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Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN

OF

BENNINGTON

For The Year Ending

February 15, 1898.

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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF —

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, SCHOOL
BOARD, LIBRARY TRUSTEES,
FIREWARDS,

— OF THE —

TOWN OF BENNINGTON,

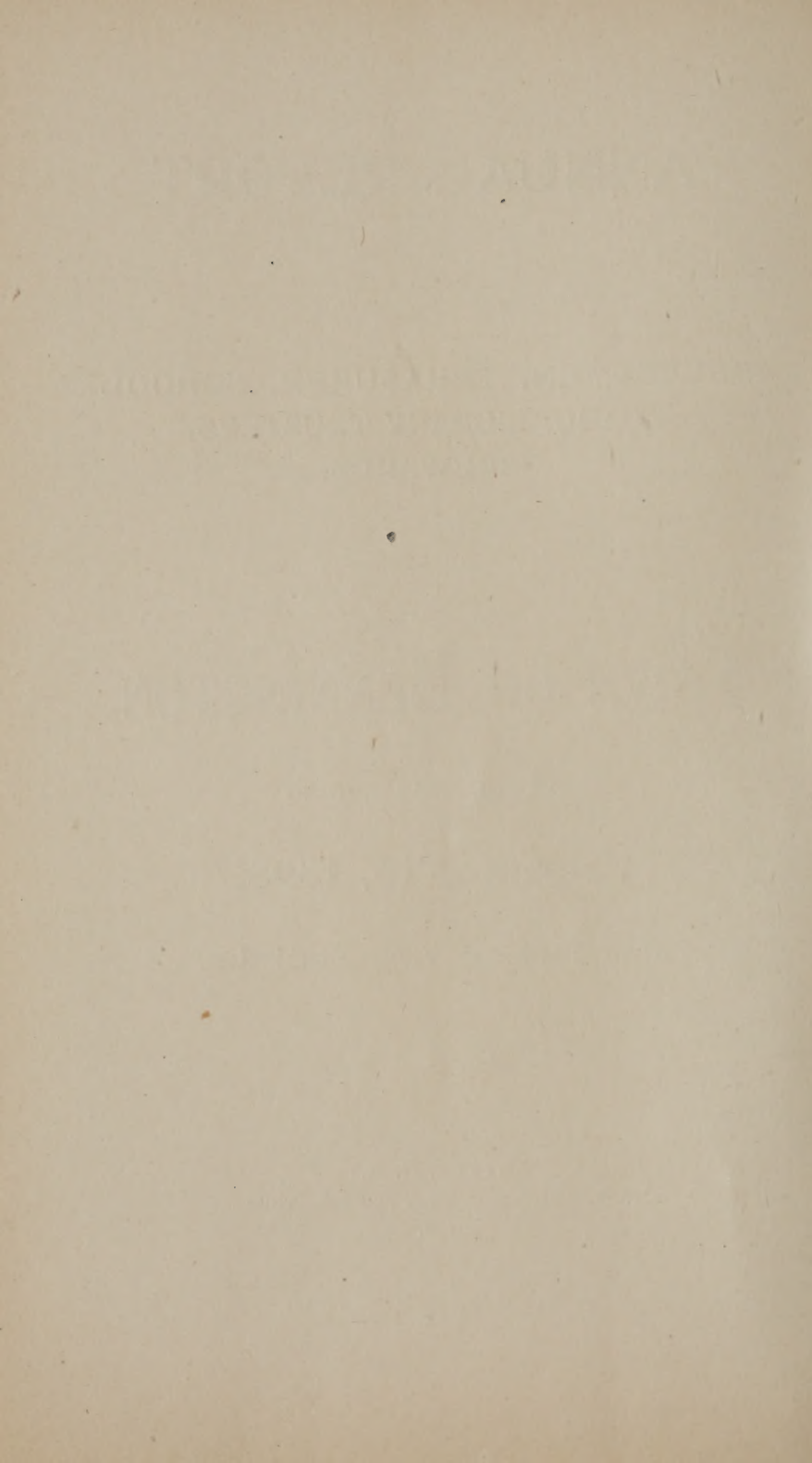
FOR THE YEAR ENDING

February 15, 1898.

Also, Table of Vital Statistics.

ANTRIM, N. H.:

H. W. ELDRIDGE, Book and Job Printer,
1898.



INVENTORY.

Inventory of Real and Personal Property assessed on
the first of April, 1897.

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 175 Polls, | \$ 17,500 |
| 112 Horses, | 6,190 |
| 8 Oxen, | 340 |
| 155 Cows, | 3,619 |
| 35 Neat, | 530 |
| 25 Sheep, | 57 |
| 2 Hogs, | 12 |
| 7 Carriages, | 350 |
| Stock in Banks, | 1,078 |
| Money on hand or deposit, | 2,930 |
| Stock in trade, | 18,451 |
| Mills and Machinery, | 42,100 |
| Land and Buildings, | 143,247 |
| Aqueducts, | 1,500 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$237,904 |

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED.

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| By tax, | \$4,639 38 |
| Tax rate, \$1.95 on \$100.00. | |

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending
February 15, 1898.

SELECTMEN TO THE TOWN

DR.

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| To uncollected taxes on Lawrence list, 1896, | \$ 808 07 |
| " " Smiths " 1897, | 4,639 38 |
| | \$5,447 45 |

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| By paying Treasurer, Lawrence list, 1896, | \$ 497 95 |
| " " Smith's " 1897, | 4,272 36 |
| Abatements, 1894, | 5 99 |
| " 1897, | 14 62 |
| Uncollected, 1896, | 304 13 |
| " 1897, | 352 40 |
| | \$5,447 45 |

GEORGE A. WHITTEMORE, TOWN TREASURER.

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|--|------------|
| To balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1897, | \$1,381 41 |
| Cash received C. H. Philbrick, dog licenses, | 96 26 |
| " " George Woodbridge, pool table licenses, | 10 00 |
| " " George Woodbridge, billiard table licenses, | 10 00 |

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| Cash received C. F. Burnham, School Treasurer, for painting School House, | \$ 50 00 |
| “ “ County orders paid, | 157 74 |
| “ “ State Treasurer, R. R. tax, | 86 63 |
| “ “ Savings bank “ | 554 06 |
| “ “ Literary fund, | 70 06 |
| “ “ Gilman Foot, Janitor, for rent of town hall, | 111 00 |
| “ “ A. B. Lawrence, tax list, 1896, | 497 95 |
| “ “ O. G. Smith, “ “ 1897, | 4,272 36 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,297 47 |

TOWN TREASURER.

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| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| For County orders paid, | \$157 74 |
|-------------------------|----------|

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Paid H. W. Eldridge, town reports, | \$26 00 |
| “ “ By-Laws for town hall, | 3 00 |
| “ “ Recording book, Evergreen Cemetery, | 8 00 |
| W. E. Downes, Water bills, | 13 97 |
| Edson C. Eastman, 2 bills, | 1 85 |
| Express, | 15 |
| J. E. King, ladder for town hall, | 1 50 |
| G. S. Holt, irons, sharp drill, etc., | 2 30 |
| E. W. Burnham, labor in cemetery, | 2 50 |
| Thomas Murphy, repairing roof Town house, | 13 25 |
| Board of health, for box oil and team, | 85 |
| Goodell Company, lumber for reservoir, | 5 07 |
| Freight bill, | 75 |
| Berlin Iron Bridge Co., guide boards, | 13 00 |
| S. E. Staples, tramp house, | 10 00 |
| W. C. & F. C. Starrett, lumber and wood, | 6 55 |

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|--|----------|
| Paid C. S. Brown, for team to Hillsborough, | \$ 1 50 |
| W. H. Odell, for cash paid, | 8 21 |
| R. V. Knight, plumbing reservoir, and nails, | 1 25 |
| “ “ shoveling snow from reservoir, | 50 |
| L. G. Hildreth, recording births and deaths, | 5 25 |
| F. A. Taylor, shoveling path in cemetery, | 1 50 |
| C. H. Philbrick, book, etc., | 2 09 |
| Postage and express, | 1 25 |
| F. A. Taylor, snowing bridge, | 3 50 |
| Gilman Foot, wood, | 8 00 |
| “ “ cleaning town hall, | 3 00 |
| Henry Wilson, appropriation for Memorial day, | 35 00 |
| Moses Newton, watering tub. | 3 00 |
| F. A. Taylor, “ “ | 3 00 |
| H. J. Burt, Constable, | 3 00 |
| Gilman Foot, watching fire, | 75 |
| George Brown, “ “ | 75 |
| B. D. Brown, “ “ | 75 |
| Geo. Dickey, “ “ | 75 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$191 79 |

SHEEP KILLED.

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|--------------------|--------|
| Paid George Colby, | \$8 00 |
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HIGHWAYS.

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Paid C. S. Brown, Road Agent, | \$621 43 |
| “ “ breaking roads, | 164 85 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$786 29 |

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

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|---|----------|
| Paid Goodell Company, lights from April 1, 1896 to April 1, 1897, for Town hall, | \$ 40 19 |
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| Paid Goodell Company, lighting covered bridge, | \$30 00 |
| " " Street lights from Dec. 1, | |
| 1896 to Dec. 1, 1897, | 464 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$534 19 |

PAINING TOWN HALL, SCHOOL AND ENGINE HOUSE.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Paid W. E. Downes, for paint, | \$80 06 |
| Chas. Krug, labor, | 29 10 |
| Gilman Foot, " | 30 60 |
| George Dickey, " | 32 00 |
| W. H. Burtt, " | 34 60 |
| Peter Milton, painting and gilding eagle, | 20 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$226 36 |

SCHOOL MONEY.

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid C. F. Burnham, School Treasurer, | \$1,274 86 |
| School Board, | 30 00 |
| C. F. Burnham, School Treasurer, | 5 00 |
| C. E. Sawyer, Truant Officer, | 3 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,312 86 |

CARE OF TRAMPS.

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|----------------------|---------|
| Paid Jefferson Shea, | \$12 77 |
| W. H. Odell, | 1 59 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$14 36 |

TOWN LIBRARY.

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Paid L. G. Hildreth, | 63 10 |
| Hattie Wilson, Librarian, | 6 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$69 60 |

INTEREST PAID.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Interest on Town Bonds, | \$174 00 |
| Mary E. Smith, Interest on Note, | 108 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$282 00 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Jefferson Shea, care of Engine, | \$ 25 00 |
| “ “ supplies for Engine, | 2 10 |
| M. M. Cheney, Clerk pay roll, | 87 50 |
| H. A. Eaton, for uniforms, | 100 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$214 60 |

PUBLIC TAXES.

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Paid County Tax, | \$616 20 |
| State Tax, | 635 00 |
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| | \$1,251 20 |

TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Paid W. H. Odell, 1st Selectman, | \$42 00 |
| H. A. Eaton, 2nd “ | 18 80 |
| M. M. George, 3rd “ | 13 45 |
| W. H. Odell, Overseer of Poor, | 6 60 |
| G. A. Whittemore, Town Treasurer, | 40 00 |
| C. H. Philbrick, Town Clerk, | 30 00 |
| Gilman Foot, Janitor Town hall, | 28 65 |
| C. H. Kimball, Auditor, | 2 00 |
| F. B. Gould, “ | 2 00 |
| C. F. Burnham, Supervisor, | 4 00 |
| C. H. Philbrick, “ | 4 00 |
| Alex Caldwell, “ | 4 00 |
| M. M. George, Moderator, | 2 00 |

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|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid L. G. Hildreth, Board of Health, | \$ 2 00 |
| Jefferson Shea, Police, | 5 00 |
| O. G. Smith, Collector taxes, | 64 08 |
| A. B. Lawrence, " " " | 6 46 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$275 04 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
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| Money and receipts in Treasurer's hands, | \$7,297 47 |
| Paid County orders, | \$ 157 74 |
| Miscellaneous expenses, | 191 79 |
| Sheep killed, | 8 00 |
| C. S. Brown, Road Agent, | 786 29 |
| Electric lights, | 534 19 |
| Painting Town, School and Engine house, | 226 36 |
| Schools, | 1,312 86 |
| Care Tramps, | 14 36 |
| Town Library, | 69 60 |
| Interest, | 282 00 |
| Fire Department, | 214 60 |
| Public Taxes, | 1,251 20 |
| Town Officers, | 275 04 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands, | 1,973 44 |
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| | \$7,297 47 |

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

CALVIN S. BROWN, ROAD AGENT.

To the Town, DR.

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|------------------------------|----------|
| To cash from Town Treasurer, | \$786 29 |
|------------------------------|----------|

FEBRUARY, 1897.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Paid H. H. Ross, breaking roads, | \$ 50 | |
| G. M. Brown, " " | 1 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1 75 |

MARCH, 1897.

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| Paid C. S. Brown, | 4 days, 1 hour, | \$ 6 15 | |
| " " team, | 5 " | 12 50 | |
| Robert Shea, | 3 " 1 " | 4 65 | |
| John Harmon, | 2 " 2 " | 3 30 | |
| G. E. Fish, | 1 " 9 " | 2 85 | |
| Samuel Foote, | 3 " | 4 50 | |
| L. D. Richardson, | 1 " 1 " | 2 25 | |
| S. H. Newton, | 9 " | 1 35 | |
| " " team, | 6 " | 90 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$38 45 |

APRIL, 1897.

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|---|---------------|---------|----------|
| Paid C. S. Brown, | 10 days. | \$15 00 | |
| " " team, | 17 " 2 hours, | 43 00 | |
| Robert Shea, | 10 " | 15 00 | |
| G. E. Fish, | 9 " 8 " | 14 70 | |
| Samuel Foote, | 6 " 5 " | 9 75 | |
| Victor Corsette, | 6 " | 9 00 | |
| A. D. Avery, | 6 " | 9 00 | |
| John Harmon, | 2 " | 3 00 | |
| W. F. Mallet, | 3 " | 4 50 | |
| Taylor Lakin, gravel, | | 8 00 | |
| W. C. & F. C. Starrett, 84 feet lumber 1896, | | 1 04 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$131 99 |

MAY, 1897.

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|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Paid C. S. Brown, | 11 days, 4 hours, | \$17 10 |
| “ “ team, | 25 “ 7 1-2 “ | 64 37 |
| Robert Shea, | 11 “ 6 “ | 17 40 |
| Samuel Newton, | 4 “ 5 “ | 6 75 |
| John Harmon, | 7 “ | 10 50 |
| “ “ horse, | 2 “ | 2 50 |
| G. E. Fish, | 10 “ 5 “ | 15 75 |
| Samuel Foote, | 12 “ 5 “ | 18 75 |
| Victor Corsette, | 12 “ 5 “ | 18 75 |
| A. D. Avery, | 12 “ 5 “ | 18 75 |
| W. F. Mallett, | 12 “ 5 “ | 18 75 |
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| | | \$209 37 |

JUNE, 1897.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Paid C. S. Brown, | 10 days, 3 hours, | \$15 45 |
| “ “ team, | 23 “ 8 “ | 59 50 |
| Samuel Foote, | 7 “ 1 “ | 10 65 |
| Samuel Newton, | 5 “ 8 “ | 8 70 |
| Robert Shea, | 12 “ 3 “ | 18 45 |
| John Harmon, | 10 “ 3 “ | 15 45 |
| “ “ horse, | 5 “ | 62 |
| G. E. Fish, | 13 “ 6 “ | 20 40 |
| Andy Clery, | 1 “ | 1 50 |
| Victor Corsette, | 7 “ 8 “ | 11 70 |
| A. D. Avery, | 1 “ 3 “ | 1 95 |
| W. F. Mallett, | 7 “ 3 “ | 10 95 |
| Gilman Foote, painting railing, | | 6 00 |
| G. S. Holt, bill, | | 3 70 |
| G. E. Messer, painting bridge, | | 3 00 |
| J. L. Fleming, bill, | | 1 00 |
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| | | \$189 82 |

AUGUST, 1897.

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| Paid C. S. Brown, team, | 2 days, 5 hours, | \$ 6 25 |
| Robert Shea, | 7 “ | 10 50 |
| Samuel Foote, | 7 “ 4 “ | 11 10 |
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| | | \$27 85 |

SEPTEMBER, 1897.

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|--------------------|----------|---------------|-------|
| Paid Samuel Foote, | 3 hours, | \$ 45 | |
| | | <u> </u> | \$ 45 |

OCTOBER, 1897.

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| Paid C. S. Brown, | 5 hours, | \$ 75 | |
| " " team, 1 day, 6 " | | 4 00 | |
| Samuel Foote, | 1 " | 1 50 | |
| Robert Shea, | 5 " | 75 | |
| Emily Whittemore, gravel bank, | | 10 00 | |
| | | <u> </u> | \$17 00 |

NOVEMBER, 1897.

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|--------------------|----------|---------------|--------|
| Paid Samuel Foote, | 4 hours, | \$ 60 | |
| G. E. Fish, | 3 " | 45 | |
| W. L. Taylor, | 4 " | 60 | |
| | | <u> </u> | \$1 65 |

DECEMBER, 1897.

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|--------------------------|--|---------------|--------|
| Paid S. D. Downes, bill, | | \$4 74 | |
| | | <u> </u> | \$4 74 |

BREAKING ROADS.

DECEMBER, 1897.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Paid C. S. Brown, | 1 day, | \$1 50 | |
| " " team, 1 " 4 hours, | | 3 50 | |
| Geo. E. Fish, | 1 " | 1 50 | |
| | | <u> </u> | \$6 50 |

JANUARY, 1898.

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|-------------------|----------------------|---------|--|
| Paid C. S. Brown, | | \$ 7 00 | |
| Levi Colby, | | 18 00 | |
| M. H. Newton, | 3 days, 1 1-2 hours, | 4 72 | |
| C. F. Balch, | | 7 75 | |

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| J. P. Curtis, Jr., | 4 days, | \$ 6 00 |
| Robert Shea, | 1 " 3 1-2 hours, | 2 00 |
| G. A. Ross, | 7 " | 1 05 |
| E. A. Holt and team, | 3 1-2 " | 1 40 |
| E. Nourse " | 7 1-2 " | 3 00 |
| Geo. E. Fish, | 1 " | 1 50 |

 \$52 42

FEBRUARY, 1898.

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|--------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Paid C. S. Brown, | 2 days, 3 | hours, | \$ 4 20 |
| " " team, | 5 " 6 | " " | 14 00 |
| M. H. Newton, | 3 " 1 | " " | 4 65 |
| Levi Colby, | | | 12 25 |
| Ina S. Cram, | 1 " 5 | " " | 2 25 |
| Fred W. Odell, | 1 " 5 | " " | 2 25 |
| C. F. Balch, | | | 4 80 |
| Eben Edwards, | 2 " 8 | " " | 3 20 |
| " " team, | 2 " 8 | " " | 8 00 |
| R. S. Cram, | 1 " 5 | " " | 2 25 |
| J. P. Curtis, Jr., | 2 " 5 | " " | 3 75 |
| G. M. Brown, | 2 " 8 | " " | 4 20 |
| August Hanslie, | 2 " 8 | " " | 4 20 |
| G. A. Ross, | 2 " 8 | " " | 4 20 |
| E. A. Holt & team, | 1 " 8 1-2 | " " | 7 40 |
| E. Nourse " | 1 " 8 | " " | 6 80 |
| Geo. E. Fish, | 3 " | | 4 50 |
| Edward Burnham, | 1 " 5 | " " | 2 25 |
| F. A. Taylor, | | | 7 65 |
| E. J. Kimball Co., bill, | | | 75 |
| Samuel Foote, | 5 " | | 75 |

 \$104 30

 \$786 29

CALVIN S. BROWN, Agent.

TOWN HALL.

DR.

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|----------|--------------------------|--------|----------------|
| May | To Cleaning Hall, | \$3 00 | |
| " 31, | " 2 cords of Wood, | 8 00 | |
| Jan. 25, | " 1-2 cord of wood, | 2 00 | |
| | Electric Light, | 40 00 | |
| Feb. 15, | " Gilman Foote, janitor, | 28 65 | |
| | | | <u>\$81 65</u> |

GILMAN FOOTE, JANITOR.

DR.

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|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| To rent of Town Hall, March, 1897, | \$7 50 | |
| April, " | 10 00 | |
| May, " | 16 00 | |
| June, " | 3 00 | |
| July, " | 3 00 | |
| August, " | 6 00 | |
| September, " | 4 00 | |
| October, " | 7 00 | |
| November, " | 8 50 | |
| December, " | 14 00 | |
| January, 1898, | 32 00 | |
| February, " | 5 00 | |
| | | <u>\$116 00</u> |

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| By Cash, | 111 00 |
| | <u>111 00</u> |
| Balance due, | \$5 00 |

GILMAN FOOTE.

ABATEMENTS.

LAWRENCE'S LIST, 1894.

| | | |
|--------------------|------|---------------|
| Miss M. E. George, | 69 | |
| James Shea, | 2 65 | |
| Robert Shea, | 2 65 | |
| | | <u>\$5 99</u> |

SMITH'S LIST, 1897.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Geo. Knight, (paid in Mass., | \$1 95 | |
| Michel O'Malley, " Greenfield, | 1 95 | |
| Herbert Pillsbury, " Sutton, | 1 95 | |
| Herbert Wilson, over-tax, | 97 | |
| Mary C. Walker, " " | 7 80 | |
| | <hr/> | 14 62 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$20 61 |

TOWN LIABILITIES.

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Mrs. Mary Smith's Note, | \$1,800 00 | |
| Bonded Debt, | 4,900 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6,700 00 |

Against this we have the following

ASSETS:

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| Cash in Treasurer's hands, | \$1,973 44 | |
| Uncollected taxes, | 656 53 | |
| Due on Town Hall, | 5 00 | |
| Net liabilities, | 4,065 03 | |
| | <hr/> | 6,700 00 |
| Net liabilities, 1897, | \$4,510 52 | |
| " " 1898, | 4,065 03 | |
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| Decrease of Debt, | \$445 49 | |

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| W. H. ODELL, | } Selectmen. |
| H. A. EATON, | |
| M. M. GEORGE, | |

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the above reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Road Agent, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

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| CHAS. H. KIMBALL, | } Auditors. |
| F. B. GOULD, | |

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the School District of the Town of Bennington for
the Year Ending February 15, 1898.

Charles F. Burnham, Treasurer, to the District, DR.

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|---|------------|
| Balance in the treasury, Feb. 15, 1897, | \$309 29 |
| Cash from G. A. Whittemore, Town Treas. : | |
| Amount required by law, | 635 00 |
| Amount appropriated for school purposes, | 400 00 |
| For painting School house, | 50 00 |
| Dog license, | 119 80 |
| Literary fund, | 70 00 |
| Received of Ginn & Co., cash on books returned, | 27 97 |
| Received of Deering School Board, | 9 40 |
| Received of L. G. Hildreth, | 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,622 02 |

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| By cash paid Miss Charlotte E. Balch, | \$248 30 |
| Miss Blanche E. Cooley, | 198 00 |
| Miss Jennie A. Smart, | 99 00 |
| Miss Sarah F. Weston, | 72 00 |
| E. J. Whittemore, | 72 85 |
| John Ladd, | 117 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$807 15 |

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|--|-------------|
| By Cash paid for Books and Supplies : | |
| Ginn & Co., | \$187 58 |
| Boston School Supply Co., | 16 40 |
| George F. King & Co., | 5 20 |
| Express on Books and Supplies, | 4 00 |
| American Book Co., | 1 52 |
| George O. Joslin, | 1 00 |
| Lee & Shepard, | 84 |
| L. G. Hildreth, | 50 |
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| | \$167 04 |
| Cash paid for care School House, | |
| For fuel, | \$39 78 |
| For repairs, | 52 89 |
| | 15 55 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$108 22 |
| Cash paid for Miscellaneous Expenses : | |
| For painting School house, | \$50 00 |
| C. E. Eaton, note, | 50 00 |
| Interest on note, | 1 50 |
| W. E. Downes, | 11 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$113 00 |
| | \$1,195 41 |
| Cash balance in the treasury, Feb. 15, 1898, | |
| Note of Nathan Whitney, by vote | \$126 61 |
| of the district, | 300 00 |
| The above note is for the money loaned him that was raised for a school building and could not be used for school purposes. | |
| We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the above report of the School Treasurer, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched. | |
| G. A. WHITTEMORE, | } Auditors. |
| C. E. EATON, | |

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Spring Term, 1897.

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Elmer J. Shea, | George H. King, |
| Frank E. Fleming, | Edith M. Bartlett, |
| | Johanna A. M. Cody. |

Fall Term.

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Frank E. Fleming, | Albert J. Fleming, |
| John M. Knowles, | Robert M. Knowles, |
| Edith M. Bartlett, | Johanna A. M. Cody, |
| Nora M. Fleming, | May A. Griswold, |
| Edith M. Sawyer, | Rosa A. Sawyer, |
| | George H. King. |

Winter Term, 1898.

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Rosa A. Sawyer, | Jennie Wilson, |
| Frank E. Fleming, | John M. Knowles. |

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Spring Term, 1897.

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Perley F. Bartlett, | Walter Burnham, |
| Harry W. Brown, | Richard H. Cashion, |
| Carl D. Burnham, | Willie Cashion, |
| Willie J. Knowles, | Robert Cody, |
| Willie R. Man, | Wilfred J. Richardson, |
| Micajah F. Smith, | Edwin Sawyer, |
| Lorenzo D. Smith, | Richard R. Scott, |
| Nellie M. Adams, | Elsie M. Fish, |
| Grace A. Burnham, | Helen F. Fleming, |
| Elizabeth M. Fish, | Elsie M. Kimball, |
| Lena G. Sawyer, | Katie C. Moore, |
| Elizabeth Moore, | Ruth H. Myhavor, |
| Edna M. Richardson, | Elizabeth M. Wilson, |
| | Eva R. Wilson. |

Fall Term.

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Perley F. Bartlett, | Willie J. Knowles, |
| Harry W. Brown, | Willie R. Man, |
| Walter Burnham, | Lee F. Rogers, |
| Richard H. Cashion, | Richard R. Scott, |
| Willie Cashion, | Micajah F. Smith, |
| Morris E. Knight, | Lorenzo D. Smith, |
| Nellie M. Adams, | Mary J. Cody, |
| Elizabeth M. Fish, | Elsie M. Fish, |
| Helen F. Fleming, | Anna B. Kossbiel, |
| Katie C. Moore, | Elizabeth J. Moore, |
| Lena M. Nourse, | Eva R. Wilson, |
| | Clara L. Winn. |

Winter Term, 1898.

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| Perley F. Bartlett, | Harry W. Brown, |
| Willie Cashion, | Robert Cody, |
| Willie J. Knowles, | Willie R. Man, |
| Lee F. Rogers, | Walter E. O'Malley, |
| Onar S. Starrett, | Nellie M. Adams, |
| Grace A. Burnham, | Helen M. Holt, |
| Elsie M. Kimball, | Esther A. Sawyer. |

NORTH BENNINGTON.

Spring Term.

| | |
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| Fred Bemis, | Herbert Bemis, |
| Will Bemis, | Robert Bemis. |

Fall Term.

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| Fred Bemis, | Herbert Bemis, |
| Will Bemis, | Robert Bemis, |
| | Arthur Curtis. |

| No. of School. | Term. | Name of Teacher. | W'ks of School. | | No. of Scholars. | | Av. Attend'ce. | | No. visits Citz'n | Wages per Mo. |
|----------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|---------|----------------|----|-------------------|---------------|
| | | | Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. | | | | |
| 1 | Spring | Jennie A. Smart, | 11 | 42 | 38 | 21 | 21 | 64 | \$36 | |
| 1 | " | Charlotte E. Balch, | 11 | 62 | 55 | 29 | 33 | 56 | 30 | |
| 2 | " | E. J. Whittemore, | 12 | 14 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 42 | 24 | |
| 1 | Fall | J. L. Ladd, | 11 | 31 | 29 | 15 | 16 | 40 | 36 | |
| 1 | " | Charlotte E. Balch, | 12 | 63 | 51 | 30 | 33 | 42 | 30 | |
| 2 | " | Sarah F. Weston, | 12 | 17 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 24 | |
| 1 | Winter | J. L. Ladd, | 11 | 32 | 25 | 16 | 16 | 32 | 36 | |
| 1 | " | Charlotte E. Balch, | 10 | 60 | 51 | 28 | 32 | 46 | 30 | |

Miss Cooley, Primary Assistant, \$24.00 per month.

CHAS. H. KIMBALL, } School Board.
 F. G. STARRETT, } of
 L. G. HILDRETH, } Bennington.

Library Report.

Most of the books are in good condition.

We have purchased 138 volumes.

There is need of more room for the Library.

CHAS. H. KIMBALL, }
 JOHN FLAGG, } Trustees.
 L. G. HILDRETH, }

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Cash brought over from 1897, | \$81 54 | |
| Received from Town Treasurer, | 63 10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$144 64 |

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| 400 gum labels, | \$ 40 | |
| Books, Lee and Shepard, | 102 02 | |
| Freight, | 34 | |
| Carfare to Boston and back, | 3 36 | |
| Registered letter and postage, | 10 | |
| Cash on hand Feb. 21, 1898, | 38 42 | |
| | <hr/> | \$144 64 |

L. G. HILDRETH, Treasurer.

Report of Firewards.

The Board of Firewards submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898:

- Merrimack Engine, No. 1, in good condition.
- 250 feet linen jacket, rubber lined hose, in good condition.
- 300 " cotton " " " " in fair condition.
- 50 " " " " " " " "
- 150 " double riveted leather hose, old and nearly worthless.
- 1 Babcock fire extinguisher, in Town Hall.
- 1 five-gallon fire extinguisher in Engine House.
- 5 hand fire extinguishers in Engine House, Town Hall and School Houses.
- 3 ladders at Engine House.
- 1 fire hook, lanterns, rubber coats, etc., in Engine house, in good condition.

During the year uniform coats have been purchased for the firemen at an expense of \$200, \$100 of which was appropriated from the Town treasury, according to a vote passed at the last Town meeting.

There have been no fires for us to report during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. V. KNIGHT,
 W. F. MALLET,
 CHAS. H. KIMBALL,
 ARTHUR W. PIERCE,
 Firewards of Bennington.

Report of Sexton.

For the year ending February 16th, 1898, for the Town of Bennington.

| Name. | Age. | Died. | Disease. | Place of Interment. |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Florence A. Hildreth, | 27-6 | Mar. 25, | Blood poisoning. | Sunderland, Mass. |
| Harriet Gould, | 86-3-12 | Apr. 1, | Cancer and old age. | Bennington. |
| Gertrude May Mallet, | 3-3-25 | " 17, | Peritonitis. | Peterborough. |
| William B. Harmon, | 5-5-21 | " 21, | Diphtheria. | Bennington. |
| Joseph R. Dellaire, | 36-9-28 | July 21, | Tuberculosis Phthisic | Peterborough. |
| Charles Francis Burgess, | 19-2-3 | Dec. 27, | Heart disease. | Bennington. |
| George C. Cady, | 69-8-23 | Feb. 13, '98 | Parelysis. | Greenfield. |
| *Hannah Decatur, | 88- | Dec. 28, | Paralysis | Grassmere. |
| *Burton A. Knight, | 34-6 | Jan. 27, '98 | Pulmonary Tuberculosis | Concord. |
| *David S. Bartlett, | 76-3-19 | Feb. 4, '98 | Apoplexy. | Sherburne Falls, Mass. |

*Brought here for Interment.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. TAYLOR, Sexton.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

| Date of Birth. | Name of Child. | Lives or sb. | Sex. | Name of Father. | Maiden Name of Mother. | Residence of Parents. | Occupation of Father. | Birthplace of Father. | Birthplace of Mother. |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 27... | Charles Fred..... | L. | M. | Ferdinand Dobbler... | Josephine Mier..... | Bennington | Mechanic.... | Switzerland..... | Switzerland..... |
| Feb. 16... | Roderick Hugo..... | " | " | Carl Krug..... | Josie Kossbiel..... | " | Painter..... | Germany..... | Germany..... |
| " 28... | Tully Quimby..... | " | F. | Maurice J. Fourmier... | Helen K. Quimby..... | " | Mechanic.... | Alton..... | Lowell, Mass. |
| Mar. 1... | Edna Mabel..... | " | " | Edwin R. Keiser..... | Mamie H. Bushfield.. | " | Laborer..... | Delaware, Ohio... | Newbury, N. Y. |
| " 24... | Harold C..... | S. | M. | Lewis G. Hildreth..... | Florence A. Russell... | " | Physician... | Whitefield..... | Sunderland, Mass. |
| July 18... | John Michael..... | L. | " | George J. Myhaver..... | Bertha E. Philbrick... | " | Mechanic.... | Hunsdale, Mass.... | Canada..... |
| " 22... | John Michael..... | " | " | Patrick McGrath..... | Nellie M. Cody..... | " | Teamster.... | Ireland..... | Ireland..... |
| " 23... | Charles Nelson..... | " | " | Charles E. Robertson.. | Elizabeth Phelps..... | " | Mechanic.... | Boscawen..... | Manchester. |
| Apr. 16... | | " | " | J. P. Curtis Jr..... | Carrie Hatch..... | " | | Antrim..... | Boston, Mass. |
| Nov. 13... | Terris May..... | " | F. | Patrick E. Cashion..... | Kate C. McGrall..... | " | Mechanic.... | Greenfield..... | England..... |
| " 14... | Louise Virginia..... | " | " | Thomas Bishop..... | Margaret A. Cashion.. | " | Laborer..... | Canada..... | Peterborough. |
| " 22... | Ruth Lillian..... | " | " | Henry W. Wilson..... | Hattie A. Kimball..... | " | Mechanic.... | Bennington..... | Bennington. |
| " 29... | Gertrude May..... | " | " | Will H. Bellows..... | Annie M. Woods..... | " | " | South Haven, Mich. | Bennington. |
| Dec. 15... | | " | " | William M. Bemis..... | Nellie Jane Colby..... | " | " | Brattleboro', Vt.... | Franklin. |
| " 29... | | " | " | Frank A. Taylor..... | Margaret Anderson... | " | Farmer..... | Bennington..... | Cambridge, Mass. |

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

| Date | Place of Marriage | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride. | Residence of each at time of Marriage. | Age of Groom & Bride. | Occupat'n of Groom & Bride. | Place of Birth of each. | Names of Parents. | Birthplace of Parents. | Occupat'n. | Condition.* | Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married. |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|---|
| Jan. 2 | Hillsboro | Patrick McGrath | Bennington | 25 | Laborer | Ireland | Mike McGrath Kate Knealy | Ireland | | x | D. W. Fitzgerald, Catholic Priest, Hillsborough. |
| | | Nellie Cody | " | 21 | | " | Michael Cody Ellen Coughlan | " | | x | |
| July 19 | | Patrick E. Cashion | " | 23 | Mechanic | Greenfield | Patrick Cashion Ellen Cashion | " | | x | D. W. Fitzgerald, Catholic Priest, Hillsborough. |
| | | Katie McGrail | " | 21 | Housek'p'r. | England | Paul McGrail | " | | x | |
| Sept. 13 | Bennington | Leroy C. Vose | [ville, Mass. W. Somer- | 26 | Com. m ch't | Houlton, Me | Lyman Vose Alice Brooks | Cambridge, Ms Robbinst'n, Me | Farmer | x | Rev. F. E. Winn, Cong. clergyman, Bennington. |
| | | Nellie Emily Downes | Bennington | 21 | | Greenfield | William E. Downes Emily F. Tuttle | Francestown Antrim | Merchant | x | |

* What marriage, 1st, 2nd, etc. † Widowed.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

| Date | Name and Surname of the Deceased. | Age. | | | Place of Birth. | Sex. | S. M. W. D. | Occupation. | Place of Birth. | | Name of Father. | Maiden Name of Mother. | Disease or Cause of Death. |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|-----------------|------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|---|---|--|
| | | Years. | Months. | Days. | | | | | Father. | Mother. | | | |
| Jan. 10 | Almira E. S. Favor... | 83 | 10 | 21 | Francestown. | F. | W. | Housek'r. | Francest'wn | Francest'wn | John Sleeper..... | Lydia Sleeper.... | Pneumonia. |
| " 11 | Phyllita Ann Martin.. | 50 | 0 | 20 | Bennington.. | " | D. | " | Bennington | Bennington | William P. Burr.. | Betsy Clark..... | Pneumonia. |
| " 15 | Warren Baker Keeser.. | 63 | 9 | 28 | Alexandria.. | M. | M. | Mechanic | Bridgewater | Francest'wn | Joseph Keeser... Austin N. Russel | Betsy Kempt.... Susan Sanderson | Pneumonia. |
| Mar. 25 | Florence A. Hildreth.. | 27 | 4 | 29 | Sunderl'd Ms. | F. | W. | Teacher.. | Sund'r'd Ms | Sund'r'd Ms | Nehemiah Pierce. Wm. F. Mallet... Wm. F. Harmon.. | Lucy Gould..... Nellie F. Cashion. Mary E. Wilson.. | Urania. Cancer and old age. Pertontitis. |
| Apr. 7 | Harriet Gould..... | 86 | 3 | 12 | Hancock..... | " | W. | " | Alstead..... | Greenfield.. | Edmond Dellaire. James Cashion... Porter T. Burgess | Julia McGrath.... Eva F. | Diphtheria. Tubercular phthisis. Rheumatic men'g'itis. Heart disease. |
| " 17 | Gertrude Mary Mallett | 3 | 3 | 23 | Bennington.. | " | S. | " | Nova Scotia | Bennington | John Sleeper..... | Mary E. Wilson.. | Pertontitis. |
| " 21 | Wm. Byron Harmon.. | 5 | 5 | 28 | " | " | M. | " | Canada..... | Canada..... | Edmond Dellaire. James Cashion... Porter T. Burgess | Mary Dumonlin.. Julia McGrath.... Eva F. | Diphtheria. Tubercular phthisis. Rheumatic men'g'itis. Heart disease. |
| July 21 | Joseph R. Dellaire.... | 36 | 9 | 28 | Canada..... | F. | M. | Mechanic | Canada..... | Canada..... | Edmond Dellaire. James Cashion... Porter T. Burgess | Mary Dumonlin.. Julia McGrath.... Eva F. | Tubercular phthisis. Rheumatic men'g'itis. Heart disease. |
| Nov. 27 | Annie S. Cashion..... | 28 | 9 | 1 | " | " | S. | Housek'r. | Ireland..... | Ireland..... | James Cashion... Porter T. Burgess | Julia McGrath.... Eva F. | Tubercular phthisis. Rheumatic men'g'itis. Heart disease. |
| Dec. 27 | Charles F. Burgess.... | 19 | 2 | 3 | Petersburg, Va | M. | S. | Mechanic | New York.. | Jersey C.N.J | Porter T. Burgess | Eva F. | Heart disease. |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

CYRUS H. PHILBRICK, Town Clerk.



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