each day. Can you call this extravagant, when you consider the advantage gained by combining schools? The janitors' bills may seem large, but we have paid only twenty-five cents per week except where there are furnaces to care for. The largest bill is for the brick building, which in the winter requires the most of a man's time; we cannot expect to hire for less than three dollars per week. We have saved something by purchasing fuel and some other supplies by the wholesale, but after economizing in every way possible, we were obliged to lessen the number of weeks in the winter term. I claim that it would be economy for the town to raise money enough to maintain schools for thirty-six weeks, for these reasons: We now have a course of study for both mixed and graded schools, and when pupils have completed it, they are fitted to enter the Academy or High School in advance, thereby saving

expense. All teachers allow that two or three weeks, after a long vacation, are required to "get started," therefore we can readily see the economy of longer terms. In all departments of industry, skilled labor is demanded, and the farther advanced our children are when they leave the public schools, the better fitted will they be to enter these departments. I leave this question for your candid consideration, hoping and trusting that you will see the importance of giving the schools your generous support. I wish to express my thanks to those members of the Board who have assisted me, also for the kindly interest shown by many of the citizens in the work.

Respectfully,

O. M. Mason.

Supt.

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 to vote in town affairs to meet in Odeon Hall in said town on the 1st 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 on 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 to 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 if the town will vote to raise money for the repair of school-houses, and how much.

Art. 13. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of text-books.

Art. 14. 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.

Art. 15. To see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for Town Officers.

Art. 16. To see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 17. 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. 18. To receive and allow accounts.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to renew outstanding notes or hire money to pay the same.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to issue and negotiate its coupon bonds and to determine the amount of such issue, the rate per cent. of interest thereon, the denominations thereof, and the length of time such bonds are to run, and otherwise. prescribe the manner and form of such issue, for the purpose of refunding the town debt known as the bridge bonds, and also of paying the whole or in part the floating indebtedness of the town.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes unpaid upon a certain date, and to fix that date.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to Bethel Library Association.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay for breaking roads the present winter.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to open the road as laid out by the County Commissioners, Sept. 22nd, 1896, across land of Chas. C. Merrill, and raise a sum of money sufficient to build the same.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to improve the road from O. R. Stanley's to the Wm. W. Mason place.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to discontinue a piece of road leading from the house of J. D. George, in a north-easterly direction to the road leading from the Jacob A. Chase house to R. D. Cummings'.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road on Bird Hill commencing at the turn of the road below Ephraim Bryant's and ending at the land of Hiram W. Fifield.

Art. 28. To see what action the town will take to preserve the records of the town, and raise a sum of money sufficient for that purpose.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to have the reports of the municipal officers close with the 31st day of January each year.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote to Brown Post for the proper observance of Memorial day.

The Selectmen will be in session at two o'clock, Feb. 27, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.

Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doing thereon.

Given under our hands this 16th day of February, A. D. 1897.

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