ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

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TOGETHER WITH THE

SCHOOL REPORT,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 28, 1887.

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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHELMSFORD,

1886.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor—Henry S. Perham, Chas. W. Flint, John Q. Battles, R. Wilson Dix, Geo. F. Snow.

Town Clerk-Geo. A. PARKHURST.

Town Treasurer - EDWIN H. WARREN.

School Committee—Three years: Edwin E. Dutton, Royal S. Ripley, Marcus H. Winship; two years: Nathan C. Saunders, T. S. Edmands, John C. Hobbs; one year: Samuel J. Garland, Jas. H. Hazen, Geo. F. Locke.

Collector of Taxes - Arthur H. Sheldon.

Constables — Jas. P. Emerson, Alfred Day, John H. Whidden, Daniel W. Sleeper, Geo. F. Dyar, Samuel J. Garland.

Highway Surveyor — Lyman S. Gale.

Fence Viewers—Albion J. Lamphere, Daniel P. Byam, Jas. P. Emerson.

Appraisers of Personal Property at the Town Farm — Elisha H. Shaw, Daniel P. Byam, Jas. P. Emerson.

Auditors—Ziba Gay, Edward F. Richardson, J. Adams Bartlett.

Weighers of Hay—Geo. A. Parkhurst, S. Waldo Parkhurst, Geo. W. Perry, Eben T. Adams, Elisha H. Shaw, Thomas M. Gerrish, Marcus H. Winship.

Weigher of Coal-Marcus H. Winship.

Measurers of Wood—Geo. A. Parkhurst, S. Waldo Parkhurst, Eli P. Parker, Elisha H. Shaw, Jas. P. Emerson, Geo. W. Perry.

Surveyors of Lumber—R. Wilson Dix, Eli P. Parker.

Sealer of Weights and Measures - True Morton.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year Ending Feb. 28, 1887.

Births recorded — Males, 33; Females, 24; total	57
Births of native parentage	40
Births of foreign parentage	8
Births of native and foreign parentage	9
Marriages recorded	14
Marriages between natives	11
Marriages between natives and foreigners	3
Deaths recorded, 38: Males, 20; Females, 18	38
Number under 5 years of age	8
Between 5 and 10	1
Between 10 and 20	5
Between 20 and 30	2
Between 30 and 40	6
Between 40 and 50	2
Between 50 and 60	6
Between 60 and 70	3
Between 70 and 80	4
Between 80 and 90	1

Causes of Death—lung diseases, 11; heart disease, 5; paralysis, 3; Bright's disease, 2; apoplexy, 2; typhoid fever, 2; infantile, 2; other causes, 11.

REPORT ON DOG LICENSES.

Paid into the treasury of Middlesex County on account of dog licenses, as per receipts of the Treasurer on file, dated respectively June 22, 1886, and Dec. 1, 1886, the sum of three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and twenty cents (\$397.20).

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Number of dogs licensed	194
Males	178
Females	16
Amount received for licenses	
Amount of fees (20 cents per license) 38	3 80
Paid to the County Treasurer, as per above statement 39	~ 20
Ninety per cent. refunded	7 4 8

GEORGE A. PARKHURST,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

For the Year Ending Feb. 28, 1887.

Your Treasurer charges himself with cash balance in t found at last annual settlement	reasury,	, as
Cash received of —		00
	443	00
State Treasurer, as State Aid for 1885		00
Relief to indigent soldiers and sailors,		
Corporation tax for 1886	1,377	
National Bank tax for 1886	1,427	
Armory rent	100	
Income Massachusetts school fund	179	
County Treasurer, on account of dog licenses for 1886.	357	
City of Boston, on account of aid for paupers		25
Town of Billerica, on account of aid to paupers		00
Matthias Hutchins, on account of hospital bills	87	
Rev. N. C. Saunders, on account of sale of prepared wood,		51
H. S. Perham, on account of sale of trash wood	9	00
Rev. J. H. Vincent, on account of sale of books and		
school supplies	39	79
City of Lowell, on account of tuition of non-resident		
pupils	22	75
R. S. Ripley, on account of tuition of non-resident pupils,	28	55
George Hyde, on account of tuition of non-resident pupils,	2	75
Rev. N. C. Saunders, on account of tuition of non-resi-		
dent pupils	2	00
L. K. Howard, on account of sale of lots in cemetery at		
Centre	26	00
Dawson Pollard, on account of sale of lots in cemetery at		
West Chelmsford	12	00
N. B. Edwards, M. D., on account of sale of lots in		
cemetery at North Chelmsford	17	00
D. P. Byam, on account of sale of lots in cemetery at		
South Chelmsford	7	00
A. J. Lamphere, on account of use of Town Hall at		
Centre	42	90
Amount carried forward	\$4,638	42

Amount brought forward	\$4,638	42
George E. Spalding, on account of use of Town Hall at		
North Chelmsford		00
Overseers of Poor, as proceeds of Town Farm	713	15
George F. Snow, tax of 1884 in full	105	
Interest on same		$\overline{02}$
A. H. Sheldon, as tax of 1885	553	
Interest on same		39
As tax of 1886	15,278	
As interest on same	113	
Hired for use of Town as temporary loan	4,500	
Timed for disc of Town as temporary loan	T,000	00
Making a total of	\$25,944	04
	* -,	
And is credited as follows:—		
By cash paid —		
State tax for 1886	\$ 1,380	00
Outstanding orders of 1885 in full	18	
Orders drawn present year	18,252	
For care of Kimball lot in Centre cemetery	5	
Temporary loan in full	4,500	
Interest on same	92	
Outstanding note of 1885	500	
Interest on same (one year)	25	
Interest on same (one year)	1,170	
Datance in treasury as found on settlement	1,170	10
	\$25,944	04

E. H. WARREN,

Treasurer.

CHELMSFORD, March 3, 1887.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

For the Year Ending Feb. 28, 1887.

VALUATION, MAY 1, 1886.

Real estate (resident)	\$1,111,440 00		
Real estate (non-resident)		1,316,230	00
Personal estate (resident)		1,010,200	
Personal estate (non-resident)	2,500 00		
		266,115	00
Total valuation	\$	1,582,345	00
Number of polls	655		
Number of horses	417		
Number of cows	884		
Number of other neat cattle	$\frac{30}{190}$,	
Number of swine	568		
Total number of tax payers	997		
Number of property-tax payers	714		
Number of poll-tax payers only	283		
Number of acres of land taxed	$14,\!132$		
Valuation of buildings	\$665,280 00		
Valuation of land	650,950 00		
Taxes.			
Rate on \$1,000, \$10.00. Polls, \$2.00 of State tax	\$1,380 0		
		- \$2,209	67
Amount carried forward	• • • •	\$2,209	67

Amount brought forward Appropriations for —		\$2,209 67
	#.F. 000 0	1
Public schools	\$5,000 0	
School incidentals	450 00	
Text-books and supplies	400 00	
Poor	2,300 0	
Highways	3,500 00)
Public buildings	350 00)
Indigent soldiers and sailors	100 00)
Town officers and committees	750 00)
Collection and abatement of taxes	400 00)
Enforcement of the liquor law	400 00	
Re-insurance of public buildings	300 00	
Cabaal have at the Content		
School-house at the Center	2,500 0	
Fire apparatus	600 0	
Road at West Chelmsford	400 0	_
Well at South Chelmsford	75 00	
Miscellaneous expenses	$250 \ 0$)
1		- \$17,775 00
		\$19,984 67
Overlayings		148 78
Overlayings		140 10
		400 199 45
T 1		\$20,133 45
Less estimated receipts		3,000 00
Total tax committed		\$17,133 45
Tax on 655 polls	\$ 1.910 O	1
T	9 1,010 U	J K
Tax on property	19,825 4) ************************************
-		- \$17,133 45
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Appropriations, March, 1886, \$3,325 more than	n March,	1885, — the
direct cause of raising the rate of tax \$2	on \$1000.	
Average rate of tax in the State, \$14.28 on \$1	000.	
Highest rate of tax in the State, \$25.00 on \$10	00. in tow	n of Florida
Lowest rate of tax in the State, \$5.00 on \$100	0 in town	of Groton
Valuation of buildings in the State		
Valuation of land in the State	58	7,824,672 00
Excess in valuation of buildings	\$16	4,844,329 00
CTLAG	W ET	NT
	W. FLI	
	LSON D	
	Q. BAT	
HENR	Y S. PE	RHAM,
GEO.	F. SHOV	V,
		Assessors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Collector's report for the year 1884. Taxes on list of 1884, uncollected Feb. 27, 1886 Interest on same to Feb. 27, 1886 Interest accrued since Feb. 27, 1886	\$105 10	44 46 56	\$116 4	<u>46</u>
Cash paid Town Treasurer as tax Cash paid Town Treasurer as interest	\$105 11	44 02	\$116 4	<u>16</u>
Geo. F. Sno	w, Coi	llect	or, 1884.	
Collector's report for the year 1885. Taxes on list of 1885, uncollected Feb 28, 1886		32 66 49	\$ 597 4	<u> 17</u>
Cash paid Town Treasurer as tax Cash paid Town Treasurer as interest	17	48 39 84 76	\$ 597 4	<u> </u>
ARTHUR H. SHELDO	n, Col	lect	or, 1885.	_
Collector's report for the year 1886. Tax list for 1886. \$ Additional taxes Interest collected since Oct. 1, 1886 Interest accrued since Oct. 1, 1886, on uncolcoled taxes Cash paid County Treasurer as County tax. \$ Cash paid Town Treasurer as tax. Cash paid Town Treasurer as interest Uncollected taxes to new account Interest accrued to new account	7 113 30 829 15,278 113 1,033	75 90 64 67 24 90 29 64	\$17,285 7	

ARTHUR H. SHELDON, Collector, 1886.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending Feb. 28, 1887.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PAID FOR TEACHING.

No.	1, A. F. Gilbert, 33 weeks	\$646	25	
	1, Emma L. Pierce, 11 weeks	110	00	
	1, Nellie M. Perham, 33 weeks	264	00	
	1, Ada M. Sheldon, 22 weeks	176	00	
	1, Ray M. Hodsdon, 12 weeks	96	00	\$1,292 25
	2, Helen J. Gookin, 15 2-5ths weeks	123	20	,
	2, S. Eva Worthen, 5 weeks	40	00	
	2, Blanche E. Henshaw, 13 weeks	104		267 20
	3, Araminta V. Paasch, 34 weeks	272		272 00
	4, Gertrude Byam, 34 weeks	$\overline{272}$		272 00
	5, Ida E. Byam, 18 weeks	108		
	5, Lydia A. Haywood, 10 weeks	60		168 00
	6, Susie S. McFarlin, 34 weeks	289		289 00
	7, Etta G. Locke, 22 weeks	176		200 00
	7, Mary L. Keith, 10 weeks	80		256 00
	8, Geo. F. Partridge, 22 weeks	440		
	8, Minnie A. Worden, 11 weeks	88		
	8, Laura G. Hoyt, 34 weeks	272		
	8, Addie M. Taylor, 34 weeks	$\frac{1}{272}$,
	8, Hattie A. Burgess, 11 weeks	88		
	8, Katie Sleeper, 12 weeks	96		
	8, Virgil B. Wells, 7 weeks	148		
	8, W. F. Parsons, 5 weeks	106		1,511 00
	9, Agnes Naylor, 34 weeks	$\frac{100}{272}$		1,011 00
	9, Carrie M. Robbins, 34 weeks	$\overline{272}$		544 00
	, carrie 22. 200001110, 01 (100110	-1-	00	011 00

PAID FOR CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

No. 1, Alvin R. Saunders, care	\$17 60	
1, C. H. C. Hall, care	14 40	
1, Walter Perham, care	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
1, Mrs. Nason, cleaning	$\frac{1}{25}$	\$65 60
2, Henry Smith, care	16 50	\$00 00
2, Mrs. John Smith, 2 days' cleaning	4 00	20 50
3, Edgar R. Parker, care	17 00	17 00
4, James H. Hazen, care	17 00	22.00
4, James H. Hazen, cleaning	3 00	$\frac{20\ 00}{00}$
5, Charles Dutton, care	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6 00
6, Thomas French, care	10 50	
6, P. D. and T. S. Edmands	1 50	17 00
7, Guy E. Reed, care	16 00	
7, Geo. F. Locke, cleaning	3 00	19 00
8, Willie H. Hall, care	71 50	
8, Willie H. Hall, cleaning	9 45	80 95
9, John Dunn, care	25 00	25 00
		\$271 05
PAID FOR FUEL.		
No. 1, Harry L. Parkhurst, 42,840 lbs. coal	\$128 52	
1, David Perham, prepared wood	1 25	#100 FF
1, C. H. C. Hall, preparing 96 feet wood, 2, E. F. Richardson, 24 feet oak wood.	9 00 16 50	\$138 77
2, Thomas Sheehan, preparing oak wood,	3 75	20 25
3, John Q. Battles, 32 feet oak wood	20 00	20 20
3, S. J. Garland, 4 feet prepared wood	1 50	
3, William Wood, preparing wood	6 00	27 50
4, James H. Hazen, 4 feet hard wood	3 25	
4, James H. Hazen, 5 feet pine wood	294	
4, Jas. H. Hazen, preparing 16 ft. wood,	3 00	9 19
5, E. E. Dutton, 20 feet wood 6, P. D. & T. S. Edmands 16 feet pre-	10 00	10 00
pared wood	14 00	
6, P. D. & T. S. Edmands, 32 feet pre-	14 00	
pared pine wood	20 00	34 00
7, Geo. F. Locke, 28 feet hard wood	$19 \ 25$	
7, Geo. F. Locke, 4 feet pine wood	$2 \ 25$	
7, William Martin, preparing wood	4 00	25 50
8, S. P. Sampson, 1521 ft. prepared wood,	95 81	95 81
9, Wm. C. Edwards, 64 ft. oak wood	44 00	
9, Wm. C. Edwards, 9 ft. pine wood 9, John Dunn, preparing 73 feet wood	$\begin{array}{c} 4 & 50 \\ 6 & 75 \end{array}$	55 25
o, com Dunn, preparing to feet wood	0 19	
6		\$416 27

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

J. H. Vincent, superintendent J. H. Vincent, express and expenses buying	\$200 10		\$200	00
books and supplies J. H. Vincent, stationery Boston School Supply Co., desk and sup-		15	11	56
plies	43	-	43	
J. Merrill & Son, ink	13		13	
Parmenter's Crayon Co., supplies	8	00	8	00
No. 1, N. C. Saunders, expense obtaining	_		_	0.0
teacher		00	5	00
1, S. W. Parkhurst, supplies		25		
1, E. Nettel, supplies		55		
1, Alvin Lawrence, clock	4	$\frac{00}{35}$		
1, James Stanley, repairing clock		65		
1, Alvin R. Saunders, repairs		75	22	55
3, S. J. Garland, repairing fence	1	25	شد	99
3, A. G. Green, stove		00		
3, N. E. Parker, repairs		00		
3, D. W. Bickford, supplies		75	8	00
4, James H. Hazen, supplies		36		36
6, T. S. Edmands, supplies		55		55
8, E. Shaw & Son, supplies		55	_	
8, Adams & Co., settees		00		
8, Willie Hall, supplies		50		
8, S. P. Sampson, repairing wall	6	00		
8, Geo. E. Spaulding, truant officer	8	72	30	77
9, M. H. Winship, repairs	1	87		
9, W. H. Brown, repairs	1	20		
9, Dawson Pollard, repairs		25		
9, M. H. Winship, supplies	1	68	5	00
			\$356	60
SCHOOL TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPP	LIES.			
Boston School Supply Co., books and sta-				
tionery	\$165	76		
Harper & Brothers, books		88		
Thompson, Brown & Co., books	102			
Cowperthwait & Co., books and charts	165			
Harrison Hume, books	30			
Chas. H. Whitney, books	21			
Marden & Rowell, blanks	_	50		
Geo. F. King & Merrill, stationery	8	70		
J. H. Vincent, service and expenses buying and delivering books and supplies	87	70	\$690	07
and derivering books and supplies	01	10	\$680	91

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

PAID FOR EXPENSES OUTSIDE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital, in support of	ф го	0.7	
Ephraim Buttrick	\$ 59	87	
Ella Hutchins	88	23	\$148 10
Worcester Asylum for Chronic Insane, in	,	20	ψ110 10
support of Daniel Gilligan	175	26	175 26
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, in support of Laura			
E. Bailey and Catherine McMahon	176	24	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, in support of Cath-			
erine McMahon	85	87	262 11
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, in support of	155	T 0	
Michael McKeon Northampton Lunatic Hospital, in support of	177	53	
Town F Poilor	101	59	279 06
Laura E. BaileySt. John's Hospital, in support of Thomas	101	JJ	219 00
Lawler	104	27	104 27
City of Lowell, in aid of children of Elizabeth	101		201
Donahoe	37	50	37 50
City of Boston, in aid of Asenath Clapp	78		78 34
City of Lynn, in aid of Frank W. Wood	72	75	72 75
E. Shaw & Son, in aid of Sarah Quessey (bill			4 0.3
of 1885)		03	4 03
E. Shaw & Son, in aid of Mrs. Jas. McEnnis,	99		105 11
Amasa Howard, in aid of Mrs. Jas. McEnnis,	6		105 11
E. Shaw & Son, in aid of Mrs. Geo. W. Copp, F. W. & F. F. Blodgett, in aid of Mrs. Geo.	24	90	
W. Copp	1	44	26 40
S. W. Parkhurst, in aid of Jonathan Hopkins,	$2\overline{4}$		20 10
Amasa Howard, in aid of Jonathan Hopkins,	_	40	30 40
S. W. Parkhurst, in aid of Gilman Newton	5	00	
Mary W. Stevens, in aid of Gilman Newton		00	11 00
Albert Kemp, in aid of Mrs. Stillman Byam,	28		
Amasa Howard, in aid of Mrs. Stillman Byam,	15		43 25
Sarah E. Whitten, in aid of Jeremiah Crowley,	12		14 50
Seth Sampson, in aid of Mrs. Jane McEnnis, Daniel W. Bickford, in aid of George Hall	10	50	14 50
Amasa Howard, in aid of Geo. Hall's family,	$\frac{10}{22}$		32 90
Mrs. John Knowles, in aid of Henry Drake.	$\overline{16}$		92 00
Annie Booth, in aid of Henry Drake		75	19 85
John J. Dunn, in aid of Thos. Charlesworth,		75	4 75
Michael Corbett, in aid of Henry Stearns	5	00	5 00
Wm. McClure, in aid of 40 tramps (bill of			
1885)	20		5.4.50
Wm. McClure, in aid of 69 tramps	34	90	54 50
Amount carried forward			\$1,509 08

Amount brought forward			\$1,509	08
Geo. F. Snow, in aid of outside poor	\$ 4	00		00
C. W. Flint, in aid of State paupers		75	_	75
Amasa Howard, in aid of tramp		50		50
Walter Winning, care Homer Thayer (bill of				
1885)		38	9	38
LaDuc	17	00		
LaDuc	4	00		
N. B. Edwards, medical aid Geo. W. LaDuc,	13		34	50
1. D. Edwards, medical aid Geo. W. Habuc,	19	30		
			\$1,563	21
EXPENSES AT ALMSHOUSE.				
N. C. Bean, Superintendent	\$375	00	\$375	00
N. C. Bean, sundries	6	15	6	15
Dutton Brothers, grain	238	33	238	33
N. C. Bean, English hay, 3,175 lbs	31	85		
N. C Bean, meadow hav, 2,775 lbs	13	98		
J. M. Fletcher, meadow hay, 2,260 lbs	11	25		
Geo. Coburn, straw	1	00	58	08
S. W. Parkhurst, groceries	290	54	290	54
Erwin W. Sweetser, provisions	211	86		
B. Edwards, provisions	63	31		
J. H. Redman & Co., provisions	48	26		
Geo. F. Foss & Co., provisions	74	55	397	98
F. Severance, crackers	27	70	27	
N. C. Bean, apples	10		10	
H. S. Perham, 30 gals. vinegar		20		
John E. Stevens, vinegar		$\overline{24}$	7	44
C. A. Robinson, fish	20			
J. T. Lock, fish		43	22	48
Dutton Brothers, ice	$1\overline{4}$		14	
H. L. Parkhurst, 15,840 lbs. coal	45	54	45	
S. N. Wood, feed	2	50	2	50
J. W. Cobb, soap	3	75	3	75
O'Donnell & Gilbride, dry-goods	16	36		
Oswald & Co., dry-goods	3	40	19	76
L. H. Boardman, shoes	3	75	3	75
J. F. Puffer & Son, furniture		60	7	60
D. C. Perham, 1 cow	49			
J. B. Kimball, 1 cow	38	00	87	00
J. P. Emerson, 1 shoat	7	00		00
Town Clerk, dog license	2	00	2	00
Amasa Howard, medical attendance	24			
E. Preston, medical supplies		80	28	05
Amount carried forward			\$1,655	41
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Amount brought forward			\$1,655	41
W. H. Spalding, painting and supplies	\$ 9	17	9	17
Joseph Powell, whitewashing		00		00
W. E. Livingston, cement		35	1	35
Bartlett & Dow, tools		06	_	
John S. Shedd, tools		97	24	03
Aaron Sawyer, repairs of harness		80	41	vo
H. Snickle, repairs of harness		75	8	55
David Polley, blacksmithing		10	O	00
John Wozencroft, blacksmithing		25	21	35
George French, labor	16	00		
Michael Ward, labor	-8	00		
Frank Dalton, labor		00		
Hannah Kelley, labor		00		
D. W. Lane, labor		50		
John Keats, labor	1	25		
Geo. F. Wright, labor		00		
M. H. Vaugham, labor		00		
Estella Miller, labor		00		
Peter J. Brennan, labor	37			
Hervey Thomas and others, labor		00	218	02
John Keats, care of Drake child		21		21
		00	U	41
R. W. Dix, services and expenses as Overseer,				
C. W. Flint, services and expenses as Overseer,	28	10		
H. S. Perham, services and expenses as Over-	12	00		
seer	14	00		
Oversoor	5	00		
Overseer	U	00		
seer	7	50	61	25
Carried to account of highway, chopping and	1	90	01	20
teaming 17 cords fire wood	17	۵۵	17	00
teaming 17 cords are wood	11	00	11	00
			\$2,027	2/1
			\$4,041	04
Proceeds of Town Farm.				
Received for milk	\$560	92		
Persived for name				
Received for cow		00		
Received for calves		75		
Received for swine		92		
Received for cranberries		00		
Received for sundries	8	20		
20,000 lbs. hay (estimated) used by road horses,	200	00		
and charged to highways	200	00		
Board of men employed on highways, 216	700	00	1 615	15
weeks, at 3.25 per week	702	00	1,615	19
Matel and of the state of the s			6410	10
Total expense of poor at almshouse			\$412	19

Paid for aid of outside poor			\$1, 563	21
From City of Boston, for aid rendered Mrs. Stillman Byam	\$ 43	25		
From Town of Billerica, aid rendered family of Henry Stearns		00 30		
From Henry S. Perham, sail of trash wood	9	00	144	_
Expense of outside poor			\$1,418 412	19
Total			\$1,830	85

Inmates, 7; Females, 6; Males, 1; Tramps, 682.

R. WILSON DIX, CHAS. W. FLINT, HENRY S. PERHAM, JOHN Q. BATTLES, GEO. F. SNOW,

Overseers.

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS-HOUSE, MARCH 1, 1887.

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Household furniture and bedding	\$331 47
Provisions and supplies	278 36
Farm implements	57 62
3 hogs	32 00
1 cart	25 00
Farm wagon	30 00
11 cords manure	55 00
6 tons English hay	$120 \ 00$
Lot bedding	3 00
3 tons meadow hay	30 00
1 horse	100 00
1 heavy harness	14 00
1 square wagon	40 00
Cart harness	7 00
6 cows	270 00
1 sled	6 00
1 pung	8 00
Horse hay-rake	$20 \ 00$
Amount carried forward	\$1,427 45

Amount brought forward	\$1,427	45
14 fowls		00
1 Buffalo robe	10	00
1 mowing machine	25	00
1 Newfoundland dog	5	00
1 side-hill plow	12	00
	\$1,486	45

J. P. EMERSON, D. P. BYAM, ELISHA H. SHAW, Appraisers.

HIGHWAYS.

Dutton Bros., grain	\$221	67	\$221	67
S. W. Parkhurst, tools and supplies	26	08		
E. Shaw & Son, tools and supplies	5	38	31	46
Bartlett & Dow, tools	16	00	16	00
H. Hall, harness supplies	11	45		
H. F. Ebert, harness supplies	23	35	34	80
David A. Polley, blacksmithing	77	08		
John Wozencroft, blacksmithing	59	36		
Durant & Son, blacksmithing	2	48	138	92
James P. Emerson, 4,470 lbs. straw	26	82	26	82
J. M. Fletcher, standing chestnut timber	18	00		
A. L. Brooks & Co., lumber	9	51	27	51
W. A. Josselyn, painting 46 guide boards	23	00		
Eli P. Parker, repairing guide board	1	00	24	00
Fiske & Spalding, paint	8	19	8	19
Warren Johnson, building sleds	20	00	20	00
John Marinel, Jr., labor	5	17		
John Dunn, labor	3	00		
Geo. F. Snow and others, labor	4	50		
Joseph P. Winn, labor	1	00	13	67
Wm. Redmond, breaking roads	2	50		
A. Scoboria, breaking roads	1	50		
J. H. Hazen, breaking roads	3	00		
John J. Sullivan, breaking roads	3	00		
G. D. Smith & J. B. Coburn, breaking roads,	1	00	11	00
Daniel P. Byam, breaking roads	3	00		
W. Z. Dupee, breaking roads	2	40		
Geo. P. Mansfield, breaking roads	2	00	7	40
John Marinel & Co., stone chips	2	00		
E. F. Richardson, gravel, 252 loads	12	60		
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Amounts carried forward	\$14	60	\$581	44

$Amounts\ brought\ forward\dots\dots$	\$14	60	\$581	44
John P. Crealin, gravel, 60 loads	6	00		
Solomon Spaulding, gravel, 102 loads	8	16		
S. S. Sleeper, gravel, 425 loads	42	40		
F. W. Blodgett, gravel, 120 loads	9	60		
Charles Sweetser, gravel, 100 loads	5	00		
B. P. Marshall, gravel, 135 loads	6	75	92	51
Lyman S. Gale, use of horse 60 days	75	00		
Highway pay-roll, March	106	95		
April	154	00		
May	155	05		
June	156	55		
July	156	70		
August	171	20		
September	195	55		
October	187	30		
November	192	30		
December	108	30		
January	101	30		
February	97	05	1,782	25
			\$2,531	20
Carried to Account of Poor, for board, 216				
weeks, at \$3.25 per week	\$702	00		
Carried to Account of Poor 20,000 lbs. hay.	200	00	\$902	00
•			\$3,433	20
Less highway bills, chopping and hauling 17				
cords of wood			17	00
			\$3,416	20
High many warmed in challenge release world bight				

Highway pay-roll includes salary paid highway surveyor: \$2.00 per day for eight months, and \$1.75 per day for four months.

APPRAISAL OF HIGHWAY TEAMS AND TOOLS, MARCH 1, 1887.

4 horses	\$550 00
2 2-horse sleds (new)	90 00
3 2-horse carts	150 00
1 drag	4 00
1 jigger	50 00
1 Kimball road-scraper	160 .00
2 road-scrapers	$13 \ 00$
2 road-scrapers (old)	1 50
1 plow	5 00
	11.000 50
Amount carried forward	\$1,023 50

Amount brought forward	\$1,023	50
Evener and whiffletrees	10	00
Cart spear and rocker	2	00
Wagon pole and shafts	6	00
2 sets double harness	70	00
8 shovels	5	60
8 picks	8	00
4 grab-hoes	4	00
7 stone hammers	7	00
3 axes, 2 bush hooks	5	00
Hames and chains	3	50
6 large wedges	2	00
Drill and wedges	16	00
Feed trough	1	50
4 halters	1	75
Old junk	1	00
Grain	7	70
Chestnut fence poles	10	00
Plank	10	00
3 large chains	3	50
Pail and jug		75
3 lanterns	1	
Brushes, wrenches, and sponges	5	00
Pole straps and reins	1	50
2 hoes		90
2 stone-pickers	$\frac{2}{2}$	00
1 large saw	$\frac{2}{2}$	00
Feed-bags and horse-blankets	8	50
Iron bars and steel rakes	8	00
Scythes and snaths	3	50
	\$1.091	70
	\$1,231	70
J. P. EMERS	ON,	
D. P. BYAM,	, -	
ELISHA H. S	SHAW,	
	Apprais	ers.
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REPAIRS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Geo. E. Spaulding, repairing Town Hall at				
North Chelmsford \$	39	21	39	21
A. J. Lamphere, repairing Town Hall at				
Centre	4	12		
G. H. Johnson, repairing Town Hall at				
Centre	6	50	10	62
	31	00	61	00
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Amount carried forward			\$110	83

Amount brought forward	\$38 00	\$110 83
A. L. Brooks & Co., lumber for fence No. 8, Silver & Gay, lumber for fence No. 8 James B. Coburn, labor on fence No. 8	$\begin{array}{c} 25 \\ 27 & 28 \\ 1 & 77 \\ 11 & 00 \end{array}$	38 25
Chas. W. Flint, labor on fence No. 8 John Q. Battles, repairing horse-sheds at Centre	4 00 5 60	44 05 5 60
		\$198 73
STATE AID.		
Paid under chapter 301, statutes of 1879 Paid under chapter 252, statutes of 1879	\$427 00 121 00	\$427 00 121 00
		\$548 00
COLLECTION AND ABATEMENT	OF TAX	ES.
Geo. F. Snow, abatement of taxes 1884 Geo. F. Snow, collecting \$116.46 tax of 1884, A. H. Sheldon, abatement of taxes 1885 A. H. Sheldon, abatement of taxes 1886	\$41 23 1 22 90 08 62 57	
 A. H. Sheldon, collecting \$553.48 tax of 1885, at .017 A. H. Sheldon, collecting \$24.39 interest 1885, A. H. Sheldon, collecting \$16,107.91 tax of 1886 at .014 	9 41 41	
1886, at .014	225 51 1 59 ————	\$432 02
WELL AT SOUTH CHELMS	FORD.	
Warren Berry and N. E. Parker, labor W. E. Livingston, brick and cement Allen Smith, teaming brick and cement J. Q. Battles, labor and stock Bartlett & Dow, pump and tubing	\$25 00 11 20 2 20 6 22 5 82	
		\$50 44
INSURANCE OF PUBLIC BUI	LDINGS.	
E. M. Tucke. H. C. Church & Son	\$144 00 156 00	\$300 00

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOI	É LAV	∇.		
Alfred Day, services	\$43	50		
Attorney fees		00		
Assistance		25		
Assistance			\$53	75
ENLARGING SCHOOL-HOUS	E NO.	1.		
A. G. Green, labor and materials	\$1,857	00		
Harry L. Green, freight	, ,	45		
A. G. Green, repairs and setting seats and				
desks	44	06		
Jona. Larcom, plans and specifications	25	00		
H. H. Wilder & Co., furnaces	375			
Michigan School Furniture Co., furniture	15 6	46		
H. L. Parkhurst, freight		54		
H. L. Parkhurst, freight A. B. Chapman, finishing and varnishing				
desks	25	25		
A. H. Sheldon, services as committee	3	00		
			\$2,489	76
FIRE APPARATUS.				
Bishop & Brothers, ladders	\$71	08	\$71	08
C. B. Coburn & Co., 10 doz. fire-pails		00	W	
C. B. Coburn & Co., paints		00		
C. B. Coburn & Co., 87 lbs. rope		44	43	44
A. L. Brooks & Co., lumber for ladder-houses,		78	10	~ ~
Geo. F. Snow, lumber for ladder-houses		00	77	78
Bartlett & Dow, hardware		46	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• •
T. M. Gerrish, hardware		85		
S. W. Parkhurst, hardware	_	30		
E. Shaw & Son, hardware	1	81	15	42
D. Pollard, 5 days' labor		50		
Geo. F. Snow, 4 days' labor		00		
N. E. Parker, labor	12	00		
J. Q. Battles, labor	10	80	36	30
Charles Dane, painting ladder-house at West				
Chelmsford	2	00	2	00
A. J. Lamphere, painting ladders	11			
R. W. Dix, teaming and painting ladders	4	00		
W. R. Wining, teaming	1	25	17	15
C. H. Dutton, drilling stone posts	1	00	1	00
Old Colony R. R., freight		75		
Boston & Lowell R. R., freight	1	17	1	92
A. Grover, stencils	1	05	1	05
Geo. F. Snow, time and expense procuring				
fire apparatus	5	00	5	00

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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Vox Populi Press, order book	\$ 5	00		
Vox Populi Press, printing 600 town and				
school reports		20	- # 00	, _
Vox Populi Press, printing license ballots	2	25	\$63	45
Geo. A. Parkhurst, copy Herrick's Town		- 0	0	. .
Officer		50		50
John Keats, railing around pump at Centre	2	00	2	00
John Wozencroft, railing round pump at		0.1		0.4
Centre	4	61	4	61
C. W. Flint, repairing tomb at No. Chelms-	0	0.0	- 0	0.0
fordLuther B. Hall, supper for Lowell firemen		00		00
Lutner B. Hall, supper for Lowell firemen		00		00
Sargent & Gay, printing assessors' notices	2	50	Z	50
Wm. H. Brown, painting cemetery fence at	67	=0	07	E 0
West Chelmsford	01	50	01	50
True Morton, set of seaters weights and	90	50	99	50
measures	44	50	22	90
papers	9	88	9	88
papers	۷	00	4	00
ford	5	25		
ford	J	20		
Chelmsford	5	00		
Chelmsford	o o	00		
Chelmsford	1	50	11	75
L. K. Howard, labor and material in Centre	•	00		10
cemetery	17	90	17	90
Geo. F. Snow, labor in West Chelmsford	.,	00		00
cemetery	4	00	4	00
Daniel P. Byam, labor in South Chelmsford	_	0.0	•	0.0
cemetery	10	94	10	94
Daniel P. Byam, reporting 7 deaths		75		
A. H. Sheldon, reporting 10 deaths	\cdot 2	50		
Dawson Pollard, reporting 3 deaths		75	5	00
Henry Wardel, legal advice in Litchfield &				
Wilkins case	5	00	5	00
Town clerk, dog-license book	1	25	1	25
Sargent & Gay, 950 bill heads	3	00	3	00
Marden & Rowell, 100 pay-roll blanks	2	50	2	50
Little, Brown & Co., copy of Potter's Road				
and Roadside	1	00	1	00
A. H. Sheldon, taxes	56	00	56	00
S. W. Parkhurst, lamp-fixture for Centre hall,		50		
C. H. McKinney, ½ doz. burners		50		
C. H. McKinney, 8 doz. chimneys	6	60		
Amounts carried forward	\$8	60	\$294	28

Amounts brought forward	\$ 8	60	\$294	28
C. H. McKinney, repairing chandelier	6	75		
D. A. Polley, repairing chandelier	2	00	17	35
H. B. Shattuck, 2 locks	1	00	1	00
John Higgins, labor on well	1	1 0	1	10
French & Puffer, lamp for armory at North				
Chelmsford		75	1	75
H. H. Wilder, furnace grate, Centre		50		50
A. J. Lamphere, care of Centre hall	10	70	10	70
Geo. E. Spaulding, care lighting and warming				
hall and armory for Co. F, cavalry, at	-		0.1	
North Chelmsford		50	34	
N. B. Edwards, reporting births		00		00
Geo. F. Snow, precinct bounds		50		50
Peter J. Brennan, damage on highway	8	00	8	00
			4976	60
			\$376	00
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TOWN OFFICERS AND COMM	יניייד	Tre		
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Paid E. H. Warren, services as town treasurer,	\$50	00		
E. H. Warren, expense as town treasurer,	-	50	\$ 62	50
Geo. A. Parkhurst, services and expenses				
as town clerk	57	89	57	89
Geo. A. Parkhurst, services and expenses				
as registrar	17	71		
E. D. Bearce, services as registrar Sep-				
tember, 1884, to August, 1886		00		
L. M. Dutton, services as registrar		50	1.4	F7 1
J. H. Vincent, services as registrar		50	44	11
H. S. Perham, services as selectman		00	70	40
H. S. Perhan, expenses as selectman		40	79	40
Chas W. Flint, services as selectman		00 35	90	25
Chas. W. Flint, expenses as selectman J. Q. Battles, services as selectman		00	30	00
J. Q. Battles, expenses as selectman		00	55	00
R. Wilson Dix, services as selectman		00		
R. Wilson Dix, expenses as selectman.		00	58	00
Geo. F. Snow, services as selectman		00		
Geo. F. Snow, expenses as selectman		00	50	00
Chas. W. Flint, services as assessor	93	00		
Chas. W. Elint, expenses as assessor	12	85		
Chas. W. Flint, copying valuation list				
for use of state		00	125	85
H. S. Perham, services as assessor		00	4.0	0.5
H. S. Perham, expenses as assessor	2	25	40	25
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Amount carried forward			\$663	90

Amount brought forward			\$663	95
Paid R. Wilson Dix, services as assessor	\$29	00		
R. Wilson Dix, expenses as assessor	8	00	37	00
J. Q. Battles, services as assessor	25	00		
J. Q. Battles, expenses as assessor	5	00	30	00
Geo. F. Snow, services as assessor	21	00		
Geo. F. Snow, expenses as assessor	9	00	30	00
Chas. W. Flint, labor and expense on				
precinct bounds	_	64	_	64
Alfred Day, enforcing dog law	16	80	16	80
James P. Emerson, posting warrants	8	00		
James P. Emerson, notifying 14 town				
officers	4	20		
James P. Emerson, traveling fees, 14				
town officers		50		
James P. Emerson, services as constable,		70	_	40
J. H. Whidden, services as constable	15	00	15	00
E. H. Shaw, James P. Emerson, and				
Daniel P. Byam, services as apprais-				
ers	8	00	8	00
Ziba Gay, E. F. Richardson, and J.				
Adams Bartlett, auditing committee,	8	00	8	00
		-	\$829	79

AGGREGATE OF APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURES.

ACCOUNTS. Appropriation					Excess.		Def cienc		
Schools, appropriation	\$5,000	00		_					
School fund	179	54							
Dog tax	357	48			-				
Tuition from non-resident									
pupils	56	05							
Teaching			\$4,871	45					
Care of houses			271	05					
Fuel	ľ		416	27	. \$34	30			
School incidentals	450	00	356	60	93	40			
Free text-books, appropriation	400	00	680	97					
Free text-books, receipts	39	79					\$241	18	
Support of poor, appropriation .	2,300	00							
Support of poor, receipts	857	70	2,688	55	469	15			
Highway, appropriation	3,500	00	3,416	20	83	80			
State aid, receipts	443	00	427	00	16	00			
Repairs public buildings, approp'n,	350	00	198	73	151	27			
Relief of indigent soldiers and sail-									
ors, appropriation	100	00							
Relief of indigent soldiers and sail-									
ors, receipts	72	00	121	00	51	00			
Town officers and committees, ap-									
propriation	750	00	829	79			79	78	
Collection and abatement of taxes,									
appropriation	400	00	432	02			32	02	
Miscellaneous expenses, approp'n,	250	00	376	68					
Miscellaneous expenses, receipts,	210	90			84	22			
Enlargement of school-house at									
Centre, appropriation	2,500	00	2,489	76	10	24			
Enforcement of the liquor law, ap-	, , , , ,		_,,						
propriation	400	00	53	75	346	25			
Re-insurance of public buildings,									
appropriation	300	00	300	00					
Well and pump at So. Chelmsford,									
appropriation	75	00	50	44	24	56			
Fire apparatus, appropriation	600	00	272		327				
Road at W. Chelmsford, appropri'n,	400				400				
	\$19,991	46	\$18,252	40	\$2,092	05			
			1,739	06			1,739	00	
	\$19,991	46	\$19,991	46	\$2,092	05	\$2,092	05	
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			it of Ore				\$18,252		
Receipts 2,216	46 Sur	pш	.s	•			1,739	0(
\$19,991	16					-	\$19,991	10	
\$19,991	40						$p_1 g, gg_1$	41	

HENRY S. PERHAM, CHAS. W. FLINT, R. WILSON DIX, JOHN Q. BATTLES, GEO. F. SNOW,

Selectmen.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Having examined the account of the treasurer for the year ending Feb. 28, 1887, we find his receipts and payments properly entered and vouched, and a balance of eleven hundred and seventy dollars

and sixteen cents (\$1,170.16) in his hands.

We find bills and receipts in the hands of the selectmen amounting to eighteen thousand two hundred and fifty-two dollars and forty cents (\$18,252.40), vouchers for orders drawn on the treasurer and paid by him.

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17 0 224				
Cash in treasury			\$1,170	16
Tax of 1885, uncollected	\$ 17	84		
Interest on tax, 1885		76		
Tax of 1886, uncollected	1,033	29		
Interest on tax, 1886	30	64	1,083	53
School books and supplies			125	
Due from the State —				
For State Aid to Jan. 1, 1887	\$397	00		
State Aid for January and February,				
1887	62	00		
Relief to Jan. 1, 1887	78	50		
Relief for January and February, 1887	14	00		
Armory rent	150	00	701	50
			\$3,080	19
Kimball Fund	\$100	00		
Interest on Kimball Fund	22	64		
Silver Fund	100	00		
Interest on Silver Fund	8	00		
Estimated liabilities	100			
Estimated abatements	50		\$380	64
		00		
Assets over liabilities			\$2,699	55

ZIBA GAY, E. F. RICHARDSON, J. ADAMS BARTLETT,

Auditing Committee.

CHELMSFORD, March 3, 1887.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

List of scales in Chelmsford sealed during the year ending Feb. 28, 1887:—

- T. M. Gerrish, South Chelmsford: 1 hay scale, 1 portable platform, 1 grocer, 1 even balance.
- D. W. Bickford, South Chelmsford: 1 portable platform, 1 Union, 1 even balance.
- S. W. Parkhurst, Chelmsford Centre: 1 hay, 1 portable platform, 1 grocer, 1 counter, 1 druggist's counter, 1 butter, 1 even balance.
- E. Netel, Chelmsford Centre: 1 counter, 1 even balance.
- E. W. Sweetser, Chelmsford Centre: 1 portable platform, 1 Buffalo market.
- Dutton Bros., Chelmsford Centre: 2 portable platform, 1 dormant platform.
- H. S. Perham, Chelmsford Centre: 1 Union.
- J. M. Butman, Chelmsford Centre: 1 portable platform.
- Silver & Gay, North Chelmsford: 2 portable platform, 1 even balance.
- Chelmsford Foundry Co., North Chelmsford: 1 R. R. track, 1 dormant platform.
- George Moore, North Chelmsford: 3 dormant platform, 1 portable platform.
- E. Shaw & Son, North Chelmsford: 1 hay, 1 portable platform, 1 grocer, 1 even balance; ordered for repairs, 1 portable platform.
- G. W. Perry, West Chelmsford: 1 hay, 1 portable platform, 1 grocer, 1 even balance.
- M. H. Winship, West Chelmsford: 3 scales not sealed.

TRUE MORTON,

Sealer.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet at the Town Hall, at Chelmsford Centre, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March current, being the third Monday in said month, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:—

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.
- ART. 2. To hear reports of town officers and committees, and act thereon.
- ART. 3. To determine the manner of collecting the taxes.
- ART. 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, townways, and bridges.
- ART. 5. To choose all necessary town officers.
- ART. 6. To act in relation to the list of jurors prepared by the selectmen.
- ART. 7. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.
- ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the payment of the demands upon him in anticipation of the taxes of the ensuing year, and payable therefrom.
- ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the current year.
- ART. 10. At the request of N. B. Edwards and others, to see if the town will vote to enlarge the burying ground at North Chelmsford, or purchase land for a new ground, or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 11. At the request of Israel Putnam, Perley P. Perham, E K. Parkhurst, Geo. O. Byam, and twenty-three (23) others, to see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term of years all the machinery, buildings, real estate, and all other property owned by any individual or firm, who shall within one year establish in this town some manufacturing industry, employing not less than twenty-five hands; provided that such exemption shall apply only to property used for manufacturing purposes, and that such enterprise shall be approved by the board of selectmen.

- ART. 12. At the request of T. S. Edmands, James McFarlin, Geo. F. Dyar, and others, to see if the town will vote to dig a well at the school-house at East Chelmsford, put a pump in the same, and make an appropriation therefor, or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 13. At the request of Geo. E. Spalding, Hubert Bearce, C. R. Sprague, and others, to see if the town will vote to appropriate money for a cistern and pump at the town hall at North Chelmsford, or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 14. At the request of Edwin H. Warren, to see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the care and improvements of the cemeteries, or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to procure a survey and plan of the town wood-lots, and appropriate money for same, or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post-Offices in the Centre of the town, South Chelmsford, North Chelmsford, West Chelmsford, and at the Schoolhouse at East Chelmsford, ten days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding

the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

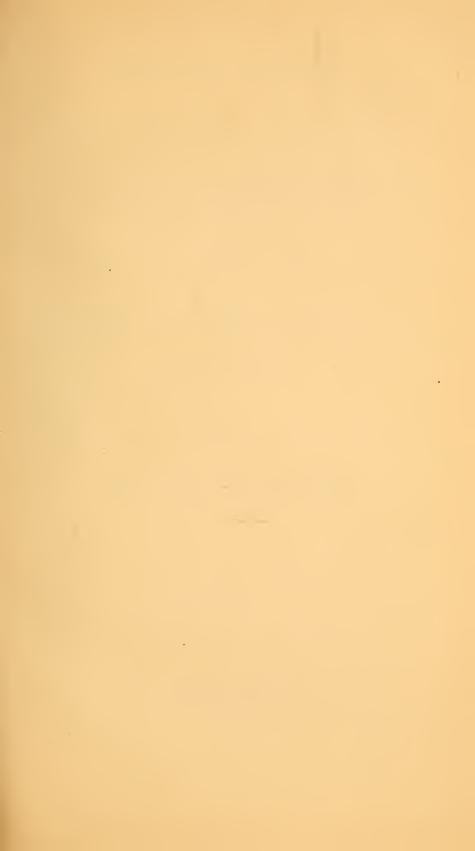
> HENRY S. PERHAM, JOHN Q. BATTEES, GEO. F. SNOW,

> > Selectmen of Chelmsford.

I have served the foregoing Warrant, by posting up true and attested copies of the same at the places above mentioned, more than ten days before the day of holding said meeting.

ALFRED DAY,

Constable of Chelmsford.





ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD

(MASSACHUSETTS),

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1887.

LOWELL, MASS.:
VOX POPULI PRESS: 130 CENTRAL STREET.
1887.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

As required by law your School Committee render the following report: A new organization of the Board was necessary by reason of new members being elected to fill places made vacant by the expiration of the terms of three members.

As re-organized Rev. J. H. Vincent was re-elected superintendent; J. C. Hobbs, chairman, and Rev. N. C. Saunders, secretary.

We do not propose to enter into any lengthy detail report of school matters, leaving that to follow from the hand of our more competent Superintendent, whose report will be complete in all its details.

It is a pleasure to your Committee to know and feel that each member of the Board has at heart his duties as committee of his particular school or schools, doing all in his power to promote the interests of scholars and teachers, and endeavoring to excel in its work over the preceding year.

This is as it should be; and seeing that suitable teachers are procured and their positions made pleasant is our first duty, and in doing this we may retain them long enough to make it more profitable for our schools; for we believe, as our predecessors, that it is poor policy to change teachers too often, although necessity compels us

to make changes sometimes, but we hope always for the best interests of all concerned. Furthermore we would say that while we know our schools are not perfect and up to that standard which is possible, we do feel that we have by no means lost ground over preceding years.

We hope the citizens of Chelmsford will bear in mind that our schools are growing more and more important every year, new schools and higher grades of teachers being required to fill the needs of our growing population.

As this will require a larger appropriation for school purposes, we know you will see the necessity of giving such sums as will allow your Committee to carry out the school work, feeling that with proper care and economy we may yet have, and keep, the best grade of teachers possible for our schools. By doing this we shall be enabled to give you schools that will do honor to our citizens, and an education to our children that will do credit to our school system.

Trusting the report of your Superintendent and Committee for the past year will meet with your approbation, we are

Very respectfully,

J. C. HOBBS, Chairman,

S. J. GARLAND,

J. H. HAZEN,

E. E. DUTTON,

T. S. EDMANDS,

GEO. F. LOCKE,

R. S. RIPLEY,

M. H. WINSHIP,

N. C. SAUNDERS, Secretary,

School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee of the Town of Chelmsford:

Gentlemen, — In making the report of this my fifth year's service as Superintendent of the schools of the town, I have to say that my work the past year has been much the same as in other years.

When the schools have opened, I have tried to visit them as soon as possible, so as to assist in organizing and to find out what books and supplies were needed.

When new teachers have taken charge of the schools I have usually suggested that they begin in the books where the former teachers left the classes; to do only as much talking themselves as will aid and not confuse the minds of the scholars; to teach the scholars to recite their lessons without being prompted; to put all the work they can on the blackboards so that the eye might aid the mind and memory; to keep the scholars advancing slowly and thoroughly, so that they might not become tired of their lessons; to follow the order of the subjects as laid down in the books, so that visitors could see progress, and not have to accept it by faith; to visit the schools again in a few days, to notice if there were defects in the methods of instruction, and suggest improvements, if needed. So you can see gentlemen, that the Superintendent's position is a delicate one, and yet it is a work that must not be neglected if the scholars are to receive the full benefit of the money appropriated by the town. Many young teachers beginning the work of teaching have no definite plans of instruction, and the Superintendent can be of great advantage to them in saving them from comparative failure in

their work. And my suggestions in most cases have been kindly received, and in some thankfully.

THE HOP-SKIP METHOD IN READING.

I have advised teachers to begin and continue in the reading books, as they would read a book themselves, not to skip around except in review. In the skip method, one piece is read perhaps a dozen times, while others are read only once, or are entirely neglected; and by this method the scholars do not know when they are through with the book. Neither are such good results obtained by the skip method, nor so rapid progress made.

SUBORDINATE TEXT-BOOKS.

Once in a while I have found a teacher who makes text-books subordinate, which I think is a relic of inefficiency; that is, they do not require the scholars to follow the text-books, and where this is done, in my judgment, the schools are subordinate in the work done; and after going from a school where text-books were followed strictly, into a school where they were not, it has made me feel sad when I saw evidence, as I thought, that the time of the scholars comparatively was being wasted. In these cases the teachers try to crowd so much in general upon the scholars, that they learn comparatively nothing in particular; also, it encourages lack of attendance, for in this way a scholar can stay out two or three days a week and be as far advanced as those who attend regularly, or they think so.

SPELLING THE WORDS WHEN READING.

This is another relic of inefficiency which has almost been abolished in our schools, as far as I have observed. In stopping to spell a word, the scholar loses the sense of the piece read, and also interest in reading; the better way, I think, is to let the scholars spell the more difficult words before reading, and for the smaller scholars to put the words on the blackboard.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The past year it has cost the town about \$1.14 a person, using books and supplies, including the teachers, who have to be supplied with desk-books. When it is remembered that it costs the town from \$5.00 to \$7.00, to furnish a High-school scholar, and that Chelmsford has two High schools, and that we have had scholars in High-school studies in five other schools during the year, and that it costs about \$4.00 to furnish a Grammar-school scholar, about \$2.50 to furnish an Intermediate scholar, and that it has taken three years to get a supply of books in the school, — I think no reasonable person will complain of the cost; and of course it ought not to cost so much in the future as in the past three years, but it should be remembered that writing-books, drawing-books, examination-paper, book-keeping blanks, pens, pencils, etc., can not be handed down to other scholars.

The following is a brief outline of the condition of the schools, the past year.

The statistics and wages of the teachers may be found at the close of the school report.

No. 1. - The Centre of the Town.

Grammar and High School.—The spring term of the school was in charge of Mr. A. F. Gilbert, as principal, and Miss E. L. Pierce, as assistant. The order was good, scholars did good work, and progress was noticeable

During the summer vacation the school house was enlarged, and in the fall term the school was divided, Mr. Gilbert taking the High-school department, and Miss Ada M. Sheldon the Grammar. The beginning of the winter term there being an increase of scholars, the third room for this school was opened, — Miss Sheldon taking the Intermediate; Miss May Rey Hodsdon the Grammar, and Mr. Gilbert the High-school department. The schools not being large, and the teachers having sufficient time, the scholars were given a thorough drill in their studies; order in all the schools was good.

No. I. - PRIMARY.

Miss N. M. Perham was in charge of this school through the year. Some new methods to interest the scholars were noticed. The examination at the close of the spring term showed that there were some very bright scholars in the school, and that they could tell those present what they knew.

No. 2. - MIXED. NORTH ROW.

During the year here we had more than the usual number of changes. Miss Helen Gookin, of Lowell, began the year, and took hold of her work with great interest; her scholars, also, took hold of their work with great interest, and after teaching the spring term and four weeks of the fall, she resigned, to accept a position in the schools of Lowell. Miss S. Eva Worthen, of Chelmsford, then took charge, keeping the scholars interested and at work. After teaching five weeks, on account of sickness, she also resigned. The winter term was taught by Miss Blanche E. Henshaw, of Lowell, who is a graduate of Framingham Normal School. Miss Henshaw's work was very thorough and progressive, and her school a good success.

No. 3. — MIXED. South Chelmsford.

The same teacher taught here as for the past three years—Miss A. V. Paasche. Miss Paasche is one of our most thoroughly educated teachers; self-reliant, knows how, after the class has recited its lesson from the book, to give examples and lessons that will help the scholars to understand and remember the lessons studied. The examination at the close of the year was very satisfactory. Composition writing received careful attention, as well as all other studies. The scholars are well advanced in this school.

No. 4. - MIXED. South Row.

The same teacher, Miss Gertrude W. Byam, was in charge here through the year. Progress was noticeable in this school, and that was the testimony of those present at the examination who have known the school for years. One remarked how bright and far advanced the little folks are. Scholars here, also in High-school studies, seemed to have grasped the subjects gone over, and recited with an ease and interest in their studies not often seen even in High schools.

No. 5. - MIXED. ESQUIRE BYAM'S NEIGHBORHOOD.

The spring term here was taught by Miss Ida E. Byam; but on account of the sickness of Miss Byam, the fall term was taught by Miss Lydia Heywood, of New Ipswich, N. H., who found, as she said, the school in good condition, the scholars bright, wide awake, and interested in their work; and she kept them in the same condition in which she found them. The winter term Miss Byam took charge again, and did even better work than in the spring. Her class of eleven-year-old scholars, in intellectual arithmetic, are certainly equal to any, I think, I ever saw; also the same scholars in the Fourth Supplementary Readers. The scholars here are advanced gradually and thoroughly, and understand their work about as well as it is possible for little folks to understand it.

No. 6. - MIXED. EAST CHELMSFORD.

Miss Susie M. McFarlin was the teacher in this school through the year, and progress was always noticeable. Fluency in reading is cultivated, arithmetic seemed to be well understood, writing-books were neat and free from ink-blots, and scholars well advanced in writing; so that the scholars have a chance to get a good foundation for an education under Miss McFarlin's skilful teaching.

No. 7. - MIXED. SPALDING'S NEIGHBORHOOD.

Miss G. Etta Locke taught the spring and fall terms. Her scholars always appeared to be interested in their work, and Progress was her motto. She resigned at the close of the fall term, and Miss Mary L. Keith, of North Chelmsford, was secured to take her place, who took hold of her work with energy and enthusiasm, and succeeded in doing a good term's work with both large and small scholars.

No. 8. - NORTH CHELMSFORD.

High School. — The teacher in this school, the spring and fall terms, was Mr. Geo. F. Partridge, of Caryville, a graduate of Harvard college. Mr. Partridge took hold with a determination to make his school a success, which he did, doing better and better work as the weeks went by, growing in favor with the scholars, parents, and friends of the school; and it was to the great regret of all that he resigned at the close of the fall term, to accept a position as teacher in Boston. At the commencement of the winter term, Mr. V. B. Wells took charge, and after teaching seven weeks, on account of ill-health, not having as much energy to give to the school as it required, he resigned, and Mr. W. F. Parsons, of Lowell, took the school and carried it through very successfully. By these changes I do not think the scholars lost much, as each teacher took up the work where the other left it, each having a daily programme of exercises on the desk, —a practice that ought to become universal, I think, in the schools.

Grammar School.—North Chelmsford Grammar school has been very fortunate in having the same efficient teacher in this school the past four years—Miss Addie M. Taylor. The work in this school is marked by promptness, thoroughness, and pride, on the part of the scholars, in doing their work well. The examination at the close of the fall term was excellent, and gave great pleasure to the large number of visitors present. The remark was, by those who have known the school for years, that great advancement was noticeable in this school.

Intermediate School.—Miss Minnie E. Worden taught the spring term with her well-known skill, but resigned at its close to accept a position in Marlborough, and was succeeded by Miss Hattie A. Burgess, of Worcester, who kept her scholars interested and making progress. The winter term she was succeeded by Miss Kate Sleeper, who kept her scholars wide-awake and doing good work. Miss Sleeper's methods of instruction are such as to excite the ambition of her scholars, and each tries to excel the other.

Primary School. — Miss Laura G. Hoyt's work in this school is still a matter of pride to the parents of the children,

whose confidence Miss Hoyt has. Miss Hoyt takes pains with the slow scholars, and encourages them, until slow and quick start off together in classes. The examination at the close of the fall term was very enjoyable to the large number present. Composition-writing by the little folks is attended to, and everything done well.

No. 9. - WEST CHELMSFORD.

Grammar School. — Miss Carrie E. Robbins was the efficient teacher in this school the past year. Miss Robbins is certainly one of our best teachers. A thorough scholar herself, she aims to make her scholars the same. There is no need of repeating the work she takes her scholars through. When the classes were called out on examination day, she showed the Superintendent the work the classes had been over, and gave him the privilege to choose any part they had been over, and the scholars certainly acquitted themselves well.

Primary School.—The same teacher, Miss Agnes Naylor, and the same good work has been done the past year in this school as in other years. Miss Naylor has a remarkable faculty for interesting little folks, and of helping them understand their work, and of helping them think on their feet. The usual excellent examination, and the same large number of visitors were present at Miss Naylor's annual examination. This should be said for West Chelmsford people: that they turn out in large numbers at their school examinations, which of course is a source of encouragement to the teachers.

Now, I have said only a part of the good things that might be said of teachers and schools, but space forbids my saying more. And from this brief survey, some may say that I think the schools are perfect; but no one knows better than the Superintendent that they are not. But allowing for the imperfections that belong to all things human, I can conscientiously say that in most of the schools—not in all—the work has been about what ought to be expected, taking the health and physical growth of the schoolars into consideration; for in most of the schools sterling work has been done. And if some teachers

had followed the suggestions made by the Superintendent, instead of finding fault with them, their work would have been more gratifying to themselves, as well as more pleasing to the parents of the scholars, judging by the work done by those teachers who have always been ready to receive suggestions.

Our schools are now, gentlemen, in such a state of advancement that great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers well qualified to teach; for in our district schools we need teachers who can teach High-school studies.

I close this report thanking you, gentlemen, for having entrusted me with the schools the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. VINCENT,

Superintendent.

ROLL OF HONOR - PUPILS NOT ABSENT.

Those marked * were tardy.

HIGH SCHOOL No. 1.

THE YEAR - Alvan R. Saunders.

Two Terms — Wm. Fletcher, Ena Bickford.

ONE TERM — Arthur M. Warren,* Emile Paignon,* Louise Reed,* Edith Emerson.*

GRAMMAR No. 1.

THE YEAR—James Emerson,* Clara Hutchinson.*

Two Terms — Ernest Mansfield, Dannie Haley, Harry Merrill, Annie Curtin.

ONE TERM — Grace Hallett, Stephen Mooney, Eugenie Paignon, Bertha Parkhurst, Grace Mansfield.

INTERMEDIATE No. 1.

Two Terms — Cora Hutchinson, Sadie Thurlow, John Haley.
ONE TERM — Edward M. Parkhurst, Jessie Holt, Alice Paignon,
Ralph Emerson.

PRIMARY No. 1.

Two Terms — Estelle Hutchinson, Harold Davis, Hawthorne Howard.

ONE TERM — Cora Hutchinson, Louise Wiggin, Herbert Whitney, Timmy Curtin, Leslie Davis, Leon Thurlow, Harry Ward, Lulu Parkhurst.

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Two Terns - Gertie Fulton, Willie Fulton.

ONE TERM — Gertie Hall, Bridget Driscoll, Willie Fowle, Tommy Sheehan.

MIXED No. 3.

THE YEAR - Grace Garland, Lyman Byam, Nettie Byam.

Two Terms — Arthur Smith, Maggie Sloan.

ONE TERM - Fred Park, Emma Parker, Mabel Pickard.

MIXED No. 4.

Two Terms - Ida E. Melvin.

ONE TERM — Inez A. Davis, Florence Cummings, Merton Cummings, Eddie J. Robbins.

MIXED No. 5.

THE YEAR — Stella M. Byam, Charles H. Dutton, Harry A. Dutton.

Two Terms — Bertha A. Rowell, Arthur E. Dutton, Walter E. Newhall, Clara E. Newhall.

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THE YEAR - Bertha Teabo.

ONE TERM—Walter Devine, Ernest Bartlett, Mary Devine, Bella Sharp, Jane Finnick.

MIXED No. 7.

THE YEAR - Elsie L. Hodson, Frank E. Martin.

Two Terms — Ella Hodson, Oscar Hodson, Guy E. Reed, Willie Martin.

ONE TERM — Michael Donelley,* Almeda Reed.

HIGH No. 8.

THE YEAR - Royal C. Reed, Belle E. Smith.

Two Terms - Daisy E. Ripley.

ONE TERM — Jennie R. R. Brown, Martha Hall, Clara A. Wright, Nellie L. Perham, Bertha A. Swain, Henry E. Davis, James Connor, George B. Perham, Ralph L. Ripley, James A. Sawyer, Walter E. Swain.

GRAMMAR No. 8.

Two Terms — Amelia B. Marinel, Blanche L. Sampson, Fannie G. Holt, Celia A. Marinel, Irving L. Keith.*

ONE TERM — Martha S. Hall, Rosanna H. McManamin,* Della G. Sprague, G. Walter Peterson, Ralph L. Ripley, Harry I. McLaughlin, Charlie E. Hyde, Harry C. Libby.

INTERMEDIATE No. 8.

THE YEAR — Luella Merrill, Frank Small.*

Two Terms — Viola Green, Lillie Sweat,* Lena Small,* Hannah Shields,* Hattie Hall,* Herman Shaw.*

ONE TERM—Celia Marinel, Lena Bridgford, Charlie Hyde, Harry Libby, Albert Peterson, Fred Chandler, Augustus Duncan, James Leahey.*

PRIMARY No. 8.

THE YEAR - Carrie Cook, Walter Marinel.

Two Terms — Delia Shields, Florence Sampson, Eliza McLaughlin, Nellie Dunigan, George Lumbert.

ONE TERM — Viola Greene, Georgia McEnnis,* Cora Pearson,* Hattie Cook, Edith Merrill, Grace Merrill, Annie Woodard, Florence Shaw,* James Leahey,* Eddie McEnnis,* Gardner Ripley, George Spaulding, Arthur Wheeler, Willie Chandler, George Swain, Clarence Spaulding.

GRAMMAR No. 9.

THE YEAR - Lottie L. Snow.

ONE TERM - Bertha V. Parkhurst.

PRIMARY No. 9.

THE YEAR - Freddie A. Snow.

Two Terms — Charles Daw, Oscar Naylor, Edward B. Mason, Arthur Mason.

ONE TERM — Florence May Winship, Louisa Pelsue, Myra L. Coburn, Lottie Hale,* Nettie Harrington, Minnie Pelsue, Lilla Cunningham, Freddie Daw, Freddie Hale, John E. Dane, Charlie Jordan, Carl Spaulding, Warren Marshall, Walter Mason, Roy Mason.*

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