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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## OFFICERS

OF THE

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# TOWN *of* BETHEL

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FOR THE

## Year Ending January 31,

# 1906

E. C. Bowler, Publisher, Bethel, Maine.



## Town Officers.

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*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor:*

C. E. BARKER,                      F. J. RUSSELL,                      F. F. BEAN.

*Clerk,*

L. T. BARKER.

*Treasurer,*

N. F. BROWN.

*Collector,*

T. H. JEWETT.

*Superintending School Committee:*

N. F. BROWN,      SUSIE B. TWITCHELL,      N. R. SPRINGER.

*Superintendent of Schools,*

H. H. HASTINGS.

*Board of Health:*

G. L. STURDIVANT, M. D., Chairman,

C. M. KIMBALL,

E. C. PARK, Secretary.

*Auditor,*

W. W. HASTINGS.

*Town Agent,*

A. E. HERRICK.

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# Annual Report, Year 1905.

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Bethel:*

The Annual Report of your town officers is hereby respectfully submitted.

## Assessors' Report.

Valuation of property and number of polls as taken on April 1st, 1905.

Value of real estate, resident owners,	\$595,300
Value of real estate, non-resident owners,	72,955
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Total valuation of real estate,	\$668,255
Value of personal estate, resident owners,	\$197,123
Value of personal estate, non-resident owners,	5,469
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Total valuation of personal estate,	\$202,592
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Grand total of property,	\$870,847

Rate of taxation, \$17.00 per thousand dollars.

Poll tax rate \$2.00.

Number of polls taxed, 540.

Number of polls not taxed, 69.

Percentage paid Tax Collector, .014 on the dollar.

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## Assessments.

State tax,	\$2,186 92	
County tax,	1,623 00	
Support of Schools,	2,500 00	
Repair of School houses,	150 00	
To purchase text books,	300 00	
Tuition in secondary schools,	600 00	
Repair of roads and bridges,	4,000 00	
Support of poor,	1,200 00	
Town officers' salaries,	1,000 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	400 00	
Extension of sewer system,	500 00	
State road,	400 00	
Road improvement at South Bethel,	300 00	
Highway damage,	25 00	
Memorial Day observance,	25 00	
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		\$15,209 92
Overlay in assessing,		656 99
Supplementary taxes,		16 20
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Total amount committed to T. H. Jewett for collection,		\$15,883 11

Extracts from Assessors' Report to Board of State Assessors  
for the Year 1905.

## LIVE STOCK.

	No.	Ave. Value.
Horses,	636	\$69 54
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	16	83 44
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	20	64 50

## LIVE STOCK—CONTINUED.

	No.	Ave. Value.
Colts, under 2 years old,	35	35 86
Cows,	708	20 16
Oxen,	49	48 06
Three-year-olds,	236	19 47
Two-year-olds,	257	13 48
Yearlings,	213	10 26
Sheep,	629	3 00
Swine,	157	8 94

## ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Bank Stock, 283 shares,	\$22,800 00
Trust Company's Stock, 25 shares,	2,500 00
Water Company's Plant,	12,500 00
Money at Interest,	13,100 00
Stock in Trade,	42,275 00
Logs and Lumber,	13,000 00
Wood and Bark,	1,055 00
Carriages,	3,840 00
Musical Instruments,	6,150 00
Finished products in mills,	2,600 00
Materials in stock,	1,000 00
Machinery,	3,500 00

## Abatements Allowed.

## TAXES OF 1902.

L. U. Bartlett, personal, not collectible,	\$ 9 84
Francis E. Carpenter, poll, worthless,	2 00

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\$11 84

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## TAXES OF 1903.

James A. Barchard, poll, deceased,	\$ 2 00
L. U. Bartlett, personal, not collectible,	11 57
Francis E. Carpenter, poll, worthless,	2 00
John Heath, poll, not able to pay,	2 00
Charles A. Willey, poll, worthless,	2 00
Z. C. Estes, real estate, error,	.90
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	\$ 20 47

## TAXES OF 1904.

James Armstrong, poll and personal, left town,	3 34
J. Madison Bartlett, heirs of, unable to pay,	5 70
Alphonso Bartlett, poll, deceased,	2 00
L. U. Bartlett, personal, not collectible,	16 15
James A. Barchard, poll, deceased,	2 00
Mrs. Fernando Bennett, not able to pay,	2 85
George W. Bryant, poll and personal, worthless,	2 38
Amos Buck, poll, worthless,	2 00
Charles Cole, poll, paid in New Hampshire,	2 00
Calvin Cole, poll and personal, worthless,	2 86
Moses Coolidge, poll, error,	2 00
A. F. Copeland, real estate, error,	3 80
Francis E. Carpenter, poll, worthless,	2 00
A. C. Frost, personal, error,	3 80
Charles H. Gates, poll, paid in Massachusetts,	2 00
Archer L. Grover, poll, paid in Orono,	2 00
W. C. Garey, real estate, error,	1 90
D. S. Hastings, real estate, taxed twice,	1 43
John Heath, poll, not able to pay,	2 00
Joseph Hodgkins, poll, not of age,	2 00

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Lewis Lovejoy, poll, left town,	\$ 2 00
Walter Merrill, poll, worthless,	2 00
John H. O'Connor, poll, paid in New Hampshire,	2 00
Harry Pitipas, poll, left town,	2 00
John Rollins, poll, paid in Gilead,	2 00
Wesley C. Robinson, poll, paid in Lakeview,	2 00
Abner Strout, poll, worthless,	2 00
J. B. Smith, personal, deceased,	38
Alton Smith, poll, left town,	2 00
Lamont Spearrin, poll, left town,	2 00
Roscoe Swan, poll, not found,	2 00
Harry P. Swett, poll, paid in Paris,	2 00
W. E. Thurlow, personal, not able to pay,	63
Alanson Tyler, personal, error,	2 09
Charles H. Verrill, poll, paid in New Hampshire,	2 00
Charles A. Willey, poll, worthless,	2 00
Joseph A. Young, poll and personal, left town,	3 43
Ella M. Bean, real estate, error,	95
Z. C. Estes, real estate, error,	95
Peleg E. Mason, poll, not found,	2 00
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	\$ 100 64
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Total Abatements,	\$ 132 95
Discount on taxes as allowed by T. H. Jewett according to the vote of the town :	
At 5 per cent.,	\$ 430 38
At 3 per cent.,	45 63
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	\$ 476 01



# Report of Overseers of Poor.

## Town Farm Statement.

### EXPENDITURES.

Appraisal of farm and personal property, February 1, 1905, \$ 3,176 25

No. of Order.

46, J. M. Philbrook, oxen,	115 00
50, N. A. Austin, horse and collar,	155 00
55, A. W. Bean, balance of salary	72 00
105, E. H. Young, harness,	7 25
137, G. R. Wiley, paint and paper,	11 65
223, B. W. Kimball, wagon,	15 00
242, L. W. Ramsell, supplies,	61 92
244, F. B. Howe, cow,	25 00
316, (Part of) Bethel M'f'g. Co., bedsteads,	12 00
321, O. P. Littlehale, pasturing oxen,	6 00
330, H. S. Hastings, phosphate,	10 15
331, L. W. Ramsell, supplies,	50 94
335, G. W. Fernald, testing cows,	6 00
367, A. C. Frost, work,	6 05
368, C. Bisbee estate, supplies,	105 74
365, N. F. Brown, supplies,	7 68
370, C. K. Fox, supplies,	100 36

No. of Order.

—, Paid H. A. Wentworth on salary,	\$ 114 80
—, Received by H. A. Wentworth,	58 66
Due H. A. Wentworth to Feb. 1,	57 31
371, W. D. Hastings, shoeing oxen,	1 35
376, (Part of) Dr. Wight, acc't Melinda Bean,	1 00
	\$ 4,177 11

## Town Farm Receipts.

Appraisal of January 31, 1906,	\$3,089 19
Cattle sold,	180 00
Sweet corn check,	61 50
Produce sold from farm,	121 06
Board of help on State road,	33 15
Oxen sold, Feb. 25, 1905,	157 50
Boards sold,	5 25
	\$3,647 65

Four persons have been supported at the farm, viz:— William Cook, William Macomber, Mrs. Dorcas Goodnow and Mrs. Eunice Roberts. Referring to the balance of \$529.46 against the town farm as shown by the foregoing statement, we will say that we dropped from the appraisal some articles and reduced the appraised value of others, also the amount of hay falls short about \$50.00 from last year.

In the account of poor not on the farm about \$30.00 was paid on bills that were not adjusted at the time of making the last report. For these reasons we feel that the entire sum as shown by this report is not fairly chargeable to the poor account of this year, but we include it all in the sum total of pauper expenses.

**Poor not on the Farm.**

GRANVILLE M. GLINES, (ex-soldier).

Paid town of Greenwood, \$43 00

JOSEPH O. JORDAN AND FAMILY.

Paid town of Sumner, 96 32

JOHN G. ESTES AND FAMILY.

Paid town of Woodstock, 42 81

EUGENE B. HEATH.

Paid C. H. Heath, board and care \$19 00

Paid W. S. Robertson, board and care 36 00

Paid doctor's bills, 14 75

Paid W. E. Bosserman, medicines, 4 40

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JOHN WELCH.

Paid A. W. Grover, undertaker, \$28 00

Paid Rev. F. C. Potter, 2 00

Paid L. A. York, digging grave, 3 00

Paid Dr. I. H. Wight, 6 00

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\$39 00

TRAMPS.

Paid H. H. Bean, care and feed for 75

tramps, \$22 50

Paid H. H. Bean, supplies for lock-up 2 87

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\$25 37

Credit by rent of court room, 2 50

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Balance carried to the poor bill 22 87

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\$318 15

**Poor at Insane Hospital.**

Three patients have been supported by the town during the entire year, and one, Mrs. Irene Needham, died in November. Those now at the hospital are Mellen A. Cross, Elbridge H. Fifield and Daniel F. Bean. Total cost as per bills, \$589 90

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Burial expenses of Mrs. Irene Needham paid by her son Charles G. Needham,	\$35 00	
Paid from Mrs. Needham's estate,	29 36	\$ 64 36
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Cost to the town,		\$525 54

**Total Expense of the Poor.**

Balance against the town farm,	\$529 46	
Poor not on the farm,	318 15	
Poor at Insane Hospital,	525 54	
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		\$1,373 15

**State Paupers.**

During the year the following named parties have received help as State paupers, and the bills as presented by us have been allowed by the Governor and Council:

Wilson T. Brown and family, of Milton Plantation,  
George W. Ryerson and family, of Milton Plantation,  
Hugh M. Stuart of Prince Edward's Island.

A bill which includes all State pauper claims up to the date of this report has been sent to the Governor and Council. The bill is made up of the following items:

No. of Order.

307	Ida C. Brown, support of W. T. Brown,	\$15 00
309	J. W. Stuart, medical attendance,	16 00
324	H. F. Abbott, medical attendance,	10 50
329	Ida C. Brown,	15 00
288	C. E. Barker, acc't Harlan Jodray	12 00
—	Paid Overseers of Poor,	8 50

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Due from the State,

\$77 00

# Report of Selectmen.

## Sewers.

Appropriation,		\$500 00
No. of Order.		
59 E. H. Smith,	\$ 7 48	
81 E. H. Smith,	20 00	
83 W. E. Littlehale,	14 52	
87 Hastings Brothers, pipe,	141 49	
86 (Part of) Hastings Brothers, pipe,	6 13	
90 Byron Cummings,	1 50	
103 (Part of) Earl Barker,	8 75	
104 Fred Douglass,	15 75	
120 (Part of) F. J. Tyler,	2 00	
133 W. E. Littlehale	3 50	
156 F. H. Gunther,	19 25	
169 Charles Coburn,	8 75	
195 Woodbury & Purington,	5 08	
205 F. F. Bean,	16 00	
225 George Awatts,	4 37	
228 A. Morgan,	12 25	
229 Nat Lowe,	12 25	
230 Howard Coburn,	11 37	
238 F. H. Gunther,	2 62	
239 E. H. Smith,	24 00	
240 E. G. Annas,	17 50	

No of Order.

241 (Part of) W. E. Littlehale,	\$ 19 25
249 (Part of) E. H. Smith,	65
251 (Part of) E. G. Annas,	2 50
270 George Magill,	12 25
292 E. H. Smith,	4 00
328 Woodbury & Purington,	2 11
353 C. L. Davis,	3 50
366 T. H. Durrell,	9 40
375 (Part of) Hastings Brothers,	60 82
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	\$469 04
Received for labor on Sewer con- nections,	27 35
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	\$441 69

## State Road.

Appropriation, \$400 00

No. of Order.

168 Percy Taylor,	\$ 1 75
170 W. E. Littlehale,	22 75
171 Walter Wight,	5 82
173 Earl Barker,	22 75
175 George Luxton,	5 50
176 (Part of) E. M. Carter,	24 10
178 F. F. Bean,	26 90
211 (Part of) E. H. Smith,	3 98
212 F. J. Russell,	3 00
272 N. Trask,	4 12
274 E. H. Smith,	10 00
276 Elmer Bailey,	16 62
277 (Part of) W. G. Blake,	39 03

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No of Order.

278 C. O. Moore,	\$ 49 00	
280 Edwin York,	18 36	
281 George L. Smith,	24 50	
282 Earl Bartlett,	17 50	
283 George Gaudet,	11 37	
284 William Gaudet,	8 75	
285 George Magill,	14 00	
286 Walter Wight,	6 00	
293 E. H. Smith,	18 00	
295 Percy Taylor,	12 29	
296 C. Bailey,	11 37	
359 H. A. Wentworth,	87	
360 Town Farm, for board,	33 15	
363 (Part of) H. M. Farwell,	4 00	
		\$415 48
Refunded by State,		200 00

Road Improvement at South Bethel.

Appropriation, \$300 00

No. of Order.

103 (Part of) Earl Barker,	\$5 75
115 Howard Coburn,	6 12
117 E. F. Blake,	7 43
124 (Part of) George Luxton,	8 05
125 J. S. Hutchins,	8 70
129 (Part of) F. H. Gunther,	12 68
134 W. E. Littlehøle,	12 69
136 (Part of) J. S. and L. U. Bartlett,	32 37
144 John Coburn,	12 67
146 C. G. Blake,	23 75



## No of Order.

151	Charles Coburn,	\$ 12 68
153	H. M. Farwell,	38 50
158	F. F. Bean,	15 00
163	W. G. Blake,	6 35
164	G. L. Smith,	5 25
165	E. M. Carter,	25 00
172	Earl Barker,	5 25
176	(Part of) E. M. Carter,	5 60
275	D. B. Hall,	14 87
277	(Part of) W. G. Blake,	15 52
294	I. N. Coburn,	25 37
297	E. H. Smith,	14 60

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\$314 20

## Highways.

Appropriation, \$4,000 00

## No. of Order.

2	G. D. Morrill,	\$43 96
3	W. B. Rand, Assignee,	12 62
4	Elliot Rich,	9 65
5	C. L. Swan,	7 12
6	I. W. Bean,	4 02
8	C. F. Abbott,	1 50
9	C. M. Kimball,	1 70
11	Geo. R. Davis,	4 50
12	Chas. McInnis,	4 50
15	H. F. Maxim,	2 50
17	N. A. Stearns,	14 40
18	W. E. Coolidge,	3 00
20	A. E. Tyler,	1 50

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No. of Order.		
21	Bay Mills,	\$ 4 50
22	L. H. Tyler,	12 76
23	E. H. Morrill,	3 00
24	V. P. Adamson,	7 20
25	Joseph Mayconnell,	1 50
26	Eli F. Stearns,	3 21
27	S. Mayconnell,	9 90
28	T. B. Burke,	6 60
29	F. E. Stevens,	11 25
33	E. F. Cushman,	6 00
34	F. F. Bean,	4 50
37	D. Cushing,	4 50
39	Bay Mills,	4 50
40	Hazen B. Lowell,	9 00
42	Eli Grover,	4 50
43	G. D. Morrill,	25 50
44	Good Roads Machinery Co.,	16 50
45	Fred Mundt,	4 80
47	J. M. Bartlett,	17 10
48	C. L. Davis,	23 75
51	Elliot Rich,	2 40
52	G. H. Swan,	18 00
54	H. O. Blake,	18 00
56	N. A. Stearns,	3 45
62	Joseph Holt,	7 35
63	C. L. Abbott, Jr.,	15 00
64	E. Libby & Sons Co.,	33 36
66	W. H. Hutchinson,	2 25
67	C. F. Shaw,	2 80
68	True Browne,	3 15
69	M. E. Grover,	5 45
70	J. F. Bartlett,	1 10
71	J. M. Keniston,	1 50

## No of Order.

72	A. B. Tyler,	\$ 4 00
73	B. G. Whitman,	10 95
74	J. M. Philbrook,	36 73
75	F. C. Bean,	18 00
76	J. O. Estes,	7 96
77	F. E. Kendall,	15 00
78	T. H. Foster,	3 22
79	G. L. Smith,	20 12
82	S. Mayconnell,	5 70
84	E. H. Smith,	19 59
85	E. M. Carter,	26 03
86	(Part of) Hastings Brothers,	3 36
89	Seth L. Mason,	10 80
91	W. A. Emery,	36 40
92	E. B. Heath,	10 00
93	E. S. Mason,	7 45
96	Bethel M'f'g. Co.,	30 40
98	E. B. Heath,	35 00
99	G. L. Smith,	25 64
100	E. M. Carter,	100 00
102	H. Powers,	3 50
103	(Part of) Earl Barker,	7 00
106	Freeland Bennett,	12 00
107	Howard Coburn,	20 00
108	F. E. Kendall,	15 00
109	Geo. Luxton,	26 47
110	E. A. Barker,	4 50
112	G. L. Thurston,	335 75
113	C. W. Godwin,	5 10
114	O. W. Ellingwood,	2 90
116	N. C. Dudley,	9 25
118	S. L. Grover,	7 05
119	W. A. Farwell,	3 50

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No. of Order.

120	(Part of) F. J. Tyler,	\$ 2 00
121	I. M. Coburn;	9 50
122	I. M. Coburn,	17 50
123	Howard Coburn,	22 87
124	(Part of) George Luxton,	2 60
127	F. E. Kendall,	7 00
128	J. M. Bartlett,	5 00
129	(Part of) F. H. Gunther,	12 32
130	A. F. Chapman,	2 00
131	F. J. Russell,	37 19
132	F. J. Russell,	31 10
135	W. E. Littlehale,	22 75
136	(Part of) J. S. & L. U. Bartlett,	1 75
139	S. E. Cummings,	2 25
141	H. B. Smith & Co.,	48 74
142	M. A. Stowell,	4 40
143	R. R. Maybery,	19 50
145	John Coburn,	8 75
147	C. G. Blake,	6 60
148	G. K. Hastings,	10 85
149	W. H. Hutchinson,	5 10
150	Chas. Coburn,	7 00
152	A. B. Grover,	18 08
154	C. M. Kimball,	1 50
155	J. H. Swan,	9 30
156	(Part of) F. H. Gunther,	5 18
157	(Part of) A. C. Frost,	12 90
159	E. S. Bean,	2 63
160	L. H. Tyler,	15 01
161	A. E. Tyler,	13 51
162	A. R. Merrill,	6 50
176	(Part of) E. M. Carter,	81 82
177	G. H. Swan,	6 25

No of Order.

181	J. A. Paine,	\$ 90
183	A. Lamere,	1 13
184	John Hapgood,	1 50
187	F. F. Bean,	23 60
189	N. F. Swan,	3 00
190	G. H. Swan,	11 50
191	H. P. Coolidge,	2 22
193	Charles Dunham,	1 70
194	N. A. Stearns,	3 30
197	Seth L. Mason,	4 00
199	G. L. Smith,	16 38
202	B. G. Whitman,	15 00
203	W. E. Littlehale,	5 25
206	John Hapgood,	4 50
207	N. C. Dudley,	3 00
208	E. A. Barker,	26 03
209	S. L. Grover,	5 83
210	W. W. Chase,	15 37
211	(Part of) E. H. Smith,	18 70
217	W. E. Littlehale,	7 35
218	L. D. Grover,	4 80
220	C. E. Barker,	28 35
226	E. H. Smith,	14 00
231	V. P. Adamson,	5 70
232	R. T. Clough,	24 90
237	G. D. Morrill,	41 45
241	(Part of) W. E. Littlehale,	5 25
243	Nathan Bean,	5 42
246	H. F. Maxim,	16 55
247	H. F. Maxim,	31 10
248	W. E. Littlehale,	3 50
249	(Part of) E. H. Smith,	8 40
251	(Part of) E. G. Annas,	8 75

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No of Order.		
252	L. U. Bartlett,	\$ 5 00
254	C. O. Moore,	7 50
257	A. W. Grover,	25 05
258	C. F. Reed,	2 25
259	G. H. Swan,	6 35
260	G. L. Smith,	27 00
263	G. B. Mills,	20 85
264	W. E. Littlehale,	1 75
265	O. A. Buck,	11 80
266	J. L. Oliver,	4 20
267	Asa Sessions,	14 14
268	L. U. Bartlett,	5 50
269	T. B. Burke,	5 75
271	N. C. Dudley,	3 30
273	S. E. Cummings,	8 90
287	H. W. Dennison,	1 83
289	E. H. Smith,	8 15
291	A. L. Whitman,	14 40
298	E. H. Smith,	14 85
299	I. S. Morrill,	22 90
301	H. W. Cummings,	4 37
303	D. C. Estes,	8 17
304	W. R. Chapman,	10 00
305	True Browne,	3 30
306	L. Littlehale,	1 75
308	R. B. Thurston,	6 00
312	W. A. Farwell,	1 00
313	R. L. Bennett,	14 30
314	I. H. Wilson,	15 10
316	(Part of) Bethel M'f'g. Co.,	17 75
317	W. C. Chapman,	85 80
318	Geo. E. Osgood,	6 46
322	Geo. W. Mason,	18 85

No. of Order.

323	E. L. Tebbetts & Co.,	\$ 2 80
325	Herrick Bros.,	6 04
333	L. E. Cole,	1 88
334	F. I. Clark,	2 00
337	E. S. Smith,	2 10
338	W. L. Farwell,	5 65
340	W. D. Mills,	12 00
342	E. W. Barker,	26 00
344	C. F. Shaw,	2 00
345	C. L. Mills,	17 42
346	A. S. Chapman,	21 80
347	A. M. Bean,	7 20
348	Porter Farwell,	10 95
349	A. B. Grover,	2 40
351	Joseph Holt,	3 60
352	A. W. Bean,	1 73
353	(Part of) C. L. Davis,	16 00
355	H. N. Upton,	5 00
356	F. J. Russell,	3 75
357	H. E. Grover,	1 50
358	F. F. Bean,	2 50
361	H. H. Hastings,	2 00
363	(Part of) H. M. Farwell,	21 50
364	N. F. Brown,	15 81
369	F. C. Bean,	4 00
371	(Part of) W. D. Hastings,	85
372	N. F. Brown,	2 00
373	L. A. York,	2 00
374	E. H. Foster,	2 30
375	(Part of) Hastings Brothers,	30 80
383	Clark Caswell,	2 00
384	H. E. Bartlett,	2 00
385	H. W. Cummings,	2 00

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No. of Order.

387	C. F. Abbott,	\$ 1 50
389	N. A. Stearns,	8 65
390	C. L. Abbott, Jr.,	12 60
392	G. D. Morrill,	21 60
396	G. P. Bean,	5 75
399	H. Mason,	3 00

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\$ 2,810 60

Estimated outstanding bills,

\$ 100 00

Schools.

School funds for 1905,	\$ 3924 99
Overdrawn last year,	188 21

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\$3736 78

Superintendent's orders paid,

4224 68

Overdrawn,

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\$487 90

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Overdrawn last year,	27 90

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\$272 10

Superintendent's orders paid,

198 94

Undrawn,

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\$73 16



## REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Overdrawn last year,	1 07	
	<hr/>	\$148 93
Superintendent's orders paid		94 41
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Undrawn		54 52

## TUITION AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	600 00	
Paid to Gould's Academy,	795 50	
	<hr/>	\$195 50
Overdrawn,		\$ 250 00

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	\$1,781 12
Deposit at Bethel Savings Bank,	91 98
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	\$1,873 10

Amounts have been paid to the different societies as follows:

Universalist,	\$16 00
Methodist,	16 00
Congregationalist,	16 00
Baptist,	10 00
Union,	10 00
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	\$68 00
Paid to the School Fund,	30 00
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	\$98 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. U. PURINGTON, *Treasurer.*

## Liquor Agency.

L. T. BARKER, AGENT.

## DR.

To liquors on hand Feb. 1, 1905,	\$ 460 87
“ liquors purchased for the year ending Feb. 1, 1906,	1,738 14
“ U. S. License,	25 00
“ freight and cartage,	14 47
“ salary to Feb. 1, 1906,	200 00
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	\$2,438 48

## CR.

By cash received from sales,	\$2,500 00
“ liquors and casks on hand,	450 48
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	\$2,950 48
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Net profit,	\$512 00

## Miscellaneous Expenses.

Appropriation, \$400 00

No. of Order.

19	News Pub. Co., printing reports,	52 00
53	Geo. H. Swan, damage to wagon,	8 00
57	Bethel Savings Bank, rent,	60 00
61	F. J. Russell, work on pulp wood,	12 75
80	Alice M. Barker, copying,	7 00
138	G. R. Wiley, books and stationery,	19 95
182	Oxford Democrat, advertising,	1 00
221	C. E. Barker, cash expenses,	6 00
253	Estate of S. B. Twitchell, cash expenses,	8 38
326	Dr. G. L. Sturdivant, reporting vital statistics,	5 75
339	D. R. Smith making check lists,	2 55
341	C. N. Swan, police,	4 00
233	F. J. Tyler, supplies for lock-up,	3 75
215	H. A. Packard, constable,	10 00
376	(Part of) Dr. I. H. Wight, report- ing vital statistics,	9 25
382	F. J. Russell, cash expenses,	7 85
395	News Pub. Co., printing and adver- tising,	32 50
397	A. R. Merrill, sheep killed by dogs,	3 50
398	James Hodgkins, sheep killed by dogs,	3 50
400	H. H. Bean, posting warrants,	2 00
401	F. L. Edwards, sheep killed by dogs,	15 00
408	J. W. Stuart, reporting vital statistics,	2 25

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\$276 98

## REPAIRS AT CORN SHOP.

No. of Order.

86	(Part of) Hastings Bros., supplies,	\$ 4 42	
196	Gilbert Tuell, shingling corn shop,	83 69	
224	Gilbert Tuell, shingling packing room,	75 45	
			\$163 56
	Total miscellaneous expenses,		440 54

## Water Service.

Bethel Water Co., water for fountains as by vote of the town,	\$212 50
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## G. A. R.

Appropriation for Memorial Day observance, paid to A. S. Chapman,	\$25 00
Paid J. S. Hutchins as by vote of town,	\$25 00

## Town Officers' Bills Paid, 1904-1905.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
S. B. Twitchell, Selectman,	\$105 75
C. E. Barker, “	110 67
F. J. Russell, “	94 50
N. F. Brown, Treasurer,	50 00
H. H. Hastings, Superintendent of Schools,	125 00
A. E. Herrick, Town Agent,	20 27
L. T. Barker, Town Clerk, (including fees)	43 20

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C. M. Kimball, Health Officer,	\$ 3 00	
E. C. Park, " "	5 00	
F. J. Tyler, Collector,	100 00	
T. H. Jewett, " "	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$807 39

Town Officers' Bills Due, 1905-1906.

C. E. Barker, Selectman,	\$118 50	
F. J. Russell, " "	71 19	
F. F. Bean, " "	73 45	
H. H. Hastings, Superintendent of Schools,	125 00	
N. F. Brown, Treasurer,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$438 14

Contingent Fund.

DR.

To Balance in fund Feb. 1, 1905,	\$3,322 32
" State railroad and telegraph tax,	11 16
" Overlay of 1905,	656 99
" Use of lock-up,	10 50
" State road expense returned,	200 00
" Dog tax returned,	123 20
" Interest on bank account,	175 37
" Agency, profit on liquors,	512 00
" Sewer rates paid,	98 00
" Balance of Town Officers' account, 1905,	192 61
" " " Sewer " "	58 31
" " " Highway " "	1,189 40

To State, account State paupers,	\$ 77 00
“ State, account of tuition,	250 00
“ Plank and hay sold,	3 65
“ Rent of corn shop,	125 00
“ Balance of school house repair account,	54 52
“ “ “ books and supplies “	73 16
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	\$7133 19

## CR.

By Abatements allowed,	\$ 132 95
“ Discount on taxes, 1905,	476 01
“ Water service,	212 50
“ Bonds paid,	1,000 00
“ Interest paid on town debt,	1,090 00
“ Tuition account overdrawn,	195 50
“ South Bethel road account overdrawn,	14 20
“ Poor account overdrawn,	173 15
“ State road account overdrawn,	15 48
“ Taxes paid,	10 67
“ Stamps,	3 00
“ Miscellaneous account overdrawn,	40 54
“ Amount disallowed on small pox bill,	205 00
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	\$3569 00
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Balance in Fund, Feb. 1, 1906,	\$3564 19

## Financial Standing of the Town.

## LIABILITIES.

Bonds bearing interest at 4 per cent.,	\$26,000	00
Interest to Feb. 1, 1906,	86	66
Orders outstanding,	251	59
Due town officers,	438	14
Bills outstanding, estimated	100	00
		\$26,876 39

## ASSETS.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$7,310	55
Due from F. J. Tyler, collector,	149	31
Due from T. H. Jewett, collector,	4,086	27
Due from the State, account State paupers,	77	00
Value of town farm and personal prop- erty,	3,089	19
Investment in corn shop,	2,500	00
Investment in lock-up,	500	00
Investment in pest house,	300	00
Road machines, snow roller, sidewalk plow and other tools,	200	00
		\$18,212 32

C. E. BARKER, } *Selectmen*  
 F. J. RUSSELL, } *of*  
 F. F. BEAN, } *Bethel*

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen of the town of Bethel for the year ending Feb. 15, 1906, and believe them to be correctly cast and properly avouched.

W. W. HASTINGS, *Auditor.*



## Report of Treasurer.

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DR.

To balance on hand Feb. 15, 1905,	\$ 597 67
“ cash received as follows :	
Town of Gray,	22 38
J. M. Philbrook, oxen sold,	157 50
F. L. Edwards, pulp,	1,418 96
Connecting with sewer,	98 00
L. T. Barker, liquor,	2,500 00
Interest on monthly balances,	73 08
Town of Norway,	4 00
F. J. Russell, plank sold,	1 65
F. J. Tyler, taxes,	5,595 84
F. L. Edwards, bark,	90 18
T. H. Jewett, tax collector,	11,800 00
State Treasurer, porcupine bounty,	113 50
“       “       dog tax refunded,	123 20
“       “       warrant 2692,	100 38
“       “       “       29 account Second- ary Schools,	250 00
“       “       “       1260,	535 28
“       “       railroad and telegraph tax,	11 16
“       “       warrant 1467,	55 90
“       “       refund of State Pensions,	222 00
“       “       warrant 2132,	54 48

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State Treasurer School Fund & Mill Tax,	\$ 1,199 99
“ “ account of State road,	200 00
“ “ warrant 236 account Sec- ondary Schools,	250 00
L. T. Barker, dog license,	179 00
Hay from poor house lot,	2 00
C. G. Needham, account of Irene Needham,	35 00
J. M. Philbrook, boards,	5 25
Received from estate of Irene Needham,	29 36
H. F. Webb Co., corn from poor farm,	61 50
F. F. Bean, for work on sewer,	27 35
J. M. Philbrook, cattle from poor farm,	180 00
Rent of corn factory,	125 00
Ministerial and School Fund,	30 00
Tuition, Town of Gilead,	10 00
Tuition, Fryeburg Academy Grant,	10 00
H. H. Hastings, books sold,	1 40
Amount in Chapman National Bank, from sale of Chair Factory,	3000 00
Accrued interest on same to Oct. 1,	530 11
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	\$29,701 12

Cr.

By cash paid as follows :

Corporation tax,	\$ 6 84
Dog license to the State,	179 00
Town of Newry, tax,	3 83
Coupons,	1,090 00
County tax,	1,623 00
State tax,	2,186 92
Cancelled orders,	16,075 97
Pensions,	222 00

Cash on hand and in bank,	\$ 3,780 45
Taking up Bonds No. 7 and No. 8,	1,000 00
Stamps,	3 00
Amount in savings department of Chapman National Bank,	3,000 00
Interest on same to Oct. 1,	530 11
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	\$29,701 12

N. F. BROWN, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of N. F. Brown, Treasurer of the town of Bethel for the year ending Feb. 15, 1906, (with vouchers therefor) and believe them to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

W. W. HASTINGS, *Auditor.*

## Report of the Board of Health.

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The report of the Board of Health for the year 1905 must necessarily consist largely of "Congratulations" and "Recommendations."

The town has been comparatively free from contagious diseases with the exception of Measles, with a few scattering cases of Chicken Pox. No Typhoid fever cases were reported to the Board of Health and only a few cases of Tuberculosis.

No Small Pox has appeared this year and no Diphtheria. Few cases of nuisance were reported and those which were called to the attention of the Board were attended to in so far as our powers lay.

The commencement of the sewer system marked the entrance of a period of unusual good health in the village. Before that time Typhoid Fever and the fermentative bowel complaints were of common occurrence, while for almost three years we have been practically free from those diseases. This is an absolute demonstration of the facts to which we have so frequently referred in our reports of previous years and should be a source of encouragement to the friends of "sewerage" and should convert its opponents if there are any.

Nature has done so much for the town of Bethel in providing good water and natural drainage with unusually clean light soil that it leaves but little to be done by the inhabitants in order to be almost free from all diseases caused by

stagnation and filth and if the people allow their cupidity and negligence to result in the occurrence of these diseases they have only themselves to blame for it.

A few more of the shorter side streets remain which should receive the benefit—so much enjoyed by that part of the village already covered—and we trust that the needed appropriations will be forthcoming at the regular town meeting.

We urge again, as in former years, special attention to drainage of cellars, cess pools and farm-yards. See that all surface waters are led off by proper ditches and not allowed to enter wells and springs. Enough may be saved in "doctor's bills" to pay the "tax collector."

We recommended special care to parents in cases of illness of an uncertain nature at the outset but which may later prove to be one of the contagious diseases. Avoid exposing other children and spreading an epidemic which almost stops a school in the middle of the term. "Your room is more to be desired than your company."

The presence of this kind of disease at the beginning of a school year costs the town a good deal in money unwisely expended in as much as the school still continues at the usual rate of expenditure while those who should be receiving the benefit are detained at home with an illness which could have been avoided.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDINER L. STURDIVANT, Chairman,  
E. C. PARK, Secretary,  
C. M. KIMBALL, Member.

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

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The following report of the schools of the town for the past year is respectfully submitted.

## Financial Statement.

### School Funds.

#### DR.

To amount appropriated by the town,	\$2,500 00
“ school fund and mill tax,	1,199 99
“ tuition from Milton Plantation, (due)	175 00
“ “ “ Gilead,	10 00
“ “ “ Fryeburg Academy Grant,	10 00
“ Ministerial and School Fund,	30 00
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	\$3,924 99

#### CR.

By paid teachers :

No. of Order.

3	Ruth M. Bean,	\$ 7 00
6	Minnie M. Godwin,	5 00
36	Eva V. Twaddle,	75 00
37	Ethel M. Richardson,	75 00
38	Minnie M. Godwin,	55 00
43	Maud L. Russell,	75 00

## No. of Order.

45	Addie L. Horr,	\$ 70 00
47	Sadie E. Mason,	70 00
49	Florence D. Skillings,	65 00
50	Lena B. Farwell,	55 00
51	Cora H. Farwell,	70 00
52	Grace M. Mills,	55 00
53	Bessie E. Andrews,	75 00
54	N. W. Brown,	135 00
55	Margaret R. Whidden,	67 50
56	Ruby Clark,	21 00
61	Mary L. Carter,	70 00
82	Eva V. Twaddle,	90 00
83	Bessie E. Andrews,	90 00
85	Minnie M. Godwin,	66 00
86	N. W. Brown,	156 00
87	Sadie E. Mason,	84 00
89	F. Lyle Blanchard,	72 00
90	Gwendolyn Stearns,	72 00
92	Maud L. Russell,	90 00
94	Lena B. Farwell,	66 00
95	Florence D. Skillings,	78 00
97	Serena George,	78 00
99	Ethel M. Richardson,	96 00
100	Agnes M. Barton,	84 00
128	Lena B. Farwell,	44 00
132	F. Lyle Blanchard,	52 00
134	Eva V. Twaddle,	60 00
135	Minnie M. Godwin,	48 00
143	Margaret Stearns,	56 00
144	Maud L. Russell,	60 00
148	Gwendolyn Stearns,	48 00
150	N. W. Brown,	104 00
151	Ethel M. Richardson,	60 00

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No of Order.

152	Sadie E. Mason,	\$ 56 00
153	Bessie E. Andrews,	60 00
156	Serena M. George,	48 00
157	Mrs. H. F. Maxim,	32 00
161	Florence D. Skillings,	52 00
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		\$2,947 50
125	Paid tuition, Woodstock,	4 50

By paid for carrying scholars :

No. of Order.

2	N. B. Annis,	\$27 00
9	W. E. Coolidge,	12 23
10	W. E. Coolidge,	9 27
21	C. L. Swan,	8 00
23	J. M. Bartlett,	18 00
26	W. H. Hutchinson	9 00
28	A. R. Merrill,	9 00
35	C. L. Mills,	30 00
44	Carl J. Stearns,	25 00
46	Chas. A. Bryant,	33 33
48	A. B. Richardson,	24 00
57	A. S. Chapman,	35 00
60	James Hodgkins,	10 00
62	C. L. Swan,	10 00
79	C. L. Mills,	36 00
81	A. S. Chapman,	42 00
84	A. B. Richardson,	31 00
91	N. A. Stearns,	30 00
96	J. D. George,	44 00
108	C. L. Swan,	12 00
126	A. B. Richardson,	20 00
133	A. S. Chapman,	28 00



No of Order.

141	C. L. Mills,	\$ 24 00
149	Mrs. N. A. Stearns,	20 00
155	Chas. C. Bryant,	66 67

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 \$613 50

By paid for fuel :

No. of Order.

5	H. Downs,	\$ 2 50
11	G. K. Hastings,	12 50
12	H. W. Dennison,	4 25
13	H. F. Maxim,	12 00
16	O. A. Buck,	6 50
19	Porter Farwell,	4 00
22	O. A. Buck,	6 87
24	J. M. Bartlett,	16 50
27	H. N. Upton,	5 50
34	A. L. Grover,	1 00
59	M. W. Hastings,	47 50
70	C. F. Abbott,	10 00
73	J. A. Thurston,	30 00
76	D. A. Coffin,	11 50
98	J. Wesley,	3 00
103	J. H. Swan,	1 50
116	A. S. Hutchinson,	10 00
117	L. J. Trask,	20 00
122	I. H. Wilson,	3 50
123	H. E. Bartlett,	3 00
124	B. W. Kimball,	15 00
127	H. N. Upton,	4 50
146	Howard Tyler,	3 10
154	H. C. Andrews,	11 00
159	T. B. Burke,	67 00

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 \$312 22

## CR.

By wood on hand,  $16\frac{3}{4}$  cords, \$67 00

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\$245 22

By paid janitor work:

No. of Order.

1	Willis Chase,	\$ 5 00
7	Mabel S. Abbott,	4 00
8	Lloyd E. Luxton,	2 50
15	Clyde Lapham,	6 00
18	Frank Chapman,	2 25
20	Ralph King,	2 25
39	H. C. Andrews,	40 00
50	Clarence Bennett,	2 50
66	Albert H. Swan,	5 00
88	H. C. Andrews,	60 00
93	Francis Mills,	4 00
102	Shirley Chase,	1 15
104	J. H. Swan,	4 00
107	Dell Brown,	3 50
113	J. C. Cushman,	1 85
114	H. Jackson,	3 00
130	H. C. Andrews,	48 00
136	Freeborn Bean,	5 00
145	Howard Tyler,	5 00

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\$205 00

Total cost of schools,

\$4,015 72

Excess,

\$ 90 73

Excess in 1904-1905,

254 10

Total excess,

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\$344 83

## Books and Supplies.

DR.

To appropriated by town,	\$300 00
“ books sold,	1 40

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\$301 40

CR.

By paid for books and supplies:

No. of Order.

4	G. P. Bean,	\$ 3 15
17	H. H. Hastings,	17 80
29	Silver, Burdett & Co.,	15 00
30	Loring, Short and Harmon,	6 75
31	Esterbrook Steel Pen Co.,	3 12
33	Loring, Short & Harmon,	1 00
42	A. H. Andrews Co.,	7 40
63	Benj. H. Sanborn Co.,	3 60
64	L. C. Hall,	1 00
68	Success Publishing Co.,	3 95
74	Bethel M'f'g. Co.,	1 50
103	J. H. Swan,	28
105	Smith & Sale,	4 50
106	Ginn & Co.,	85 44
109	Ginn & Co.,	8 10
110	E. L. Babb Co.,	3 00
111	G. R. Wiley,	2 10
112	Rand, McNally & Co.,	7 20
119	Milton Bradley Co.,	2 64
120	Silver, Burdett & Co.,	13 74
137	W. E. Bosserman,	1 25
138	E. C. Bewler,	10 62

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No of Order.

142	Ceylon Rowe,	\$ 3 00	
160	D. C. Heath & Co.,	2 20	
			\$208.34
	Balance,		\$93 06
	Balance in 1904-1905,		5 61
	Total balance,		\$98 67

Repairs.

To appropriated by the town, \$ 150 00

CR.

By paid for repairs:

No. of Order.

14	H. F. Maxim,	\$16 00
25	Ethel Allen,	5 00
32	C. L. Davis,	3 63
40	H. C. Andrews,	2 00
41	A. H. Andrews Co.,	36 75
65	Annie L. Heath,	12 50
67	Mrs. J. H. Godwin,	5 00
69	C. F. Abbott,	2 00
71	Mrs. J. C. King,	2 50
72	Mrs. W. L. Farwell,	2 50
75	D. A. Coffin,	7 28
77	Ceylon Rowe,	2 00
78	C. L. Abbott,	2 00
80	F. B. Howe,	4 90
115	F. B. Howe,	1 50
118	Edward King,	3 35
121	I. H. Wilson,	1 00

No of Order.

129	Clarence Bennett,	\$ 2 00	
131	H. C. Andrews,	3 00	
139	N. F. Brown,	7 35	
140	Hastings Bros.,	16 10	
147	Howard Tyler,	1 00	
158	H. F. Maxim,	6 00	
162	I. S. Morrill,	5 58	
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			\$150 94
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	Excess,		94
	Excess in 1904-1905,		3 21
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	Total excess,		\$4 15

## Tuition in Secondary Schools.

DR.

To balance on hand from last year,	\$245 75	
“ amount appropriated by the town,	600 00	
“ “ received from State,	250 00	
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		\$1095 75

DR.

1905.		
March 6.	By paid F. E. Hanscom,	\$260 00
June 3.	“ “ F. E. Hanscom,	217 50
Dec. 9.	“ “ F. E. Hanscom,	318 00
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		\$795 50
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	Balance,	\$300 25

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

## Warrant For Town Meeting.

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To T. H. Jewett, 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 5th day of March, 1906, 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 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 the school committee.
- Art. 14. To choose all other necessary town officers.
- Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of building and repairing school houses.
- Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to purchase text books for the ensuing year.
- Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of paying tuitions in Secondary Schools.
- Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to build a school house in the district between East Bethel and Locke's Mills, and raise money to pay for the same.
- Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

- Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.
- Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.
- Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay on the town debt and interest.
- Art. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to extend the sewer system.
- Art. 26. To see how much money the town will appropriate for the permanent improvement of the State road.
- Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to accept the deed of land given by E. S. Kilborn and A. F. Copeland for a street leading from Chapman street to Vernon street in Bethel village subject to the conditions named within.
- Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to extend and repair sidewalks at Bethel and West Bethel.
- Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to maintain for the ensuing year schools at Bird Hill, Swan's Hill and Middle Intervale.
- Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote to Brown Post No. 84, G. A. R., for the proper observance of Memorial Day.



- Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to grade Capen Hill and cover sand on Middle Intervale road.
- Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, clerk and treasurer.

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

Given under our hands this 17th day of February, 1906.

C. E. BARKER, } *Selectmen*  
F. J. RUSSELL, } *of*  
F. F. BEAN, } *Bethel.*

The Selectmen will be in session at their office March 3, 1906, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of revising the list of voters.