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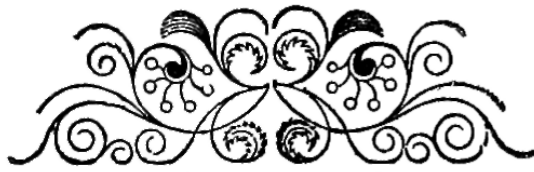
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REPORT OF SELECTMEN

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR, ENDING FEB. 23, 1869.

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State Tax,		\$1427.99
County Tax,		327.38
Support of Schools,		1200.00
Current expenses of Town, pay- } ment of Town Debt and Interest, }		5500.00
Overlayings,		362.58
Delinquent Highway Tax,		16.64
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Total committed for collection,		\$8834.59
Whole number of Polls,	295	
Amount of Real and Personal Es- } tate, Resident and Non-resident, }		\$188876.00
Poll Tax, \$3.00 Rate of Tax, .042		

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by vote of Town,	\$1200.00
Interest on Town School Fund,	179.23
Received from State School Fund,	35.77
	\$1415.00

APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS.

DISTRICT.	NO. OF SCHOLARS.	APPORTIONMENT.
No 1	35	\$96.36
“ 2	33	90.85
“ 3	39	107.36
“ 4	41	112.86
“ 5	39	107.36
“ 6	32	88.10
“ 7	51	140.40
“ 8	59	162.42
“ 9	56	154.16
“ 10	21	57.81
“ 11	29	79.84
“ 12	48	132.14
“ 13	31	85.34
	514	\$1415.00
Rate per Scholar,		\$2.75.3

TOWN FARM.

NAMES OF PAUPERS SUPPORTED ON THE FARM.

John Abbott,	aged 90,	supported for the year.
Esther Abbott,	“ 70,	“ “ “
David Silver,	“ 38,	“ “ “
Mrs A. Delano,	“ 79,	“ “ 6 months.
Hains Stevens,	“ 63,	“ “ 8 months.
Mahitable Eaton,	“ 70,	“ “ 8 “
Mrs. Mary Colard.		“ “ 6 weeks.

SCHEDULE OF STOCK, PROVISIONS, &C., ON THE FARM.

Oxen,	2	Potatoes, bushels,	275
Cows,	2	Oats, “	65
Heifers, 2 years old,	2	Pork, lbs.	150
Yearlings,	2	Beef, “	75
Shoats,	2	Hams, “	55
Sheep,	12	Butter, “	30
Horse,	1	Cheese, “	20
Beans, bushels,	3	Lard, “	12
Flour, barrels,	1½	Candles, doz.	5
Corn & Rye Meal, “	1½	Soap, barrel,	¾

The Town has bought for the Farm 1 cow \$59.00, 1 Sleigh 10.00 and the Town has received from the town of Strong for the support of Mary Colard at the Farm \$28.87, and we find that the Overseer has bought for the use of the Farm articles (now on the Farm) to the amount of \$31,26, and we find in the hands of the Overseer \$15,21. Therefore the poor on the Farm have cost besides the income of the Farm about the amount of the Overseer's salary, which was \$375.00.

PAUPER BILLS OFF THE FARM.

Paid Daniel Cummings for boarding Cora Taylor,	\$3.00
“ Mandana Andrews,	16.00
“ for Sarah Door including funeral charges,	145.95
“ Miscellaneous Bills,	23.50

\$188.45

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

J. K. Martin,	\$55.75
P. M. Putnam,	55.50
Calvin Howe,	13.50
Collecting Taxes,	90.00

TREASURER.

Calvin Howe,	\$30.00
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CLERK AND CONSTABLE.

Henry M. Colby,	\$12.00
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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. N. Irish,	\$18.00
Waldo Pettengill,	20.00
L. A. Thomas,	16.25

\$311.00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

In annual Town meeting, 1868, voted to raise \$3000 for the repair of Roads and Bridges. In addition to the above means for repairing the highways, we have drawn on the treasury for repairing the Swift River Bridge \$35.00, and for repairing the Silver Hill, near the Town Farm, \$25.00.

TREASURY.

TOWN OF RUMFORD, IN ACCOUNT WITH CALVIN HOWE, TREASURER.

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1868.

Feb. 18	Bal. in Treasury,	141.27
“	In hands of H. Abbott,	67.49
“	“ “ H. M. Colby,	4761.19
March 6,	Cash of Wm. Irish,	11.22
April 24.	“ Taken from School Fund,	406.35
June,	“ Rec'd town Stow, Parker fm'ly,	70.85
July 10,	Tax committed to Chas. W. Howard,	7084.01
Oct. 17,	Cash Received of town of Stow (case of D. R. Hill,)	249.53
“ 31,	“ of George H. Cummings,	25.00
Feb. 20,	“ Received of town of Strong for support of Mary Colard,	51.35
“ 23,	“ Received from State School Fund,	40.05

Receipts during the year,	\$12908.31
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Paid Interest on Town Notes,	\$842.98
“ Principal “ “	5287.00
Discount on Taxes,	749.65
Abatement of Taxes for 1867 & 1868,	208.02
Town & Farm bills, support of Schools & Poor,	3927.16

 11014.81.

Bal. in Treasury,	\$1893.50
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All the above commitments have been collected and paid into the Treasury.

EXHIBIT OF TOWN NOTES.

DATE.	RUNNING TO.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.
1 Note, Dec. 25, 1863,	'I. Walker,	in 7 years,	\$1000
	Interest paid to Dec. 25, 1868.		
1 " Dec. 26, 1863,	Dolly K. Hastings	" 6 "	1000
	Interest paid to Dec. 26, 1868.		
1 " Dec. 25, 1863	Chas. H. Kimball,	" 6 "	225
	Interest paid to Dec. 25, 1868.		
1 " Dec. 28 1863	Clarisa Howe,	" 4 "	400
	Interest paid to Dec. 28, 1868.		
1 " Dec. 18, 1864	Clarisa Howe,	" 3 "	250
	Interest paid to Dec. 18, 1868.		
1 " Dec. 18, 1864,	David G. Glines	" 3 "	475
	Interest paid to Dec. 18, 1868.		
1 " March 6, 1867,	John Godwin,	" 3 "	700
	Interest paid to March 6, 1869.		
1 " March 6, 1867,	Calvin Howe on demand,		582.27
	Interest paid to March 6. 1869.		
1 " March 23, 1867	L. P. Newton on demand.		400
	Interest paid to March 23, 1869.		
			\$5032.27

In our report for the year ending Feb. 18, 1868, we reported the amount of Town Notes to be \$10032.27. Since that time one note of two hundred and eighty-seven dollars has been presented to, and paid by, the Treasurer, that we knew nothing about when we made the report. The note was given to Abbott Virgin; signed by Francis A. Bacon Treasurer, and was given to renew another note which Abbott Virgin held against the town. Mr. Virgin did not call for the interest on said note in 1867, therefore we knew of no such note. Now if the first note was allowed to the Bacon Estate on settlement, the town has lost the amount of note and interest. We recommend that the town demand from the Selectmen in their yearly report, an exhibit of Town Notes. If an exhibit had been made yearly for the last few years, we should, and we think the town would, have felt better satisfied.

RECAPITULATION.

LIABILITIES.

Town Notes,		\$5032.27.
Outstanding Orders,		226.95
Due School Districts,		400.42.
“ on Town Officers Bills,		221.00
Miscellaneous Bills Estimated,		25.00.
		\$5905.64.

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury,		\$1893.50.
In Timothy Walker's hands, being } Interest Overpaid by Treasurer. }		60.00.
		\$1953.50.
Balance against Town,		\$3952.14.

In addition to the above bal. against the town, the Trustees of the Primary School Fund hold notes against the town to the amount of \$1738.55.

We will here say that this is the first time for many years that the Collectors have settled with the town before the annual March meeting. We think it was owing greatly to the discount on taxes the town gave last year, but we also think it is owing partly to the energy of our collectors. Many in the town are against giving any discount at all, now if all, *especially those that are against giving any discount*, will pay in their taxes as well the coming year as last year, then all will go well, if otherwise, then we go for a discount.

RESPECTFULLY
SUMMITTED,

J. K. MARTIN,	}	Selectmen, Assessors
P. M. PUTNAM,		and
CALVIN HOWE,		Overseers of Poor.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

T. C. ELLIOTT, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in the District. 32. The Summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss E. V. Greenleaf of Milton. Whole number attending school 19; average 15. The order was good and the advancement fair. Miss G. is an energetic teacher.

The Winter term of seven weeks was taught by Mr. G. L. Smith of Hanover. Attendance 20; average 13. The order was good; the progress fair. We think more would have been learned had shorter lessons been required.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

M. F. KNIGHT, AGENT.—Summer,—Miss Josie Hammond, teacher. Length of school 12 weeks. Wages per week \$2,00. Whole number scholars 20; average attendance 15. This was Miss H.'s first school and she did credit to herself. Order good and improvement fair.

The Winter term was begun by A. G. Elliott. He made a good beginning but in consequence of sickness was obliged to quit. Mr. John Thompson is now teaching it, we learn, but we have not visited his school as yet. Had the agent been mindful of his duty and notified us we should have been able to give a full report.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

ABNER ELLIOTT, AGENT.—Summer,—Miss Francella Dolloff, teacher. This was Miss D.'s first school and she did well. Order good, progress fair.

Winter,—Mr. Samuel Brackett, teacher. We failed to visit the school but once—at its commencement. We hear that he was liked much. He is thorough and practical, knows his place and will keep it.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

J. N. IRISH, AGENT.—Summer,—Miss Hattie Martin, teacher. We give Miss Martin credit of teaching the school without giving cause for one word of complaint, and she may take her place among the "faithful."

Winter,—The term was taught by Mr. Jesse Jeffery. Much fault was found with Mr. J.'s peculiar style of doing things. At the time of our last visit the school appeared well. Mr. J. should not carry all the burden of blame. Let scholars and neighbors take their own share, little or large.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

JOHN HOWE, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in the District, 40.

The Summer term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Hattie C. Ray of Rumford. Whole number in attendance 24; average 20. Order and improvement were good. Miss Ray is one of those teachers who succeed in ruling her scholars by love and such we consider as being in the highest degree successful.

The Winter term of nine weeks was taught by Mr. G. E. Howe of Bethel. Whole number in attendance 32; average 27. Order good, improvement fair. We consider Mr. Howe a good and square teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

J. H. HOWE, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 31. The Summer term was taught four weeks by Miss M. J. Kimball when ill health compelled her to leave the school.

The Winter term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Nellie Howe of Rumford. Whole No. attending 23, average 19. Miss Howe is a veteran teacher and fine scholar, but a portion of her pupils seemed to need a little more energetic treatment than she gave them.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

ASA KIMBALL, AGENT.—Whole No. scholars in the District 52. The Summer term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Emma Brown of Rumford. Whole No. in attendance, 23; average, 20. Order and improvement good, and satisfaction to the District generally.

The Winter term was taught by Waldo Pettingill. Mr. P. met with his usual success. He ruled by love instead of fear, and ruled well.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

HENRY A. SMALL, AGENT.—Miss Hannah Woodbury, teacher of the Summer term. Miss W. is a teacher of some experience and so far as we have learned, she gave general satisfaction. At the time of each visit the school appeared well enough. Order good and proficiency in studies satisfactory.

The Winter term, teacher and scholars both in fault.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

P. M. PUTNAM, AGENT.—The Summer term was taught by Miss Sarah Virgin. Miss V. does not possess quite the energy we like to see in a teacher, yet she kept quite a good school and we think gave satisfaction, at least we heard no complaint. Progress fair.

The winter term is being taught by Mr. L. A. Thomas. Doubt-

less it will be a profitable one. He is liked as a teacher and is pleasant, social and companionable.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

MANLY BLANCHARD, AGENT.—Summer,—Mrs. Helen Hatch, teacher. Length of school six weeks. Whole number attending school 13; average 11. Mrs. H. is an experienced teacher and is ‘‘mistress of the situation.’’ Order perfect, improvement extra.

Winter,—Mr. Dexter Lord, teacher. Mr. L. is a young and inexperienced teacher. He hardly comes up to the true standard as yet, but with study and experience he may. No particular fault is found.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

ABIAL RICHARDSON, AGENT.—Summer,—Miss Belle M. Elliot, teacher. Length of school eleven weeks; wages \$2.00. Whole number registered 24; average 18. Miss E. kept a good school and gave entire satisfaction. Order good, improvement fair.

Winter term was begun by Mr. L. A. Thomas, but by previous engagement was obliged to quit. Mr. O. A. Palmer finished the school to the satisfaction of all concerned.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

JOHN B. LANG, AGENT.—Whole No. of scholars in District, 46. The Summer term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Emma L Wheeler of Wisconsin. Whole number in attendance 32; average 25. Order fair. There was not that degree of advancement we had hoped to see.

The Winter term was taught 12 weeks by Mr. J. N. Irish. Mr. Irish has had the reputation of always being successful in the school room, and we think he well sustained his reputation in his school this winter.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

B. COBURN, AGENT.—Summer,—Miss Oriesa Knapp, teacher Miss K.’s first school and she succeeded admirably. Her school appeared well in every respect.

Winter,—Mr. Thurston of Peru, teacher. The school appeared well at the time of our visit. In consequence of sickness he was forced to leave his school. We learn he gave general satisfaction.

J. N. IRISH,	} S. Committee	
W. PETTENGILL,		of
L. A. THOMAS,		Rumford.

