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Amount of taxes assessed in the Town of Bow, for the year 1882, including school-house taxes in in Districts No. 3, 11 and 14,	\$2,792.63
Dogs taxed,	51.00
	\$2,843.63

R E C E I P T S .

Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1882,	\$996.81
Received of—	
State Treasurer, railroad tax for 1882,	220.08
Savings bank tax,	1,195.79
Literary fund,	64.86
County of Merrimack, support of county paupers,	77.45
State Treasurer, bounties on crows,	13.30
Horace H. Parker, collector of taxes for the year 1881,	174.12
Rhodolphus Green, collector of taxes for the year 1882,	2,636.50
James Thompson, and D. A. Parker, house rent,	4.00
	\$5,382.91

E X P E N D I T U R E S .

Paid—State Treasurer, state tax,	\$1,040.00
County Treasurer, county tax,	1,186.91
	\$2,226.91

School Money.

Paid—District No. 2,	\$130.74
District No. 3,	90.31
District No. 4,	105.94
District No. 5,	51.54
District No. 6,	66.78
District No. 7,	62.44

Paid—District No. 8,	\$61.18
District No. 9,	50.13
District No. 10,	68.88
District No. 11,	77.41
District No. 12,	49.12
District No. 14,	135.09
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	\$949.56

Support of County Paupers.

Paid—James Green, support of Martha J. Walker,	\$34.50
Frederick Clough, two cords of wood for T. W. Ordway, and sawing,	10.00
W. Colby, meal, flour and groceries, for True W. Ordway,	2.33
Harris K. Frost, for care and nursing True W. Ordway,	8.37
Ira H. Adams, for medicine and attending True W. Ordway,	12.50
Augustus B. Farmer, for the support of E. R. Morgan,	3.00
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	\$70.70

Town Paupers.

Paid—Martin A. Hadley, for assistance rendered Sally F. Streeter,	\$2.85
W. Colby, provision and groceries for Charles Morgan,	25.00
Joseph Welcome, pair of boots for Charles Morgan,	3.00
Harrison P. Brown, wood for Charles Morgan,	2.00
J. Frank Hoyt, groceries for Charles Morgan,	2.00
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	\$34.85

Highways and Bridges.

Paid—Oscar F. Thurston, labor on highway,	\$5.00
Charles H. Hadley, lumber for bridge in Dist. No. 12,	32.40

Paid—C. C. Morgan, labor on bridges in Dist. No. 14,	\$72.00
A. B. Farmer, labor on highway in Dist. No. 5,	8.25
S. E. Elliott, labor on bridges in Dist. No. 14,	6.75
Lewis C. Goodhue, labor on highway in Dist. No. 10,	3.30
Willie M. Hammond, labor on highway in Dist. No. 7,	3.50
Robert M. Ordway, labor on highway in Dist. No. 9,	15.85
J. C. Ordway, labor on highway in Dist. No. 9,	6.97
R. Green, labor on highway in Dist. No. 10,	1.25
S. Morgan, labor on highway in Dist. No. 2,	3.50
H. H. Crowell, labor on Farrington road,	6.61
Cyrus Colby, labor on highway in Dist. No. 6.	10.40
Manley Clough, hauling stone for bridge in Dist. No. 14,	6.50
S. B. Rowell, labor on highway in Dist. No. 11,	4.50
Samuel C. Clement, bridge plank in Dist. Nos. 1 and 13,	14.59
A. Burroughs, labor on bridge in Dist. No. 1,	36.00
S. C. Clement, labor on bridge in Dist. No. 1,	28.50
Harris K. Frost, labor on bridge in Dist. No. 14,	2.25
George E. Willey, “ “ “ “	38.50
M. Taylor Ladd, plank for bridge “ “	36.53
John W. Goodhue, labor on bridge “ “	48.00
Charles Morgan, labor on bridge “ “	24.00
W. K. Holt & Co., bridge sills,	10.56
Warren Smith, use of derrick,	15.00
John Brown, 2d, labor of men and team on bridge in Dist. No. 14,	22.25
Byron W. Clough, plank and posts,	3.80
Asa Morgan, cutting bushes and building culvert,	12.75
G. W. Short, work on culvert,	4.50
John C. Wheeler, bridge stringers,	13.20
Lewis M. Brown, labor on highway and lumber,	8.75
Irad Colby, drawing stone,	3.00
Eben P. Mudgett, splitting stone,	11.00
Gust. Walker, spikes, iron and chains for bridge,	8.90

Paid—W. Colby, repairing tools and making chain,	\$9.78
Non-resident highway receipts,	92.88
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	\$638.52

Miscellaneous.

Paid—District No. 3, school money for the year 1881,	\$91.72
Martin A. Hadley, map for school Dist. No. 3,	6.25
H. K. White, school house tax in Dist. No. 3,	345.00
L. Kendall, school house tax in Dist. No. 11.	20.00
H. Thompson, coffin rest, and pall cloth,	12.75
Dr. George, return of registration of births and deaths,	.50
Dr. Adams, return of registration of births and deaths,	.50
Dr. Randall, return of registration of births and deaths,	1.50
Woodbury & Batchelder, printing reports,	19.00
Joseph G. Clough, maintaining watering tub,	3.00
John C. Hammond, damage to sheep by dogs,	5.00
William Elliott, " " "	6.00
Henry C. Clough, " " "	7.00
Irak Colby, " " "	3.00
Nelson H. Hill, " " "	5.00
David A. Colby, maintaining watering tub,	1.50
J. B. Sanborn, books and stationery,	9.13
Chase & Streeter, professional services,	10.00
W. A. Elliott, repairs, care of, and driving hearse,	40.00
A. W. Colby, postage stamps,	1.00
Selectmen, bounties on crows,	13.30
R. Green, collector, by abatement of taxes,	5.25
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	\$606.40

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid—John W. Goodhue, services as selectman,	\$69.78
Harrison P. Brown, " "	44.25
Asa Morgan, " "	37.50
Charles B. Rogers, " "	4.50
Enoch Alexander, town treasurer,	10.00

Paid—Leonard Kendall, supervisor,	\$12.00
John Brown, 2d,	9.00
Betton F. Smith,	9.00
M. A. Hadley, superintending school committee,	45.00
Rhodolphus Green, town clerk,	16.00
Rhodolphus Green, collector of taxes,	50.00
Samuel A. Sargent, auditor,	1.50
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	\$308.53

Town of Bow to John W. Goodhue, for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1883.

1882.		DR.
March 20.	To preparing inventory blanks and distributing same, three days,	\$4.50
March 23.	To drawing jury,	.75
March 25.	To time spent in getting wood, groceries and meal for True W. Ordway,	2.00
March 30.	To preparing inventory book,	3.00
April 21.	To taking inventory and making taxes, eighteen days,	27.00
April 28.	To making returns to Secretary of State, and State Treasurer,	2 00
May 3.	To making appointments and distributing highway surveyors' warrants,	2.00
May 31.	To time spent with counsel and examining records to see about exempting the investment at Garvin's Falls from taxation,	2.00
June 2.	To making and posting warrants for town meeting,	.75
June 20.	To recording taxes,	5.00
July 1.	To one day at town-house to receive highway surveyors' warrants,	1.50
Aug. 4.	To finding and hiring derrick,	2.00
Aug.	To making a copy of the inventory for county commissioners,	5.00
Sept. 4.	To Concord with commissioners, and other town business,	1.50

Sept. 12.	To one day with team, showing real estate in town to county commissioners,	\$2.00
Sept. 16.	To drawing jury,	.75
Oct. 19.	To making and posting warrants for town meeting,	.75
Dec. 23.	To regulating jury box.	.75
1883.		
Feb. 12.	To Concord settling pauper account with county commissioners,	1.50
	Paid city clerk Manchester, certificate.	.53
March 1.	To making and posting warrants, settling town accounts, and making reports.	4.50

Town of Bow to Harrison P. Brown, for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1883.

1882.		DR.
March 18.	To preparing and delivering inventory blanks, three days,	\$4.50
March 23.	To drawing jury,	.75
April 24.	To taking inventory and making taxes, seventeen days,	25.50
April 25.	To delivering highway surveyors' warrants,	1.50
May 7.	To appointing highway surveyor in Dist. No. 8,	1.50
May 29.	To horse hire,	.75
June 7.	To appointing highway surveyor,	1.50
Sept. 12.	To one day with county commissioners,	1.50
Sept. 16.	To drawing jury,	.75
Oct. 19.	To making and posting town meeting warrants,	.75
Dec. 23.	To regulating jury box.	.75
1883.		
Feb. 12.	To one day settling with county commissioner,	1.50
Feb. 22.	To settling town accounts,	1.50
March 1.	To settling town accounts.	1.50

*Town of Bow to Asa Morgan, for services as Selectman
for the year ending March 1, 1883.*

1882.		Dr.
April 24.	Taking inventory and making taxes, eighteen days,	\$27.00
April 25.	To distributing highway warrants,	1.50
July 1.	To one day at town house to receive highway surveyors' warrants,	1.50
Oct. 19.	To making and posting warrants for town meeting,	.75
Dec. 23.	To regulating jury box,	.75
1883.		
Jan. 26.	To time spent on town business,	1.50
March 1.	To making and posting warrants, settling town accounts, and making reports,	4.50

Resources.

Due from Enoch Alexander, treasurer,	\$547.44
Due from Horace H. Parker, collector for 1881,	183.58
Due from Rhodolphus Green, collector for 1882,	207.13
	<u>938.15</u>

Liabilities.

Due School District No. 1,	\$66.95
Due School District No. 13,	65.31
	<u>132.26</u>
Balance in favor of the town,	\$805.89

JOHN W. GOODHUE, } *Selectmen*
HARRISON P. BROWN, } *of*
ASA MORGAN, } *Bow.*

ENOCH ALEXANDER, *Town Treasurer.*

I, the undersigned, auditor of the selectmen's and treasurer's accounts for the year ending March 1, 1883, certify that I have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

SAMUEL A. SARGENT, *Auditor.*

R E P O R T
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

As regards the condition of our schools at the present time, your committee is gratified to pronounce them up to the usual standard, yet we have not reached the acme of perfection, and many things need to be improved. There is a great lack of school furniture. No room has a globe, and but few a reasonable supply of blackboards. A dictionary, mirror and clock, would be convenient improvements. As this is a subject to which your attention has been respectfully called in a previous report, we sincerely hope you will soon feel to encourage your children by procuring for them these necessary requisites, thus making it a pleasure for them to attend school. We wish to call the attention of the parents to a serious evil with which we are burdened, viz. tardiness. School should not be interrupted by late pupils, and when this is remedied our schools will stand upon a more elevated plane. Another and not less important consideration is a more regular attendance as this is absolutely necessary to achieve any high degree of progress, when there are only one or two terms of eight or ten weeks each during the year. Parents, we present these matters to you earnestly hoping that you will heed them, as it is our duty and desire to improve the schools under our supervision. Your committee would respectfully recommend that the number of weeks schooling in the year be increased by raising an additional sum of money as did the citizens in Dist. No. 14, the past year. Every means that will aid in cultivating a *love* for knowledge in the minds of our girls and boys, should be hailed with delight, thereby encouraging them in fitting themselves to perform life's duties well, and winning a crown

of wisdom which will shine with enduring lustre. Our schools have been favored with the care of a living, zealous, enthusiastic corps of teachers with satisfactory results generally, but in this enlightened age every teacher should obtain a certificate before commencing school, and we hope the future committee will rigidly enforce the requirements of the law in this respect. From personal experience and the concurrent testimony of teachers we believe that a good teacher should be retained as long as possible in the same school, as frequent changes cannot be otherwise than detrimental. We noticed with regret at the closing examinations of some of the schools, that the school rooms were not over crowded with visitors, and in this respect we must say that the fathers are especially unfaithful. We do not mean to convey the idea that all are so, there are some noble exceptions. To those who are remiss in this duty, we would advise you to visit school and know how the money is laid out that is annually expended for educational purposes. Some attention was given to singing in several of our schools and as this exercise rather rests than tires the pupil we think the time devoted to it was pleasantly and profitably spent.

The whole number of pupils who have attended school the past year is 138, and the whole amount of money expended for the support of schools including the literary fund was \$1095.14, which allows to each pupil an average of \$7.21. Before closing these remarks your committee would say that he has endeavored to do his duty faithfully and honorably, and with kindness of feeling, we express our gratitude to parents, pupils and teachers, for their respect and co-operation.

DISTRICT No. 1.—UNION.

P. H. Batchelder, committee. Miss Emma L. Merrill, of Dunbarton, taught the summer term, which at the commencement appeared as well as could be expected with only three scholars. We were not notified in time to be present at the close, and cannot, therefore, report the result.

Miss Julia M. Melifant, of Concord, who was employed to teach the fall term, won the respect and esteem of her pupils, and the result was a pleasant and profitable school.

The fact that the term was extended from six (which was to have been the length of the term) to ten weeks, appears to be good evidence that the school gave satisfaction to the district generally. Miss Melifant, is a fine scholar.

The spring term under the direction of Mr. John C. Hammond, appeared to be in a prosperous condition after a session of nearly six weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—CENTER.

John A. Heath, committce. Miss H. Ella Woodbury, of this town, was employed to teach the summer term, which was Miss Woodbury's first attempt at teaching, but being a good scholar and a natural disciplinarian the scholars received the benefit of an excellent school. Good improvement was made in all studies pursued, and also in deportment.

Mr. John C. Hammond, of this town, whose services were secured during the winter term, met with his usual success in this school. It has become almost a settled fact that a school placed under Mr. Hammond's care is sure to be profitable. With the maintenance of good order, good scholarship and the extended experience which this teacher has had, it seems that no one is more competent to do justice in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—WHITE'S.

J. G. Holmes, committee. Both terms were conducted by Miss Nettie R. Jones, of Hooksett, a competent, conscientious teacher. This teacher, one of our very best, did not meet with her usual success, as many of the pupils were absent much of the time, and the parents manifested very little interest. Under these circumstances a highly profitable school is impossible, yet we can say that both terms answered the reasonable expectations of the prudential and superintending committee.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—RIVER ROAD.

Hiram Noyes, committee. Both terms in this district, were placed under the care of Miss Laura E. Morgan, of this town, who fully sustained the well earned reputation acquired in our schools last year. Order seemed to be the first law of this school, and this we venture to say combined with this teachers

qualifications and ability to impart knowledge, is a sufficient guaranty to success. A *better* school has not been taught since we had charge of your schools.

DISTRICT No. 5.—UPPER BOG.

Samuel A. Sargent, committee. This district had but one term, which was taught by Mr. Frank E. Colby, of this town, a young man with no experience, but possessing a high order of scholastic attainments. Quite a number of pupils from the lower district, embraced this opportunity for schooling, and were gladly received by the teacher, who labored earnestly for the advancement of those placed under his care. Some of the more advanced pupils were obliged to leave school before the close, which left only a part of the teachers labors to be seen at the closing examination, but enough were left to show that his labors had met with a good degree of success.

DISTRICT No. 6.—GREEN'S.

E. C. Colby, committee. Miss Mary E. Brown of this town, taught the fall term, being the only school for the year. Some of the pupils in this school seemed to have no higher aspirations than to bring into the school-room, the obnoxious perfume of a native wild animal, and introduced other equally disgusting means to retard the progress of the school. However, the firmness of the teacher, and prudential committee, soon led these pupils to understand that their place was outside the school-room unless they could comply with the rules of school, and customs of decency. The remaining members of the school appeared disposed to help themselves, and with the efficient help of the teacher, good progress was made.

DISTRICT No. 7.—BROWN HILL.

John P. Elliott, committee. This district had but one term, which was placed under the care of Miss Emma L. Merrill, of Dunbarton, who displayed her adaptability to the work in a manner both pleasing to your committee, and beneficial to the pupils. At the examination the questions were answered promptly and correctly, which plainly showed that the efforts of teacher and pupils had been united, without which, such thoroughness would have been quite improbable.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—BAKER'S.

Frank E. Stevens, committee. Miss Sarah E. Colby, of Piermont, taught the only term in this district. The number of scholars, also, the interest of the school was much augmented by the admission of pupils from other districts, which also made the labor of the teacher more arduous, as the school was poorly classed. Under these difficulties the teacher so judiciously divided her time, that at the close, all seemed to have their share. The rhetorical exercises were very interesting to us, and beneficial to the pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—WOODBURY'S.

Charles W. Davis, committee. Mr. John C. Hammond of this town, was employed to teach the fall term, which was all the school in this district for the year. Mr. Hammond's good qualities seem to be appreciated in this district, as several different committees have employed him to teach this school. The scholars appeared studious and orderly, and these qualities, with the teacher's well directed services, resulted in an interesting and profitable school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—WOOD HILL.

W. A. Elliott, committee. Miss Carrie L. Colby of this town, who taught the summer term, aroused such a degree of interest as to call forth many expressions of satisfaction from the large number of citizens present at the closing examination. Failing health would not allow this teacher to proceed with the winter term. May a kind Providence soon restore her to such a degree of health as to enable her to continue with the career thus brilliantly commenced.

Miss Ruth S. Johnson, of Manchester, who taught the winter term, passed a creditable examination, and commenced the school under very promising circumstances. It was evident at the close that the teacher had tried to accomplish more than so short a time would allow, which made the school appear to a decided disadvantage. We wish to cast no reflections upon the merits of this teacher, only so far as the lack of thoroughness is concerned. Rhetorical exercises were intro-

duced at the closing examination, and also a school paper by Miss Katie Colby, whose success in this direction we heartily congratulate.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—LOWER BOG.

Irad Colby, committee. Miss Sarah E. Colby was employed to teach the summer term, which appeared to be progressing finely when we called at the first of the term, but was brought to an abrupt close after a session of six weeks, by the almost universal prevalence of whooping-cough among the pupils. The close was so unexpected that we were not notified, and therefore cannot report the progress.

Mr. Frank E. Colby, of this town, who taught the winter term, failed to gain the good will of his pupils until the school was somewhat advanced, and this together with the irregular attendance, made the labors of the teacher exceedingly difficult. However, at the close, the teacher was able to show a fair degree of improvement. Mr. Colby's literary attainments would place him among our best teachers, had he experience in governing.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—TURNPIKE.

Charles H. Hadley, committee. This district had but one term, which was under the instruction of Mr. John P. Brown, who has been the Principal of one of the Grammar schools of Suncook, for the last eleven consecutive terms, which is a sufficient warrant of ability to teach at home. The pupils showed great promptness and accuracy in their recitations and the numerous visitors who were present at the closing exercises were well pleased with the general review of what had been accomplished during the term. Quite a number of pupils from District No. 4, availed themselves of the advantages of this school, among whom was Miss Ada A. Noyes, the most advanced pupil in town, who acquitted herself creditably in algebra and analysis.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—CHATEAUGAY.

As there are but two or three pupils in this district, no school has been taught here during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 14.—BOW MILLS.

A. W. Colby, committee. This school has been under the care of Miss Luthera J. Wheeler, of this town, during the past year. Miss Wheeler having been so highly recommended as a teacher, by our predecessors, needs no comment in this report. Suffice it to say that these terms were quite as successful as former terms taught by her. The pupils gave their answers readily, and the school appeared finely at the close. From the teacher's remarks in the school register we copy the following: "George B. Davis should receive Credit for Perfect Department, Perfect, Recitations And Regular Attendance."

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN A. HADLEY,

Superintending School Committee.

Bow, N. H., February 24, 1883.

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.	Tardinesses.	Dis-missals.	No. of visits of S. S. Com.	No. of visits of Prudential Committee.	No. of visits of Parents and others.
1	Summer.	Emma L. Merrill.	8	22.00	6	3			1		1
	Winter.	Julia M. Melifant.	10	22.00	11	9	15		1		2
*1	Spring.	John C. Hammond.		10							
2	Summer.	H. Ella Woodbury.	8	20.00	9	6.5	3				13
2	Winter.	John C. Hammond.	10	30.00	16	13.4	15				4
3	Summer.	Nettie R. Jones.	7	21.00	11	11.5					15
3	Winter.	Nettie R. Jones.	10	21.00	10	9.5				12	15
4	Summer.	Laura E. Morgan.	6	20.00	9	7.3	3		1		16
4	Fall.	Laura E. Morgan.	13	20.00	9	8	21	29	1		24
5	Fall.	Frank E. Colby.	10	20.00	12	9	10				2
6	Fall.	Mary E. Brown.	13	20.00	9	5.5			1	1	9
7	Fall.	Emma L. Merrill.	10	21.00	10	9	4				14
8	Fall.	Sarah E. Colby.	13	20.00	12		29			1	9
9	Fall.	John C. Hammond.	9.4	30.00	12	11	3				22
10	Summer.	Carrie L. Colby.	6	20.00	1	13	1				7
10	Winter.	Ruth S. Johnson.	6	20.00	12	10	17				15
11	Summer.	Sarah E. Colby.	6	12.00	15	12	10	1	1	1	5
11	Winter.	Frank E. Colby.	10	20.00	15	10	7				10
12	Summer.	John P. Brown.	8	25.00	16	14	8	2		4	25
14	Summer.	Luthera J. Wheeler.	10	22.00	26	17	4	4			29
14	Fall.	Luthera J. Wheeler.	10.5	26.00	2	13	3	6			5

*School in session.

