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ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR,
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF RICHMOND
FOR
THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 19, 1881.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN

OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 19, 1881.

LIABILITIES OF TOWN,

FEBRUARY 20, 1880.

Town Bonds, old issue, 6 per cent., due Mar. 1, '80,	\$250 00
Town Bonds, new issue, 4½ per cent., \$2,000 due annually commencing with municipal year 1880,	35,000 00
Town Order No. 12, 1877, March 1.....	1,500 00
“ 15, 1877, March 1.....	500 00
“ 49, 1877, March 21.....	500 00
“ 76, 1878, June 1.....	700 00
“ 269, 1879, Feb. 20.....	2,000 00
“ 270, 1879, Feb. 20.....	100 00
“ 260, 1880, Feb. 20.....	300 00
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	\$40,850 00
Coupons and Interest due on above Feb. 20, 1880,	475 85
Due School Districts. Feb. 20, 1880.....	443 23
Due A. P. Ring, Collector for 1879.....	106 61
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	\$41,875 69

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 20, 1880.....	\$ 591 58
Due on Execution, Hagar and Toothaker.....	1,036 60
Due from A. P. Ring, Collector, 1879.....	7,651 37
Due from Town of Topsham for Poor.....	21 95
Due on Hay sold from Town Farm.....	150 52
Liabilities over Resources, Feb. 20, 1880.....	32,423 67
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	\$41,875 69
March 8, 1880, Town voted to release Hagar and Toothaker from their Execution.....	1,036 60
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Leaving Liabilities of Town.....	\$33,460 27

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1880.

For State Tax.....	\$6,215 71	
County Tax.....	1,861 60	
Repairs on Roads and Bridges.....	3,000 00	
Support of Schools.....	2,500 00	
Support of Poor.....	800 00	
Payment on Debt.....	2,000 00	
Payment of Interest on Debt.....	1,800 00	
Observance of Decoration Day.....	50 00	
Service Tempest Engine Company.....	300 00	
Supplies for Fire Department.....	350 00	
Care of Town Clock.....	20 00	
Contingent Fund.....	800 00	
Overlaysings.....	608 52	
		<hr/> \$20,305 83
Supplemental Tax.....		266 39
		<hr/> \$20,572 22

RECEIPTS.

From Cash in Treasury Feb. 20, 1880.....	\$ 591 58
State school fund and mill tax.....	1,151 86
State railroad and Telegraph.....	21 34
A. P. Ring, Collector of 1879.....	7,471 38
A. P. Ring, " interest on taxes, '79,	122 00
Borrowed on Orders 89, 90 & 91.....	1,100 00
Borrowed on Order 200.....	1,000 00
License Ducello's Exhibition.....	5 00
" J. L. Robinson, Innholder.....	1 00
" New Orleans Minstrels.....	2 00
" G. A. Beale, Fireworks.....	2 00
" H. Mansir, Fireworks.....	2 00
" A. P. Witham, Billiards.....	10 00
" Pullman & Hamilton's Circus...	5 00
" Boston Dramatic Co.....	2 00
" G. B. Randlette, Auctioneer....	2 00
Credit on tax by A. P. Ring.....	75
Blanks sold B. F. Curtis.....	1 10
Old Junk sold J. Haynes & Son.....	10 17
Tuition collected in School Dis. No. 1...	2 23
" " " " " " 3...	3 50
Tax and interest of C. W. Whitmore....	27 62
G. H. Farrin, use Engine watering vessel	10 00
Money reimbursed (poor acct).....	10 00
	<hr/> \$11,554 53

FROM FARM.

From Charles Russell & Co. for hay.....	\$147 32	
Bates Curtis, for oxen.....	150 00	
R. A. Umberhind, for stock (4 head)....	100 00	
H. M. Libby, for hay.....	73 47	
A. R. Briery, for heifer.....	23 00	
Produce sold.....	105 09	
A. R. Briery, heifer.....	6 00	
		\$604 88
Amount of Receipts.....		\$12,159 41
Amount of Appropriations and Supplemental Tax		20,572 22
Total Appropriations and Receipts.....		\$32,731 63

EXPENDITURES FOR 1880.

State tax paid.....	\$6,215 71	
County tax paid.....	1,861 60	
		\$8,077 31

REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Foster & Spaulding for lumber.....	\$898 66
G. M. Perkins, for labor.....	7 50
Libbens Jenkins, for labor to Nov. 6, 1880	189 40
John E. Wharff, for labor.....	28 95
Elmira Pratt, for gravel.....	4 33
Millett Thurlow, for labor.....	43 87
Horatio Booker, overwork.....	1 50
Wm. M. Loud, overwork.....	18 82
Levi D. Johnson, labor.....	2 00
J. R. True, blasting rocks.....	7 40
I. A. Alexander, blasting rocks.....	1 88
S. Cunningham, repairing bridge.....	2 00
F. G. Marson, overwork.....	1 40
L. H. Ross, overwork.....	9 25
True G. Hatch, cutting bushes.....	9 90
L. Parks, labor and stone.....	11 18
Wm. Tomlinson, labor.....	15 03
C. R. Parks, labor.....	13 65
G. W. Merrill, labor.....	1 12
John Smith, labor, self and team.....	22 95
Solon Bates, labor of team and stone.....	29 86
E. H. Call, labor.....	14 03
Thomas Scott, labor.....	6 53
Joel Howe, labor.....	13 50
J. E. Rowe, labor.....	6 00
Lawrence Bros., lumber.....	92 33

Paid R. R. freight on lumber.....	5 00
S. H. Lancaster, labor.....	4 95
S. Odiorne, team and man.....	111 00
J. Hurley, labor.....	54 00
S. Smith, stone.....	5 03
Wm. Thurlow, bal. labor.....	1 25
O. A. Parks, labor.....	2 65
Labor bills in Dis. 1, W. E. Chase, Surveyor	86 63
" 2, O. L. Curtis, "	74 00
" 3, L. H. Ross, "	84 50
" 3, B. Harlow, "	46 12
" 4, M. W. Toothaker, "	80 45
" 5, W. M. Loud, "	119 43
" 5, J. W. Woodward, "	65 50
" 6, S. F. Blanchard, "	76 08
" 6, F. Yeaton, "	58 12
" 7, A. R. Merriman, "	100 12
" 8, H. W. Cunningham, "	75 00
" 8, H. R. Booker, "	50 25
" 8, B. Curtis, "	74 46
" 9, F. J. Libby, "	83 40
" 10, J. Litch, "	62 43
" 11, O. B. Edgecomb, "	93 83
" 11, J. H. Booker, "	59 98
" 1, Village, "	51 00

 \$2,978 22

 ROAD BILLS AND BREAKING.

1879 BILLS.

Paid David G. C. T. White, for labor.....	2 45
S. B. Hathorn, for labor.....	10 59
Robert Liut, for labor.....	9 50
Wm. H. Smith, for labor.....	48
G. A. Buker, for labor.....	2 75
A. L. Theobald, for Ice bridge.....	3 00
A. P. Ring, for road over field.....	6 00
Patrick Conley, for labor.....	3 00
Nathaniel Donnell, for labor.....	2 25
A. C. G. Meserve, for lumber.....	68
Wm. E. Chase, for labor.....	6 90
Aaron Buker, for labor.....	45
F. G. Marson, for labor.....	75
John Hurley, for labor.....	2 33
James Litch, for damage to plow.....	2 50
H. R. Booker, for labor.....	90

Paid Libbeus Jenkins, for labor.....	20	87	
Cornelius Daley, for labor.....		60	
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			\$76 00
Paid Breaking, in Dis. 1, W. E. Chase, Surveyor	\$43	85	
" 2. O. L. Curtis, " "		30 60	
" 3. L. H. Ross, " "		61 25	
" 3. B. Harlow, " "		42 60	
" 4. M. W. Toothaker, " "		78 00	
" 5. W. M. Loud, " "		26 63	
" 5. J. W. Woodward, " "		19 14	
" 6. S. F. Blanchard, " "		16 23	
" 6. F. Yeaton, " "		24 85	
" 7. A. R. Merriman, " "		71 10	
" 8. H. W. Cunningham, " "		33 80	
" 8. H. R. Booker, " "		37 98	
" 8. B. Curtis, " "		32 10	
" 9. F. J. Libby, " "		82 46	
" 10. J. Litch, " "		41 72	
" 11. O. B. Edgecomb, " "		51 48	
" 11. J. H. Booker, " "		34 15	
" 1. Village, " "		66 72	
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			\$794 66

INCIDENTAL ROAD BILLS.

Paid Wm. P. Lancaster, labor.....	\$1	13	
James Litch, labor.....		1 00	
S. Odiorne, labor.....		7 50	
John Smith, labor.....		5 62	
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			\$15 25
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Total.....			\$885 91

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Hunneman & Co. for 1 Copper Strainer...	\$10	00	
J. D. Knights, Express on same.....		35	
N. Anderson, fixing ladders & engine hose.		4 50	
Wm. Randlette & Co. 200 ft. Rubber hose.	170	00	
Wm. Randlette & Co. 30 ft. Rubber Suction Hose.....		106 48	
Wm. Randlette & Co. 6 Firemen's Rubber Coats		26 00	
W. H. Whitney, fixing Suction Hose....		1 50	
N. Anderson, Care of Engines 1 year.....	20	00	
E. D. Lamson, for Alcohol for Engines...		21 00	
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			\$359 83

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

District No. 1.

Paid F. J. Buker, Agent, for bills paid.....	\$57 04	
" " taking names of scholars and services.....	20 00	
Ellen F. B. Haley, teaching.....	203 00	
" Care of School Room.....	5 50	
Clara E. Suckling, teaching.....	203 00	
" Care of School Room.....	10 50	
Gertrude Dinsmore, teaching.....	203 00	
Mattie A. Provins, teaching.....	203 00	
Caro J. Call, teaching.....	234 00	
Emily M. Clarke, teaching.....	234 00	
Carrie A. Odiome, teaching.....	234 00	
J. G. Libby, teaching.....	280 00	
A. M. Thomas, teaching.....	308 75	
" Examination Books.....	5 00	
W. H. Haynes, care of Academy.....	24 12	
Henry Washburn, care of School Rooms...	5 00	
Llewellyn Blanchard, care of Academy.....	9 00	
John Lake & Son, fixing stove pipe.....	1 12	
J. G. C. Faruham, for Putty and Glass....	64	
G. A. Beale, crayons and erasers.....	8 30	
Foster & Spaulding, lumber for fence.....	12 40	
James Parks, for wood.....	34 64	
Abial Libby, for rent of Academy.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$2446 01

District No. 2.

H. RANDALL, Agent.		
Paid Lottie W. Curtis, teaching.....	\$30 00	
L. M. Small, teaching.....	67 50	
B. F. Randall, wood and supplies.....	8 02	
	<hr/>	\$105 52

District No. 3.

Paid Wm. H. Smith, agent, for wood.....	\$11 38	
James R. Cunningham, teaching.....	70 00	
Nellie E. Webber, teaching.....	21 00	
Wm. H. Smith, board of teacher.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$109 38

District No. 4.

Paid S. T. Webber, agent, wood bill, etc.....	\$ 21 75
C. M. Tibbetts, teaching.....	100 00
Maria H. Hanover, teaching.....	36 00

Paid A. C. True, teaching.....	71 25	
Benj. Flanders, boarding teacher.....	19 00	
	<hr/>	\$248 00

District No. 5.

Paid George Newell, agent, cleaning house and repairs.....	\$ 4 50	
Hannah Trott, for wood.....	7 50	
Loretta Parks, teaching.....	20 00	
Leander Blair, boarding teacher.....	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$43 00

District No. 6.

Paid George Jackson, agent, repairs.....	\$ 1 00	
D. G. C. T. White, for wood.....	6 75	
Lizzie E. Buker, teaching.....	57 50	
Emma E. Cotton, teaching.....	97 50	
	<hr/>	\$162 75

District No. 7.

Paid Noah Alexander, agt., supplies and cleaning	\$ 2 23	
Mrs. J. Hathorn, teaching.....	25 00	
Charles E. Lancaster, teaching.....	142 00	
J. H. Booker, for wood.....	8 62	
	<hr/>	\$177 85

District No. 8.

Paid Joseph Temple, agt., wood of R. S. Webber	\$ 6 50	
Laura M. Temple, teaching.....	49 50	
James R. Cunningham, teaching.....	83 25	
	<hr/>	\$139 25

District No. 9.

Paid Otis Plummer, agt., board of teacher.....	\$10 50	
Alice C. Cotton, teaching.....	24 50	
C. E. Lancaster, teaching.....	49 50	
	<hr/>	\$84 50

District No. 10.

Paid O. C. Smith, agt., for insurance premium..	\$ 8 00	
“ “ repairs, etc.....	1 77	
Mattie L. Preble, teaching.....	22 75	
Bates Curtis, boarding teacher.....	10 50	
W. E. Robinson, teaching.....	31 25	
Edwin Totman, boarding teacher, and wood	17 35	
	<hr/>	\$91 62

District No. 11.

Paid George Peacock, agt., cleaning house. and repair bills.....	\$ 4 19	
Lillie Allard, teaching.....	30 00	
Charles M. Tibbetts, teaching.....	90 00	
J. H. Booker, for wood.....	6 65	
	<hr/>	\$130 84
Total.....		<hr/> \$3,738 72

POOR ACCOUNT.

On Farm.

Paid Prescott Keyes, services to March 29, 1880, ou Town Farm.....	\$ 38 72	
Julia Doughty, work to same date.....	6 87	
Ætna Insurance Co., insuring Town Farm buildings 2 years.....	18 00	
J. Watson Libby, mistake on flour sold Town in 1879.....	1 00	
Drs. Libby & Dorr, examination Augustus Webber	5 00	
S. Cunningham, expense committing A. Web- ber	5 75	
F. E. Bailey, blacksmith work, (old bill)..	9 07	
James A. Smith, blacksmith.....	8 38	
Thomas Webber, work haying, etc.....	24 25	
J. L. Fogg, keeping farm 1 year.....	275 00	
“ for cow.....	35 00	
James Smith. for cow.....	40 00	
F. J. Libby, pressing hay on farm.....	24 54	
E. D. Lamsol, medicines for Mrs. Chase..	85	
For supplies for poor farm.....	305 40	
	<hr/>	\$797 83

Off Farm.

Paid S. Brown, care of tramps.....	\$ 19 92
E. J. Witham. care Lydia E. Witham....	12 00
Mrs. D. (since reimbursed).....	5 00
C. H. Hodges, care tramps.....	75
Annie Wilson, house rent for Mrs. Mitchell	18 00
Insane Hospital, on acct. Fred Kerrins....	106 49
“ Theodore Patten.	52 18
“ Augustus Webber	60 91
Geo. L. Toothaker, care tramps in '79 & '80	3 00
A. Bates, load of wood for Mrs. Mitchell..	3 50

Paid Town of Topsham, on acct. of Lyman Tripp and family.....	6 00
Town of Topsham, on acct. of Mrs. Gardiner (so-called).....	16 28
James W. Lint and family, assistance.....	18 00
H. P. H. (since reimbursed).....	5 00
C. H. Hodges, services in case Johnson boy	5 12
" committing Theodore Patten	5 50

\$337 65

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Paid A. P. Ring, overpaid taxes, 1878.....	\$ 18 36
Wm. H. Stuart, Auditor for 1879.....	5 00
A. R. Merriman, damage to pung in 1879.	75
H. K. Morrell & Son, printing town reports, 1879.....	35 00
F. Houdlette, stamps for 1879.....	2 00
David Bugbee, blanks.....	6 50
G. A. Beale, order book, express and paper	5 45
Firemen and others, labor, etc., to save property after big fire.....	75 86
John H. Beard, watchman.....	1 50
E. B. Blen, printing militia notices.....	50
Job Mansir, key to Town Hall.....	50
Philena Loring, services to Town in 1879..	9 01
J. Temple and others, fixing Town Farm barn	8 13
Wm. Gardiner, car fare and services.....	2 30
Foster & Spaulding, lumber for graveyard.	23 76
J. Watson Libby, building scrapers.....	5 05
F. Smith, care Town Hall.....	3 00
Job Mansir, keys, etc.....	1 25
Blen, Walker & Co., printing.....	1 00
Aid to Edward Flynn, soldier.....	1 00
Lot of small bills paid by Town Agent....	15 13
L. Jenkins, general labor for Town.....	30 00
O. A. Parks, wood for office.....	1 72
T. W. Johnston, painting guide boards....	5 75
E. G. Pert, blacksmith work, old bill.....	6 90
L. M. Hilton, mending plow.....	1 50
J. E. Wharff, labor.....	1 50
A. P. Ring, commissions on acct. taxes '79	50 00
Expenses Selectmen to Augusta for hearing before State Valuation Committee.....	3 35
Expense for team on roads.....	2 00
C. B. Heald, looking up Wm. H. Colby....	2 18

Paid Frank Smith, cleaning Town Hall.....	1 00
M. A. Brown, damage to plow.....	2 00
C. Houdlette, acct. church bell by vote of Town.....	200 00
R. Bickford, labor turning water.....	50
C. B. Webber, labor on drains.....	9 40
J. C. Curtis, watering trough.....	3 00
G. A. Beale, collector's book and indexes..	4 90
A. G. Thomas, abatement on tax.....	3 20
J. Haynes & Son, fixing Town Hall.....	8 29
Willis Stinson, wood for office.....	4 50
W. T. Hall, for team.....	1 00
H. S. Linscott, sawdust for Town Hall....	60
E. P. Stevens, work in 1879 on Town Hall.	1 25
Foster & Spaulding, lumber for general use	129 10
Dr. A. Libby, for Decoration Day.....	32 15
S. Brown, fixing Lockup.....	2 50
C. H. Hodges, services.....	2 25
E. J. Whitney, for ladders destroyed at great fire.....	5 00
Samuel Toothaker, for nails and rope.....	16 40
George L. Toothaker, services as constable.	5 00
Alpheus Small, for watering trough.....	3 00
John Lake & Son, for nails and plow points	34 61
Wm. H. Winslow, for powder and fuse....	2 40
Abatement on F. B. Bailey's tax.....	1 60
Solon Bates, for 230 loads dirt delivered...	23 00
W. H. Sturtevant, Justice fees in State Pen- sion cases.....	6 00
J. G. C. Farnham, lock, pail and iron.....	1 32
J. F. & D. C. Ames, iron work.....	3 00
A. C. Spaulding & Bro., pails lost at great fire.....	1 44
Nicholas Gaubert, abatement on taxes.....	3 20
C. H. Hodges, services as officer.....	2 50
Wm. H. Smith, surveying street.....	2 50
Wm. H. Smith, pound rent.....	4 00
S. Brown, wood for, and care of Lockup..	6 00
S. Brown, for services as watchman.....	14 00
C. Houdlette, office rent.....	15 00
G. C. Lovell, care town clock.....	20 00
A. P. Ring, Collector of 1879, balance of his commissions.....	56 61
A. W. Smith, pails lost at great fire.....	3 20
A. P. Ring, Collector of 1879, release on taxes.....	115 92

 \$1,077 29

Town Officers.

Paid Wm. T. Hall, Assessor, Selectman, Overseer and Agent.....	\$225 00	
A. P. Jewett, Assessor, Selectman and Overseer.....	85 00	
S. Cunningham, Assessor, Selectman and Overseer.....	50 00	
J. W. Spaulding, Treasurer.....	50 00	
W. H. Sturtevant, Town Clerk.....	18 42	
D. S. Richards, Supervisor of Schools....	121 00	
Levi Whitney, Constable.....	25 00	
		574 42
		\$1,651 71

PAID ON TOWN DEBT.

Paid Old issue 6 per cent. bonds outstanding....	\$ 250 00	
Order No. 12, issued March 1, '77.....	1500 00	
“ 49, issued March 21, '77.....	500 00	
“ 269, issued Feb'y 20, '79.....	100 00	
On new issue 4½ per cent. bonds.....	2000 00	
		\$4,350 00
Paid Interest aud discount.....		\$1,436 62

LIABILITIES.

New 4½ per cent. Bonds outstanding.....	\$33,000 00	
Town Order No. 15, issued March 1, 1877....	500 00	
“ 76, “ June 1, 1878.....	700 00	
“ 269, “ Feby. 20, 1879... ..	1,900 00	
“ 270, “ Feby. 29, 1879... ..	100 00	
“ 260, “ Feby. 20, 1880... ..	300 00	
“ 89, “ July 6, 1880... ..	500 00	
“ 90, “ July 6, 1880... ..	500 00	
“ 91, “ July 6, 1880... ..	100 00	
“ 200, “ Jany. 15, 1881... ..	1,000 00	
		\$38,600 00
Due School Dis. No. 1.....	\$102 66	
“ 2.....	4 03	
“ 3.....	60 37	
“ 4.....	15	
“ 5.....	113 48	
“ 6.....	5 52	
“ 7.....	4 55	
“ 8.....	4 71	

Due School Dis. No. 9.....	31 38	
" 10.....	31 03	
" 11.....	4 22	
	<hr/>	362 10
Due Tempest Engine Co.....		300 00
F. J. Libby, Collector of 1880, on collections.		131 27
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		\$39,393 37

RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury, Feby. 19, 1881.....	\$ 1,184 17	
Due from A. P. Ring, Collector of 1879.....	179 59	
" F. J. Libby, Collector of 1880.....	6,754 07	
" Town of Topsham, for poor.....	21 95	
" City of Bath, for poor.....	11 87	
" C. Russell & Co., for hay sold from farm.....	98 00	
Liabilities over Resources, Feby. 19, 1881....	31,143 72	
	<hr/>	\$39,393 37

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of Appropriations.....	\$20,572 22	
Receipts.....	12,159 41	
	<hr/>	\$32,731 63

EXPENDITURES.

State Tax.....	\$6,215 71
County Tax.....	1,861 60
Roads and Bridges.....	2,978 22
Road Bills, Breaking, (1879).....	76 00
" " (1880).....	794 66
" Incidental.....	15 25
Fire Department.....	359 83
Schools.....	3,738 72
Poor Account, On Farm.....	797 83
" Off Farm.....	337 65
General Account.....	1,651 71
Paid on Town Debt.....	4,350 00
Interest and Discount.....	1,436 62
Due on Taxes of 1879.....	179 59

Due on Taxes of 1880.....	6,754 07	
Cash in Treasury.....	1,184 17	
	<hr/>	\$32,731 63
Reduction of Town Debt the past year.....	\$2,316 55	

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. T. HALL,	} Selectmen of Richmond.
A. P. JEWETT,	
S. CUNNINGHAM,	

Richmond, February 19, 1881.

TOWN FARM.

To Stock on Farm Feb. 20, 1880.....	\$371 00	
Hay, grain and provisions.....	242 48	
Farming tools.....	247 75	
Furniture.....	193 25	
Wood, lumber and shingles.....	90 00	
Supplies furnished by Mr. Fogg.....	305 40	
Int. on \$2000 in Farm one year.....	100 00	
Prescott Keyes, services to March 29, 1880.	38 72	
Julia Doughty, work to same date.....	6 87	
Thomas Webber, labor haying, etc.....	24 25	
F. J. Libby, for pressing hay.....	24 54	
James A. Smith, blacksmith work.....	8 38	
Etna Insurance Co., ins. Farm buildings...	18 00	
J. L. Fogg and wife, services one year to March 29, 1881.....	275 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,945 64
By Stock on Farm Feb. 20, 1881.....	183 00	
Hay, grain and provisions.....	361 06	
Farming tools.....	270 50	
Furniture.....	200 00	
Wood, lumber and shingles.....	85 50	
Stock sold from Farm.....	279 00	
Produce sold from Farm.....	105 09	
Hay sold from Farm.....	220 79	
Labor of Town Farm team.....	18 00	
Balance cost supporting poor on Farm.....	222 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,945 64

TOWN PROPERTY.

Two Fire Engines, valued at.....	\$1,000 00	
Two Safes.....	200 00	
Hearse.....	40 00	
Engine House.....	350 00	
Interest in Town House.....	800 00	
Town Farm and outfit.....	3,000 00	
		<u> </u> \$5,390 00

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1881.

Repair of Highways and Bridges.....	\$3,000 00	
Support of the Poor.....	800 00	
Schools.....	2,500 00	
Interest and Discount.....	1,700 00	
Contingent Fund.....	800 00	
Tempest Engine Company.....	300 00	
Town Clock.....	25 00	
Reduction of Town Debt.....	2,000 00	
		<u> </u> \$11,125 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. W. SPAULDING, TREASURER,

In Account with TOWN OF RICHMOND, DR.

To cash on hand Feb'y 20, 1880.....	\$ 591 58
Rec'd from C. W. Whitmore, to redeem real estate sold for 1878 taxes.....	27 62
A. P. Ring, collector of 1879 taxes.	7593 38
F. J. Libby, collector of 1880 taxes	4444 92
State of Maine, school fund.....	\$327 80
Mill tax.....	824 06
R. R. & Tel. tax..	21 34
	1173 20
Tuition, School Dist. No. 1.....	\$2 23
" " " " 3.....	3 50
	5 73
Selectmen, borrowed on Town Orders	2100 00
" poor account, re-imbursed	10 00
" from sale of Hay on Town Farm	\$220 79
Selectmen, from sale of Stock on Town Farm.....	256 00
	476 79
Selectmen, from sale of Old Junk...	10 17
" " " " Blanks.....	1 10
" " licenses, for auctioneers, shows, fireworks, etc.....	31 00
Selectmen, for engine watering ship.	10 00
" credit on tax of A. P. Ring	75
	\$16,476 24
	Cr.
By paid Town Bonds.....	\$2250 00
Coupons.....	1436 62
Abatement Orders.....	118 21
Town Orders, series 1877.....	2000 00
" " 1880.....	9487 24
Balance, deposited Richmond Nat. Bank	1184 17
	\$16,476 24

J. W. SPAULDING, TREASURER.

This certifies that I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Richmond, for the municipal year ending the 20th day of February, 1881, have carefully compared same with the vouchers on file, and consider them correct; and I also affirm that the foregoing reports are true exhibits from said books and accounts.

JOS. M. ODIORNE, AUDITOR.

RICHMOND, ME., Feb'y 23, 1881.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

The Annual Report of your Supervisor is now presented for your consideration.

District No. 1. F. J. Buker, Agent.

High School.

SUMMER TERM. Mr. J. G. Libby, Wells, Me., Principal; Miss Carrie A. Odiorne, Richmond, Assistant. Whole number of pupils, 49; Average, 37. Term, 14 weeks.

FALL TERM. Mr. A. M. Thomas, Hallowell, Me., Principal; Miss Odiorne, Assistant. Whole number of pupils, 52; Average, 45. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Same Principal and Assistant. Whole number of pupils, 48; Average, 44. Term, 8 weeks.

Under Mr. Libby's management the school advanced rapidly and thoroughly. The Principal and pupils understanding each other, all their time was devoted to their studies. Good improvement was made in all the branches pursued. Mr. Libby is an efficient teacher, and the school at the close of the term bore evidence of his careful labor.

The Fall Term opened auspiciously under the control of Mr. Thomas. Mr. Thomas is a teacher of considerable experience, and evidently understands how to impress upon his pupils' minds that which they are in pursuit of. Miss Odiorne has remained in the school as assistant during the entire year, and has met with her former success.

The Winter Term fully sustained the good reputation of both teachers.

First Grammar School.

SPRING TERM. Miss Emily M. Clarke, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 41; Average, 36. Term, 7 weeks.

FALL TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 41; Average, 35. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 37; Average, 30. Term, 9 weeks.

This school has been well instructed during the year, and has enjoyed a high degree of prosperity. Miss Clarke always does her work in the most faithful manner. She aims to have her pupils thoroughly understand all the studies which they pursue, and in this she is very successful. The discipline of the school has been most excellent.

Second Grammar School.

SPRING TERM. Miss C. J. Call, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 52; Average, 45. Term, 14 weeks.

FALL TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 64; Average, 57. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 59; Average, 51. Term, 9 weeks.

This school has continued under the efficient management of its former long-trying and most thorough teacher, Miss Call. Each term has been marked with success in a very gratifying degree. All the methods of improvement known to an experienced teacher were brought into requisition for the improvement of her pupils. Thus the school, during the year, has enjoyed the benefits of that knowledge of its wants, which has been obtained by a continuous service as teacher in the same school.

North Intermediate School.

SPRING TERM. Miss C. E. Suckling, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 31; Average, 27. Term, 14 weeks.

FALL TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 25; Average, 21. Term, 7 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 27; Average, 17. Term, 9 weeks.

This school has remained under the charge of its former teacher, Miss Suckling, during the whole year, and has been kept up to its usual good standard. The pupils were easy to govern and apt to learn. While the spring and summer terms were marked with a degree of success worthy of special notice, the winter term suffered more or less on account of non-attendance. At our last visit there were only nine pupils present, but as this was owing to sickness it was unavoidable, though none the less injurious to the school.

South Intermediate School.

SPRING TERM. Miss E. F. Haley, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 42; Average, 35. Term, 14 weeks.

FALL TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 43 ; Average, 40. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 38 ; Average, 32. Term, 9 weeks.

Although Miss Haley was a teacher of some experience, this was her first attempt in this school. The school was composed of pupils whose ages ranged from five to thirteen years. Of course, with a mixed school of some forty pupils, the teacher found a great deal of hard work to be done. At our first visit we found the school classified and the teacher striving hard to bring "order out of chaos," in order that the term might be profitable. The fall and winter terms were more orderly and successful. At our several visits there was evidence of zealous and persistent effort on the part of the teacher, and a fair advance on the part of most of the pupils in their respective studies. Considerable attention was paid to writing and the books looked very neat and showed much improvement.

First Primary School.

SPRING TERM. Miss Gertrude Dinsmore, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 51 ; Average, 43. Term, 14 weeks.

FALL TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 41 ; Average, 38. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 43 ; Average, 37. Term, 9 weeks.

Under the direction of Miss Dinsmore this has been a profitable school. It was her second year in the position, and most faithfully and zealously has she labored in the discharge of her duties. At all times we found the school orderly and industrious. The examinations near the close of the terms showed that the school during the entire year had been well taught. It was with pleasure that your Supervisor noticed that especial attention was paid to the matter of good reading. Miss Dinsmore seemed to be wholly devoted to the arduous and important work in which she was engaged.

Second Primary School.

SPRING TERM. Miss Mattie A. Provins, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 65 ; Average, 53. Term, 14 weeks.

FALL TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 53 ; Average, 45. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 56 ; Average, 43. Term, 9 weeks.

Throughout the entire school year Miss Provins has labored hard to instruct aright the young pupils under her charge. This is one of the most important schools in the district. Here the young and plastic mind receives its first instruction—the rudiments of education—which is so essential to everyone. It is almost needless to add that they should be judiciously managed and correctly taught. As has been said heretofore, it is a matter of regret that a suitable building or school-room cannot be provided for this school.

District No. 2. Hatherly Randall, Agent.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Lottie Curtis, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 18; Average, 11. Term, 10 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Mr. Leander Small, teacher. Whole number of pupils, —; Average, —. Term, — weeks.

As the summer term was the first attempt of Miss Curtis, she naturally took a lively interest in this, her new work, feeling somewhat anxious as to results. On making our first visit, we found the school orderly and in all respects in good condition for successful work. This had a tendency to lessen anxiety as to final results. At our second visit we found that good work was being done on the part of both teacher and pupils. The general exercises of reading select pieces and declamation were very good. The final examination was interesting and well sustained, thus making it certain that the term had been a profitable one.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Small, a teacher of experience and well known in town. The pupils, though few in number, were industrious and persevering, and made good progress in their several studies. The final examination was very satisfactory, still it was to be regretted that so few availed themselves of the privilege of attending.

District No. 3. William Smith, Agent.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Nellie E. Webber, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 9; Average, 6. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Mr. H. J. Carville, Lewiston, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 17; Average, 13. Term, 10 weeks.

The small attendance at the summer term did not hinder those who did attend from making fair progress in their studies. While the more advanced pupils added much to the interest of the school and did excellent work in Algebra and Grammar, the smaller pupils made very perceptible advance.

The winter term is being well taught by Mr. Carville. Mr. C. is a teacher of experience, energy and ability. Thus far the school has been twice visited, and at each visit the pupils were studious and active, the teacher zealous and apt to teach. It is an excellent school.

Since writing the above your Supervisor has had the pleasure of visiting this school the third time and feels it a duty, in justice to all, to add that the final examination was highly creditable to both pupils and teacher. The members of the classes in Algebra are deserving of especial notice, not only for the thoroughness of their work, but also for the patient and courteous manner in which they endured their somewhat lengthy and critical examination. The classes in Arithmetic and Geography are also deserving of especial notice.

District No. 4. Samuel Webber, Agent.

SUMMER TERM. Miss M. H. Hanover, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 13; Average, 7. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Mr. Albert C. True, Litchfield, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 18; Average, 17. Term, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks.

Miss Hanover, who had charge of the summer term, is well known as a teacher of experience and ability. Our first visit, about May 20th, found the school well started, and we hoped for much advancement. But, after five weeks, the school was closed on account of sickness in the district. On or about Aug 2d, the school was again started and continued three weeks, making a term of eight weeks. At our closing visit only three of the former pupils were present. These had evidently made some progress, notwithstanding the long and injurious interruptions.

The winter term was successfully taught by Mr. True, who is a teacher of energy and experience. He spares no pains in his efforts to arouse his pupils, and incite, on their part, a desire to do their utmost. At our second visit the examination was long and searching, affording abundant evidence of hard labor. A class of one in Hart's Rhetoric had gone to page 260. Two—one a beginner—had done well in Algebra. The advance class in Arithmetic had been through the book in a thorough manner. Mr. True excels in the matter of leading his pupils, as it were, out of the text-book, and teaching them much that will be of the greatest practical value in their future life. Six writing books were shown, all of which were free from blots and scrawls, and showed that this important branch had not been neglected.

District No. 5. George Newell, Agent.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Loretta Parks, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 14; Average, 12. Term, 8 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Mr. Daniel Brown, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 20; Average, 19. Term, 11 weeks.

The summer term, Miss Parks' first school, was well taught. The school was orderly, industrious and harmonious,—a sure sign of success. All the classes passed a very creditable examination. Two young ladies had done well in Algebra; care had been bestowed on the Reading classes, and those in Grammar and Geography had made fair progress. The writing books shown were very neat indeed.

The winter term was taught very successfully by Mr. Brown. As in the summer term, there seemed to be perfect harmony between teacher and pupils. At our first visit we found the school-work going on smoothly and very satisfactorily. At our second visit, all the classes passed a good examination. Thirteen writing books were shown, all of which were very neatly kept. A class of two commenced at page 200 of the Elementary Algebra, and finished the book in a thorough manner. The other classes, receiving due attention, did good work in their several branches. It is but justice to add that Mr. Brown is one of our most industrious and successful teachers. The following are the names of those not absent a half day: N. Banks Preble, Frank O. Getchell, Willis L. Blair, Foster N. Trott, Margaret A. Trott.

District No. 6. George Jackson, Agent.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Lizzie E. Buker, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 23; Average, 21. Term, 10 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Miss Emma E. Cotton, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 30; Average, 26. Term, 13 weeks.

Our first visit at the summer term found the school very orderly and composed of excellent material for good work. Some of the older pupils, mostly young ladies, were already well advanced in their studies and we could but anticipate that the term would be interesting and profitable. There was, however, one very serious obstacle, a want of uniformity of text-books. At our second visit we found that our anticipations had been realized. The classes all passed good examinations, and the writing-books showed that careful attention had been given them. Reading had not been neglected, and Arithmetic had been well taught, nine pupils going through the Practical work.

The winter term was under the management of the justly popular teacher, Miss Cotton. Our first visit found the same serious hindrance as in the summer term, namely, a want of uniformity in text-books. This necessitated having altogether too many classes. Your Supervisor recommended an entire change, in which he had the hearty co-operation of Miss Cotton. As soon as the school was convinced of the necessity of the change, nearly all supplied themselves with new books. Rapid advancement was now made. At the closing examination there was much to please and gratify, and but little to condemn. It was a very successful term in all respects.

District No. 7. Noah Alexander, Agent.

SUMMER TERM. Mrs. C. J. Hathorn, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 16; Average, 14. Term, 5 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Mr. Chas. E. Lancaster, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 28; Average, 23. Term, 16 weeks.

The summer term was taught by Mrs. Hathorn. At our first visit, the school was not so orderly and studious as desirable. However, the teacher was very active, trying hard to advance the pupils; but, while a number were orderly and studious, some were apparently too much inclined to be restless and noisy. Still, your Supervisor hoped that the efforts of the teacher would not be unsuccessful. But on visiting the school a second time, it was plain to be seen that there was not that harmony and union which is so desirable, and, without which, only partial success can be obtained. Notwithstanding all these obstacles, there was evidence of some advance on the part of the studious ones.

The winter term was most successfully taught by Mr. Lancaster. In the beginning Mr. L. labored earnestly, both to secure the good will of his pupils and to establish the necessary discipline. The best possible classification of his school also claimed and received his attention. The school was visited three times and at each visit there was much to commend. At second visit the indications of good work visible at first visit were verified in the good general appearance of the school, together with the marked improvement in their studies. At last visit your Supervisor was much pleased with the excellent order and quietness of the school. Classes in the various studies were examined and passed a very good examination. All branches had been thoroughly taught, while especial attention had been given to reading, writing and arithmetic. The writing

books were very neat and clean. Mr. L deserves our especial notice on account of his fidelity and the devotion to the work in which he was engaged.

District No. 8. Joseph Temple, Agent.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Laura M. Temple, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 8; Average, 5. Term, 9 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Mr. James R. Cunningham, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 27; Average, 23. Term, 8 $\frac{2}{11}$ weeks.

The summer term, taught by Miss Temple, though small, made very good progress. All the branches were well taught, as was shown by the thorough examination at the close. It was to be regretted that for any reason whatever, so few were in attendance. Had it been otherwise, doubtless the school would have been more interesting and profitable.

Mr. Cunningham, who had charge of the winter term, is well known as a teacher of ability. The attendance was considerably larger than at the summer term. Three visits were made. At the last visits quite searching examinations were made, from which one could see that the school had not been idle. Still the school was capable of accomplishing more. In the opinion of your Supervisor, the highest degree of success can only be attained by the undivided and constant efforts of both pupils and teacher, and the end sought to be obtained must be pursued with that zeal and energy which knows no failure.

District No. 9. Otis Plummer, Agent.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Alice C. Cotton, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 15; Average, 14. Term, 7 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Mr. Chas. E. Lancaster, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 26; Average, 22. Term, 9 weeks.

The summer term was in charge of Miss Cotton, another well known teacher of ability. At our first visit we found the school doing well in all respects. Classes in Geography, Arithmetic and Grammar did well. Algebra and Rhetoric were taught with fair success. Reading and Writing received due attention. In short, the school was well taught, and the results were gratifying.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Lancaster, whose qualifications as a teacher have already been set forth in our report of Dist. No. 7.

Quite a number were rather backward in reading, but our last visit found them doing finely. All the other classes did well. Each visit found the school quiet and orderly, the pupils being apparently desirous of co-operating with the teacher in the matter of maintaining good discipline. In closing the report of this school your Supervisor is happy to be warranted in saying that Mr. Lancaster by his zealous efforts and judicious management has added much to his former reputation as a successful teacher.

Names of pupils not absent a half day: Mattie Reynolds, Lucie Meserve, Hattie Meserve. Albert Meserve, Freddie Meserve, Sidney Meserve, Perley Meserve. Walter Morse, Frankie Reynolds.

District No. 10. Oscar C. Smith, Agent.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Mattie L. Preble, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 24; Average, 21. Term, 7 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Mr. W. E. Robinson, Teacher. Whole number of pupils, 16; Average, 14. Term, 5 weeks.

The summer term was under the management of Miss Preble, who possesses skill and tact, and secures good order and success by winning the respect and love of her pupils. Hence the school was pleasant and profitable throughout. All the branches were carefully taught. At the closing examination the school did well. Miss P. is a thorough and successful teacher.

Mr. Robinson, of Litchfield, taught the winter term. The school was visited on the fourth day and found to be as well classified as the multiplicity of text-books would allow. While the school was not disorderly, there was a chance for anxiety as to the result. At the end of five weeks the school closed without a second visit. Hence we cannot report the condition of the school from any personal knowledge. To our regret, however, it was reported to us by several residents of the district, that the discipline was lax and the school not satisfactory.

District No. 11. George E. Peacock, Agent.

SUMMER TERM. Miss Lillie A. Allard, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 17; Average, 15. Term, 7 weeks.

WINTER TERM. Mr. Charles M. Tibbetts, teacher. Whole number of pupils, —; Average, —. Term, — weeks.

The summer term under the care of Miss Allard was both pleasant

and profitable. This was her fourth school. Our first visit found the pupils studious and tractable, and the teacher active and enthusiastic. The classification had been made and a good deal of hard work laid out. The closing examination showed that the hard work had been done, and in a praiseworthy manner.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Charles Tibbetts, a well known teacher of ability. At our first visit we were pleased to find the school well started for a prosperous term. During the term many good reports from the parents, as well as pupils, came to your Supervisor, causing him to believe that the school was flourishing. A very interesting closing examination was anticipated, but owing to circumstances over which your Supervisor had no control the school was not visited a second time.

Having thus reported your schools in detail, perhaps a few general remarks as to their condition may not be amiss. In the first place your Supervisor believes that the schools have enjoyed as much prosperity as in former years. It is a matter for congratulation that nearly all have been well and successfully taught. While none can claim perfection, not one was a total failure, though two or three came far short of satisfying the demands of those parents and citizens most interested in their welfare. But even these failures are not to be charged *wholly* to the teacher or pupils. In order to have success in any school the teacher should have the sympathy and active co-operation of citizens, parents and guardians. This should be manifested in all proper ways and at *all* times. At home the pupil should never be permitted to hear his teacher spoken of as being unworthy of respect, and not qualified to remain in the position which he holds, even if it is a fact, which is sometimes the case. Those who have children under their direction should train them to habits of respect, industry and obedience, so that whether at home, or in the school-room, they will be influenced and governed by these same cultivated habits. This would aid the teacher greatly in the matter of discipline, as well as in all the other school work, and thus turn to success what otherwise might be a failure.

Secondly, let those who have charge see to it that their children are punctual in their daily attendance; that they are not absent a day or half day, unless it is a case of absolute necessity. This would do away largely with one of the greatest hindrances to success that the teacher has to contend with.

Again, parents might greatly aid the teacher, by frequently, or at least occasionally, visiting the school and witnessing its work. This would awaken a new interest on the part of the pupils, be a help and encouragement to the teacher, and acquaint the visitors with the actual condition and wants of the school; and possessing this knowledge, might they not do much towards improving the one and supplying the other?

Another most serious obstacle to success is a want of uniformity in the text-books. Owing to this there are in some of the rural schools nearly twice the number of classes that would be necessary were this positive evil done away with. In the village schools this evil does not exist, hence they afford a better opportunity for successful teaching. To remedy this we claim the best attention of all interested in our public schools. It has been urged again and again that the purchasing and owning of the text-books by the town would be the most direct and satisfactory way to meet and overcome this difficulty.

The arguments which have been advanced in favor of this course and sustained by an abundance of proof, may be again succinctly given as follows:

I. It would be much less expensive, as the town could purchase the books at a much less cost.

II. As each pupil would be supplied with the proper text-books at the commencement of the term, he would lose no time on account of not having them, as is often the case now. This would not only be advantageous to each pupil in particular but to the school as a whole; for being thus supplied and ready and able to keep with his class, he would avoid the necessity of claiming any separate portion of the teacher's time.

III. It would be the surest and most direct way of securing a uniformity of text-books. This having been accomplished, a better classification would naturally and easily follow in all your schools, and in the opinion of your Supervisor, add much to their welfare.

In closing these remarks, your attention is again called to the very important subject of furnishing suitable school rooms for District No. 1. The wants are well known to the citizens, having been mentioned again and again, and upon which we will not dwell. Suffice it to say that *there are not suitable accommodations for all our schools, one being held in a place altogether unfitted for the purpose.*

Good school rooms are essential for the comfort and health of pupils and teachers, and it is to be hoped that the matter will have the immediate attention of those interested.

D. S. RICHARDS, SUPERVISOR.

NOTICE TO AGENTS AND TEACHERS.

Agents are hereby requested to inform all applicants, whom they employ to teach, that the Committee or Supervisor will be in session for their examination, etc., at the Academy, as follows: For the summer schools, the third and fourth Saturdays in April, at one o'clock, p. m. ; for the winter schools, the first and second Saturdays in November, at one o'clock, p. m.

It is absolutely necessary that teachers apply for their certificates on the days above mentioned.