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REPORT.

Amount of taxes assessed in the town of Bow, for the year 1885, and committed to Rodolphus Green for collection, including school-house tax in District No. 11,	\$1,114 14
Dogs taxed,	<u>67 00</u>

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1885,	\$1,268 75
Received of State Treasurer—	
Railroad tax for 1885,	180 69
Savings bank tax,	1,512 64
Literary fund,	84 18
County of Merrimack, for support of county paupers,	244 52
State treasurer, bounties on woodchucks,	67 40
R. Green, collector of taxes for the year 1884,	145 89
R. Green, collector of taxes for the year 1885,	1,125 00
B. F. Smith for Mrs. Webber's cow,	28 00
Mrs. Henry Johnson, for Mrs. Webber's sewing machine,	6 00
Willeby Colby, by error in settlement of 1885,	<u>51</u>
	\$4,663 58

EXPENDITURES.

Paid—State Treasurer, state tax,	\$956 00
County Treasurer, county tax,	<u>925 02</u>
	\$1,881 02

School Money.

Paid—District No. 1,	\$56 6
District No. 2,	65 00
District No. 3,	81 13
District No. 4,	81 49
District No. 5,	47 03
District No. 6,	59 26
District No. 7,	56 46
District No. 8,	67 60
District No. 9,	44 70
District No. 10,	63 33
District No. 11,	64 14
District No. 12,	44 60
District No. 13, for the years 1884 and 1885,	114 88
District No. 14,	117 63
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	\$963 91

County Paupers.

Paid—James E. Brown for wood and provision for Charles Morgan,	\$30 54
I. M. Savage, groceries for Charles Morgan,	10 45
Fred Reed & Co., groceries for Charles Mor- gan,	13 40
F. H. Upton, groceries for Charles Morgan,	6 00
H. M. French, medical attendance on Charles Morgan,	4 50
H. P. Brown, potatoes for Charles Morgan,	1 50
I. E. Dow, bag meal for Charles Morgan,	1 06
J. W. Goodhue, two cords of wood for Har- ris R. Frost,	8 00
Fred Reed & Co., groceries for E. N. Pink- ham,	2 00
F. H. Upton, groceries for E. N. Pinkham,	2 50
Hiram Colby, milk for E. N. Pinkham,	4 55
Willeby Colby, groceries for E. N. Pinkham,	4 89
James E. Brown, potatoes for E. N. Pinkham,	1 63
James C. Wheeler, goods furnished E. N. Pinkham,	3 00

Paid—John Brown 2d, rent and wood for E. N. Pinkham,	\$12 00
Henry W. Smith, wood for E. N. Pinkham,	5 00
James Grafton, for support and care of James Collins,	76 45
E. D. Randall, medical attendance on James Collins,	21 25
A. G. Harris, boots for James Collins,	3 25
F. D. Randall, medical attendance on Mary Allen,	16 25
J. R. Kimball, medical attendance on Mary Allen,	3 00
F. D. Randall, medical attendance on Calvin Clough,	1 25
John W. Goodhue, for board and support of Calvin Clough,	9 00
James E. Brown, for wood and potatoes furnished Bovine,	3 26
F. H. Upton, groceries furnished John Carter,	2 17
J. W. Goodhue, for feeding and lodging tramps,	1 50
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	\$248 40

Town Paupers.

Paid—Mrs. Henry Johnson, for board of Mrs. Abby Webber, and shoes furnished,	\$28 50
Warren M. Kelley, for moving, board and clothing for Mrs. Abby Webber,	34 17
Eunice Pond, for board for Abby Webber,	12 75
E. G. Libbey, services in moving and board of Abby Webber,	7 75
Town of Hooksett, for support of Abby Webber,	4 00
F. D. Randall, medical attendance to Abby Webber,	5 85
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	\$93 02

Roads and Bridges.

Paid—M. T. Ladd, for bridge plank in Dists. Nos. 2, 12 and 14,	\$27 68
Stephen Hammond, for bridge plank in Dist. No. 13,	17 64
B. W. Clough, labor on highway in Dist. No. 2,	23 25
James S. Hartford, for labor on highway, in Dist. No. 5,	2 35
F. W. Green, for labor on highway in Dist. No. 2,	3 00
Alfred D. Burroughs, for labor on highway in Dist. No. 2,	3 75
T. W. Goodhue, for labor on highway in Dist. No. 11,	1 50
James Grafton, for labor on highway in Dist. No. 10,	14 59
Asa Morgan, for labor on highway in Dist. No. 11,	2 00
Samuel P. Brown, for labor on highway, in Dist. No. 12,	27 87
H. H. Crowell, for labor on highway in Dist. No. 1,	2 70
Joseph Dow, for labor on highway in Dist. No. 8,	4 82
J. G. Holmes, for labor on highway in Dist. No. 8,	11 00
Henry C. Clough, for labor on highway in Dist. No. 2,	1 50
Samuel C. Clement, for bridge plank in Dist. No. 1,	1 32
Irad Colby, labor on highway in Dist. No. 11,	17 25
Rodolphus Green, running road machine 10½ days.	15 75
Byron W. Clough, running road machine 11 days,	16 50
Byron W. Clough, labor on highway in Dist. No. 2, 4½ days,	6 50

Paid—George E. Sanborn, labor on highway in Dist. No. 14,	\$5 75
Mark Upton, for lumber and repairs on road machine,	2 88
Non-resident highway receipts,	92 28
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Miscellaneous.

Paid—H. P. Brown, going to Concord for groceries for Charles Morgan and E. N. Pinkham,	\$3 50
Frank J. Batchelder, for printing town reports,	19 00
D. L. Guernsey, pensioners' book,	1 00
J. B. Sanborn, stationery,	4 92
Frank D. Clough, for driving hearse, and taking it to Hadley's for repairs; and go- ing to Hooksett for harnesses,	17 50
George E. Sanborn, ballot box.	1 00
George W. Crockett, postage stamps,	1 50
Chase & Streeter, professional services and money paid out,	22 20
Burnham & Brown, professional services and money paid out,	8 10
Willis D. Thompson, wrenches for road ma- chine,	2 87
Lauren P. Hadley, repairing and varnishing hearse,	12 00
F. D. Randall, returning births and deaths,	3 25
D. A. Colby, support of watering tub,	3 00
F. D. Randall, return of births,	50
Joseph G. Clough, support of watering tub,	3 00
Eugene Lane, printing school notices,	1 50
B. J. Gile, for harness for hearse,	70 00
W. M. Davis, special school house tax,	30 00
Alfred D. Burroughs, support of watering tub,	3 00
George Tyler, for road machine and freight,	234 54
Luther Clough, damage done to sheep by dogs,	4 00
Bounties on woodchucks,	67 40

Paid—James H. B. Palmer, support of watering tub,	\$3 00
Edwin G. Alexander, for damage done to sheep by dogs,	3 00
Lewis Page, services as game and fish warden,	5 75
Rodolphus Green, abatement of taxes,	8 46
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	\$533 99

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid—John W. Goodhue, services as selectman,	\$76 10
Warren C. Saltmarsh, services as selectman,	41 50
Lewis C. Goodhue, services as selectman,	31 50
R. Green, collector of taxes,	50 00
Charles B. Rogers, services as s. s. committee,	45 00
R. Green, services as town clerk,	16 00
F. W. Green, services as town treasurer,	15 00
Otis C. Noyes, services as supervisor,	6 75
B. T. Green, services as supervisor,	4 50
D. N. Morgan, services as auditor,	1 50
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	\$287 85

Town of Bow to John W. Goodhue, for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1886.

1885.		DR.
March 15.	To addressing and delivering inventory blanks,	4 50
29.	To preparing inventory books,	3 00
April 18.	To taking inventory, making taxes, and making enumerations of soldiers and scholars,	22 50
20.	To Hooksett on pauper case,	2 00
23.	To South Hooksett and Manchester, two days on pauper case,	4 00
May 1.	To distributing highway surveyor's warrants,	2 00
May	To making warrants and returns to secretary of state and state treasurer,	3 00
20.	To Concord on pauper business,	1 50

June		To time spent in taking affidavits and having Mary Allen adjudged a county pauper,	\$3 00
	9.	To going to county farm with Calvin Clough,	1 50
		Car fare and expenses,	1 85
		To recording taxes,	5 00
July	1.	To Manchester on pauper business,	2 50
	4.	At the town house to receive highway surveyor's warrants,	1 50
Oct.	20.	To examining highway in Dist. No. 11,	1 00
		To attending three jury meetings,	2 25
Dec.	6.	To regulating jury box,	1 00
1886.			
January.		To time spent in taking affidavits and having E. N. Pinkham adjudged a county pauper,	3 00
	29.	At town house one day, making pauper accounts,	1 50
Feb.	2.	To Concord sitting with county commissioners,	2 00
	19.	To making and posting warrants for town meeting,	1 50
	23.	To Concord on pauper business,	2 00
	26.	To settling town accounts and making reports,	4 00

Town of Bow to Warren C. Saltmarsh, for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1886.

1885.			DR.
March	14.	To preparing and delivering inventory blanks,	\$4 50
April	20.	To taking inventory, and making taxes,	21 75
	20.	To delivering highway surveyor's warrants,	1 00

April 23.	To Hooksett and Manchester on town business 2 days,	\$3 00
June 25.	To South Hooksett to find a place for Mrs. Webber,	1 50
July 4.	To town house to receive highway surveyor's warrants,	1 50
Aug. 27.	To Hooksett to see about Mrs. Webber,	1 50
Oct. 27.	To find a place for Mrs. Webber,	1 50
Dec. 11.	To regulating jury box,	75
1886.		
Jan. 29.	To making out county bills,	75
Feb. 19.	To posting warrants for town meeting,	75
22 and 26.	To settling town accounts,	3 00

Town of Bow to Lewis C. Goodhue, for services as Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1886.

1885.		Dr.
March 16.	To preparing and delivering inventory blanks, two days,	\$3 00
25.	To attending jury meeting,	75
April 1.	To taking inventory, making taxes, and delivering highway surveyor's warrants 12 days,	18 00
July 4.	To one day receiving surveyor's books,	1 50
Sept. 14.	To attending jury meeting,	75
Dec. 11.	To one-half day regulating the jury box,	75
1886.		
Jan. 29.	To regulating and paying county pauper bills,	75
Feb. 2.	To settling with county commissioners,	1 50
19.	To making and posting warrants,	1 50
22.	To one day settling town accounts,	1 50
26.	To one day settling town accounts, and making reports, &c.,	1 50

There is now cash in the treasury amounting to	\$352 81
Due from R. Green, collector for 1885,	56 22
Due from Merrimack county for support of paupers since Feb. 1, 1886,	19 63
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	\$428 66
Due District No. 2,	46 82
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$381 84

JOHN W. GOODHUE,
WARREN C. SALTMARSH,
LEWIS C. GOODHUE,

Selectmen of Bow.

FLANDERS W. GREEN, *Town Treasurer.*

I, the undersigned, auditor of the selectmen's and treasurer's accounts for the year ending March 1, 1886, certify that I have examined said accounts, and find them correctly cast, and properly vouched.

D. N. MORGAN, *Auditor.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of Bow, would respectfully submit the following report, for the year ending March 1, 1886 :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, Mr. J. B. Ellis. Both terms were taught by Miss Anna J. Clarke, of Concord. Miss Clarke is an experienced teacher, understanding her duty, and prompt in discharging it. The best of order was sustained, and the scholars made excellent progress in all their studies. The examinations were nearly perfect.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Mr William Kimball. Mrs. Etta Kimball teacher both terms. The school commenced under very favorable circumstances, everything betokened a pleasant and profitable school, but she failed to retain the good-will of some of the pupils, and gave dissatisfaction to some of the parents, causing them to remove their children from school. The school appeared well at each of our visits. Mrs. Kimball is a teacher of some experience and would elsewhere meet with success.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Edwin Alexander. This school for both terms was under the care of Miss Oretta M. Watson, of Concord. Miss Watson is a teacher of some experience, and labored hard for the best good of her pupils. Good order was maintained and she gave perfect satisfaction. Inconstant attendance, tardiness and dismissals, before the close of the school in this district, are the most formidable barriers to a teacher's success.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, Mr. S. E. Austin. Miss Nellie C. Robinson, of Pembroke, taught three terms. This was Miss Robinson's first experience in teaching. The lack of experience in the teacher was amply compensated for by her faithfulness, which we know has been appreciated by the district. The interest and best feelings of both parents and pupils were manifested by the general attendance of the former, and the good deportment and marked improvement of the latter, at

the close of school. The scholars presented their teacher a fine cabinet album as a token of their respect.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Samuel Sargent. John P. Brown teacher. Mr. Brown maintained his reputation as a successful teacher. The ambition and talent of many of the scholars in this school are of a high order, and the progress was good. The Grammar class deserve special praise.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Daniel Wheeler. Edwin A. Colby, teacher. This school made a good degree of progress, but with a little more thoroughness in some branches taught, the improvement would have been better. Mr. Colby is well educated, but needs experience to become perfect in teaching.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Walter Putney. This school was taught by Miss Martha A. Putney. Under the energetic and thorough management of Miss Putney the school was a success. Questions answered promptly, showing familiarity with subjects studied. Good order was observed.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Frank Stevens. Both Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Ada A. Noyes, a graduate of Pembroke Academy. Miss Noyes is a teacher of some experience, and of the progressive order. Her scholars were orderly and industrious, and a marked improvement was seen in many classes. The teacher was faithful and the school a good one.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Luman Woodbury. Mr. John C. Hammond has again discharged the duties as teacher with the same uniform success and usefulness, of former years, and to the general acceptance and perfect satisfaction so far as we can judge of every parent and scholar in the district.

Thoroughness, promptness, impartiality, and good order were the characteristics as they are of every good school. When it is said this was a good school, it is only saying what has often been said, and adding another testimonial to the

fideliity of a teacher long in the service. The district has been fortunate in securing such a teacher, and wise in retaining him so long a time.

Winter term taught by Mr. Edwin Colby. This school is still in session. Mr. Colby is laboring hard for the good of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, Mr. George Colby. Miss Nettie Colby of Hooksett, teacher. The school began under very favorable circumstances and was progressing finely at our first visit. The inclemency of the weather prevented our being present at the closing exercises.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Warren Davis. Miss Alice Saltmarsh teacher for the Summer term. Miss Saltmarsh fully sustained her former reputation as an efficient teacher. The closing exercises were satisfactory. Good improvement in all branches examined.

Winter term was taught by Mr. John P. Brown. Mr. Brown is well known as a teacher. The school made good progress and appeared to have been well conducted in every respect.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Prudential Committee, Mr. John P. Brown. This school is now in session, under the care of Mr. J. P. Brown.

DISTRICT NO 13.

Prudential Committee, Mr. J. Austin. Both terms were taught by Miss Helen Hardy, of Hooksett. This was Miss Hardy's first attempt at teaching, and although the school was small she seemed to have no lack of employment. During the school and at the close, we were convinced that progress was the aim and end of teacher and pupil.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Mark Upton. Miss Rose Wooster, teacher for both terms. Miss Wooster is well qualified, and fully competent to instruct, and to govern. The closing examinations of both terms, and rhetorical exercises interspersed with singing, were highly commendable. The earnest and faithful labor of both teacher, and pupil, merit them

the high compliment of being number one in town. She won the love and respect of her scholars as was manifested by the number of presents she received at the close of the winter term. May the interest in the school so properly manifested by the almost universal attendance of parents and friends at the close, and the stimulating effects of the same, never be less.

From the foregoing review, it will be seen that our schools the past year, have enjoyed their usual degree of prosperity. No serious calamity has befallen them. Here and there, it is true, a ripple has been seen upon the surface, but the deep waters have not been disturbed. The business of education is of a tri-party nature, teachers, parents, and pupils, are the joint partners in the work, and while something is to be done by each party, individually, nothing short of the harmonious and cheerful co-operation of all, can secure the richest and fullest blessings, which the object under consideration is calculated to impart.

The parents should bear in mind that they have much to do with the character and success of our schools. However nobly the teacher may labor, there may be serious drawbacks to his success. For instance, there may be diversions and strife in the district; finding fault without cause; parents speaking against the teacher in the presence of their children, or being negligent and indifferent about sending their children regularly and in season, causing by their tardiness and frequent absences, serious interruptions to the progress of the school. These are some of the hindrances, others might be mentioned. One great injury to all our schools is the too frequent change of teachers. No two persons can manage a school or impart instruction in exactly the same manner, consequently the pupils are being subjected to a constant series of experiments and new methods, without deriving any great benefit. The greatest care should be exercised in the selection of teachers, and then their services should be retained as long as possible. A new teacher is obliged to spend several weeks in finding out the different dispositions and capacities. Such knowledge is of the utmost importance in the school room and gives a very decided advantage to the teacher who possesses it. One of the most important features of a complete education is en-

tirely neglected in our common schools. Instruction in the duties of citizenship and knowledge of the workings of our system of government. Boys leave the school room ignorant of the constitution and laws; deficient in their knowledge of statesmanship and indifferent to the welfare of the government whose citizens they are to become, and whose places of trust and honor they are expected to occupy. We believe that every boy should be taught to know something of the constitution of his State, and of the United States; also how his rulers are chosen, what their duties are, and what powers they may assume. We hope to see Civil Government introduced and studied in our schools. As regards the condition of the schools in the several districts in town, during the past year, we are able to bring in on the whole a favorable report.

CHARLES B. ROGERS,

Bow, Feb. 22, 1886.

Supt. School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICT.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	NO. WEEKS OF SCHOOL.	WAGES PER MONTH.	NO. OF SCHOLARS.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	NOT ABSENT.	NO. OF VISITS OF S. S. COM.	NO. OF VISITS OF P. COM.	NO. OF VISITS OF FRIENDS.
1	Summer.	Miss Anna J. Clarke.	8	\$24.00	9	8	4	2		18
	Fall.	Miss Anna J. Clarke.	11	24.00	15	12	2	2		17
2	Summer.	Mrs. Etta Kimball.	8	†	12	11	4	2	1	3
	Fall.	Mrs. Etta Kimball.	10	†	11	10	5	1		
3	Summer.	Miss Oretta M. Watson.	8	20.00	11	9	3	2		16
	Fall.	Miss Oretta M. Watson.	13	20.00	13	12	7	2	1	9
4	Summer.	Miss Nellie C. Robinson.	8	18.50	6	6	1	2	1	12
	Fall.	Miss Nellie C. Robinson.	10	20.00	7	6	2	2		14
	Winter.	Miss Nellie C. Robinson.	9	20.00	8	8	3	2	1	10
5	Fall.	Mr. John P. Brown.	8	24.00	12	11	3	2	1	16
6	Fall.	Mr. Edwin Colby.	11	20.00	10	9	2	2		2
7	Fall.	Miss Martha Putney.	11	20.00	12	11	5	2	1	
8	Fall.	Miss Ada A. Noyes.	13	20.00	8	7	8	2	1	24
	Winter.	Miss Ada A. Noyes.	6	20.00	7	7	2	1	1	7
9	Fall.	Mr. John C. Hammond.	8	30.00	16	9	8	2	1	28
	Winter.	Mr. Edwin Colby. *					1			
10	Winter.	Miss Nettie Colby.	13	20.00	18	12	1	1	1	9
11	Summer.	Miss Alice Saltmarsh.	8	20.00	12	11	9	2	1	6
	Winter.	Mr. John P. Brown.	10	24.00	17	17	7	1	2	15
12	winter.	Mr. John P. Brown. *					1			
13	Summer.	Miss Helen H. Hardy.	10	20.00	4	4	2	2		23
	Fall.	Miss Helen H. Hardy.	10	20.00	5	2	2	2	1	15
	Winter.	Miss Rose Wooster.	10	22.00	12	10	4	3	1	52
14	Summer.	Miss Rose Wooster.	11	22.00	15	14	7	2	1	68
	Winter.	Miss Rose Wooster.	11	22.00	15	14	7	2	1	68

* School in session.

† Not reported.

