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Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH
JAMES H. WILLEY, TOWN TREASURER
FROM MARCH 1, 1891 TO MARCH 1, 1892.

APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH ELECTION 1891.

To pay state tax,	\$360 00
county tax,	651 02
Town expenses,	250 00
Repairing highways in summer,	400 00
Breaking roads in winter,	360 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	\$360 00
County tax,	651 02
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	\$1011 02

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Stephen H. Hutchins, Treas. School Dist., \$321 55

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid James H. Willey, \$56 00

TEXT BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Charles Colman, text books for schools, \$12 40

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid William A Bixby, Selectman,	\$39 50
Charles Willey, “	35 50
James H. Tibbetts, “	29 50
James H. Willey, Treasurer,	20 00
Edwin L. Brown, Town and School Clerk,	20 00
Asa A. Shortridge, Collector,	34 00
John F. Robinson, Supervisor,	7 00
James D. Hutchins, “	7 00
John S. Weeks, “	6 00
Stephen H. Hutchins, School Board,	10 00
Charles Colman, “ “	10 00
Arthur Sceggel, “ “	3 00
Stephen H. Hutchins, Treas. School Board,	3 00
John B. Lord, Auditor,	2 00
Jonathan W. Sanborn, Auditor,	2 00
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	\$228 50

PAID PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Samuel W. Roberts, medical attendance on Henry Drew's child,	\$7 50
Asa A. Fox, casket and robe for Henry Drew's child,	12 00
Harry W. Cate, digging grave,	2 00
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	\$21 50

PAID HIGHWAY BILLS.

Paid John C. Pike, for bridge plank,	\$37 70
Thomas L. Churchill, labor on highway,	27 45
Henry Boston, for gravel,	3 30

Paid Jonathan W. Sanborn, labor,	\$0 75
John Drew, “	1 50
J. Neal Cate, “	2 00
John F. Brown, “	14 45
Charles Willey, “	6 00
Wm. H. Hubbard, “	2 00
Thomas Goodhue, “	1 63
Charles B. Thomes, “	2 00
Maria M. Smith,	5 00
Asa A. Shortridge, labor,	5 00
Warren J. Stevens, “	3 13
Andrew J. Lang, “	7 00
John E. Lang, “	2 25
Luther M. Sanborn, “	8 99
Samuel H. Plummer, “	3 50
John B. Cotton, “	1 57
Simon Philbrick, “	2 40
Arthur Seeggel, “	4 25
Arthur Hackett, “	1 50
William A. Bixby, “	13 25
Charles H. Garland, “	7 87
Robert Smith,	10 66
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	\$175 15

PAID FOR DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Charles Clark, loss of sheep and damage to horse,	\$20 00
Charles J. Cottle, damage to team,	5 00
Wm. A. Bixby, adjusting dog damage,	3 00
Dudley C. Colman and John F. Robinson, adjusting dog damage,	2 00
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	\$30 00

PAID BREAKING ROADS IN WINTER.

Dist. No. 1,	John W. Prescott, surveyor,	\$23 52
“ 2,	James H. Willey, “	30 99
“ 3,	J. Neal Cate, “	16 20
“ 5,	John F. Wiggin, “	9 47
“ 6,	Thomas Goodhue, “	16 95
“ 7,	Warren J. Stevens, “	18 56
“ 9,	Charles H. Neal, “	18 23
“ 10,	John E. Lang, “	95 18
“ 11,	Luther M. Sanborn, “	49 82
“ 12,	Charles E. Clark, “	26 32
“ 13,	John F. Robinson, “	8 37
“ 17,	Harry L. Lang, “	16 50
“ 18,	Caleb H. Pike, “	21 31
“ 19,	John E. Witham, “	9 56
“ 20,	Charles H. Witham, “	8 02
“ 21,	Edwin Garland, “	10 20
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		\$379 18

PAID ABATEMENTS.

Paid Asa A. Shortridge, list of 1891,	\$25 03
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PAID MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid George F. Horn for drain pipe,	\$14 70
Charles H. Parker, printing town reports,	14 00
Edson Eastman, collectors and surveyors books	5 15
Wm. A. Bixby, money paid out,	6 25
Susan A. Hutchins, damage to cellar by water	5 00
Charles H. Garland, damage to horse on Robinson road,	8 00
Luther M. Sanborn, public watering place,	3 00
Joseph Pike, furnishing lights for bridge,	2 00

Paid Charles Willey, money paid out,	\$5 75
Samuel W. Roberts, returns of deaths,	50
James H. Willey, wood for town office,	2 75
Charles E. Clark, fencing town lot,	1 50
James H. Willey, public watering place,	3 00
Joshua G. Hall, legal advice,	5 00
Charles F. Roberts, returns of deaths,	50
Alice Burke, board of town officers,	9 00
James H. Willey, making report for printer,	2 00
Wm. A. Bixby, freight on drain pipe,	1 12
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	\$89 22

RECAPITULATION, MARCH 1, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd of Asa A. Shortridge, collector 1891,	\$2026 49
Savings bank tax from Selectmen,	391 07
Railroad tax, " "	10 34
Literary fund, " "	95 00
Edwin L. Brown, for dog licenses,	34 20
Selectmen, for tileing sold,	9 00
" hay and pasturing on town lot,	7 00
Town Treasurer for year 1890,	77 16
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	\$2650 26

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State and County taxes,	\$1011 02
School money,	321 55
Notes and interest,	56 00
Text books for schools,	12 40
Pauper bills,	21 50
Town Officers,	228 50
Damage to animals by dogs,	30 00

Paid Highway bills,	\$175 15
Winter road bills to March 1, 1891,	379 18
Abatements for 1891,	25 03
Miscellaneous bills,	89 22
Cash and notes in hands of Treasurer,	300 71
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	\$2650 26

JAMES H. WILLEY, Town Treasurer.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Due from Reed A. Lang, collector 1885,	\$8 60
Estimated value of Robinson lot,	400 00
From Thomas Dealand for drain pipe,	1 60
Caleb H. Pike, for hay on town lot,	5 00
Notes and cash in hands of Treasurer,	300 71
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	\$715 91

Liabilities, None

Brookfield, March 1, 1892.

Having carefully examined the foregoing accounts, we find them to be correctly cast and properly vouched for.

JONA. W. SANBORN, }
 JOHN B. LORD, } Auditors.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of BROOKFIELD for the Year ending December 31, 1891.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and surname of Groom and Bride of marriage.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Condition.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Aug. 4	Middleton	Howard Burroughs Ida B York	Brookfield Dover	32 w 2 18 w 1	w 2 w 1	2 1	Engineer Housework	Brookfield So Berwick	Warren Burroughs Abbie M Willey David P York Susan M Smart	Middleton Brookfield	Farmer Housework Shoemaker Housework	David E D Frost, j. Middleton
Oct. 24	Wakefield	Henry E Wentworth Mabel Heath	Brookfield Wakefield	27 w 1 28 w 1	w 1 w 1	1 1	Painter Housework	Wakefield Newfield Me	Stephen Wentworth Ann Smith Simon Heath George Thomas	Wakefield Newry, Me Newfield, Me Denmark	Housework Housework Farmer Farmer	C. N. Krook, c. Wakefield
Oct. 28	Brookfield	Horace L Thomas Hattie M Goodhue	Brookfield Brookfield	31 w 1 21 w 1	w 1 w 1	1 1	Farmer Teacher	Denmark Me Brookfield	Elvira L Newcomb Thomas Goodhue Sarah Witham	Brookfield Milton	Housework Housework	C. N. Krook, c. Wakefield

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

EDWIN L. BROWN, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of BROOKFIELD for the Year ending December 31, 1891.

Date	Name of Child, (if any.)	Sex & Condition			Name of Fa. her.	Maiden Name of Mother,	Parents' Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.							
June 29	F	L	3	Samuel Veno	Alice Cameau	w	Brookfield	Lumbering Farmer	Canada Brookfield	Nova Scotia
July 2	F	L	1	Harry W. Cate	Altareita Drew	w	"	Clerk	Northwood	Louisiana
Nov. 2	F	L	4	Langston D. Brown		w	"			Brookfield

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

EDWIN L. BROWN, Town Clerk.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of BROOKFIELD for the Year ending December 31, 1891.

Date	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.		Birthplace.	Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Occupation.	Birthplace of		Maiden name of Mother.
			Years.	Months.						Father.	Mother.	
Aug. 9	Brookfield.	Ann B. Wentworth.	69		Newry Me	F	w	w	Farmer	Brookfield	Ms	David Smith.
Sept. 20	"	Plummer G. Lovering	75	11	18 Mass.	M	w	s	Laborer	Tuftsboro	Me	Jesse Lovering.
Dec. 21	"	Hattie E. Garland	1	3	29 Wakefield	f	w	s		Tuftsboro	Me	Charles H. Garland Sophia S. Drisko.

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

EDWIN L. BROWN, Town Clerk.

Report of School Board for 1891.

The voice of many centuries gives an unimpeachable evidence to the fact that in whatever country or community the Church and School have been established and received their due share of attention and patronage, the people of that place have advanced towards enlightenment. It is also true that an opposite course pursued by the people, either toward one or both of these great factors, leads slowly, but surely, towards depravity. "Ignorance is the parent of vice," an ancient saying but a true one. A few statistics of the rapid strides made by our own country in the interests of education, together with a few facts in relation to other countries, will, perhaps, be as interesting to our townsmen in this annual report as anything we could offer. A popular definition of the word education is, that a man is educated, either for good or evil, by everything that he experiences from the cradle to the grave; but in a more limited and usual sense the efforts of the grown up part of the community to inform the intellect, and mold the character of the young.

Immediately on landing in 1620, one of the first acts of the Plymouth Colonists was to provide a meeting house for religious services and a school house for the children. The citizens of Boston as early as 1635 by vote appointed a school master. In 1647 every township of fifty householders was required to appoint a schoolmaster, and every township of a hundred families to maintain a grammar school, in which boys could be prepared for Harvard College, which was organized in 1636. The Colonial laws of N. H., R. I. and Conn, with reference to public education were explicit, and were enforced so as to secure practically universal elementary education. It may be stated in brief that instead of retrograding towards barbarism the people of the 13 British Colonies previous to their independence were securing

for their children more education than the people of any other contemporaneous country, and this was exceptionally true of New England, whose population was better educated than any other in the world. The Public Funds of our several states, the income from which is expended for education amounts to \$100,000,000. In 1867 Mr. George Peabody a wealthy American banker who resided in London gave one million dollars to aid in creating public school funds in the Southern states; this fund has been greatly enlarged and wisely used; the result has been salutary and great on all the southern states. The National Bureau of Education was established by law in 1867 and the annual reports of the Commissioner are said to be the most valuable summaries of educational information published in America, and are not surpassed by any in the world.

By the census of 1880 there were in the U. S. nearly 226,000 public schools and 10,000,000 pupils. Besides these there are Normal schools 233, Commercial, 217, Kindergarten, 348, Preparation schools, 157, Universities and Colleges, 365, schools of Science, 86, of Theology, 145, of law, 48, Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy, 134, Training schools for nurses, 23, for Deaf and Dumb, 57, for the blind, 30, and various others amounting in the aggregate to upwards of 2000. An American is Pre-ident of the new Imperial College in Peking, China. Thus among all the Nations of the world, America sends her meteors of light. No more important factor in all this great educational work, than our New Hampshire primary and grammar schools, where children are taught the first rudiments of learning.

Our schools the past year have been attended by about the usual amount of progress. The weather was very favorable for the winter terms which continued ten weeks. Length of summer schools eight weeks. Four female and one male teacher have been employed,—Mrs. H. B. Morgan, Miss Mary E. Colman, Miss Imogene Tibbetts, Miss Abbie Gage, and Mr. Sherman Gould from Maine. Each one struggled hard for success with satisfactory results. Whole Number of scholars attending, 80; average attendance, 62. Amount expended for each pupil, \$4.44.

STEPHEN H. HUTCHINS,	} School
CHARLES COLMAN,	
ARTHUR SCEGGEL,	

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

PAID SCHOOL BILLS.

Paid Mary E. Colman, teacher,	\$48 00
Abbie Gage, “	40 00
Imogene Tibbetts, “	48 00
Sherman I. Gould, “	50 00
Hattie B. Morgan, “	56 00
Mary E. Colman, “	14 00
Imogene Tibbetts, “	60 00
S. H. Hutchins, board of teacher,	26 00
S. H. Hutchins, stove wood,	5 00
S. H. Hutchins, glass and school crayons,	73
Charles Willey, wood,	5 00
Henry W. Peavey, stove for Hackett school house,	8 00
Charles Colman, glass, fitting wood, etc.,	3 40
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	\$364 13

WHOLE AMOUNT RECEIVED

FROM MARCH 1, 1891 TO MARCH 1, 1892.

From Treasurer of School Board, (last year's unexpended money,)	\$78 38
John F. Hackett, old stove,	1 50
James H. Willey,	321 55
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	\$401 43

WHOLE AMOUNT PAID OUT.

Paid School bills,	\$364 13
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	37 30
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	\$401 43

STEPHEN H. HUTCHINS,
Treasurer of S. Board.

Brookfield, March 1, 1892.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Board, have examined the above accounts subscribed by Stephen H. Hutchins, Treasurer, and find said accounts correctly cast and proper vouchers for such sums paid by said Treasurer.

JONA. W. SANBORN, }
JOHN B. LORD, } Auditors.

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