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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Elbridge G. Tolford, services, selectman . . . . .	\$156 25
Warren G. Currier, services, selectman . . . . .	92 00
William U. Gage, services, selectman . . . . .	125 00
William U. Gage, superintending school committee . . . . .	65 00
John Hodgman, services, collector, 1876 . . . . .	126 52
Oliver L. Kendall, services, treasurer . . . . .	50 00
Silas A. Riddle, services, town clerk . . . . .	50 00
James McDole, services, police officer . . . . .	5 00
Albert E. Boyce, services, constable . . . . .	5 00
Clark G. Mudge, services, police officer . . . . .	5 00
Thomas J. Wiggin, services, health officer . . . . .	5 00
Warren G. Currier, services, health officer . . . . .	5 00
Henry T. Barnard, care of town house . . . . .	25 00
Warren G. Currier, services, Rice case . . . . .	3 00
David R. Barnard, wood for town house, 1876 . . . . .	18 00
Rodney M. Rollins, gate for grave-yard . . . . .	3 00
James T. Kendall, oil for town house, 1876 . . . . .	14 12
Oliver L. Kendall, error in treasurer's account . . . . .	66 14
John Foster, services, moderator . . . . .	5 00
Timothy Stevens, use of watering-trough . . . . .	2 00
John McDole, services, police officer, 1876 . . . . .	5 00
Temple & Farrington, books and stationery . . . . .	4 25
John B. Clarke, printing health notices . . . . .	2 25
Campbell & Hanscom, printing town reports . . . . .	28 77
Frank H. Brown, damage to horse . . . . .	50 00
George Foster, use of watering-trough . . . . .	3 00
Temple & Farrington, highway and collector books . . . . .	6 07

Samuel T. Soper, painting and putting up guide-boards . . . . .	4 00	
Simeon L. Parker, sheep killed by dogs .	25 00	
Leonard Bursiel, land for repairing highway	10 00	
James Curtis, sheep killed by dogs, 1876 .	12 00	
George Foster, district school money . .	25 00	
Gilmore H. Moore, district school money .	50 00	
R. W. Martin, painting guide-boards . .	2 50	
E. W. Butterfield, bounty on hawks . . .	4 20	
John Hodgman, insurance, town house . .	150 09	
William A. Rundlett, services, health officer	5 00	
Silas A. Riddle, repairing town house . .	2 70	
Samuel T. Soper, guide-boards . . . . .	1 00	
Isaac C. Cutter, sheep killed by dogs . .	12 00	
Temple & Farrington, order and receipt books	14 50	
Thomas J. Wiggin, cost of court, Rice case .	125 84	
David R. Barnard, sheep killed by dogs . .	4 50	
Dr. D. P. Campbell, return of births and deaths . . . . .	2 00	
Samuel E. Morrison, aid to tramps . . . .	2 00	
Samuel E. Morrison, bounty on foxes . . .	1 00	
Clinton H. Bixby, book-case for town house .	40 00	
John Hodgman, discount on tax-list, 1877, .	111 16	
Asa Corley, damage to land and fence . . .	1 50	
William Walker, use of watering-trough . .	3 00	
Samuel E. Morrison, stationery and record- ing deed . . . . .	1 47	
		<hr/> \$1,535 74

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

John Hodgman, highway-tax worked, 1876 .	\$200 05
William Cada, repairing highway, 1876 . .	10 58
George F. Gage, repairing highway, 1877 . .	6 25
Ephraim W. Butterfield, repairing culvert .	70 40
Charles S. Chaplin, highway-tax worked, 1877 . . . . .	14 00
William McAllaster, repairing highway, 1875	4 00
Charles S. Chaplin, repairing highway, 1877 .	47 10
John Hodgman, highway-tax worked, 1877 .	278 48
John Hodgman, highway-tax worked, 1876 .	110 00

Freeman R. French, labor on sand-hill . . .	108 00	
Henry T. Barnard, labor on sand-hill . . .	36 00	
William H. Burns, highway-tax worked . . .	17 09	
Robert K. Heselton, highway-tax worked . . .	6 00	
David H. Barr, labor and plank on Houston road . . . . .	3 38	
E. W. Butterfield, repairing Tarr road . . .	10 25	
John Hodgman, highway-tax worked, 1877 . . .	516 75	
John Hodgman, highway-tax worked . . .	236 55	
David Stevens, highway-tax worked . . .	7 30	
Freeman R. French, repairing highway . . .	33 00	
Henry T. Barnard, repairing highway . . .	15 00	
E. W. Butterfield, repairing highway . . .	8 50	
John Hodgman, highway-tax worked . . .	413 99	
Freeman R. French, highway-tax worked . . .	98 00	
John Hodgman, highway-tax worked . . .	12 00	
David Sprague, highway-tax worked, 1877 . . .	15 79	
		<u>\$2,278 45</u>

## BREAKING ROADS.

Albert Boyce, breaking roads, 1876 . . .	\$1 75	
William McAfee, breaking roads, 1876 . . .	13 60	
Albert Flint, breaking roads, 1876 . . .	2 00	
William P. Worthly, breaking roads, 1876 . . .	17 53	
E. W. Butterfield, breaking roads, 1876 . . .	12 25	
		<u>\$47 13</u>

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Solomon Manning, wood for W. H. Brown <sup>300<sup>+</sup> done</sup>	\$3 00	
Hannah Cada, support of Mrs. Butler, from March 1 to May 1 . . . . .	13 50	
William Cada, support of Mrs. Butler, from May 1, to Sept. 1 . . . . .	24 00	
William Cada, support of Mrs. Butler, from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1 . . . . .	24 00	
William Cada, clothing for Mrs. Butler . . .	10 00	
Dr. D. P. Campbell, medical attendance on Mrs. Butler . . . . .	3 00	
Isaac Dewey, expenses to asylum with W. H. Brown . . . . .	3 50	
		<u>\$81 00</u>

## COUNTY POOR.

James French, support of Betsey and Abby Bursiel . . . . .	\$13 50	
John Hodgman, support of Nelson Regnor . . . . .	49 53	
	<hr/>	\$63 03

## ABATEMENTS.

Solomon Manning, taxes, 1876 . . . . .	\$3 51	
George M. Taylor . . . . .	3 50	
Samantha Abbott . . . . .	5 80	
James R. Leach . . . . .	5 00	
Seth P. Mitchell, 1876-77 . . . . .	5 68	
George M. Taylor, 1877 . . . . .	5 80	
John Hodgman, on list of 1876-77 . . . . .	35 01	
John M. C. Hill, highway . . . . .	6 22	
Clark & Clapp, tax of 1876-77 . . . . .	10 76	
John Hodgman, on tax-list, 1877, . . . . .	14 20	
	<hr/>	\$95 48

## ASSESSMENTS.

Amount of money assessed upon the polls and ratable estates of residents and non-residents in the town of Bedford for the year 1877:

State tax . . . . .	\$1,560 00	
County tax . . . . .	889 08	
Highway tax . . . . .	2,500 00	
Town tax . . . . .	1,000 00	
School tax . . . . .	1,365 00	
School District No. 3 . . . . .	50 00	
School District No. 4 . . . . .	25 00	
Dog tax . . . . .	119 00	
Percentage . . . . .	222 03	
	<hr/>	\$7,730 11



TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN SINCE  
MARCH 1, 1877.

Incidental expenses . . . . .	\$1,535 74
Highways and bridges . . . . .	2,278 46
Breaking roads . . . . .	47 13
Support of poor . . . . .	81 00
Support of county poor . . . . .	63 03
Abatements . . . . .	95 48
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	\$4,100 84

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1 . . . . .	\$286 94
2 . . . . .	178 16
3 . . . . .	119 09
4 . . . . .	218 40
5 . . . . .	107 02
6 . . . . .	143 80
7 . . . . .	149 64
8 . . . . .	134 22
9 . . . . .	115 72
10 . . . . .	40 31
11 . . . . .	63 43
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	\$1,556 73

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL E. MORRISON, } *Selectmen*  
 SAMUEL T. SOPER, } *of*  
 EPHRAIM W. BUTTERFIELD, } *Bedford.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Bedford in account with John Hodgman, treasurer:

	CR.	
By cash on hand March 1, 1877 . . . . .	\$679 21	
received of John Hodgman, collector, 1876 . . . . .	1,871 37	
received of John Hodgman, collector, 1877 . . . . .	5,338 82	
received of S. A. Riddle, grave-yard lots . . . . .	42 00	
received of O. L. Kendall, grave-yard lot . . . . .	15 00	
received of selectmen for use of town hall . . . . .	5 00	
received of S. A. Riddle, for use of town hall . . . . .	8 00	
received of county for support of paupers . . . . .	91 50	
received of the town of Mont Ver- non for the support of William H. Brown . . . . .	20 31	
received interest on state bonds . . . . .	60 00	
received interest on taxes . . . . .	68 96	
received of state treasurer, savings- bank tax . . . . .	1,523 73	
received of state treasurer, railroad tax . . . . .	105 00	
received of state treasurer, literary fund . . . . .	97 18	
New Hampshire State bonds . . . . .	1,000 00	
	<hr style="width: 100%; border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> \$10,926 08	
	DR.	
Paid town orders drawn current year 1876 . . . . .	\$79 42	
town orders drawn current year 1877 . . . . .	4,100 84	
whole amount of school money for 1877 . . . . .	1,556 73	
county tax for the year 1877 . . . . .	889 08	
State tax for the year 1877 . . . . .	1,560 00	
New Hampshire state bonds on hand . . . . .	1,000 00	
Cash on hand March 1, 1878 . . . . .	1,740 01	
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*Standing of the Town Financially March 1, 1878.*

## LIABILITIES.

Estimated outstanding debts of the town, including town officers' salaries . . . .	\$750 00
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## ASSETS.

New Hampshire state bonds . . . .	\$1,000 00
Due from collector, 1877 . . . .	2,391 29
Cash on hand March 1, 1878 . . . .	1,740 01
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>
	\$5,131 30
Deduct estimated liabilities . . . .	750 00
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Balance in favor of the town March 1, 1878 .	\$4,381 30

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN HODGMAN,

*Town Treasurer.*

BEDFORD, March 1, 1878.



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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The schools throughout the town, during the year, have been generally prosperous, with this single exception, that the open winter has produced rather more than the average of sickness among the scholars, thus swelling the list of absentees. This has somewhat affected the studies, but on the whole the schools have shown decided progress, and have generally reflected credit upon teachers and scholars. There has been a good class of teachers employed, many of whom have brought with them into our district schools the drill and discipline of the city class-rooms. They have enjoyed the confidence of the scholars, the good-will of the parents, and have received the general approval of the superintendent.

Some of the school-houses are in need of repairs and alterations. A coat of paint, a few rolls of wall-paper, and a picture or two would effect wonders in the appearance of a school-room. We do not sufficiently consider how great an influence cheerful surroundings have upon the mind and habits of a child. Let the place of study be tastefully fitted up, and it will go far towards imparting to the child those habits of neatness and taste which are really a part of its education. The seating arrangements of some of the schools are positively dangerous to the health of the children. Scholars should never be compelled to sit with their backs against a cold wall, especially against a window, through the crevices of which the wind whistles all day.

No. 9 has provided an ample supply of substantial hitching-posts. Other districts will please take notice, and follow this good example. Visitors on examination day are often inconvenienced for the want of places to tie their horses.

The superintendent would suggest the propriety of giving a public school exhibition in the town hall, some time during the

coming year, for the purpose of raising funds to supply the school-houses with wall-maps and illustrative apparatus. A number of the scholars have developed decided talent, and are fully capable of making such an exhibition interesting and creditable.

The following report of the schools, in detail, is hereby respectfully submitted :

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term taught by Miss Maria J. Bancroft ; autumn and winter terms, by Miss Anna H. Eastman.

	S. T.	A. T.	W. T.
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .	9	12	12
No. of scholars . . . . .	36	40	38
Reading . . . . .	36	40	38
Spelling . . . . .	36	40	38
Penmanship . . . . .	33	24	14
Arithmetic . . . . .	23	29	29
Geography . . . . .	18	15	20
Grammar . . . . .	10	11	11
Composition . . . . .		3	
U. S. History . . . . .		3	5
Algebra . . . . .	1		

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Hattie A. Page.

	S. T.	W. T.
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .	9	10
No. of scholars . . . . .	20	26
Reading . . . . .	20	26
Spelling . . . . .	20	26
Penmanship . . . . .	8	9
Arithmetic . . . . .	13	22
Geography . . . . .	8	13
Grammar . . . . .	7	12
Composition . . . . .	2	
Drawing . . . . .		4
Algebra . . . . .		1

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer, autumn, and winter terms taught by Miss Della J. Baker.

	S. T.	A. T.	W. T.
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .	10	10	10
No. of scholars . . . . .	22	26	25
Reading . . . . .	22	26	25
Spelling . . . . .	20	23	25
Penmanship . . . . .	20	22	22
Arithmetic . . . . .	19	21	22
Geography . . . . .	10	11	11
Grammar . . . . .	5	5	11
Composition . . . . .	5		1
U. S. History . . . . .	5	5	7
Drawing . . . . .			2
Algebra . . . . .			1
Vocal Music . . . . .	22	26	25

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term taught by Miss Abbie E. Boyd. Autumn term taught by Miss Mary A. Walker. Winter term taught by Miss Josie L. Chase.

	S. T.	A. T.	W. T.
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .	10	8	11
No. of scholars . . . . .	21	20	21
Reading . . . . .	21	20	21
Spelling . . . . .	21	20	21
Penmanship . . . . .	12	13	15
Arithmetic . . . . .	15	16	16
Geography . . . . .	11	9	8
Grammar . . . . .	6	3	5
Composition . . . . .	5	2	6
U. S. History . . . . .			4
Drawing . . . . .	4		

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer term taught by Miss Clara E. Woods; winter term by Miss Lilla O. Cressy.

	S. T.	W. T.
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .	8	9
No. of scholars . . . . .	11	17
Reading . . . . .	11	17
Spelling . . . . .	11	17
Penmanship . . . . .	11	17
Arithmetic . . . . .	11	17

Geography . . . . .	3	8
Grammar . . . . .	3	5
Composition . . . . .		6
U. S. History . . . . .	4	4
Physiology . . . . .	1	1
Vocal Music . . . . .	11	17

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Sarah B. Spencer.

	S. T.	W. T.
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .	11	16
No. of scholars . . . . .	14	16
Reading . . . . .	14	15
Spelling . . . . .	14	15
Penmanship . . . . .	12	14
Arithmetic . . . . .	11	13
Geography . . . . .	9	4
Grammar . . . . .	2	3
U. S. History . . . . .		4
Book-keeping . . . . .		1

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer term taught by Miss Lilla O. Cressy ; winter term, by Miss Clara G. Fogg.

	S. T.	W. T.
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .	9	11
No. of scholars . . . . .	23	25
Reading . . . . .	23	25
Spelling . . . . .	23	25
Penmanship . . . . .	19	25
Arithmetic . . . . .	23	25
Geography . . . . .	15	14
Grammar . . . . .	12	13
Composition . . . . .	10	14
U. S. History . . . . .	4	6
Drawing . . . . .	5	3
Algebra . . . . .		2
Vocal Music . . . . .	19	25

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer term taught by Miss Flora M. Senter ; winter term, by Mr. George N. Merrill.



	S. T.	W. T.
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .	10	11
No. of scholars . . . . .	21	30
Reading . . . . .	21	30
Spelling . . . . .	21	30
Penmanship . . . . .	21	17
Arithmetic . . . . .	17	27
Geography . . . . .	9	15
Grammar . . . . .	1	3
Composition . . . . .		3
U. S. History . . . . .		2
Vocal Music . . . . .	14	

## DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer term taught by Miss Anna M. Brown ; autumn term, by Mrs. Charles S. Campbell ; winter term, by Miss Lizzie M. McAfee.

	S. T.	A. T.	W. T.
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .	8	8	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
No. of scholars . . . . .	23	18	21
Reading . . . . .	23	18	21
Spelling . . . . .	18	15	21
Penmanship . . . . .	17	15	21
Arithmetic . . . . .	18	15	19
Geography . . . . .	9	7	11
Grammar . . . . .	6	6	11
Composition . . . . .	8	11	12
Algebra . . . . .			1
Vocal Music . . . . .	23	18	

## DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer and autumn terms taught by Miss Amanda M. Dougall.

	S. T.	A. T.
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .	9	7 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
No. of scholars . . . . .	12	14
Reading . . . . .	12	14
Spelling . . . . .	12	14
Penmanship . . . . .	11	10
Arithmetic . . . . .	10	11
Geography . . . . .	8	5
Grammar . . . . .	6	3

Composition . . . . .	4	5
U. S. History . . . . .		2

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

Autumn term taught by Miss Eunice Stevens.

	A. T.	
Length of school in weeks of 5 days . . . . .		13
No. of scholars . . . . .		16
Reading . . . . .		16
Spelling . . . . .		16
Penmanship . . . . .		6
Arithmetic . . . . .		12
Geography . . . . .		5
Grammar . . . . .		1
U. S. History . . . . .		1
Drawing . . . . .		1
Vocal Music . . . . .		4

## SUMMARY.

	S. T.	A. T.	W. T.
Whole number of scholars . . . . .	203	134	219
Reading . . . . .	203	134	218
Spelling . . . . .	196	128	218
Penmanship . . . . .	164	90	154
Arithmetic . . . . .	160	104	190
Geography . . . . .	100	52	104
Grammar . . . . .	58	29	74
Composition . . . . .	34	21	35
U. S. History . . . . .	13	11	32
Drawing . . . . .	9	1	9
Algebra . . . . .	1		5
Book-keeping . . . . .			1
Physiology . . . . .	1		1
Vocal Music . . . . .	89	48	67

The whole number of *different* scholars enrolled, four years of age and upward, attending school not less than two weeks, was 270; of whom 130 were boys, and 140 girls.

IRA C. TYSON,  
*Superintending School Committee.*



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