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FINANCIAL
AND
SCHOOL REPORTS,
AND THE
VITAL STATISTICS
OF THE
Town of Francestown,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

Whole amount of taxes for 1897 committed to

C. F. Sleeper, Collector	\$5,429 60
Resident taxes	\$4,659 17
Non-Resident Taxes	725 35
Precinct Taxes	45 08
	<hr/> \$5,429 60

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:

State tax	\$1,040 00
County tax	1,009 21
School tax	1,568 91
Precinct tax	45 08
Town tax	1,766 40
	<hr/> \$5,429 60

STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR FOR 1896.

Amount due town on tax list of 1896, uncol-
lected Feb. 15, 1897

lected Feb. 15, 1897	\$1,363 37
Interest accrued on same	44 34
	<hr/> \$1,407 71

CONTRA.

By amount paid Town Treasurer	\$1,294 52
Abatement per order of Selectmen	68 85
Interest collected and paid Town Treasurer	44 34
	<hr/> \$1,407 71

STATEMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

State tax of Fracestown		\$1,040 00
Due your town for insurance tax	\$60 75	
“ Railroad tax	79 36	
“ Savings Banks tax	934 67	
“ Literary Fund	71 30	
Leaving a balance due the town		109 61
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	\$1,149 61	\$1,149 61

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid G. H. Richardson, labor, May 6	\$24 00	
“ June 5	40 00	
“ July 2	40 00	
“ Nov. 6	51 00	
“ Dec. 4	11 00	
“ Feb. 15	15 50	\$181 50
Frank B. Crosby, Sept. 4	75	75
Hiram Lynch, June 5	2 77	2 77
Mason D. Andrews, July 2	6 30	6 30
T. F. Foote, Feb. 14	50	50
L. M. Bixby, Oct. 10	50	50
S. S. Brown, July 27	2 63	2 63
Nathan Chandler, Aug. 5	1 65	1 65
J. M. Morse, Sept. 4	3 75	
“ Feb. 15	1 20	4 95
Octavio La Porte, Sept. 10	1 50	1 50
C. W. Paige, Oct. 6	4 58	4 58
Jas. Daniels, Dec. 16	4 50	4 50
Mark A. Richardson, Dec. 27	1 00	1 00
Franck Gerrish, Feb. 8	6 15	6 15
W. R. Smith, Dec. 4	3 00	
“ Feb. 11	1 20	4 20
Moses Fisher, Feb. 14	1 57	1 57
Geo. W. Grimes, Jan. 5	2 25	

Paid Geo. W. Grimes,	July 2	.	\$6 75	
“	Aug. 7	.	6 55	
“	Sept. 4	.	4 50	
“	Oct. 2	.	6 75	
“	Nov. 6	.	1 50	
“	Feb. 11	.	1 25	\$29 55
Jacob Langdell,	June 5	.	6 50	6 50
Hiram Patch,	Feb. 12	.	1 75	1 75
Levi G. Putnam,	Feb. 12	.	8 25	8 25
George A. Duncklee,	June 5	.	5 50	5 50
George R. Smith, labor,	May 6	.	9 75	
“	June 5	.	27 75	
“	July 2	.	25 50	
“	Nov. 6	.	20 10	
“	Dec. 4	.	3 00	
“	Jan. 1	.	3 00	89 10
D. W. Dunckee,	May 6	.	8 25	
“	June 5	.	30 75	
“	July 2	.	27 00	
“	Aug. 7	.	3 22	
“	Nov. 6	.	7 05	76 27
John L. Shattuck,	May 6	.	9 75	
“	June 5	.	24 75	
“	July 2	.	26 25	
“	Nov. 6	.	1 80	62 55
John C. Richardson,	May 6	.	7 50	
“	June 5	.	21 00	
“	July 2	.	27 75	
“	Nov. 6	.	3 75	60 00
T.E. Fisher, bridge plank,	Nov. 23	.	19 99	19 99
E. W. Farnum,	May 6	.	39 00	
“	June 5	.	120 00	
“	July 2	.	119 00	
“	Oct. 2	.	26 17	
“	Nov. 6	.	18 00	322 17
Geo. D. Epps, labor and supplies,	Nov. 24	.	9 31	9 31

Paid John B. Case,	Nov. 27	.	\$1 80	\$1 80
Henry S. Knight,	Dec. 7	.	3 75	3 75
Hiram P. Clark,	Dec. 13	.	1 50	1 50
Burt W. Smith,	May 6	.	10 50	
“	June 5	.	30 75	
“	July 2	.	29 25	
“	Nov. 6	.	31 87	
“	Dec. 4	.	7 50	
“	Jan. 1	.	6 37	116 24
J. H. Preston, repairs,	June 5	.	2 87	2 87
F. C. Whitaker, repairs,	June 5	.	1 95	
“	July 2	.	1 65	
“	Feb. 12	.	65	4 25
John A. Holt,	June 5	.	1 20	1 20
George Richardson,	June 5	.	7 50	
“	Oct. 2	.	4 50	12 00
Ira Richardson, labor,	June 5	.	3 00	3 00
E. H. Bartlett,	July 2	.	2 25	2 25
Henry Morse,	July 23	.	7 50	7 50
N. D. Hopkins,	July 23	.	6 60	6 60
S. W. Eaton,	July 23	.	1 00	1 00
Samuel Newton,	July 2	.	6 75	6 75
Frank G. Putnam,	July 2	.	10 50	10 50
George Putnam,	July 2	.	3 00	3 00
J. H. Chandler,	July 2	.	21 00	21 00
E. A. Newton,	July 2	.	14 50	14 50
C. P. Bryant,	July 2	.	25 75	25 75
Frank Paige,	July 2	.	8 25	8 25
A. D. Stevens,	May 6	.	2 25	2 25
Henry Hood,	May 6	.	75	75
William Mumford,	May 6	.	2 25	
	June 5	.	28 50	
	July 2	.	24 00	
	Nov. 1	.	3 75	58 50
John B. Varick Co.,				
blasting material,	July 2	.	4 65	
	Nov. 6	.	3 00	7 65

Paid D. E. Proctor, drain pipe, Nov. 6	.	\$11 25	\$11 25
Concord Foundry Co., sewer grating and freight, July 29	.	3 32	<u>3 32</u>
			\$1,253 42

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid F. A. Prescott	.	.	.	\$24 00
John C. Toombs	.	.	.	11 55
Almore Dennison	.	.	.	3 30
C. A. Lord	.	.	.	11 92
J. M. Morse	.	.	.	3 15
F. B. Crosby	.	.	.	60
C. P. Bryant	.	.	.	27 90
J. A. Flanders	.	.	.	22 55
J. H. Chandler	.	.	.	15 60
H. S. Bailey & Son	.	.	.	12 55
R. C. Woodward	.	.	.	23 40
W. A. Phelps	.	.	.	1 80
J. C. Flanders	.	.	.	4 30
John B. Case	.	.	.	13 50
B. O. Pettee	.	.	.	19 66
J. J. Henderson	.	.	.	60
Geo. W. Grimes	.	.	.	4 05
James N. Flanders	.	.	.	13 40
L. H. Belcher	.	.	.	47 50
Alvin Avery	.	.	.	1 35
W. H. Preston	.	.	.	18 82
P. M. Foote	.	.	.	13 64
George Richardson	.	.	.	3 00
H. F. Aitken	.	.	.	60
Benj. Weston	.	.	.	1 80
George Kingsbury	.	.	.	1 05
Ira Richardson	.	.	.	2 10
Moses Jellison	.	.	.	1 05
N. D. Hopkins	.	.	.	6 15
Daniel Barrett	.	.	.	68
H. A. Whitfield	.	.	.	1 95
George A. Shattuck	.	.	.	14 47

Paid Andy Holt	\$1 13
Harry Newton	13 50
C. E. Hopkins	3 35
E. W. Farnum	56 40
E. A. Newton	3 15
Henry Jelly	7 87
Charles Maynard	75
C. F. Bailey	90
George A. Duncklee	6 65
John L. Shattuck	90
Hiram Patch	1 50
F. H. Colburn	3 15
D. B. Tobie	2 50
Arthur Moses	35
W. K. Follansbee	1 95
Albert Dodge	20 23
S. E. Stevens	2 00
L. G. Putnam	8 40
A. W. Spaulding	1 35
James T. Woodbury	25 65
S. R. Abbott	11 63
E. H. Patch	3 90
F. H. Paige	19 20
Henry Stone	6 60
W. R. Smith	7 95
George R. Smith	6 60
J. A. Holt	1 50
E. H. Place	35
F. E. Gerrish	17 40
H. E. and E. L. Vose	98
H. E. Vose	60
W. F. Duncklee	5 65
Fred H. Epps	5 50
G. H. Richardson	13 90
William Terren	1 35
F. B. Starrett	2 85
Garvin S. Sleeper	6 00
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	\$601 63

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid George E. Downes, Treasurer Board of Education \$1,803 91

SHEEP DAMAGE.

Paid Albert Dodge \$3 50

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

Paid J. A. Cummings, printing town reports	\$28 65
S. R. Abbott, public watering trough	3 00
S. D. Downes, insurance on town house	60 00
Charles Hoag, fire watchman	2 75
John W. Hastings, fire watchman	2 50
Edson C. Eastman, order book, etc.	4 14
A. H. Bixby, library appropriation	100 00
Amasa Downes, sundries as per bill	38 13
C. F. Sleeper, memorial appropriation	50 00
J. M. Morse, guide board expenses	6 35
George E. Downes, precinct tax	44 72
Selectmen, printing bicycle notices	50
J. W. Bruce, tuning piano	2 50
C. E. Hopkins, repairs on town house	1 40
Frank B. Crosby, police duty, and dog officer	8 40
G. E. Vose, Fish Warden	2 00
George E. Downes, county tax	1,009 21
H. N. Whiting, interest on note	43 75
D. B. Tobie, note and interest	206 67
M. H. Balch, "	465 00
Hattie A. Fuller, "	258 33
H. N. Whiting, "	310 00
George K. Wood, Woodbury Fund	60 00
George R. Smith, services as watchman	2 00
M. L. Colburn, supplies	1 17
Elmer Wilson, public watering trough	3 00
S. D. Downes, wood for library	4 00
C. B. Gale, supplies	21 32

Paid George F. Pettee, interest on Clark legacy	\$52 50
N. H. Wood, care of transient guests	5 00
D. W. Duncklee, public watering trough	3 00
James T. Woodbury, recording births and marriages	5 70
S. R. Abbott, public watering trough	3 00
E. D. Stevens, reporting births and deaths	10 25
George E. Downes, exchange on checks	1 10
W. F. Duncklee, public watering trough	3 00
F. B. Starrett, "	3 00
J. M. Morse, wood for town hall	4 50
Nahum Russell, special abatement of tax	10 00
C. F. Sleeper, rebate	68 85
S. E. Stevens, cemetery work	38 43
S. E. Stevens, services as sexton	38 00
J. W. Hastings, lighting street lamps	10 08
T. F. Foote, "	30 38
J. T. Woodbury, wood for town hall	3 00
A. N. Whitfield, care of town hall	49 50
A. N. Whitfield, sawing wood for town hall	3 75
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	\$3,082 53

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edson H. Patch, services as Moderator	\$2 50
Bixby and Pettee, services as Auditors	4 00
Smith, Wood and Clark, services as Board of Education	100 00
Richardson and Roper, services as Supervisors	12 00
James F. Woodbury, services as Town and Dis- trict Clerk	37 60
George E. Downes, services as Town Treasurer	35 00
J. M. Morse, services as Selectman	80 00
M. L. Colburn, services as Selectman	74 62
L. M. Bixby, services as Selectman	78 37
C. F. Sleeper, services as Collector of Taxes	60 00
G. F. Pettee, services as Overseer of the Poor	26 50
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	\$510.59

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

J. M. MORSE'S BILL.

1897.			
March	9	One day at town house	\$2 00
	13	One-half day in office	1 00
	25	Trip to Manchester and expenses	2 50
	30	One day in office	2 00
	31	"	2 00
April	1	One day taking invoices	2 00
	2	"	2 00
	3	"	2 00
	4	"	2 00
	5	"	2 00
	6	"	2 00
	7	"	2 00
	9	"	2 00
	10	"	2 00
	12	One half day in office	1 00
	14	One day in office	2 00
	15	"	2 00
	16	"	2 00
	17	"	2 00
	19	"	2 00
	20	"	2 00
	21	"	2 00
	22	"	2 00
	23	"	2 00
	24	"	2 00
	26	"	2 00
May	6	One day settling road account	2 00
June	5	One-half day settling road account	1 00
July	2	One day settling road account	2 00
Sept.	4	One-half day settling road account	1 00
	4	One day perambulating New Boston Line	2 00
Oct.	2	One-half day settling road account	1 00
Nov.	6	"	1 00

Dec.	4	One-half day settling road account	.	.	.	\$1 00
	20	One-half day revising jury list, etc.	.	.	.	1 00
	22	Trip to Manchester and expenses	.	.	.	2 50
	23	One day perambulating Deering Line	.	.	.	2 00
Jan.	1	One-half day settling road account	.	.	.	1 00
Feb.	11	One day in office settling town accounts	.	.	.	2 00
	12	“ “	.	.	.	2 00
	14	“ “	.	.	.	2 00
	15	“ “	.	.	.	2 00
		Sundry expenses	.	.	.	4 00
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						\$80 00

M. L. COLBURN'S BILL.

March	9	One day at town hall	.	.	.	\$2 00
	30	One day at town office	.	.	.	2 00
	31	One-half day “	.	.	.	1 00
April	1	One day taking inventory	.	.	.	2 00
	2	“	.	.	.	2 00
	3	“	.	.	.	2 00
	5	“	.	.	.	2 00
	6	“	.	.	.	2 00
	7	“	.	.	.	2 00
	9	One day lumber inventory	.	.	.	2 00
	10	“	.	.	.	2 00
	12	One day in office	.	.	.	2 00
	13	“	.	.	.	2 00
	14	“	.	.	.	2 00
	15	“	.	.	.	2 00
	16	“	.	.	.	2 00
	17	“	.	.	.	2 00
	19	“	.	.	.	2 00
	20	“	.	.	.	2 00
	21	“	.	.	.	2 00
	22	“	.	.	.	2 00
	23	“	.	.	.	2 00
	24	“	.	.	.	2 00
	26	“	.	.	.	2 00

May	6	One day in office	.	.	.	.	\$2 00
June	5	One half day in office	.	.	.	.	1 00
July	2	One day in office	.	.	.	.	2 00
Aug.	2	One-half day in office	.	.	.	.	1 00
Sept.	4	"	.	.	.	.	1 00
Oct.	2	"	.	.	.	.	1 00
	23	One-half day Lyndeboro Line	.	.	.	.	1 00
Nov.	6	One-half day in office	.	.	.	.	1 00
Dec.	4	"	.	.	.	.	1 00
	20	"	.	.	.	.	1 00
	23	One-half day perambulating Deering Line	.	.	.	.	1 00
Jan.	1	One-half day in office	.	.	.	.	1 00
Feb.	11	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	12	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	14	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	15	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
		Sundry expenses	.	.	.	.	5 62

 \$74 62

LEVI M. BIXBY'S BILL.

March	9	One-half day at town house	.	.	.	.	\$1 00
	30	One day in office	.	.	.	.	2 00
	31	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
April	1	One day taking invoice	.	.	.	.	2 00
	2	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	3	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	5	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	6	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	7	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	9	Taking inventory of lumber, etc.	.	.	.	.	2 00
	10	" "	.	.	.	.	2 00
	12	In office	.	.	.	.	2 00
	13	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	14	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	15	"	.	.	.	.	2 00
	16	Taking inventory of lumber	.	.	.	.	2 00
	17	In office	.	.	.	.	2 00

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF POOR.

Received of Town of Francestown		\$130 68
Accounted for as follows :		
Paid aid to C. B. Foote, winter of 1896 and '97	\$78 51	
“ P. M. Foote for board of Mrs. Kemp 30 weeks at \$1.25	37 50	
Paid board and medical attendance of Irving Merrill	14 67	
	<u> </u>	\$130 68

Submitted by

GEO. F. PETEE,

Overseer of Poor.

TOWN HALL AND PIANO STATEMENT.

Received for use of town hall and piano		\$96 50
Paid A. N. Whitfield for care of hall	\$49 50	
“ James T. Woodbury, wood for town hall	3 00	
“ J. M. Morse, wood for town hall	4 50	
“ A. N. Whitfield, sawing wood for town hall	3 75	
“ Amasa Downes, supplies for town hall	10 75	
“ J. W. Bruce, tuning piano	2 50	
	<u> </u>	\$74 00
Balance in favor of the town for the use of hall and piano	22 50	
	<u> </u>	\$96 50

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for repairing highways	\$1,253 42
For breaking roads	601 63
For support of schools	1,803 91
Sheep damage	3 50
Miscellaneous account	3,082 53
Town officers for services	510 59
Town aid	130 68
	<u> </u>
Total paid by the town for the year	\$7,386 26

STATEMENT OF TOWN'S FINANCES.

George F. Pettee's note (Clark legacy)	\$1,050 00
H. N. Whiting note	1,250 00
L. M. Bixby note	500 00
J. H. Chandler note	500 00
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	\$3,300 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Amount due on tax list 1897	\$1,150 74
Cash balance in hands of Town Treasurer	218 73
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	\$1,369 47
Leaving the town in debt	\$1,880 53

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MORSE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
M. L. COLBURN,		of
L. M. BIXBY,		} <i>Francestown.</i>

FRANCESTOWN, Feb. 15, 1898.

We, the undersigned Auditors for the year 1898, find the amount of taxes committed to Chas. F. Sleeper for collection, J. M. Morse, M. L. Colburn, L. M. Bixby to be as follows :

State tax	\$1,040 00
County tax	1,009 21
School tax	1,568 91
Precinct tax	45 08
Town charges	600 00
Highway repairs	961 52
Library appropriation	100 00
Memorial appropriation	50 00
Cemetery appropriaion	50 00
Incidentals	4 88
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	\$5,429 60

AUGUSTUS H. BIXBY,	} <i>Town</i>
S. D. DOWNES,	

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1897	\$302 23
Received of Chas. F. Sleeper, Tax Collector for 1896	1,363 37
“ “ Chas. F. Sleeper, Interest on Tax List, 1896	44 34
“ “ Selectmen, for old piano	10 00
“ “ “ for use of town	1,000 00
“ “ “ Balance due town from State	109 61
“ “ Board of Education to pay note	253 91
“ “ Selectmen, for dog licenses	76 17
“ “ George Kingsbury, Executor, balance of Bequest of William Butterfield to town	70 00
Received of A. N. Whitfield, for use of town hall	96 50
“ “ Chas. F. Sleeper, Tax Collector for 1897	4,278 86
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	\$7,604 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of Selectmen for support of schools	\$1,803 91
“ “ “ agent for highways	1,253 42
“ “ “ for breaking roads	601 63
“ “ “ “ sheep damage	3 50
“ “ “ “ town officers' services	510 59
“ “ “ “ town aid	130 68
“ “ “ “ miscellaneous accounts	3,082 53
Balance in Treasury	218 73
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	\$7,604 99

GEORGE E. DOWNES,
Town Treasurer.

TOWN LIBRARY.

The Trustees respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

CASH RECEIVED.

Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1897	.	.	\$4 82
From Town Treasurer	.	.	100 00
“ Estate of Miss Jane M. Bradford	.	.	30 00
“ Books sold and from fines	.	.	6 15
			<hr/> \$140 97

CONTRA.

Paid for new books	.	.	\$85 33
“ Librarian's salary	.	.	26 00
“ Insurance policy	.	.	5 00
“ Granite monthly (two years)	.	.	3 00
“ Postage and stationery	.	.	36
“ Express and freight	.	.	66
“ A. Downes bill	.	.	1 88
			<hr/> \$122 23
Balance in hands of Trustees	.	.	<hr/> \$18 74

AUGUSTUS H. BIXBY,	} Trustees.
GEORGE K. WOOD,	
JAMES T. WOODBURY,	

SCHOOL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In this era of business reverses and high taxation, our financial report will doubtless be more interesting to the citizens of the town than our statement of school matters, we have therefore given the former ample space, and made the latter brief, but we trust concise.

The expenditures for the maintenance of schools during the year have amounted to \$1,539.51, with which sum five schools have been supported twenty-eight weeks, and two schools eighteen weeks. The schools in districts No. 1, No. 3, No. 4 and No. 12 being the favored five, and those in districts No. 7 and No. 8, those of shorter duration.

The teachers engaged were :—Miss Emma F. Bixby, No. 1, Summer Term; Miss Mary L. Bryant, No. 1, Fall and Winter Terms; Miss Minnie M. Tobie, No. 3, Primary; Mr. George K. Wood, No. 3, Grammar; Miss Carrie M. Downes, No. 4; Miss Elsie B. Downes, No. 7, Fall and Winter Terms; Miss Mabelle A. Colburn, No. 8, Summer Term; Miss Annie E. Hulme, No. 8, Fall Term; Miss Mary A. Pettee, No. 12.

Doubtless so desirable a corps of teachers could not have been retained in Francestown had it not been for the fact that all are residents of the town, since the wages paid here are less than those paid in most of the neighboring towns.

The record of attendance in the several schools shows a slight increase in the number of pupils, the total membership for the year being one hundred and twenty-one. The roll of honor also we find to be more satisfactory than in previous years. However, none of the schools of the town can be said to be large, the most flourishing numerically (the Primary school in the village) having but twenty-nine scholars.

But few changes in text books can be reported. There have been, however, some notable additions made, which, we believe, have contributed substantially to the merits of our schools. The vertical

system of penmanship has found favor here despite its many very worthy depreciators. History, long an incubus, has by the introduction of superior text-books, become a popular study. Reading has also received an impetus through the same medium. Grammar and English composition need vitalizing, but English literature is upon the advance, and this may be said of many other branches, and, as a whole, our schools, we think, are of a progressive type.

Submitted, GEORGE K. WOOD, } *Board of*
 ANNIE S. CLARK, } *Education.*
 GEORGE R. SMITH, }

ROLL OF HONOR.

NAMES OF PUPILS NOT ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE YEAR.

Ernest C. Downing.	John C. Flanders.
Amy E. Prescott,	Leon B. Bryant.
Annie V. Bryant.	James L. Woodbury.
William St. John.	Mabel A. Stevens.
Laura M. Daniels.	Alice G. Duncklee.
Florence B. Kidder.	

NOT ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR ONE TERM.

Bessie G. Hopkins.	Maurice C. Newton.
Marion H. Prescott.	Pearl Bryant.
Bessie Bryant.	Clarence B. Foote.
Clarence J. Daniels.	Paul C. Cummings.
Harry G. Woodbury.	Fanny E. Woodbury.
Nelson F. Flanders.	Florence A. Gebo.
Lena R. Gebo.	Warren A. Crosby.
Fred C. Gebo.	Oliver St. John.
Marianne St. John.	Murray R. Ives.
Esther E. Crosby.	Della J. Daniels.
Esther L. Foote.	Gertrude R. Henderson.
Harry R. Cochran.	David H. Cochran.
George B. Foote.	Orren Stone.
Fred D. Henderson.	Annie A. Epps.
Nettie E. Barrett.	Mabel B. Duncklee.
Rebecca S. Avery.	Ralph D. Carson.
Forest G. Carson.	Bertie P. Dodge.
Ada I. Duncklee.	Eva E. Wood.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1897	\$5 27
Received of Town Treasurer	1,803 91
“ “ Board of Education Lyndeboro	2 75
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	\$1,811 93

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of the Board of Education	\$1,793 42
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Balance in Treasury	18 51

GEORGE E. DOWNES,
Treasurer of the Board of Education.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Amount raised for schools	\$1,315 00
“ “ to cancel debt	253 91
Received from dog licenses	50 62
“ “ literary fund	71 30
“ “ town for supplies	101 52
“ “ tuitions	2 75
Amount in treasurer's hands last year	5 27
	\$1,800 37

PAID TEACHERS.

SUMMER TERM.

Carrie M. Downes, nine weeks	54 00	
George K. Wood, “ “	78 25	
Mary A. Pettee, “ “	54 00	
Minnie M. Tobie, “ “	65 25	
Emma F. Bixby “ “	54 00	
Mabelle A. Colburn “ “	54 00	
	\$359 50	

FALL TERM.

Minnie M. Tobie, ten weeks	\$72 50	
Annie E. Hulme, “ “	60 00	
George K. Wood, “ “	87 50	
Mary A. Pettee, “ “	60 00	
Elsie B. Downes, “ “	40 00	
Carrie M. Downes, “ “	60 00	
Mary L. Bryant, “ “	60 00	
	\$440 00	

WINTER TERM.

George K. Wood, nine weeks	\$78 75	
Elsie B. Downes, “ “	54 00	
Carrie M. Downes, “ “	54 00	
Mary L. Bryant, “ “	54 00	
Minnie M. Tobie, “ “	65 25	
Mary A. Pettee, “ “	54 00	
	\$360 00	

FUEL.

James T. Woodbury, No. 3	\$25 50	
George R. Smith, No. 1	2 50	
John L. Shattuck, No. 3	38	
Hiram P. Clark, Nos. 4 and 12	15 00	
Charles P. Bryant, No. 1	4 00	
E. N. Hill, No. 7	6 00	
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		\$53 38

CARE OF HOUSES.

Richard Gelineau, No. 4	\$1 50	
Carrie M. Downes, No. 4	4 50	
George K. Wood, No. 3	12 50	
Mary A. Pettee, No. 12	4 50	
Emma F. Bixby, No. 1	1 00	
Mabelle A. Colburn, No. 8	50	
Elsie B. Downes, No. 7	3 00	
Mary L. Bryant, No. 1	3 00	
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		\$30 50

CARRYING SCHOLARS.

Mrs. David Cochran, 27 weeks' board	\$54 00	
Mrs. Almon Dennison	27 00	
Levi G. Putnam	38 00	
Henry Stone	30 80	
Elmer E. Wilson	10 30	
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		\$160 10

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. A. S. Coburn	\$ 45
Levi G. Putnam, labor	4 00
John W. Carson, "	4 50
Mrs. A. Holt, "	1 50
Mrs. A. D. Stevens, "	1 70
Bridget Barrett, "	3 50
Samuel P. Newton, "	1 50

P. M. Foote, freight	\$1 00
E. F. Roper, labor	60
C. E. Hopkins, labor	1 00
Mrs. Fred H. Epps, labor	1 00
George R. Smith, labor and material	1 25
Mrs. C. F. Foote, labor	1 50
Town of Francestown, note	253 91
Charles P. Bryant, labor	75
John Scott, printing	1 06
Amasa Downes	8 20
Charles B. Gale	1 00
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	\$288 42

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Leach, Shewell & Sanborn	\$5 00
J. L. Hammet Co.	17 04
White River Paper Co.	4 59
James T. Woodbury, ink	4 00
Ginn & Co.	27 52
Werner School Book Co.	21 91
C. E. Ordway (1896)	20 00
Amasa Downes	1 00
Charles B. Gale	46
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	\$101 52
Total amount	<hr/>
	\$1,793 42
Sum unexpended	<hr/>
	\$6 95

GEORGE K. WOOD.

SERVICES AS MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

March 2	One-half day at school meeting	\$1 00
May 14	Visiting school	1 00
June 4	“ “	1 00
18	“ “	1 00
25	“ two schools	1 00

Aug.	27	Repairing school buildings	.	.	.	\$1 00
	28	" " "	.	.	.	1 25
Sept.	10	Visiting school	.	.	.	1 00
	24	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Nov.	12	Visiting three schools	.	.	.	2 00
	26	Repairing school buildings	.	.	.	2 00
Dec.	4	Visiting school	.	.	.	1 00
	31	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Jan.	28	" two schools	.	.	.	2 00
Feb.	14, 15, 16,	settling district accounts	.	.	.	5 00
		Writing report to town	.	.	.	2 00
		Making report to State	.	.	.	2 00
		Attending board meeting	.	.	.	3 00
		Attending Institute	.	.	.	4 00
		Services as clerk of board	.	.	.	3 00
		Examining and purchasing books	.	.	.	2 00
						\$39 25

ANNIE S. CLARK.

SERVICES AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

May	6	Visiting school	.	.	.	\$1 00
	7	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	13	" two schools	.	.	.	2 00
	28	" " "	.	.	.	2 00
June	4	" school	.	.	.	1 00
	15	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	2	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	24	" "	.	.	.	2 00
	25	" " "	.	.	.	2 00
Sept.	9	" school	.	.	.	1 00
	17	" two schools	.	.	.	2 00
	29	" school	.	.	.	1 00
Oct.	21	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Nov.	12	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Dec.	7	" "	.	.	.	1 00
	28	" two schools	.	.	.	2 00

Jan. 10	Visiting school	.	.	.	\$1 00
13	" "	.	.	.	1 00
27	" two schools	.	.	.	2 00
28	" " "	.	.	.	2 00
	Attending board meetings and Teachers' Institute	.	.	.	4 00
	Repairing books	.	.	.	1 75

\$33 75

GEORGE R. SMITH.

SERVICES AS MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

March 2	One-half day at school meeting	.	.	.	\$1 00
May 13	Visiting school	.	.	.	1 00
14	" "	.	.	.	1 00
June 10	" "	.	.	.	1 00
24	" "	.	.	.	1 00
25	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Sept. 30	" / "	.	.	.	1 00
Oct. 9	Attending Institute	.	.	.	2 00
11	Visiting school	.	.	.	1 00
20	" "	.	.	.	1 00
25	" "	.	.	.	1 00
26	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Nov. 3	" "	.	.	.	1 00
9	" "	.	.	.	1 00
11	" "	.	.	.	1 00
12	" "	.	.	.	1 00
29	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Dec. 28	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Jan. 27	" "	.	.	.	1 00
Feb. 12	Writing and posting warrants	.	.	.	1 00
14, 15, 16,	settling district accounts	.	.	.	5 00
	Making report to State	.	.	.	1 00

\$27 00

One of the members of the School Board being out of town, it was impossible to obtain an itemized account.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE K. WOOD, } *School Board*
 ANNIE S. CLARK, } *of*
 GEORGE R. SMITH, } *Francestown.*

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, IN ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE
F. PETTEE, FOR SERVICES AND EXPENSES AS
OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

1897.

April	7	To half day adjusting pauper bills	\$1 00
May	4	To half day collecting bills	1 00
	5	To one day at Manchester, settling with County Commissioners	2 00
	5	To fare and expenses	2 00
	8	To one-half day, paying bills, etc.	1 00
July		To one day receiving visitors and making calls	2 00
Sept.	22	To one day at Nashua with Co. Com's	2 00
	22	To fare and expenses	2 50
	23	To one day paying bills and fixing accounts	2 00
	27	To one-half day visiting paupers	1 00
	28	To one day at Grasmere with Irving Morrill	2 00
	28	To two fares to Grasmere	2 00

1898.

Jan.	6	To one day at Manchester, settle Com's	2 00
	6	To fare and expenses	2 00
Feb.	10	To one day entertaining callers, returning calls and squaring accounts.	2 00
			\$26 50

Submitted by

GEO. F. PETTEE.

SERVICES OF TOWN CLERK—Feb. 15, 1898. TOWN
OF FRANCESTOWN, DR.

To JAMES T. WOODBURY, Town Clerk.

1897.

Mar.	9	To one day at Town House	\$2 00
	20	To one day recording	2 00
	24	One-half day posting notice for drawing jurors and notifying Selectmen	1 00
	24	Drawing jurors and notifying the same	1 00

May	27	One day recording	\$2 00
June	3	One-half day recording	1 00
July	14	Recording fires and returning same to insurance commissioners	2 00
Aug.	5	One day recording	2 00
	6	One day recording	2 00
	11	One-half day posting notice for drawing jurors and notifying Selectmen	1 00
	20	Drawing jurors and recording the same, one- half day	1 00
	23	Three-fourth day with team notifying jurors .	2 00
Nov.	24	One-half day posting jurors notice and notify- ing Selectmen	1 00
Dec.	24	One-half day drawing and recording the same	1 00
	27	One-half day with team notifying jurors .	2 00
Jan.	11	One-half day reporting fires to insurance commissioners	1 00
	12	One day reporting to State Register	2 00
	13	One day reporting to State Register	2 00
	14	One-half day reporting to State Register	1 00
	14	One-half day recording	1 00
		Copying perambulations	20
		One and one-half days making report of vital statistics	3 00
		To making out sixteen burial permits at 15 cts.	2 40
		To services as Town School District Clerk .	2 00
			\$37 60

JAMES T. WOODBURY.

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of all the town officers for the year ending February 15, 1898, and find them correctly cast and properly avouched.

AUGUSTUS H. BIXBY,	}	<i>Town</i>
S. D. DOWNES,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>

FEBRUARY 22, 1898.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCETOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color of Each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	What Marriage Whether 1st, 2d, etc.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom Married.
Apr. 7	Francetown.....	{ Mark D. Richardson and Mabel Towas.....	Francetown South Weare	25 16	White "	Section hand on R. R. House work.....	Greenfield..... Weare.....	Stephen Richardson Mary Foote..... William Towas..... Sarah Lull (adopted) Henry C. Morrill.....	Sutton..... Greenfield..... South Weare... Weare..... London.....	1st 1st 1st	Henry S. Ives, Fran- cestown, Minister of the Gospel. F. W. Barrows, Hills- boro, Clergyman.
May 2	Hillsboro Bridge..	{ Ralph M. Morrill... and Rosa A. Crowell....	Francetown Francetown	19 30	" "	Fireman..... House work.....	New Boston.... Francetown....	Mary J. Morrison... Harvey Nichols.... Sarah E. Stiles....	Boston, Mass... Vermont..... Greenfield.....	1st 2d	
July 4	Greenfield.....	{ John K. Felch..... and Mary Abbie Day....	Francetown Greenfield..	30 26	" "	Farmer..... School teacher..	Tyngsboro, Mass Woburn, Mass...	John P. Felch..... Aarn Maria Kendall John H. Day..... Sabrianna Lewis...	Francetown... Andover, Mass Portland, Me... Greenfield.....	1st 1st	P. R. Crowell, Green- field, Minister of the Gospel.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex and Condition		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.
		Male.	Female.						
Jan. 10	Harold Colburn.....	Male	L.	Frank Henry Colburn.....	Althea Sleeper Tobie.....	Francestown..	Carpenter..	Francestown.....	Francestown, Mass.
" 11	Flora Ann Barrett.....	"	"	Frank A. Barrett.....	Hannah J. Marsh.....	"	Farmer...	"	Springfield, Mass.
" 20	Ralph Watson Hill.....	"	Female	Edmund N. Hill.....	Sarah A. Brown.....	"	"	"	Goffstown, N. H.
Feb. 8	Earnest Jilineau.....	"	"	Vital Jilineau.....	Sophia Jendreau.....	"	"	Canada.....	Canada.....
" 22	George Washington St. John.	"	"	Charles W. St. John.....	Arnie Eliza Richard..	"	Laborer...	Manchester, N. H.	Dorchester, N. B.
Mar. 2	Lilly Edna Gebro.....	"	"	Nelson Gebro.....	Mary Milette.....	"	"	Woodsville, N. Y.	Kingssey, Canada.
" 23	Zepherine Philibert.....	"	"	Frank S. Philibert.....	Maria Leclerc.....	"	"	St. Elie, Canada..	Camille, Canada.
Apr. 11	Lissia May Foote.....	"	"	Willis F. Foote.....	Veda G. Stoning.....	"	"	Francestown.....	Weare.....
" 17	Emma Philibert.....	"	"	Theodore Philibert.....	Louise Deoucourt... ..	"	"	St. Elie, Canada..	Lyndeboro.
May 30	Mabel Ida King.....	"	"	Peter King.....	Ida M. Boutwell.....	"	Farmer...	Springfield N. H.	Francestown.
June 26	Carl Avery Johnson.....	"	"	George B. Johnson.....	Carrie A. Avery.....	"	Laborer...	Hillsborough.....	East Washington.
July 19	Merrich Sylvester Crosby..	"	"	Frank B. Crosby.....	Emma H. Barker.....	"	"	Weare.....	Francestown.
" 26	Rosie May Gownes.....	"	"	William O. Gownes.....	Jennie Maria Sweetser	"	"	Canada.....	Canada.
Sept. 6	Walter Ellsworth Willson..	"	"	Elmer Ellsworth Willson.	Mary Louise Chantal..	"	"	Francestown.....	Francestown.
" 20	Arthur St. John.....	"	"	Oliver St. John.....	Hattie M. Aldridge...	"	"	Canada.....	Canada.
" 24	Anna Glee La Porte.....	"	"	Octavien La Porte.....	Minnie Borosso.....	"	"	"	"
Nov. 1	Emma St. John.....	"	"	William St. John.....	Mary Jane Slate.....	"	Quarryman	Rutland, Vt.....	Windsorville, Canada
" 7	Charles William Dunham.....	"	"	William O. Dunham.....	Laura Elita Lewis.....	"	Laborer...	Athens, Vt.....	Springfield, Vt.
" 21	Eva Parris Foote.....	"	"	Clarence Batchelder Foote		"	"	Francestown.....	Lynn, Mass.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Color.		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 7	Abby Little Gilman	65	9	7	Antrim .....	..	F.	W.	Hillsborough.....	William Little	Abigail Wells.
Jan. 14	William Reed Sawyer	90	...	23	Antrim	M.	..	"	Goffstown.....	Samuel Sawyer	Susannah Reed.
Jan. 21	Abigail Stevens Sawyer	83	4	26	Francestown.....	..	F.	"	Boxford, Mass.....	Samuel Stevens	Abigail Eppes.
Feb. 3	Charles Augustine Yose.....	71	6	17	Francestown.....	M.	..	"	Francestown.....	Elisha Yose	Sarah Gay.
Feb. 14	Mary Pettee	78	9	1	Francestown.....	..	F.	"	Francestown.....	Abner Pettee.....	Polly Deane.
Feb. 18	Lucy T. Rogers	74	1	4	Litchfield .....	..	"	"	Greenfield	David Rogers	Rebecca Pollard.
March 10	Louise Jane Smith.....	56	9	14	Deering .....	..	"	"	Watertown, Mass...	Isaac Mills.....	Hephzibath Webber.
April 4	Abbie Harriet Woodbury	37	5	5	Francestown.....	..	"	"	Francestown.....	Francis E. Shattuck.	Carolae M. Hartney.
May 3	John Woodbury Hastings	51	1	23	Mt. Vernon.....	M.	..	"	.....	William Hastings...	Cynthia Lampson
Aug. 7	Frances Ann Yose.....	59	2	15	Greenfield .....	..	"	"	Greenfield	Ambrose Jaquith ..	Anna D. Holt.
Aug. 29	Emeline E. Averill	71	11	3	Greensboro, Vt....	..	"	"	.....	Cooldge Waugh....	.....
Oct. 25	Susan Billings Wilson Bryant..	83	6	2	Francestown.....	..	"	"	Windham	Alexander Wilson..	Elizabeth Fairbank.
*April 16	Nameless boy .....	.....	.....	.....	Somerville	M.	.....	"	Charlestown, Mass...	Geo. D. Cummings..	Emma L. Pettee.
*April 19	Nameless girl .....	.....	.....	2½	Somerville .....	..	"	"	Charlestown, Mass...	" ..	" ..

* Brought to Francestown for burial.

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

JAMES T. WOODBURY, Town Clerk.

