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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Bethel

FOR THE

Year Ending, January 31st,

1903.

BETHEL, MAINE:

THE NEWS PUBLISHING COMPANY,

1903.

Town Officers,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor:

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

Clerk,

L. T. BARKER,

Treasurer,

W. W. HASTINGS.

Collector,

F. J. TYLER.

Truant Officer,

F. J. TYLER.

Superintending School Committee:

N. F. BROWN, SUSAN B. TWITCHELL, C. F. ABBOTT.

Superintendent of Schools,

H. H. HASTINGS.

Board of Health:

E. C. PARK, C. M. KIMBALL, G. L. STURDIVANT, M. D., Sec.



Annual Report, Year 1902.

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, 1902.

Value of real estate, resident owners, \$559,890

“ “ “ non-resident owners, 86,955

Total valuation of real estate, \$646,845

Value of personal property, resident owners,

ers, \$165,747

Value of personal property, non-resident

owners, 4,103

Total valuation of personal property, \$169,850

Grand total of property, \$816,695

Rate of taxation, \$18.00 per thousand dollars.

Poll tax, rate \$2.00.

Number of polls taxed, 542.

Number of polls not taxed, 66.

Assessments.

State tax,	\$2,335.92
County tax,	1,406.77
Support of Schools,	\$2,200.00
Repair of Roads and Bridges,	4,000.00
Support of Poor,	1,200.00
Town Officers' Salaries,	1,000.00
Interest on Bonds,	1,200.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	500.00
Repair of Town Farm buildings,	300.00
Repair of School houses,	300.00
Text Books,	200.00
Sewers,	500.00
Memorial Day observance,	35.00
Overlay in Assessing,	629.29
Supplementary taxes,	8.90

Total amount committed to F. J. Tyler
for collection, \$15,815.88

Extracts from Assessors' Report to State Assessors for the Year 1902.

LIVE STOCK.

	No.	Value.
Horses,	604	\$33,875.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	15	960.00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	23	1,275.00
Colts, under 2 years old,	20	740.00
Cows,	655	13,170.00

Oxen,	37	1,825.00
Three-year-olds,	193	3,558.00
Two-year-olds,	221	2,897.00
Yearlings,	217	2,197.00
Sheep,	876	2,628.00
Swine,	184	1,370.00
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		\$64,495.00
Bank Stock, No. Shares, 76,		7,600.00
Trust Company Stock, No. Shares, 20,		1,650.00
Water Company Stock,		12,500.00
Money at interest,		18,300.00
Stock in trade,		40,250.00
Logs and Lumber,		5,100.00
Wood and Bark,		100.00
Bicycles,		175.00
Carriages,		4,005.00
Musical Instruments,		7,125.00
Materials in Stock,		3,600.00
Machinery not taxed as real estate,		4,950.00

Abatements Allowed.

TAXES OF 1900.

Barchard, Manning, poll, left town,	\$2.00
Bennett, Elias, poll, unable to pay,	2.00
Burgess, Clarence, poll and personal, left town,	3.10
Chandler, M. W., error in valuation,	5.00
Chase, Samuel H., poll, paid in Upton,	2.00
DeLong, George, poll, left town,	2.00
Estes, Charles, poll, unable to pay,	2.00
Estes, Frank, deceased,	1.89
Gonge, George H., poll, left town,	2.00

Lyon, Charles, poll, left town,	2.00
Magill, Edward, poll, left town,	2.00
Mason, E. L., poll and personal, left town,	4.20
McKeen, Everett, poll, not of age,	2.00
McLain, Hector, poll, left town,	2.00
Merrill, W. H., poll, unable to pay,	2.00
Merrill, Samuel H., poll and personal, unable to pay,	2.68
Merrow, George W., poll, paid in Cumberland,	2.00
Smith, Osmyn, deceased,	1.59
Thomas, LaForrest, poll, left town,	2.00
Ward, Albert, poll, deceased,	2.00
York, Hubert, poll, paid in Norway,	2.00

\$48.46

TAXES OF 1901.

Bartlett, Madison, estate of, unable to pay,	\$5.25
Bennett, Mrs. Fernando, unable to pay,	2.63
Cole, Ira, poll, paid in Hanover,	2.00
Frost, Charles, poll, paid in Hanover,	2.00
Deegan, M., real estate, taxed twice, . . . . .	.70
Grover, L. D., error in valuation,	1.40
Kennagh, Edward, poll, paid in Greenwood,	2.00
Lord, Herbert F., error in valuation, . . . . .	.70
Merrow, George W., poll, paid in Cumberland,	2.00
Smith, Thomas, poll, paid in Greenwood,	2.00
Smith, D. M., real estate, taxed twice,	1.75
Smith, D. M., poll, paid in Rumford,	2.00

\$24.43

Abatements for 1900, \$48.46

Total Abatements, \$72.89

Discount on taxes as allowed by F. J. Tyler,
according to the vote of the town.

At 5 per cent., \$430.55

At 3 per cent., 57.14

\$487.69

Report of Overseers of Poor.

Town Farm Statement.

EXPENDITURES.

Appraisal of farm and personal property,

January 31, 1902,\$3,093.41

No. of Order.

405, George S. Westleigh, oxen,	152.00
437, A. W. Bean, salary to April 13, 1902,	66.50
596, Wilder Kimball, oxen,	182.50
617, W. E. Abbott, mowing machine,	35.00
649, H. S. Hastings, cow,	38.50
Part of 709, N. F. Brown, stove and hardware,	10.00
713, F. J. Russell, supplies	12.60
740, A. W. Bean, salary to Feb. 1, 1903, ..	218.50
—, C. Bisbee, goods,	100.54
—, Goods purchased by A. W. Bean, ...	155.64

Total,\$4,065.19

TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

Appraisal of January 31, 1903.

Town Farm,\$2,000.00

Personal property, 1,264.76

\$3,264.76

Oxen sold March 15, 1902,	\$ 150.00	
Oxen sold June 4, 1902,	160.00	
Produce sold from farm,	188.21	
Produce sold and credited on C. Bisbee's bill,	52.62	
		<u>\$ 550.83</u>
Total receipts,	\$3,815.59	
Total expenditures,	4,065.19	
		<u>Balance against farm,</u>
		\$ 249.60

The same inmates continue at the farm with the exception of Mrs. Tyler, who was taken there last winter and died soon after. The management of the farm by Mr. Bean and his wife, has been most satisfactory. This with the repairs that have been made, give the place an excellent appearance at the beginning of this year.

Poor Not on Farm.

No. of Order.	MRS. TYLER.	
407, A. H. Goddard, burial expenses,		\$ 20.00
	NORIS A. KENISTON.	
408, Town of Rumford, supplies,		60.92
	MRS. LIZZIE DOUGLASS AND CHILDREN.	
674, Nelson M. Bartlett, board,		20.00
	JOHN ESTES' FAMILY.	
462, Ansel Dudley, supplies,	\$18.00	
615, Dr. E. B. Clark, medical attendance, .	1.00	
666, Ansel Dudley, supplies,	26.65	

688, Town of Woodstock, supplies, 13.11

\$ 58.76

OSMYN SMITH, (Soldier.)

386, Jacob Annis, services as sexton, \$ 5.00

387, Rev. O. S. Pillsbury, attending funeral, 2.00

402, A. H. Goddard, casket and services, 26.00

\$33.00

Paid by the State, \$31.00

2.00

Total Poor not on farm, \$161.68

Lock-up and Tramp Account.

H. C. Barker, care and feed for 76 tramps, \$ 20.55

Paid H. C. Barker, use of Court room for

10 courts, \$ 10.00

Order 764 to balance, (charged to poor
bills,)

10.55

684, C. F. Lord, keeping tramps,

2.00

769, A. H. Goddard, keeping tramps,

2.75

Total, \$15.30

Poor at Insane Hospital.

Daniel F. Bean, \$159.48

Elbridge H. Fifield, 133.06

Mellen A. Cross, 144.86

Irene Needham, 130.46

Total, \$567.86

Total Expenses of the Poor.

Balance against the Town Farm,.....	\$249.60
Poor not on the farm,.....	161.68
Poor at Insane Hospital,.....	567.86
Tramps,	15.30
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Total,	\$994.44

Poor of Other Towns.

Aid furnished Thomas Kneeland,.....	\$ 16.39
Due from town of Lincoln.	
Aid Furnished C. W. Willey,.....	16.72
Paid by town of Norway.	

Poor of Milton Plantation.

All of the bills for the care of the Poor of Milton Plantation contracted until December 1, 1902, amounting to \$568.01 have been refunded to the town by the State.

Bills for the Poor of Milton Plantation since December 1, have been paid by the town of Bethel, as follows:

No. of Order.

671, W. C. Brooks, Jr., goods delivered to Elmer Lapham,.....	\$15.75
670, W. C. Brooks, Jr., goods delivered to Elmer Sessions,	9.88
734, G. W. Ryerson, for care of Hopkins' children,	24.00
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\$ 49.63

These bills amounting to \$49.63 are now due from the State to the town of Bethel.

Report of Selectmen.

We herewith submit an account of the bills paid for the extension of the Sewer system.

Part of Order No. 446, C. L. Davis, truck-

No. of Order.	ing pipe.	\$ 4.50
488	O. N. Pynes, labor.	12.25
489	E. W. Littlehale "	9.75
490	W. Waterhouse "	9.00
491	H. Jodrey "	10.50
492	L. Waterhouse, Jr. "	9.00
493	John Heath "	10.20
494	L. Smith "	1.50
497	Clarence Annis "	8.75
498	Howard Gunther, "	13.50
499	T. H. Durell "	18.00
500	E. H. Smith, "	24.75
501	L. Waterhouse, Jr. "	7.50
506	John Heath "	3.75
507	O. N. Pynes, "	10.00
521	Alphonso Penley "	24.75
522	O. N. Pynes "	12.00
523	E. W. Littlehale "	17.16
524	L. Waterhouse, Jr. "	9.00
525	W. Waterhouse "	15.25

526	E. H. Smith	"	.....	12.00
531	T. H. Durell	"	.....	15.00
538	Carl Swan	"	.....	11.25
	Part of Order No. 539, Portland Stone			
	Ware Company, pipe,		310.06	
586	Bethel Manufacturing Company		.....	.90
589	Woodbury & Purington, cement		.....	10.43
	Part of Order No. 709, N. F. Brown,			
	spades, etc.		10.07	

\$601.26

Amount appropriated.....\$ 500.00

Excess of Appropriation\$101.26

At our last annual Town meeting, it was voted to raise \$500 to extend the Sewer system from the sewer on High Street through Mechanic Street and Railroad Street to connect with the sewer on Main Street; also to lay a sewer on Summer Street, and the pipe was purchased for the whole, but before the pipe was laid on Summer Street the funds were all expended, and the ground was so wet from rains, we decided not to lay the Summer Street extension. An amount of pipe sufficient to lay the extension on Summer Street is now on hand.

Repairs at Town Farm.

Appropriation.....\$300.00

No. of Order.

603 Gilbert Tuell, shingles\$ 37.50

Part of Order No. 618, I. S. Morrill,

lumber..... 10.23

647 Gilbert Tuell, lumber..... 43.47

663 T. H. Jewett, laying shingles..... 11.50

665	F. J. Russell, labor	27.00
	Part of Order No. 667, Hiram Twitchell, labor	20.00
668	J. S. Chapman, painting	17.00
669	J. W. Smith, painting	9.00
685	Gilbert Tuell, sheathing	17.67
	Part of Order No. 709, N. F. Brown, materials	10.48
715	G. R. Wiley, paint and paper	35.96
718	J. S. Chapman, hanging paper	4.00

\$243.81

Orders Drawn for Repair of Highways, 1902.

Appropriation, \$4000.00

No of Order.

392	R. F. Cross	\$ 5.60
394	S. B. Twitchell	6.00
395	Charles Pool	2.25
398	Joseph Mayconnell	5.25
399	C. G. Blake	7.42
400	C. W. McInnis	1.80
404	M. H. Harrington	2.10
406	C. L. Abbott, Jr.	6.00
409	Fred F. Bean	5.10
410	Daniel Glines . . . . .	.75
411	H. M. Verrill	5.68
412	Good Roads Machine Co. Road-machine	183.43
413	Ernest Buck	4.55
414	Charles A. Capen	2.17
415	I. I. Young	20.82

416	C. H. Kimball.....	5.04
417	Charles H. Buck.....	4.20
418	P. C. Thomas.....	3.30
420	Frank H. Gunther.....	2.25
421	T. H. Durell.....	7.50
422	John L. Holt.....	35.63
425	A. J. McAlister.....	19.57
426	Charles L. Swan.....	7.05
427	A. B. Tyler.....	5.55
428	W. M. Brown.....	4.95
429	A. L. Whitman.....	8.85
430	E. J. and R. G. Stearns.....	7.62
431	G. D. Morrill.....	45.60
432	H. H. Bean.....	.60
434	Seth L. Mason....	11.70
435	Geo. H. Goodnow.....	9.20
436	C. E. Barker.....	5.30
438	E. H. Smith.....	32.59
439	Geo. S. Moore.....	9.75
440	W. E. Littlehale.....	14.25
441	O. N. Pynes.....	10.00
442	T. H. Durell.....	14.40
444	F. C. Bartlett.....	6.00
Part of 446	C. L. Davis.....	16.00
447	Geo. S. Moore.....	7.12
448	T. H. Durell.....	12.15
449	J. L. Oliver.....	4.05
450	J. S. Hutchins (for 1900).....	6.00
451	J. S. Hutchins.....	5.10
452	F. J. Russell.....	14.13
453	B. W. Kimball.....	13.00
454	Geo. H. Swan.....	10.00
455	Frank L. Ordway.....	1.50
456	E. H. Smith.....	18.83

457	T. H. Durell	17.00
458	Geo. S. Moore	13.00
460	I. M. Coburn	40.00
461	E. H. Smith	10.50
463	L. D. Grover	3.75
464	E. E. Chase	6.75
465	C. N. Kimball	2.25
466	Wm. L. Farwell	6.25
467	Fred C. Bartlett	24.75
468	Geo. S. Moore	7.50
470	O. N. Pynes	5.00
471	O. N. Pynes	15.72
472	W. E. Littlehale	32.05
473	I. M. Coburn	34.25
474	Good Roads Machine Co.	1.50
475	Austin Wheeler	5.50
476	N. A. Stearns	3.40
477	T. H. Durell	5.25
478	C. W. Godwin	6.95
482	C. F. Shaw	4.10
483	C. C. Merrill	2.50
484	R. S. Lane	2.25
485	E. Libby & Sons, plank	13.00
486	M. M. Mason	1.50
495	Geo. S. Moore	12.37
496	O. D. Clough	22.50
502	Geo. S. Moore	7.50
503	Wm. R. Eames	8.55
504	H. M. Farwell	8.80
505	C. C. Farwell	5.45
508	I. M. Coburn	48.90
509	T. B. Kendall	3.90
510	Howard Gunther	3.00
511	Joseph Holt	9.15

512	Geo. K. Hastings.....	31.95
513	C. M. Kimball	17.10
514	Porter Farwell.....	27.90
515	A. M. Bean.....	1.20
516	Eugene S. Bean.....	7.60
517	James H. Swan.....	32.92
518	N. A. Stearns.....	5.63
519	Charles F. Abbott.....	6.15
520	E. Bryant.....	4.22
528	E. H. Smith.....	6.06
527	F. J. Russell.....	30.00
529	M. A. Stowell.....	3.00
530	L. G. Grover.....	7.25
532	Geo. S. Moore.....	7.50
533	J. P. Coburn	91.35
534	John Heath.....	3.75
	Part of 539 Hastings Bros	64.37
541	A. W. Bean.....	3.00
542	L. H. Tyler.....	39.55
543	Frank E. Kendall.....	25.00
544	C. L. Abbott, Jr.....	27.05
545	G. H. Swan.....	49.47
546	E. F. Brown.....	16.87
547	I. S. Morrill.....	75.13
550	Wm. A. Holt.....	18.50
551	J. O. Estes	4.75
552	I. I. Young.....	10.65
553	C. G. Blake.....	1.50
554	F. J. Russell.....	21.96
555	George E. Osgood.....	9.75
556	P. N. Bartlett.....	9.75
557	A. S. Chapman	10.10
558	Charles Dunham.....	7.50
559	I. S. Morrill.....	13.41

560	H. H. Hastings	2.00
561	W. E. Walker	2.75
479	Bethel Manufacturing Company	5.44
562	E. L. Tebbetts & Co.	7.30
563	I. H. Wilson	5.20
564	J. U. Purington, (order of E. M. Carter)	99.14
566	Wm. R. Chapman	10.00
567	G. D. Morrill	48.45
568	George E. Farrar	25.41
569	Freeland Bennett	13.80
570	Charles Pool	87.00
571	Frank E. Kendall	74.50
572	Edward M. Carter	73.61
573	F. J. Russell	29.50
574	F. J. Russell	4.35
575	C. H. Kimball	5.19
576	E. H. Smith	28.87
577	Good Roads Machine Co.	10.00
582	O. N. Pynes	3.50
583	I. M. Coburn	3.00
585	Fred J. Philbrook	2.00
588	C. E. Ryerson	3.00
590	L. N. Bartlett	12.90
579	Edward M. Carter	40.00
591	Edward M. Carter	60.00
592	I. S. Morrill	60.68
593	E. H. Smith	21.71
594	W. E. Littlehale	12.45
594	Austin Wheeler	6.00
597	Joe Fleet	4.00
598	V. P. Adamson	15.00
600	N. A. Stearns	2.25
604	E. L. Tebbetts & Co.	7.26
606	George W. Mason	16.75

611	J. A. Thurston	23.90
615	R. E. L. Farwell	10.17
616	E. E. Barker	12.00
618	I. S. Morrill	10.36
619	George H. Swan	2.80
621	H. Ring	6 60
622	J. M. Philbrook	3.00
623	S. B. Twitchell	79.50
625	T. B. Burke	25.25
626	F. P. Abbott	3.30
627	Wm. W. Chase	3.30
628	H. F. Maxim	7.15
629	J. F. Howe	9.75
630	D. T. Foster	7.50
631	Judson F. Bartlett	8.37
632	Joe Fleet	1.00
635	E. P. Grover	10.65
636	D. C. Estes	17.62
637	E. I. Estes	6.00
639	N. W. Barker	7.00
640	E. F. Cushman	5.14
643	Alfred W. Bean	2.25
644	E. E. Chase	1.05
645	E. M. Carter	15.30
648	R. F. Cross	9.00
652	W. W. Chase	1.50
656	John Carlton	75.00
657	A. G. Smith	9.00
662	T. H. Jewett	6.30
664	B. F. Barker	1.00
	Part of 667, Hiram Twitchell	13.65
675	G. B. Mills	35.00
676	G. D. Morrill	54.95
682	Clark Caswell	2.00

687	C. N. Swan.....	1.50
689	D. C. Estes.....	1.55
690	Wm. W. Chase.....	.75
691	C. G. Blake	3.75
692	Fred F. Bean	12.15
693	D. C. Estes	6.00
694	E. S. Kilborn.....	2.70
695	Joseph Holt.....	4.80
696	Porter Farwell.....	10.05
697	A. M. Bean	9.00
698	George H. Swan	22.38
699	Alfred W. Bean	2.70
700	Judson F. Bartlett.....	1.00
701	Fred C. Bean.....	5.10
702	Z. W. Bartlett.....	1.20
703	B. W. Kimball.....	9.30
704	J. M. Bartlett.....	17.10
705	H. O. Blake	15.30
706	C. H. Kimball.....	10.65
707	Geo. K. Hastings.....	9.80
708	J. H. Swan.....	7.10
710	N. F. Brown.....	2.00
711	F. B. Howe.....	1.20
712	C. M. Kimball.....	8.25
716	F. J. Russell	13.35
720	A. S. Chapman lighting bridge..	13.35
721	L. M. Mann	18.42
722	B. G. Whitman	6.90
723	D. C. Swett.....	3.30
724	T. R. Chase	1.80
725	Chas. McInnis.....	.45
726	Chas. A. Capen.....	2.37
727	C. L. Abbott, Jr.....	12.40
728	E. E. Chase.....	4.35

729	H. F. Maxim.....	35.95
730	R. D. Cummings.....	1.35
731	W. S. Hotham.....	2.40
732	A. B. Richardson.....	1.70
733	Eli W. Barker.....	21.00
735	Geo. W. Harden.....	4.50
736	J. F. Rollins.....	1.50
737	J. O. Estes.....	1.87
738	J. L. Oliver.....	2.70
744	H. N. Upton.....	25.62
745	V. P. Adamson.....	6.15
746	J. P. Coburn.....	8.50
747	G. A. Hastings.....	2.00
748	I. M. Coburn.....	7.00
749	A. B. Grover.....	16.57
750	A. W. Bean.....	3.75
752	S. B. Twitchell.....	22.40
753	Hastings Bros.....	29.06
756	E. A. Barker.....	7.00
757	C. L. Davis.....	14.50
759	F. L. Edwards.....	21.45
765	Frank Cummings.....	16.18
766	H. E. Bartlett.....	5.99
767	I. I. Young.....	2.25
768	W. S. Hotham.....	2.40
770	J. A. Thurston.....	30.13
771	C. F. Shaw.....	2.00
772	L. A. Sanborn.....	4.94
773	C. F. Abbott.....	1.50
774	A. Van Den Kerckhoven.....	10.50
775	Wm. C. Chapman.....	3.00
776	C. O. Moore.....	3.50
777	S. B. Osgood.....	4.80
783	O. A. Buck.....	16.35

784	T. B. Burke	14.00
787	C. N. Kimball	4.00
788	N. A. Stearns	7.70
789	H. E. Bartlett	2.00
792	R. T. Clough (1901)	6.00
793	R. T. Clough	5.90
791	Hiram Twitchell	2.92
794	E. C. Park	10.00
795	L. N. Bartlett	7.50
796	C. E. Barker	7.15
797	E. S. Mason	2.00
798	A. L. Whitman	11.10
800	A. W. Grover	10.00
803	C. L. Swan	4.80
804	Vear W. Bean	3.90
805	George Seavey .....	.75
806	Andrew Lapham .....	.75
809	H. M. Osgood .....	.75
810	L. H. Tyler	61.95
811	A. J. & C. O. Peare	20.16
812	Vear W. Bean ..	13.63
816	R. F. Cross	6.60
817	Geo. D. Morrill	57.23
819	W. A. Farwell	2.50
820	H. M. Verrill	1.80
821	A. R. Merrill	12.15
823	Geo. W. Mason	23.25

Total,\$3896.82

The highway bills outstanding are estimated to equal the balance of this appropriation.

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Appropriation \$500.00

No. of Order.

389	News Pub. Co., printing town reports,	\$55.00
388	Fred Merrill, printing check list	2.00
424	Benj. Aldrich, witness fees	3.40
443	Bethel Savings Bank, rent of hall and office	60.00
487	Alice M. Barker, copying	8.00
540	G. R. Wiley, books and stationery	15.00
565	Amy Bean, tax refunded	20.00
587	E.C. Park, supplies for Board of Health,	17.25
633	Dr. G. W. Carroll, reporting vital sta- tistics	1.50
634	J. S. Strout, damage on highway	50.00
	Part of 658, A. E. Herrick, Ex'r, Dr. C. D. Hill, reporting vital statistics, . . . .	.50
659	News Pub. Co., printing sewer rules and licenses	9.50
660	Joan Stearns, copying sewer records . .	2.00
661	Wm. R. Eames, Treas. Mt. Will Ceme- tery Asso'n, burial lot for paupers . .	20.00
717	F. J. Russell, cash expenses	3.31
739	News Pub. Co., printing and advertis- ing	16.00
761	Dr. G. L. Sturdivant, reporting vital statistics	3.25
778	W. L. Chapman, ballot clerk	2.00
779	F. B. Howe, ballot clerk	2.00
780	A. W. Grover ballot clerk	2.00
781	J. U. Purington, ballot clerk	2.00
782	S. B. Twitchell, cash expenses	11.67

785	H. H. Hastings, cash expenses	4.85	
801	A. W. Grover, services in State Aid pension cases	10.00	
802	News Pub. Co., application blanks for sewers	2.00	
824	Herrick & Park, services as counsel . . .	17.45	
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			\$ 340.68

Repairs at Corn Shop.

Part of 593, E. H. Smith	6.00	
Part of 594, W. E. Littlehale	3.00	
Part of 667, Hiram Twitchell	3.00	
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		\$ 12.00
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Total		\$352.68

Damages Paid on Account of Bears and Dogs.

St. John Hastings, 23 sheep, at \$3.25	\$74.75	
A. J. Peare, 2 sheep, at \$3.00	6.00	
George W. Mason, 10 sheep, at \$3.25	32.50	
E. C. Rowe, 1 sheep, at \$3.25	3.25	
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Refunded by the State		\$116.50

Water Service.

No of Order.

548 Bethel Water Company, water for three
fountains as by vote of the town.. \$213.75

G. A. R.

Appropriation for Memorial Day.....\$ 35.00
Paid to A. S. Chapman by order 469.

Repairs at Bridge Pier.

No. of Order.

599	W. E. Littlehale.....	\$ 7.50
601	I. M. Coburn.....	15.00
602	John P. Coburn.....	25.00
605	E. H. Smith.....	15.92
607	John P. Coburn.....	15.50
608	W. E. Littlehale.....	7.50
624	S. B. Twitchell.....	15.00
609	I. M. Coburn.....	12.00

\$113.42

These bills have been adjusted and are to be paid by
the American Realty Company.

Schools.

Appropriation by the town.....	\$2,200.00
Received from the State.	1,546.62
" " Milton.....	100.00
" " Gilead.....	10.00
" " the State for tuition	12.00
" " School Fund	25.00
Unexpended last year.....	154.05

\$4,047.67

Superintendent's orders have been paid amounting to \$3,845.49

School money unexpended. \$ 202.18

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation	\$200.00
Orders have been paid amounting to.....	228.18

REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation	\$300.00
Orders have been paid amounting to.....	346.26

A full account of all School expenditures will be found in the 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..... ..\$ 1,767.21

Deposit at Bethel Savings Bank..... ..46.43

\$1,813.64

Amounts have been paid to the different societies as follows:

Universalist \$11.00

Methodist 11.00

Congregationalist 11.00

Baptist 8.50

Union 8.50

\$ 50.00

Paid to the School Fund \$25.00

\$ 75.00

All of which is submitted,

S. B. TWITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

Town Officers' Bills Paid for 1901-1902.

Appropriation \$1000.00

No. of Order.

390 and 393	S. B. Twitchell, services as Selectman	\$ 126.50
401	C. E. Barker, services as Selectman	98.00
397	F. J. Russell, services as Selectman . .	66.95
403	W.W. Hastings, services as Treasurer,	50.00
385	H. H. Hastings, services as Superin- tendent of Schools.	145.00
391	S. B. Twitchell, Treasurer of the Min- isterial and School Fund.	6.00
741	F. J. Tyler, Truant Officer.	5.75
743	F. J. Tyler, Constable.	1.50
808	Dr. G. L. Sturdivant, Health Officer,	10.00
815	E. C. Park, Health Officer.	6.00
763	H. C. Barker, Constable services for enforcing dog law	5.00
818	L. T. Barker, recording vital statis- tics and services as Town Clerk. .	26.10
814	H. H. Bean, Collector, 1901	200.00
822	F. J. Tyler, Collector, 1902	150.00
		\$ 896.80

Town Officers' Bills Due for 1902-1903.

S. B. Twitchell, services as Selectman. . .	\$ 141.15
C. E. Barker, services as Selectman.	74.25
F. J. Russell, services as Selectman.	57.35

H. H. Hastings, services as Superintendent of Schools.....	135.00
W. W. Hastings, services as Treasurer....	50.00
S. B. Twitchell, Treasurer of the Ministe- rial and School Fund.....	6.00

\$ 463.75

Small Pox Expenses.

No. of Order.

677 Dr. G. L. Sturdivant, for nurse's wages,.....	\$ 100.00
678 R. E. L. Farwell, supplies.....	5.92
679 C. A. Lucas, supplies.....	7.63
680 E. C. Rowe, bedding.....	3.50
681 E. H. Smith, wood.....	12.00
Part of 667, Hiram Twitchell, work.	1.00
683 and 807, Dr. G. L. Sturdivant, medi- cal attendance.....	175.00
714 G. R. Wiley, supplies for pest house,	11.67
742 F. J. Tyler, services as Constable,..	1.00
754 Hastings Bros., supplies for pest house.....	12.59
755 Hastings Bros., materials for renew- ing the lock-up.....	16.95
760 B. F. Barker, cleaning and painting the lock-up.....	20.75
758 E. C. Rowe, new furnishings for the lock-up.....	8.77
786 Bethel Manufacturing Co., mattresses	7.50
827 C. L. Swan, camp -used as a pest house.....	15.00

828 G. P. Bean, supplies	1.08
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Total	\$400.36
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In addition to the ordinary expenses of the poor, amounting this year to \$994.44, it has been necessary to pay the above account, making the total expense \$1,394.80. The balance of the appropriation and the small pox bill are carried to the following Contingent Fund account.

Contingent Fund.

DR.

To Unexpended balances of 1901	\$1,384.24
“ Dog tax returned, 1901	122.61
“ License fee	2.00
“ State, railroad and telegraph tax	18.44
“ Overlay of 1902	629.29
“ Interest on Bank account	257.65
“ Bal. of Miscellaneous appropriation, 1902	147.32
“ Bal. of Town Officers' appropriation, 1902	103.20
“ Bal. of Poor appropriation, 1902	205.56
“ Bal. of Town farm repairs appropria- tion, 1902	56.19
“ Account of corn shop, rent	15.00
“ State, account Milton paupers	49.63
“ Town of Lincoln, acct. of T. Kneeland	16.39

\$3,007.52

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By Abatements allowed.....	\$ 72.89	
“ Discount on Taxes, 1902.....	487.69	
“ Small Pox expenses.....	400.36	
“ Excess of Sewer appropriation.....	101.26	
“ Water service	213.75	
		<u>\$1,275.95</u>
Balance in Fund, February 1, 1903.....		\$1,731.57

Financial Standing of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Bonds bearing interest at four per cent.	\$29,000.00	
Interest on Bonds to February 1, 1903,	96.00	
Orders Outstanding	679.35	
Town Officers' bills due.....	463.75	
School money undrawn.....	202.18	
		<u>\$30,441.28</u>

ASSETS.

Cash in the Treasurer's hands.....	\$5,113.67	
Due from H. H. Bean, collector, 1901....	863.48	
Due from F. J. Tyler, collector, 1902....	4,229.19	
Due from the State for aid furnished the poor of Milton Plantation.....	49.64	
Due from American Realty Co. for re- pairs to Bridge Pier.....	113.42	
Due from the Town of Lincoln, for ex- penses of T. Kneeland	16.39	
Value of Town farm and personal prop-		

erty	3,264.76	
Investment in corn shop.....	2,500.00	
Investment in lock-up.....	500.00	
Road machine, snow roller, sidewalk plow and other tools.....	200.00	
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		\$16,850.55
S. B. TWITCHELL,	}	<i>Selectmen of Bethel.</i>
C. E. BARKER,		
F. J. RUSSELL,		

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen of the town of Bethel, for the year ending January 31, 1903, and believe them to be correctly cast and properly avouched.

W. W. HASTINGS, *Treasurer.*

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

Feb. 15, 1902.

To balance on hand,	\$2052.26
“ received of Milton, account tuition,	75.25
“ “ “ “ “ “	100.00
“ “ “ Gilead, “ “	10.00
“ “ “ Fryeburg Academy Grant, account tuition,	12.00
“ “ Poor Farm account, oxen sold,	150.00
“ “ “ “ “ cattle sold,	160.00
“ “ H. C. Barker, “ license,	2.00
“ “ L. T. Barker, “ dog license, 1902,	135.00
“ “ State Treas., “ dog tax, 1901,	122.61
“ “ “ “ “ warrants 573 and 534,	287.43
“ “ “ “ “ Milton paupers,	568.81
“ “ “ “ “ R. R. & Tel. tax,	18.44
“ “ “ “ “ wild animals,	113.25
“ “ “ “ “ horse killed,	2.00
“ “ “ “ “ school fund and mill tax,	1546.62
“ “ “ “ “ State aid,	300.00
“ “ S. B. Twitchell, acct. Ministerial fund,	25.00
“ “ H. F. Webb, acct. corn shop,	15.00

To received	Gilbert Tuell, acct. block and warp, ..	1.00
" "	Frank Russell, " plank,	1.90
" "	M. W. Hastings, acct. ashes,	2.50
" "	Town of Norway,	16.72
" "	W. W. Hastings, acct. sewer,	20.00
" "	Bethel Savings Bank, acct. sewer, . . .	30.00
" "	Seth Walker, " " . . .	20.00
" "	E. C. Rowe, " " . . .	20.00
" "	J. U. Purington, " " . . .	20.00
" "	Woodbury estate, " " . . .	20.00
" "	Mrs. B. K. Swift, " " . . .	20.00
" "	J. H. Barrows, " " . . .	18.00
" "	Mrs. Emily Philbrook, " " . . .	15.00
" "	from H. H. Bean, " taxes, . . .	4,530.84
" "	" F. J. Tyler, " " . . .	11,586.69
" "	from Chapman National Bank, interest on deposits,	70.40
"	Amount in Chapman National Bank from sale of Chair Factory,	3000.00
"	Accrued interest on same to October, 1902,	187.25
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		\$25,275.97

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By paying Coupons,	\$1190.00
" " and taking up Bonds No. 1,	500.00
" " " " " " 2,	500.00
" " Insane Hospital,	567.86
" " Corporation Tax,	5.42
" " Newry, tax,	4.95
" " Dog license, 1902,	135.00
" " State Aid,	300.00
" " County Tax,	1406.77
" " State Tax,	2335.92

By paying Cancelled orders	13,213.38
“ “ Stamps,	3.00
“ Amount in bank from sale of Chair Factory, and interest to October, 1902,	3187.25
“ Cash to balance,	1926.42
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	\$25,275.97

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, 1903, with vouchers therefor, and we believe them to be properly avouched and correctly cast.

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

Report of Board of Health.

There has been rather an unusual amount of sickness in town during the year ending Feb. 1st, 1903, although no epidemic of a serious nature has visited us.

Whooping cough made its appearance in the early fall and prevailed to some extent throughout the town, quite seriously interfering with the school attendance. It should be more thoroughly understood by people generally that this is one of the diseases required by law to be reported to the local Board of Health, other diseases in this list being small pox, chicken pox, measles, mumps, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, diphtheria, membranous croup, consumption and cerebro spinal meningitis.

In faithfully observing this provision of the law much danger to the public health, and even loss of life, might be avoided because of measures taken to prevent its spreading and becoming epidemic, while the prevalence of such an epidemic interferes enormously with the general welfare of the town; interrupts the schools and predisposes the children especially to other diseases of more serious nature.

One death, several cases of pneumonia, and at least two of pulmonary consumption are directly the result of the epidemic of this fall and winter.

If parents could be brought to realize their danger, and physicians their power and responsibility in these matters, it would result in much good.

We were *unfortunate* in having one case of small pox,

and correspondingly *fortunate* in not having more than one. This one fell to us through no fault of ours and seems not to have been deserved by us. When a lighted match is dropped into a basket of shavings, the only way to avoid a conflagration is to clap one's hand onto the match and extinguish it, even at the expense of a burned finger. This was our method in the present instance, and with the valuable aid of our municipal officers, we were able to confine the disease to the one original case.

The extension of the sewer system in the village still adds to our safety in decreasing the liability to typhoid fever and other diseases always traceable to faulty drainage and stagnant cess-pools.

Another extension is needed this year, and the good work must not cease until every section of the village is properly drained and no surface closet nor other menace to the public health remains.

Our attention was called to several nuisances in different parts of the town during the fall, mostly in the line of poor drainage, and we were able to bring about an improvement in each instance.

It will soon be spring again, and we particularly recommend that each householder should look carefully after the drainage of closet and sink. Clean out the cess-pool where ever it exists, or if possible dig a new one at least fifty feet from the buildings. *Do not neglect it. Provide ample ventilation for it.* A cess-pool without adequate means of escape for the gases from decomposing vegetable and putrifying animal matter becomes a fearful menace to an entire community.

We solicit reports of any such cases and will give prompt attention to any request for aid or advice in these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDINER L. STURDIVANT, M. D., *Chairman.*

E. C. PARK, *Secretary.*

C. M. KIMBALL.

Superintendent's Report.

Our Schools.

The annual report of the schools of the town is hereby submitted.

The year just closed, in point of regularity of attendance has been disappointing and unsatisfactory. Near the middle of the fall term whooping cough broke out in the village school and gradually spread to the other children till there was hardly a school in town free from it. As winter came on the cough became more severe necessitating the absence of many for the greater part of the time. Many of those in the lower grades who pluckily persisted in dragging themselves to school were fit candidates, at the close of the year, for the children's ward in some hospital. But for the spirit of the teachers the schools in several districts could not have been held together. The broken attendance and the rigorous winter did not in any case lessen the interest or dampen the cheerfulness and enthusiasm of the teacher. The year, however, has not been without its rewards.

Good work has been done ; steady progress has been made. The disposition, the deportment and demeanor of the scholars has been excellent, almost without exception. No rudeness or roughness or viciousness has been brought to

my attention ; just a little thoughtlessness, here and there, now and then, just enough to indicate that boys are full of ginger, as of old. Industry and eagerness to learn has been more noticeable than before in my experience. One looks in vain for the listless, lazy, droning boys and girls ; they are of the past, and wide-awake, energetic teachers of culture and refinement are responsible for the improvement.

Bethel has furnished all the teachers employed, and should furnish them so long as the supply is good. In consequence of several of our experienced teachers being called elsewhere there has been an unusual number of changes. For allowing them to go the management of the schools has been severely criticised, but not in the least disturbed, and for two reasons ; first, and foremost, the opportunities for advancement in school work in Maine are few, and when one comes to a teacher, she ought to be allowed to avail herself of it. It is not a mere matter of dollars and cents. Any teacher who has a spark of ambition or enthusiasm will exchange a small country school for the wider opportunities that a village school affords, be the salary more or less. It is a compliment to the town and a source of pride to those interested in the schools, to have our ranks thus invaded, to have other towns looking to us for intelligence and culture. And then again we must train some young teachers or take our chances with strangers as vacancies are constantly occurring from one reason and another. We have no training school, and if we had, the actual experience is the real thing. It is in one's first school that the wide chasm between theory and practice yawns. Our inexperienced teachers have done well. Their schools have been steady and well disciplined. The material was good and our supply is inexhaustible. It pays to sift it.

During the summer vacation the house on the Flat was painted ; the nuisance at the West Bethel house abated, and

the house at North Bethel renovated thoroughly and painted. New blackboards were put into the houses at South Bethel and East Bethel. A room in one of Mr. Maxim's houses on Bird Hill was fitted up to accommodate the scholars in that section, there being more than could be schooled at Locke Mills and our South Bethel school being full to overflowing so that we could not squeeze them in there. Very fortunately for the town, Mr. Maxim offered the use of a portion of the house. In passing it may not be amiss to remind tax-payers that this experience should teach us the unwisdom and folly of allowing school buildings to fall into decay.

In making these repairs and others of a minor nature, the appropriation has been exceeded in an inexcusable sum. While every endeavor in the way of economy has been made, still my experience in building and repairing has not been sufficient to fathom or foresee the cost within twenty-five per cent. I make no excuse for the excess, but ask the tax-payers to consider the items.

Another year the West Bethel school-house should be well painted. It was cheaply done before and the house is rapidly becoming weather-beaten. With this exception no other repairs will be needed on any of the houses outside the village for years to come. For the past three years these dilapidated houses have called so loudly for attention that the needs of our brick building in the village have not been pressed. However, it will not be safe from a sanitary point of view to try to get along another year without overhauling the plumbing in the basement. The building has been in use now some years and tax payers must remember that half the school children in town have been constantly in attendance at that school. The traps are out of fix, the tanks are leaky, and the plumbing has played out generally. When one stops to consider that there are well-nigh one-hundred and fifty children to be accommodated it becomes a serious matter. In all

probability one hundred dollars will fix this up so that it will last for several years if attended to this year. But whatever it costs the need is imperative.

Another matter to which I wish to call the attention of the tax payers is the heating of this same building. It is a matter that should be faced in a businesslike spirit with an eye single to the welfare of the children and the interests of the town. There is some difference of opinion as to whether any better system of heating can be had or should be had but I am sure the consensus of opinion of those who have been most closely in touch with it, of those who have had the actual experience with it, is that it would be difficult to discover or invent a system less adapted to do the work that is called for, than the one now in operation. To keep the rooms passably comfortable in winter a very large amount of wood, and an effort on the part of the janitor that would cause a stoker on an ocean liner to shudder, are required. So much wood and such Herculean effort cost money. This is the practical side of the question for the tax payer to consider. This comparatively small building should be heated evenly and well with half the wood and half the effort. But the real and important side of the question is the health of the children and teachers. Regardless of the cost, if the system is defective and incapable of doing the work it should be torn out. In the warrant for the March meeting there will be an article looking to the raising of money for the purpose of changing the system and it is to be hoped that citizens may be ready to give the matter calm and dispassionate consideration. At the meeting some definite estimate of the cost will be ready. It will not be ventured at the present time.

For the year we shall need two hundred and fifty dollars for books. A very large number of old books are worthless, dirty and filthy, dangerous to use.

For repairs, not including the brick building heating

changes, we shall need two hundred fifty dollars—a hundred seventy-five plus this year's deficit.

For the support of the schools the same as last year twenty-two hundred dollars. I am deeply indebted to the School Committee for their steadying influence and timely advice; to the parents for their kindly criticisms; and to the teachers for their unvarying patience with my shortcomings.

H. H. HASTINGS.

Financial Statement.

School Fund.

DR.

To amount appropriated by town,	\$2200.00	
“ “ received from State,	1546.62	
“ “ “ “ Milton,	100.00	
“ “ “ “ Gilead,	10.00	
“ “ “ “ tuition from State,	12.00	
“ “ unexpended from last year, . .	246.05	
“ “ received from Ministerial and School fund,	25.00	\$4139.67

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By paid teachers as follows:

Ruby Clark,	\$ 75.00
Cora H. Farwell,	70.00
Cleo Russell,	70.00
Ethel Hammons,	70.00
Ethel M. Richardson, . . .	80.00

Eva V. Twaddle,	75.00
Hester Kimball,	65.00
Jane H. Gibson,	90.00
Edith D. Abbott,	75.00
Addie L. Horr,	60.00
Ruth M. Bean,	55.00
Elva Kendall,	55.00
Barbara Carter,	3.00
Florence Twitchell,	65.00
Ethel M. Richardson,	90.00
Ruby Clark,	90.00
Eva V. Twaddle,	90.00
Sadie E. Mason,	84.00
Cleo Russell,	84.00
Jane H. Gibson,	108.00
Maud Russell,	66.00
Ethel Hammons,	96.00
Amy Bartlett	55.00
Hester M. Kimball	78.00
Addie L. Horr,	72.00
Grace M. Chapman,	60.00
Bessie E. Andrews,	72.00
Ruth M. Bean,	78.00
Ruby Clark	60.00
Ethel M. Richardson,	60.00
Ruth M. Bean	56.00
Jane H. Gibson,	72.00
Sadie E. Mason,	56.00
Lester Bean,	52.00
Maud Russell,	48.00
Grace M. Chapman,	48.00
Bessie E. Andrews,	52.00
Angie Abbott,	48.00
Hester M. Kimball,	42.90

Eva V. Twaddle,	60.00	
Amy Bartlett,	48.00	
Addie L. Horr,	52.00	\$2,785.90
Town of Greenwood tuition . .	15.00	

\$2,800.90

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By paid for carrying pupils :

P. C. Thomas,	\$ 3.00
Ephraim Bryant,	28.00
A. S. Chapman	35.00
J. L. Holt,	30.00
A. B. Richardson,	25.00
Mrs. A. L. Whitman,	25.00
A. R. Merrill,	10.00
V. P. Adamson,	10.00
T. B. Burke,	25.00
Mrs. A. G. Smith,	20.00
C. L. Swan,	10.00
T. E. Cummings,	17.50
J. L. Holt,	36.00
V. P. Adamson,	12.00
S. MayConnell,	12.00
A. R. Merrill,	12.00
A. B. Richardson,	30.00
A. S. Chapman,	42.00
N. B. Annis,	30.00
Mrs. A. L. Whitman,	30.00
T. B. Burke,	30.00
C. L. Swan,	10.00
J. Hapgood,	21.00
A. S. Chapman,	28.00
A. B. Richardson,	20.00
Mabel Bartlett,	24.00
S. MayConnell,	8.00

Grover C. Thomas,	2.00	
Mrs. A. L. Whitman,	20.00	
N. B. Annis,	20.00	
T. B. Burke,	15.00	
V. P. Adamson,	4.00	
M. R. Coburn,	16.00	660.50

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By paid for fuel :

B. W. Stearns, \$	4.50	
C. F. Abbott,	6.50	
D. C. Swett,	8.50	
J. L. Holt,	4.00	
Wm. L. Farwell,	4.00	
H. M. Farwell,	11.81	
C. G. Blake,	9.00	
J. S. Hutchins,	7.00	
B. W. Kimball,	4.00	
W. S. Hotham,	3.25	
L. H. Tyler,	11.00	
Merrill, Springer & Co., . .	8.10	
C. L. Abbott,	7.23	
Wm. L. Farwell,	5.00	
H. C. Andrews,	7.50	
W. W. Chase,	1.50	
F. J. Philbrook,	4.00	
M. W. Hastings,	4.00	
Hastings Bros.,	93.75	
Porter Farwell,	7.00	
J. A. Thurston, (1900,		
1901, 1902,)	43.53	
H. F. Maxim,	12.15	
D. C. Swett,	1.75	269.07

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By paid janitors and for cleaning
schoolhouses as follows:

Ralph King,	\$ 1.50	
Robert Cushman	2.50	
Dana Verrill	5.00	
Warren Brooks	4.00	
J. N. Bartlett	4.00	
A. J. McAllister	1.25	
Mrs. Wm. Farwell	2.00	
Jerome Holmes	5.00	
S. E. Abbott	1.60	
Elbert Briggs	3.00	
Guy Bartlett	5.00	
D. R. Smith	20.00	
Alice Mills	2.50	
Mrs. Annie Heath	12.50	
Mrs. W. H. Griffin	4.00	
R. W. Truman	2.00	
Mrs. I. A. Cushman	2.00	
James Swan	5.00	
Lillian Buck	1.50	
Cleo Russell	4.00	
Lester Bean	30.00	
Guy Bartlett	6.00	
Wallace L. Farwell . . . . .	.70	
D. R. Smith	7.00	
Carroll Cushman	1.25	
H. C. Andrews	43.00	
Willis Chase	1.25	177.55
Cost of schools,		\$3,908.02
Unexpended		231.65
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		\$4,139.67

Books and Supplies.

DR.

To amount appropriated by town,	\$200.00	
“ “ received for books sold,	2.37	
“ “ “ “ ashes,	2.50	
		\$ 204.87

CR.

By paid for books and supplies :

Excess last year	\$ 5.08
H. H. Hastings, cash paid out,	9.50
American Baptist Society.	6.00
Werner School Book Co.,	47.76
Tilser, Burdett & Co.,	41.39
Bethel Manufacturing Co.,	6.00
J. L. Hammett Co.	4.10
Shaw's Business College,	4.50
G. R. Wiley	3.60
E. E. Burnham,	1.68
D. C. Heath & Co.,	7.40
D. Appleton Co.,	9.60
Werner School Book Co.,	10.56
American Book Co.,	2.40
B. H. Sanborn & Co.,	2.40
Loring, Short & Harmon,	7.30
Thos. R. Shewell & Co.,	1.80
American Book Co.,	1.44
L. C. Hall,	4.28
F. M. Stetson,	4.00
E. E. Burnham.	2.08
E. C. Rowe,	4.00
J. L. Hammett Co.,	1.12

G. R. Wiley,	2.95	
News Publishing Company,	15.22	
J. H. Swan,62	
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		\$ 203.78
Unexpended,		1.09

Repairs.

DR.

To amount appropriated by town,	\$300.00	
“ “ received for broken glass,	2.75	\$ 302.75

CR.

By paid for repairs :

Excess last year,	\$ 36.50
J. N. Bartlett,	5.00
F. L. Edwards,	36.45
W. F. Kendall,	13.50
C. L. Davis,	1.70
I. C. Jordan,	7.00
Andrews School Furniture Co., ..	11.52
Cleveland School Furniture Co., ..	40.40
T. H. Jewett,	43.17
Gilbert Tuell,	44.65
J. L. Chapman,	8.00
Bethel Mf'g Co.,	3.60
Ed Merrill,	7.50
Andrews School Furniture Co., ..	34.56
D. R. Smith,	3.00
I. A. Smith,	1.50
F. B. Howe,	3.00
A. J. Haskell,	1.35
B. W. Kimball,	6.95

N. B. Annis.....	2.00
Fon Bartlett.....	2.50
Jotham Chapman.....	7.50
J. W. Smith.....	8.25
Woodbury & Purington.....	2.75
C. L. Abbott.....	7.55
T. H. Jewett.....	4.00
D. R. Smith.....	1.50
N. F. Brown.....	25.24
H. H. Hastings, paid out.....	9.54
G. Tuell	2.58

————— \$382.76

Excess..... \$80.01

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

Warrant For Town Meeting.

To F. J. Tyler, 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 2nd 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.

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- 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 or Commissioners 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 and raise to extend the sewer system.
- Art. 25. To see if the town will direct the municipal officers to request the County Commissioners to designate some highway running through the town to be known as a State road, and to see how much money the town will appropriate for the permanent improvement of such road.
- Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to open and maintain a liquor agency for the ensuing year.
- Art. 27. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for changing and improving the heating apparatus in the brick school-house in the village.
- Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to continue the school on Swan's Hill.
- Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to continue the school at North Bethel.
- Art. 30. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to make a contract for running the ferry boat at West Bethel for a term of years.
- Art. 31. To receive and allow accounts.

Art. 32. 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 doings thereon.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February, 1903.

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

The Selectmen will be in session at their office Feb. 28, 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.

