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Town Officers for 1897.

MODERATOR,
JOHN H. GORDON.

CLERK,
OTIS W. LANE.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
MARCELLUS J. DOW, CHARLES F. BESSEY,
FRANK W. GIBBS.

TREASURER,
ELMER G. ROBERTS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JOSEPH ELLIS, JAMES GROVER, HARRY LITTLEFIELD, C. E. FOSS, A. B. STANTIAL, JOSEPH G. STIMPSON, CHARLES H. FORBES.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
CHARLES E FOSS,

COLLECTOR,
ELIJAH T. BESSEY.

SEXTONS,
WM. C. ROWE, LORENZO JONES.

CONSTABLES,
H. F. ROBERTS, C. E. BOWEN, E. T. BESSEY,
ISAAC LEATHERS.

TRUSTEES OF SINKING FUND,
ISAAC G. REYNOLDS, 3 years; WM. N. CROSBY, 2 years; C. F. BESSEY, 1 year.
REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF BROOKS:

We hereby present our report of the financial affairs of the town for the fiscal year ending February 26, A. D. 1898.

**Valuation of Property in Town, April 1st, 1897.**

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<tr>
<td>Real estate, resident</td>
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<td>Real estate, non-resident</td>
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<td>Personal estate, resident</td>
<td>39,835.00</td>
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<td>Personal estate, non-resident</td>
<td>1,461.00</td>
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<td><strong>Grand total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$244,346.00</strong></td>
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<td>No. of cash polls at $2.00 each</td>
<td>418.00</td>
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<td>No. road polls at 50 cts. each</td>
<td>112.00</td>
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<td>Rate of cash tax, .015.</td>
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<td>Rate of road tax, .008.</td>
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We found in town the following live stock:

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<td>270 horses, average value</td>
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<td>8 colts 3 to 4 yrs old average value</td>
<td>35.00</td>
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<td>8 colts 2 to 3 yrs. old average value</td>
<td>31.25</td>
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<td>4 colts under 2 years old</td>
<td>23.75</td>
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<td>181 cows average value</td>
<td>20.26</td>
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<td>12 oxen average value</td>
<td>58.33</td>
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<td>65 3 years old average value</td>
<td>18.18</td>
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<td>95 2 years old average value</td>
<td>13.62</td>
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<td>91 1 year old average value</td>
<td>6.92</td>
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<td>870 sheep average value</td>
<td>1.92</td>
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<td>110 swine average value</td>
<td>5.50</td>
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**Appropriations.**

For state tax, 720.67
county tax, 470.21
common schools, 584.00
free high schools, 150 00
school books, 50 00
repairs on school houses, 100 00
support of the poor, 700 00
contingent expenses, 450 00
interest on town debt, 1,150 00
repairs of roads and bridges, 200 00
breaking the winter 1896-7, 100 00
With an overlay of 141 04

Total commitment, $4,815 92

Appropriated to be expended in labor on the highways at 15 cts. per hour for a man, a pair of horses or a yoke of oxen, $2,000 00

Common Schools.

Balance from last year, $304 24
Amount appropriated by town, 584 00
" received from the State for 1897, 438 67
" raised for repairs of school house, 100 00

Total amount available, $1,426 91

ORDERS DRAWN FOR THE SUPPORT OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

To Eddie Boody janitor work and kindlings, 3 25
Mabel Rose teaching, 70 00
E. L. Bryant teaching, 100 20
Geo. W. Page 2 cords wood, 7 00
C. F. Bessey boarding teacher, 15 00
I. G. Reynolds wood, 11 00
W. H. Swift wood, 7 00
Lillian Maddocks teaching, 35 00
Clarence D. Elwell teaching, 45 60
Lillian Maddocks teaching, 35 65
Mabel Rose teaching, 70 00
Inez M. Forbes teaching, 37 50
Edith M. Forbes teaching, 60 00
James Grover boarding teacher, 20 00
Charles H. Forbes 2 cords wood, 6 00
Harry M. Brown services as janitor, 2 50
A. M. Jones teaching, 15 00
Mrs. C. H. Forbes board of teacher, 30 00
Harry Littlefield teaching, 100 00
A. B. Payson, 87 50
A. M. Jones, 85 00
A. B. Stantial board of teacher, 30 00
E. C. Boody Jr. services as janitor, 3 00
Noah P. Sargent whitewashing school house, 1 50
W. H. Swift cleaning school house, 75
C. E. Small painting and papering school house, 5 00
Stanley Perkins material for plastering, 1 37
F. M. Forbes repairs upon school house, 50
D. W. Dickey banking school house, 1 50
F. K. Roberts repairs upon school house, 2 25
A. B. Stantial repairs upon school house and supplies, 2 25
F. O. Day supplies for school house, 3 37
C. H. Forbes repairs upon school house, 1 00
Harry Littlefield school house supplies, 3 97
F. K. Roberts repairs upon school house, 56
Joseph G. Stimpson repairs, cleaning and supplies, 6 00
James Grover wood, supplies and repairs, 20 15
T. I. Huxford supplies, 9 35
Ira Myers cleaning school house, 60
A. E. Chase supplies for school house, 36
Clarence D. Elwell teaching, 96 25
Miss Mabel Rose teaching, 70 00

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<td>$1102 93</td>
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<td>Balance unexpended</td>
<td>$323 98</td>
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Free High Schools.

Amount raised by town, $150.00

" received from the State for 1896, 138.07

Less overdrawn in 1896, 288.07

Total fund in treasury, 116.28

$171.97

Amount Expended.

Paid E. L. Bartlett teaching, $125.00

Paid Harry Littlefield teaching, 150.00

$275.00

Overdrawn, $103.21

Due from the State for 1897, $137.50

Free Text Books.

Balance from last year, $38.43

Amount raised by the town, 50.00

88.43

Less deficiency of 1896, 34.86

Total amount available, 53.57

Amount Expended.

American Book Co., $4.80

Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, 35.94

C. E. Foss Express on text books, 1.50

Harry Littlefield spelling blanks, 1.00

Marcellus J. Dow school blanks, 50

Total expended, $43.74

Amount unexpended, 9.83
Due Ginn & Co., 95 21
Due Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, 23 32

$ 118 53

Cr.

By unknown quantity of old school books
to be returned in exchange for new ones

Roads and Bridges.

Amount appropriated, $ 200 00
Overdrawn in 1895, 118 43
Overdrawn in 1896, 603 32

721 75

Less appropriation, 200 00
Total overdrawn at beginning of year, $ 521 75

C. W. Cook, $ 1 50
M. E. Miller, 1 98
William Work, 1 00
Almon S. Forbes, 2 23
Fred L. Page, 1 75
F. B. Stimpson, 1 35
Jesse C. Forbes, 1 50
Ira W. Bowden, 50
Joseph Ellis, 6 03
Frank Ames, 29 80
Frank B. Stimpson, 2 25
Tyler & Conant, 10 00
Frank H. Quimby, 2 00
F. W. Gibbs, 4 63
W. P. Sinclair, 63
F. W. Gibbs, 2 10
J. E. Ellis, 1 00
Jonathan Irving, 10 00
S. A. Payson, 5 71
A. E. Chase, 15 18
Charles F. Bessey, 8 62
Charles F. Bessey, 18 40
Charles F. Bessey, 8 98
John Dickey, 9 00
Thaddeus I. Huxford, 1 49

Total expended in 1897, $147 63
Overdrawn from previous years, 521 75

Total overdrawn, 669 38

Also raised by town to expend on the high-
way in labor at 15 cts per hour, $2000 00
In hands of the surveyors and worked out, 2000 00

**Breaking, Roads Winter 1895-6.**

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<td>Deficiency 1895,</td>
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<td>Balance left over,</td>
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<td>Noah G. Johnson</td>
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<td>Jesse C. Forbes</td>
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<td>Geo. W. Page</td>
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<td>Granville Lenfest</td>
<td>3 00</td>
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<td>W. P. Sinclair</td>
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<td>Walter Penney</td>
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<td>Almon S. Forbes</td>
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<td>Fred L. Page</td>
<td>4 00</td>
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<td>Reuben Allen</td>
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<td>Shadrach Hall.</td>
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<td>1 70</td>
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<td>Fred L. Emmons.</td>
<td>50</td>
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Total expended, $106 94

Balance unexpended, $41 80
Support of Poor.

Appropriation, $700 00
Overdrawn in 1896, $38 61
Balance in 1895, 24 17
Total overdrawn, 14 44
Total available, $685 56

RUFUS WARD.

Paid Ella Sprague for support, $80 50
Mrs. W. H. Hamlin, for support, 26 00
M. J. Dow for clothing, 8 05
M. J. Dow for medicine, 96
Mrs. W. Hamlin making clothing, 2 50
Drs. Kilgore and Cook medical attendance, 2 00
Charles F. Berry (assignee) medicine, 4 75
Marcellus J. Dow clothing and medicine, 1 59

$126 35

DANIEL CLARY.

Paid Joseph Ellis for support, $76 50
" " for burial expenses 3 00
F. O. Day casket and robe, 16 00
Lorenzo Jones digging grave, 3 00

$98 50

STEPHEN CURTIS.

Paid John Bachelder for support, $85 50
Drs. Kilgore and Cook medical attendance, 1 50

$87 00

EMILY A. FORBES.

Paid John Dickey for support, $85 00

SYLVESTER REYNOLDS.

Paid Insane Asylum for support, $204 01

CHARLES COOK.

Paid town of Thorndike for support, $4 05

MALINDA JOHNSON.

Paid Reuben Allen digging grave, $4 00
F. O. Day for casket, 12 00

$16 00
PHILANDO W. ROWELL.
Paid T. I. Huxford for supplies, $ 3 76
Two months rent due to C. E. Lane.

MARY MELISSA ROBERTS AND FAMILY.
Paid Marcellus J. Dow for supplies, $ 3 35
   Thaddeus Huxford for supplies, 9 32
   Drs. Kilgore and Cook medical attendance, 2 50
   ——— $ 15 17

FRANK HUTCHINS.
Paid A. E. Chase for clothing, $ 4 75

KEEPING TRAMPS.
Paid Wm. Briggs, $ 16 00
   Total expense, $660 59
   Balance unexpended, $ 24 97

CR.
Due from the town of Monroe for support of
   Mary Melissa Roberts and family, $15 17
Due from the town of Montville for support
   of Philando W. Rowell, $ 3 76
And two months rent estimated at
   $ 8 00
   ——— $ 11 76

DR.
Board of Sylvester Reynolds at the Maine
   Asylum due from Nov. 3, 1897.
In hands of Chas. F. Berry for casket of
   Malinda Johnson note of N. G. Johnson,
   $ 10 50
   1 50
   ——— $ 12 00

Contingent Expenses.
Appropriation, $450 00
Overdrawn, 1896, $105 40
Unexpended 1895, 3 74
   ——— $101 66

Amount available, $348 34
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<td>Paid Yankee Blade Pub. Co. printing town reports,</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; use of town hall,</td>
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<td>Ellen C. Abbott, for Injury on the highway,</td>
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<td>N. R. Cook attendance upon Ellen C. Abbott,</td>
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<td>Isaac Leathers constable, posting annual warrant,</td>
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<td>Loring, Short &amp; Harmon blank books for town,</td>
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<td>John Cilley work in cemetery,</td>
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<td>State treasurer money for burial expenses of Grace T. Rich returned to State</td>
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<td>E. T. Bessey killing tramp dog,</td>
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<td>Frank Plummer work in cemetery,</td>
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<td>Yankee Blade Pub. Co. hall for congressional election,</td>
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<td>E. G. Roberts treasurer expense to Belfast June 30,</td>
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<td>E. T. Bessey posting warrants congressional election,</td>
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<td>Hiram Pottle underpinning hearse house,</td>
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<td>Isaac Leathers tax deed of the Wm. Gould place for the year 1896,</td>
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<td>John H. Gordon &quot; &quot; &quot; moderator 1897,</td>
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<td>Charles F. Bessey time and expenses in Bowden case,</td>
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<td>Marcellus J. Dow rent of office for 1897,</td>
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Drs. Kilgore and Cook recording births and deaths, 3 50
Isaac Leathers collector part pay for services for 1896, 20 00
Elmer G. Roberts services and expenses as treasurer 1897, 25 00
Marcellus J. Dow postage, stationary and office supplies, 5 00
Marcellus J. Dow time and expense State Assessors meeting at Belfast in July 1897, 3 00
Frank W. Gibbs balance for services as selectman 1897, 24 48
Marcellus J. Dow Express on castings and machine repairs, 78
Marcellus J. Dow time and expense in Ella C. Abbott case, 3 00
Marcellus J. Dow team for the use of the town, 5 00
Marcellus J. Dow, services as selectman, 66 00
Charles F. Bessey services as selectman, 28 50
Charles F. Bessey time and expense to Belfast to settle bond business, and teams for the year, 5 00

Total expended, $ 446 87
Overdrawn, $ 98 33
Less, 1 49
Total, $ 96 84

Abatement of Taxes.
TO ISAAC LEATHERS, COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

On tax of Arthur Anderson, $ 2 50
Everett Braley, 2 50
Abisha Evans, 2 95
Abbie Evans, 2 01
Margaret Evans, 4 39
Joseph Ellis, 28 17
W. H. Hamlin,.................1 02
M. J. Johnson,................1 65
Ansel Pettingill,................12 20
Llewellyn Stimpson,..............2 00
Benjamin Rowe,..................7 80
E. C. Hamilton,..................2 50
Lawrence Edwards,................2 00
Simon Gilley,....................3 83
Reuben Allen,....................3 60
T. A. Ham,.........................2 00
B. N. Rackliff,...................4 45
Harry Wanting,...................3 33

TO E. T. BESSEY, COLLECTOR 1897.

Hall Geo. G. Davis Post Corporation,.................9 00
Error, taxed twice, Reuben Allen. Dead,..............2 00

Money Hired to pay Bonds and Orders.
6-30-'97 Lottie A. Watts,......................$400 00
Hollis A. Grover,.......................300 00
Ethelyn Grover,........................160 00
Joel Work,................................600 00
Shadrach Hall,.........................150 00
Jeremiah Webb,.........................200 00
People's National Bank,....................750 00
7-1-'97 Fannie Twombly,.....................150 00
Wm. N. Crosby,.........................200 00
Trustees of Golden Crown Lodge K. of P.,........203 20
Fannie Twombly,.........................35 00
People's National Bank,....................750 00
7-30-'97 Edward Shibles,....................750 00
12-1-'97 Trustees Brooks Sinking Fund,........288 00
2-15-'98 ..................................105 09

$5,191 29
Interest Money.

Amount appropriated, $1,150 00
Overdrawn in 1895, $ 60 43
" " 1896, 6 34

Amount available, $ 1,083 23

Paid interest on Town Bonds,

- People’s National Bank order, 3 75
- accepted town orders, 2 82
- Brooks Sinking Fund Town orders, 57 20

$ 999 77

Recapitulatoin.

RECEIPTS.

Available from town for support of Common schools, $ 988 24
- State " " " " 438 67
- town " " High " " 33 72
- State " " " " '96, 138 07
- town for free text books, 53 57
- State tax, 720 67
- County tax, 470 21
- town for breaking roads, 148 74
- roads and bridges, nothing
- contingent expenses, 348 34
- interest money, 1,083 23
- support of poor, 685 56
- overlaying, 141 04

Rec’d from the State for dog tax rebate 1896, 55 55
- O. W. Lane town clerk for dog licenses ’97 49 00
- Wm. C. Rowe sexton for use of hearse, 6 00
- State Treasurer pension rebate, 24 00
- bounty on wildcat, 2 00
- for burial of soldier, 35 00
- R. R. dividends, 568 00
Daniel Dutton on tax deed, 5 41
" " Selectmen money hired, 5,191 29
" " trustees of Brooks Sinking Fund, 3,505 17

$ 14,691 48

Overdrawn,  $ 985 17

EXPENSES.

Paid for support of Common schools and repairs of school houses, $ 1,101 96
" " support of High schools, 275 00
" " repairs of road and bridges, 146 14
" " breaking roads, winter of '96 & 1897, 106 94
" " school books, 43 74
" " support of the poor, 660 59
" " contingent expenses, 446 87
" " abatement of taxes, 99 90
" " bounty on wildcat, 2 00
" " dog licenses to the State, 49 00
" " State pensions to soldiers, 24 00
" " interest on town debt and orders, 999 76
" " State tax '97 920 67
" " balance Co. tax '96, 251 69
" " " " " '97, 170 21
" " interest bearing town orders, 2,818 62
" " town bonds due July 1, 1897, 5,000 00
" " town orders for current expenses, 2,759 56

$ 15,676 65

Standing of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Due on town bonds,  $ 20,900 00
Interest bearing town orders, 4,441 29
Outstanding town orders, 190 84
Due to Isaac Leathers collector 1896, 24 00
E. T. Bessey collector 1897, 75 00
Due on county tax for 1897, 300 00
   hired money interest to date, estimated, 175 00
   breaking roads present winter, 100 00
   High School fund overdrawn, 103 21
   school books 118 53
   overdrawn in previous years for roads and bridges, 669 38
Due to Maine Insane Asylum board of S. W. Reynolds, 29 00
Due on contingent fund overdrawn, 97 09

$27,223 34

RESOURCES.

200 shares in B. & M. L. R. R. stock, $15,000 00
Cash in the treasury, 21 07
Due from tax of 1894, 23 42
   1896, 55 03
   1897, 3,305 44
Due from State High School Rebate, 137 50
   S. W. Reynolds' farm, 530 00
   the Sinking Fund, 397 17
   Tax Deeds, 73 52
   unexpended school fund, 323 98
   " School Book fund, 9 83
   " fund for breaking roads, 41 80
   " Poor fund, 24 97
Town of Monroe support of Mary Melissa Roberts and family, 15 17
Town of Montville support of Philando W. Rowell and family, 11 76
Due from Noah G. Johnson casket for Melinda Johnson, 12 00

$ 20,479 66

Value of school property in town, 700 00

Total resources, $ 21,179 66
Total net debt, $ 6,043 68

Respectfully submitted,

MARCLLUS J. DOW, CHAS. F. BESSEY, FRANK W. GIBBS.
Selectmen of Brooks.


Dr.

To balance reported on hand Feb. 22, 1897, $ 3,175 05
" R. R. dividends June & December, $ 568 00
" R. R. & Tel. tax ’97, 105 09
" interest rec’d on amount on hand, 76 78

Total received, $ 3,924 92

Cr.

By paid town treasurer, $ 3,595 17
" error allowed at annual meeting ’96, 22 58

Total paid out, $ 3,527 75
Balance in our hands Feb. 26, 1898, $ 397 17

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. BESSEY, I. G. REYNOLDS, WM. N. CROSBY.
Trustees of Sinking Fund.
TREASURER’S REPORT.

Dr.

Rec’d. from Old Treasurer for 1896, $134 36
Isaac Leathers col. for ’94, 42 02
" " " ’96, 1,675 82
E. T. Bessey, “ ’97, 1,510 48
O. W. Lane for dog licenses year ’97, 49 00
W. C. Rowe sexton use of hearse, 6 00
State Treas. pension rebate, 24 00
" " bounty on wildcat, 2 00
" " railroad and tel. tax, 105 09
" " dog tax rebate year ’96, 55 55
" " school fund and mill tax ’97, 438 67
" " for free high schools, 138 07
" " burial of soldier, 35 00
F. R. Wiggin R. R. dividend for June, 280 00
" " " Dec., 288 00
trustees sinking fund, 13,505 17
selectmen, 5,191 29
Daniel Dutton on tax deed, 5 41

Cr.

By paid interest bearing town orders, $2,068 62
" on " " 60 02
orders for current expenses, 3,509 56
interest on town bonds, 936 00
town bonds due July 1, 5,000 00
trustees sinking fund R. R. div., 568 00
" " R. R. and tel. tax, 105 09
State Treas. tax for ’97, 720 67
" " dog licenses, 49 00
" " pensions, 24 00

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Respectfully submitted,

E. G. ROBERTS, Treasurer.
Superintendent's Report.

We submit the following report of schools for the past year to the voters of the town of Brooks:

For the first time in our school history the schools known as the Ellis school and the Pond Hill school was suspended for the entire year.

We think this a step attended by profit to both pupils and town, and as our scholars are yearly decreasing in number we think that there are others that could be suspended with like results.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The summer term was under the care of Miss S. M. Mad. docks who has had a large experience in the school room. Whole number registered , average.

The winter term was taught by Albert M. Jones. Mr. Jones is a student of Bates College, and is a young man of sterling qualities. He maintained good interest and discipline through the entire term, and the school, as a whole, did excellent work. Whole number attending 33, average 28.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

As a whole the results of grading the schools have been greater in this department than any other. This is partially due to the fact that Miss Mabel Rose has had the school under her care for the entire year. Miss Rose has taught eighteen schools and understands methods of primary teaching, which is indispensable for a school like this. She maintained the good will of her scholars, and they showed excellent results of her year's work. Whole number attending 33, average 28. Winter term, whole number, 32, average 26.

SOUTH BROOKS SCHOOL.

The summer term was taught by Miss Inez Forbes who is a Normal School student. Whole number attending 18, average 14.
The winter term was under the instruction of Harry Littlefield who has taught eleven terms with the best of success. Mr. Littlefield worked hard for his school and we consider his methods and discipline of the best. His scholars gave evidence of more than average term's work in their studies. Whole number attending 22, average 17.

WEST BROOKS SCHOOL.

The summer term was taught by Miss Edith Forbes who has taught several terms. Whole number attending 26. Average 19.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Bert Payson who is a Normal School teacher of several term's experience and worked for the interest of his scholars. This is a school that needs a strong discipline. Whole number attending 24. Average 22.

ELWELL SCHOOL.

Both the summer and winter terms were taught by Mr. C. D. Elwell who worked hard for his scholars and they in turn showed excellent results from his school work as they did their work very thorough. His school was under good discipline.

Whole number attending the summer term 10. Average 9. Winter term whole number 11. Average 10.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

As usual we have supported two terms of High school with good results, one at Brooks village and the other at So. Brooks.

The former under the instruction of Mr. E. S. Bartlett who is a graduate of Bowdoin College, and the latter under the instruction of Harry Littlefield. Both are excellent teachers and gave general satisfaction. Whole number attending 48. Average 44. So. Brooks whole number 47. Average 43.

Our schools can be consolidated to a much larger extent and be profitable to the pupils and a great saving. We believe that our schools can be run in good shape at 75 per cent. of the present cost. The schoolhouses are in bad shape and it will be necessary for something to be done to them in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. FOSS, Supt. of Schools.