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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF BETHEL

FOR THE

Year Ending February 1st,

1899.



BETHEL

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Town Officers.

Selectmen:

S. B. TWITCHELL,

C. E. BARKER,

F. J. RUSSELL.

Clerk,

L. T. BARKER.

Treasurer,

W. W. HASTINGS.

Superintendent of Schools,

E. C. BOWLER.

School Committee:

MISS JANE GIBSON,

C. E. VALENTINE,

G. R. WILEY.

Road Commissioner,

C. M. WORMELL.

Town Agent,

CEYLON ROWE.

Collector,

H. H. BEAN.

Auditor,

CALVIN BISBEE.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of Bethel would submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1899:

Valuation.

Am't of resident real estate,	\$552,300	
“ “ non-resident real estate,	65,935	
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Total real estate,		\$618,235
Am't of resident personal estate,	\$173,464	
“ “ non-resident “ “	10,734	
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Total personal estate,		\$184,198
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Total valuation,		\$802,433

Statistics of Personal Estate.

	No.	VALUE.
Horses,	677	\$25,511
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	26	940
“ 2 “ 3 “ “	24	645
“ 1 “ 2 “ “	15	355
Cows,	627	12,550
Oxen,	12	600

3-year-old,	183	3,296
2 " "	263	3,156
1 " "	209	1,672
Sheep,	1,142	3,964
Swine,	196	1,345
Bank Stock,		22,620
Trust Co. Stock,		1,800
Water Co. "		12,500
Money at interest,		12,700
Stock in trade,		40,600
Logs and Lumber,		19,760
Wood and Bark,		1,485
Bicycles,		1,059
Carriages,		5,055
Musical instruments,		7,585
Materials in stock,		2,000
Machinery,		3,000
Total,		\$184,198

Poultry Statistics.

	NO.	VALUE OF POULTRY.	VALUE OF EGGS.	TOTAL VALUE.
Hens,	5,779	\$1733.70	\$5085.52	\$6819.22
Turkeys,	18	50.00		50.00
Ducks,	15	22.50		22.50
Geese,	20	60.00		60.00
Total,	5,832	\$1,866.20	\$5,085.52	\$6,951.72

Appropriated and Assessed.

State Tax,	\$2,310.73
County Tax,	1,433.49
For Schools,	2,000.00

For support of poor,	1,200.00
Town debt and interest,	2,500.00
Town officers,	1,200.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	350.00
Repairs of school houses,	150.00
Text-Books,	150.00
Highways,	3,000.00
For breaking roads, 1897-8,	1,000.00
Ferry road,	75.00
Ferry boat,	300.00
To pay coupon lost by Mrs. Gary,	30.00
Overlay,	278.08
Highway tax of 1897 returned,	213.90
Supplementary tax,	15.37

Total amount committed for collection, \$16,206.57
Rate per cent. of money tax, .0185.
No. of polls, 579. Poll tax, \$2.00.

Town Farm Account.

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

Mrs. Dorcas Goodnow, aged 84,	board	furnished	52	weeks.
William Cook,	" 39,	" "	52	"
Moses Robertson,	" 65,	" "	15	"

Total, 119 weeks.

Appraisal of Farm and Personal Property.

Town Farm,	\$2,000.00
1 pair oxen,	125.00
5 cows,	150.00
2 calves,	10.00
2 shoats,	14.00
23 hens,	11.50
13 tons English hay,	91.00
6 tons meadow hay and straw,	24.00
15 bu. oats,	6.00
2 " corn,	1.00
60 " potatoes,	24.00
40 lbs. pork,	3.20
4 " butter, .....	.80
Groceries on hand,	12.00
40 gal. vinegar,	8.00
1 meat barrel, .....	.75

25 flour barrels,	2.50
2 barrels apples,	4.00
1 cider barrel,	1.00
1 dinner bell, . . . . .	.50
1 sprinkler, . . . . .	.35
1 mowing machine,	35.00
1 ox cart and rack,	20.00
1 dump cart,	12.00
1 family wagon,	18.00
1 pr. ox sleds,	16.00
1 set horse sleds,	20.00
1 sleigh,	10.00
1 horse rake,	10.00
1 wheelbarrow,	1.00
1 stone drag,	3.50
1 work harness,	12.00
1 sledge and two wedges,	1.30
2 harrows,	20.00
2 plows,	10.00
1 cultivator,	4.00
2 ox chains,	2.50
1 whiffle-tree and chain,	1.25
8 tie chains,	2.00
1 crow-bar, . . . . .	.50
3 scythes and snaths,	2.00
1 hay knife,	1.50
3 rakes, . . . . .	.35
3 hay forks,	1.00
2 manure forks,	1.00
3 shovels,	1.25
2 hoes, . . . . .	.40
1 potato digger, . . . . .	.40
2 axes,	1.75
1 hand saw, . . . . .	.25
1 wood saw, . . . . .	.75
1 brace and bit, . . . . .	.50

1 wrench, . . . . .	.25
2 nail hammers,	1.00
1 draw shave,	1.50
1 grindstone,	1.50
1 ox yoke and bows,	2.50
95 tin sap buckets,	12.00
3 sap pans,	6.00
1 kettle,	2.00
1 chamber set,	10.00
1 commode,	2.00
24 chairs,	6.00
4 tables,	8.00
5 bedsteads,	5.00
4 stands,	1.00
13 puffs,	13.00
9 pillows,	6.00
5 blankets,	2.50
5 feather beds,	25.00
6 straw ticks,	4.00
25 sheets,	8.00
35 pillow slips,	2.50
5 chambers,	1.00
3 bureaus,	2.00
7 roller towels,	1.00
6 hand towels, . . . . .	.60
3 table cloths,	3.00
5 oil-cloths,	1.50
1 doz. napkins, . . . . .	.75
1 cook stove and furniture,	22.00
3 stoves,	15.00
2 kettles,	1.00
1 churn,	2.50
1 two-quart dish, . . . . .	.10
25 tin pans,	4.00
3 tin pails,	1.00
2 wooden pails, . . . . .	.25

1	washboard, . . . . .	.25
5	basins, . . . . .	.50
1	dust pan, . . . . .	.10
1	porcelain kettle, . . . . .	.30
1	two quart measure, . . . . .	.30
1	grater, . . . . .	.10
1	bean pot, . . . . .	.20
1	coffee pot, . . . . .	.25
3	baking tins, . . . . .	.30
50	plates,	2.00
1	water pitcher, . . . . .	.25
1	fly screen, . . . . .	.10
1	syrup pitcher, . . . . .	.15
14	cups and saucers, . . . . .	.50
10	bowls, . . . . .	.80
1	mixing bowl, . . . . .	.20
3	nappies, . . . . .	.20
2	meat plates, . . . . .	.30
1	sugar bowl, . . . . .	.20
2	pepper boxes, . . . . .	.10
3	stone jars,	1.00
2	stone jugs, . . . . .	.50
2	oil cans,	2.00
7	table spoons, . . . . .	.50
1	doz. knives and forks,	1.00
1	butter knife, . . . . .	.20
5	tumblers, . . . . .	.20
3	mirrors, . . . . .	.75
1	clock,	1.50
3	lamps, . . . . .	.75
1	sewing machine,	20.00
1	pr. steelyards,	1.00
2	colanders, . . . . .	.15
2	wash tubs, . . . . .	.60
6	flat irons,	2.00
1	wash boiler,	1.00

1 clothes wringer,	1.50
2 steamers, . . . . .	.40
2 whitewash brushes,	1.60
1 paint brush, . . . . .	.50
3 baskets,	1.25
1 apple parer, . . . . .	.50
1 bush hook,	1.00
1 five-gal. syrup can, . . . . .	.75
3 creamer cans,	4.00
2 butter stamps, . . . . .	.40
1 pie lifter, . . . . .	.10
2 wooden bowls, . . . . .	.40
2 corn cutters, . . . . .	.40
1 cow bell and strap,	1.00
1 lantern, . . . . .	.25
1 steel trap, . . . . .	.15
1 washing machine,	2.50
1 milk strainer, . . . . .	.25
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. measure, . . . . .	.40
1 peck measure, . . . . .	.25
1 thousand shingles,	1.50

Total appraisal Feb. 1st, 1899, \$2934.00

Town Farm Expenditures.

Appraisal of farm and personal prop- erty, Feb. 1st, 1898,	\$2921.40
Order 40, O. P. Littlehale, 1 pair oxen,	135.00
Paid Randall Cummings,	148.78
Due " " to Jan. 31, '99,	55.40
Order 247, J. C. Billings, blacksmith work,	6.67

Order 308, W. D. Hastings, shoeing oxen,	1.85
Order 330, F. J. Tyler, blacksmith work,	6.35
Part of 354, Dr. C. D. Hill, medical attendance for Mrs. Goodnow, .	6.50
Order 349, C. Bisbee delivered to Randall Cummings:	
1 bag corn, . . . . .	.90
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
1 lb. tea, . . . . .	.50
1 bag shorts, . . . . .	.90
1 " meal, . . . . .	.85
8½ lbs. sugar, . . . . .	.50
1 coat, (for Cook,) . . .	2.25
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.70
1 bag corn, . . . . .	.90
1 " shorts, . . . . .	.90
2 gal. molasses, . . . . .	.70
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
¼ lb. cream tartar, . . . .	.10
1 oz. nutmegs, . . . . .	.07
5 gal. oil, . . . . .	.60
1 bag meal, . . . . .	.85
½ lb. tea, . . . . .	.25
2 oz. nutmegs . . . . .	.14
1 lamp chimney, . . . . .	.10
7 lbs. fish, . . . . .	.28
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50
½ lb. mustard, . . . . .	.20
2 lamp chimneys, . . . . .	.16
1 ¼ lbs. rosin, . . . . .	.05
1 bag corn, . . . . .	.90
1 " shorts, . . . . .	.90
9 yds. ticking,	1.35
1 spool cotton, . . . . .	.05

1 bag corn, . . . . .	.90
1 " meal, . . . . .	.85
1/4 lb. cloves, . . . . .	.06
5 lbs. sulphur, . . . . .	.25
1 lb. saltpetre, . . . . .	.12
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
1 bag meal, . . . . .	.85
1 " shorts, . . . . .	.90
8 1/2 lbs. sugar, . . . . .	.50
2 1/2 lbs. cheese, . . . . .	.32
2 bags feed,	2.00
1 molasses hhd.,	1.00
1 bag corn, . . . . .	.90
1 " feed,	1.00
1 " salt, . . . . .	.20
100 crackers, . . . . .	.30
2 pkg. breakfast food, . . . . .	.25
1 lb. soda, . . . . .	.06
1 bag feed, . . . . .	.80
1 broom, . . . . .	.25
1 lb. raisins, . . . . .	.12
1 oz. nutmegs, . . . . .	.07
10 lbs. fish, . . . . .	.40
100 lbs. feed,	1.00
300 " "	3.00
1 bag salt, . . . . .	.45
1 box salt, . . . . .	.20
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50
1 bag feed,	1.05
1/2 lb. tea, . . . . .	.25
1 lb. starch, . . . . .	.10
1 bag salt, . . . . .	.20
1 " meal, . . . . .	.90
1 " feed,	1.05
15 lbs. timothy, . . . . .	.60
10 " clover, . . . . .	.90

1 bu. corn, . . . . .	.48
1 bag feed,	1.05
1 bu. salt, . . . . .	.45
1 pr. shoes, (for Cook,)	1.50
1 lb. soda, . . . . .	.06
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. cheese, . . . . .	.24
1 lb. soap, . . . . .	.05
1 bag meal, . . . . .	.95
1 lamp chimney, . . . . .	.08
1 lb. tea, . . . . .	.50
2 lbs. rope, . . . . .	.32
1 lb. saltpetre, . . . . .	.15
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ginger, . . . . .	.06
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea, . . . . .	.25
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. mustard, . . . . .	.20
1 lb. soda, . . . . .	.06
1 15-16 lbs. cheese, . . . . .	.25
1 comb, . . . . .	.05
1 bag meal, . . . . .	.95
1 chamber, . . . . .	.35
2 lbs. soap, . . . . .	.10
2 gal. molasses, . . . . .	.70
1 bu. corn, . . . . .	.48
18 nutmegs, . . . . .	.14
100 crackers, . . . . .	.30
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ginger, . . . . .	.06
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cream tartar, . . . . .	.10
3 yds. table cover,	1.20
1 spool cotton, . . . . .	.05
1 bag meal, . . . . .	.95
100 crackers, . . . . .	.30
2 pkg. breakfast food, . . . . .	.25
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50
1 oz. nutmegs, . . . . .	.07
1 spool cotton, . . . . .	.05
1 bag meal, . . . . .	.90

Shirts and pants, (for Cook,)	1.75
35 lbs. lard,	2.98
1 bag salt, . . . . .	.20
Spices, . . . . .	.24
1 bag meal, . . . . .	.90
100 crackers, . . . . .	.30
1 bu. corn, . . . . .	.48
1 " salt, . . . . .	.50
1 bbl. flour,	6.00
2 pkg. breakfast food, .	.25
1 lb. coffee, . . . . .	.25
1 bu. corn, . . . . .	.48
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. spices, . . . . .	.18
1 bag meal, . . . . .	.90
$3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. fish, . . . . .	.14
1 bag meal, . . . . .	.90
1 " " . . . . .	.95
1 lb. tea, . . . . .	.50
3 lbs. rice, . . . . .	.24
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. mustard, . . . . .	.20
1 oz. nutmegs, . . . . .	.07
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
2 gal. molasses, . . . . .	.70
$2\frac{3}{8}$ lbs. cheese, . . . . .	.29
1 bu. corn, . . . . .	.48
2 lbs. raisins, . . . . .	.24
1 box fly paper, . . . . .	.45
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cream tartar, . . .	.10
1 can axle grease, . . . .	.20
1 bag corn, . . . . .	.95
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50
1 lb. tea, . . . . .	.50

1 bag salt, . . . . .	.20
1 piece mineral salt, . .	.11
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ginger, . . . . .	.06
1 vest, (for Cook,)	1.50
1 bu. salt, . . . . .	.50
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
Cream tartar and soda,	.16
1 bag corn, . . . . .	.95
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
11 lbs. fish, . . . . .	.44
1 lb. tea, . . . . .	.50
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches, . . . .	.10
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ginger, . . . . .	.06
Rope, . . . . .	.10
1 bag cr. corn and oats,	.85
1 lamp burner, . . . . .	.08
1 basket, . . . . .	.50
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. saltpetre, . . . .	.22
6 lbs. pork, . . . . .	.54
1 lb. raisins, . . . . .	.12
8 lbs. sugar, . . . . .	.50
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. pepper, . . . . .	.06
1 bag feed, . . . . .	.90
1 " corn, . . . . .	.90
1 bu. meal, . . . . .	.43
1 pr. shoe laces, . . . . .	.04
1 gal. oil, . . . . .	.10
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cloves, . . . . .	.06
1 lb. soda, . . . . .	.06
1 bag corn, . . . . .	.90
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50
1 lb. tea, . . . . .	.50
1 lb. soap, . . . . .	.05
1 bag salt, . . . . .	.20

1 bag corn, . . . . .	.90
1 " feed, . . . . .	.85
1 " salt, . . . . .	.50
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
2 bu. cr. corn, . . . . .	.85
2 " " . . . . .	.90
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50
5 gal. oil, . . . . .	.60
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
1 lb. starch, . . . . .	.10
2 yds. ticking, . . . . .	.24
1 bag corn, . . . . .	.90
1 " meal, . . . . .	.85
1 " salt, . . . . .	.20
1/2 lb. tea, . . . . .	.25
10 lbs. fish, . . . . .	.40
4 pkg. breakfast food, .	.50
1 bu. corn, . . . . .	.45
1/4 " beans, . . . . .	.45
9 lbs. fish, . . . . .	.36
1 " soda, . . . . .	.06
3 pr. hose, (for Robert- son,) . . . . .	.49
10 lbs. onions, . . . . .	.25
Overshoes, (for Robert- son,)	1.75
2 bags corn,	1.90
1 bu. beans,	1.60
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50
Rope, . . . . .	.10
Leggings and rubbers, (for Cook,)	2.25
5 gal. oil, . . . . .	.60
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
1/2 lb. spices, . . . . .	.13

1 bbl. flour,	5.00	
1 lb. soda, . . . . .	.06	
2 lbs. raisins, . . . . .	.24	
1 bag corn,	1.00	
2 gal. molasses, . . . . .	.80	
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25	
1 bag feed,	1.10	
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00	
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.46	
1 lb. soda, . . . . .	.06	
Crackers and cheese, . .	.08	
1 bot. Brown's Instant Relief, . . . . .	.25	
1 pr. shirts, (for Rob- ertson,)	2.00	
2 gal. molasses, . . . . .	.80	
1 bag corn,	1.00	
1 bot. Brown's Instant Relief, . . . . .	.25	
1 oz. nutmegs, . . . . .	.07	
1 doz. plates, . . . . .	.90	
2 nappies, . . . . .	.30	
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00	132.66
	CR.	<u> </u>
By receipts from farm,		4.28
By order to balance,		<u>\$128.38</u>

Order 352, G. P. Bean:

1 bbl. flour,	6.00
1 bag salt, . . . . .	.20
$\frac{1}{4}$ gross matches, . . . . .	.20
1 lb. soda, . . . . .	.06
1 cake soap, . . . . .	.05
1 spool thread, . . . . .	.06
1 bbl. Washburn flour, .	6.00

1 cake soap, . . . . .	.05
1 bag salt, . . . . .	.20
1 lb. coffee, . . . . .	.28
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ginger, . . . . .	.06
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. cream phosphate, . . . . .	.13
2 gals. molasses, . . . . .	.70
8 lbs. sugar, . . . . .	.50
$\frac{1}{4}$ cream tartar, . . . . .	.10
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.56
1 box. salt, . . . . .	.10
1 cake soap, . . . . .	.05
2 gals. molasses, . . . . .	.70
8 lbs. sugar, . . . . .	.50
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
1 lb. soda, . . . . .	.06
1 box enameline, . . . . .	.10
4 qts. peas, . . . . .	.40
3 gals. oil, . . . . .	.36
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cream tartar, . . . . .	.10
1 oz. nutmeg, . . . . .	.07
3 yds. cheese cloth, . . . . .	.15
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea, . . . . .	.25
1 bbl. flour,	7.00
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.56
4 yds. bl'ch'd sheeting, . . . . .	.40
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. ticking, . . . . .	.22
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea, . . . . .	.25
6 lbs. fish, . . . . .	.25
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50
3 gals. oil, . . . . .	.36
1 pkg. wheat germ, . . . . .	.12
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
1 lb. soda, . . . . .	.06

1 lb. starch, . . . . .	.10	
50 yds. sheeting,	3.75	
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50	
1 oz. nutmeg, . . . . .	.06	
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00	
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25	
2 oz. nutmeg, . . . . .	.14	
1 pkg. wheat germ, . . . . .	.12	
1 bbl. flour,	5.50	
2 lamp burners, . . . . .	.20	
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.50	
7 bowls, . . . . .	.48	
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00	
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25	
2 lbs. raisins, . . . . .	.24	
2 lbs. cheese, . . . . .	.30	
1 box sage, . . . . .	.10	
2 lbs. coffee, . . . . .	.56	
½ lb. tea, . . . . .	.25	
4 qts. beans, . . . . .	.28	
¼ lb. pepper, . . . . .	.06	
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00	
1 ½ doz. clothes pins, . . . . .	.06	
¼ gross matches, . . . . .	.10	
1 spool linen, . . . . .	.08	
1 spool cotton, . . . . .	.05	
1 pail lard,	1.00	
½ lb. tea,25	
1 cake soap,05	
2 lamp chimneys,12	
1 lb. coffee,25	
½ lb. tea,25	49.31
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	CR.	
By receipts from farm,		12.21
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By order to balance,		\$ 37.10

Order 355, N. F. Brown:

Axe and handle,	1.50
Nails,15
Bolts,16
1 1/2-inch bit, . . . . .	.30
Wood saw, . . . . .	.75
Pail, . . . . .	.20
Steel rake, . . . . .	.45
Ox cards, . . . . .	.15
1 hoe, . . . . .	.35
Tacks and nails, . . . . .	.10
Spikes, . . . . .	.45
Mending can, . . . . .	.10
2 scythes,	1.80
3 Rakes, . . . . .	.75
File, . . . . .	.15
Whetstone, . . . . .	.10
Tin pan, . . . . .	.10
Handle, . . . . .	.15
Grindstone crank, . . . . .	.25
Casting for mowing machine,	4.30
1 pitch fork, . . . . .	.55
Potato digger, . . . . .	.45
Nails, . . . . .	.18
1 fork, . . . . .	.40
Funnel and apple parer, . . . . .	.60
1 pail, . . . . .	.35
Glass, . . . . .	.40

Total, \$15.19

Order 356, J. S. Swan:

2 bags feed,	1.50
1 bag salt, . . . . .	.45
2 " feed,	1.50

1/2 bu. meal, . . . . .	.22
Ginger and cloves, . . . . .	.10
1 bbl. flour,	4.75
1 bag flour,	1.10
1 " shorts, . . . . .	.85
2 " feed,	1.60
2 " "	1.76
1 " shorts, . . . . .	.85
1 " corn, . . . . .	.98
1 bu. meal, . . . . .	.47
1 " corn, . . . . .	.49
1 bag feed, . . . . .	.85
1/4 lb. ginger, . . . . .	.05
2 pkg. Pettijohn, . . . . .	.20
2 bags feed,	1.76

Total, \$19.48

Order 392, J. A. Thurston:

16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
" " "	1.00
" " "	1.00
1 lb. tea, . . . . .	.50
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
1 lb. soda, . . . . .	.06
1 3/4 lbs. cheese, . . . . .	.24
2 boxes, . . . . .	.50
1 gal. molasses, . . . . .	.40
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
2 chimneys, . . . . .	.16
1 bbl. flour,	5.50
8 lbs. sugar, . . . . .	.50
1/2 lb. spices, . . . . .	.16
1 oz. nutmegs, . . . . .	.07
3/4 lb. spices, . . . . .	.15
1 bot. peppermint, . . . . .	.12

Paregoric, . . . . .	.12
1/2 lb. tea, . . . . .	.25
1 " coffee, . . . . .	.25
2 " raisins, . . . . .	.20
2 gal. molasses, . . . . .	.80
128 feet mill wood,	1.00
1 cake soap, . . . . .	.05
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
6 wicks, . . . . .	.05
100 crackers, . . . . .	.25
1 comb, . . . . .	.05
1 lantern, . . . . .	.50
1/2 lb. tea, . . . . .	.25
1 broom, . . . . .	.25
Spices, . . . . .	.16
Shoe strings, . . . . .	.05
1 wick, . . . . .	.01
1 bag meal, . . . . .	.85
Lumber,	2.00
2 gal. molasses, . . . . .	.80
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
1/2 lb. tea, . . . . .	.25
1/4 " cream tartar, . . . . .	.10
7 3/4 lbs. pork, . . . . .	.62
Pr. overalls, . . . . .	.75
5 gal. oil, . . . . .	.60
2 chimneys, . . . . .	.14
1 suit, (for Robertson.)	7.75
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00
1/4 lb. cassia, . . . . .	.08
1 bar soap, . . . . .	.05
1 oz. nutmegs, . . . . .	.07
Soda, . . . . .	.05
1 bag feed, . . . . .	.85
1/2 lb. tea, . . . . .	.25
2 gal. molasses, . . . . .	.80

1 doz. pins, . . . . .	.03	
1 box crackers, . . . . .	.25	
16 lbs. sugar,	1.00	
5 gal. oil, . . . . .	.60	
10 lbs. fish, . . . . .	.40	
1 box crackers, . . . . .	.25	38.39
	CR.	
By receipts from farm,		30.30
By order to balance,		\$8.09
Due Randall Cummings balance of salary from Jan. 31st to April 6th, 1899,	45.82	
Total expenditures,		\$3536.01
Paid Randall Cummings balance of salary to April 6, 1898,	\$121.66	

Town Farm Receipts.

Appraisal of town farm property, Feb. 1st, 1899,		\$2934.00
Received by Randall Cummings:		
2 lbs. butter, . . . . .	.40	
Keeping travellers, . . . . .	.25	
Milk and eggs, . . . . .	.39	
Maple syrup,	6.75	
Keeping peddlers,	1.28	
Eggs, . . . . .	.10	
2 veal calves,	11.00	
Use of bull,	1.00	
Milk,	1.50	
Seed corn,	1.20	
Eggs, . . . . .	.48	
Keeping traveller, . . . . .	.25	
Seed beans, . . . . .	.35	

Keeping travellers,	1.62
Eggs, . . . . .	.24
Cream check,	9.84
Meadow hay sold, . . . .	.50
Cattle sold,	75.00
Dinner for travellers, . .	.45
Poultry,	4.05
Cream check,	11.28
New potatoes sold,	19.23
1 shoat sold,	7.50
Eggs, . . . . .	.40
Vinegar, . . . . .	.40
Poultry,	4.00
Butter, . . . . .	.10
Sweet corn, . . . . .	.75
Milk can sold,	1.85
Cream check,	10.06
Eggs and potatoes, . . . .	.86
Chickens,	5.89
Seed corn, . . . . .	.25
Vinegar, . . . . .	.60
Cream check,	6.88
Old iron, . . . . .	.75
Fresh pork,	3.70
Potatoes, . . . . .	.50
Chickens,	6.40
Butter,	5.38
Sweet corn check,	27.90
1 pig,	3.00
Squashes,	3.40
Butter, . . . . .	.20
Eggs,	2.03
Potatoes, butter, and vin- egar,	8.00
1 shoat,	5.00
Meadow hay sold,	1.76

Potatoes,	3.59	
Poultry,	2.00	
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Total receipts,		3194.31
Total expenditures,		3536.01
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Balance against farm,		\$341.70

Poor Not on Farm.

ALPHONSO PENLEY :

Order 2, City of Gardiner, \$20.00

LOWE CHILDREN :

“ 19, Mrs. H. Wiles, board and
care, 13.00

“ 350, 2 prs. rubbers,70 13.70

HIRAM HIGGINS :

“ 76, Mrs. M. E. Swan, board, 14.00

GEORGE BUCK :

“ 304, Town of Oxford, 29.75

GRANVILLE GLINES :

“ 306, Town of Greenwood, 30.75

ALFRED ESTES, (soldier):

“ 417, Spurgeon Luxton, board, 53.00

“ “ C. Rowe, clothing, 4.00 57.00

JOHN HASSETT, (residence not in State):

“ 140, Goddard Bros., burial ex-
penses, 21.50

Goods furnished by W.
H. Crockett, 25.61

Cash for burial expenses, 10.00 57.11

Total, \$222.31

JOSEPH TYLER :	
“ 38, F. J. Tyler, board, care, and expenses paid, ..	50.50
“ 127, A. H. Goddard, burial expenses,	23.00
“ 143, W. E. Walker, board and care,	8.00
Total,	\$81.50
Suit unsettled between Bethel and Mason.	
Total poor not on farm,	\$303.81

Poor Belonging to Other Towns.

Aid furnished F. D. Spencer,	\$8.63
Paid by town of Bradley,	8.63
Aid furnished Sherwood family, ...	62.25
Paid by town of Freeport,	62.25
Aid furnished Dolly M. Bartlett, ...	57.25
Paid by town of Upton,	57.25
Aid furnished Henry Bunker,	23.00
Paid by town of Rumford,	23.00
Aid furnished Lyman Thurlow,	31.10
Paid by town of Raymond,	31.10
Aid furnished Isaac Young,	5.25
Due from town of Madison,	5.25

Insane Hospital.

E. W. Etheridge,	\$70.20
D. F. Bean,	142.17
Emma Mason,	128.04
Mellen A. Cross,	139.49
Hattie G. Chapman,	136.76

Total expense to town,	\$616.66
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E. H. Fifield,	136.90
Paid by E. O. Millett,	126.90
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Due,	10.00

Abial Chandler,	69.56
Paid by A. J. Blake,	69.56
Guy Davis,	69.52
Paid by C. L. Davis,	69.52

Tramps.

Aid furnished by H. C. Barker to 125 tramps,	\$31.40
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Total Expense of Poor.

Balance against farm,	\$341.70	
Poor not on farm,	303.81	
Insane Hospital,	616.66	
Expense of tramps,	31.40	
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Total,		\$1293.57
Appropriation,		1200.00
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Excess,		\$93.57

Lockup Account.

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By rent of 15 courts,	\$15.00
Settled by order 353, H. C. Barker.	

West Bethel Ferry.

Order 68, N. W. Mason, building boat by contract,	\$119.35
“ 70, A. S. Bean, work on ferry road,	40.89
“ 77, Freeman H. Bennett, work on ferry road by contract,	75.00
“ 80, Seth L. Mason, labor on fer- ry landing,	8.25
“ 81, Seth L. Mason, work on fer- ry road by contract,	70.00
“ 128, Wm. C. Chapman, wire rope and fixtures,	45.50
“ 153, Rufus Deering & Co., lum- ber,	90.00
“ 159, A. S. Bean, iron and bolts,	2.70
“ 235, Calvin Cummings, paint- ing boat,	3.00
“ 266, C. Cummings and C. Briggs, labor on taking out boat,	4.50
“ 269, Elmer J. Stearns, labor on taking out boat,	3.00
“ 273, Calvin Cummings, services as ferryman,	75.00
“ 292, Geo. W. Mason, rollers and gear, and labor on boat,	27.74
“ 296, H. C. Barker, sign boards,	1.00
“ 302, M. Holt, paint,	4.67
“ 334, E. S. Mason, labor,	3.75
Part of 383, Hastings Bros., ropes, pump, and padlock,	19.64

Part of 421, Bethel Chair Co., lum- ber,	7.41	
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Total,		\$601.40
Appropriation for road,	75.00	
" " boat,	300.00	
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Total,		375.00
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Excess,		\$226.40

Note.—It will be noticed that no provision was made for the services of a ferryman, which work was let to the lowest bidder.

Abatements, 1897.

Casper L. Capen, poll, not able to pay,	\$2.00
George S. Chapman, poll, paid in Andover,	2.00
Prentiss N. Chick, poll, left town,	2.00
Walter Emery, poll, was not in town,	2.00
Fred I. Farwell, poll, paid in Massachusetts,	2.00
John Harris, poll, paid in Massachusetts,	2.00
Chas. H. Heath, poll, not able to pay,	2.00
Arland Jordan, poll and per., left town,	2.56
Rufus S. Kimball, poll, left town,	2.00
Chas. L. Lyon, poll has	

been in New Hampshire three years, . . .	2.00	
Wm. Macomber, poll, not able to pay,	2.00	
F. N. Morse, poll, paid in Rumford,	2.00	
Henry M. Osgood, poll, not able to pay,	2.00	
Edmund O'Brien, poll, left town,	2.00	
Alphonso Penley, poll, is in the army,	2.00	
Paul Pelman, poll, not found by collector, . .	2.00	
— Wight, poll, not found by collector, .	2.00	
Elliott I. Estes, care of road for taxes abated,	7.89	
Mrs. Flavilla Brown, real estate, not able to pay,	9.80	
Howard Chapman, personal, estate insolvent,	2.69	
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Total,		\$54.94

1898.

Bethel Water Co. by vote of town,	\$231.25
Mount Abram Lodge hall, exempt by law,	9.29

Account with Liquor Agency.

D. H. GROVER, AGENT.

DR.

To liquors on hand, Feb. 1, 1898, ..	\$641.70	
“ “ bought to Feb. 1, 1899, ..	\$2257.92	
Freight, cartage, etc.,	22.93	
License,	25.00	
Salary to Feb. 1, 1899,	180.00	\$3127.55

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By cash received for sales, ..	2955.66	
Liquors and casks on hand,	444.39	3400.05
Net Profit,		\$272.50

Town Officers' Bills Paid for 1897-98.

Order 10, Henry Farwell, services as Selectman,	\$165.50
“ 11, Henry Farwell, “ “ “ to March, 7, 1898,	12.25
“ 14, J. C. Billings, services as Selectman, ..	91.45
“ 15, C. E. Barker, “ “ “ ..	61.50
“ 17, J. U. Purington, Treasurer and ex- pense on bonds,	70.00
“ 100, J. A. Twaddle, School Superintendent,	150.00
“ 148, C. M. Wormell, Road Commissioner, order drawn July 26, 1898,	250.00
“ 13, J. S. Swan, Treasurer of ministerial and school fund,	6.00
Part of 354, Dr. C. D. Hill, services as Health Officer, and reporting vital statis- tics,	16.25
Order 245, J. C. Billings, services as Selectman to Oct. 1, 1898,	87.00
• “ 215, E. F. Cushman, Truant Officer,	5.00

Part of 353, H. C. Barker, Truant Officer and service on dog warrant,	8.00
Order 410, A. W. Grover, services as Health Officer,	6.40
“ 411, E. C. Park, services as Health Offi- cer,	5.00
“ 413, L. T. Barker, recording vital sta- tistics and extra recording as Town Clerk for 1897-8,	25.00
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Total,	959.35
Appropriation,	1200.00
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Unexpended,	\$240.65

Snow Bills, '97 and '98.

Order 5, A. F. Copeland,	\$18.83
“ 7, Geo. E. Osgood,	5.37
“ 8, D. C. Philbrook,	4.50
“ 9, S. Mayconnell,	4.20
“ 12, Henry Farwell,	34.00
“ 21, C. C. Bryant,	1.65
“ 22, J. J. Lapham,	1.65
“ 23, H. E. Bartlett,	7.55
“ 24, I. I. Young,	4.05
“ 25, H. O. Blake,	8.55
“ 26, David T. Foster,	7.80
“ 27, Geo. Swan,	20.10
“ 28, F. C. Bean,	9.15
“ 29, F. J. Russell,	1.49
“ 30, J. M. Bartlett,	11.85
“ 31, Farnum Estes,	2.10
“ 32, B. W. Kimball,	35.72
“ 33, Geo. Farrar,	1.35

Order 53, C. M. Kimball,	5.46
“ 54, H. H. Bean,	3.85
“ 55, C. M. Kimball,	6.90
“ 56, J. N. Swan,	3.81
“ 57, H. B. Holt,	5.79
“ 58, E. S. Bean,	16.76
“ 59, G. K. Hastings,	8.60
“ 60, Porter Farwell,	9.37
“ 61, J. H. Swan,	12.95
“ 62, G. K. Hastings,	12.75
“ 63, G. D. Morrill,	24.00
“ 64, W. A. Emery,	54.75
“ 65, O. F. Twitchell,	4.11
“ 66, A. P. Burgess,	4.99
“ 67, N. A. Stearns,	11.55
“ 68, C. C. Bean,	7.34
“ 69, L. N. Bartlett,	11.25
“ 70, A. L. Whitman,	11.25
“ 71, N. A. Stearns,	8.47
“ 99, A. B. Grover,	18.75
“ 106, T. B. Burke,	14.10
“ 110, Geo. E. Osgood,	9.82
“ 112, Clifford Wheeler,	4.35
“ 113, Geo. E. Sanderson,	3.75
“ 115, C. F. Barker,	6.03
“ 116, Emery G. Young,	1.47
“ 1, W. R. Eames,	11.01
“ 2, Peter Wheeler,	8.30
“ 3, O. A. Buck,	10.36
“ 4, S. Mayconnell,	10.20
“ 5, S. D. Grover,	5.15
“ 6, O. A. Buck,	4.12
“ 8, C. F. Abbott,	7.20
“ 10, A. B. Tyler,	1.87
“ 11, Joseph Holt,	6.18
“ 12, J. M. Clark,	9.90

Order 34, W. E. Bartlett,	1.95
“ 35, Jacob Annis,	1.56
“ 36, E. E. Chase,	6.41
“ 37, R. J. Virgin, . . . . .	.46
“ 38, T. A. Conroy,	8.95
“ 39, Fred Bean,	2.90
“ 40, I. A. Cushman,	5.40
“ 41, Daniel Glines, . . . . .	.75
“ 42, James A. Holman, . . . . .	.90
“ 72, Freeland Bennett,	6.15
“ 73, Stephen E. Cummings,	7.05
“ 75, O. W. Ellingwood,	5.77
“ 76, Geo. A. Chapman,	8.00
“ 77, I. H. Wilson,	12.64
“ 78, N. S. Stearns,	13.55
“ 79, Fred Howard,	3.70
“ 80, F. A. Brown,	2.65
“ 81, Seth L. Mason, . . . . .	.75
“ 82, E. P. Grover,	5.57
“ 83, A. P. Mason,	8.10
“ 84, John Murphy,	6.30
“ 85, E. P. Bennett,	10.05
“ 86, Geo. H. Bennett,	2.70
“ 87, W. E. Walker,	1.20
“ 88, T. L. Maybery,	10.50
“ 88, R. R. Maybery and R. L. Paine,	15.47
“ 90, C. L. & C. L. Abbott, Jr.,	32.25
“ 91, L. H. Tyler,	20.70
“ 92, A. J. McAllister,	22.19
“ 93, W. M. Brown,	7.75
“ 94, Chas. L. Swan,	1.00
“ 95, Porter Farwell,	2.23
“ 96, J. F. Howe,	7.20
“ 97, W. W. Chase,	1.05
“ 98, Clark Caswell,	1.05

Order 27, W. A. Howe,	1.95
“ 28, A. L. Whitman,	5.60
“ 29, Wm. Jackson,	2.10
“ 30, D. A. Glines,	1.05
“ 31, A. W. Bean,	3.98
“ 34, J. L. Oliver,	7.75
“ 36, W. C. & C. G. Blake,	6.65
“ 37, D. C. Estes,	11.02
“ 53, Sewall A. Lyon,	8.00
“ 57, A. S. Bean,	15.70
“ 61, Vear W. Bean,	20.92
“ 71, A. S. Bean,	3.75
“ 74, C. O. Moore,	10.50
“ 85, N. A. Austin,	10.46
“ 87, A. J. McAllister,	9.82
“ 97, H. F. Maxim,	6.30
“ 98, James Mayconnell,	10.05
“ 99, Z. W. Bartlett,	9.46
“ 115, C. L. Swan,	4.50
“ 116, John Brown,	3.00
“ 117, D. A. Coffin,	5.60
“ 118, E. Andrews,	3.00
“ 119, D. Smith,	3.45
“ 120, Don Smith,	1.80
“ 121, S. L. Haynes,	5.25
“ 122, James S. Bartlett,	7.67
“ 43, A. S. Stevens,	16.61
“ 44, A. J. Smith,	7.30
“ 45, V. P. Adamson,	7.35
“ 46, J. M. Bartlett,	10.65
“ 47, Farnum Estes,	3.45
“ 48, Z. W. Bartlett,	19.05
“ 49, Fred C. Bean,	8.25
“ 50, Geo. L. Smith,	6.45
“ 51, H. O. Blake,	12.15
“ 52, E. P. Bennett,	1.80

Order 14, C. C. Bean,	2.89	
“ 16, Chas. Dunham,	7.00	
“ 17, Elliot Rich,	7.80	
“ 18, L. N. Bartlett,	5.60	
“ 20, C. N. Kimball,	6.97	
“ 21, P. C. Thomas,	4.65	
“ 22, O. H. Pingree,	12.97	
“ 23, Geo. C. Ames,	16.50	
“ 24, E. Bryant,	7.05	
“ 25, R. D. Cummings,	3.15	
“ 26, V. D. Hotham,	6.07	
“ 123, N. W. Barker,	1.45	
“ 124, Geo. A. Grover,	7.88	
“ 125, E. G. Smith,	2.96	
“ 126, Fred Bartlett and others, . .	14.50	
“ 150, S. B. Twitchell,	2.02	
“ 165, John Hapgood,	17.00	
“ 181, Virgil G. Verrill,	12.30	
“ 182, Norman Dudley,	1.65	
“ 184, C. H. Kimball,	10.65	
“ 201, J. A. Thurston,	16.95	
“ 212, G. B. Mills,	9.75	
“ 226, R. F. Cross,	7.05	
“ 236, T. H. Campbell,	5.62	
“ 325, D. M. Smith,	5.55	
“ 328, Elliot Rich,	10.05	
“ 333, E. Andrews,	8.35	
“ 355, E. S. Hammond,	5.25	
“ 356, L. G. Grover,	13.66	
“ 414, L. T. Barker,	2.40	
Total,		\$1289.35
Appropriation,		1000.00
Excess of appropriation,		\$289.35

Other Highway Bills Paid.

Order 9, C. F. Shaw, water tub,	\$2.00	
“ 33, Alfred W. Bean, labor in 1897,		14.55
“ 89, Fred L. Chapman, labor in 1897,		1.50
“ 156, B. W. Kimball, labor in 1897,		10.00
“ 221, I. S. Morrill, bridge plank, 1897,		5.66
“ 298, Fred Spear, labor in 1897, .		1.00
Part of 383, Hastings Bros., repairs on water fountain,		10.51
Order 343, A. S. Chapman, lighting bridge,		17.30
“ 79, L. U. Bartlett, hauling der- rick, 1897,		4.00
“ 412, N. S. Stearns, water tub two years,		3.00
“ 415, Geo. W. Mason, water tub two years,		3.00
Part of 421, Bethel Chair Co., lumber,		1.44
Total,		\$73.96
Total excess of appropriation,		\$363.31

Highways.

Bills approved by C. M. Wormell, Road Commissioner :

Order 39,	Wm. Carleton, labor,	\$ 6.75
“ 42,	W. A. Emery, labor on road machine,	25.00
“ 44,	J. P. Bowen, labor,	18.00
“ 45,	Wm. Carleton, “	4.50
“ 46,	Bert Flemming, “	6.00
“ 48,	Geo. M. Clark, “	10.80
“ 50,	John Heath, “	8.62
“ 51,	E. B. Heath, “	7.87
“ 52,	Chas. Pool, “	13.50
“ 54,	J. P. Bowen, “	21.00
“ 56,	Frank Hapgood, labor with road machine,	10.00
“ 58,	John Coburn, labor,	26.62
“ 63,	N. F. Swan, “	47.41
“ 64,	Geo. A. Virgin, lumber, . .	10.03
“ 65,	N. F. Swan, damage to plow,	2.75
“ 66,	Paulus Lowe, labor,	25.00
“ 67,	Frank Hapgood, “	21.50
“ 69,	W. A. Emery, labor with road machine,	50.00
“ 72,	F. J. Russell, labor,	3.30
“ 73,	W. E. Littlehale, “	24.37
“ 75,	Elmer Stowell and Geo. Seavey, stone work,	30.00
“ 82,	Eugene Heath, labor,	6.75
“ 83,	John Heath, “	5.25

Order	84,	E. D. Menchen,	"	.....	9.00
"	86,	Chas. Pool,	"	.....	30.00
"	90,	John Coburn,	"	.....	44.85
"	92,	John Heath,	"	.....	3.00
"	93,	E. B. Heath,	"	.....	4.50
"	95,	Elmer Stowell and Geo. Seavey, stone for side- walk,			30.00
"	96,	N. F. Swan and others, labor,			72.50
"	100,	Elmer Stowell and Geo. Seavey, edge-stone for sidewalk,			18.75
"	102,	Howard Coburn, labor, ...			42.00
"	103,	Thomas Pool,	"	.....	19.50
"	104,	Archie Pool,	"	.....	27.85
"	105,	L. Littlehale,	"	.....	15.74
"	106,	Hiram Wiles,	"	.....	5.25
"	108,	Chas. Pratt, concrete work at West Bethel,			100.00
"	109,	Isaiah Coburn, labor, ...			24.00
"	110,	Chas. Pool,	"	.....	35.25
"	113,	Henry Farwell est. "		...	9.00
"	129,	Elmer Stowell and Geo. Seavey, cutting stone for sidewalk,			35.00
"	130,	W. A. Emery, labor with road machine,			100.00
"	131,	John Heath, labor, ...			2.00
"	132,	Seth L. Mason,	"	.....	4.65
"	133,	J. B. Barnett,	"	.....	2.25
"	134,	Paulus Lowe,	"	.....	28.25
"	136,	John Coburn,	"	.....	43.48
"	137,	V. P. Adamson	"	.....	4.50
"	138,	L. U. Bartlett, labor with road machine,			121.00

Order 139,	L. U. Bartlett, labor with road machine,	28.00
“ 141,	G. A. Burbank, labor,	18.15
“ 142,	Geo. Seavey and Elmer Stowell, sidewalk,	11.97
“ 144,	Joseph Holt, labor and plank,	9.27
“ 145,	A. W. Grover, labor on road machine,	8.00
“ 146,	A. B. Haynes, labor,	6.00
“ 147,	F. J. Wood, engineer for sidewalks,	10.20
“ 149,	F. H. Searle, feed, . . . . .	.50
“ 151,	W. Mills, labor on toll bridge,	9.75
“ 154,	W. A. Emery, labor with road machine,	35.00
“ 155,	Geo. F. Lapham, labor on sidewalk,	5.62
“ 157,	Chas. Demeritt, labor on sidewalk,	6.00
“ 160,	N. W. Mason, labor on toll bridge,	15.00
“ 161,	Henry Schools, labor on toll bridge,	9.00
“ 162,	Geo. W. Mason, labor on toll bridge,	12.00
“ 163,	C. M. Kimball, board of men and horses on road machine,	37.25
“ 164,	John Hapgood, labor and plank,	9.75
“ 166,	Prudence A. Austin, land damage,	25.00
“ 167,	Chas. Mason, damage by blasting,	4.00

Order 168, C. Bisbee, feed for road machine team,	73.36
“ 169, O. F. Twitchell, labor and board of men and horses on road machine,	14.55
“ 170, A. C. Miller, labor,	3.00
“ 172, Z. W. Bartlett, “	12.50
“ 173, John Heath, “	3.75
“ 174, Elmer Stowell and Geo. Seavey, curbing for sidewalk,	10.00
“ 175, Thomas Pool, labor,	13.87
“ 176, Archie Pool, “	11.10
“ 177, A. C. Miller, “	5.25
“ 178, A. C. Miller, “	4.50
“ 179, E. Menchen, “	10.50
“ 183, F. G. Sloan, “ . . . .	.75
“ 186, H. A. Packard, “	1.50
“ 188, Elmer Stowell and Geo. Seavey, stone-work on sidewalk,	17.50
“ 189, A. Stevens, labor,	3.00
“ 190, Geo. H. Swan, “	6.75
“ 191, Elmer Stowell and Geo. Seavey, stone-work for sidewalk,	54.86
“ 192, Fred F. Bean, labor and board,	4.00
“ 193, Geo. Seavey, labor on side- walk,	20.00
“ 194, W. A. Emery, labor with road machine,	75.00
“ 195, Paulus Lowe, labor,	33.75
“ 196, J. S. Hutchins, “	6.00
“ 197, Howard Coburn, “	16.50
“ 198, Isaiah Coburn, “	3.50

Order 199, L. U. Bartlett, labor with road machine,	50.75
“ 200, J. A. Thurston, labor and lumber,	1.20
“ 203, Chas. Cross, labor on toll bridge,	3.00
“ 206, L. Johnson, labor,	1.50
“ 208, W. A. Emery, labor with road machine,	113.49
“ 209, Chas. Davis, labor on toll bridge,	28.50
“ 210, F. J. Russell, cutting bushes,	9.90
“ 211, Harvey Bennett, labor,	8.25
“ 213, W. C. Jackson, “	3.00
“ 214, Perley N. Bartlett, “	8.00
“ 216, W. B. Ordway, board of men and horses on road machine,	9.40
“ 217, Hastings Bros., concrete work on sidewalks,	272.49
“ 218, N. F. Brown, tile, pipe, etc.,	81.82
“ 219, E. Littlehale, labor,	11.62
“ 220, Thomas Pool, “	10.00
“ 222, B. W. Kimball, “	2.50
“ 223, W. L. Chapman, board of road machine crew,	2.00
“ 224, Clifford Wheeler, labor,	13.80
“ 225, Fred F. Bean, labor and board,	4.00
“ 227, Stewart Lowe, labor,	18.00
“ 228, Paul Jodry, “	6.75
“ 230, Hastings Bros., concrete work for sidewalks,	59.52
“ 231, Hiram Wiles, labor,	4.25

Order 237,	T. H. Campbell, labor . . .	4.27
"	238, S. E. Cummings, " . . .	3.00
"	239, F. L. Edwards, plank, . . .	43.00
"	240, J. H. Swan, labor,	13.35
"	241, E. L. Tebbets, grain for road machine team, . . .	15.90
"	242, N. C. Dudley, labor,	2.17
"	244, C. H. Chute, board of men on road machine,	7.99
"	246, J. C. Billings, repairs of road machine,	23.14
"	249, A. E. Herrick, sidewalks, (order of E. Stowell,) . .	3.52
"	250, Herrick & Park, concrete walk, (order of C. S. Pratt,)	40.39
"	251, J. D. Bartlett, labor,	3.00
"	254, E. Andrews, labor and plank,	37.75
"	255, Nathan Bean, labor on toll bridge,	5.25
"	256, A. W. Bean, labor,	2.10
"	257, L. A. York, board of men and horses on road ma- chine,	6.60
"	258, C. F. Abbott, labor,	8.85
"	259, A. S. Bean, "	106.15
"	260, John Coburn, "	7.63
"	261, F. J. Tyler, road machine repairs,	5.45
"	262, R. D. Cummings, labor, .	3.00
"	263, Fred J. Wood, repairs for road machine,	3.00
"	264, O. H. Pingree, labor,	2.50
"	265, E. Bryant, labor and board,	14.50
"	267, Geo. C. Ames, labor,	3.00

Order 271,	E. Bryant,	labor	10.50
" 272,	W. Lord,	"	2.25
" 274,	Chas. A. Capen,	"	2.55
" 276,	W. A. Holt,	board of men and horses on road ma- chine,	6.05
" 279,	T. B. Burke,	labor,	20.45
" 280,	J. C. Stearns,	snowing toll bridge,	7.05
" 281,	S. N. Buck,	sidewalks, . . .	5.00
" 282,	I. I. Young,	labor,	3.00
" 283,	S. H. Foster,	"	1.65
" 284,	I. A. Cushman,	"	8.95
" 285,	O. A. Buck,	"	9.50
" 286,	D. C. Estes,	labor and board,	5.45
" 288,	D. M. Smith,	board of men and horses,	9.10
" 289,	Z. W. Bartlett,	labor,	9.00
" 290,	G. K. Hastings,	sharpen- ing drills,	1.30
" 294,	Frank A. Ruller,	labor,	1.50
" 295,	H. C. Barker,	"	1.50
" 297,	G. B. Lowell,	"	1.42
" 300,	T. H. Chapman,	plank,	35.04
" 303,	N. F. Swan and others,	la- bor,	34.83
" 307,	W. D. Hastings,	drills and sharpening,	18.35
" 312,	F. C. Bartlett,	wheel for road machine,	3.00
" 313,	Chas. Estes,	labor,	16.00
" 314,	E. W. Etheridge,	"	35.25
" 315,	I. S. Morrill,	lumber,	57.00
" 316,	Eugene Bean,	labor,	2.50
" 317,	E. F. Cushman,	labor and	

	board,	7.07
Order 318,	Chas. Dunham, board of men on road machine, .	7.80
"	319, Paulus Lowe; labor,	6.75
"	320, S. F. Estes, board of men and horses on road ma- chine,	5.85
"	321, Seth L. Mason, board of men and horses on road machine,	3.25
"	322, Dana Hall, labor,	9.00
"	323, Arthur Barker, "	3.75
"	324, Elliot Rich, board,	1.20
"	327, A. F. Copeland, labor,	9.35
"	329, F. J. Tyler, repairs on road machine,	20.00
"	332, J. N. Swan, repairs on road machine,	2.20
"	336, W. C. & C. G. Blake, la- bor,	24.75
"	337, C. C. Bean, labor,	4.70
"	338, C. H. Kimball, labor and board,	5.16
"	339, Z. W. Bartlett, labor, . . . . .	.75
"	340, W. M. Brown, "	5.70
"	351, T. B. Kendall, "	1.25
"	352, C. L. Davis, "	9.60
"	354, Hiram Twitchell, labor on toll bridge,	5.70
"	357, A. S. Chapman, snowing toll bridge,	8.00
"	358, Wm. R. Eames, labor,	5.55
"	372, Hastings Bros., materials,	120.41
"	386, C. Bisbee, grain and feed for road team,	25.51
"	387, Geo. H. Seavey, cutting	

	bushes,	3.75
Order 388,	John Hapgood, labor, . . .	9.75
“ 389,	C. Caswell, water tub, . . .	2.00
“ 390,	N. F. Brown, road ma- chine repairs,	8.69
“ 397,	A. J. & C. O. Peare, re- pairing their road for 1898,	27.75
“ 398,	Elliot I. Estes, care of road for 1898,	10.64
“ 401,	John F. Hapgood, labor and board,	3.50
“ 403,	J. M. Clark, plank,	1.00
“ 404,	A. S. Bean, labor,	124.37
“ 405,	A. J. & C. O. Peare, care of road for 1898,	21.36
“ 406,	A. W. Grover, labor,	10.95
“ 407,	F. L. Edwards, plank,	5.65
“ 408,	Fred E. Gordon, labor, . . .	4.80
“ 346,	Eli F. Stearns, plank and keeping horses,	15.00
“ 419,	Edward A. Verrill, water tub,	2.00
“ 420,	C. L. Abbott, water tub, . .	4.50
Part of 421,	Bethel Chair Co., lumber,	13.96
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	Total,	\$3843.70

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By cash received from the following named abettors for one-half the cost of concrete sidewalk and curbing :

C. M. Wormell,	\$30.80
C. Bisbee,	19.79
E. H. Young,	29.70
Cole Block, (Bethel Sav- ings Bank,)	36.36

Hastings Bros.,	60.10	
Chapman heirs,	41.73	
Edward King,	5.00	
E. H. Young,	5.00	
J. C. Billings,	5.00	
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Total,		\$233.48
Amount expended,	\$3610.22	
Appropriation,	3000.00	
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Excess,		\$610.22

SCHOOLS.

Raised by town,	\$2000.00	
State school and mill tax,	1365.86	
Rec'd from Gilead,	30.00	
" " Milton,	60.00	
" " J. S. Swan,	30.00	
Unexpended last year,	490.24	
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Total,		\$3976.10
Bills approved by J. A. Twaddle, 1897,		31.50
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Total amount available for 1898,		\$3944.60

Orders have been drawn as follows:

For teachers' wages,	2669.00
J. M. Bartlett, boarding teacher, ...	18.00
Town of Woodstock, tuition,	5.00
Janitor services,	80.23
Due for janitor services,	25.23

For cleaning school houses,	21.18	
“ wood,	165.54	
“ transportation of scholars,	653.38	
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Total,		\$3637.56
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Unexpended,		\$307.04

Text Books.

Appropriation,	\$150.00	
Unexpended last year,	3.67	
Received from sale of books,70	
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Total,		\$154.37
Orders drawn for books, freight, etc.		179.94
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Excess,		\$25.57

Repairs.

Appropriation,	\$150.00	
Unexpended last year,	22.58	
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Total,		\$172.58
Bills approved by J. A. Twaddle, 1897,		30.78
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Total amount available for 1898,		\$141.80
Orders drawn for repairs,		114.98
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Unexpended,		\$26.82

Itemized accounts of the above school expenditures will be found in the report of the Superintendent,

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Order 1,	D. R. Hastings, surveying for town,	\$ 3.50
" 3,	News Pub. Co., printing town reports,	64.00
" 13,	E. H. Young, repairing harness of J. H. McKenzie,	4.35
" 19,	Bethel Savings Bank, rent of hall and office,	60.00
" 43,	New Pub. Co., town books etc.,	38.55
" 55,	W. W. Hastings, sewer pipe,	150.00
" 152,	G. M. Donham, Maine Register,	1.50
" 185,	Joan Stearns, type-writing check-list,	2.25
" 202,	C. E. Barker, cash expenses,	2.60
" 248,	F. J. Tyler, repairing sleigh of J. H. McKenzie,	3.50
" 335,	C. E. Barker, cash paid for copying, registering letters, etc.,	7.70
" 342,	R. W. Bucknam, reporting vital statistics, . . . . .	.75
" 384,	News Pub. Co., books, stationery, etc.,	12.70
Part of 400,	G. R. Wiley, stationery, ink, etc.,	1.95
Order 345,	Geo. C. and Eliza Spinney, damage on highway,	100.00

Order 409, A. W. Grover, services in securing statements and making out papers for State Aid pensioners, . . .	10.00
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Total,	\$463.35
Appropriation,	350.00
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Excess,	\$113.35

Town Officers' Bills Due for 1898-9.

S. B. Twitchell, services as Selectman,	\$ 10.75
C. E. Barker, " " "	90.75
F. J. Russell, " " "	75.50
E. C. Bowler, " " School Super- intendent,	181.95
W. W. Hastings, services as Treasurer, . . .	50.00
Ceylon Rowe, Town Agent, no charge	
Calvin Bisbee, Auditor, " "	
J. H. Swan, services as Treas. of Minis- terial and School Fund, . . .	6.00
C. M. Wormell, services as Road Com- missioner,	475.00
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Total,	\$889.95
Paid C. M. Wormell by order 148, . . .	250.00
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Total amount due,	\$639.95

Financial Standing of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Bonds bearing interest at four per cent.	\$30,000.00
Notes outstanding at four per cent. . .	5,000.00
Orders "	762.41

Town officers' bills due,	639.95
Due Randall Cummings to April 6, '99,	101.22
School money undrawn,	308.29
Estimated abatements for 1898,	75.00
Due Tax Collectors,	400.00
Coupons over due,	80.00
Road machine purchased by Road Commissioner, bill not paid,	200.00
Other bills estimated,	300.00
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Total liabilities,	\$37,866.87

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$ 205.39
Due from C. M. Wormell, Collector, 1897,	962.23
“ from H. H. Bean, Collector, 1898,	5790.64
Liquors and casks on hand,	444.39
Value of town farm and stock,	2934.00
Investment in Chair factory,	6000.00
“ “ corn shop,	2500.00
“ “ lock-up,	550.00
Due from town of Madison,	5.25
“ “ Bethel Chair Co., rent,	300.00
Three road machines and tools,	200.00
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Total assets, \$19,891.90

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. B. TWITCHELL,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
C. E. BARKER,		of
F. J. RUSSELL,		<i>Bethel.</i>

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report of the Selectmen of the town of Bethel for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1899, with vouchers therefor, and I believe it to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

CALVIN BISBEE, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

1898.

Feb. 14.	To balance on hand, . . .	\$1,283.01	
" "	Rec'd from D. H. Grover,	50.00	
" 26.	" " " " " "	50.00	
Mar. 4.	" " State Tr., bear bounty, .	25.00	
" 7.	" " tuition from Milton Pl., . . .	55.00	
" 9.	" " C. M. Wormell	387.21	

1898.

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Mar. 4.	Paid for coupons,	\$ 4.00	
" 5.	Selectmen's receipts,	225.21	
" 8.	Paid bridge bond,	100.00	
" 9.	Selectmen's receipts,	158.63	
" 9.	Paid bridge bond and coupon,	102.00	
" 9.	Balance on hand,	1,260.38	

\$1,850.22
Treasurer.

J. U. PURINGTON,

DR.

To bal. rec'd from	J. U. Purington,	\$ 1,260.38	
" cash	" " C. M. Wormell, taxes,	4,941.29	
" "	" " C. M. Wormell, for orders paid twice,	23.82	
" "	" " C. M. Wormell, abatements, . . .	54.94	
" "	" " H. H. Bean,	10,493.80	

To cash rec'd from D. H. Grover,					
			liquors,		2,743.38
" " " "			State treas.,)		
			School and)		
			Mill tax,)		1,365.86
" " " "			State treasurer,		
			dog tax, '97, . . .		117.78
" " " "			L. T. Barker,		
			dog license, . . .		135.00
" " " "			State treas., pen-		
			sion,		312.00
" " " "			State treas., R.		
			R. and tel. tax,		17.35
" " " "			Benj. Kimball,		
			tax paid in, . . .		2.75
" " " "			town of Bradley,		8.63
" " " "			" " Albany,		15.00
" " " "			" Raymond,		31.10
" " " "			" " Gilead,		30.00
" " " "			" " Upton,		41.25
" " " "			" " Freeport,		62.25
" " " "			A. Chandler, . .		69.56
" " " "			E. H. Fifield, .		136.96
" " " "			G. Davis,		59.92
" " " "			for license,		6.00
" " " "			oxen sold,		75.00
" " " "			sale of Steam		
			Mill school		
			house,		78.50
" " " "			J. S. Swan, Tr.,		30.00
" " " "			J. & E. A. Wyman,		
			rent,		150.00
" " " "			B. C. Co., water		
			rent,		25.00
" " " "			town of Milton,		
			for tuition, '98,		60.00

To cash rec'd from acct. of sidewalks	233.48	
		\$22,581.00
CR.		
By paid Sanborn int,	80.00	
“ “ Hapgood “	40.00	
“ “ Trafton “	100.00	
“ “ Bethel Savings Bank int., . .	19.20	
“ “ on town debt,	854.00	
“ “ State tax,	2,310.73	
“ “ County tax,	1,433.49	
“ “ bonds,	900.00	
“ “ coupons,	1,180.00	
“ “ insane bills,	895.05	
“ “ liquor Com.,	2,257.92	
“ “ pensions,	312.00	
“ “ State Tr., dog tax,	135.00	
“ “ freight on road machine, . .	14.86	
“ “ check book and stamps, . .	6.00	
“ “ aid to Hassett family,	35.61	
“ “ “ “ Frank Styles,	19.60	
“ “ “ “ Thurlow family,	13.90	
“ “ B. W. Co., water rent,	50.00	
“ “ town of Newry tax, 1898, . . .	6.08	
“ “ orders cancelled,	11,712.17	
Balance on hand, Feb. 18, '98, . . .	205.39	

Total, \$ 22,581.00

W. W. HASTINGS, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of W. W. Hastings, Treasurer of the town of Bethel, for the year ending Feb. 18, 1899, with vouchers therefor, and believe them to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

CALVIN BISBEE,
Auditor for the town of Bethel.

Report of Board of Health.

The past year, up to Jan. 1, '99, has been comparatively a healthy one in town; but one case each of diphtheria and typhoid fever, being the only infectious diseases of a serious nature reported to this Board. The usual number of nuisances have been brought to our notice, most of them, in the village, due to a want of proper sewerage. Unless some means of disposing of the product of sink drains, water closets, etc., are provided, serious results may follow. To abate such nuisances, we must either have sewers or prohibit the use of the service water for such purposes. The necessity for a system of sewerage is becoming most urgent. We are glad to note an initial step in this direction, in the laying of a sewer pipe from a point on Broad St., opposite the residence of G. A. Hastings, down Broad, Church and Park streets into the Mill Brook. This, by extension, will provide for the whole of Broad and Park streets and the upper part of Church street. More is needed at once, especially on Main street.

In view of the presence of small-pox in the State, we would advise all those not fully protected by vaccination, to avail themselves of the privilege as provided by Chapter 172, Public Laws of 1893. In accordance with said Act, this Board has made provision for the free vaccination of all residents of the town who may desire.

C. D. HILL, M. D., *Chairman,*

A. W. GROVER, *Sec'y,*

E. C. PARK,

Superintendent's Report.

To the Citizens of Bethel :

Your Superintendent of Schools, having attended to the duties prescribed by law, respectfully submits the following report for your consideration:

FINANCIAL.

School Fund Account.

DR.

To amount appropriated by town, . . .	\$2000.00
“ “ of State School Fund and “ “ Mill tax,	1365.86
“ “ received from Gilead,	30.00
“ “ “ “ Milton Plan- tation,	60.00
“ “ received from John Swan,	30.00
“ “ unexpended last year,	490.24
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Total,	\$3976.10
Bills approved by J. A. Twaddle have been paid as fol- lows :	
D. A. Coffin, enumerating scholars, . .	2.00
G. B. Mills, carrying scholars,	28.00
Ella Hapgood,	1.50
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Total,	31.50
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Total amount available for 1898,	\$3944.69

CR.

By paid for teaching as follows:

Sadie L. Doyen,	\$ 49.50
Bertha Wiley,	67.50
Eva Twaddle,	50.00
Martha Gibson,	67.50
Alice Russell,	45.00
Edith Douglass,	50.00
Florence Abbott,	45.00
L. Whitney Elkins,	117.00
Mabel V. Shaw,	57.50
Ethel Richardson,	50.00
Maud Merrow,	65.00
Florence Carter,	50.00
Ida Haselton,	22.00
Lillian Kimball,	67.50
Edith Douglass,	40.00
Eva Twaddle,	60.00
Mabel V. Shaw,	57.50
Ethel Richardson,	50.00
Sadie L. Doyen,	82.50
L. Whitney Elkins,	143.00
Lillian Kimball,	82.50
Maud Merrow,	65.00
Bertha Wiley,	82.50
Martha Gibson,	82.50
Alice Russell,	55.00
Ida Haselton,	50.00
Florence Abbott,	55.00
Cora Farwell,	75.00
Ellen Douglass,	50.00
Florence Abbott,	50.00
L. Whitney Elkins,	130.00
Lillian Kimball,	75.00
Bertha Wiley,	75.00
Martha Gibson,	75.00

Maud Merrow,	65.00	
Ethel Richardson, . . .	55.00	
Alice Russell,	55.00	
Bertha Moody,	60.00	
Barton Smith,	60.00	
Ethel Hammons,	75.00	
Ida Haselton,	60.00	\$2669.00

By paid J. M. Bartlett for
teacher's board, 18.00

*By paid town of Wood-
stock, tuition, 5.00

By paid for janitor ser-
vices, as follows:

S. F. Littlehale,	\$27.73	
Maud Merrow,	1.00	
Blanche Swan,	1.00	
Maud Merrow,	1.00	
S. F. Littlehale,	27.50	
Alice Russell,	2.75	
Guy Bartlett,	2.75	
Ellen Douglass,	1.50	
Maud Merrow,	1.00	
Ethel Hammons,	2.50	
Fred Wheeler,	1.50	
Ben Stearns,	3.00	
Archie Cushman,	2.50	
Edwin York,	1.50	
H. H. Bean,	3.00	
Due S. F. Littlehale,	25.23	\$105.46

By paid for cleaning school
houses as follows:

J. S. Hutchins,	\$2.00
Edna Griffin,	3.00

*There is a bill of about \$30.00 due the town of Green-
wood which we have not yet been able to obtain.

Peter Wheeler,	2.25	
S. L. Mason,	2.75	
J. M. Bartlett,	3.00	
Cora Farwell,	2.00	
C. L. Abbott,	1.50	
L. A. York,	2.50	
A. W. Small,	2.18	\$21.18

By paid for wood as follows:

J. M. Bartlett,	\$13.00	
N. A. Stearns,	7.00	
Joe Hamlin,	8.85	
S. L. Mason,	3.75	
Elliot Rich,	37.01	
O. A. Buck,	10.00	
B. W. Kimball,	8.00	
Ira W. Bean,	18.00	
N. A. Stearns,	3.50	
C. L. Abbott,	19.24	
A. S. Bean,	17.50	
J. F. Hapgood,	7.00	
J. S. Hutchins,	4.87	
D. A. Coffin,	5.35	
E. L. Tebbets,	2.47	\$165.54

By paid for transporting scholars as follows:

G. A. Plaisted,	\$49.50
V. P. Adamson,	13.50
J. M. Bartlett,	18.00
Ellen P. Kimball,	20.00
Ethel Richardson,	15.00
John Holt,	5.00
G. A. Plaisted,	60.50
James Mayconnell,	16.50
Jas. Bartlett,	22.00

A. J. Smith,	11.00	
W. T. Gunther,	19.25	
Ellen P. Kimball,	37.50	
V. P. Adamson,	16.50	
T. B. Burke,	16.66	
G. A. Plaisted,	55.00	
V. P. Adamson,	15.00	
J. M. Bartlett,	20.00	
Geo. Chapman,	17.50	
T. B. Burke,	6.64	
Matilda Mayconnell,	15.00	
P. C. Thomas,	20.00	
W. T. Gunther,	17.50	
C. L. Swan,	20.00	
Rufus Skillings,	15.00	
T. B. Burke,	15.00	
C. H. Kimball,	12.00	
P. C. Thomas,	16.00	
W. T. Gunther,	17.50	
Chas. L. Swan,	9.00	
P. C. Thomas,	16.00	
Ethel Richardson,	20.00	
J. A. Thurston,	25.33	\$653.38
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Total expenditures,		3637.56
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Balance unexpended,		\$307.04

Text Book Account.

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To amount appropriated by town,	\$150.00
“ “ received from sale of books,70
“ “ unexpended last year,	3.67
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Total,	\$154.37

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By paid D. C. Heath & Co.,	\$ 12.83
“ “ D. Appleton & Co.,	15.00
“ “ Wm. Ware & Co.,	10.20
“ “ Llewellyn Barton,	8.10
“ “ Leach, Shewell & Co.,	3.00
“ “ Thompson, Brown & Co.,	6.00
“ “ J. L. Hammett,	5.30
“ “ Hinds & Noble,	22.14
“ “ G. T. R., freight,	9.05
“ “ E. C. Bowler, cash paid for label- ling books,	5.00
“ “ G. R. Wiley,	7.30
“ “ American Book Co.,	76.02
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Total,	\$179.94
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Overdrawn,	\$ 25.57

Repairs Account.

DR.

To amount appropriated by town,	\$150.00
“ “ reported unexpended last year,	22.58
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Total,	\$172.58
Bills have come in approved by J. A. Twad-	
dle as follows :	
W. W. Hastings, repairs on brick building,	\$ 30.00
Chas. Blake, setting glass,	.78
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	\$30.78
Reducing amount available for repairs to	\$ 141.80

CR.

By paid Hastings Bros. for repairs on clos- ets at brick building caused by freezing, in the winter of 1897,	\$31.99
“ “ G. R. Wiley, cash expenses for	

	same purpose,	2.35
By paid	C. S. Russell, repairs on school seats for Middle Intervale, . . .	3.75
“ “	S. F. Littlehale, glass, repairs on school seats, etc.,	6.30
“ “	W. F. Kendall, plastering at Swan’s Corner,	1.50
“ “	H. C. Barker, windows for Flat school house,	3.60
“ “	Solomon Bickford, examining route for moving school house,	3.00
“ “	C. L. Abbott, repairs on Flat school house,	8.05
“ “	E. C. Bowler, cash expenses,	9.18
“ “	Gilbert Tuell, double-windows for brick building,	18.74
“ “	N. F. Brown, fixtures, etc.,	8.61
“ “	G. R. Wiley, seats for Middle Intervale,	10.00
“ “	W. D. Mills, repairs at W. Bethel,	3.00
“ “	G. R. Wiley, incidentals,	2.66
“ “	N. A. Stearns, Grover Hill,	1.00
“ “	Bethel Chair Co., chair for East Bethel,	1.25
	Total,	<u>\$114.98</u>
	Amount unexpended,	<u>\$26.82</u>

Our Schools.

In submitting this report of the schools of the town for the past year, it gives your Superintendent much pleasure to state that the results which have been accomplished have been very gratifying to him; and I am free to say that during my experience in school work, it has never been

my pleasure before, to see the schools for an entire year, pass off with as little friction as they have in Bethel the past year. Teachers, parents, and pupils alike, are to be congratulated for the efforts which have been put forth to make the year's work a success. Harmony, which is one of the chief requisites to success in any school, has been the keynote to success in ours; no one has had any inclination to criticise or find fault with the teachers, but, on the contrary, everyone has had a pleasant word for the schools, and although our good people may not have realized it, yet, in those pleasant words of commendation, they have bequeathed a priceless legacy to the educational interests of our town.

We all know how much easier it is to perform any duty, and with how much more courage and determination we go about it, if those for whom we are laboring, show an appreciation of our efforts; on the other hand, how hard it is, and what an amount of dissatisfaction is ours, when our accomplishments, which, perchance, are the fruits of our most painstaking efforts, are received in an unappreciative and fault-finding manner. This fact, which is true among all classes of people, is doubly true on the part of the teacher. His work is such as to demand for him, the keenest sympathy of every person in the community in which he is laboring, and he must have it ere we see the best possible results. We have seen several cases in the past, in which teachers have worked earnestly, patiently, and conscientiously with their pupils, exhausting all the resources at their command, and yet have made absolute failures, simply because someone's petty notion had been fondled and fostered, until, as a result, the tide had been turned against the school, when, if what there was truly commendable about those same teachers had been recognized, instead of their trivial fault being magnified, their schools would have been marked successes. We are aware that it is more natural to criticise than to commend,

but if all interested in education would be less willing to magnify the teacher's faults, and more willing to commend his virtues, they would encourage him, and be of appreciable assistance to him in making his work a noble success.

Under the new school law, one school, the one in the Hapgood district, has been suspended and the scholars brought to the village. We have been enabled to provide thirty weeks of schooling this year, and it is sincerely hoped that provisions may be made for the same amount in the future.

Teachers.

We have been extremely fortunate in the selection of our teachers during the past year. Fortunate, in that we have secured the services of those who have been interested in their work, and satisfied only when they have done their best; such teachers we need, and such we must have, in order to bring our schools up to that standard to which we desire to see them brought.

Teaching is a noble profession. The diverse necessities of society give rise to many kinds of business, and men are born peculiarly fitted for each, but if there is one office more than others divinely appointed, and to which, men are divinely called, it is the office of the teacher. The responsibility which rests upon the teacher, is certainly a great one, greater, by far, than many of us are apt to realize. To them, we entrust the duty of shaping the lives and molding the characters of those who are soon to assume the responsibilities of public trust. Inasmuch as the nature of the teachers' profession places upon them such qualifications, the teachers who possess such qualifications, should be at a premium, and should receive remuneration commensurate with the responsibility of their work. To this end, we would earnestly recommend that there be a small increase in the appropriation for common schools in the future. We are pleased to notice that our teachers are

progressive and utilize the various means at their command for improvement. The most of them take educational journals, and all have attended one or more teachers' meetings during the year.

Teachers of our town have been employed in all cases where it has been possible so to do, only three of the fourteen being engaged from out of town. We believe that this principle is correct, and should be encouraged as far in as such encouragement is consistent with the best interests of the schools. Let the teachers understand that they are to be preferred as long as they keep abreast of the times and do their work faithfully and well, and all worthy of the name will utilize every means in their power for self improvement.

Two of our schools, South Bethel and Northwest Bethel, had no flags; the teachers accordingly interested their pupils, and entertainments were held, raising in each case, sufficient amounts to procure nice flags. The teachers of the village schools gave an entertainment in the summer, for the purpose of securing necessary appliances for their various rooms. Over \$30.00 were raised, with which an International dictionary was purchased for the principal's room, and a nice eight-day clock besides maps and various other necessities for each of the other rooms. An entertainment was given by the teacher and pupils at East Bethel for the purpose of raising money for a clock. This, also, was a success, and a clock and several other things were secured.

Among the other things desired at the brick building was a piano, and a movement was started by the teachers early in the fall term to secure the same; two entertainments were held, which together netted about \$90.00; the balance has been raised by subscription since school closed, and the piano will be purchased, if nothing prevents, before the opening of the next term. Much credit is due the teachers for the noble work which they did, the pupils for

the interest which they showed and the various ways in which they assisted, and the citizens for their generous support.

Text Books.

It will be noticed that we were obliged to overdraw our text book account. This we could not help doing, and had all the books which were actually necessary been purchased, the account would have been overdrawn far more than it was.

Finding no record of the books in town, the School Committee voted at their first meeting last spring, to have the Superintendent catalogue and number the books throughout the town, and upon attempting to do this, it was found that a large per cent. of the books were not worth numbering, while no small number of them were worthless. The first, second, third, and fourth readers were almost entirely worthless and had to be replaced. They were exchanged for the first four of the Baldwin series. This is a new series recently put out by the American Book Co.; it is among the best that we ever have seen, and it is appreciated very much by our teachers. The spellers and arithmetics are practically worn out and must be replaced another year; it therefore becomes imperative that a larger amount be raised for text books this year than usual.

There were 18 large, and 12 small Harper's geographies found in town, not one of which had covers; these were exchanged for the same number of the "New Natural." These are also giving excellent satisfaction. With the new ones, three schools were booked, while the others are still using Barnes'; many of these are badly worn and the poorest ones should be exchanged another year for the Natural, to supply another school,

Course of Study.

We found at the beginning of the school year that the one thing necessary to efficient work in the village schools was a course of study. In order to do efficient work in any kind of business, one must have a definite object in view, some standard of excellence to which he must attain; this is doubly true in school work. Any school that is allowed to run in a slipshod way, no definite instructions being given to the teacher concerning the work to be done, save to do all she can, cannot accomplish the best results; while, on the other hand, if her work is defined, if a fixed amount is given her to perform each term, she knows just what is expected of her, the amount of work that she must do, the time in which she must do it, and can plan accordingly.

The course was drafted in the spring and followed throughout the year before being adopted. This was done to test its workings before adopting it, and the flattering results which were accomplished, justified us in adopting the course with a few slight changes. It has been printed and placed in the hands of the teachers and school officers.

We wish to state here, that before a course of study can be worked successfully in these schools, there must be an entering term, and no pupil be allowed to enter at any other term, and all scholars who enter for the first time, should enter in the fall. It is meant by this, those entering the first primary grade.

School Houses.

Several of the houses in the outside districts, need something done in the way of repairs. But little has been done this year because, in reality, we had little to do with. Although \$150 were raised for repairs, yet, as will

be seen from the financial part of this report \$30.00 of this had been expended and \$35.00 more had to be expended at once, on the closets at the brick building.

It is absolutely necessary that something be done at Northwest Bethel and Middle Intervale. There are two houses at Northwest Bethel, neither of which is properly located to accommodate all of the scholars, thus making it necessary to pay about \$60 per year for transportation. As neither of these houses is worth moving, it seems advisable to sell them and build a new house in the centre of the district. The amount received for the two houses and what will be saved on transportation in a few years, will pay for the new house.

It is also necessary that something be done at Middle Intervale. No school has been held there for the past two winters, owing to the fact that the house has not been considered in a suitable condition for a winter school. It is earnestly recommended that some provision be made for a more suitable house for this district and to this end, attention is called to the recommendations of the superintending school committee with referenee to this matter.

The school house at the Steam Mill has been sold to A. H. Mason for \$80.00.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I consider the schools of our town in a prosperous condition, in a condition of advancement, and in order to have them continue to progress, teachers, parents, pupils, and school officers must work together. Many things are essential to good schools, but one, at least, is imperative, and that is harmony. Our schools are the safeguards of our civilization; upon them, depend the progress of our nation, the safety of our government, the glory of our country, and the prosperity and happiness of its citizens. May we then,

as citizens of a town noted for its interest in education, omit no opportunity of doing all in our power to provide our children with a system of education which shall be second to none in the State of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. BOWLER, *Superintendent.*

Recommendations of School Committee.

To the Citizens of Bethel :

Having carefully considered the needs of the schools of the town of Bethel, we would respectfully make the following recommendations, and urgently request that they receive your candid consideration at our March meeting.

FIRST—That the school committee be authorized to sell each of the school houses at Northwest Bethel and build a new house, locating the same near the center of the district so as to accommodate all of the scholars without transportation.

SECOND—That provision be made for a more suitable house at Middle Intervale, either by building new or moving the house in the Mason district and repairing the same.

THIRD—In view of the fact that the text-books are very badly worn, many of which must be re-placed, we would recommend that there be a larger appropriation this year than usual for this purpose.

Miss JANE GIBSON,	}	<i>Superintending School Committee.</i>
G. R. WILEY,		
C. E. VALENTINE,		

Warrant for Town Meeting.

To H. H. Bean, 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 6th 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 method for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To establish the price per day that the Road Commissioner shall receive for his services.

Art. 11. To choose one member of the school committee.

Art. 12. To choose a Superintendent of Schools and establish the pay for same.

Art. 13. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

✓ Art. 15. To see what action the town will take with reference to the recommendations of the superintending school committee.

✓ Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of building and repairing school houses.

✓ Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to purchase text books for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.

✓ Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay on the town debt and interest on outstanding notes and bonds.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to renew outstanding notes or hire money to pay the same.

Art. 24. To receive and allow accounts.

- Art. 25. To see what discount will be made on all taxes paid before a certain date, and to fix that date.
- Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes unpaid at a certain date, and to fix that date.
- Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R., for the proper observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 28. 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 P. C. Thomas', and ending at Hiram Fifield's.

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

The Selectmen will be in session at their office March 4th, 1899, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February, 1899.

S. B. TWITCHELL,	}	<i>Selectmen of Bethel.</i>
C. E. BARKER,		
F. J. RUSSELL,		