Annual Reports of the Town Officers of the Town of Skowhegan, For The Year Ending February 20, 1897

Skowhegan (Me.)
ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
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TOWN OF
SKOWHEGAN,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1897.

SKOWHEGAN:
J. O. SMITH & CO., PRINTERS,
1897.
Town Officers.

Town Clerk:—GEO. S. WEBB.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor:
LEVI C. EMERY,  R. F. PARKER,  GEO. L. NAY.

Collector:—E. F. FAIRBROTHER.

Treasurer:—FRANK A. NOLIN.

School Committee:
C. A. MARSTON,  Chairman,  JOHN MITCHELL,
H. C. TAGGART,  F. W. ALLEN,  LIZZIE M. PAGE.

Town Physician:—HOWARD C. TAGGART, M. D.

Board of Health:
W. H. WILDES,  J. P OAK,  F. A. NOLIN.

Health Officer:—J. N. MERRILL, M. D.

Constables:
H. H. TUFTS,  CHARLES F. ROCHESTER,
H. M. WESTON,  E. B. CHASE,
AUGUSTUS GILBLAIR,  E. F. FAIRBROTHER.

Auditor:—L. L. WALTON.

Agent:—E. F. DANFORTH.
To the Inhabitants of the Town of Skowhegan:

We herewith submit for your consideration the seventy-third annual report of the financial condition of this town.

Owing to the heavy rains and ice freshet in the early spring we found our roads, bridges and culverts in bad condition throughout the town.

The unfinished condition of Madison street received our early attention, and was completed, we trust, to the satisfaction of the public, the expense being about $600, which was paid out of money raised for highway purposes.

In accordance with a vote of the town, Water street was macadamized from Railroad crossing to North street, we think, in a thorough and workman like manner; also the widening of street at south end of south bridge, the contract for stone-work being bidden in by N. P. Reed & Son and completed in a highly satisfactory manner under the supervision of our efficient engineer, E. E. Greenwood.

Among our heavy bills on bridges was the bridge at Malbon’s Mills which was replaced by a
new one; also two new bridges on Cole brook; also one new bridge near Albert Jewett's. A large number of culverts were rebuilt and repaired throughout the town.

The sewers on French street and Whitten brook have been completed.

In the poor department there have been some very expensive bills which we have been obliged to settle with other towns. Our poor have been dealt with as economically as we could with fairness and humanity. Most of the inmates at the farm are old people. We feel very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Huntley for their kindness to, and care for them.
Selectmen's Report.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1896.

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<td>Making and Repairing Highways.</td>
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<td>Building and Repairing Bridges and Culverts.</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<td>Breaking Snow Roads.</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Support of Poor and Town Expenses.</td>
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<td>&quot; Schools</td>
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<td>&quot; Free High School</td>
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<td>&quot; Text Books</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>&quot; Teaching Drawing</td>
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<td>Heating and Ventilating four School Buildings.</td>
<td>$3,500</td>
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<td>General Repairs of School Buildings by S. S. C.</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<td>Memorial Day</td>
<td>$100</td>
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<td>Connecting Middle and Summer St. Sewer with River</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<td>Fencing Union Cemetery</td>
<td>$50</td>
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<td>Macadamizing Water St. to North.</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<td>French Street Sewer</td>
<td>$300</td>
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<td>Payment on Sewer Loan</td>
<td>$2,000</td>
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<td>&quot; Lincoln School House Loan</td>
<td>$2,000</td>
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<td>&quot; Electric R. R. Loan</td>
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<td>&quot; Madison Street, borrowed 1895.</td>
<td>$700</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>$1,500</td>
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<td>Overlayings</td>
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<td><strong>$48,260.64</strong></td>
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**VALUATION.**

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,178,060.00</strong></td>
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Rate $14.10 per $1,000.00, $44,810.64
1380 Polls at $2.50 each, 3,450.00
**Total** $48,260.64

**SUPPLEMENTAL TAX.**

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Rate $14.10 per $1,000.00, $211.57
28 Polls, at $2.50 each, 70.00
**Total** $281.57
RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1896

Cash on hand, Feb., 20, 1896, .......... $11,505 99
Interest M. C. R. R. ...................... 14 00
Sales from Town Farm, ................... 132 94
Licenses, ................................ 10 00
Cash received on acct., E. P. Morrill, .... 30 35
Anson poor account refunded, ............ 87 36
Cornville " " .............................. 75
Lewiston, poor " .......................... 111 50
Borrowed on acct., widening road end south bridge, .......... 3,000 00
Demont Ramond refunded, ............... 30 75
Whitten Brook Sewer, .................... 7 87
Rent Park, ................................ 10 00
Purinton, ................................ 1 00
Concrete walks, ........................... 302 15
Town of Norridgewock tuition, ........... 4 50
State R. R. and Telegraph Tax, ........... 717 90
" School Fund and Mill Tax, ............... 3,828 92
" High School, .............................. 250 00
" Pensions, ................................. 324 00
" Rent Armory, .............................. 100 00
" Dog Tax 1895 refunded, ................ 151 86
" Burial Soldiers, .......................... 60 00
Abutters to Sewers, ....................... 539 50
Town Clerk, dog licenses 1896, ............ 181 00
Damage to Sheep, .......................... 9 00
Robinson Albert, refunded, ............... 50 00
Non-resident Tax 1894, ..................... 87 52
" " 1895, .................................. 790 81
Fairfield, refunded, ....................... 86 75
Somerset Traction Co., .................... 3 00
Poor, refunded, ........................... 1 25
Sale Granite, .............................. 43 25
" Steam Apparatus, ........................ 150 00
E. F. Fairbrother, Collector, ............. 47,843 51

$70,476 43
**EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR 1896-97.**

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<td>Printing</td>
<td>75 80</td>
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<td>80 60</td>
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<td>Posting Warrants</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<td>12 00</td>
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<td>Cemeteries</td>
<td>195 18</td>
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<td>Memorial Day</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<td>State Pension</td>
<td>324 00</td>
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<td>Maine Insane Hospital</td>
<td>929 68</td>
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<td>State Reform School</td>
<td>52 00</td>
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<td>Election Expenses</td>
<td>30 65</td>
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<td>Support of Poor</td>
<td>2,007 06</td>
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<td>Tramps</td>
<td>15 82</td>
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<td>Highways</td>
<td>7,261 08</td>
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<td>Bridges and Culverts</td>
<td>972 31</td>
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<td>Snow Roads</td>
<td>2,005 78</td>
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<td>Watering Tubs</td>
<td>22 00</td>
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<td>Town Farm</td>
<td>856 76</td>
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<td>Physician's Certificates of births and deaths</td>
<td>51 75</td>
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<td>Town Clerk, record. births and deaths</td>
<td>33 60</td>
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<td>Danforth &amp; Gould, legal services</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<td>Schools</td>
<td>14,281 39</td>
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<td>Town Officers' Bills</td>
<td>2,800 04</td>
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<td>Lincoln School Loan</td>
<td>1,480 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; Building</td>
<td>950 32</td>
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Amount carried forward: $34,956 53
EXPENDITURES,—CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward, .......... $34,956.53
Interest, ......................... 1,551.86
State Tax, ....................... 7,993.91
County '' ........................ 3,135.83
Abatements, 1895, ............ 121.28
'' 1896, .......................... 678.50
Sewers, .......................... 1,345.52
Water Street, macadamizing, .... 1,184.14
Damage to Sheep, ............ 11.50
John Weston order paid by vote of
  town, ........................... 160.00
Fitting up target grounds, ....... 55.58
Skowhegan Savings Bank R. R. bond, 1,000.00
Sewer loan paid, ............... 2,000.00
Madison Street loan paid, ....... 700.00
Damage to Carriages (S13.25 refunded) 24.40
State Treasurer, dog licenses 1896, 181.00
Dog Constable, .................. 10.00
Serving notices on Sewer Abutters, 10.00
Truant Officers, .................. 30.00
Heating and Ventilating, ....... 3,340.51
Steam heat, ...................... 25.00
Recording Deeds, ................. 3.50
Fitting up Office, ............... 51.84
John D. Nevins, .................. 125.00
Town Clerk, books, ............. 7.45
Widening Road, end of South Bridge, 4,345.12
Union Cemetery, ............... 50.00
Burial of Soldiers, .............. 60.00

$63,158.47
Cash on hand Feb'y 20, 1897 .... 7,317.96

$70,476.43
TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Levi C. Emery, Selectmen, Assessors ( $500 00
R. F. Parker, and 350 00
George L. Nay, Overseers of Poor, 250 00
E. F. Fairbrother, Collector, 545 90
F. A. Nolin, Treasurer, 60 00
Dr. H. C. Taggart, Town Physician, 50 00
W. H. Wildes, 10 00
F. A. Nolin, Board of Health, 10 00
J. P. Oak, 10 00
G. A. Barnard, Inspect. of Buildings, 10 00
A. N. Davis, 1895, 7 87
Dr. J. N. Merrill, Health Officer, 50 00
E. F. Danforth, Agent, 10 00
L. L. Walton, Auditor, 10 00
A. Robinson, Supt. Schools, $50.00 refunded, 325 00
A. K. Butler, " " 175 00
A. S. Cole, " " 400 02
I. L. Salley, V. S. Inspect. of Milk, 26 25

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Stock and Supplies, Febry. 20, 1896, $875 00
Overseer's Salary, 400 00
Supplies and Expenses for year, 456 16

Sales, $126 94
Stock and Supplies Febry. 20, 1897, 842 70
456 weeks board at about $1.67 per week, 762 12

POOR OFF FARM.

Austin, W. C. 15 00
" Eben 34 27
Blanchette, Peter Mrs. 137 08
Clukey, John Mrs. 166 63
Clark, Charles Sr. 17 00
Cookson, C. F. 17 00
Dore, Willie M. 17 10
Dure, Joseph 77 75
Estes, A. 3 73
Fish, D. E. due from Anson, 4 00
Groder, Charles Mrs. 103 00
  " John 20 90
Gardner, Albert 15 00
Kidder, M. Mrs. 26 66
Lallipp, Lewia 3 57
Larock, Mrs. refunded by Lewiston, 111 50
Lessor, Peter 2 00
Lessard, Frank 3 50
Jewell, Della 571 50
Cone, Augustus 47 76
McMann, John 32 66
Murray, Phillip 105 92
Marcue, Levi 5 00
Perry, Angie 28 00
  " Paul 1 15
Fluett, Joseph Mrs. 47 94
Fortier, Joseph 4 50
Ray, John Est. 86 45
Roderick, Josie 27 00
Smith, Herbert 20 66
Steward, Thomas 10 00
Vigue, Thomas 3 00
  " Frank 3 00
  " Lucy 3 00
Kennedy, refunded by Anson, 7 52
Duen, 1 50
Lewis, Joseph 15 64
Clark, Charles 40 00
Dulac, Hiram 8 50

refunded, 1 25
Cyre, Alma 5 50
Fortier, Jule 2 40
Brown, John 1 00
Gamage, Paul 4 80
Corson, ($86.75 refunded by Fairfield.) 112 72

Less amount refunded, $2,007 06

Net cost of poor, $1,800 04
SUPPORT OF INSANE AT MAINE INSANE HOSPITAL.

Barker, Carol I. ........................................ $136.04
Demont, Ramond ........................................ 39.75
Foster, John C. .......................................... 132.48
Leavitt, Charles H. ..................................... 189.43
Morrill, Ed P. ........................................... 80.68
McQuillan, Mabel ....................................... 139.87
McDermid, Cora ......................................... 66.21
McDermid, Jabez ........................................ 7.00
Packard, George ......................................... 74.17
Toban, John ................................................ 64.05

SUPPORT OF INSANE AT MAIN INSANE HOSPITAL.

Whole amount paid out for the support of insane. ........................................ $929.68
Refunded, .................................................. 70.10

Balance by Town. ........................................... $859.58

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

Burrill, Arthur C .......................................... $52.00

SCHOOLS.

Balance unexpended, .................................. $ 02
Raised by town, ......................................... 6,500.00
  " " " high school, .................................. 500.00
  " " " for text books, ................................ 500.00
  " " " drawing, ........................................ 500.00
State school fund and mill tax, ..................... 3,828.92
  " for high school, ................................ 250.00
Cash from Norridgewock, .............................. 4.50
Gen. repairs school buildings, ....................... 1,000.00

Overdrawn, ................................................ 1,197.95

Paid, ...................................................... 14,281.39
Town orders to school committee, ................... 14,281.39
BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Raised by town, $1,000.00
Expended, 8972.31
Unexpended, 27.09

SNOw ROADS.

Raised by town, $500.00
Overdrawn, 1505.78
Expended, 82,005.78

UNION CEMETERY.

Raised by town, $50.00
Expended, 850.00

CEMETERIES.

From treasury, 8195.18
Expended, 8195.18

FINISHING LINCOLN SCHOOL BUILDING.

From treasury, 8950.32
Expended by committee, 8950.32

MACADAMIZING WATER STREET.

Amount raised, 81,000.00
Overdrawn, 184.14
Expended, 81,184.14
WIDENING ROAD SOUTH END OF SOUTH BRIDGE.

EXPENDED:

M. J. Allen for building walk as per contract, $300.00
Ansel Holway, 736 yds. filling (at 30 cts. per yd.), 220.80
N. P. Reed & Son for building 373 yds., retaining wall (at $6.35, 2,368.52
N. P. Reed & Son for building 10 yds., coping (at $8.00), 80.00
N. P. Reed & Son difference between 10 bbls. R. cement and Portland, 11.00
Frank Thompson, land damage as awarded by committee, 1,163.50
Alonzo York for drawing stone, 10.75
Water Company for moving pipe, 115.65
Engineers, 19.85
Charles Plummer, 5.00

Amount raised, $3,600.00
Overdrawn, 1,345.12

__ $4,345.12

FRENCH STREET SEWER

Paid out in cash, $300.75
Pipe that was on hand and used in said sewer, 123.88

__ $424.63

Raised by town, $300.00
Additional cost of sewer, 124.63

__ $424.63

ABUTTERS:—Assessed, $165.00
Assessments paid, $120.00

unpaid, 45.00

__ $165.00
MEMORIAL DAY.

Raised by town, $100
Expended, 100

WHITTEN BROOK SEWER.

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<td>Pipe not used,</td>
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<td>Net cost of sewer,</td>
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<td>Amount raised by town,</td>
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<td>Net cost of sewer,</td>
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<td>Balance unexpended,</td>
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<td>ABUTTERS:—Assessed,</td>
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<td>Assessment unpaid,</td>
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HIGHWAYS.

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<td>Raised by town,</td>
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<td>Received for concrete walks and stone,</td>
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<td>$7,261.08</td>
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LIABILITIES.

Lincoln school building loan, $8,000
Town order dated July 21st, 1888, 1,400
  "  "  " April 6th, 1889, 600
  "  "  " Feb. 11th, 1890, 1,400
Sewer loan, 12,400
Skowhegan, Norridgewock R. R. loan, 8,000
Trust fund, 348 38
Town order dated Feby. 20, 1895, 500
Cemetery deposit, 500
Widening road south end south bridge loan, 3,000
Maine Insane Hospital, estimated $150
State Reform School, " 7
Accrued interest, " 650

$36,148 38

RESOURCES.

2 M. C. R. R. Bonds, $ 212
Uncollected non-resident tax 1894 90 37
  "  "  " 1895 316 37
  "  "  " 1896 725 17
Due from Anson, 4
  "  "  Skowhegan and Norridg-wock R. R. & P. Co. 30
Cash on hand Feby. 20, 1897 7,317 96

$8,695 87

Net indebtedness of town Feby. 1897 $28,259 51
PROPERTY OF TOWN.

Town Farm, $2,700  
School house lot on North St., 500  
Austin farm, 300  
Lot on Pine St., 300  
Cemetery lot on Parkman Hill, 150  
Stone Quarry on Notch road, 150  
Coburn Park, 4,500  
Personal property, 862 36  
Stock S. & N. Ry. & P. Co., 100 shares,  

$9,462 36

ESTIMATES 1897.

Interest on debt, $1,450  
Highways, 6,500  
Bridges and Culverts, 1,000  
Snow Roads, 2,000  
Support of Poor and Town expenses, 6,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Auditor's Report.

I have, with the assistance of F. A. Nolin, examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct, with all payments properly vouched.

L. L. WALTON, Auditor.
Feb. 22, 1897.
Report of Committee on Heating and Ventilating.

To the Selectmen of Skowhegan:

Gentlemen:

The committee appointed to manage the heating and ventilating system in the school buildings, have attended to that duty and beg to make the following report.

After careful investigation of the various plans, specifications and guarantee of different heating and ventilating firms, the committee voted unanimously to adopt those furnished by Messrs. Smith & Anthony of Boston, and have installed that system in the High and Leavitt street buildings, at a contract price of $3,225.00.

The heating apparatus at the old Academy seemed ample to supply any demand that would be made upon it. The only change made at this building was putting in a ventilating pipe in the sanitaries, which seems to have removed all trouble there.

The committee made no changes at the Park school, the conditions existing there seemed to warrant a greater expenditure than the committee felt authorized to assume.

The expenditures making improvements mentioned, were as shown:
Your committee feel assured that the results obtained in each of the buildings fitted with the Smith & Anthony system are perfectly satisfactory, if properly attended to. Tests made at various times by your committee have shown the specifications to have been carried out in every particular, and in addition to their guarantee in the specifications the Messrs. Smith & Anthony Co. have filed the accompanying bond.

A. G. BLUNT,
A. H. LANG,
T. H. ANDERSON.
Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 20, 1896, .......................... $11,638 43
State, School fund and mill tax... $3,828 92
  Free High School, ......................... 250
  Railroad and Telegraph tax, .............. 717 90
  State pensions refunded, .................... 324
  Burial of Soldiers, .......................... 60
  Rent of Armory, ............................. 100
  Dog Licenses of 1895, returned .......... 151 86
  Damage to Sheep, ........................... 9
  Interest on 2 M. C. R. R. bonds, ........ 14
  A. Robinson, over-payment returned, ...... 50
  Purinton & Co., " " " " ....................... 1
  Norridgewock, tuition ...................... 1 50
  Sale of Boiler from Leavitt St. School House, .......................... 150
  Pool Room License, .......................... 10
  Dog Licenses 1896, from Town Clerk, .... 181
  Rent of Coburn Park, ...................... 10
  Labor and Sales from Highway, .......... 348 40
    " " " " Sewers, ......................... 7 87
  Sewer Assessments Collected, ........... 539 50
  Sales from Town Farm, .................... 107 14
  From other Towns, poor account, ......... 383 51
  Loans, South Bridge, ..................... 3000 00
  Non-Res. Tax, 1894, ...................... 87 52
    " " " 1895, ............................. 790 81
  E. F. Fairbrother, 1896 tax, ............ 47,843 51 $58,970 44
  ........................................... $70,608 87
EXPENDITURES.

11 orders drawn last year, $ 132.44
572 " current year, 51,523.73
State Pensions, 324
Dog Licenses, to State Treas., 181
County Tax, 3,135.83
State Tax, 7,993.91

Cash in Bank Feby. 20, 1897, $63,290.91

$7,317.96

$70,608.87

Sewer Assessments. paid 178 $5361.25
" " in part, 14 $325.00
" " unpaid, 50 $1,205.20
Auditor's Report.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct.

L. L. WALTON, Auditor.
Feby. 22. 1896.
Report of Health Officer.

To the municipal officers of the town of Skowhegan:

The Health Officer is pleased to be able to make the following brief report:

During the past year no epidemic has prevailed in our town, and there has not been a single death from typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria or measles, and the death rate from all causes has been largely reduced from the previous year, or from 116 to 67, (there being one accidental death,) a reduction in the death rate of over 42½ per cent.

There were but four cases of typhoid fever reported, two of which were contracted outside of the town, and one probably from exposure while working in a sewer basin, the fourth not being traceable.

There were but nine nuisances reported, all of which were promptly abated.

The “from house to house inspection” found the sanitary conditions generally more satisfactory than in former years, and a growing interest was manifest among all classes in sanitation.

The sewer in French street, south side, has greatly improved the sanitary condition of that street, while taking the sewers from Whitten brook and cleaning the rubbish from the same, has greatly improved that locality.

A goodly number of places have been connected with the sewers during the past year, and our people are beginning to appreciate the value of our sewerage system.
Since the introduction of the new heating and ventilating plants into the Leavitt street, and high school buildings, the sanitary conditions of these schools have been markedly improved.

Repeated visits to the schools, and careful inquiry and investigation, lead to the conclusion that these plants, when kept in proper running condition, are capable of keeping an abundance of warm, fresh air in circulation. Chemical tests of the air in these buildings, near the close of the afternoon session, with windows closed all day, attest these improvements, while the marked absence of colds, headache, sore throats and languor, so often complained of, and suffered from by teachers and scholars in the past, abundantly confirm the wisdom of the improvements.

Though our taxes be high, and times hard, let us not regret, or begrudge the necessary expense to educate our children and preserve their health.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Merrill, M. D.

Health Officer.
Coburn Charity Bequest.

RECEIPTS.

1896.
Feb. 22, Cash on hand, ........................................ $ 10.00
Apr. 1, Div. on $10,000, Me. Central R. R. bonds, .......... 350.00
May 1, " 25 shares Skowhegan Hall stock, .................. 75.00
July 1, " 37 " First National Bank, Portland, ................ 111.00
" 1, " 16 " Shoe and Leather Bank, Auburn .................. 32.00
Oct. 1, " $10,000 Me. Central R. R. Bonds, ................. 350.00
Nov. 1, " 25 shares Skowhegan Hall stock, ................. 75.00
Dec. 31, " 38 " National Bank, Portland, ...................... 114.00
" 31, " 16 " Shoe and Leather Bank, Auburn .................. 32.00

EXPENDITURES.

1896.
Apr. 1, Paid Woman's Aid Society, ......................... $ 250.00
July 1, " " " " " " " " 250.00
Oct. 1, One share First National Bank, Portland, ......... 100.00
Oct. 1, Woman's Aid Society, ................................ 250.00

1897.
Jan. 1, " " " " " " " 250.00
Feb. 22, Cash on hand, ......................................... 49.90

— $1,149.90

FUND AS INVESTED FEBRUARY 22, 1897.

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$21,343 $20,000 $17,900

R. E. SHEPHERD, Treasurer.
Coburn Library Fund.

RECEIPTS.
Cash on hand March, 3, 1896, $2,380.48

Received for rent of Library Parlors, $80.15

" sale cards, $70.00

" Rebate on check, $2.00

" Interest on Mexican Central R. R. Bonds, $120.00

" " St. Paul and Taylor Falls R. R. Bonds, $521.30

" " Little Rock & Fort Smith R. R. Bonds, $140.00

" Dividend on First National Bank Stock Portland, $122.00

" Kennebec Log Driving Co., $2,057.50

EXPENDITURES

Paid Librarian, $200.00

" Trucking, $2.35

" Electric Lights, $72.31

" Insurance, $50.03

" Book case, $7.35

" Repairs, $3.60

" Mowing Lawn, $5.00

" Skowhegan Water Co., $25.00

" Janitor, $100.00

" Recording Mortgage, $50.00

" Books, Magazines and Binding, $272.32

" Wood, $15.00

" Coal, $155.97

" Printing, $11.50

Invested, $3,200.00

Cash on hand, $1,356.74

$5,497.93

E. E. Danforth, Treasurer.
Woman's Aid Society.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1897.

Number of meetings of the Executive Board, 26
“ “ money orders voted by the Executive Board and signed by the President and Secretary, 217
“ “ families aided during the year, 95
“ “ “ with money, 16
“ “ “ wood, 4
“ “ “ boots and rubbers (40 prs), 19
“ “ “ dry goods, 17
“ “ “ groceries, 12

Part board of two persons has been paid, also house rent for two families.
A free bed in the Maine General Hospital, Portland, has been obtained for three people.

The following articles of second-hand clothing and bedding, contributed by residents of the town have been distributed.

Boots and rubbers, 47
Stockings, 28
Shirt-waists, 32
Dresses, 26
Skirts, 32
Shirts, 24
Suits of clothes, 9
Overcoats, 5
Pillow cases, 4

Undervests, 37
Drawers, 33
Hats and caps, 21
Cloaks and jackets, 17
Pants, 10
Coats, 9
Comforters (2 new), 6
Blankets, 4
Sheets, 2

MARY E. PAGE, Secretary.
Woman's Aid Society.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF "WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY."

1897.
Feb. 24th, By cash balance Feb. '96. $150 10
" " Interest of Cohurn Fund, 1,000 00

$1,150 10

To paid 217 orders voted by Executive board of Society,
and signed by the President and Secretary, the
items of which are shown in report of Secretary of Society, 917 08
Cash balance to new account, 232 42

$1,150 10

MARY W. VARNEY, Treasurer.