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REPORT.

Amount of taxes assessed in the town of Bow, for the year 1879, including School-house Tax of Dist. No. 1, Bow, and 23, Concord,	\$4,208 76
Dogs taxed, 61,	61 00
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	\$4,269 76

RECEIPTS.

Received of John C. Hammond, former Treasurer,	\$389 66
“ “ Horace H. Parker, Collector of Taxes, for the year 1878 in full,	995 36
“ “ State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	312 97
“ “ “ “ Savings Bank tax.	829 97
“ “ “ “ Literary Fund.	55 50
“ “ County of Merrimack, for support of pau- pers,	237 86
“ “ Benjamin T. Green, for an axe,	50
“ “ Doctor Foster, for damage by his dog on Moses Brown's sheep,	5 00
“ “ State Treasurer for bounties paid on foxes and hawks since Jan. 1st, 1879,	7 40
“ “ Horace H. Parker, Collector of taxes for the year 1879,	3,250 00
“ “ Leonard Kendall and Wm. P. Short for dam- age done by their dogs to sheep.	4 00
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	\$6,088 22

EXPENDITURES.

Paid County Treasurer County tax,	\$1,316 16
“ State Treasurer State tax,	988 00
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	\$2,304 16

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No.	1	\$53 86
"	" 2	90 10
"	" 3	86 99
"	" 3, for 1878,	86 00
"	" 4	76 74
"	" 5	42 84
"	" 6	63 29
"	" 7	59 56
"	" 8	58 02
"	" 9	41 99
"	" 10	66 47
"	" 11	61 64
"	" 12	45 51
"	" 13	64 33
"	" 14	79 25
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		\$976 59

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Sarah A. Alexander for board of Drue Haselton,	\$10 00
John J. Buntin for support of Sally Buntin,	32 25
B. F. Rowell and others for expense of Charlotte Densmore,	21 00
Thomas W. Hammond for support of Hannah Hammond,	78 00
Dr. J. H. Adams for professional services rendered Sally Buntin and True M. Ordway,	22 50
Willabey Colby for groceries furnished Calvin Clough and Robert Currier,	4 60
John Brown, 2d, for wood for True Ordway,	37 12
Franklin Evans for goods furnished T. J. Foote and C. Clough in 1877, 1878, and 1879,	28 00
Enoch Alexander for digging grave for Sally Buntin,	2 00
John C. Hammond for goods, groceries and wood furnished R. Currier and True Ordway,	18 32
John W. Goodhue for assistance rendered T. W. Ordway in labor,	5 25
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	\$259 04

DAMAGES ON HIGHWAY.

Paid C. B. Rogers,	\$2 00
Stephen Hammond, on wagon,	4 00
Samuel P. Libbey, on sleigh,	3 50
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	\$9 50

SUPPORT OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid D. O. Russell for plank for bridges in District No 12,	\$12 93
Ellen W. Robertson for lumber in Dist. No. 4,	7 62
M. T. Ladd for lumber in Dist. No. 14,	41 12
S. C. Clement for plank in Dist. No. 1,	8 87
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	\$70 54

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid Building Committee in Dist. No. 1,	\$400 00
“ “ “ “ 9,	33 50
Moses T. Ladd, by order of John Flagg, for lumber used in school house in Dist. No. 3,	51 27
John W. Goodhue, by order of John Flagg, for stone work for underpinning said school house,	26 00
John W. Goodhue for door steps,	11 00
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	\$521 77

MISCELLANEOUS.

Non-resident highway receipts,	\$90 98
Paid B. W. Sanborn for stationery for 1878 and '79,	16 15
O. H. A. Chamberlen for printing Town reports,	19 00
Augustus B. Farmer for balance due at Turkey River bridge,	21 00
H. E. Burnham for counsel in matter of School Dist. No. 1,	1 00
Harrison Colby for plan of the Town of Bow,	5 00
D. D. Clark for erecting monuments on town line,	3 75
Gust. Walker and Enoch Alexander for weights and measures,	3 05
R. C. Danforth for lamps and fixtures,	5 88
Sargent & Chase for professional services,	20 17
William A. Elliott for taking care and driving Hearse,	10 00

Paid Dr. J. H. Adams for returning record of birth and deaths,	\$ 50
H. L. Burnham for perambulating town lines,	5 41
Warren M. Davis land damage for highway,	10 00
Selectmen for bounties on hawks,	13 30
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	\$225 09

DAMAGE ON SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid Emery Clough,	\$3 00
Moses Brown,	5 00
Augustus B. Farmer,	10 00
Cyrus Hadley,	1 50
John J. Buntin,	4 00
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	\$23 50

LABOR ON HIGHWAY.

Paid Barnard S. Reed, District No. 13,	\$2 25
Irak Colby, " " 11,	10 17
Frank D. Clough, " " 7,	3 60
Jonathan C. Ordway, " " 9,	15 40
Charles B. Davis, " " 14,	7 50
Harris K. Frost, " " 14,	10 00
Benjamin T. Green, " " 2,	12 00
George E. Sanborn, " " 14,	3 50
Joseph Whittemore, " " 3,	6 00
Betton F. Smith, " " 1,	7 75
John Brown, 2d, " " 14,	4 00
Benjamin T. Green, " " 2,	12 00
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	\$94 17

EXPENSES OF VAULT AND RAILING YARD.

Paid John W. Goodhue labor and stone for vault,	\$5 00
" " " drawing sand "	4 00
Otis E. Whipple, labor on vault,	11 75
John G. Greer, mason work on vault,	12 77
Ira Woodbury, lumber for vault,	38
G. S. Young, iron door for vault,	22 12
Benj. T. Green, boarding masons while on vault,	9 90
John Brown, 2d, brick for vault,	22 50
Woodworth, Dodge & Co., lime,	5 00
Orrison D. Webster, drawing brick,	7 00

Charles F. Hammond and Henry C. Clough for setting posts and railing around town house,	19 60
Horace Call for lumber for vault,	1 65

\$121 67

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Enoch Alexander for services as Town Treas'r,	10 00
Rhodolphus Green " " Clerk,	16 00
John C. Hammond " School Com.	45 00
Leonard Kendall " Supervisor,	4 50
Andrew Noyes " "	4 50
D. N. Morgan " "	4 50
John C. Hammond for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1880,	95 75
Seth Quimby for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1880,	55 25
Warren M. Davis for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1880,	53 25
Horace H. Parker for Collector for the year 1879 inclusive, special school house tax,	57 00
Cavis G. Brown, Samuel C. Clement and Caleb A. Colby for services as Auditors,	4 50

\$350 25

TOWN OF BOW,

To JOHN C. HAMMOND, for services as selectman for the year
ending March 1, 1880,

March 13-19, To four days preparing invoice blanks and delivering same,	\$6 00
17, To 1 day to Concord on town business,	1 50
April 1-18, To 15 days taking inventory, making taxes, and regulating books,	22 50
March 22, taking Calvin Clough's affidavit and getting him adjudged a county pauper,	2 00
April 19, 1 day making return of inventory to Sec'y of State for the years 1878-'79,	1 50
20, drawing juror,	1 00
22, 1 day to Concord on town business,	1 50
23, 1 day making special school house tax,	1 50
24, 1 day delivering warrants,	1 50
28, going to Bow cross'g, accept highway,	1 00
May 17, attending juror meeting,	1 00

May	21,	To 1 day to Concord to see commissioners on pauper business,	1 50
	22,	going to see Farmer, Short and Kendall about damage done sheep by dogs,	75
June	4,	recording inventory,	5 00
	14,	going to see Dr. Foster about damage done sheep by his dog,	1 00
	15,	keeping and feeding pauper.	1 00
	17-18,	2 days to Concord on town business by order of legislative committee,	3 00
	24,	1 day to Concord after copy of invoice and examining records for special school house tax for Dist. No. 1, Bow, and 23, Concord,	1 50
	26,	1 day making special school house tax for Dist. No. 1, Bow, and 23. Concord,	1 50
July	1,	1 day to Enoch Alexander's to see about digging grave for Sally Buntin, and to Concord after coffin for same,	2 00
	28,	1 day making special school house tax for Dist. No. 3,	1 50
Aug.	11,	1 day to Concord on town business,	1 50
Sept.	5,	3 days perambulating town lines,	4 50
	4,	1 day to Concord to investigate S. R. Noyes mystery,	1 50
	13.	attending juror meeting,	1 00
Oct.	31.	Taking Miss Dinsmore's affidavit, going Concord and getting her adjudged a county pauper,	2 50
Nov.	9,	1 day to Concord after coffin for Mrs. Dinsmore and making arrangements for funeral,	2 00
Dec.	6,	taking Robert Currier's affidavit, examining records, and getting him adjudged a county pauper,	2 00
	7,	going to investigate Samuel Giles' deed,	1 00
	30,	regulating jury box,	1 00
Feb.	5,	taking Mrs. Martin's affidavit in case of her son Otis Martin,	1 50
	9.	1 day to Concord to settle with commissioners,	1 50
	10.	1 day to Hooksett examining records and investigating Otis Martin's case,	1 50

From June 24 to Feb. 20.		To going to W. M. Davis, making appointment for hearing in Dist. No. 3, and posting same, attending hearings and disposing of school house, and several other times called to said district and to Concord trying to get a settlement. Time spent, 7 days.	\$10 50
Feb.	19,	1 day settling town accounts,	1 50
	26,	1 day settling with Treasurer and making reports and getting them printed,	2 50

TOWN OF BOW, to SETH QUIMBY, for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1880.

March	13,	To regulating blanks,	\$1 50
	14,	distributing blanks,	1 50
Apr.	9,	taking inventory, 8 days,	12 00
	12,	making taxes, 6 days,	9 00
	18,	making return of blanks, 2 days,	3 00
	22,	distributing highway warrants,	75
		1 day making tax in Dist. No. 9,	1 50
June	21,	Concord on town business,	1 50
	26,	assessing special school house tax.	1 50
July	12,	see about repairing school house in Dist. No. 3,	1 50
	26,	District No. 3, attending adjourned meeting,	1 00
	28,	assessing special school house tax.	1 50
Aug.	9,	disposing of job, repairing school house in District No. 3,	1 00
Sept.	1,	perambulating lines 3 days,	4 50
	13,	attending jury meeting,	1 00
	15,	meet officers at the Noyes place,	1 50
Nov.	15,	Concord on town business with team,	1 50
Dec.	22,	going to District No. 11.	1 00
	30,	regulating jury box,	1 00
Feb. 9, 1880,		To Concord settling with the county commissioners,	1 50
	19,	To settling town accounts, 2 days,	3 00
	20,	Concord, 2 days,	3 00

TOWN OF BOW, to WARREN M. DAVIS, for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1880.

March 15,	To 3 days filling out invoice blanks and distributing same,	\$4 50
April 19,	taking invoice, making taxes, regulating books, and making return to Sec'y of State, 15 days,	22 50
25,	distributing highway surveyors' warrants $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	75
28,	going to accept road in Dist. No. 14,	75
June 26,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making special school house tax, Dist. No. 1,	75
July 12,	1 day at hearing in Dist. No. 3,	1 50
26,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day " " " "	75
28,	1 day writing specifications, assessing tax, writing notices, and posting same, for Dist. No. 3,	1 50
Aug. 9,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day letting job, repairing school house,	75
Sept. 5,	3 days running town lines,	4 50
	1 day at Concord to investigate S. R. Noyes mystery,	1 50
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house to see about vault,	75
15,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day with officers at S. R. Noyes place,	75
19,	1 day to Concord to order door and brick for vault,	1 50
Oct. 16,	1 day to Concord after door for vault,	1 50
Nov. 15,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day in Dist. No. 3,	75
Dec. 3,	1 day to see Mr. Flagg and council,	1 50
30,	regulating jury box,	75
Feb. 9, '80,	1 day to Concord settling bills and with commissioners,	1 50
20,	1 day at Concord on town business.	1 50
26.	2 days settling town accounts, making report, and settling with treasurer,	3 00

RESOURCES.

Due from Horace H. Parker, collector for 1879.	\$1,019 76
Enoch Alexander, treasurer,	1,137 44
Merrimack county,	4 00
Total resources,	\$2,161 20

LIABILITIES.

Due Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, and others for material furnished for the school house in Dist. No. 3,	\$147 73
J. B. Weeks for copying invoice in Dist. No, 23, Concord,	4 00
Total indebtedness,	\$151 73
Balance in favor of the town,	\$2,013 47

JOHN C. HAMMOND,	} SELECTMEN OF Bow.
SETH QUIMBY,	
WARREN M. DAVIS,	

ENOCH ALEXANDER, TOWN TREASURER.

Bow, N. H., Feb. 26, 1880.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Selectmen's and Treasurer's accounts for the year ending March 1st, 1880, certify that we have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CAVIS G. BROWN,	} Auditors.
CALEB A. COLBY,	
SAMUEL C. CLEMENT,	

SCHOOL REPORT.

Agreeable to the Statutes of New Hampshire, concerning Schools, I submit to the town the following, under their respective teachers :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Betton F. Smith, Prudential Committee.

Spring term, taught by Miss Sarah M. Hammond. Miss Hammond is a good scholar,—modest and quiet, with a rare faculty of imparting accurate knowledge, and a still rarer one for securing the very best of order, without the appearance of effort. School a decided success in all respects. Register correct.

Whole number of scholars, 11.

Fall term, taught by Miss Annie I. Ballard. Miss Ballard possesses excellent qualifications ; but the greatest sin of this teacher is, she does not consider the birch of divine origin.

Whole number of scholars, 9.

Winter term, taught by Miss Mary A. Colby, and is now in session. Committee unable to report.

Whole number of scholars, 10.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Mrs. Harrison Colby, Prudential Committee.

Miss Gertrude E. Farnham was the teacher for both terms. We expected a good school, but we are sorry to report that but little if any improvement was made during the year.

Whole number of scholars : Summer, 9, Winter, 8.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Henry K. White, Prudential Committee.

Spring term, taught by George A. Nesmith ; a very energetic teacher. The school was composed of well-behaved scholars, and as might be expected, improvement was plainly seen at the examination. There was promptness in answering the questions asked, which showed a thoroughness in drill. The exercise in declamation was good. Winter term now in session.

Whole number of scholars, 13.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Benjamin A. Noyes, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, was taught by Miss Eva I. French, who is a

teacher of experience. Miss French was well qualified as a teacher,—having been a member of the Normal School. We were pleased with her method of instruction.

Whole number of scholars, 5.

Miss Luthera J. Wheeler had charge of the Fall term. Her previous reputation as a teacher was fully sustained, and the school presented an appearance, which showed that the scholars had been thoroughly drilled.

Whole number of scholars, 5.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Augustus B. Farmer, Prudential Committee.

Spring term, taught by Miss Flora M. Nesmith. Miss Nesmith has taught several terms in town before. This school was very short,—only five weeks. No teacher can do much in so short a term.

Whole number of scholars, 9.

Miss Fanny A. Prescott had charge of the Fall term. She maintained good order, and the school made good progress under her instruction.

Whole number of scholars, 9.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Leonard Colby, Prudential Committee.

There was but one term in this district, and that taught by Miss Nellie S. Colby, a very successful teacher. The school appeared well at each visit of your Committee. The examination showed commendable improvement,

Whole number of scholars, 15.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

John P. Elliott, Prudential Committee.

Spring term, taught by Miss Nellie S. Colby. Her previous reputation as a teacher, was fully sustained.

Whole number of scholars, 15.

Fall term, taught by Miss Emma Rowley. This was Miss Rowley's first attempt at teaching, but she is instinctively an instructor. She knows all she assumes to know. She never allowed her pupils to leave a subject until it was finished. She is a plain, practical, thorough teacher. She tried hard, and good progress was made.

Whole number of scholars, 11.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Isaac White, Prudential Committee.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Flora M. Nesmith. There are but few scholars belonging to this district, but quite a number attended from the adjoining district. The examination at the close showed that commendable improvement was made.

Whole number of scholars, 12.

Fall term was taught by M. A. Saltmarsh. This is her second term in this district. Advancement was made in all studies pursued, and the examination gave evidence of her faithfulness.

Whole number of scholars, 14.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Robert M. Ordway, Prudential Committee.

There was but one term in this district, and that taught by John C. Hammond. In this district, the parents take great interest in having their children attend and improve the school. We could say many good things of this school, and the people of this district. Much credit is due the scholars for their attendance, and the interest manifested during the term.

Whole number of scholars, 13.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Sterling Colby, Prudential Committee.

This School during the past year, has been under the instruction of Miss Nellie S. Colby. Miss Colby labored hard to benefit those under her charge. There were examples wrought in Arithmetic, which showed that the rules were well understood.

Whole number of scholars, Summer, 15 ; Winter, 15.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Hiram Colby jr., Prudential Committee.

Spring term, taught by Miss Luthera Wheeler ; an old teacher too well known in this town, to need any comment. This was a very orderly school, at my first visit, but having no notice of the close, I cannot report.

Whole number of scholars, 17.

Winter term under the instruction of John C. Hammond. Much interest was taken this term by the scholars, who manifested a good degree of interest in their studies, and your Committee hopes general satisfaction was given to the district.

Whole number of scholars, 20.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

George H. Palmer, Prudential Committee.

This district has had but one term during the year, and that taught by George A. Saltmarsh. The teacher has had but little experience in teaching, but he labored hard, and good progress was made.

Whole number of scholars, 10.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Barnard S. Reed, Prudential Committee.

Both terms were taught by Miss Mary L. Gordon. This is the smallest school in town,—only three scholars in Summer, and two in Winter. Miss Gordon did as well as any one could, with that number of scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

George E. Sanborn, Prudential Committee.

Miss Sabrina B. Green had charge of this school, both terms. This school registered more scholars than any other in town, and owing to the number of small children, it was very trying to the teacher. Miss Green gave good satisfaction in the Summer, and the examination at the close of the Winter term, showed that fair progress was made.

Whole number of scholars, Summer, 18 ; Winter, 24.

One point to which I would call the attention of parents, teachers, and scholars, is the lack of proper attention given to reading, writing, and spelling in our Schools. These are crowded out, or kept in the background, by what are termed the higher branches, many of which are indeed lower in importance.

Another great evil in our Schools is the haste on the part of the teachers and scholars to press forward, and go over a large field of study, before the elementary principles are thoroughly understood. This is unwise, as no one is prepared to advance in any study until its first principles are mastered. This desire of the scholars to have a smattering of almost everything is too often encouraged by parents, and not kept within proper limits by teachers. It is useless to attempt to hasten children along faster than they understand what they study. Let it be impressed upon the mind of the child early,—that he is to advance no faster than he thoroughly understands what he goes over, and we shall see different results.

Three things are necessary to make a good school: A compe-

tent teacher, faithful pupils, and good sustaining home influence. It is a great mistake to think a long school always more desirable than a short one. One month of good school is better than any length of school which is good for nothing. The cheapest teachers are often the most costly.

In conclusion, we would recommend to all our citizens to cherish our common schools. Believing our School System to be one of the most essential "Safeguards of American liberty," let us make every reasonable effort to sustain it.

JOHN C. HAMMOND, } *Superintending*
 } *School Committee.*

Bow, Feb. 24th, 1880.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of Districts.	Terms.	Names of Teachers.	No. Weeks of School.	Wages per Month.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average No. of Scholars.	Tardiness.	Dismissal.	Not absent one half day	No. of visits by S. S. Com.
1	Spring.	Sarah M. Hammond.....	13	\$16 00	11 9	13	7	1	12	
	Summer.	Annie I. Ballard.....	8	.....	.....	.....	35	2	1	
	Winter.	Mary A. Colby.....	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Summer.	Gertrude E. Farnham.....	8	20 00	9 8	.....	.....	.....	1	
	Fall.	Gertrude E. Farnham.....	1	20 00	8	.....	.....	.....	2	
3	Spring.	George A. Nesmith.....	1	20 00	13 12	.....	.....	.....	2	
	Winter.	George A. Nesmith.....	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Summer.	Eva I. French.....	8	16 00	5 4	.....	4	3	1	2
	Fall.	Luthera J. Wheeler.....	5	18 00	5 4	.....	3	1	1	2
5	Summer.	Flora M. Nesmith.....	5	16 00	9 7 4.5	.....	3	2	2	2
	Fall.	Fannie A. Prescott.....	6	16 00	9 8 2.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Fall.	Nellie S. Colby.....	12	20 00	15 12	.....	9	2	1	2
7	Summer.	Nellie S. Colby.....	6	20 00	15 12 2.3	.....	3	.....	6	2
	Fall.	Emma Rowley.....	9	12 00	11 9 2.3	.....	.....	.....	4	2
8	Summer.	Flora M. Nesmith.....	6	16 00	11 7 7-10	.....	5	.....	1	2
	Fall.	M. A. Saltmarsh.....	9	16 00	13 10 1.2	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
9	Fall.	John C. Hammond.....	10	28 00	13 12 1.4	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
10	Summer.	Nellie S. Colby.....	6	20 00	15 13 1.2	.....	.....	.....	4	2
	Winter.	Nellie S. Colby.....	9	20 00	15 11 3.4	.....	1	.....	1	2
11	Summer	Luthera Wheeler.....	6	24 00	17 16	.....	3	7	1	
	Winter.	John C. Hammond.....	9	28 00	20 17	.....	10	.....	7	.....
12	Fall.	G. A. Saltmarsh.....	9	20 00	10 9	.....	3	1	.....	2
13	Spring.	Mary L. Gordon.....	8	15 00	3 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
	Fall.	Mary L. Gordon.....	7	15 00	2 2	.....	.....	.....	1	2
14	Spring.	Sabrina B. Green.....	10	12 00	18 15	.....	18	.....	2	2
	Fall.	Sabrina B. Green.....	11	12 00	24 18	21	4	2

* School now in session.

† Register imperfect.

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