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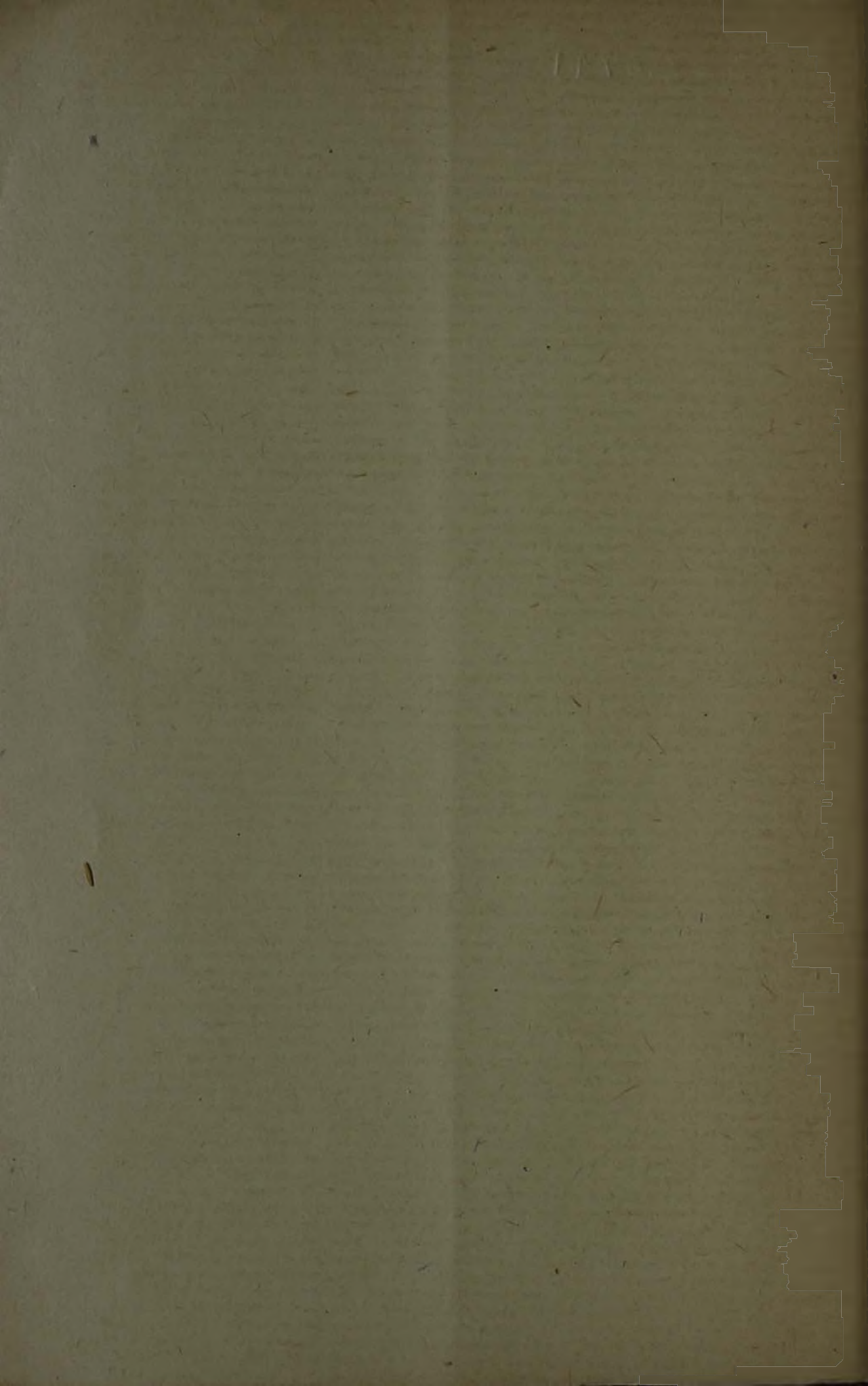
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## TOWN OFFICERS :

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Clerk, O. F. HALL.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor :

C. H. HUSSEY, G. A. SAWYER, ALBERT LONGLEY.

Treasurer, CONY RUSSELL.

Road Commissioner, H. E. HALE.

Superintendent of Schools, B. F. TURNER.

School Committee,

E. A. HILTON, O. F. HALL, CONY RUSSELL.

Collector, B. F. JONES.

Auditor, A. O. FREDERIC.

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

### ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Voted at March meeting 1898 for support, of		
schools.....	\$1,600 00	
Poor and town expenses.....	2,000 00	
For repairing town vault, etc.....	50 00	
Memorial day.....	30 00	
Free high school.....	750 00	
Repairing school buildings.....	800 00	
Text books.....	200 00	
Superintendent of schools.....	250 00	
Payment of extension of Withee road:	175 00	
Debt and interest.....	6,000 00	
Highways.....	2,500 00	
Deficiency on highways.....	1,500 00	
Add to this County tax.....	551 36	
State tax.....	1,600 63	
		\$18,006 99

### INVENTORY.

Real estate.....	\$442,625 00	
Personal estate.....	104,036 00	
Total valuation.....		\$546,661 00
Assessed 31 mills on valuation.....	\$16,946 49	
Assessed 440 polls at \$3 each.....	1,320 00	
Total assessment.....	\$18,266 49	
Overlay in assessing.....		\$259 50

### DEPARTMENT OF POOR.

Paid as follows for:

Tramps .....	\$3 45	
S. M. Handy.....	98 81	
Fred Walton.....	14 75	
Benj. Hersom.....	126 88	
Rufus Longley.....	23 56	
Otis Tibbetts.....	8 00	
Charles Groves family.....	7 35	
Ella Mosher.....	136 39	
Richard Curtis family.....	90 08	
Samuel S. Crocker.....	35 00	
Ernest Norrad family.....	24 80	
Horace Tibbetts.....	4 93	
Frank A. Handy.....	69 50	
Eben Bowen.....	1 00	
		\$644 50

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By cash from State for burying Samuel S. Crocker.....	\$35 00	
Due from Starks or Phillips on account of Eben Bowen .....	1 00	
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		\$36 00
Net cost of poor.....		<hr/>
		\$608 50

TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid

A. Whitcomb, Jr., services as supervisor..	\$100 00
Cony Russell, services as treasurer.....	50 00
H. E. Hale, services as selectman, etc.....	50 00
G. A. Sawyer, services as selectman, etc..	50 00
C. H. Hussey, services as selectman, etc..	200 00
O. F. Hall, services as town clerk.....	10 00
A. C. Ladd Co., printing town reports....	12 00
W. F. Brown, printing bill heads.....	1 25
Mrs. J. H. Burgess, wood for office.....	1 25
Loring, Short & Harmon, books and stationery.....	8 55
Congregational church, shingling roof....	10 00
D. P. Fields, shingling L to town house...	9 54
B. B. Wells, labor on town office.....	5 63
C. E. Veasie & Son, materials used on office	5 52
E. A. Hilton, shingling herse house.....	4 90
Eben C. Doyen for killing dogs.....	7 00
Frank E. Tuttle, watching night of July 3.	1 50
B. F. Jones, watching night of July 3.....	1 50
C. H. Hussey, cash paid Walton & Walton postage, stationary, etc.....	6 82
Peter Vigue, cleaning cemetery, north side	3 00
E. N. Hall, cleaning cemetery, south side.	3 00
C. L. Carr, election clerk.....	1 50
H. M. Pattee, election clerk.....	1 50
M. C. Holt, election clerk.....	1 50
W. O. Cooley, election clerk.....	1 50
Berlin Iron Bridge Co. for 53 guide boards	26 00
N. Miller for posts and setting for guide boards .....	12 00
G. A. Sawyer looking after poor etc.....	7 00
Mrs. J. H. Burgess, commission collecting tax 1897.....	40 44
B. F. Jones, commission collecting tax 1897.....	157 54
In settlement of Edward McIntire suit v. s. town.....	90 00
Dr. L. Brown, recording births and deaths	11 50
Dr. J. D. Ames, " " "	4 25
S. G. Woodcock, sheep killed by dogs.....	9 00
E. B. Nickerson, wood at office.....	1 25
F. C. Holt, board of health expense.....	65

Freight on guide boards.....	1 15
C. H. Hussey, expense to Oakland and Skowhegan.....	1 50
C. H. Hussey, postage, stationery etc.....	1 98
Cony Russell, stationery and stamps.....	5 35
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	\$917 07
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By cash due from State for sheep killed..	9 00
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Net town expenses.....	\$908 07
Net poor expense.....	608 50
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Total for poor and town expenses	\$1,516 57
Raised for these departments.....	2,050 00
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Unexpended.....	\$533 43
Raised for Memorial Day.....	\$30 00
Paid Bates Post for use Memorial Day.....	30 00
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## ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Account with the town, Dr.	
To amount left over.....	\$48 12
“ “ raised for overwork.....	1,500 00
“ “ raised for work on highways	2,500 00
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	\$4,048 12
“ cash received from Lorenz McIntire estate 1897 tax.....	\$7 98
“ cash received Laforest Brown, 1897 tax .....	7 01
“ cash rec'd Coburn Berry, 1897 tax.	1 40
“ cash rec'd Skowhegan & Norridge- wock Railroad.....	8 25
“ cash rec'd C. H. Hussey, repairs on sidewalk.....	1 21
“ cash rec'd C. G. Hale, estate repairs on sidewalk.....	7 16
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Total .....	\$4,081 13
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By cash paid Henry M. Walker.....	\$9 34
Herbert C. Crosby.....	5 70
H. E. Hale.....	10 87
C. L. Carr.....	1 01
Mrs. D. T. Frederic.....	7 62
G. A. Sawyer.....	1 22
James Tompkins and others..	15 06
W. A. Walton and others....	1 30
Sumner Robinson and others:	10 81
George Hodges.....	4 38
Charles S. Tuttle.....	4 25



Richard Smith and others....	13 63
C. P. Bigelow & Son.....	5 30
Alec Tuttle.....	7 02
Amos Holt.....	31 80
C. J. Savage and others....	23 37
R. S. Haynes.....	8 25
Ernest Gilman and others....	21 10
H. S. Bigelow " " ....	17 28
H. S. Jones " " ....	20 58
Chas. H. Jones.....	10 15
O. E. Sawtelle.....	1 82
Elmer E. Clark.....	1 45
Hanson G. Walker.....	9 67
Brackett & Russell for Joseph Berry.....	6 95
John Elkins.....	10 84
Frank Parsons.....	4 46
George Seavey.....	11 82
H. L. Heald.....	13 83
Fred Longley.....	5 53
Frank Lancaster.....	3 45
Geo. L. Withee.....	3 45
Fred Woodsom.....	5 26
Albert Longley.....	8 00
T. H. Heald.....	9 40
E. E. Heald.....	5 00
O. B. Taylor.....	7 06
Frank Hartford.....	2 32
Charles Smith.....	12 71
Orin C. Taylor.....	7 47
C. S. Bates.....	15 00
Edward P. Holway.....	15 03
George Sheaff.....	9 49
Merrett Knox.....	2 56
N. J. Austin.....	4 36
Gilead Bates.....	18 89
John Smith.....	1 50
Carroll Stevens.....	7 67
Wm. B. Curtis.....	5 93
Miner Tingley.....	4 73
John M. Tobey.....	6 90
E. H. Tobey.....	11 65
Chas. B. Colby.....	18 67
James Bigelow.....	3 10
Irvin Stevens.....	4 07
G. H. Blaisdell.....	7 01
James H. Haynes.....	7 38
Chas. Atkinson....	10 13
Everett Williamson.....	26 58
J. H. Burgess and others....	64 90
Wm. Lockwood.....	16 17
Sumner Berry.....	9 51
Edward Taylor.....	29 61
Prescott A. Smith.....	22 96

J. and F. L. Parker.....	22 01
S. G. Woodcock.....	15 39
Gorham Bailey.....	8 08
R. A. Davis.....	20 32
C. J. Savage.....	25 84
Enos Gilman & Son.....	11 52
Elwin B. Tinkham.....	4 50
Fred Burrell.....	10 93
C. H. Morton and others.....	20 52
Fred Chapman.....	11 11
E. P. Rogers.....	12 72
C. & A. T. Rogers.....	18 33
Edward McIntire.....	25 00
Walter E. Newell.....	17 50
W. W. Spaulding.....	10 32
E. L. Hight.....	17 10
Sumner Soule.....	7 16
Edwin Wilder.....	13 85
L. A. Wilder.....	24 25
Frank York.....	18 42
H. B. Chase.....	26 40
C. H. Longley.....	9 10
John B. Longley.....	15 01
Joseph Vickere.....	11 65
Fred L. Horn.....	30 54
M. R. Brooks and others.....	43 16
Walter A. Rogers.....	15 32
Llewellyn Merrow.....	7 01
C. R. Knights.....	20 21
X. A. Withee.....	47 01
Horace S. Withee.....	29 90
Win. E. Perkins.....	37 70
C. E. Veasie.....	10 46
E. S. Miller, lumber.....	51 73
C. H. Crosby.....	19 95
Allen Stanley.....	25 40
F. G. Danforth and others.....	29 52
Allen Stanley.....	33 37
C. H. Crosby.....	22 35
Hiram Moore.....	387 75
C. H. Longley.....	8 91
Sumner Totman for J. Libby.	6 51
George Rogers.....	4 50
James Tuttle and others.....	39 25
Johnson & Johnson.....	153 00
Charles Savage.....	30 49
E. S. Miller.....	48 99
D. W. Hunt.....	10 03
Geo Mosher.....	43
Fred Salley.....	1 35
Alvin Otis.....	1 35
Frank Handy.....	12 45
C. R. Sawyer.....	90
A. H. Morse.....	3 72

R. W. Baker.....	6 00
Selden Adams.....	60
J. W. Bates.....	1 25
F. A. Tobey.....	2 75
Horace Tibbetts .....	4 55
Josiah Wentworth.....	1 50
H. J. Buzzell.....	5 73
Robert Forsythe.....	1 97
Warren Taylor.....	50
Harry Merrow.....	20
John Merrifield.....	05
Fred Dunlap.....	1 80
Robert Walton.....	8 09
Mrs. Stephen Holway.....	1 65
Guy Dunlap.....	12
H. Hamlin.....	3 74
John Peavey.....	2 72
Fred Withee.....	1 50
John Adams.....	11 70
W. P. Dudley.....	6 97
John Barker, for water.....	3 00
Geo. A. Hilton.....	3 98
Daniel Rogers.....	3 33
Ira Seekings.....	4 11
W. H. McIntire.....	3 30
H. E. Hale.....	22 20
John Benson.....	3 63
L. H. White.....	1 50
Geo. Tilton.....	16 49
Robert Forsythe.....	1 25
Fred Tibbetts.....	2 70
Geo. Ware.....	45
Harry H. Merrow.....	20
C. N. Conant & Co. steedge	8 00
Arthur Littlefield.....	1 34
Joseph Smith.....	1 00
James Taylor.....	90
Silas Tobey.....	4 02
Warren Taylor.....	2 37
Allen Stanley.....	15 55
Freight.....	25
B. F. Yeaton.....	3 10
George Pomeroy.....	5 40
Lantern globes.....	20
H. P. Merrill.....	1 00
Charles Hill.....	2 25
M. R. Brooks.....	15 90
H. E. Hale.....	27 10
Fred Thompson.....	4 50
D. P. Field.....	3 50
Repairs for plow.....	45
Ernest Norad.....	1 50
Robert Forsyth.....	12 00
Edward Taylor for lumber...	3 85

Cement.....	1 65
Gustavus Cooley.....	1 50
Forrest Hussey.....	63
Louis McIntire.....	3 75
G. W. Palmer.....	96
H. E. Hale.....	55 61
M. F. Carr.....	8 95
Warren Taylor.....	3 25
James Bigelow.....	1 90
Charles Rogers.....	1 50
Orin L. Jones.....	1 77
Walter Benson.....	65
H. E. Hale.....	58 50
Alex Tuttle.....	6 70
Amos Holt.....	2 80
Harry Merrow.....	50
Walter Rogers.....	3 00
Fred Witham.....	3 52
Clarence Rogers.....	8 74
Repairs on road machine.....	50
Postage.....	10
E. B. Tinkham.....	2 00
Albert Longley.....	10 45
H. S. Bigelow.....	9 30
James Leavitt and others.....	42 13
R. A. Davis.....	2 10
James Tuttle.....	5 00
J. P. Wentworth.....	3 45
Everett Williamson.....	6 95
Pail and dipper.....	15
W. E. Perkins.....	30 10
Island Machine Co.....	3 65
Theodore Perkins.....	11 74
W. O. Cooley.....	5 20
Sarah Nugent.....	7 35
Robert Forsythe.....	4 65
W. W. Spaulding.....	1 53
F. S. Lawton.....	12 26
A. S. Philpot.....	16 50
Milford Tibbetts.....	9 15
Edwin Burgess.....	14 00
Darius Bairns.....	2 74
F. F. Storer.....	4 27
Charles Farrand.....	25
Alvin Otis.....	3 37
George Snell.....	1 50
Frank York.....	35
B. F. Lancaster.....	1 54
H. W. Spaulding.....	1 50
Sumner Robinson.....	5 20
Orin Jones.....	1 50
C. S. Bates.....	3 68
H. E. Hale.....	88 75
E. T. Heywood.....	1 05

Charles Warren.....	1 25
E. F. Grant.....	2 21
X. A. Withee.....	50 12
W. E. Burgess.....	3 50
R. A. Davis.....	5 00
C. J. Savage.....	11 25
E. W. Gilman.....	4 55
M. R. Brooks.....	5 02
Walter Benson.....	87
C. H. Morton.....	13 00
H. I. Buzzell... ..	1 75
George Gilman.....	4 05
H. E. Hale.....	18 55
F. L. Horn.....	5 25
E. F. Grant, water for 1898..	3 00
A. C. Tuttle.....	7 25
Amos Holt.....	4 65
P. H. Butler.....	7 20
George A. Tilton.....	1 50
G. A. Sawyer.....	5 00
Frank York.....	6 02
L. F. Lawton.....	2 09
George Hadgess.....	1 72
Allen Stanley.....	2 10
I. Buzzell.....	90
Geo. Tilton.....	3 75
A. H. Morse.....	10 45
Emna Drew... ..	2 25
A. H. Morse.....	5 90
Milford Tibbetts.....	3 00
C. H. Crosby.....	32 47
Fred Benson.....	75
Geo. Emerson.....	12 25
R. B. Sawyer.....	50
Crosby Mitchell.....	50
Sidney Knowlton.....	50
C. L. Carr and others.....	13 56
C. E. Veasie.....	6 77
Theo Perkins.....	50
William B. Curtis.....	13 02
E. H. Tobey.....	5 65
E. C. Tobey.....	3 05
Daniel Mullen.....	3 02
Howard Mitchell.....	40
Clarence Rogers and others...	13 78
C. J. Javage and others.....	17 44
Hiram Bigelow and others...	17 09
Wm. Lockwood and others...	31 16
I. C. Holt.....	1 12
Charles Bates and others.....	15 59
Alexander Tuttle and others...	15 30
Thomas Heald.....	6 00
R. A. Davis and others.....	7 67
Horace Jones and others....	20 19

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Gilcard Bates and others.....	24 94
Herbert Gilman and others...	20 84
James Bigelow and others...	17 69
Everett Williamson and others	15 30
James Leavitt and others.....	21 04
Fred Dunlap.....	50
C. H. Morton and others.....	21 08
John Smith and others.....	19 57
Geo. A. Sawyer.....	2 07
Chas. Farrand.....	1 05
Ernest Gilman and others....	11 35
Louis Robbins.....	1 35
W. A. Walton and others....	14 98
Ray Bigelow and others. ...	14 04
C. H. Longley and others....	31 59
Harry Heald.....	2 35
E. R. Holway.....	5 40
Alfred Tuttle.....	65
A. H. Morse and others.....	15 50
Geo. Rogers.....	1 25
Eben Doyen.....	4 00
Ezekil Emmons.....	25
Chas. Nye.....	88
Henry Walker.....	1 06
Chas. Garfield.....	15
Edwin Burgess. ....	9 70
L. H. White.....	6 82
L. A. Wilder and other.....	34 92
Alvin Otis.....	1 06
E. L. Hight and others .....	22 28
Russell Sawyer. ....	35
Allen Stanley.....	1 50
C. H. Crosby.....	50
M. R. Brooks and others.....	21 44
Chas. Warren " "	6 35
Albert Longley " "	23 70
H. E. Withee.....	1 05
F. S. Danforth and others..	20 04
G. E. Bailey " "	22 26
Geo. E. Smith.....	1 05
Harry Devereux.....	1 25
X. A. Withee and others.....	44 06
Heman Tobey.....	50
H. E. Hall.....	13 65
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	\$3,823 36
Balance in treasury.....	\$233 73
Cash on hand.....	24 04
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	\$4,081 13

## Collectors' Department.

To balance tax 1897 due last report Feb. 20, 1898.....	\$11,663 67
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By abatements.....	\$64 55	
By treasurer receipts to Mrs. J. B. Burgess	1,096 52	
By treasurer receipts to Mrs. B. F. Jones..	10,502 60	
		\$11,663 67

1898.

To tax committed, 1898.....	\$18,384 49
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By treasurer's receipts.....	3,445 00
By balance uncollected, Feb. 21, 1899.....	\$14,939 49

ABATEMENTS FOR YEAR 1897.

Daniel Woodman, poll, sickness.....	\$3 00
Benj. Clure, poll, old age.....	3 00
Chas. H. Weston, poll, old age.....	3 00
George Tuttle, paid in Skowhegan.....	4 10
Enos Wilder, poll, old age.....	3 00
Galon Barnes, paid in Skowhegan.....	3 00
Wm. Clair, poll.....	3 00
Lyman Childs, poverty.....	1 10
Herbert F. Frederic, paid in Stark.....	3 00
George H. Robinson, poll.....	3 00
Ellard B. Huff, poll, dead.....	3 00
Joseph Taylor, poverty.....	6 60
Wm. Rowe, out of State.....	3 00
Ruel Robbins, death.....	3 00
Hiram D. Savage, death.....	3 00
John Tibbetts, error.....	3 00
Albert Walker, error.....	3 00
Bert M. Webber, out of state.....	3 00
C. M. Dunton, out of state... ..	3 88
C. L. Carr, over valuation.....	2 00
W. H. Haynes, error.....	1 87

Total abatements.....	\$64 55
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### TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

CONY RUSSELL TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF NORRIDGEWOCK  
1898 DR

March 5 To cash in treasury.....	\$2,193 05
rec'd of J. H. Burgess, col. '97	1,096 52
rec'd of B. F. Jones, col. '97	10,567 15
rec'd of B. F. Jones, col. '98	3,445 00
Tuition High School.....	32 95
A. Whitcomb Jr, error in am't paid Smithfield schools '97 .....	10 00

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By cash rec'd State dog tax returned.....	83 76	
Sale of Seekin's farm.....	50 20	
Henry Record Town loan.....	4,000 00	
Calvin Danforth Town loan...	2,000 00	
O. F. Hall dog tax '98..... ..	101 00	
State Free High School.....	249 34	
State burial soldiers.....	35 00	
Dodlin Granite Co. balance due on non-resident tax '94	37 27	
State R. R. and telegraph tax	3 14	
State school funds.....	950 70	
Rent of school books.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$24,858 08

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By cash paid 4 per cent bonds.....	\$1,400 00	
6 per cent bonds.....	3,700 00	
Withee road order.....	555 92	
Calvin Danforth.....	2,000 00	
Interest.....	3,152 95	
School orders.....	3,391 98	
School house repair orders...	754 50	
Text book orders.....	212 21	
Superintendance orders.....	154 52	
Road orders.....	3,814 39	
Town expense orders.....	1,626 12	
Dog licenses to state treasurer	101 00	
County tax.....	551 36	
State tax.....	1,600 63	
Memorial order.....	30 00	
Cash in treasury.....	1,812 50	

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN FEB. 18, 1899.

LIABILITIES.

Bonds issue 1868 6 per cent.....	\$43,950 00	
“ “ 1883 4 per cent.....	11,000 00	
Int. due on bonds not called for.....	346 00	
“ “ “ issue 1868 from July 11, '98	1,670 00	
“ “ “ “ 1883 from Oct. 1, '98	165 00	
“ “ town order .....	4,000 00	
“ “ “ .....	76 00	
Due schools .....	389 11	
“ school house repairs .....	45 50	
“ superintendance.....	95 48	
“ highways .....	233 73	
“ town expenses and poor.....	533 43	
“ bills estimated.....	675 00	
	<hr/>	\$63,179 25



RESOURCES.

Uncollected taxes.....	\$14,939 49	
Chase House.. .. .	100 00	
Town office and safe.....	500 00	
Due from State Free High school.....	250 00	
“ on Skillings’ note.....	80 00	
“ from State on killing sheep.....	9 00	
“ cash in treasury.....	1,812 50	
Net debt February 18, 1899.....	45,488 26	63,179 25
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Reduction since last report.....	\$4,838 88	

C. H. HUSSEY, }  
G. A. SAWYER, } Selectmen  
ALBERT LONGLEY, } of  
Norridgewock.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Road Commissioner, for the year ending February 20, 1899, and find them correct with proper vouchers.

A. O. FREDERIC, Auditor,

## Report of School Committee.

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We are pleased to be able to report that the work done in our schools the past year has been very satisfactory.

At the beginning of the year changes were made in the teachers of the village schools. Miss Nellie E. Russell was engaged to teach the Primary School, Mrs. Flora Farrar to teach the Intermediate School, and Miss Alice Hodgkins to teach the Grammar School. In some of the rural schools, also, new teachers have been employed. The teachers have all been earnest and faithful, and good progress has been made by the pupils.

That the standard of admission to the High School might be raised, it was thought best not to have any class go up from the Grammar School this year. On account of this, it became necessary for each class in the graded schools to remain in the same grade for another year, and pursue more advanced studies than had been formally taught in those grades. This change will make our schools compare more favorably with those in other towns, where a good school system prevails.

Since this departure, aims at the improvement of our schools, we believe, it will meet with the approval of our citizens. It is practically the carrying out of the suggestions made in our last year's report, concerning the needs of our schools.

By this arrangement the High School has, of necessity, had fewer pupils than in former years. Those things which could not be avoided in making the desired change, will become properly adjusted at the opening of the fall term of 1899.

The work of the High School, for the year, has been prosperous. The large class which was graduated last June, was of good scholarship, giving proof of faithful work done by their teachers, and was a credit to the school. The present instructors, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Folsom, began teaching the fall term. They have already shown their fitness for their positions, by the progress which has been made in the various departments of the work in the school.

That better work might be done, changes have been made

in some of our text books. This seemed to be a necessity, as many of the old books had long since passed their days of usefulness. United States histories have been bought for all the schools in town; reading books for the village schools. Old books, to the amount of nearly \$25.00 in value, were exchanged for some of the new ones. We regret very much that the sum appropriated for text books proved to be insufficient. Therefore, after getting the sanction of the town officers, we contracted with Ginn & Co., of Boston for needed books.

As it has been several years since a special appropriation was made for text books, it seems to us that the worn out condition of many of our books, especially the readers, arithmetics and language books, makes it very necessary that the town should make as liberal an appropriation as it can for text books at its next annual meeting. We would, therefore, earnestly recommend, that the town carefully consider this question, relating to text books, and make an appropriation of \$400.00 for the same, for the coming year. This sum, we believe, will be required to settle the unpaid bill, and buy the books needed for the year. An attempt has been made to look after our text books, with some degree of success. Strong covers have been provided for the new books, and the pupils have been cautioned against marking or defacing them. The teachers have been especially careful, to look after the books in their respective schools. It is evident, however, that there are still some who fail to appreciate what the town is doing for them, in providing for their use, free text books.

In regard to attendance, it should be remembered that the best results can be obtained, only when the parents are willing to cooperate with the teachers, and school officers, in this matter. Some do, while others let insufficient excuses, keep their children from school.

During the year seven rural schools, of twenty-nine weeks each, have been supported from the common school fund, and one rural school of nine weeks, from the same fund, and three village schools of twenty-nine weeks each, also the High School grade, two weeks.

All of the school houses in town, which are in use, have

been put in good repairs. Paint outside, and paint, paper and window curtains inside, have changed and made more attractive the school buildings. In a few of the school houses new floors have been laid, and one has been furnished with modern seats. The heating apparatus in the High School building has been for some time a great source of annoyance to both teachers and scholars. Last summer the old chimney was taken down and a new one built, having a larger flue. This gives a much better draft to the furnaces, and has proved to be the solution, of what has been, a troublesome question.

Following is an itemized account of the receipts and expenditures of the Common School fund, High School, school house repairs, text books, and superintendance :

### Common School Report.

#### RECEIVED.

Amount raised by town. . . . .	\$1600	00
Received from State . . . . .	950	70
Unexpended last year . . . . .	187	89
Received errors in am't paid Smithfield. . . . .		10 00
		\$2.748 59

#### PAID AS FOLLOWS :

Walter and Willie Tayler Janitor, 97	\$16	50
“ “ “ “ “ 98	15	50
Carrol Wheeler “ “	2	50
Maurice Adams “ “	7	75
Mabel Wells “ “	7	25
Chester Frederic “ “	2	25
Clarence Tompkins “ “	2	25
Nellie Emmons “ “	6	25
Arthur Huff “ “	12	50
Elmer E. Bates “ “	2	25
Fred Lancaster “ “	2	25
Lee Shorey “ “	5	00
Alonzo Lancaster “ “	2	50
Dora Works “ “	2	50
Chester Hussey “ “	15	00
Winnifred Hall “ “	2	50
George Longley “ “	1	00
		\$105 75

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John G. Mellow	wood . . . .	10 12
Nicholas Miller	" . . . .	2 00
Frank L. Lancaster	" . . . .	7 00
T. A. Gould	" . . . .	3 00
Etta Frederic	" . . . .	7 00
Fred A. Tobay	" . . . .	7 00
A. Whitcomb Jr.	" . . . .	73 00
H. I. Buzzell	" . . . .	7 00
E. A. Hilton	" . . . .	1 25
R. A. Davis	" . . . .	2 00
Fred Lancaster	" . . . .	8 00
X. A. Withee	" . . . .	2 00
Ellis Tobey	" . . . .	7 00
Clarence Stevens	" . . . .	22 50
C. E. Veazie	" . . . .	15 00
H. S. Withee	" . . . .	8 50
Eugene Watson	" . . . .	7 00
L. S. Lowe	" . . . .	2 00

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S. R. Berry '97,	Conveyance . .	20 30
Elihu Mosher	" . . . .	41 66
E. L. Height	" . . . .	60 00
J. T. Leavitt	" . . . .	17 00
Wm. Lockwood	" . . . .	2 25
Lucius Wilder	" . . . .	40 00
Fred Horn	" . . . .	7 25
O. C. Taylor	" . . . .	2 40
Henry Tuttle	" . . . .	8 15
Everett Williamson	" . . . .	10 50
Fred Dunlap	" . . . .	4 60

\$214 11

Alice Hodgkins	Teaching . .	\$246 50
Pauline Harrington	" . . . .	21 00
Flora Farrar	" . . . .	246 50
Nellie E. Russell	" . . . .	246 50
Fannie Rogers	" . . . .	25 00
Nellie Emmons	" . . . .	145 00
Annie Sawyer	" . . . .	95 00
Clarence Tompkins	" . . . .	95 00
Mabel Wells	" . . . .	145 00
Jessie Miller	" . . . .	45 00
Dora Works	" . . . .	95 00
Ethel Kennison	" . . . .	145 00
Mrs. Wm. Lockwood	" . . . .	7 25
Winnefred Hall	" . . . .	120 00

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Hattie M. Bates	" . .	5 00	
Ida Sheaff	" . .	7 50	
Hattie Longley	" . .	24 00	
Ella M. Whitcomb	" . .	50 00	
Owen B. Taylor	" . .	4 40	
		<hr/>	\$1,768 65
Town of Skowhegan tuition 1897 . .		\$50 00	
" Smithfield " 1898 . .		17 60	
" Starks " 1898 . .		12 00	
		<hr/>	\$1,848 25
Total paid			2,359 48
Balance . . . . .		\$389 11	
Bills contracted, estimated . . . . .		200 00	
Balance unexpended		<hr/>	\$189 11

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Amt raised by town . . . . . \$800 00

PAID AS FOLLOWS :

A. Whitcomb Jr. . . . .	\$1 00
G. A. Simonds . . . . .	10 22
J. C. Oliver . . . . .	20 71
Emma M. Seavey . . . . .	1 40
E. S. Miller . . . . .	89 89
C. H. Tompkins . . . . .	2 00
F. A. Gould . . . . .	46 55
D. P. Fields . . . . .	60 05
J. H. Burgess . . . . .	14 05
Etta Frederic . . . . .	2 50
W. S. Taylor . . . . .	1 00
E. A. Hilton . . . . .	56 70
Robinson Bros . . . . .	17 40
O. F. Hall . . . . .	2 25
Maurice Adams . . . . .	50
Mabel Wells . . . . .	1 00
R. W. Fish . . . . .	14 25
C. J. Savage . . . . .	2 50
Daniel Woodman . . . . .	50
B. B. Wells . . . . .	205 83
Fred S. Lawton . . . . .	2 85
Stephen Graffham . . . . .	5 85
Harry Lessor . . . . .	4 12
Fred Lancaster . . . . .	1 00
Horace Purrington . . . . .	25 00
C. E. Veazie . . . . .	130 08
Brackett & Russell . . . . .	21 80

H. S. Withee . . . . .	10 50	
A. G. Blunt . . . . .	2 50	
Chas. Rogers . . . . .	50	
	<hr/>	\$754 50
Balance unexpended . . . . .		45 50

HIGH SCHOOL.

There have been thirty three weeks of Free High School during the school year.

Amt raised by town . . . . .	\$750 00	
Balance unpaid 1897 . . . . .	229 62	
Received tuition winter term 1897 . . . . .	12 95	
"    "    spring    "    1898 . . . . .	15 00	
"    "    fall    "    "    . . . . .	5 00	
"    "    due fall    "    "    . . . . .	7 50	
"    "    "    winter term    "    . . . . .	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,035 07

Paid		
R. H. Mahlman winter term 1897 . . . . .	\$156 25	
Henrietta E. Danforth winter term '97 . . . . .	85 00	
"    "    spring    "    '98 . . . . .	85 00	
R. H. Mahlman    "    "    '98 . . . . .	156 25	
L. R. Fulsom & wife fall term 1898 . . . . .	300 00	
"    "    "    winter term 1898 . . . . .	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,032 50
Balance unexpended . . . . .		2 57

TEXT BOOKS.

Amt raised by town . . . . .	\$200 00	
Balance unexpended 1897 . . . . .	9 21	
Received for sale and rent of books . . . . .	3 00	
"    "    "    of old books . . . . .	23 39	
	<hr/>	\$235 60
Expended . . . . .		235 60

SEPERINTENDANCE.

Amt raised by town . . . . .		\$250 00
Paid B. F. Turner salary . . . . .	\$150 00	
"    stamps and stationery . . . . .	4 52	
	<hr/>	154 52
Balance unexpended . . . . .		95 48

The above report is respectfully submitted ;

E. A. HILTON,  
 CONY RUSSELL, } S. S. Com.  
 O. F. HALL. }

B. F. TURNER, Superintendent.





