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REPORT.

Amount of taxes assessed in the Town of Bow, for the year 1881, including school house taxes in Dis- tricts No. 10 and 13,	\$1257.70
Dogs taxed, 50,	50.00
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	\$1307.70

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1881,	\$2043.82
Received of—	
State Treasurer, railroad tax for 1881,	259.17
Savings bank tax,	957.43
Literary fund,	84.71
County of Merrimack, support of county paupers,	237.63
State Treasurer, bounties on hawks,	3.80
Horace H. Parker, collector of taxes for the year 1880, in full,	1006.59
John W. Goodhue, for property bought of the estate of Charles L. Hall,	2.00
Horace H. Parker, collector for 1881,	930.00
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	\$5,545.15

EXPENDITURES.

Paid—State Treasurer, state tax,	\$1,040.00
County Treasurer, county tax.	1,170.00
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	\$2,210.00

School Money.

Paid—District No. 1,	\$59.58
District No. 2,	113.43
District No. 4,	107.72
District No. 5,	41.18
District No. 6,	63.56
District No. 7,	\$59.73

Paid—District No. 8,	\$62.87
District No. 9,	48.30
District No. 10,	67.23
District No. 11,	72.49
District No. 12,	47.46
District No. 13,	58.72
District No. 14,	89.28
District No. 13, for 1880,	63.20
District No. 3, for 1880,	96.25
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	\$1051.00

Support of County Paupers.

Paid—James Green, support of Martha J. Walker,	\$82.50
Thomas W. Hammond, for the support of Hannah Hammond,	31.50
Thomas W. Hammond, for digging grave for Hannah Hammond,	2.00
Horace Thompson, for coffin for Hannah Hammond,	8.00
Ira H. Adams, for professional services,	48.35
Flanders W. Green, for going for doctor for Ezra McCoy,	1.25
John W. Goodhue, labor for True W. Ordway,	7.00
Seth Morgan, two cords of wood for True W. Ordway,	11.00
Byron W. Clough, one and one-half cords of wood for T. W. Ordway,	6.00
Nathan Stevens, one cord of wood for T. W. Ordway,	5.00
Isaac White, one cord of wood for True W. Ordway,	5.00
H. P. Brown, for transient paupers,	16.50
John Brown, 2d, for transient paupers,	7.75
George B. Whittredge, groceries for True W. Ordway,	3.53
George W. Colby, for care and nursing Ezra McCoy,	10.00
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	\$245.38

Town Paupers.

Paid—J. Frank Hoit & Co., groceries for Charles Morgan,	\$9 03
H. P. Brown, wood for Charles Morgan,	2.00
A. W. Colby, going for doctor for C. Morgan,	1.00
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	\$12.03

Highways and Bridges.

Paid—I. & L. Woodbury, labor on highway,	\$5.90
J. C. Ordway, labor on highway,	3.00
C. W. Davis, labor on highway,	2.50
R. M. Ordway, labor on highway.	2.20
David Hayes, spikes for bridge,	.90
H. H. Parker, breaking roads and damage to sleigh,	3.50
M. T. Ladd, bridge plank, No. 14,	18.00
James E. Brown, bridge plank, No. 14,	1.18
Samuel A. Sargent, bridge plank,	2.00
Geo. W. Allen, labor on highway,	6.00
H. P. Brown, posts in Dist. No. 4,	2.40
R. M. Ordway, breaking road in Dist. No. 9,	7.65
Otis W. Whittier, breaking road in Dist. No. 2,	3.00
W. A. Elliott, labor on highway,	3.45
Seriah Morgan, labor on highway,	6.75
John Brown, 2d. lumber, labor and grade,	12.70
Joseph G. Clough, labor on highway in Districts No. 2 and 7,	1.50
L. M. Brown, labor on highway in Dist. No. 14,	5.00
B. W. Clough, labor on highway in Dist. No. 2,	7.30
A. J. Nichols, labor on highway in Dist. No. 7,	2.50
A. B. Farmer, labor on highway in Dist. No. 11,	2.25
C. H. Norton, labor on Farrington road,	8.40
C. B. Davis, labor on highway in Dist. No. 2,	2.70
C. Hadley, labor on highway in Dist. No. 2,	4.00
Non-resident highway receipts,	112.69
C. B. Rogers, boards, rails and spikes,	3.00
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	\$230.47

Miscellaneous.

Paid—District No. 3, school money for the year 1880,	\$103.75
J. B. Weeks for copying inventory in No. 23, in Concord, in 1879,	4.00
School house tax in Dist. No. 14,	100.00
School house tax in Dist. No. 1,	50.00
John C. Hammond, damage done sheep by dogs,	5.00
O. H. A. Chamberlain, printing reports,	19.00
O. H. A. Chamberlain, printing school notices,	.75
Day & Pratt, copy of Day's assessor's scales,	2.00
Dr. Adams, return of registration of deaths and births,	2.25
J. G. Clough, maintaining highway in 1881,	3.00
School house tax in Dist. No. 10,	50.00
John Flagg, blackboard for school Dist. No. 3,	10.00
Frank D. Clough, damage done sheep by dogs,	10.00
Selectmen, bounties on hawks,	3.80
Chase & Streeter,	6.00
J. B. Sanborn & Co., stationery, &c.,	7.25
H. H. Parker, collector, by abatement of taxes for the years 1872, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, 1880-81,	125.41
Wm. A. Elliott, care of and driving hearse,	23.00
A. W. Colby, postage stamps,	1.00
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	\$526.21

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid—John W. Goodhue, services as selectman,	\$54.25
Harrison P. Brown, " "	38.50
Charles B. Rogers, " "	41.00
Enoch Alexander, town treasurer,	10.00
Horace H. Parker, collector,	40.00
Rhodolphus Green, town clerk,	16.00
M. A. Hadley, superintending school committee,	45.00
Leonard Kendall, supervisor,	6.00
Betton F. Smith, "	4.50
John Brown, 2d, "	4.50
D. N. Morgan, "	9.00

Paid—Horace H. Parker, moderator,	3.00
Samuel C. Clement, auditor,	1.50
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	\$273.25

Town of Bow to John W. Goodhue, for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1882.

1881.		DR.
March 12.	To preparing inventory blanks and distributing same, three days,	\$4.50
March 19.	To drawing jury,	.75
March 20.	To one night at George W. Colby's with Ezra McCoy,	1.50
March 23.	To time spent in getting affidavits and having Ezra McCoy and Martha J. Walker adjudged county paupers,	2.50
April 20.	To regulating books, taking inventory, making taxes, warrants, and returns, fifteen days,	22.50
April 23.	To meeting the selectmen at H. P. Brown's,	.75
April 28.	To 1 day distributing highway surveyors' warrants,	1.50
May 4.	To drawing jury,	.75
	To Hopkinton, on Farrington road, and getting a man to keep it in repair,	1.50
June 18.	To recording taxes,	5.00
Sept. 17.	To drawing jury,	.75
Oct. 4.	To drawing jury,	.75
Nov. 25.	To Concord, and the town treasurer's,	1.50
1882.		
Jan. 25.	To time spent in getting groceries and wood, for True M. Ordway, for the year,	1.50
Jan. 30.	To one day settling pauper bills,	1.50
Feb. 21.	To Concord, with commissioners,	1.50
Feb. 24.	To settling town accounts, and posting warrants,	3.00
Feb. 27.	To one day at True W. Ordway's,	1.50
Feb. 28.	To making reports,	1.50

Town of Bow to Harrison P. Brown, for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1882.

1881.		DR.
March 12.	Preparing invoice blanks, and delivering same, three days,	\$4.50
March 17.	Examining roads in Districts No. 2 and 7,	1.50
March 19.	Drawing juror,	.75
April 1.	To taking inventory and making taxes, 15 days,	22.50
April 16.	Delivering surveyors' warrants,	1.50
Dec. 7.	Regulating jury box,	.75
1882.		
Feb. 1.	Settling with county commissioners,	1.50
Feb. 8.	Buying and delivering goods to Charles Morgan,	1.00
Feb. 28.	To settling town accounts, three days,	4.50

Town of Bow to Charles B. Rogers, for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1882.

1881.		DR.
March 12.	Preparing invoice blanks, and delivering same, three days,	\$4.50
March 19.	Drawing juror,	1.00
April 1.	To taking inventory and making taxes, 15 days,	22.50
April 21.	Delivering warrants, appointing surveyors, and school officers in Dist. No. 12, two days,	3.00
April 23.	Meeting selectmen at Brown's,	1.00
Sept. 6.	Appointing school officers in Dist. No. 3, and to Concord on town business,	1.50
Sept. 7.	One day at Concord to get a settlement with Flagg,	1.50
Oct. 4.	Drawing juror,	1.00
Dec. 7.	Regulating jury box,	1.00
May 20.	Lodging and boarding transient paupers,	1.00
1882.		
Feb. 23.	To settling town accounts, two days,	3.00

Resources.

Due from Enoch Alexander, treasurer,	\$996.81
Due from Horace H. Parker, collector for the year 1881,	307.70
Total resources,	<u>\$1304.51</u>

Liabilities.

Due School District No. 3,	\$91.72
Balance in favor of the town,	\$1212.79

JOHN W. GOODHUE, } *Selectmen*
 HARRISON P. BROWN, } *of*
 CHARLES B. ROGERS, } *Bow.*

ENOCH ALEXANDER, *Town Treasurer.*

I, the undersigned, auditor of the selectmen's and treasurer's accounts for the year ending March 1, 1882, certify that I have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

SAMUEL C. CLEMENT, *Auditor.*

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

Our schools the past year have been generally satisfactory, but, as an education is the greatest heritage of wealth that we can leave to our children, permit me, in submitting our final report, to make a few suggestions.

Most of the teachers have been those who have had much experience, and they have faithfully and honorably discharged their several duties. Although the success of our schools depends largely upon the teachers, yet they cannot do justice, either to themselves or to the pupils, unless we avail ourselves of every genuine aid to and method for developing in the youth the power to observe, to reason and to acquire a *love* for knowledge.

Among some of the improvements that it is desirable to make, one is the introduction of school globes, representing the world. We consider a globe in every district a very necessary article, and can we as a community, interested in all that pertains to the best modes of education, invest a few dollars that will pay us a greater dividend.

Another pressing need, in almost every district, to which we would call the attention of parents, is a larger supply of blackboard; and we would also very gently remind you that for a trifling outlay of money a dictionary can be placed on every teacher's desk.

We have presented these suggestions, as we desire that the standard of instruction should be advanced, and a moment's reflection must convince all that these are essential requisites. We believe an equal responsibility rests on parents, children, teachers and school committees. Parents should visit the schools often, that they may judge for themselves of their merits.

We were very glad to see so large an attendance at some of the closing examinations, which showed an active interest on the part of the visitors and imparted a stimulus to the pupils. At some of the examinations the routine of study was varied by the introduction of rhetorical exercises in declamations and compositions, and were these exercises required by every teacher we believe it would be beneficial.

One of my predecessors recommended the History of the United States as a study, an opinion which we would ratify, as no scholar's education is complete without a thorough knowledge of this important branch of study.

The whole number of different pupils registered in all the schools was 141, and the amount of money raised and appropriated for school purposes was \$929, which, all things considered, has, in our opinion, been profitably expended.

Your committee, in concluding these remarks, would gratefully acknowledge the ready cooperation and respect generally shown by parents, children and teachers in the discharge of the duties assigned him.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—UNION.

J. B. Ellis, committee. The summer term, which was taught by Miss Emma M. Abbott, of Concord, was not as interesting as it would have been had a larger number of scholars attended. Considering the fact that only four scholars were registered, and that this was Miss Abbott's first experience at teaching, the result was all we could reasonably expect.

The winter term was taught by Mr. George A. Saltmarsh, of this town, a conscientious and well-qualified teacher, who labored earnestly for the advancement of his pupils, but their irregular attendance impeded the progress that otherwise would have been made.

Mr. John C. Hammond, of this town, is now teaching a spring term, which we hope and have good reasons to believe will prove a success.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—CENTER.

A. D. Burroughs, committee. The summer term was placed under the care of Miss Gertrude E. Farnham, of Plymouth. The school appeared well at our first visit, and we

anticipated a good school; but at the close the order was quite deficient. We regret to report that the progress was neither rapid nor thorough, although we can gladly say that *some* improvement was made.

The winter term was kept by Miss Emma M. Abbott, of Concord. The discipline was too lenient, and no perceptible progress was made in arithmetic. In geography and reading we are able to report that some proficiency was made, although not as much as desirable. Miss Abbott is a good scholar, and had her well-meant efforts been seconded by studiousness on the part of the pupils, their united efforts would have been rewarded with more pleasing results.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—WHITE'S.

J. G. Holmes, committee. The winter term had Miss Hattie A. Saltmarsh, of this town, for teacher. As a larger part of the pupils had not attended school for nearly two years the teacher labored under a great disadvantage, which we could not expect to overcome in one term; however, a fair degree of improvement was made.

The spring term, being taught by Mr. John P. Brown, is now in session. It is but simple justice to say that Mr. Brown gives the full strength of an accomplished teacher, without stint, for the improvement of his pupils, and we feel warranted in predicting a profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—RIVER ROAD.

Henry Wheeler, committee. Miss Cora B. Durgin, of Andover, had charge of this school during the summer term. At both visits of your committee the school appeared in good order, and the progress made was satisfactory. We have yet to hear the first derogative word relative to this school, which fact we consider sufficient evidence that the school gave general satisfaction.

Miss Luthera J. Wheeler, of this town, taught the fall term. As Miss Wheeler is known in this and many other towns as a faithful, energetic teacher, any comment from us is unnecessary. The school was much larger than usual, and a commendable degree of interest continued throughout the term. The progress in all branches was good. We copy the

following from the teacher's register: "Miss Ada A. Noyes deserves especial commendation for rapid and thorough advancement in National Arithmetic and Algebra."

DISTRICT No. 5.—UPPER BOG.

Mark Upton, committee. This district had but one term during the year, which was taught by Miss Nettie R. Jones, of Hooksett, whose efforts as teacher in this district were so highly commended by your committee last year. Good order was maintained, and the progress in all branches was emphatically good.

DISTRICT No. 6.—GREEN'S.

Daniel Wheeler, committee. This district had but one term during the year, which was placed under the care of Miss Nellie S. Colby, of this town, whose energetic influence awakened a good degree of interest in her pupils. The order was good, and we are able to report good progress in all branches pursued. The members of the class in square and cube root deserve special praise for their proficiency.

DISTRICT No. 7.—BROWN HILL.

Charles F. Hammond, committee. Miss Nellie S. Colby, the teacher of the summer term, is spoken of in another part of our report, and needs no comment here. The school appeared in good order at each visit of your committee, and the progress made was very thorough.

Miss Emma Jean Rowley, of Manchester, who has taught several terms in this district, was employed to teach the fall term. As this teacher possesses excellent literary qualifications and a natural faculty for governing, we anticipated a good school, and at the close our anticipations were fully realized.

DISTRICT No. 8.—BAKER'S.

George A. Saltmarsh, committee. Miss Hattie A. Saltmarsh, of this town, was the teacher for both terms. Although the teacher was inexperienced and had but a small number of scholars, yet a good degree of interest continued throughout both terms, and we can report good progress in all branches pursued.

DISTRICT No. 9.—WOODBURY'S.

Seth Quimby, committee. This district had but one term, which was taught by Mr. John C. Hammond, of this town. Mr. Hammond is widely known as a thorough instructor, and therefore needs no comment here. The school appeared in excellent order at the commencement, but we regret that we did not receive notice in time to be present at the close.

DISTRICT No. 10.—WOOD HILL.

Rhodolphus Green, committee. Miss Nellie S. Colby had charge of the summer school. As we have spoken of this teacher before, we shall only remark that in this school she met with her usual success. The scholars answered the questions with creditable accuracy, and we are satisfied that no time was wasted.

The winter term was taught by Miss Laura E. Morgan, of this town, a young lady who possesses all the characteristics requisite for a good teacher. The interest manifested at the commencement of the term, was constantly increasing until school closed. The examination was marked with a promptness and thoroughness which is worthy of all praise. Miss Morgan merits and enjoys the approval of the district.

DISTRICT No. 11.—LOWER BOG.

Warren M. Davis, committee. The summer term was under the tuition of Miss Nettie R. Jones, of Hooksett, an energetic, conscientious, and well-qualified teacher, whose untiring labor for those placed under her care, won the respect and esteem of parents and scholars. We can report good progress in all branches pursued, and special comment is due a primary class whose high attainments so happily surprised us at the closing examination. We refer with pleasure to the expressions of satisfaction and approval from the many friends present at the closing exercises.

The winter term was instructed by Mr. John C. Hammond, of this town. For the past eighteen years, Mr. Hammond has been engaged in this occupation, a portion of the time, which is conclusive evidence that he is a very popular teacher. The different committees have highly complimented him, but judging from his success in this district, we believe his qualifi-

cations have never been overestimated. The school closed under very hopeful and pleasant circumstances; the exercises evincing a rapid degree of progress.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—TURNPIKE.

Charles H. Hadley, committee. This school was taught by Mr. John P. Brown, who has won renown as a teacher. He has taught forty-eight terms of school, eight of which were taught in the Grammar school of Suncook, where his popularity and influence are still increasing. His enthusiastic and untiring devotion for the welfare of his pupils, entitles him to their respect and gratitude. Though this school is few in number, yet the progress made eclipsed our expectation. Mr. Brown deserves a foremost place as an instructor.

DISTRICT No. 13.—CHATEAUGAY.

Elbridge G. Austin, committee. For the first seven weeks of the summer term. Miss M. Alice Saltmarsh, of this town, was the teacher, when for some reason better known to the teachers and prudential committee than to us, Miss Gertrude E. Farnham, of Plymouth, was employed to complete the term. There were no advanced pupils in this school, some being unable to speak the English language at the commencement of the term, which made the duties of the teachers exceedingly difficult. The improvement of the school under the care of Miss Saltmarsh was better than we expected, but honesty compels us to say that Miss Farnham's success was not fully satisfactory.

Miss Ella A. Tilton, of Concord, who was employed to teach the winter term, has the capacity to maintain good order and finds pleasure in laboring for the improvement of her pupils: these two qualities, combined with good scholarship, classes Miss Tilton with our best teachers. We do not hesitate to say that this school was a success.

DISTRICT No. 14.—BOW MILLS.

James G. Brown, committee. Miss Minnie W. Harvey, of Concord, who had charge of the summer term, earnestly endeavored to promote a good degree of interest in this school, but failing to maintain good order the progress was somewhat retarded.

The fall term was taught by Miss Sarah E. Colby, of Piermont, under whose care the school appeared in good order at each visit of your committee. There was a marked degree of improvement in all branches pursued, and the progress made in reading was considerably above the average.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN A. HADLEY,

Superintending School Committee.

Bow, N. H., February 25, 1882.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Terms.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks of School.	Teacher's wages per month, including board.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Dismissals.	Tardinesses.	Not absent one-half day.	No. of visits of S. S. Com.	No. of visits of Prudential Committee.	No. of visits of parents and others.
1	Summer.	Emma M. Abbott.	6.4		4	3	1	1				13
1	Winter.	George A. Saltmarsh.	8	\$29.00	11	7	1	8				6
*1	Spring.	John C. Hammond.										
2	Summer.	Gertrude E. Farnham.	9	20.00	11	8	8-9		1		1	5
2	Winter.	Emma M. Abbott.	17	20.00	14	9			2			10
2	Winter.	Hattie A. Saltmarsh.	10	16.00	10	9	5	4	3		1	6
*3	Spring.	John P. Brown.							1			
4	Summer.	Cora B. Durgin.	7	18.00	10	9	21-68	1	2			13
4	Fall.	Luthera J. Wheeler.	12	24.00	20	12	5	13	3			14
5	Fall.	Nettie R. Jones.	10	18.00	15	13			5		1	25
6	Fall.	Nellie S. Colby.	12	20.00	13	11	2	11	1			11
7	Summer.	Nellie S. Colby.	5	16.00	15	13	1	5	5			10
7	Fall.	Emma Jean Rowley.	7	20.00	10	8			1		1	10
8	Summer.	Hattie A. Saltmarsh.	7	14.00	3	2	29-35					5
8	Winter.	Hattie A. Saltmarsh.	10	16.00	6	5			2			4
9	Fall.	John C. Hammond.	11	30.00	16	15	1-2	2	5		2	19
10	Summer.	Nellie S. Colby.	6	20.00	17	14	1-2	1	4			14
10	Winter.	Laura E. Morgan.	7	20.00	11	8	3-5	4	5			14
11	Summer.	Nettie R. Jones.	10	20.00	15	14			3			19
11	Winter.	John C. Hammond.	10	30.00	21	18		2	8		2	41
12	Summer.	John P. Brown.	8	25.00	16	11	1-8		1		1	17
13	Summer.	M. Alice Saltmarsh.	7	16.00	9	5	27-35		1			1
13	Summer.	Gertrude E. Farnham.	8	16.00	5	1	9-20		3			6
13	Winter.	Ella A. Tilton.	12	17.00	8	7	135		15			3
14	Summer.	Minnie W. Harvey.	6.6		20							5
14	Fall.	Sarah E. Colby.	8.6	20.00	15				6			10

*School in session.

