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THIS MAY CERTIFY that I have examined the financial reports of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Rumford for the financial year ending Feb. 18th, 1871, so far as I deemed it necessary, and find them correctly reported, stated and footed up.

OLIVER PETTINGILL, AUDITOR.

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Wm. K. Moody, Printer.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1871.



### APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State Tax,	\$2287.98
County Tax,	346.57
Support of Schools,	1400.00
Support of Poor and Current Expenses of Town,	3600.00
Overlayings,	228.93
Delinquent Highway Tax,	15.00

Total committed for collection,	\$7878.48
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Whole number of Polls,	267,	
Amount of Real and Personal Es- )		\$176,562.00.
tate, Resident and Non-resident, }		
Poll Tax \$3.00	Rate of Tax, .04	

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by vote of Town,	\$1400.00
Interest on Town School Fund.	175.52
Received from State School Fund,	37.70

\$1613.22

## APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS.

DISTRICT.	NO. OF SCHOLARS.	APPORTIONMENT.
No 1	27	\$86.94
" 2	30	96.60
" 3	27	86.94
" 4	39	125.58
" 5	43	138.46
" 6	35	112.70
" 7	58	186.76
" 8	65	209.30
" 9	52	167.44
" 10	18	57.96
" 11	27	86.94
" 12	58	186.76
" 13	22	70.84
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501		<hr/> \$1613.22

Rate per Scholar, \$3.22

### TOWN FARM.

#### NAMES OF PAUPERS SUPPORTED ON THE FARM.

John Abbott,	Died June 18th, 1870,	Supported 3 months.
Esther Abbott,	" Jan. 19th, 1871,	" 9½ "
David Silver,		" 6½ "
Samuel B. Bodwell,		" 4 "
Martha Wyman and two children,		" 3½ "
S. Jane Leavitt and two children,		" 1 "

#### SCHEDULE OF STOCK, PROVISION, &C., ON THE FARM.

Oxen,	2	Pork,	lbs. 300
Cows,	2	Butter,	" 50
Horse,	1	Lard,	" 20
Swine,	2	Apples dried,	" 75
Sheep,	6	Soap, Bbl.	¾
Potatoes, bushels,	225	Quilts and Puffs,	15
Wheat, " "	17	Sheets,	12
Beans, " "	8	Pillow Slips,	12
		Feather Beds,	5

The Overseer has sold Potatoes to the amount of \$67.00

" " " " One Cow, 37.00

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\$104.00

" " " bought one hog, 36.70

" " " paid the hired boy, 50.00

" " " bought Farming tools, 17.30

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\$104.00

## ORDERS DRAWN IN FAVOR OF FARM BY TOWN.

Order to	H. A. Small for Grass Seed,	\$9.55
" "	E. Hayes, " one pair Oxen,	175.00
" "	H. M. Colby " cart and Potatoes,	52.64
" "	Wm. D. Abbott for Blacksmith work,	26.79
" "	P. M. Putnam for Seed Wheat, Potatoes,	13.50
" "	C. M. Elliott for Hay,	32.50
" "	C. E. Virgin for Wagon and use of same,	35.00
" "	N. S. Farnum for Goods for Farm,	69.57
" "	" " " " " " " " " "	20.00
" "	W. W. Stevens for House rent,	12.00
" "	F. A. Elliott for Work and Potatoes,	14.65
	Overseer's Salary,	300.00
		<u>\$741.20</u>
Personal Property sold by committee from old Town Farm,	110.10	
		<u>\$631.10</u>

The town has been unfortunate for the past year in losing their Town Farm buildings by fire. The town has received five hundred dollars as insurance money on Town Farm buildings. The town chose a committee to sell the Farm and what personal property that was not needed for their present use. Said committee sold the Farm for five hundred and ten dollars (\$510.00) on six months time at nine per cent interest, also sold personal property to the amount of one hundred and ten dollars, ten cents (\$110.10). The town has never received but \$192.00 on sale of Farm, and but \$83.50 on sale of personal property. We recommend that the new elected Agent or Agents settle up these matters at an early date with the committee. We have neglected to settle these matters for the reason we did not know that the Agent chosen by town to deed said Town Farm had deeded until after we had commenced this report. Our loss would have been small if we had not lost valuable personal property by fire. The town has since bought another Farm and also personal property of Chas. E. Virgin, for which they paid one thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars. (\$1562.00)

## PAUPER BILLS OFF THE FARM.

Supplies furnished Samuel Merrill,	\$44.42
" " Chas. Wyman,	24.07
Paid Andover for " "	26.00
Support of S. F. Leavitt's family,	18.00
Paid East Livermore for S. F. Leavitt's family,	43.37
Supplies furnished Lorenzo McAlister's "	33.84
" " Calvin Abbott's "	10.20
Paid Byron for Mary Hayes and David Clark,	65.20
" S. Clark to support Mary Hayes and D. Clark from Feb. 11, 1871 to June 11, 1872,	29.75
" Samuel R. Hodsdon,	20.00

\$314.95

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

## SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

P. M. Putnam,	\$78.65
G. W. Perry,	38.00
N. S. Farnum,	32.00

## TREASURER.

Calvin Howe,	34.45
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## CONSTABLE.

Henry M. Colby,	\$22.00
Henry M. Colby,	5.00

## COLLECTOR.

C. F. Wheeler,	\$50.00
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## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

L. A. Thomas,	\$29.00
J. N. Irish,	18.50
Waldo Pettengill,	15.00

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\$322.60

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

In annual Town meeting 1870 voted to raise \$5000. 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

Mt. Zircon Road,	\$38.60
The Isthmus Road,	27.50
In J. F. Hall's District,	18.50
" John Swain's " "	17.50
" Samuel Stevens' " "	22.37
" John Martin's " "	6.00
" Otis Baker's " "	5.00

Building road from Osgood Virgin's to Mexico line, 145.37

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\$280.84

## COST OF CONCORD RIVER BRIDGE

Timber,	\$186.46
Iron Work,	14.38
Boarding Workmen,	76.28
Grading,	172.00
Framing and Raising,	175.87

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\$634.99

Taking down, moving and raising,	79.00
Bolts, grapples and nails,	13.03
Building abutments, rubbling, loading, &c.,	122.80

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\$214.83



The above Bridge would have been built much cheaper, and would have taken less timber, if it had been built on the original plan made and where the bridge now stands, but, by some unknown influences and the water being high, the bridge was framed and raised where not intended, and after the water became lower the bridge was moved to the location first intended.

#### COST OF BUILDING SWIFT RIVER BRIDGE.

Paid for digging out for abutments,	\$82 00
“ “ building abutments, containing 420 yds.,	2520.00
“ “ “ protection walls, 20 yds., \$3 per yd.,	60.00
“ “ “ wood work, 140 feet, \$4 per foot,	560.00
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	\$3222.00
Discount on stone work,	322.00
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Amount actually paid,	\$2900.00

#### COST OF MATERIALS.

Paid Chase & Austin for timber,	\$725.00
“ E. E. Hays for hauling timber, finding truss work,	200.00
“ Wm. D. Abbott for iron work,	60.08
“ Frank Holman for pins,	38.00
“ N. S. Farnum for nails,	21.10
“ H. W. Parks for spikes,	2.07
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	\$1046.25

In first making an estimate of cost of bridge across Swift River, we reckoned length of bridge 116 feet, width of bridge 20 feet, and height of abutment 15 feet. We found we had better set the abutments so as not to narrow the channel of the river, consequently we had to build the bridge 140 feet in length. Building longer, we built the bridge 2 feet wider to get a better proportion. We also used about \$40 worth of iron work; braced the bottom of the bridge thoroughly, packed the cords with 160 feet of plank 1 foot wide and three inches thick. After digging down to hard bottom for abutments, it had to be 19 feet instead of 15 feet, consequently in having the bigness of abutments in proportion to the height it contained more yds. than first estimated, all of which was extra from first estimate. It is thought by good judges this bridge is built stout and will stand against any freshet that we are likely to have.



## BRIDGE COMMITTEE BILLS.

P. M. Putnam,	49.60
N. S. Farnum,	9.50
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	59.10

## LIABILITIES.

Town Notes,	3245 61
Interest on Town Notes, accrued,	43.54
Outstanding Orders,	688.62
Due School Districts,	784.80
" on Town Officers Bills,	270.60
" Overseer on Town Farm,	150.00
Abatement to be made on Tax not collected, estimated,	207.00
Miscellaneous Bills, estimated,	335.00
Committee's Bills on building bridges,	59.10
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	\$5783.77

## RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury,	419.08
In hands of Collector,	1508.43
1 Note in hands of Treasurer signed by Wm. W. Stevens and Henry Abbott,	300.00
1 Note in hands of Treasurer, signed by Wm. F. Stevens and J. W. Elliott, Note and Interest,	72.00
Due on sale of old Town Farm	18.00
" " personal property sold from Town Farm,	26.56
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	\$2344.07
Balance against Town,	\$3439.70
In addition to above balance against Town the Trustees of Primary school fund hold notes to the amount of	\$1958.55
The Town has also holden on other Notes of Primary School Fund for the amount of, estimated,	1350 00
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Whole Balance against Town,	\$6748.25

We understand that the Taxes are collected up to within about \$600.00, including what is to be abated, but when we settled with the Treasurer and when we commenced this report the Collector was away. Therefore we have to report more in the collectors hands, more outstanding orders and less money in Treasury. All of which is

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

P. M. PUTNAM. } Selectmen, Assessors,  
N. S. FARNUM, } & Overseers of Poor.

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

HENRY BARKER, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in the District, 27. Summer term was taught by Miss Hattie Elliott. Her school was small, consisting of but seven or eight scholars. She kept a good school, giving satisfaction.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Walter Abbott. This was Mr. Abbott's first term. He promises to be a successful teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

JOHN THOMPSON, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 30. The Summer term was taught by Miss Ida F. Blanchard. At our visits we found all we expected. The order was good and improvement extra. We consider her one of our best teachers.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. M. B. Pottle of Salem. The school appeared well at the first visit but at the time of making this report it has not been visited the second time. We learn that he is doing well.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

F. H. BARTLETT, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in the District, 27. Summer term was taught by Miss Mae Kimball. There was some fault found with Miss K., but nothing we believe attributable to her, for she did what work she had to do faithfully. There were but four scholars at the last visit.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. James E. Washburn. The school was visited but once, not having been notified. The school appeared well at the time of the visit.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

B. P. PUTNAM, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 39. The summer school was taught by Miss F. F. Dolloff. We hired Miss D. to bring order out of chaos and she brought it. Improvement fair.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Nial Hoyt, his first school and he did well, and was beloved by his scholars. Order fair and improvement average. 'Tis a man's work to suit this district entire. Mr. Hoyt came nearer the mark than many older teachers who have made the effort in time past.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

JOEL HUTCHINS, AGENT.—Whole number scholars in District, 43. Summer school was taught by Miss Emma Elliott. This was her first school. The order was good also the improvement. We think she will make a successful teacher.

The Winter school was under the charge of Mr. L. A. Thomas.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

OBED TAYLOR, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 35. The summer term was taught by Miss Sarah Farnum. Or-

der quite good and the improvement from fair to middling.

The Winter school is being taught by Mr. Charles Jennings. He is doing his work, as usual, to the satisfaction of all.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

C. W. KIMBALL, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 58. The summer term was taught by Miss Hattie Martin. There was a lack of order observable, which interfered with the improvement.

The Winter term is being taught by Miss N. Nellie Howe, who is one of our best teachers.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

N. S. FARNUM, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 65. The summer term was taught by Miss Nellie F. Reed of Farmington. The school was visited but once, the Agent failing to attend to his duty in notifying. The school appeared well at the time of the first visit and the prospect was favorable for a good school. The district, however, were not generally satisfied, we learn.

The Winter term is being taught by Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Pettingill. Mrs. P. is an excellent teacher—in short, a model one.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

P. W. ABBOTT, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 52. The Summer term was taught by Miss Belle M. Elliott. Her order was fair, also improvement. There seemed to be a lack of energy.

The Winter term is at this time under the charge of J. N. Irish.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

D. G. FROST, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 18. There was no summer term.

The money was all schooled out in a Winter term by Randall Taylor: he did the work as it should be. Order good, also improvement.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

SAMUEL STEVENS, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 27. Both Summer and Winter terms were taught by Mrs. Helen Hatch. Each term was profitable. Some person, or persons, in the Dis. tried hard to raise a breeze, and succeeded, but it proved to be nothing but wind. She always keeps a good school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

VIRGIL KIMBALL, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 58. Miss Clara Boynton taught the summer term. There seemed to be a lack of the vital element somewhere, still there was fair advancement on the part of some of her pupils.

Mr. George Roberts is teaching the winter term and giving satisfaction. The second visit is yet to come. He is a worker. and it is our conviction that he is earning his money and more too.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

FRANK DELANO, AGENT.—Whole number of scholars in District, 22. Miss Ella Swain took charge of the summer term. Her school appeared quite well. We have heard no complaint and think the parents were satisfied.

Frank Abbott taught the winter school and we think he was faithful to his trust. His scholars seemed to be much attached to him. Order fair, improvement too.

On the whole our schools for the past year have been of more than average excellence and of more than usual length. There has been no difficulty in any of the districts that has required the serious consideration of the committee.

There has been no change in the text books made the past year, therefore our standard series remains as reported last year, which is as follows :

Parker & Watson's National Series of Readers and Spellers.

Greenleafs' Series of Arithmetics and Algebras.

Warren's Geographies. And no books conflicting with the above will be allowed to be used the coming year.

There have been no repairs or improvements in our school houses the past year, with one exception. We had hoped at the time of making our last report that Districts No. 3, 4 and 13, would have some feelings of consideration awakened for their children and improve their school houses, but we are sorry to say such has not been the case. The single exception spoken of is Dist. No. 7, which district the past summer has graded its school grounds and now has by far the best house and lot in town. Our good houses have been well kept the past year. In closing we will repeat our commendation of last year to those who may have to employ the teachers for the coming year to engage early before the best teachers are engaged in other towns.

L. A. THOMAS,

J. N. IRISH,

WALDO PETTINGILL,

} S. S. Committee  
of  
Rumford.

