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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

Whole number of Polls, 247.	
Amount of Real Estate	\$116,860 00
Amount of Personal Estate,	54,323 00
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Total Valuation,	\$171,183 00
Poll Tax, \$3.00.	
Rate per cent., \$0.028.	

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State Tax	\$1,907 13
County Tax,	427 55
Support of Schools,	1,000 00
Support of Poor,	500 00
To pay Town Debt and Interest,	500 00
Current Expenses of Town,	700 00
Discount on Taxes,	500 00
Fractional Overlay,	44
Delinquent Highway Tax,	20 25
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Total Committed for Collection,	\$5,554 37
Amount of Highway tax to be expended in labor, \$3,500 00.	

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by vote of town,	\$1,000 00
Interest on School Fund,	199 15
Mill Tax,	480 00
Bank Tax,	300 00
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	\$1,979 15

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

After taking ten per cent of the amount raised by the town, to be divided among the smaller districts, (by vote of town), we have four dollars and fifty-five cents per scholar.

Appropriated as follows :

District.	No. of Scholars.	Per centage.	Apportionment.	Amount.
No. 1	24		\$115.58	\$115.58
" 2	39		177.45	177.45
" 3	30		146.07	146.07
" 4	29		134.00	134.00
" 5	33		180.93	180.93
" 6	15	\$15.00	78.67	93.67
" 7	34		154.70	154.70
" 8	60		303.31	303.31
" 9	48		234.54	234.54
" 10	14	25.00	43.20	88.20
" 11	12	35.00	57.54	92.54
" 12	57		259.35	259.35
" 13	18	25.00	84.47	109.47
		\$100.00		

PAUPER BILLS.

M. L. Wyman, for Haynes Stevens,	\$60 00
Clothing,	10 00
" Samuel Clark, for	70 00
" for Sarah Clark,	95 49
" Widow S. Merrill, supplies furnished,	43 50
" Alvan Howe, of Sumner, "	157 75
" Mrs. Peter C. Virgin, "	18 00
" Chas. K. Wyman, "	
" and Money paid out,	165 69
" Widow J. K. Hall, supplies furnished,	
Medical attendance and funeral charges,	162 58
" F. S. Delano, for Sarah Delano, and T. S. Dolano pays all funeral charges, except Coffin,	98 05
" Jerry Wardwell, for Coffin for Sarah Delano,	8 00
" J. J. Walker, Roxbury, Medical attendance,	5 00
" Olive Daniels of Bethel, supplies furnished, and Overseer of Poor service,	4 00
" J. E. Rolfe, suit of clothes and boots,	21 70

Paid Dr. J. B. Gray for Medical attendance, for David Kenniston's daughter,	18 00
" G. C. Abbott, for keeping Bell Merrill,	10 00
" A. H. Elliott, " Elmer Elliott,	36 00
" Dr. Thomas Roberts, for Medical attendance, for Samuel Merrill, 1872,	1 50
" Rev. John Elliott, attending funeral for Frank Leavett's child,	5 50
" Dr. H. F. Abbott, for Medical attendance, for Alma Elliott,	9 00
" Wood for Lydia Cushman,	2 50
" Geo. Merchant, for supplies furnished,	28 52
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	\$954 84

Merchant is not a resident of our town : the amount furnished will be refunded in the course of the year.

The amount expended is \$954 84, and of this sum \$7. has been refunded by Roxbury and Bethel, making the total cash expenses for the support of the Poor for the past year \$947 84.

The sickness and death of Widow J. K. Hall, and Sarah Delano, and so large amount furnished C. K. Wyman and family, has increased the Pauper Bills.

TOWN FARM.

By a vote of the Town, the Selectmen were authorized to sell or lease the Farm. We came to the conclusion that the town would be better satisfied to sell said farm.

Real Estate sold for	\$1,150 00
Personal,	676 90

The hemlock and spruce timber that was hauled to the mill by the Overseer as reported last year, was six thousand, of which a part has been used for plank on bridges where needed in town, and a part for the burying-ground fence on the Isthmus, and the remainder is at the mill.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid land damage on the Kimball Hall road to		
V. D. Kimball,	\$9 00	
" Mrs. J. K. Hall,	10 00	
" R. E. Martin,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 00
Paid Henry Abbott money paid for use of town		
as per bill on file,	12 56	
" C. B. Abbott for Ferry boat,	150 00	
" F. E. Shaw, for printing Town Reports	18 19	
" S. R. Carter for printing Auction bills,	1 50	
" John Clement for care of Town House,	4 50	
" Cash for E. Rumford ferry rope,	68 65	
" Blank books for use of town,	6 05	
" Geo. A. Ray by vote of town,	50 00	
" T. F. Day services, Rumford vs C. F. Wheeler	5 00	
" J. K. Martin, money paid for town as per		
bill on file,	23 54	
" D. F. Putnam & Co.'s saw bill,	20 72	
" Waldo Pettingill bill as surveyor,	7 50	
" Kimball Martin for stone post on town line,	2 50	
" L. Glover for fencing Isthmus Burying-		
ground,	18 00	
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		\$413 75

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The town voted to raise \$3,500 00 to be expended in labor on the highways, or to be paid into the Treasury in money at the rate of seventy-five cents for a dollar.

<i>The following sums were paid to the Treasurer at the above rates:</i>		<i>We have drawn orders on the Treasurer for the following amounts:</i>	
W. Clark,	\$8.78	To A. H. Price's district,	\$39.26
Charles Fox,	6.04	" Geo. A. Ray "	
		1872 & 1873,	21.70
		" E. F. Goddard's district,	15.00
		" J. K. Welch's "	15.00
		" J. F. Twombly "	10.00
		" Dana L. Kimball's dist.,	17.00
		" John Clement,	15.00
		" F. S. Delano,	28.00
		" H. A. Small, plank,	4.35
		" V. D. Kimball, do	6.33
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			\$145.08
		Cost of Peterson's bridge,	164.72
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			\$309.80

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

J. K. Martin,	\$50 00
H. M. Colby,	44 40
John Howe,	32 25

Treasurer.

Calvin Howe,	30 00
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Clerk and Constable.

Wm. Frost, (estimated),	20 00
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Supervisor.

Rev. John Elliott,	50 00
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Collector.

F. P. Putnam,	75 00
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Auditor.

Charles A. Kimball,	3 00
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\$304 65

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*Town of Rumford in account with CALVIN HOWE, Treasurer, from
February 15th, 1874, to February 15th, 1875.*

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Feb. 15, 1874, To	balance in Treasury,	\$955 83
	in hands of Collector,	1,265 88
March 5,	Cash received from Roxbury,	5 00
April 24,	Interest on School Fund,	31 02
June 11,	Chaplin & Albert Virgin's note,	1150 00
	Notes and Money from Auction,	617 40
	Taxes committed to F. P. Putnam,	3,219 82
August 20,	Cash received from V. E. Fuller,	49 50
	" " Bethel,	2 00
	" " Innholders' license,	2 00
Feb. 15, 1875,	Received on Highway Tax,	14 82
	Mill Tax, from State,	440 53
	Bank Tax, "	315 46

Total,

\$8,069 26

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury,	\$1,035 56
In hands of Collector,	815 57
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	\$1,851 13
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Balance against Town,	\$3,965 08

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For support of Schools,	\$1,000 00
“ “ Poor,	800 00
To pay town debt and Interest,	500 00
Discount on Taxes,	500 00
Current expenses of town,	700 00

Respectfully Submitted,

J. K. MARTIN,	} Selectmen, &c. of Rumford.
H. M. COLBY,	
JOHN HOWE,	

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

DISTRICT NO. I.

A. H. PRICE, Agent.

Miss E. J. Allen, teacher. School commenced Aug. 31 ; closed Oct. 16—length of school, seven weeks. Whole number attending, 15 ; average number, 12. Wages of teacher, exclusive of board, three dollars per week ; board, one dollar and ninety cents. Visited by Supervisor at the commencement of the term, which should have been ten weeks, but in consequence of sickness of teacher, was but seven.

Miss E. L. Howe took charge of this school Nov. 2 ; school closed Jan. 8—length of school, ten weeks. Whole number attending, 16 ; average, 11. Wages of teacher, five dollars per week ; price of board, two dollars and thirty-four cents. Visited by Supervisor Jan. 6. Order of the school good, progress excellent. Miss Howe having taught thirty-one terms, has experience which has insured her marked success.

DISTRICT NO. II.

M. F. KNIGHT, Agent.

Miss E. J. Allen, teacher. School commenced June 1 ; closed Aug. 7—length of school, five and half days per week ; 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars in the district, 39 ; whole number attending school, 27 ; average number, 13. Wages of teacher, excluding board, four dollars. School visited twice by Supervisor, eight visits by citizens. Order and improvement good. This was Miss Allen's second term in the district, which shows that she gave general satisfaction.

Winter term commenced Jan. 4, 1875; teacher, Mr. L. M. Sessions. Number of scholars attending school, 26. Visited by Supervisor the commencement of the term: order good, and improvement promising. As the school is now in progress, no report can be made of a second visit.

A fall term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Mary Staples. School was visited once; as no register has been returned, no full report can be made of the school; the report of Agent was favorable,

DISTRICT NO. III.

ABNER H. ELLIOTT, Agent.

Miss Cora G. Knight, teacher. School commenced June 1; closed Aug. 1—length of school in weeks, 9. Visited by Supervisor June 3, and July 10. Whole number of scholars in the district, 29; whole number attending school, 16; average number, 14. Wages of teacher, excluding board, two dollars and fifty cents; price of board one dollar and seventy-five cents per week. Order good, improvement fair. This was Miss Knight's first school, and was successful for one so young.

Winter term taught by Mr. F. A. Delano. Commenced Nov. 30; closed Feb. 20—length of school, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, twenty-six dollars per month, including board. Visited by Supervisor at the first and middle of the term: the second time at the request of a portion of the district. The majority were in favor of the school, and its continuance; the dissatisfaction of said portion resulted in members of the school leaving, which rendered the efforts of the teacher unsatisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

W. CLARK, Agent.

Teacher, Miss Hattie J. Knox. Whole number of scholars in the district, 29. School commenced June 1; school visited by Supervisor June 8. At the request of the agent was visited again July 10, when the appearance of school was such it was advisable to dismiss the teacher.

Winter term commenced Nov. 9, 1874, taught by Mr. W. Clark; closed Jan. 29, 1875. Visited by Supervisor Nov. 12. Whole number of scholars in the district, 29; whole number attending school, 21; average number, 16—length of school, three months.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

Wages of teacher, excluding board, twenty-seven dollars per month ; price of board, one dollar and fifty-four cents per week. This was Mr Clark's eleventh term ; order good, recitations very satisfactory. Your Supervisor not being notified of its close, failed to visit it a second time.

DISTRICT NO. V.

GEORGE H. PERRY, Agent.

Miss Maggie A. Hoyt, teacher. School commenced June 1 ; closed Aug. 7 ; visited by Supervisor June 5 and July 21—length of school, nine weeks. Number attending school, 14 ; average number, 9. Wages of teacher, excluding board, three dollars. Order and improvement, fair. This was Miss Hoyt's second term in this district, and she labored assiduously.

Winter term taught by Mr. L. R. Knight. School commenced Nov. 9 ; closed Feb. 12. Visited by Supervisor Nov. 24 and Feb. 4—length of school, thirteen weeks. Wages of teacher, thirty-two dollars per month, excluding board. Whole number of scholars in the district, 33 ; number attending school, 24 ; average number 21. This was Mr. Knight's second term, therefore he has not great experience. Order, very good ; improvement fair,

DISTRICT NO. VI.

DAVID G. GILLES, Agent.

Teacher, Miss Hannah R. Farrington. School commenced June 8 ; closed Aug. 1. Visited by Supervisor June 17 and July 19—length of school in weeks, eight. Whole number attending school, 14 ; average number 12. Wages of teacher, excluding board, three dollars ; price of board per week, one dollar and seventy-five cents. Good order and improvement prevailed ; a teacher, who was devoted to her work.

Winter term taught by Mr. Ezra A. Hoyt. School commenced Nov. 30 ; closed Feb. 5. Visited by Supervisor Dec. 3 and Feb. 5—length of school, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, twenty-two dollars per month. Whole number attending school, 14 ; average number, 12. This was Mr. Hoyt's first term, and his success exceeded the expectation of your Supervisor.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

SIMEON F. FROST, Agent.

Mrs. C. W. Blanchard, teacher. School commenced June 1 ; closed Aug. 7—length of school in weeks, nine. Whole number of scholars in the district, 30 ; whole number registered, 19 ; average number, 16. Wages of teacher, excluding board, three dollars ; price of board, two dollars per week. Visited by the Supervisor at the commencement and end of the term ; twelve visits of citizens ; entire satisfaction given throughout the district.

Winter term taught by Mrs. C. W. Blanchard. School commenced Dec. 7. Was visited by Supervisor at the commencement of the term. Whole number registered, 24 ; average attendance, 22. Wages of teacher, one dollar per day exclusive of board—length of school, eleven weeks. As the school is still in progress, we cannot report of a second visit. The school has been prosperous so far.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

N. S. FARNHAM, Agent.

Miss Susie P. Howe, Teacher. School commenced May 25 ; closed July 31. Visited by Supervisor, June 2, and July 31—length of school, ten weeks. Whole number of scholars in the district, 60 ; number registered, 34 ; average attendance, 31. Wages of teacher, excluding board, five dollars per week ; price of board per week, two dollars and twenty-five cents. This was a very profitable term, as all can testify who were present at her examination at the close.

Fall term taught by Miss Susie P. Howe, commenced Sept. 7 ; closed Oct. 30. School visited by Supervisor, Oct. 30—length of the school, eight weeks. Whole number attending school, 45 ; average number, 35. Wages of teacher, excluding board, five dollars ; price of board per week, two dollars. This was Miss Howe's twenty-fourth term : we think the district particularly fortunate in procuring the services of so experienced a teacher.

Winter term taught by Miss Susie P. Howe. School commenced Nov. 30 ; closed Feb. 19. School visited at the commencement and close of the term, by the committee. Whole number registered, 43 ; average attendance, 40. Wages of teacher, including board, ten dollars per week ; length of school, eleven

weeks. As this is Miss Howe's third term in this district, eulogy is unnecessary ; we think any district especially fortunate, which employs her as instructor of its youth.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

A. J. KNIGHT, Agent.

Free High School—spring term taught by J. D. Holt. School commenced March 3 ; closed May 8—length of the school in weeks, ten ; whole number attending school, 26 ; average number, the first half, 24 ; last half, 16. Wages of teacher, excluding board, fifty dollars per month ; price of board per week, three dollars. Visited at the commencement and close of the term. A profitable school ; order, good ; improvement, fine.

Summer term—Agent, WILSON THOMAS. Teacher, Sarah W. Putnam. School commenced June 8 ; closed August 29. School visited by Committee, June 15, and August 28. Length of the school in weeks, twelve. Whole number attending school, 20 ; average number, 17. Wages of teacher, excluding board, three dollars and twenty-five cents ; price of board per week, one dollar and seventy-five cents. Order and improvement fair.

Free High School—Fall term. Miss Alice C Chapman, teacher. School commenced Sept. 14 ; closed Nov. 11. School visited by the Committee, Sep. 17, and Nov. 11. Length of the school in weeks, nine and one half. Whole number of scholars attending school, 15 ; average number, 10. Wages of teacher, excluding board, six dollars and fifty cents. This was Miss Chapman's third term ; we think she will be eminently successful as a teacher.

Winter term taught by Mr. M. Y. Newton. School commenced Dec. 7 ; closed Feb. 12. Visited by Supervisor Dec. 8, and Jan. 25. There was no lack of *ability* in said teacher ; if any, it was in government ; school had improved at our last visit. As no register has been returned, a full report cannot be made.

DISTRICT NO. X.

Teacher, Mr. C. W. Abbott. School commenced Jan. 4 ; visited by Supervisor, Jan. 25. Wages of teacher, thirty dollars per month. As the school is still in progress, we cannot report of a second visit. This is Mr Abbott's fourth term ; his ability is very promising. Order and improvement good.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

SETH P. ABBOTT, Agent.

Teacher, Miss Georgie C. Stevens. School commenced June 8; closed July 31. Visited by the Supervisor June 23—length of the school in weeks, eight. Whole number of scholars in the district, eight; whole number attending school three; average number, one. Wages of teacher, excluding board, two dollars and fifty cents per week; price of board per week, one dollar. Order and improvement fair. This was Miss Stevens' first school.

Winter term taught by Charles V. Knight. School commenced Nov. 30; closed Jan. 15. Visited by committee Dec. 8—length of school, seven weeks. Whole number of scholars in the district, 9; whole number attending school, 8; average number, 6. Wages of teacher, excluding board, twenty dollars per month; price of board per week, one dollar and fifty cents. The school appeared well, and we think general satisfaction was given.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

CHARLES E. WOODS, Agent.

Teacher, Miss Zilla H. Howe. School commenced May 25; closed July 10. Visited by the Supervisor June 2, and July 10—length of school, eleven weeks. Whole number of scholars in the district, 57; number attending school, 34; average number 32. Wages of teacher, excluding board, five dollars per week; price of board per week, two dollars and fifteen cents. Order good improvement very satisfactory to committee and district.

Winter term taught by Walter A. Abbott. School commenced Sept. 1, '74; closed Feb. 12, '75. School visited by the Supervisor, Dec. 18, and Feb. 11. Length of school, 17 weeks. Whole number of scholars in the district, 57; whole number attending school, 40; average number, 34. Wages of teacher, excluding board, thirty-two dollars; price of board per week, two dollars. The object of Mr. Abbott was to have his school thorough, orderly, and prompt: in which we think he succeeded.

DISTRICT NO. XIII.

SAMUEL S. WYMAN, Agent.

Teacher, Olive B. Abbott. School commenced June 1; closed August 6. School visited by Supervisor, June 26. Length of school in weeks, 10. Whole number in the district, 18; attend-

ing school, 10 ; average number, 7. Wages of teacher, excluding board, two dollars ; price of board per week, one dollar and forty-five cents. The agent failed to notify the Committee of its close, therefore we cannot report a second visit. Order and progress passable.

Winter term taught by Miss Abbie Hall. School commenced, Dec. 7. Visited by the Committee, Dec. 8 ; prevented from visiting a second time as the roads were impassable, said visit being solicited by a member of the district. Said school is still in progress, and we hope to report success at our next visit.

In making this report, my design has been to give undisguised facts. My toil, though onerous, has in the main been pleasant. I can realize improvement in the last fifteen years, in well-lighted and ventilated school-rooms. In two districts are furnished globes and maps. In some four or five districts where Algebra, Botany, and U. S. History have been taught, Physiology also has been introduced orally. I have to regret that some of our teachers have been delinquent in returning registers ; therefore, we can not produce a full report of all.

J. ELLIOTT, Supervisor.

RUMFORD POINT, Feb. 19, 1875.