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ANNUAL REPORT
—OF THE—
SELECTMEN
—AND—
Supervisor of Schools
—OF THE—
TOWN OF BURNHAM,
—FOR THE YEAR ENDING—
February 28th, 1887.



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O. S. HASKELL & SON,
PITTSFIELD, ME.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Schools.

Amount raised by the town.....	\$773 60
“ State school fund and mill tax	526 16
“ undrawn for the year 1885.....	140 56
“ rec'd from the town of Troy	25 60
“ “ “ Joseph Hathorn	12 00
“ unappropriated in 1885.....	18 84
	\$1,496 76

Account with the Several School Districts from April 1, 1886,
 to February 28, 1887.

DIST.	AMT. OF MONEY.	AMT. EX- PENDED.	AMT. UN- DRAWN.	AMT. OVER- DRAWN.	AMT. DUE.
No.1	\$141 47	\$135 39	\$6 08		
“ 2	200 38	193 81	6 57		
“ 3	149 38	149 45		\$ 07	
“ 4	151 97	138 25	13 72		
“ 5	236 65	216 53	20 12		
“ 6	8 24	4 12	4 12		
“ 7	140 98	140 59	39		
“ 8	90 30	91 00		70	
“ 9	198 33	150 71	47 62		
“ 10	208 61	95 80	112 81		
	\$1,526 31	\$1,315 65	\$211 43	\$ 77	\$210 66

Poor Farm Account.

	Dr.
To paid Oscar Farrington and wife for one year's labor on the farm.....	\$200 00
Paid Oscar Farrington, for supplies.....	25 29
“ Shephard Wood, for sawing shingles .	10 80
“ Orren Farrington, for one cow.....	33 00
“ Hiram McAlister, for beef.....	8 74
“ George E. McAlister, digging grave..	3 00
“ G. E. Berry, cash paid for one cow...	28 00
“ “ “ burial expenses of Calvin Morgan.....	14 50
Paid E. S. Goodwin, for supplies.....	27 60
“ Chas. E. Sherman, for supplies.....	54 40
“ Rufus Gilmore, “ “.....	54 91
“ Warren Goodrich, “ “.....	29 44
“ N. E. Murray, “ “.....	3 70
	<u>\$493 38</u>
Stock and produce reported on hand Feb- ruary 28, 1886.....	\$ 445 50
Farm and farming tools.....	1,400 00
	<u>\$1,845 50</u>
	<u>\$2,338 88</u>
	Cr.
By 7754 lbs. hay sold.....	\$46 52
54 bush. oats “.....	27 00
79 lbs. wool “.....	18 96
8 lambs.....	16 72
1 calf.....	6 50
69 lbs. poultry.....	5 00
Straw.....	1 50
3 bush. potatoes.....	1 20
182 1-2 lbs. butter.....	39 63
72 1-2 doz. eggs.....	10 00
Labor done off from the farm.....	8 00
1 cow sold.....	27 00
	<u>\$208 03</u>

 PROPERTY ON HAND.

By 1 pair oxen.....	\$125 00	
3 cows.....	80 00	
1 yearling.....	10 00	
10 sheep.....	35 00	
2 swine.....	25 00	
20 hens.....	8 00	
65 bush. oats.....	26 00	
50 " potatoes.....	20 00	
16 " beans.....	24 00	
Provisions on hand.....	13 00	
		\$366 00
Town farm.....	\$1,200 00	
Farming tools.....	200 00	
Cost of poor to balance acct.....	364 85	
		1,764 85
		\$2,338 88

Cost of poor off from the farm, Ed Nutt.....	\$ 4 00	
" " " on the farm.....	364 85	
		\$368 85

Abatement of Taxes.

For the year 1883.....	\$10 20	
" " " 1884.....	2 67	
" " " 1885.....	36 84	
" " " 1886.....	15 82	
		\$65 53

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid Orren Farrington, building hearse house..	\$ 65 06
" Ephraim Braley, land for a watering place	15 00
" John Cook, bal. due on freight on hearse	20 80

Paid McLellan, Mosher & Co., books, papers, etc., for town.....	\$ 14 80
Paid O. S. Haskell & Son, printing town reports for 1885	10 00
Paid G. E. Berry, postage, stationery and other cash expenses	4 72
Paid H. M. Cole, bal. due for collecting taxes for 1883	7 41
Paid G. E. Berry, cash paid witnesses and summoning them and other expenses getting evidence in the suit Burnham vs. Corinth	108 92
Paid Wm. H. Fogler, services in suit Burnham vs. Warren Goodrich in Jan. and April courts, 1881	5 60
Paid advice to Orren Learned Apr. 4th, 1881..	1 00
“ copy of deed, and searching records employed by Elisha Murray	2 00
Paid for service of application against town of Pittsfield and my services on the same....	9 26
Paid for service on writ on Corinth.....	1 88
“ entry fee and continuance.....	65
“ my services on same.....	75 00
Paid for making petition and bond for guardian for Mary Perry	3 00
Paid Wm. G. Foster, running out the Lassell road.....	4 00
	<hr/> \$349 10

Labor on Highway.

Paid Frank Connor in Dist. No. 14.....	\$ 5 50
“ Mial Reynolds “ “ “ “	5 00
“ Francis Cole “ “ “ “	3 87
“ William Doe “ “ “ 17.....	3 00
“ Benj. Perkins “ “ “ 5.....	2 39
“ G. E. Berry on the Learned road.....	200 00
	<hr/> \$219 76

Paid Wm. Lamb, plank for Carver bridge.....	\$ 8 40	
“ “ “ “ “ Stream “ . . .	13 35	
“ Lamb and Fletcher, stringers for Stream bridge	9 73	
Paid Geo. Gilmore, stringers for Stream bridge.	2 56	
“ Jas. A. Reynolds, lumber “ “ “ .	11 97	
“ G. E. Berry, “ “ “ “ and hauling the same	57 50	
Paid for spikes for bridge	1 12	
		\$104 63

Paupers for Other Towns.

Paid to Zelotes Jones for Etta Roberts, charged to Brooks	1 78	
Paid to Franklin Huff for Joseph Huff, \$31.54 ; Levi Ricker for Joseph Huff, \$6.00 ; charged to Hartland	37 54	
		\$39 32
John Clifford, for attending funeral.....	\$ 2 00	
N. E. Murray, “ “ “	24 00	
		\$26 00

Cash Paid by the Treasurer.

Interest on town bonds.....	\$333 14	
“ “ “ order.....	2 40	
“ “ Clinton Gore R. R. bonds.....	60 00	
		\$395 54
Joseph Evans, dog tax.....	\$1 00	
Express and postage.....	74	
		\$1 74

Town Officers' Bills.

G. E. Berry, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.....	\$ 75 00
Phineas Goodwin, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.....	28 50
Watson Blaisdell, Selectman, Assessor and	

Overseer of the Poor.....	\$ 15 00
G. E. Berry, Town Agent.....	23 25
A. W. Fletcher, Supervisor.....	35 00
" " Town Clerk.....	5 00
John Clifford, Constable.....	2 00
H. M. Cole, Treasurer.....	21 00
W. L. Shaw, Collector.....	157 10
" " Constable.....	1 50
Chas. E. Sherman, Auditor.....	1 50
	<hr/> \$364 85

Current Receipts for the Year.

Amount raised by the town.....	\$2,569 16
State tax.....	768 18
County tax.....	362 53
Cash received on F. Mudgett note.....	42 82
" B. & M. R. R. Co.....	60 00
" due B. & M. R. R. Co.....	60 00
" rec'd of M.-C. R. R., highway tax...	14 75
Due from Orren Farrington, " " ...	36 68
Rec'd of A. W. Bickford, rent of land....	2 00
" " Sumner Houston, " " "	4 00
" " E. S. Goodwin, " " store....	25 00
Farrington and Gilmore, " " hall.....	25 00
Received of R. Gilmore, error in his bill ...	2 53
" " A. W. Fletcher, for cash paid for making petition for guardian for Mary Perry.....	3 00
	<hr/> \$3,975 65

Cost of the poor.....	\$368 85
Abatement of taxes.....	65 53
Repairing highways.....	219 76
Repairing bridges.....	104 63
Paupers for other towns.....	39 32
Interest paid on debt.....	395 54
Taking care of hearse and attending funerals,	26 00

Miscellaneous bills.....	\$350 84	
Town officers' bills.....	364 85	
		<u>\$1,935 32</u>
State tax.....	\$768 18	
County tax.....	362 53	
		<u>\$1,130 71</u>
		<u>\$3,066 03</u>

Liabilities.

Bonds due October 31st, 1891.....	\$3,275 00	
“ “ “ “ 1888.....	1,425 00	
“ “ “ “ 1887.....	600 00	
“ “ May 20th, 1889.....	200 00	
		<u>\$5,525 00</u>
Orders outstanding, bearing 4 per cent. int.,	\$1,000 00	
“ “ not bearing interest...	202 79	
		<u>\$1,202 79</u>
Interest due on bonds.....	\$ 73 66	
“ “ town order, \$1,000.....	40 00	
“ “ on 2 Clinton Gore R. R. Bonds,	120 00	
Due Orren Farrington, Collector for 1885..	86 25	
“ “ “ Constable.....	1 50	
“ W. L. Shaw, Collector for 1886.....	157 10	
“ “ “ Constable.....	1 50	
“ school districts.....	210 66	
Clinton Gore R. R. bonds.....	2,000 00	
		<u>\$2,690 67</u>
		<u>\$9,418 46</u>

Resources.

Due from Orren Farrington, Col., 1885 ...	\$ 185 03
“ “ W. L. Shaw, Col., 1886	1,046 13
“ “ H. M. Cole, Treasurer.....	800 62
“ “ Franklin Mudgett.....	254 38
“ “ tax deeds	134 92

Due from the town of Corinth	\$ 135 73
“ “ “ “ “ Brooks.....	1 78
“ “ “ “ “ Hartland.....	37 54
“ “ “ estate of Daniel Wyman....	26 76
“ “ Chas. L. Whitten	955 09
20 shares in the B. & M. R. R. Co.....	2,000 00
Town Hall, lot and water power.....	500 00
Town Farm and tools.....	1,400 00
Stock and produce on farm.....	366 00
Bedding, furniture and dishes on farm	100 00
	\$7,943 98
Excess of liabilities over resources	\$1,474 48

Valuation of Real Estate.....	\$145,516 00
“ “ Personal Estate.....	34,643 00

Number of Polls taxed, 216 ; rate of taxation, 2 1-4 cents on \$1.00.

G. E. BERRY,	} Selectmen	
PHINEAS GOODWIN,		of
WATSON BLAISDELL,		Burnham.

Auditor's Certificate.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the town and find them correct. CHAS. E. SHERMAN, Auditor.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

In presenting the annual report of the public schools of Burnham, I desire to be brief in its delivery as I entertain the opinion that my townsmen will be willing to reciprocate in the same; but as regards schools, scholars, scholarship and intelligence, may I not speak? That the diligent and ambitious student would receive encouragement and support, and that the victor would gain all and the vanquished would have nothing to excite energy; that pride, the essential quality in youth, should be encouraged to the extent to be justly charged with audacity in the pursuance of fame, position and wealth, is the sentiment which my language would seem to indicate; a sentiment which should swell every bosom with joy and fill every heart with inspiration. To no other quality, not backed up with perseverance, energy, tact and ability, and reverence for the benign influences of the gospel dispensation, would I doff my hat in courtesy and submission. During the contest of study which we have just passed, in order that we might learn to read and write correctly, we submitted to moral influence, professed, indeed, and practiced in every form, yet all of them inculcated honesty, truth, temperance, gratitude and the love of man; all arranged themselves under the will of the law in common effort for the common good; to the end that they become the reciprocal duties of parent and child, united with one moral; a resort to social intercourse; united to make this the strongest government on earth, by educating the masses. In the one case it is called voluntary, because of its own necessity, and in the other involuntary, because enforced by the will of another. A scholar must be interested to make study voluntary, he must be subservient to the teacher; like a parent toward his child; a guardian to his ward, or master to his apprentice. Can you forget so important an injunction by which a man may become an ornament to his country? Is there not scholarly wisdom in the demand? A person may travel in most any part of this domain and scarcely discover a place but what is rendered memorable as the birthplace of some eminent scholar or statesman whose early trainings were received in the little rural districts of the country.

Now as regards government, I have performed the work intrusted to me to the best of my ability; have instructed the teachers in the several districts to be animated in pouring in and drawing out knowledge; to be interested in the work laid