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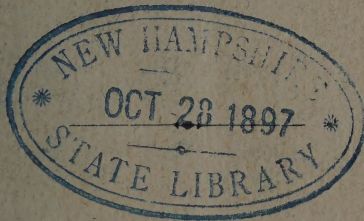
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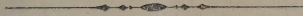
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TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the selectmen of the town of Bedford.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the town for the year ending March 1, 1875, as it appears upon the books of the treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Received from treasurer 1873	\$16,037 47
Taxes for the year 1874	5,740 15
Silas A. Riddle cemetery lots	40 00
“ use of hearse	10 00
Joseph H. Stevens in part for old hearse house and harnesses	15 00
Horace Holbrook interest on taxes	220 30
John Hodgman “ “	90 81
Interest on State bonds	504 00
Savings bank tax	1,717 55
Railroad tax	136 77
Literary fund	77 49
Insurance tax	7 50
United States bounty	64 00
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	\$24,661 04

DISBURSEMENTS, BONDS, CASH, &c.

Paid balance of school money, 1873	\$151 54
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Whole amount	“	1874	1,655	04
Old orders			152	10
Without order			65	04
Amount of orders drawn to date			11,048	22
On hand State bonds			8,400	00
Samuel Patten's note			44	00
Due from Col. 1874			1,090	15
Cash			2,054	95
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			\$24,661	04

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN HODGMAN, *Treasurer.*

Bedford, March 1, 1875.

INCIDENTIAL EXPENSES.

William McAllaster services as Selectman	\$90	00
Henry T. Barnard “ “	74	00
John S. McNeill, “ “	45	00
Oliver L. Kendall, “ treasurer	50	00
S. E. Morrison, paid W. H. Fisk printing reports	31	63
William Walker, use of watering trough	3	00
Hannah Rollins, over tax in 1873	4	25
Silas A. Riddle, services as clerk	50	00
Edwin R. Walker, labor on cemetery wall	12	50
William M. Patten, stone “ “	5	00
John Hodgman, for notes paid	2,070	43
Oliver L. Kendall, money over paid treasurer	65	23
Ralph Holbrook, abatement of taxes in 1873	55	40
Sewell Stratton, over tax in 1875	3	00
William R. French, services as Sup. S. Committee	55	00
Stephen Goffe, sheep killed by dogs	15	00
“ wood furnished town house	4	50
Samuel McDole, services as constable	5	00
Samuel E. Morrison, paid W. H. Fisk for record and surveyor's books	22	35

Joseph H. Stevens, abatement dog tax 1873	1 00
William Moore, damage to carriage	4 00
“ paid J. B. Varrick pr. hand cuffs	4 00
John S. McNeill, paid Briggs & Huse for counsel	5 00
Quincy Barnard, collecting tax for 1873	142 50
John H. McAfee, abatement in part of his tax	20 00
David Campbell, “ dog tax 1874	1 00
George Foster, use of watering trough from 1872 to 1874	9 00
John Hodgman, per. centage on tax list	139 78
“ abatement non-resident tax worked	6 84
“ paid Chandler & Houston notes	3,867 17
“ “ State and county tax	2,512 70
S. E. Morrison, paid S. N. Bell for counsel in Connor case in 1869 to 1872	30 00
Horace Holbrook, abatement non-residence tax worked	4 55
Horace Holbrook, per. on tax list 1872	65 20
“ services as collector in 1872	90 00
John Hodgman, abatement of tax lists of 1869 70 & 71	36 12
Wm. R. French services as S. S. Committee	25 00
William McAllaster, paid on cemetery wall	35 00
Thomas F. Kendall, repairing tools	4 06
Charles H. Moore, paid county com. on road	36 70
S. E. Morrison, aid to transient persons	5 50
Clinton French, “ “ “	4 00
John A. Patten, paid J. B. Varrick pr. hand cuffs	4 00
Quincy Barnard, error on tax list in 1873	20 55
“ abatement on his list in 1873	28 20
John Hodgman, non-residence tax worked	11 04
William Walker, use of watering trough, 1874	3 00
Joseph H. Stevens, surveying C. H. Moore's road	2 00

HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES.

James S. Lord, labor on highway in 1873	10 67
David Sprague, breaking “ “	4 80
Frederick Hodgman, labor “ “	11 50

Ephriam Kendall, breaking	“	“	6	60
Albert F. Newton, labor	“	“	39	56
James Fulerton, “ & breaking	“	“	16	15
Justin E. Vose, “	“	“	45	00
James McPerson, labor & breaking highway				
1871 & 72			13	20
Bradford Beals, labor & breaking highway	1873		12	24
Nathaniel Flint, “	“	“	11	00
Wm. R. French, “	“	“	2	00
George F. Gage, “	“	“	1873	7 60
George F. Shepard, “	“	“	1873	10 33
George F. Barnard, “	“	“	1874	5 00
R. S. Spaulding, rails	“	“	1772	20 00
David R. Barnard, railing on Sand hill			22	95
Gardner Nivens, labor on road	1873		3	75
Joseph H. Tinker, “	“	“	31	00
Ruben Bugbee, “	“	“	3	00
James E. Gault, “	“	“	3	50
Leonard Bursiel, “ on Wallace bridge			9	00
Stilman A. Shepard, labor on highway	1873		24	80
Horace Holbrook, labor on Wallace bridge			9	00
Eliphalet Bursiel, “	“	“	8	00
Clinton French, working non-resident tax			7	05
Joseph H. Stevens, labor on highway	1873		16	94
Clinton French labor on highway			79	60
Wm. A. Rundlet, “ on Wallace bridge			11	25
Frederick E. Scheer, “			18	00
Sanford Roby, labor on highway			28	75
Albert E. Boyce, railing on highway			12	92
Williams D. Mitchell, labor on highway and				
bridges			24	39
Peter Kean, breaking roads	1873		22	05
S. E. Morrison, labor and iron for Wallace b'dge			14	75
Isaac P. Hodgman, labor on highway			20	00
Joseph H. Tinker, “ N. Boston highway			16	25
Silas Holbrook, labor on highway			20	82
Alfred Jones, “	“	Dist. No. 4	65	50
George F. Shepard, “	“		13	31
L. D. Perry, “	“		3	51
Adam Campbell “	“	Dist. No. 4	24	00
E. J. Campbell “	“		58	40

Patrick Cochran	“	“	Dist. No. 4	7 00
David H. Barr	“	“		31 50
William Moore	“	“	Meadow road	15 75
J. S. McNeill, non-resident tax worked,				14 63
M. W. Spencer, labor on highway				14 59
Clinton French,	“	“		8 50
S. E. Morrison, paid for labor on Meadow road,				24 00
B. W. Nichols, labor on highway 1873				25 45
Orren Webber,	“	“	“	3 45
William H. Tarr,	“	“	“	28 62
Stephen Goffe, labor and plank for bridge,				27 36
Elephalet Bursiel, railing for Wallace bridge,				5 00
Frederick E. Scheer, labor Sand hill bridge,				20 50
Alford Jones Jr.,	“	“	highway Dist. No. 4,	16 00
William McAffe,	“	“		28 67
Joseph H. Holbrook,	“	“		6 50
Silas D. French, estate of Wm. R. French				12 31
Freman R. French, labor on highway in Dist. 4,				38 75
Alford Jones,	“	“	“	18 00
E. W. Butterfield, breaking road in 1873 & 74				8 90
Timothy Stevens, labor on highway,				\$14 00
Henry T. Barnard	“	“	Dist. No. 4	3 00
James E. Gault,	“	“	highway,	12 60

SUPPORT OF POOR FOR 1874.

Jas. French, for support, and Medical attendance of Abbie C. Bursiel, to Jan. 1st.,	70 80
Jas. French, for support of Abbie C. Bursiel Jan 1st. to Feb. 25th. 1875,	24 00

* Amount of money assessed upon the polls and ratable estate of residents and non-residents in the town of Bedford, for the year 1874 :

State tax	\$1,604 00
County tax	908 70

Town	“	1,500 00
Dog	“	94 00
School	“	1,403 50
Percentage		137 23
Non-resident highway		92 72
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		\$5,740 15

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No	1	\$274 60
“	“ 2	181 32
“	“ 3	127 79
“	“ 4	232 88
“	“ 5	117 70
“	“ 6	146 15
“	“ 7	158 74
“	“ 8	152 87
“	“ 9	126 61
“	“ 10	55 68
“	“ 11	80 70
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		\$1,655 04

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN SINCE
MARCH 1, 1874.

Incidental Expenses	\$9,779 20
Highway and bridges	1,173 22
Support of Poor	95 80
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	\$11,048 22

MONEY PAID WITHOUT ORDERS BEING
DRAWN.

Cash paid without orders	\$65 04
Old orders	152 10

Balance of School Money 1873	151 54	
School Money of 1874	1,655 04	
	<u> </u>	\$2,023 72
		<u> </u>
		\$13,071 94

The whole amount of assets from the Treasurer's report		\$24,661 04
Deduct money paid out, up to March 1st. 1875		13,071 94
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		\$11,589 10
Deduct estimated amount due town officers and outstanding bills:		\$500 00
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Leaving a balance in favor of the town		\$11,089 10

Respectfully submitted:

SAML. E. MORRISON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN S. McNEILL,	
CLINTON FRENCH.	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Bedford.</i>

SCHOOL REPORT.

It has pleased God, during the past year, to remove by death our honored townsman and Superintendent of Schools, Mr. William B. French, whose efficiency and general fitness for the office had made him the choice of the people for a second term. The undersigned was appointed by the Selectmen to fill this unexpired term, and entered upon his duties with the disadvantage that was inevitable under the circumstances. Several of the fall terms were just about closing, and not having visited the schools at the beginning of the term, no estimate could be formed of the progress made. In some of the districts the new appointment of Superintendent was not known and no notice was given him of the beginning of the school term. Hence some of the schools had been in progress three or four weeks before they were visited.

It is pleasant, however, to record the fact that the schools generally were found to be in a prosperous condition, under the care of efficient teachers, and, so far as known, good feeling and confidence between parents, teachers and scholars had prevailed. Such has continued to be the case to the close of the year.

It will be understood that the following statements refer only to the last half of the year. The illness of the late Superintendent disabled him from making any notes of his visits during the first six months. The facts and figures, however, are taken from the school registers for the whole year, and are believed to be generally correct.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Sarah M. Foster. Fall term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss M. E. Walker. Winter term of 9 weeks, taught by Mr. Willis B. Kendall. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 30. The winter term of this school was not finished at the time this report went to the printer. The Superintendent was present at the examination at the close of the fall term, and he also visited the school at the beginning of the winter term. The general progress of the school during the year appears to have been satisfactory. The examination at the close of the fall term was well sustained, the scholars acquitting themselves well in all the branches of study.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Summer term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Eunice Stevens. Winter term of 14 weeks, taught by Miss Josie E. Rollins. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 22. The examination showed a good degree of progress, the larger scholars especially giving evidence of improvement. It is to be regretted, however, that none of the parents of children or any other visitors were present at the examination.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

Summer term of 11 weeks, taught by Miss Lucy F. Morse. Winter term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss T. Frankie Rundlett. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 25. The advancement of the scholars, as illustrated in the examination, was all that could be expected for a short term of 8 weeks, and the recitations in the main were creditable.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

Summer term of 8 weeks and fall term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Mazie A. Walker. Winter term of 10

weeks, by Miss Sarah M. Foster. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 19. The examination at the close of the fall term was well sustained and the scholars gave evidence of application and diligence in their studies. The winter term had not closed at the time of making this report, but was progressing in an encouraging and satisfactory manner.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

Summer term of 8 weeks ; winter term of 10 weeks ; both taught by Mrs. E. A. Stevens. Whole number of different scholars reported, 13. This school, although small, is an interesting one ; the scholars appeared well disciplined and to have learned thoroughly the lessons taught during the term. It was pleasant to observe the system and good order of the school and the mutual respect and confidence between teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

Summer term of 10 weeks ; winter term of 16 weeks ; both taught by Miss Clara L. Rockwood. Whole number of different scholars registered, 25. The school was characterized by good order, and the recitations on an average, good. The presence of so large a number of parents at the examination evinced their interest in the welfare of their school.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Emma J. Witherspoon. Winter term of 12 weeks, taught by Mr. Ezra F. Elliott. Whole number of scholars registered during the year, 26. This school has been quite successful during the year, and the results of study altogether satisfactory. Several of the scholars are well advanced in the departments of arithmetic and grammar, and in all the departments the examination was creditable. A goodly number of parents were present at the examination, and those who spoke expressed themselves as well satisfied with the condition of their school.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss M. E. Walker. Winter term of 11 weeks, taught by Miss Lydia W. Dodge. Whole number of different scholars reported during the year, 31. The examination was well sustained and the recitations fully up to the average. The scholars appeared to be orderly, attentive and respectful to the teacher. A good representation of parents and friends was present.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

Summer term of 8 weeks and fall term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss M. C. Abbott. Winter term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss Nellie B. Chamberlain. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 25. No school in the town appeared more favorably than this. Promptness in answering questions showed that the studies had been diligently pursued, and the considerable advancement of some of the pupils indicated that they were above the average in point of scholarship. The day of examination was stormy, which perhaps hindered the presence of more of the parents.

DISTRICT NUMBER TEN.

No report of summer term. Winter term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss Minnie C. Wilkins, whole number of different scholars registered 11. This is a small school in point of number, but none the less interesting on that account. The scholars sustained themselves well in the examination and showed very decided advancement in their studies during the term.

DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN

Summer term of 8 weeks and winter term of 8 weeks, both taught by Miss Sallie D. French. Whole number of different scholars registered during the year, 11. The Superintendent visited this school during the term, but

was prevented by illness from attending the examination. The school appeared, when visited, to be progressing in a satisfactory manner.

SUMMARY.

Whole number of different scholars enrolled, 4 years of age and upward, attending school not less than 2 weeks, 238. Boys, 119; Girls, 119; No. enrolled under 6 years of age, 25; No. enrolled over 16 years of age, 17; No. enrolled between 6 and 16, 196; No. between 4 and 14 not attending school, 33; Whole length of all the summer schools in weeks of 5 days, 134; Whole length of all the winter schools in weeks of 5 days, 108.

TEXT BOOKS.

READERS.—Holy Bible, Hillard's and Town and Holbrook's Series, Monroe's Series.

SPELLERS.—Town and Holbrook's Progressive.

GEOGRAPHIES.—Guyot's, Colton & Fitch's.

GRAMMAR.—Quackenbos'.

ARITHMETIC.—Eaton's Common School, Robinson's, Walton's Intellectual Series.

ALGEBRA.—Robinson's.

HISTORY.—Seavey & Goodrich's U. S. History, Campbell's U. S. History.

PHILOSOPHY.—Weld's.

BOOK-KEEPING.—Bryant & Stratton's.

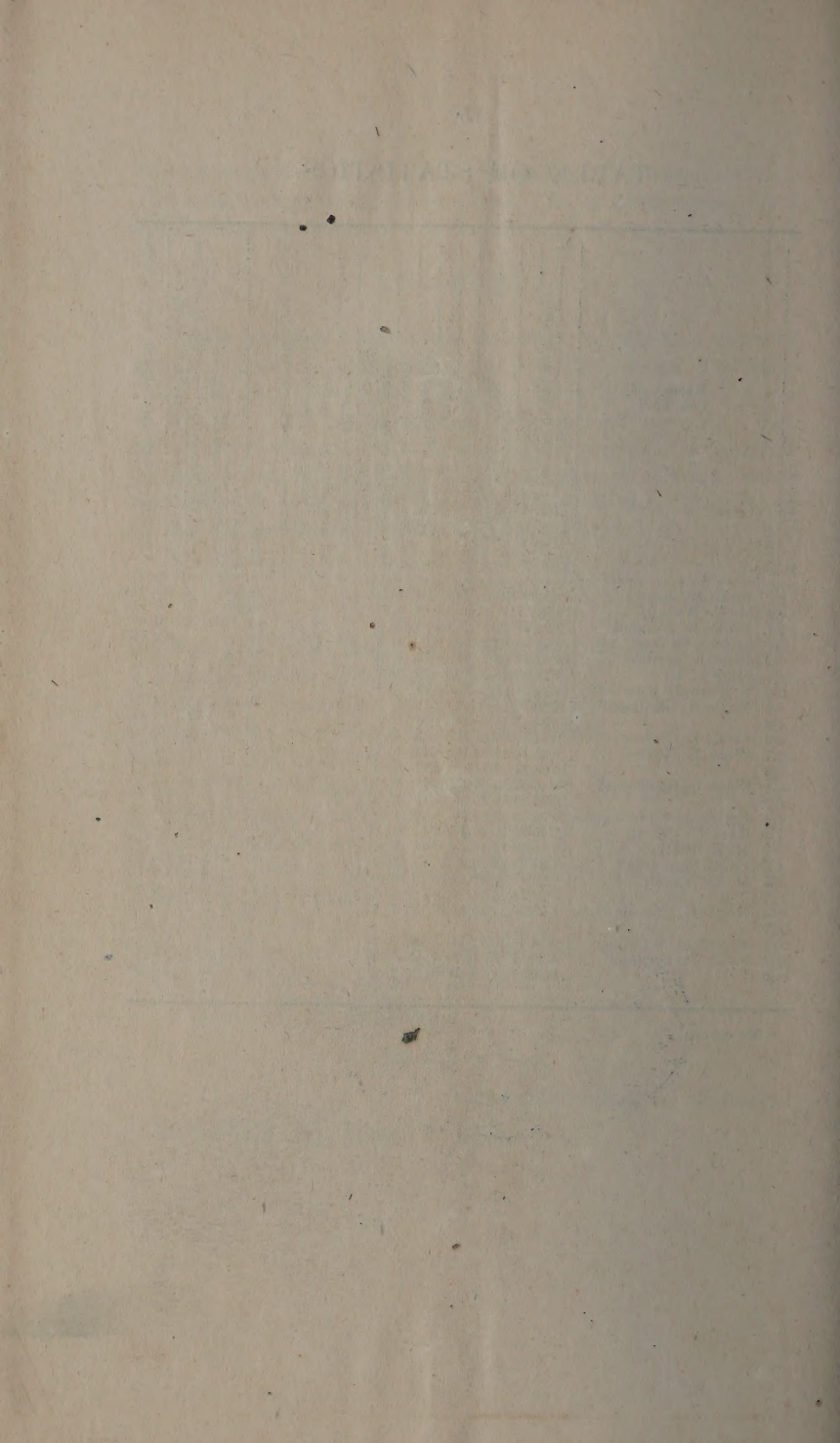
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Respectfully submitted.

IRA C. TYSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Bedford, N. H., March 1, 1875.



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