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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Bethel

FOR THE

Year Ending · January 31st,

1902.

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BETHEL.

THE NEWS MOTOR PRINT

1902

## Town Officers.

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*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor :*

S. B. TWITCHELL,      C. E. BARKER,      F. J. RUSSELL.

*Clerk,*

L. T. BARKER.

*Treasurer,*

W. W. HASTINGS.

*Collector,*

H. H. BEAN,

*Truant Officer,*

H. H. BEAN.

*Superintending School Committee:*

N. F. BROWN,      Z. W. BARTLETT,      SUSAN B. TWITCHELL.

*Superintendent of Schools,*

H. H. HASTINGS.

*Board of Health :*

E. C. PARK,      C. M. KIMBALL,      C. D. HILL,      M. D. Sec.

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# Annual Report, Year 1901.

*To the Citizens of the Town of Bethel:*

The following report is hereby respectfully submitted by the officers selected for the purpose of managing the affairs of your town for the year just closed.

## Assessors' Report.

Valuation of property and number of polls taken April 1, 1901.

Value of real estate, resident owners, ..	\$556,180	
“ “ “ non-resident owners, ..	82,825	
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Total valuation of real estate, ..		\$639,005
Value of personal property, resident owners, ...	\$162,358	
Value of personal property, non-resident owners, ..	6,652	
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Total valuation of personal property,		169,010
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Grand total of property, ..		\$808,015
Rate of taxation, \$17.50 per thousand dollars.		

Poll tax, rate \$2.00.  
 Number of polls taxed, 538.  
 Number of polls not taxed, 69.

### Assessments.

For State tax, . . . . .		\$2,335.92
County tax, . . . . .		\$1,406.77
Support of Schools, . . . . .	\$ 2,500.00	
Repairs of Roads and Bridges, . . . . .	4,000.00	
Support of Poor, . . . . .	1,500.00	
Officers' Salaries, . . . . .	1,000.00	
Interest on Bonds, . . . . .	1,200.00	
Miscellaneous expenses, . . . . .	500.00	
Repair of Poor farm buildings, . . . . .	300.00	
To build road and pay damage on road across the Chair factory grounds, . . . . .	135.00	
Memorial Day observance, . . . . .	35.00	
	\$ 11,170.00	
Overlay in assessing, . . . . .		284.37
		\$ 15,197.06

### Extract from Assessors' Report to State Assessors for the Year 1901.

#### LIVE STOCK.

Horses and Mules, . . . . . 648		\$32,046.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old, . . . 15		745.00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old, . . . 21		910.00
Colts under 2 years old, . . . 26		805.00

Cows, . . . . .	632	13,138.00
Oxen, . . . . .	30	1,560.00
Three year olds, . . . . .	192	4,008.00
Two year olds, . . . . .	273	3,633.00
One year old, . . . . .	206	2,060.00
Sheep, . . . . .	911	3,289.00
Swine, . . . . .	143	1,117.00
		\$ 63,311.00
Bank Stock, No. Shares, 77, . . . . .		7,700.00
Trust Co. Stock, No. Shares, 20, . . . . .		1,650.00
Water Co. Stock, . . . . .		12,500.00
Money at interest, . . . . .		15,700.00
Stock in trade, . . . . .		41,850.00
Logs and Lumber, . . . . .		5,000.00
Wood and Bark, . . . . .		30.00
Bicycles, . . . . .		434.00
Carriages, . . . . .		4,920.00
Musical Instruments, . . . . .		7,165.00
Finished products in mill, . . . . .		600.00
Material in Stock, . . . . .		3,000.00
Machinery not taxed as real estate, . . . . .		5,150.00

### Abatements Allowed.

#### TAXES OF 1899.

Abbott, Frank P., poll, paid in Albany, . . . . .	\$ 2.00
Chase, Harry, dead, poll and personal, . . . . .	3.74
Campbell, John, deaf and dumb, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Demeritt, Ernest, not 21, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Davis, Charles H., paid in Grafton, poll and personal, . . . . .	6.63
Estes, Charles, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Foster, B., unable to pay, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Jodry, Paul, unable to pay, poll, . . . . .	2.00

Lyon, Charles, left town, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Mason, Wm. F., left town, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Mason, E. L., paid in Cal., poll, . . . . .	2.00
Mercier, Louis, paid in Gorham, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Osgood, Henry M., unable to pay, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Penley, Milton, error in valuation, . . . . .	1.74
Small, Warren A., poll and error in valuation, . . . . .	7.55
Smith, A. J., left town, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Smith, Osmyn, personal, . . . . .	.87

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\$44.53

## TAXES OF 1900.

Bartlett, J. Madison, estate, unable to pay, . . . . .	\$6.60
Bryant, Charles, paid in Albany, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Bruce, A. A., " " " " . . . . .	2.00
Clark, Roscoe C., paid in Biddeford, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Farwell, Albert F., paid in Mass., poll, . . . . .	2.00
Fields, Ulysses, unable to pay, poll and personal, . . . . .	2.55
Hapgood, Frank, paid in Auburn, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Johnson, A. C., paid in Salem, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Lord, Charles A., paid in Albany, poll and personal, . . . . .	2.88
Luxton, Ernest, paid in N. C., poll, . . . . .	2.00
Mills, Claude, paid in Portland, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Poole, Thomas, paid in Greenwood, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Robertson, W. S., paid in Randolph, poll, . . . . .	2.00
Rice, Charles R., paid in Waterford, poll, . . . . .	2.00

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Trask, Nathaniel, error in valuation ,.	6.60	
Wheeler, Chester, paid in Auburn, poll, .....	2.00	
Whitney, Perley, A., went to China, poll and personal, .....	2.44	
	<hr/>	\$45.07
Bethel Water Co. by vote of town ,.		\$218.75
Discount on taxes as allowed by H. H. Bean according to the vote of the town, .....		416.18



# Report of Overseers of Poor.

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## Town Farm Statement.

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### EXPENDITURES.

Appraisal of farm and personal property, Feb. 1, 1901, .....	\$3,019.40
No. of Order.	
Part of 26, A. W. Bean, salary, .....	40.00
124, Wilder Kimball, oxen, .....	147.00
131, Hastings Bros., wire, .....	3.68
198, H. H. Bean, fertilizer, . . . . .	10.65
241, J. M. Philbrook, 2 cows, .....	55.00
Part of 249, A. C. Frost, work, .....	5.00
258, E. C. Rowe, clothing, .....	9.32
Part of 290, N. F. Brown, hardware, .	5.10
242, F. J. Russell, supplies, .....	9.08
L. H. Tyler, oxen, .....	125.00
C. Bisbee, goods, .....	117.65
Goods purchased by A. W. Bean, .....	105.90
Paid A. W. Bean salary to Feb. 1, 1902, .....	218.50
Total, .....	<hr/> \$3,871.28

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TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

Appraisal of Feb. 1, 1902.

Town farm, .....	\$2,000.00	
Personal property, .. . . . . .	1093.41	
		\$3,093.41
Produce sold from farm, .....	240.61	
Oxen sold to J. M. Philbrook, .....	150.00	
“ “ “ Walter Emery, .....	160.00	
Cow sold to E. H. Smith, .....	21.00	
		571.61
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Total receipts, .....		\$3,665.02
Total expenditures, .....		3,871.28
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Balance against farm, .....		\$206.26

Those at present on the farm are Mrs. Dorcas Goodnow, aged 86 ; William Cook, 42 ; Moses Robertson, 69 ; William Macomber, and Mrs. Tyler.

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**Poor Not on Farm.**

No. of order.	GEORGE W. BRYANT.	
373,	L. T. Barker, balance of burial expenses, .....	\$ 2.00
	ANGIE B. THOMAS.	
29,	Dr. G. W. Carroll, medical attendance, .....	5.00
	GEORGE E. BUCK.	
55,	Town of Norway, supplies, .....	27.36
171,	Town of Norway, freight on goods, .....	2.59

Part of 202, Town of Norway, supplies, . . . . .	3.08	
	<hr/>	33.03
FRANK W. STILES.		
56, Town of Norway, supplies, . . . . .	8.25	
Part of 202, town of Norway, casket for child, . . . . .	5.00	
	<hr/>	13.25
MILLER CHILD.		
217, Mrs. H. E. Grover board and care, . . . . .		35.00
MRS. TYLER.		
247, Dr. J. B. Twaddelle, medical attendance, . . . . .	16.00	
293, Mrs. A. M. Briggs, nursing, . . . . .	7.50	
350, Mrs. E. L. Balentine, nursing, . . . . .	2.50	
295, H. M. Osgood, help furnished, . . . . .	2.00	
	<hr/>	28.00
MRS. GEORGIA MERRILL.		
269, Town of Jay, . . . . .		13.53
GRANVILLE M. GLINES.		
270, Town of Greenwood, . . . . .		20.00
GEORGE ROBERTSON.		
329, J. W. Bennett, board, . . . . .		24.65

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**Lockup and Tramp Account.**

H. C. Barker, care and feed for 80 tramps, .....	\$17.70	
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Rent of lockup for 11 courts, .....	11.00	
Order to balance, .....	6.70	17.70
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Total, .....		\$192.16

**Poor at Insane Hospital.**

Daniel F. Bean, .....	\$147.53	
Elbridge H. Fifield, .....	148.34	
Mellen A. Cross, .....	141.76	
Irene Needham, .....	130.46	568.09
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**Total Expenses of the Poor.**

Balance against the town farm, .....	\$206.26	
Poor not on the farm, .....	192.16	
Insane Hospital, .....	568.09	966.51
Appropriation, .....		\$1,500.00

### Poor of Milton Plantation.

Since Jan. 1, 1901, the poor of Milton Plantation have been cared for by this town, as Bethel is the oldest incorporated town adjoining this plantation.

The expenditure has been as follows :

No. of Order.		
Part of 36,	C. E. Jackson, care and board of Horace W. and Eva A. Hopkins to Apr. 2, 1901, . . . . .	\$ 8.00
Part of 36,	C. E. Jackson for Calvin Abbott and wife, . . . . .	14.00
30,	Geo. W. Ryerson, care of Hopkins children to May 8, 1901, . . . . .	15.00
38,	J. W. Stuart, M. D., medical attendance, on Mrs. Calvin Abbott to May 20, 1901, . . . . .	26.00
52,	Geo. W. Ryerson, care of Hopkins children, to June 13, 1901, . . . . .	15.00
53,	Ida E. Bean, nursing Mrs. Leslie Eastman, . . . . .	25.00
54,	Dr. J. W. Carroll, medical attendance on Mrs. Leslie Eastman, . . . . .	5.50
103,	Geo. W. Ryerson, care of Hopkins children to Aug. 13, 1901, . . . . .	24.00
151,	Geo. W. Ryerson, care Hopkins children to Oct. 8, 1901, . . . . .	24.00
224,	Geo. W. Ryerson, care Hopkins children to Dec. 8, 1901, . . . . .	24.00
235,	W. C. Brooks, Jr., supplies furnished Leslie Eastman's family, . . . . .	21.10
236,	W. C. Brooks, Jr., supplies furnished to Calvin M. Abbott, . . . . .	23.16
259,	J. W. Stuart, medical attendance on Mrs. Calvin Abbott, 22 visits, . . . . .	44.00

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315, W. C. Brooks, supplies furnished to Elmer Lapham's family, . . . . .	36.95
316, W. C. Brooks, supplies furnished Calvin Abbott, . . . . .	12.27
Geo. W. Ryerson, care Hopkins children to Feb. 1, 1902, . . . . .	27.00
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	\$344.98

The amount expended by towns for plantations is refunded by the State.

## Report of Selectmen.

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The following is an account of the appropriations made by the town to be expended by the Selectmen.

Amount of orders drawn to pay land damage and build new road near the chair factory :

No. of Order.

E. W. Barker, damage, . . . . .	\$ 35.00	
60, O. A. Buck, labor of team, . . . . .	10.00	
66, E. H. Smith, labor, . . . . .	14.55	
67, F. J. Russell, " . . . . .	10.50	
74, H. L. Coburn, . . . . .	8.25	
78, I. M. Coburn, . . . . .	16.50	
83, Charles Poole, . . . . .	7.50	
87, John P. Coburn, . . . . .	7.50	
192, F. L. Edwards, lumber, . . . . .	18.86	

\$128.66

Amount of appropriation, . . . . .

135.00

### Repairs at Town Farm.

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Appropriation, . . . . .

\$300.00

No of Order.

138, T. Durell, labor, . . . . .	\$13.50	
140, I. S. Morrill lumber, . . . . .	43.56	

142, Gilbert Tuell, lumber, . . . . .	40.75	
167, E. H. Smith, labor, . . . . .	8.25	
194, F. L. Edwards, lumber, . . . . .	5.72	
197, Hiram Twitchell, labor, . . . . .	60.00	
204, T. H. Jewett, labor, . . . . .	36.80	
216, L. U. Bartlett, trucking, . . . . .	4.50	
244, Gilbert Tuell, lumber, . . . . .	13.44	
Part of 290, N. F. Brown, material, . .	18.06	
254, J. A. Thurston, sawing lumber, .	3.67	
282, Z. W. Bartlett, posts, . . . . .	1.60	
283, F. J. Russell, labor, . . . . .	18.25	
299, Woodbury and Purington, ce- ment, . . . . .	4.95	
314, Hastings Bros., material, . . . . .	8.29	
Part of 323, G. R. Wiley, paint, . .	2.50	
A. W. Bean, paint and lime, . . . . .	3.90	
		287.74

The following are the orders drawn to defray the expense of putting in the Sewer on Main St. :

## No. of Order.

130, Portland Stone Ware Co., pipe, .	\$384.26
135, Dana Rand, labor, . . . . .	3.75
141, Guy Holmes, " and spade, . . . . .	1.60
150, O. N. Pines and son, labor, . . . . .	15.13
158, Archie Arsenault, " . . . . .	2.62
159, Will Poole, " . . . . .	7.50
162, O. N. Pines and son, " . . . . .	16.50
163, Levi Soina, " . . . . .	8.25
164, Marshall Gallant, " . . . . .	8.25
165, Alec Gallant, " . . . . .	8.25
167, Robert Peters, " . . . . .	8.25
169, E. H. Smith, " . . . . .	15.00
173, T. H. Durell, " . . . . .	15.00



174, Robert Peters,	labor . . . . .	6.00
175, Alec Gallant,	" . . . . .	4.50
176, F. H. Lovejoy, board,	. . . . .	6.00
180, Orrin Emerson,	labor, . . . . .	8.50
181, Leroy Witham,	" . . . . .	8.50
182, O. N. Pines and son,	" . . . . .	28.25
183, Thomas Reed,	" . . . . .	10.50
184, E. H. Smith,	" . . . . .	39.00
185, Geo. L. Smith,	" . . . . .	14.00
186, E. H. Smith,	" . . . . .	1.00
187, Bethel Man'f'g Co., sawing,	. . . . .	1.20
188, T. H. Durell, labor,	. . . . .	26.12
189, Mrs. A. H. Goddard, board,	. . . . .	13.00
190, John Stuart, labor,	. . . . .	7.00
191, Richard Butler, labor,	. . . . .	10.75
206, Ceylon Rowe, oil for lighting,	. . . . .	.70
207, N. F. Brown, material,	. . . . .	2.45
208. Hastings Bros., tools and dynamite,	. . . . .	11.17
209, Woodbury & Purington, cement,	. . . . .	13.35
210, Lafayette Littlehale, labor,	. . . . .	.75
215, Chas. Demerritt, labor,	. . . . .	16.00
213, F. J. Tyler, sharpening drills,	. . . . .	3.40
214, C. L. Davis, trucking.	. . . . .	5.00
318, C. H. Demerritt, labor,	. . . . .	4.00
319, D. S. Hastings, (one day's work Will Lowe)	. . . . .	2.00
233, G. T. R. R. Co., (supervision in crossing track,)	. . . . .	6.00

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 743.50

A sufficient quantity of 6 in. pipe, to connect High with Main St. sewer, was purchased, and we have also on hand, 150 ft. of 8 in. pipe, about 75 ft. of 10 in. pipe and a

number of spades, picks and tools used in the construction of the sewer.

At the time the estimate was made, seven hundred dollars was considered an ample appropriation for the cost of sewer, but directly afterward, before an order could be placed, the cost of pipe had advanced fully 7 per cent. This made a difference of about one hundred dollars in the expense account, so had the connection on High St. been completed the cost would have greatly exceeded the appropriation.

The amount of material now on hand is about equal in value to the amount we have used in excess of the appropriation.

### Orders Drawn for Repair of Highways, 1901.

No.		
388,	I. M. Coburn, . . . . .	\$ 12.00
390,	A. W. Bean, . . . . .	3.45
391,	R. F. Cross, . . . . .	12.45
392,	J. M. Kennerson, . . . . .	2.47
393,	Chas. A. Capen, . . . . .	3.75
394,	D. A. Glines, . . . . .	3.00
1,	C. H. Kimball, . . . . .	5.55
2,	Joseph Mayconnell, . . . . .	3.15
3,	James Mayconnell, . . . . .	1.20
4,	Fred F. Bean, . . . . .	7.55
5,	Jacob Annis, . . . . .	1.43
6,	Asa Stowell, . . . . .	2.75
7,	J. F. Strout, . . . . .	9.30
8,	Freeland Bennett, . . . . .	8.00
9,	Fred C. Bean, . . . . .	10.72
10,	E. S. Woodward, . . . . .	13.75

13, F. E. Carpenter, . . . . .	2.85
14, E. Bryant, . . . . .	3.75
15, Ariel Carver, . . . . .	5.45
16, C. L. Abbott, Jr., . . . . .	14.85
17, Payson Rich, . . . . .	4.50
18, J. D. George, . . . . .	.80
19, C. N. Kimball, . . . . .	7.30
20, E. A. McAlister, . . . . .	4.80
21, H. M. Osgood, . . . . .	.75
22, V. P. Adamson, . . . . .	8.40
23, I. I. Young, . . . . .	2.40
24, P. C. Thomas, . . . . .	3.90
25, W. S. Hotham, . . . . .	3.90
27, Seth L. Mason, . . . . .	7.65
31, E. A. McAlister, . . . . .	2.25
32, L. G. Grover, . . . . .	7.33
33, G. W. Tibbets, Road-machine repairs, . . . . .	19.35
35, E. Long, . . . . .	9.75
39, W. A. Emery, . . . . .	27.60
40, Geo. D. Morrill, . . . . .	54.60
42, E. H. Smith, . . . . .	30.00
43, Chas. Dunham, . . . . .	5.70
44, C. O. Moore, . . . . .	13.05
45, J. C. Swan, . . . . .	2.40
46, L. C. York, . . . . .	3.90
47, M. W. Hastings, . . . . .	3.00
49, A. B. Wheeler, . . . . .	1.50
50, A. J. and C. O. Peare, . . . . .	3.00
51, F. J. Russell, . . . . .	10.91
57, F. E. Kendall, . . . . .	53.25
58, C. H. Kimball, . . . . .	4.35
59, O. A. Buck, . . . . .	174.90
61, O. A. Buck, . . . . .	31.85

62, E. E. Chase, . . . . .	6.45
63, Mark Swan, . . . . .	6.73
64, Chas. Poole, . . . . .	54.38
65, E. H. Smith, . . . . .	24.60
68, R. Cummings, . . . . .	6.45
69, W. R. Eames, . . . . .	11.10
70, C. F. Shaw, . . . . .	2.70
71, A. H. Mason, . . . . .	1.50
72, E. S. Smith, . . . . .	4.98
73, N. A. Stearns, . . . . .	6.23
75, H. L. Coburn, . . . . .	41.24
76, I. M. Coburn, . . . . .	46.95
77, I. M. Coburn, . . . . .	2.50
79, W. C. & C. G. Blake, . . . . .	9.77
80, Chas. McInnis, . . . . .	1.20
81, A. A. Richmond, . . . . .	1.20
82, F. J. Russell, . . . . .	82.00
84, Chas. Poole, . . . . .	7.00
85, C. M. Kimball, . . . . .	3.60
86, George E. Farrar, . . . . .	6.05
88, John P. Coburn, . . . . .	9.60
89, Maurice P. Bean, . . . . .	3.91
90, G. K. Hastings, . . . . .	9.52
91, G. K. Hastings, . . . . .	3.60
92, James H. Swan, . . . . .	3.60
93, F. B. Howe, . . . . .	.90
94, Porter Farwell, . . . . .	26.60
95, C. S. Brown, . . . . .	2.92
96, F. B. Howe, . . . . .	.75
98, Fred A. McLeod, . . . . .	17.00
99, G. P. Bean, . . . . .	7.50
100, G. H. Swan, . . . . .	6.00
101, James Mayconnell, . . . . .	2.77
102, V. P. Adamson, . . . . .	2.50

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105, Joel Fleet, . . . . .	6.75
106, George H. Swan, . . . . .	17.78
107, George H. Seavey, . . . . .	1.87
108, L. A. York, . . . . .	3.75
104, A. L. Whitman, . . . . .	15.00
109, Nathan A. Stearns, . . . . .	3.00
110, W. A. Farwell, . . . . .	4.50
111, L. D. Grover, . . . . .	3.07
112, E. S. Mason, . . . . .	5.60
113, E. H. Smith, . . . . .	34.88
114, B. W. Kimball, . . . . .	15.75
115, Freeland Bennett, . . . . .	11.95
116, I. S. Morrill, . . . . .	130.25
117, F. J. Russell, cash paid, . . . . .	28.94
118, F. J. Russell, . . . . .	53.12
119, O. A. Buck, . . . . .	56.29
120, O. A. Buck, . . . . .	11.96
121, C. F. Abbott, . . . . .	15.45
122, Chas. Poole, . . . . .	3.00
123, E. L. Tebbets & Co., . lumber, . .	54.99
125, T. Durell, . . . . .	19.50
126, E. L. Tebbets & Co., . . . . .	21.00
127, N. A. Stearns, . . . . .	8.25
128, Geo. C. Aldrich, . . . . .	1.05
133, Hastings Bros., . . . . .	59.20
139, I. S. Morrill, . . . . .	20.95
144, W. A. Holt, . . . . .	25.50
145, Levi N. Bartlett, . . . . .	16.05
146, O. A. Buck, . . . . .	4.95
147, S. B. Twitchell, . . . . .	77.50
148, H. Coburn, . . . . .	4.50
149, I. M. Coburn, . . . . .	12.00
152, J. H. Swan, . . . . .	3.75
153, G. K. Hastings, . . . . .	8.25

154, John F. Howe, .....	4.90
155, E. E. Chase, .....	15.70
156, C. G. Blake, .....	10.75
157, H. F. Maxim, .....	3.60
161, J. A. Thurston, .....	20.62
168, E. H. Smith, .....	5.25
170, H. O. Blake, .....	11.85
177, T. B. Burke, .....	18.09
178, G. T. Lapham, .....	5.25
179, Martin & Elmer Stowell, .....	10.50
193, F. L. Edwards, .....	54.63
195, I. M. Coburn, .....	12.75
199, H. H. Bean, .....	1.50
200, Samuel Mayconnell, .....	1.20
201, Geo. H. Goodnow, .....	5.55
203, E. A. Capen, .....	4.95
196, Hiram Twitchell, .....	24.20
205, T. H. Jewett, .....	3.50
211, F. J. Russell, .....	19.20
219, C. H. Kimball, .....	3.00
220, G. E. Farrar, .....	16.35
221, J. F. Bartlett, .....	10.50
222, M. Brown, .....	8.10
223, Geo. Osgood, .....	7.38
226, Ernest Morrill, .....	1.50
227, Wm. C. Chapman, .....	94.00
228, C. E. Barker, .....	3.75
229, Herman Mason, .....	11.00
225, W. F. Wheeler, .....	47.50
230, S. J. Walker, .....	6.00
231, G. W. Tebbets, .....	14.40
232, W. F. Wheeler, .....	2.50
234, Geo. W. Tebbets, .....	85.60
237, E. L. Tebbets & Co., .....	.91

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238, I. M. Coburn, . . . . .	4.50
239, W. M. Brown, . . . . .	6.00
240, E. Libby & Sons, . . . . .	4.06
243, E. S. Bean, . . . . .	2.00
245, Gilbert Tuell, . . . . .	3.45
246, A. F. Chapman, . . . . .	2.00
248, T. H. Durell, . . . . .	2.78
249, A. C. Frost, . . . . .	1.50
250, L. W. Mercier, . . . . .	1.50
251, P. N. Bartlett, . . . . .	1.80
252, J. A. Chapman, . . . . .	3.00
256, F. L. Chapman, . . . . .	2.00
255, A. S. Chapman, lighting bridge,	21.30
290, N. F. Brown, . . . . .	9.89
253, J. A. Thurston, . . . . .	3.00
260, Bartlett & Swan, . . . . .	24.38
261, Z. W. Bartlett, work and plank,	77.15
262, Joseph Holt, . . . . .	4.30
263, F. J. Russell, . . . . .	6.05
264, C. L. Swan, . . . . .	14.20
265, F. C. Bean, . . . . .	2.40
266, W. W. Chase, . . . . .	11.55
267, H. O. Blake, . . . . .	1.80
268, A. M. Bean, . . . . .	1.20
271, H. E. Bartlett, . . . . .	8.40
272, D. T. Foster, . . . . .	3.97
273, I. I. Young, . . . . .	14.45
274, Joel Fleet, . . . . .	3.75
275, F. F. Bean, . . . . .	7.40
276, S. E. & E. T. Cummings, . . . . .	5.85
277, E. Bryant, . . . . .	23.20
278, P. C. Thomas, . . . . .	6.82
279, F. E. Carpenter, . . . . .	1.21
280, C. H. Buck, . . . . .	2.70

281, Fred Buck, . . . . .	1.05
285, Porter Farwell, . . . . .	1.20
286, C. M. Kimball, . . . . .	5.25
287, J. H. Swan, . . . . .	12.35
288, Eugene Bean, . . . . .	1.50
289, G. K. Hastings, . . . . .	9.95
291, C. Caswell, water, . . . . .	2.00
294, H. M. Osgood, . . . . .	2.00
298, F. J. Tyler, . . . . .	2.75
300, M. A. Stowell, . . . . .	6.50
301, Frank Cummings, . . . . .	4.92
304, A. R. Merrill, . . . . .	20.00
305, A. J. & C. O. Peare, . . . . .	7.38
306, H. H. Hutchins, . . . . .	20.00
307, Vear Bean, . . . . .	13.55
309, A. Bean, . . . . .	1.27
312, Hiram Twitchell, . . . . .	9.65
313, Hastings Bros., . . . . .	18.43
290, N. F. Brown, . . . . .	10.11
317, F. J. Tyler, . . . . .	12.00
320, L. H. Tyler, . . . . .	42.75
321, C. W. Willey, . . . . .	3.95
322, J. B. Chapman, . . . . .	11.40
324, Geo. D. Morrill, . . . . .	24.40
325, Wm. H. Hutchinson, . . . . .	3.45
326, A. P. Mason, . . . . .	2.75
327, W. A. Farwell, . . . . .	2.30
328, Daniel Morrill, . . . . .	5.85
331, W. L. Farwell, . . . . .	1.50
335, Elmer J. Stearns, . . . . .	1.60
338, R. L. Paine, . . . . .	3.45
339, R. R. Maybery, . . . . .	6.90
340, D. C. Swett, . . . . .	1.80
341, C. G. Blake, . . . . .	2.85



347, Eli W. Barker, .....	22.00
348, Herman Mason, .....	8.20
349, E. E. Whitney, .....	3.00
351, C. C. Eames, .....	1.95
352, A. B. Richardson, .....	2.50
353, J. W. Smith, .....	1.20
354, N. W. Barker, .....	6.55
355, E. A. Barker, .....	2.00
356, E. P. Grover, .....	11.97
357, T. B. Goodwin, .....	.50
359, S. B. Twitchell, .....	22.00
360, A. B. Grover, .....	9.82
361, C. L. Abbott, Jr., .....	23.95
362, C. L. Abbott, Feb., 1902, .....	12.00
363, C. F. Abbott, .....	1.35
364, N. A. Stearns, .....	9.45
365, I. H. Wilson, .....	8.80
369, C. C. Merrill, .....	2.30
370, L. A. Sanborn, .....	17.52
371, W. E. Walker, .....	3.85
372, Seth L. Mason, .....	6.75
373, R. W. Enman, .....	.75
374, E. S. Mason, .....	5.90
367, W. D. Mills, .....	1.50
375, B. W. Kimball, .....	3.40
377, Mark E. Swan, .....	4.68
378, R. L. Paine, .....	3.45
379, W. H. Hutchinson, .....	3.82
381, Geo. W. Mason, .....	27.60
382, C. H. Kimball, .....	13.13
383, Robert Howe, .....	2.65

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 \$3,172.05

Amount appropriated, ..... 4,000.00

### Miscellaneous Expenses.

Appropriation, . . . . .		\$500.00
No. of Order.		
389, Mrs. C. O. Foster, witness fees at fire investigation, . . . . .	\$ .75	
12, News Pub. Co., printing town re- ports, . . . . .	52.00	
28, Bethel Savings Bank, rent, . . . . .	60.00	
11, Fred Merrill, printing check lists, . . . . .	2.00	
97, Alice M. Barker, copying, . . . . .	5.00	
132, Hastings Bros., basket for office, . . . . .	1.00	
134, E. Good, damage to carriage, . . . . .	1.00	
137, C. E. Barker, cash expenses, . . . . .	6.05	
143, G. R. Wiley, blank books, . . . . .	13.14	
160, E. H. Young, repairing harness, . . . . .	1.75	
172, G. M. Donham, Maine Register, . . . . .	2.00	
212, Mrs. A. L. Whitman, cash re- funded for Grover Hill school- house, . . . . .	5.00	
218, Bethel Water Company, repairs on fountains, . . . . .	3.50	
257, A. H. Hutchinson, watching at fire, . . . . .	2.00	
284, F. J. Russell, cash expenses, . . . . .	4.33	
292, C. M. Wormell, police services, . . . . .	5.00	
Part of 303, Dr. C. D. Hill, reporting vital statistics, and vaccinating, . . . . .	25.75	
Part of 323, G. R. Wiley, stationery, . . . . .	.75	
333, A. W. Grover, services in State Aid pension cases, . . . . .	10.00	
336, News Pub. Co., order books, blanks, and advertising, . . . . .	21.10	

358, S. B. Twitchell, cash expenses, .	6.20	
366, Dr. G. L. Sturdivant, reporting vital statistics, etc., . . . . .	9.00	
368, Herrick & Park, making papers on corn shop, etc., . . . . .	4.55	
377, G. W. Fernald, reporting conta- gion, . . . . .	7.00	
380, L. T. Barker, reporting vital sta- tistics, . . . . .	24.50	
H. H. Hastings, cash expenses, .	6.66	
	<hr/>	\$280.03

### Schools.

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Appropriated by the town, . . . . .	\$2,500.00	
Received from the State, . . . . .	1,332.20	
"    "    Milton, . . . . .	10.00	
"    "    Gilead, . . . . .	30.00	
"    "    State (for tuition), . .	2.25	
Unexpended last year, . . . . .	189.64	
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Total amount available for 1901, . . . . .		\$4,064.09

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers, . . . . .	\$ 2,792.00	
"    for carrying scholars, . . . . .	686.00	
"    for fuel, . . . . .	199.54	
"    janitors, . . . . .	116.80	
"    for cleaning schoolhouses, . . . .	35.70	
"    town of Greenwood, tuition, . . .	80.00	3,910.04
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School money unexpended, . . . . .		\$154.05

## TEXT BOOKS.

Balance of last appropriation, . . . . .	\$71.89
Received from sale of books, . . . . .	10.21

Total, . . . . .	82.10
Orders have been drawn for books amounting to	90.67

## REPAIRS.

Balance of last appropriation, . . . . .	222.78
Orders have been drawn for repairs am'ting to	278.95

For an itemized account of school expenditures see Superintendent's report.

### Ministerial and School Fund.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of the Ministerial and School Fund submits the following report :

There are in my hands, notes secured  
by mortgages on real estate on  
which there is due, . . . . . \$ 975.52  
Deposit at Bethel Savings Bank, . . . . . 813.30

\$1,788.82

Amounts have been paid to the different societies as follows :

Universalist, . . . . .	\$ 15.60
Methodist, . . . . .	15.60
Congregationalist, . . . . .	15.60
Baptist, . . . . .	10.04
Union, . . . . .	10.32

\$67.16

All of which is submitted,

S. B. TWITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

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**G. A. R.**


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Appropriation for Memorial Day, . . . . . \$35.00  
 Paid to A. S. Chapman by order 34.

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**Town Officers' Bills Paid for 1900-1901.**


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Appropriation, . . . . .	\$1,000.00
No. of order.	
396 and 37, S. B. Twitchell, services as Selectman, . . . . .	115.95
399 and 41, C. E. Barker, services as Selectman, . . . . .	108.25
398 and 400, F. J. Russell, services as Selectman, . . . . .	79.82
395, H. H. Hastings, services as Sup- erintendent of Schools, . . . . .	132.50
129, W. W. Hastings, services as Treas- urer, . . . . .	50.00
397, S. B. Twitchell, Treasurer of the Ministerial and School Fund, . . . . .	6.00
296, H. H. Bean, Truant Officer, . . . . .	3.45
297, H. H. Bean, Constable, . . . . .	4.00
Part of 303, C. D. Hill, Health Offi- cer, . . . . .	10.00
346, E. C. Park, Health Officer, . . . . .	5.00
345, C. M. Kimball, Health Officer, 2 years, . . . . .	6.00
330, C. Bisbee, services as Auditor, . . . . .	6.00
311, H. C. Barker, constable services for enforcing dog law, . . . . .	7.00
343, H. H. Bean, Collector, 1899, . . . . .	169.55
344, H. H. Bean, Collector, 1900, . . . . .	250.00

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 953.52

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**Town Officers' Bills Due for 1901-1902.**

S. B. Twitchell, services as Selectman,	106.25	
C. E. Barker, services as Selectman, .	78.00	
F. J. Russell, services as Selectman, .	45.00	
H. H. Hastings, services as Superintendent of Schools, . . . . .	145.00	
W. W. Hastings, services as Treasurer,	50.00	
S. B. Twitchell, Treasurer of Ministerial and School Fund, . . . . .	6.00	
	<hr/>	430.25

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**Financial Standing of the Town.**


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**LIABILITIES.**

Bonds bearing interest at four per cent., . . . . .	\$30,000.00	
Interest on bonds to Feb. 1, 1902, . .	100.00	
Orders outstanding, . . . . .	275.66	
Town officers' bills due, . . . . .	430.25	
School money undrawn, . . . . .	154.05	
	<hr/>	\$30, 959.96

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**ASSETS.**

Cash in Treasurer's hands, . . . . .	\$5,131.15
Due from H. H. Bean, Collector, . . .	5,313.84
Due from the State for aid furnished the poor of Milton Pl., . . . . .	344.98
Value of Town Farm and personal property, . . . . .	3,093.41

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Investment in Corn Shop, . . . . .	2,500.00
Investment in Lockup, . . . . .	500.00
Road machine, snow roller, side- walk plow, and other tools, . . . . .	200.00

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\$17,083.38

S. B. TWITCHELL, } *Selectmen*  
 C. E. BARKER,    } *of*  
 F. J. RUSSELL,   } *Bethel.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts of the selectmen and assessors of the town of Bethel, for the year ending Feb. 1, 1902, and believe them to be correctly cast and properly avouched,

W. W. HASTINGS *Treasurer.*

## Treasurer's Report.

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Feb. 15., 1901.

To balance on hand, . . . . .	\$	134.20
“ Rec. of Mrs. Ida A. Hutchins, . .		35.00
“ “ for road machine, of Mason,		5.00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Porter		
Farwell, . . . . .		4.25
“ “ of Poor farm for cattle		
slaughtered, . . . . .		30.00
“ “ “ Poor farm for oxen		
sold, . . . . .		150.00
“ “ “ Poor farm for oxen		
sold, . . . . .		160.00
“ “ “ Poor farm for cow		
sold, . . . . .		21.00
“ “ “ Milton for tuition, . . . .		10.00
“ “ “ Gilead “ “ . . . .		30.00
“ “ “ Fryeburg A c a d e m y		
Grant for tuition, . . . .		2.25
“ “ “ H. H. Hastings, sash		
and glass, . . . . .		2.50
“ “ “ H. H. Hastings, books		
exchanged, . . . . .		10.21



To Rec. of	State Treasurer, dog li-	
	censes, 1900, . . . . .	98.99
" " "	State Treasurer, School	
	Fund, returned, . . . . .	139.09
" " "	State Treasurer, R. R.	
	Tel. tax, . . . . .	20.47
" " "	State Treasurer, School	
	Fund and Mill tax, . . . . .	1,332.20
" " "	State Treasurer, State	
	Aid, . . . . .	324.00
" " "	L. T. Barker, dog tax,	
	1901, . . . . .	147.00
" " "	for fine and dog collar, . . . . .	5.00
" " "	license to sell goods, . . . . .	2.00
" " "	of Bethel Chair Co., bal. of	
	rent, . . . . .	48.87
" " "	Horatio Upton, board of	
	Hattie Chapman, . . . . .	112.37
" " "	Clarence Barker, warp	
	and blocks, . . . . .	3.00
" " "	Chapman Nat'l Bank,	
	Int. on balances, . . . . .	45.71
" " "	H. H. Bean, taxes, . . . . .	17,001.88
" amt. in	Chapman Nat'l Bank,	
	from sale of Chair Fac-	
	tory, . . . . .	3,000.00
Accrued Int. to Oct. 1901, . . . . .		78.89
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		\$22,953.88

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By paying coupons, . . . . .	\$1,192.00
" " County tax, . . . . .	1,406.77
" " State tax, . . . . .	2,335.92

By paying Insane Hospital bills, . . .	568.09
“ “ State Aid, . . . . .	324.00
“ “ dog licenses, 1901, . . . . .	147.00
“ “ for oxen bought, . . . . .	125.00
“ “ Town of Newry, tax, 1901, . . . . .	5.18
“ “ express on check book, . . . . .	.15
“ “ cancelled orders, . . . . .	11,715.62
“ “ stamps and cards, . . . . .	3.00
“ amount in bank from sale of Chair Factory and Int. to Oct. 1901, . . . . .	3,078.89
“ balance on hand, . . . . .	2,052.26

\$22,953.88

NOTE.—We are advised by the Bank that there will be \$53.54 to be added, April 10, as accrued Int. to Chair Factory fund.

W. W. HASTINGS, *Treasurer,*

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of W. W. Hastings, Treasurer of the town of Bethel, for the year, ending Feb. 15, 1902, with vouchers therefor, and we believe them to be properly avouched and correctly cast.

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

# Report of Superintendent of Schools for the Year Ending Feb. 18, 1902.

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In submitting my second report for the consideration of the citizens of the town, I realize more strongly than ever before, the importance of representing the actual condition of the schools. In these days, when all the schools are under the control of a single committee of three, when the time-honored district school-meeting is a thing of the past, the report of the superintendent is the only medium through which those most interested may be apprised of what is going on; and in this report they should not be misled. Owing to the fact that the management has been taken from the immediate localities, citizens in general and parents in particular, it seems, are taking less and less interest in the schools, and are becoming less and less concerned in regard to the most important of the town's affairs. Citizens and parents do not visit the schools, and taxpayers are paying less and less attention to the school property and the expenditure of the fund annually appropriated for school purposes. While the present arrangement is essentially wise and economical, the keen and active interest that was so characteristic of the districts has been on the decline. The school is becoming less and less the intellectual center of the section in which it is situated. But this should not be so. The schools still be-

long to the citizens ; the citizens are those in authority ; the committee, superintendent, and teachers are the servants. The taxpayers should scrutinize closely the care of the school property. Parents, at least, should visit the schools and keep informed of what is going on, and from actual observation criticise whatever fails to meet their approval. As good schools may be had as the people demand, but the most faithful of servants, unless looked after and encouraged, will occasionally nod.

We have had a school year of thirty weeks. Eighteen different teachers have been employed, all but one of whom, residents of the town. Ten schools have been maintained the full number of weeks, and a spring term on Grover Hill. During the fall and winter term the scholars from Grover Hill were carried to the Flat and the two schools joined, to the satisfaction of the committee, the children and parents, too. By doing this and securing an experienced teacher, we had an interesting and profitable school. The spirit of emulation never yet aroused in consequence of small numbers in the individual schools could not be restrained. Seven teachers have held the same position through the year ; five others served two terms in the same school ; and one school had three different ones. The teachers have been well paid for their service—those outside the village a little better than ever before, I think.... and almost without exception have been faithful in the performance of their duties and have given an ample and adequate return. There may have been, here and there, a little lack of enthusiasm, here and there, a slight disposition to rest on past laurels, and a noticeable absence of the spirit of progress ; but if so, let it all be charged up against the superintendent whose business it is, and who ought to have corrected these things.

It has been the aim of the committee to give the out-

lying schools the best teachers to be secured for the wages to be paid. It need not be argued that the boys and girls in sparsely settled sections are entitled to just as good instruction as those happening to live in the vilage or near its confines; they must not be stunted, dwarfed and demoralized mentally by a teacher, who finds life within the narrow walls a burden, and spends the weary hours in looking out the window and moping over a trashy novel. If there is any school in town that requires an alert, active, enthusiastic teacher, it is the small one. The cost per pupil, however, must necessarily be large, but the taxpayers must remember that a good teacher in a small school brings large returns, and must not be staggered by figures. A cheap teacher is dear at any price; none have been employed this year.

The importance of the matter of attendance is the only excuse I have for again mentioning the subject. But I must once more emphasize it, even if your patience is thereby wearied. With the exception of two schools, the gain in this direction over the previous year has been gratifying to those in charge, and teachers and parents have been chiefly instrumental in bringing this about. It does not matter how excellent the teacher is, how up-to-date the books are, or how pleasant and comfortable the school-room is, the work and progress of a school in which the attendance is irregular must be poor and unsatisfactory. The poor showing of the East Bethel and South Bethel schools is not entirely reprehensible—not so humiliating as appears from the figures. The measles and mumps have been scattered through the whole year among the children in the East Bethel school; and a scarlet fever scare in the South Bethel school accounts for the poor attendance there, in large measure, this winter term.

For the benefit of those who do not have access to

the laws relating to this matter, I insert the vital parts of one section of the Public Laws of 1901, Chapter 185 :

SEC. I. Every child between the ages of seven and fourteen inclusive shall attend some public day school *during the time* such school is in session ; provided that necessary absence may be excused by the superintending committee, or the superintendent of schools, or teacher acting by direction of either:—All persons having children under their control shall cause same to attend school as provided in this section, and for EVERY neglect of such duty shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, to the treasurer of the city or town, or be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

With truant officers in the remote sections of the town, who will do their duty, the attendance in our schools may be kept up to the top notch.

It is the tendency of the present day to skim over many subjects and master none, and Bethel has not been and is not entirely free from such tendency. But we are, at least, keeping the fundamentals in sight. We are trying to teach Johnnie to read intelligently, to write legibly, to figure accurately, and to use the English language correctly ; and to be a manly and honest boy. We realize that time spent in training his heart is time better employed than time spent in training him to keep perfect step to music, while marching in and out of school. Our writing, as a whole, is still poor, and much of our Arithmetic is carelessly done, but we are making progress.

The important repairs of the year, were the renovating of the West Bethel Flat house, shingling the Swan's Hill house, and putting new windows in the house at North Bethel, all necessary, absolutely. And in making these repairs, with other incidentals, the balance left over from last year has been exceeded. Repairing, however, once begun must be completed. We now have on the Flat—or will have when painted—a practically new house. Another

er year this house must be painted; the house at North Bethel must be shingled, plastered, and have a new floor; and something must be done to sweeten and purify the atmosphere in the West Bethel school-room. By closely joining the outhouse to the main building and connecting it with the basement, the committee in charge of the extensive repairs, not long since made, succeeded in rendering the school-room well nigh unfit for occupancy during a great part of the year. The parents and teachers of that school have been crying out against the nuisance for some time, but other absolutely necessary repairs had to be made. With these things done all the houses will be in excellent condition. By careful management this repairing ought to be done and the present deficit paid, with two hundred and fifty dollars.

The balance left in the treasury, last year, for books and supplies has been exceeded a small sum. However, only books and supplies actually necessary have been purchased. Another year, many of the books should be exchanged for new ones before they are entirely worn out and worthless. Two hundred dollars will be needed.

For the maintenance of the schools, three hundred dollars less than was raised last year—or twenty-two hundred—will be ample. We have used less than twenty-three hundred of last year's appropriation, and at present no reason can be foreseen why our revenues from other sources should not be as much. It is good policy not to raise too much.

The Milton-Bethel matter is being satisfactorily settled. Two propositions have been made to the assessors of Milton—one looking to the sale of the house to Milton, thereby giving them the management of the school—the other looking to a fair and equitable division of the cost of the school as at present located. The matter is to be sub-

mitted by the assessors to the voters of the Plantation at their March meeting.

On another page, I append a schedule so that each one may see at a glance the attendance of the several schools; the wages paid; and the cost of the teachers per pupil.

Thanking the teachers for their faithful and hearty co-operation with the committee, and the parents for their assistance and support in making the year a pleasant and profitable one, I respectfully submit the above.

H. H. HASTINGS.

### Financial Statement.

#### SCHOOL FUND.

##### DR.

To amount appropriated by town, . . .	\$2,500.00	
“ “ received from State, . . . . .	1,332.20	
“ “ due from Milton, . . . . .	100.00	
“ “ received from Gilead, . . .	30.00	
“ “ “ for tuition from State, . . . . .	2.25	
“ “ unexpended last year, . . . .	83.64	\$4,048.09

##### CR.

By paid teachers as follows,	
Mabel Shaw, . . . . .	\$45.50
Ruby Clark, . . . . .	75.00
Cleo Russell, . . . . .	65.00
Cora H. Farwell, . . . . .	65.00
Susie A. Hutchins, . . . . .	60.00



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Eva V. Twaddle, . . . . .	75.00
Ruby Smith, . . . . .	75.00
Hester M. Kimball, . . . . .	18.00
Barbara Carter, . . . . .	60.00
Lillian Kimball, . . . . .	80.00
Jane H. Gibson, . . . . .	90.00
Ethel M. Richardson, . . . . .	75.00
Edith D. Abbott, . . . . .	60.00
Maude Thurston, . . . . .	60.00
Florence Twitchell, . . . . .	65.00
Maude Thurston, . . . . .	7.50
Georgia Farwell, . . . . .	66.00
Cora H. Farwell, . . . . .	78.00
Ethel M. Richardson, . . . . .	90.00
Eva V. Twaddle, . . . . .	90.00
Cleo Russell, . . . . .	84.00
Jane H. Gibson, . . . . .	108.00
Hester M. Kimball, . . . . .	72.00
Susie A Hutchins, . . . . .	72.00
Ruby Clark, . . . . .	90.00
Ruby Smith, . . . . .	90.00
Walter Holmes, . . . . .	84.00
Edith D. Abbott, . . . . .	78.00
Florence Twitchell, . . . . .	71.50
Ruby Clark, . . . . .	60.00
Ethel Hammons, . . . . .	56.00
Eva V. Twaddle, . . . . .	60.00
Ethel M. Richardson, . . . . .	60.00
Georgia Farwell, . . . . .	58.50
Ruby Smith, . . . . .	60.00
Cleo Russell, . . . . .	56.00
Jane H. Gibson, . . . . .	72.00
Florence Twitchell, . . . . .	52.00
Cora H. Farwell, . . . . .	56.00

Susie A. Hutchins, . . . .	48.00		
Hester M. Kimball, . . . .	52.00		
Edith D. Abbott, . . . .	52.00	\$2,792.00	
By tuition paid Greenwood, . . . .		24.00	
		<u>          </u>	\$2,816.00

## CR.

By paid for carrying pupils :

M. B. Chapman, . . . . .	5.00
T. B. Burke, . . . . .	10.00
Wm. Gunther, . . . . .	17.50
James MayConnell, . . . .	20.00
Algernon S. Chapman, . . .	35.00
A. B. Richardson, . . . . .	25.00
John L. Holt, . . . . .	30.00
J. D. George, . . . . .	22.50
Mrs. J. M. Bartlett, . . . .	14.00
Charles L. Swan, . . . . .	20.00
T. B. Burke, . . . . .	25.00
P. C. Thomas, . . . . .	10.00
Mrs. J. M. Bartlett, . . . .	36.00
Byron Cummings, . . . . .	21.00
V. P. Adamson, . . . . .	24.00
A. B. Richardson, . . . . .	30.00
Levi N. Bartlett, . . . . .	30.00
Algernon S. Chapman, . . . .	42.00
T. B. Burke, . . . . .	30.00
Charles L. Swan, . . . . .	12.00
Charles Valentine, . . . . .	10.00
P. C. Thomas, . . . . .	5.00
V. P. Adamson, . . . . .	16.00
Seth Mason, . . . . .	10.00
Algernon S. Chapman, . . . .	28.00
A. B. Richardson, . . . . .	20.00

Levi N. Bartlett, . . . . .	28.00	
Charles L. Swan, . . . . .	7.00	
Howard Gunther, . . . . .	14.00	
T. B. Burke, . . . . .	20.00	
Newell B. Annis, . . . . .	20.00	
Mrs. J. M. Bartlett, . . . . .	24.00	661.00
	CR.	

## By paid for fuel:

C. G. Blake, . . . . .	\$6.50	
H. M. Verrill, . . . . .	12.35	
Maynard Lowe, . . . . .	5.00	
Maynard Lowe, . . . . .	6.25	
Hastings Bros., . . . . .	54.69	
M. W. Hastings, . . . . .	5.00	
Wm. L. Farwell, . . . . .	2.00	
C. L. Abbott, Jr., . . . . .	8.00	
Dana Verrill, . . . . .	1.50	
Mrs. N. A. Stearns, . . . . .	9.00	
Delmer Swan, . . . . .	2.00	
M. W. Hastings, . . . . .	4.00	
Chas. F. Abbott, . . . . .	8.00	
E. L. Tebbets, . . . . .	1.50	
E. H. York, . . . . .	1.00	
I. A. Cushman, . . . . .	2.25	
George H. Swan, . . . . .	16.00	
Leon Tyler, . . . . .	14.50	
J. M. Philbrook, . . . . .	7.00	
Wm. E. Rand & Co., . . . . .	6.00	172.54
	CR.	

## By paid janitors and for cleaning schoolhouses as follows :

G. W. Carlson, . . . . .	\$ 1.00
Mrs. Wm. Farwell, . . . . .	2.00
Arnold Brown, . . . . .	1.50

E. F. Swan, . . . . .	1.50		
Mrs. J. H. Swan, . . . . .	5.00		
Zenas W. Bartlett, . . . . .	2.55		
Mabel L. Abbott, . . . . .	1.50		
Earl Bartlett, . . . . .	1.50		
Daniel R. Smith, . . . . .	25.00		
Elbert Briggs, . . . . .	4.00		
Luther Holmes, . . . . .	30.00		
J. F. Verrill, . . . . .	4.50		
Mrs. Elmer Lapham, . . . . .	3.00		
Willis Chase, . . . . .	.75		
Ben Stearns, . . . . .	5.20		
Daniel R. Smith, . . . . .	44.00		
Clyde Walker, . . . . .	.50		
Mrs. W. H. Griffin, . . . . .	4.50		
Mrs. Edgar Chase, . . . . .	2.00		
Lavine Lowe, . . . . .	12.50	152.50	
Whole amount expended, . . . . .			\$3,802.04
Unexpended, . . . . .			246.05

**Books and Supplies.**

DR.

To amount unexpended last year, . . . . .	\$ 105.36
“ “ received for books sold, . . . . .	2.70

\$108.06

CR.

By paid for books and supplies :

J. L. Hammett & Co., . . . . .	\$ 3.88
F. L. Shaw & Co., . . . . .	2.00
Milton Bradley Co., . . . . .	2.76
Werner School Book Co., . . . . .	6.00
American Humane Society, . . . . .	2.50

Leach, Shewell & Co., .....	1.80	
Wm. W. Roberts, .. .. .	2.10	
G. R. Wiley, .. .. .	1.25	
G. R. Wiley, .. .. .	7.00	
Ginn & Co., .. .. .	11.63	
Charles Scribner & Sons, .. .. .	17.28	
Hope Publishing Co., .. .. .	3.24	
Perkins Book Co., .. .. .	4.73	
Harry Plaisted, express on books, ..	1.35	
Milton Bradley Co., .. .. .	1.52	
Hinds & Noble, .. .. .	5.30	
Thos. Shewell & Co., .. .. .	3.60	
Ginn & Co., .. .. .	14.38	
Ruby Clark, .. .. .	.45	
News Publishing Co., .. .. .	16.74	
G. R. Wiley, .. .. .	1.88	
J. L. Hammett Co., .. .. .	1.75	\$113.14
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Excess, .. .. .		\$5.00

### Repairs.

#### DR.

To amount unexpended last year, ..	\$233.30	
“ “ received for old window sash, .. .. .	1.00	
“ “ received for broken glass,	1.50	
“ one window and frame on hand,	2.00	\$237.80
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#### CR.

By paid for repairs :

Bethel M'f'g Co., .. .. .	\$ 2.00
F. B. Howe, .. .. .	10.00

John Chapman, . . . . .	1.00	
Hastings Bros., . . . . .	49.30	
Daniel R. Smith, . . . . .	6.85	
Nathaniel Lowe, . . . . .	1.00	
J. F. Howe, . . . . .	10.00	
T. B. Kendall, . . . . .	1.50	
Luther Holmes, . . . . .	3.40	
T. H. Jewett, . . . . .	1.50	
Woodbury & Purington,	1.65	
Gilbert Tuell, . . . . .	3.00	
N. F. Brown, . . . . .	24.57	
Frank Cummings, . . . . .	7.62	
Hastings Bros., . . . . .	3.15	\$126.54

## WEST BETHEL FLAT.

C. L. Hathaway, . . . . .	\$22.40	
Dana Philbrook, . . . . .	3.00	
Gilbert Tuell, . . . . .	11.71	
George D. Frost, . . . . .	25.00	
E. P. Philbrook, . . . . .	46.50	
A. J. Haskell, . . . . .	4.78	
Andrews School Furni- ture Co., . . . . .	9.42	
Ira C. Jordan, . . . . .	7.30	
Wm. F. Kendall, . . . . .	12.00	
C. L. Hathaway, . . . . .	5.65	147.76

Amount, . . . . . 274.30

Excess, . . . . . \$36.50

H. H. HASTINGS, *Supt. of Schools.*

# SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The following table of Statistics is for the year beginning with the Spring Term 1901, and ending with the close of the present Winter Term:

NAME OF SCHOOL	TERM	NAME OF TEACHER	NO. OF PUPILS REG'ST'D	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	NO. OF WEEKS	WAGES OF TEACHER	TOTAL PAID TO TEACHERS	AVERAGE COST PER PUPIL OF TEACHER
Village Grammar	Spring	Jane H. Gibson	29	27	10	\$9 00	\$ 90 00	\$3 33
	Fall	Jane H. Gibson	27	25	12	9 00	108 00	4 32
	Winter	Jane H. Gibson	25	23	8	9 00	72 00	3 13
Village Intermediate	Spring	Eva V. Twaddle	23	21	10	7 50	75 00	3 57
	Fall	Eva V. Twaddle	34	32	12	7 50	90 00	2 81
	Winter	Eva V. Twaddle	32	30	8	7 50	60 00	2 00
Village Second Primary	Spring	Ruby Clark	36	34	10	7 50	75 00	2 21
	Fall	Ruby Clark	39	36	12	7 50	90 00	2 50
	Winter	Ruby Clark	38	34	8	7 50	60 00	1 76
Village First Primary	Spring	Ethel M. Richardson	42	38	10	7 50	75 00	1 97
	Fall	Ethel M. Richardson	28	26	12	7 50	90 00	3 46
	Winter	Ethel M. Richardson	24	22	8	7 50	60 00	2 73
West Bethel	Spring	Ruby Smith	23	19	10	7 50	75 00	3 95
	Fall	Cleo Russell	18	17	12	7 00	84 00	4 94
	Winter	Cleo Russell	19	16	8	7 00	56 00	3 50
West Bethel Flat	Spring	Susie A. Hutchins	14	10	10	6 00	60 00	6 00
	Fall	Walter W. Holmes	21	18	12	7 00	84 00	4 67
	Winter	Ethel Hammons	16	14.5	8	7 00	56 00	3 86
North West Bethel	Spring	Florence E. Twitchell	15	13	10	6 50	65 00	5 00
	Fall	{ Maud Thurston F. E. Twitchell	15	14	11	7 50 6 50	79 00	5 64
	Winter	Florence E. Twitchell	13	12	8	6 50	52 00	4 33

## SCHOOL STATISTICS—Continued.

NAME OF SCHOOL	TERM	NAME OF TEACHER	NO. OF PUPILS REGS'T'D	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	NO. OF WEEKS	WAGES OF TEACHER	TOTAL PAID TO TEACHERS	AVERAGE COST PER PUPIL OF TEACHER
East Bethel	Spring	Lillian R. Kimball	39	30	10	8 00	80 00	2 67
	Fall	Ruby Smith	36	29	12	7 50	90 00	3 10
	Winter	Ruby Smith	26	20	8	7 50	60 00	3 00
South Bethel	Spring	Cleo Russell	15	11	10	6 50	65 00	5 91
	Fall	Susie A. Hutchins	12	8.5	12	6 00	72 00	8 47
	Winter	Susie A. Hutchins	10	6.6	8	6 00	48 00	7 27
Middle Intervale	Spring	Cora H. Farwell	11	10	10	6 50	65 00	6 50
	Fall	Cora H. Farwell	10	8	12	6 50	78 00	9 75
	Winter	Cora H. Farwell	11	9	8	7 00	56 00	6 22
Swan's Hill	Spring	Edith D. Abbott	14	11	10	6 00	60 00	5 45
	Fall	Edith D. Abbott	14	11	12	6 50	78 00	7 09
	Winter	Edith D. Abbott	10	9	8	6 50	52 00	5 78
Milton Plantation	Spring	{ Mabel V. Shaw	16	14	7	6 50	45 50	4 54
	Fall	{ Hester M. Kimball			3	6 00	18 00	
		Hester M. Kimball	14	11	12	6 00	72 00	6 55
	Winter	Hester M. Kimball	14	13	8	6 50	52 00	4 00
Swan's Corner	Spring	Maud Thurston	9	6.5	10	6 00	60 00	9 23
	Fall	Georgia Farwell	9	8	11	6 00	66 00	8 25
	Winter	Georgia Farwell	9	8.5	9	6 50	58 50	6 88
Grover Hill	Spring	Barbara A. Carter	8	6.5	10	6 00	60 00	9 23

Fall and Winter Terms included with West Bethel Flat.



## Report of Board of Health.

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The year ending Feb. 1, has been one of an average degree of health in the town. No disease has been epidemic. Two cases of scarlet fever and two of typhoid fever have been reported. There have been 26 deaths among residents, and from the following causes, viz: disease of heart 7, pneumonia 5, influenza 3, consumption 2, meningitis, typhoid fever, blood poisoning, bronchitis, disease of liver, poison, brain tumor, dysentery, and disease of bladder one each. 29 children were born, 17 male, 12 female. (One of these was stillborn).

The most important step ever taken by the town, in the direction of sanitary improvement, has been the construction of a sewer extending the entire length of Main St. ; the pipe ranging in size from 6 to 10 inches. It was the intention to lay the pipe about 18 rods on High St. to connect with the schoolhouse sewer, but owing to the cold weather and difficulty in procuring workmen, it could not be done last fall. For the same reason most of the abutters who were anxious to enter the sewer were unable to do so. This sewer drains the most congested part of the village and will abate many long existing nuisances.

While by far the most important part of the work has been nearly accomplished there are still other sections of the village needing drainage. We confidently hope the town will grant the amount that will be asked this year for the extension of the system. There cannot be any mistake in appropriating money for the preservation of the public health.

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

E. C. PARK, *Secretary.*

C. M. KIMBALL.

# Warrant for Town Meeting.

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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 <sup>3rd</sup>~~4th~~ 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 see what discount will be made on all taxes paid before a certain date, and to fix that date.
- Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes unpaid at a certain date, and to fix that date.
- Art. 9. To establish the method for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

- Art. 10. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.
- Art. 12. To establish the price per day that the Road Commissioner shall receive for his services.
- Art. 13. To choose one member of school committee.
- Art. 14. To choose a Superintendent of Schools and establish the pay for same.
- Art. 15. To choose all other necessary town officers.
- Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of building and repairing school houses.
- Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to purchase text books for the ensuing year.
- Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.
- Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.

- Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay on the town debt and interest.
- Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to extend the repairs on the town farm buildings.
- Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to continue the school in the Philbrook district another year.
- Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to organize a sewer commission under Chap. 285 of the laws of 1889.
- Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to extend the sewer system.
- Art. 28. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to make a lease of the corn shop property to the H. F. Webb Co. for a term of years.
- Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to refund the whole or any part of the taxes which have been paid by Miss Amy Bean on land not owned by her.
- Art. 30. To receive and allow accounts.
- Art. 31. 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.

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

Given under our hands this 19th day of February, 1902.

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

The Selectmen will be in session at their office March 1, 1902, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.

