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## **TOWN OFFICERS.**

Clerk, O. F. HALL.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor,  
C. H. HUSSEY, G. A. SAWYER, H. E. HALE.

Treasurer, CONY RUSSELL.

Supervisor of Schools, A. WHITCOMB Jr.

School Committee,

W. B. LONGLEY, W. F. BROWN, NELLIE PARLIN,  
CHAS. E. WARREN, C. E. VEASIE.

Collector, J. H. BURGESS.

Auditor, C. A. HARRINGTON.

Road Commissioner, H. E. HALE.

## Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

### ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Voted at March meeting 1897, for support		
of schools.....	\$1,600 00	
Poor and town expenses.....	2,000 00	
Payment of debt and interest .....	5,000 00	
Highways.....	500 00	
To pay cost of Withee road.....	550 00	
Repairs on school buildings.....	200 00	
Text books.....	250 00	
Free high school.....	500 00	
State tax.....	1,600 63	
County tax.....	551 36	
	\$12,751 99	

### INVENTORY.

Real estate.....	\$438,805 00	
Personal estate.....	103,680 00	
	\$542,485 00	
Total valuation.....		\$542,485 00
Assessed 22 mills on valuation.....	\$11,934 67	
Assessed 443 polls at \$3 each.....	1,329 00	
	\$13,263 67	
Total assessment.....		\$511 68
Overlay.....		\$2,500 00
Voted for highway labor tax....	\$2,500 00	\$2,500 00
Assessed on property at 3 1-2 mills.....	1,898 69	
"    443 polls at \$1.40.....	620 20	
Overlay.....		18 89
	\$2,518 89	\$2,518 89

### DEPARTMENT OF POOR.

Paid as follows:

Tramps .....	\$7 95
Rufus Longley.....	117 67
Leona Tibbetts.....	24 75
Cyrus Bradbury... ..	11 00
Mrs. Moses Emery.....	6 55
S. M. Handy.....	85 63
Fred Walton.....	20 10
Asa Green .....	63 50
Milford Adams family.....	92 30
Benj. Hersom.....	95 12
Albert B. Witham.....	13 00
Ostie Tibbetts.....	22 00
Chas. H. Groves.....	4 40
Ella Mosher.....	289 18
John Adams family.....	49 30

Chas. McIntire, burial.....	23 50	
Mrs. S. M. Handy, burial.....	10 00	
Samuel C. Stevens, burial.....	35 00	
Richard Curtis and family.....	5 60	
		<u>\$976 55</u>
Received from		
State account of Samuel C. Stevens:..	\$35 00	
Wm. B. Longley, trustee account of Rufus Longley.....	15 00	
		<u>\$50 00</u>
Net cost of poor.....		<u>\$926 55</u>

Of the above amount \$349.93 has been paid on account of 1896 bills left over.

#### TOWN EXPENSES.

J. P. Lancaster, damage to horse, etc.....	\$25 00
C. A. Harrington, legal services and cash paid out..	184 45
H. S. Whiting, cash paid for teams in road case ....	5 50
Cony Russell, services as Treasurer.....	50 00
A. Whitcomb, services as Supervisor.....	100 00
O. F. Hall, services as Clerk .....	17 95
H. E. Hale, services as Selectman, etc.....	50 00
G. A. Sawyer, services as Selectman, etc.....	50 00
A. S. Whiting, services as Selectman. etc.....	125 00
Cony Russell, stationery and rpxenses.....	7 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books and blanks.....	12 30
J. B. Swaddle, recording births and deaths.....	4 00
Bates Post, G. A. R., Memorial Day Services .....	30 00
W. M. & A. C. Ladd, printing Town Reports.....	12 00
A. O. Frederic, services as Ballot Clerk.....	1 50
F. E. Tuttle, " " " " .....	1 50
H. S. Whiting, " " " " .....	1 50
C. H. Hussey, cash paid for paper, stamps, etc.....	4 70
G. A. Sawyer, enrolling militia and sundry expenses.	12 00
H. E. Hale, enumeration of scholars 1896-97.....	10 00
Cony Russell, for stamps and printing.....	12 56
Eben C. Doyen, killing dogs.....	7 00
C. A. Harrington, legal services, 1897.....	17 00
J. H. Burgess, commission for collecting tax.....	265 32
F. F. Tuttle, night watching July 3 & 4 .....	3 00
Eben C. Doyen, night watching July 3 & 4.....	3 00
Peter Vigue, cleaning cemetery, north side.....	3 25
E. N. Hall, " " south side.....	3 00
F. C. Holt, expenses paid by board of health.....	2 49
Chas. E. Warren, Damage to carriage.....	10 00
Dr. J. D. Ames, certificates of deaths and births.....	2 50
O. F. Hall, recording certificates.....	11 35
Cony Russell, for advertising expenses, stationery and stamps.....	10 25

C. A. Hussey, for stationery and postage.....	2 47
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	\$1057 59
Of the above amount \$221.95 has been paid on account of 1897 bills left over.	
Net cost of poor,.....	\$926 55
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Total for poor and town expenses.....	\$1984 14
Raised for these departments..	2000 00
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Unexpended.....	\$15 86

## DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

At the last annual meeting the town voted to raise, in cash .....	\$500 00	
Paid in to Treasurer, as per vote.....	792 11	\$1292 11

Against which orders have been drawn for labor and materials as follows:

J. H. Burgess.....	\$20 37
Rebecca Clark.....	5 00
E. L. Hight,.....	20 73
Harry Lessor.....	3 00
Ray Bigelow.....	15 35
Silas Tobey.....	11 64
Harry L. Heald.....	3 00
F. G. Danforth.....	6 54
Chas. R. Knights.....	5 60
Orrin C. Taylor.....	6 76
Llewellyn Merrow.....	7 11
Stephen Woodcock.....	6 75
Edward P. Holway.....	3 74
X. A. Withee.....	9 10
Hanson G. Walker.....	4 99
Amos Holt.....	14 48
L. A. Wilder.....	17 79
Chas. T. Garfield.....	2 05
Charles Longley.....	10 00
George A. Tilton.....	23 86
James T. Leavitt.....	8 99
James Tomkins.....	3 24
Fred L. Horn.....	17 14
A. H. Morse.....	7 34
G. H. Greenwood.....	3 19
Henry I. Buzzell.....	9 32
Charles Morton.....	18 62
Clarence Rogers.....	9 26
J. H. Barker.....	3 00
D. J. Haynes.....	4 37
Tuffield Lane.....	70
E. S. Miller, '96.....	32 56
H. S. Bigelow.....	9 96
Charles P. Bigelow.....	3 00



Wm. Lockwood.....	7 60
H. E. Hale, culvert.....	102 77
F. G. Danforth.....	82 37
Fred Tobey.....	24 00
C. H. Crosby.....	25 50
Edward Webber.....	3 67
Geo. Ware.....	7 45
W. E. Perkins.....	47 53
W. M. Hobbs & Son.....	4 97
E. S. Miller.....	53 20
Fred L. Horn, culvert.....	15 00
Amos Holt.....	7 00
Chas. R. Knights.....	10 12
James T. Leavitt.....	4 00
W. E. Perkins, road Machine.....	200 00
Eben C. Doyen.....	2 00
Ernest Norrad.....	2 50
Orin C. Taylor.....	1 50
Frank Mosier.....	1 14
Repairs on road machine.....	10 80
George Ware.....	8 85
H. E. Hale.....	64 90
Chas B. Colby.....	21 85
T. S. Totman.....	2 50
Warren Taylor.....	16 35
J. B. Taylor.....	1 45
Herbert C. Crosby.....	15 85
H. E. Hale.....	39 57
W. E. Perkins, road machine.....	32 00
E. S. Miller, lumber.....	19 96
P. H. Butler.....	1 00
Fred H. Tobey.....	3 09
Carah Nugent for sand.....	1 20
Sawyer Bros., for sand and clay.....	1 50
Robert Forsythe.....	3 09
John Adams.....	3 10
John Benson.....	4 50
Walter Murphy.....	4 50
Wm. Curtis.....	3 00
Herbert Crosby.....	4 50
Gustavus Cooley.....	4 22
Warren Taylor.....	3 00
A. S. Philpot.....	1 50
Theodore Perkins.....	1 50
Fred Wade.....	3 02
Forrest Hussey.....	2 47
C. E. Veasie.....	1 85
Edward Webber.....	1 35
Warren Taylor.....	2 70
John Adams.....	2 85
Gustavus Cooley.....	2 70
Robert Forsythe.....	2 70
Alvin Otis.....	4 95

John Benson .....	2 25
Allen Stanley.....	1 20
H. P. Tibbetts.....	9 40
Fred Salley.....	1 90

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\$1243 99

Of the above amount \$347.15 has been paid on account  
1896 bill 1 ft over

Balance unexpended.....	48 12
Cost of new road from H. Withee to Chas. Longley....	175 00

## Collector's Department.

1896.		
To balance tax 1896 due last report.....		\$15,269 10
CR.		
By abatements.....	\$177 85	
By Treasurer's receipts.....	15,091 25	
		\$15,269 10
1897.		
To tax committed, 1897.....		\$13,263 67
CR.		
By Treasurer's receipts.....		\$1,600 00
		\$11,663 67

### ABATEMENTS YEAR 1896.

Tilley Huff, poll and personal.....	\$5 25
Geo. Seavy, poll and personal.....	8 40
Mrs. C. Hartford, over valued.....	5 00
P. H. Butler, error.....	10 50
Joseph Taylor, poverty.....	9 00
James C. Morse, personal, poverty.....	2 25
Oliver Huff, poverty.....	10 00
Elisha Woodsome, death.....	3 00
Chas. Chase, paid in Skowhegan.....	3 00
Ernest Wade, error.....	3 00
Galon Barnes, poll, poverty.....	3 00
Miss Etta Danforth, error.....	26 25
Henry Snell, error.....	1 95
Heirs of J. S. Haines, error.....	3 15
John Kidder, error.....	2 25
J. E. Carter, poll, gone away.....	3 00
Frank Carter, poll, gone away.....	3 00
Crighton, poll and personal, gone away...	6 15
G. W. Dean, poll, gone away.....	3 00
Arthur Dockmer, poll, gone away.....	3 00
Henry Dockmer, poll, gone away.....	3 00
Chas. R. Doyen, poverty, poll and personal	3 75
John Doyen, poll, death.....	3 00
Gilman Willis, poll, gone away.....	3 00
Arthur Heald, poll, gone away.....	3 00
E. B. Huff, poll and personal sickness.....	4 50
Rufus Longley, poll, town charge.....	3 00
Ira Loring, poll, town charge.....	3 00
Laffin Richard, poll gone away.....	3 00
Otis Ivory, poll, personal, death.....	3 75
H. G. Rogers, poll, error paid in Madison..	3 00
Geo. Skillings, poll, error.....	3 00
Chas. H. Sawyer, poll, error.....	3 00
Fred Stevens, poll, error, out of town.....	3 00
Albert A. Walker, poll, out of town.....	3 00
B. N. Webber, poll and personal, gone away	3 75
A. J. Wolvine, poll, gone away.....	3 00

Howard Woodman, poll.....	3 00	
C. W. Young, poll.....	3 00	
J. H. Burgess, error in footing committed 1896 .....	2 95	
<b>Total abatements.....</b>		<b>\$177 85</b>

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT.**

CONY RUSSELL TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF NORRIDGEWOCK  
1897 Dr.

March 1 To cash in treasury .....	\$1,362 82	
rec'd of J. H. Burgess, col. 1896	15,269 10	
rec'd of J. H. Burgess, col. 1897	1,600 00	
Highway taxes.....	792 11	
State Free High School.....	250 00	
Dog tax returned.....	70 78	
R. R. and telegraph tax.....	3 17	
School fund and mill tax.....	1,037 <del>00</del>	
Account of Ivory Otis.....	35 00	
Account of Samuel Stevens....	35 00	
Tuition High School.....	54 00	
Tuition school fund.....	40 00	
Wm. B. Longley, trustee of Rufus Longley.....	15 00	
O. F. Hall, dog licenses....	96 00	
		<b>\$20,660.27</b>
		<b>Cr.</b>
By cash paid 4 per cent bonds.....	\$5,900 00	
Interest on bonds.....	3,411 32	
Interest on order.....	11 61	
County tax.....	551 36	
State tax.....	1,600 63	
Dog licenses.....	96 00	
Town orders.....	6,896 30	
Treasury.....	2,193 05	
		<b>\$20,660 27</b>

**FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN, FEB. 19, 1898.**

**LIABILITIES.**

Bond issue, 1868, 6 per cent.....	\$47,650 00	
Bond issue, 1883, 4 per cent.....	12,400 00	
Interest due on bonds not called for.....	444 00	
Interest due on bonds from July 1, 1897....	1,826 58	
Interest due on bonds from Oct. 1, 1897....	186 00	
Due on town order (Withee road).....	538 82	
Due schools.....	430 46	
Estimated bills of town expenses.....	860 00	
Estimated bills on Highways.....	900 00	
		<b>\$65,235 86</b>

**RESOURCES**

Uncollected taxes.....	\$11,663 67
Chase House.....	100 00

Safe.....	90 00	
Town office.....	500 00	
Due from State, High School.....	250 00	
Seekins note, mortgage foreclosed .....	112 00	
Cash in treasury.....	2,193 05	
Net debt Feb. 19. 1898.....	50,327 14	
	<hr/>	\$65,235 86
Reduction since last report.....	\$ 1,453 53	
Of the 6 per cent bonds there will be due		
in the year 1898.....	4,300 00	
in the year 1899.....	11,550 00	
in the year 1900.....	1,800 00	
	<hr/>	47,650 00
		\$4,765 00

C. ~~H.~~ HUSSEY, } Selectmen  
 G. A. SAWYER, } of  
 H. E. HALE. } Norridgewock.

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the fiscal year ending Feb. 19, 1898, and find them correctly stated with vouchers therefor.

C. A. HARRINGTON, Auditor.

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## Report of School Committee.

The schools during the past year, notwithstanding the adverse circumstances against which in certain cases your committee have been obliged to labor, have been generally successful. Most of the teachers employed have had previous experience, and the aim has been to keep one teacher in the same school throughout the year. They have all worked well and their labors so far as we have been able to see and learn have been attended with satisfactory results.

There has been the same neglect on the part of parents visiting the schools as was noticed last year, and the. I can hardly say co-operation, on the part of some of the people of the town, has been the result of imagination rather than of observation.

There have been supported during the past year from common school fund, eight rural schools, twenty-eight weeks each, three village schools, twenty-eight weeks each, and the high school grade eleven weeks.

Following is an itemized account of the receipts and expenditures of the common school fund.

Amount raised by town.....	\$1,600 00	
received from State.....	1,037 29	
unexpended last year . . . . .	45 48	
received from Fairfield for 1897,.....	30 00	
"    tuition high school, spring term.	10 00	\$2,722 77
Paid town of Madison for 1897.....	\$16 86	
town of Skowhegan for 1897.....	40 50	
Carrol Wheeler, janitor.....	4 50	
Nellie Parlin, teaching.....	85 00	
Viola Piper, " . . . . .	102 50	
Geo. W. Shay, " . . . . .	162 50	
Lloyd Powers, " . . . . .	45 00	
Louie Walton, " . . . . .	45 00	
Augusta B. Bailey, " . . . . .	54 00	
Frances Jones, " . . . . .	63 00	
Nellie Blaisdell, " . . . . .	45 00	
Nellie Blaisdell, janitor.....	2 25	
Nellie Emmons teaching.....	45 00	
Agnes Powers, teaching.....	45 00	
Agnes Powers, janitor.....	2 25	
Mabel Wells, teaching.....	45 00	
Annie Sawyer " . . . . .	45 00	
Fannie Longley, " . . . . .	45 00	
Chas. Marston, wood.....	32 00	
Howard Bickford " . . . . .	20 00	
Harry Kilgore. " . . . . .	27 00	
Horace Withee, " . . . . .	5 00	
Fred Lancaster, " . . . . .	9 00	
Etta Frederic, " . . . . .	3 13	
Arthur Frederic, janitor.....	2 25	
Alonzo Lancaster, " . . . . .	2 25	
Earl Barnes, " . . . . .	2 25	

Amos Buzzell, " .....	2 25
Elmer Bates, " .....	2 25
Arthur Longley, " .....	2 25
Louis Whiting, " .....	12 50
Etta Frederic, " .....	2 00
Chas. Bates, " .....	2 00
S. Cleveland, " .....	1 00
Irving Palmer, " .....	50
James Leavitt, conveyance.....	16 10
Fred Horn, conveyance .....	2 25
Mabel Wells, teaching .....	50 00
Louie Walton, " .....	50 00
Lloyd Powers, " .....	50 00
Fannie Longley, " .....	50 00
Clarence Tompkins, teaching.....	50 00
Nellie Emmons, " .....	50 00
Nellie Blaisdell, " .....	50 00
Annie Sawyer, " .....	50 00
Francis Jones, " .....	70 00
A. B. Bailey, " .....	65 00
N. M. Parling, " .....	85 00
Earl Barnes, janitor, .....	2 50
Eddie Whiting, " .....	5 50
R. M. Mahlman, " .....	8 25
Carrol Wheeler, " .....	5 00
Arthur Longley, " .....	2 50
C. H. Tompkins " .....	2 50
Alonzo Lancaster " .....	2 50
Mabel Wells, " .....	2 50
Chester Frederic, " .....	2 50
Nellie Blaisdell, " .....	2 50
Elmer Bates, " .....	2 50
William Lockwood, conveyance.....	4 75
Nellie Parlin, " .....	2 50
Sunmer R. Berry, " .....	24 15
Clarence H. Tompkins, teaching.....	45 00
Clarence H. Tompkins, janitor.....	2 25
Annie Sawyer, teaching .....	45 00
C. W. Morse, teaching .....	45 00
C. W. Morse, janitor.....	2 25
Fred Horn, conveyance .....	2 50
Everett Williamson, conveyance .....	11 50
F. F. Storer, tuition.....	2 25
Horace Jones, tuition and conveyance.....	6 26
Owen Taylor, tuition.....	4 17
Louie Walton, teaching.....	45 00
Nellie Emmons, " .....	45 00
A. B. Bailey, " .....	63 00
Nellie Blaisdell, " .....	45 00
Frances Jones, " .....	63 00
Nellie Parlin, " .....	76 50
Fanny Longley, " .....	45 00
Alonzo Lancaster, janitor... ..	2 25

Arthur Frederic,	“	.....	2	25	
Morris Adams.	“	.....	2	25	
Arthur Longley,	“	.....	2	25	
Earl Barnes,	“	.....	2	25	
Mabel Wells,	“	.....	2	25	
Carrol Wheeler,	“	.....	4	50	
Mabel Wells, teaching.....			45	00	
R. M. Mahlman, teaching.....			15	62	
Howard Bickford, wood.....			7	00	
Fred Witham, wood.....			7	00	
E. H. Tobey,	“	.....	7	00	
Frank Lancaster,	“	.....	5	96	
R. A. Davis,	“	.....	7	00	
Clarence Stevens,	“	.....	2	25	
Elmer Dyer,	“	.....	2	25	
A. Whitcomb, Jr.	“	.....	7	30	
Town of Smithfield, tuition, 1897.....			18	64	
Town of Smithfield, tuition, 1898.....			64	35	
X. A. Withee, wood.....			5	50	
Town of Stark, tuition.....			12	52	
Town of Madison. Tuition.....			4	17	
Henrietta Danforth, teaching.....			8	50	
Chas. Colby, wood.....			12	00	
Fred Lancaster, wood.....			6	75	\$2,534 88
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Balance unexpended.....					\$187 89





## HIGH SCHOOL.

There will have been at the close of this present term, twenty-one weeks of free High School during the school year. The receipts and expenditures are as follows:

Amount raised by town.....	\$500 00	
received for tuition fall term.....	20 00	
due " " " " .....	2 95	
" " " winter " .....	10 00	
		\$532 95
Paid R. M. Mahlman teaching, fall term.....	\$171 88	
Viola Piper, " " " .....	90 00	
C. G. Yeaton, " " " .....	28 50	
Due R. M. Mahlman " winter " .....	156 25	
" Henrietta Dantorth " " " .....	85 00	
		\$531 63
		<hr/>
Balance unexpended.....	\$1 32	

The above report is respectfully submitted.

NELLIE PARLIN,	} S. S. Com.
W. F. BROWN,	
W. B. LONGLEY	
C. E. WARREN,	
C. E. VEASIE,	

A. WHITCOMB, JR., Superintendent.





