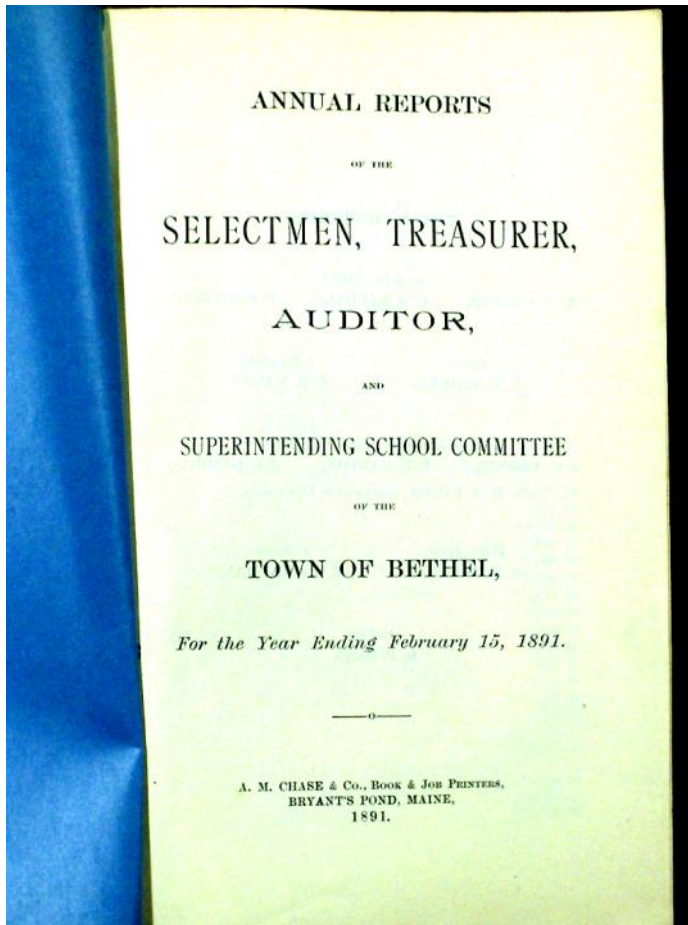


# 1890 Town Reports

## Warrant for the 1890 Annual Town Meeting



The 1890 Town Meeting Warrant covered the usual annual articles and the following special articles.

**Art. 9th. To see if the town will vote to revert to the district system, for schools, and re-establish the school districts as they existed March 1st, 1887.**

**Art. 19th To see what disposition the town will vote to make of the Eber Clough property, and the Toll Bridge (Androscoggin River) property.**

**Art 25<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will vote to permit the Bethel Water Company to lay its pipes across the Androscoggin River upon the Bethel Toll Bridge, so called, or to hang them upon or under said bridge, under the direction of the Selectmen.**

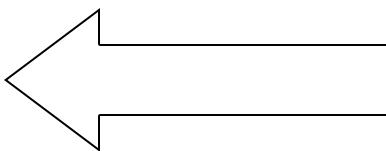
**Art 26th . To see if the town will vote to accept the building and other property now in the hands of the Trustees of Gould Academy, if said Trustees shall vote to surren-**

Voters called for a written annual report by passing a motion from the floor during the 1886 town meeting. The 1887 Town Report was the first annual report to be printed. Interesting to see that the 1890 report was printed by A. M. Chase & Co, Bryant's Pond.

**der the said property to the town; and to establish and maintain said Academy as a free high school under the provisions of sections 30, 37, 38, and 39 of the Schools Laws of Maine, and to appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to support and maintain said Academy as a free high school.**

**Art 28<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will vote to allow the Bethel Chair Company the sum of two hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty-one cents for-repairs and additions made on the Chair Factory, and for grading the Chair Factory lot, or any part of said sum.**

**Art 29<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will vote to abate the tax of J. H. Barrows.**



Given under our hands this 15th day of February, A. D.1890.

A.W. Grover  
C.M. Kimball  
E.S. Kilborn

Selectmen of Bethel FOR THE YEAR 1889

**REPORT OF SELECTMEN.**

The Selectmen would submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1891.

**Financial reports for 1890**

VALUATION.

Amount of real estate,	\$577,759 00
Amount of personal estate,	170,773 00
Total valuation,	\$748,532 00

Rate per cent, of tax, twenty-five mills (.025) on the dollar.

Number of polls, 543. Poll tax, \$2.00.

Number of Dogs, 102. Taxed each, \$1.00.

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$1,667 79
County tax,	811 26
For schools,	2,000 00
For support of poor,	1,500 00
To pay on debt and interest on outstanding notes,	2,000 00
To pay town charges,	1,000 00
For road supplies and to run road machine,	1,000 00
To purchase school-houses,	7,715 00
To repair school-houses,	500 00
To purchase text-books,	600 00
To pay land damage to Littlehale and Hastings,	825 00
To pay land damage and build J. D. George road,	75 00
To pay the East Bethel Library,	50 00
Overlays,	217 25
Total assessed,	\$19,961 30
School-house rebate tax (in part) adjusted with taxes on Collector's book before commitment,	7,141 38

Total committed for collection, \$12,819 92

Treasurer's Report—Selected Items:

Received:

March 7, cash from State of Maine, by hand of T. H. Chapman, Collector, for School and Mill fund for 1889. .... \$1,124.40

July 5, from sale of (Eber) Clough property.....	1,125.00
August 2, Bethel Chair Co., for rent to August 1st.....	297.50
August 13, E. S. Kilborn, for circus license .....	10.00
Dec. 22, J & E. A. Wyman, for rent of corn factory from Aug. 1st to Nov. 1st, .. .....	37.50
Feb. 6, A.W. Grover, from town farm.....	27.74
Feb. 11, from S.W. Sanborn, Liquor Agent .....	1,815.00
Total Received:.....	\$16,222.18

Paid:

Mar. 28, A. M. Chase & Co. for printing town reports.....	\$56.00
Apr. 19, Eugene Bean, for bounty on crows .....	1.20
Jun. 21, Insuring (Bridge) Toll House (\$250) .....	3.13
Dec 31, Note given to build corn factory .....	2,500.00
Dec 31, Interest on above note at 5 per cent. For one year ...	125.00
Jan. 3, 1891 Paid taxes in town of Newry (for town farm) ....	4.05
Cash to balance .....	795.53
.....	\$16, 222.18

O. H. Mason,  
Treasurer of Bethel

