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OF THE

Selectmen, Auditor,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

FOR THE

Town of Rumford,

For the Year ending February 16th, 1876.



NORWAY,

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Report of Selectmen.

VALUATION.

Whole number of Polls,	250	
Amount of Resident Real Estate,		\$112,040 00
“ Non-Resident “		5,440 00
“ Resident Personal Estate,		50,178 00
“ Non-Resident “		392 00
Total valuation, (half value),	—————	\$168,050 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State Tax,		\$1,526 27
County Tax,		426 55
Support of Schools,		1,000 00
Support of Poor,		800 00
Town Debt and Interest,		500 00
Discount on Taxes,		500 00
Current Expenses of Town,		1,100 00
Fractional Overlay,		106 73
Delinquent Highway Tax,		33 31
Total committed for collection,	—————	\$5,992 86
Amount of Highway Tax raised to be expended in labor,		\$4,500 00

RATE OF TAXATION.

Money Tax, 31 mills on a dollar, Poll Tax,	\$3 00	each.
Highway Tax, 23 “ “ “	3 00	“

School Account.

Amount raised by vote of Town,	\$1,000 00
Interest on School Fund,	166 56
Mill Tax,	420 00
Bank Tax,	312 96
Total divided,	————— \$1,899 52

Whole number of scholars, 407

Rate per scholar, \$4 36

The money was apportioned among the several districts as follows :

DISTRICT.		Number of Scholars.	Amount ap- portioned.	Amount Added.	Total Ap- portioned in 1875.	Not Drawn in 1874.	Over Drawn in 1874.	Total to ex- pend in 1875.
No,	1.	20	\$87 20	\$16 00	\$103 20	\$	\$	\$103 20
"	2.	40	174 40		174 40			174 40
"	3.	25	109 00	12 00	121 00	17 92		138 92
"	4.	28	122 08	8 00	130 08			130 08
"	5.	32	139 52		139 52	25 93		165 45
"	6.	18	78 48	20 00	98 48	3 37		101 85
"	7.	31	135 16		135 16			135 16
"	8.	64	279 04		279 04		4 71	274 33
"	9.	46	200 56		200 56	81 54		282 10
"	10.	19	82 84	19 00	101 84		3 37	98 47
"	11.	8	34 88	30 00	64 88	16 04		80 92
"	12.	58	252 88		252 88		15	252 73
"	13.	18	78 48	20 00	98 48	1 54		100 02
Totals,		407	\$1,774 52	\$125 00	\$1,899 52	\$146 34	\$8 23	\$2,037 63

Pauper Expenses.

Bills due March 1, 1875, and not reported in last report :

Sarah Clark, for board to March 1, 1875,	\$20 00	
" " medical attendance,	119 15	
	—————	\$139 15
Alvin Howe, House rent and pasturing, '74,	\$7 00	
Supplies furnished, 1874,	10 00	
	—————	\$17 00
Carried forward,		\$156 15

Amount brought forward,	\$156 15	
Haines Stevens, for clothing furnished in '74,	9 50	\$9 50
Elmer Elliott, for clothing furnished in '74,	4 00	\$4 00
Total of bills due in 1874,	————	\$169 65
Bills paid for year ending Feb. 16, 1876 :		
Sarah Clark, for clothing,	\$8 88	
“ “ maintenance,	101 00	\$109 88
Sarah Virgin, supplies furnished,	10 00	\$10 00
David Kennerson, funeral charges for wife,	16 00	
“ “ medical attendance,	4 00	\$20 00
Haines Stevens, for clothing,	12 89	
“ “ board,	10 50	
“ “ medical attendance,	1 50	\$24 89
John E. Rolfe, for clothing,	7 19	\$7 19
Elmer Elliott, “	2 44	
“ “ board,	31 25	
“ “ medical attendance,	22 00	\$55 69
Alvin Howe, supplies furnished,	15 00	\$15 00
Adelbert Wing, and family, supplies furnished,	28 14	
“ “ fueral charges,	18 53	\$46 67
Waid Moore and wife, for medical attendance,	5 75	
“ “ “ board to Feb. 16, '76,	52 00	\$57 75
Ella Howe, for clothing,	4 45	
“ “ board,	26 00	
“ “ medical attendance,	12 00	\$42 55
S. R. Hodsdon, supplies furnished,	20 00	\$20 00
Belle Merrill board from Oct. 1 '74, to Oct. 1 '75,	20 00	\$20 00
Mrs. S. Merrill and family for supplies furnished,	40 97	\$40 97
H. F. Eastman and family for supplies furnished,	13 90	
“ “ “ medical attendance,	13 50	\$27 40
George Merchant and family, for supplies,	6 25	
“ “ “ reut,	9 00	\$15 25
Total paid,		\$513 25

Of the foregoing amount the sum of \$15 25
 has been refunded by the town of New
 Vineyard, where George Merchant has a
 legal settlement ; which leaves the amount
 paid for support of paupers during 1875, \$498 00

The following pauper bills for 1875 are unpaid, and are due
 as follows :

1876.

Feb. 14, To Daniel Farnum, for board of Asa Hardy,	\$16 50
Feb. 19, “ Mrs. Betsey Lovejoy, for board of John E. Rolfe,	16 50
Apr. 1, “ Samuel Clark, for board of Sarah Clark, balance due,	30 00
“ 27, “ Aaron P. Hall, for board of Haines Stevens,	62 00
May 1. “ Daniel Haines, for board of Adelbert Wing’s family,	25 00

Total outstanding pauper bills,	\$150 00
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Total bills accrued and paid in 1875,	498 00
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Total pauper Expenses for 1875,	\$648 00
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Pauper bills accrued in 1874, but not paid or reported in last report,	169 65
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Total expended for paupers,	\$817 65
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Miscellaneous Bills.

Insurance assessment on Town Farm buildings,	\$7 36
John Clemmant, for care of Town House, &c.,	4 75
Printing Town Reports,	19 80
Books bought for use of town,	9 90
Posts for fence of Isthmus burying ground,	5 00
W. Pettingill's bills for cash paid out for town,	12 88
John Howe's " " "	3 00
L. G. Robert's " " "	5 00
Ezra Stephens. for injuries received on highway,	15 00
L. D. Elliott, for assistance in perambulating Bethel and Rumford line in 1874,	1 50
C. P. Eaton, for sign boards for Swift River Bridge,	6 00
Oliver Pettingill's bill for cash paid out for town,	5 00
H. M. Colby's bill for services as one of the Over- seers of Poor in Feb. 1875, going to Weld,	5 25
Elias Barker for damage to land while building Peterson bridge in 1874,	3 00
	<hr/> \$103 44

PAID OUT ON ROLFE CASE.

Geo. F. French, M. D., examination of Mrs. Rolfe,	\$50 00
" " " at Court as expert,	100 00
A. L. Hersey, " " "	45 00
Thomas Brown, " " "	5 00
H. C. Davis, for taking J. C. Graham's deposition,	10 00
J. K. Martin's bill, cash paid for expenses,	84 40
Witness fees,	117 00
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Total,	\$411 40

The above case, is not yet settled, and in case a new trial is not granted the Town will probably be obliged to pay a further sum of 800 or 1000 dollars during the coming summer, and for which payment some provision should be made.

Roads and Bridges.

The town voted to raise \$4,500 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:

The following sums were paid into the Treasury at the above rates:

Timothy Walker,	\$75 00
J. J. Partridge,	2 34
Charles E. Fox,	7 23

We have expended the following sums of money in the several districts.

For labor done and material furnished in 1874:

D. G. Glines, Dist.	\$8 28
W. M. Adams, "	14 82

For Labor done in 1875:

In John Clement's Dist.	\$10 00
" D. Wyman's "	22 00

Cash paid out to repair Ellis River bridge,	77 15
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Total received on highway tax in money,	\$84 57
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Total expended on roads and bridges,	\$132 25
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Town Officers' Bills.

Waldo Pettingill, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,

\$46 50

John Howe, " " " 35 25

L. G. Roberts, " " " 29 25

Oliver Pettingill, Treasurer, 15 00

William Frost, Clerk and Constable, (estimated) 23 00

John Elliott, Supervisor, 60 00

F. P. Putnam, Collector, 75 00

Timothy Walker, Auditor, 2 00

\$286 00

Liabilities of Town.

Town Notes, \$2,188 00

Indebtedness to School Fund, 2,672 00

" " Districts, 610 34

Due Town Officers, 286 00

Interest accrued on Town notes, 84 25

Outstanding bills, (estimated) 150 00

" Orders, 5 70

Total liabilities, \$5,996 29

Resources.

Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$1,293 42	
“ “ “ Collector,	1,281 73	
Total resources,	<hr/>	\$2,575 15
Balance against the town,		\$3,421 14

Recommendations.

For support of Schools,	\$1,000 00
“ “ “ Poor,	800 00
“ Discount on Taxes,	500 00
“ Town charges,	700 00
“ Town Debt and interest,	500 00
Total,	\$3,500 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WALDO PETTINGILL,	} Selectmen of Rumford.
JOHN HOWE,	
L. G. ROBERTS,	

RUMFORD, Feb. 16, 1876.

Treasurer's Report.

For the financial year ending Feb. 16, 1876.

Oliver Pettingill, Treasurer,	Dr.	
To Cash received of F. P. Putnam, Collector,		\$3,573 48
“ “ of Lydia Cushman,		2 50
“ “ on highway taxes,		84 57
“ “ of M. L. Wyman, on note,		106 00
“ “ “ “ Interest,		8 51
“ “ of John Clemmant, “		6 24
“ “ on interest on School fund note,		160 32
“ “ of town of New Vineyard,		44 52
“ “ H. M. Colby, on note,		198 00
“ “ “ “ interest,		19 10
“ “ of H. A. Small, for cart sold,		30 00
“ “ of Albert Virgin, for tools sold,		16 00

Amount carried forward,	<hr/>	\$4,249 24
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Amount brought forward,	\$4,249 24
" " A. & C. Virgin on note,	275 00
" " " " " interest,	30 00
" " borrowed of Mary R. Hodsdon,	275 00
" " " " Timothy Walker,	500 00
" " received from Bank tax,	311 03
" " " " Mill tax,	415 46
" " " " State for pensions paid,	72 00
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Total received,	\$6,127 73
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By Town orders taken up,	\$3,904 02
" paid interest on School fund note,	160 32
" " for State pensions,	72 00
" " note due John Segar,	200 00
" " " " Calvin Howe,	360 00
" " interest on town notes,	137 97
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Total paid,	\$4,834 31
Balance in Treasury,	\$1,293 42
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	\$6,127 73

OLIVER PETTINGILL, Treasurer.

This certifies that we the undersigned have examined the Treasurer's account of receipts and payments as by him kept for the financial year ending February 16, 1876. and we find them correctly entered, reported and footed up in the Treasurer's book, and the amount in cash now in the Town Treasury is Twelve hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty-two cents. (\$1,293 42).

TIMOTHY WALKER, Auditor.
 WALDO PETTINGILL, } Selectmen
 JOHN HOWE, } of
 L. G. ROBERTS, } Rumford.

RUMFORD, Feb. 16, 1876.

Exhibit of Town Notes.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Running to.</i>	<i>When due.</i>	<i>Am't.</i>
October 1st, 1870,	A. C. Howe,	on demand,	\$500 00
December 6th, 1870.	Hannah Segar,	do.	250 00
December 1st. 1870.	A. C. Howe,	do.	311 00
April 15th, 1871,	Hannah Segar,	do.	77 00
May 2d, 1871,	Abigail Newton,	do.	50 00
December 1st, 1875.	Mary R. Hodsdon,	in 3 years,	100 00
December 15th, 1875,	Timothy Walker,	" "	500 00
" " "	Charles H. Kimball,	" "	225 00
January 29th, 1876,	Mary R. Hodsdon,	in two years.	175 00
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Total due individuals,			\$2,188 00
Due trustees of School fund,			2,672 00
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Total of Town Notes,			\$4,860 00

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

DISTRICT NO. I.

KIMBALL MARTIN, AGENT. Miss Emma Abbott, teacher. Whole number of scholars in the district, 19. Number attending summer term, 14; average number, 11. Wages of teacher per week, excluding board, \$3; price of board, \$2. This was Miss Abbott's second term of teaching. In addition to studies usually taught in our primary schools, there was a class of two in Algebra, and a class of two in Rhetoric. Her school of seven weeks, was visited twice by your committee. Order good and progress fair.

The winter term was taught by Miss Mary O. Staples. Miss Staples has taught several schools, and judging from the average number of her pupils, one would decide that the order and progress of scholars were fair. Length of term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, \$5 per week. Number of pupils registered, 13; average number, 10.

DISTRICT NO. II.

M. F. KNIGHT, AGENT. Miss Alice A. Webber, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 40. Whole number attending summer school, 20; average number, 15. Number attending winter term and not summer, 15. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$2.25—board given. Whole term, 9 weeks. School visited but once, notice of its close not being received in sea-

son. There were 12 visits from citizens. The school is well furnished with text books. There was a class of four in U. S. History, and a class of 3 in Latin and Botany. This was Miss Webber's first term in teaching; order good and progress fine.

Winter term of 12 weeks not yet closed. It is taught by Mr. Howard, who has a class of 3 in Latin. The school when visited was evidently in a prosperous condition. More than usual interest is taken in this district in the cause of education. Mr. Howard has taught several schools and will no doubt make his mark in this. Latin was introduced into this school by vote of the district. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$34 per month.

DISTRICT NO. III.

EDWARD F. ELLIOT, AGENT. Miss Minnie Abbott, teacher. Whole number attending summer school, 14; average number, 11. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$2.50; price of board, \$1.20. Four pupils not absent half a day. This district needs and should have, without delay, a new school house. This was Miss Abbott's first term in teaching. She was quite successful as the average number of her pupils indicates.

The winter term of 11 weeks is being taught by Mr. Henry Hutchins. When the school was visited at two different times, the progress of the pupils was quite noticeable. This is Mr. Hutchins first term in teaching. The scholars were orderly and respectful. The number of pupils and their studies in this district in winter, differ little from that in summer. Wages of teacher per month, \$20, excluding board. Number of scholars registered, 18; average attendance, 13.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

J. E. WASHBURN, AGENT. Miss Cora G. Knight, teacher. Length of summer term, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 28; number registered, 16; average number, 13. Number attending winter term and not summer, 3. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$3,—board given. Two visits from commit-

tee. A class of 2 in Algebra and 1 in Physiology. The school is well furnished with text books.

Wm. N. White commenced the winter term, but after six weeks trial withdrew. Mr. A. L. Haynes is teaching the latter part of the term, (four weeks), with ability. This district has contracted for the building of a new school house the ensuing summer, and in a new location.

DISTRICT NO. V.

J. E. ELLIOT, AGENT. Miss A. E. Thomas, teacher. Whole term, 10 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 27; registered, 15; average, 10. Number attending winter term and not summer, 12. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$2.50; board given. Order of school and system of teaching was good.

Mr. L. M. Sepious is teaching the winter term of 12 weeks. Mr. S. has taught several schools with signal success, and in our judgment will close his present term to the satisfaction of his employers. Wages of teacher, \$32 per month, excluding board. U. S. History is studied and read in this school instead of the different grades of readers. Number registered, 24; average, 21. School visited twice. Order and progress fine.

DISTRICT NO VI.

J. II. HOWE, AGENT. Miss M. D. Elliot, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 18; number attending summer term, 13; average, 10. Four scholars attend the winter term but not the summer. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$4; board given. Two classes of 2 each in U. S. History; in Algebra and Philosophy, 1 in each. School well furnished with text books.

Mr. O. W. R. Hastings commenced the winter term the last of Dec. '75. In our opinion his commencement was promising. Wages of teacher, \$20 per month, excluding board.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

WM. ABBOTT, AGENT. Miss Belle M. Elliot, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 27; reg-

istered, 19; average, 12. Eight attended the winter that did not attend the summer term. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$3; price of board, \$2. Two visits from committee and eight by citizens. A class of 2 in Algebra, and one of 3 in U. S. History. School well furnished with text books. This and all our larger schools in town have made fine progress in spelling, reading, writing, geography, arithmetic and English grammar.

The winter term of 9 weeks was taught by Mr. Edwin P. Smith. Number of scholars, 30; registered 22; average, 15. Nine attended the winter term that did not attend in summer. This was Mr. Smith's fifth term of teaching, and from the average number of his scholars, anyone can judge of his success. An outside deleterious influence injured a portion of the scholars in this district. Wages of teacher, including board, \$30 per month.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

O. F. DOLLOFF, AGENT. Miss E. P. Cushman, teacher. Whole term, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 64; registered, 34; average, 27. Wages of teacher per week, excluding board, \$5. One pupil in History and another in Philosophy. School is well furnished with text books.

The fall term in this district was taught by Mr. E. W. Bartlett, with the understanding that he should receive scholars from other districts in the town. Whole number registered, 49; average, 45. Wages of teacher per month, excluding board, \$35. Price of board per week, \$2. Twelve pupils not absent half a day; 20 wrote compositions; 9 studied Latin, 10 Algebra, and 2 Philosophy. The school-room is furnished with a globe and charts. Mr. Bartlett has taught several schools, and in the examination of this school at its close, anyone could judge of the ability and thoroughness of his teaching. Mr. B. is now teaching this school which will not close until March next.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

MR. WILSON THOMAS, AGENT. Miss M. L. Thomas, teacher. Number of scholars, 52; length of summer term, 12 weeks; number of scholars registered, 15; average, 11. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$3.25; price of board, \$1.75. This was Miss Thomas's fourth term in teaching, and a prosperous one. School visited twice.

The winter term is being taught by Mr. C. W. Abbott. Whole number attending, 30; average, 27. Wages of teacher excluding board, \$40 per month. A class in Latin read Cæsar and Roman History; one in Latin composition. The youth in this district have enjoyed special privileges for three years past. During that period, or the most of it, seven, once members in the school taught here, have engaged in teaching; and it can be said of them, they have not only kept scholars in school, but have taught them. This was Mr. Abbott's ninth term in teaching. The school was visited twice.

DISTRICT NO. X.

This district, being small, has, for the past two years, united with the district on the opposite side of Swift river, in Mexico. Thus they have been enabled to secure for the scholars in both districts, 15 weeks schooling. Mr. Geo. W. Bartlett is employed in teaching this school with not a little enthusiasm and ability. There was no summer term last year. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$20 per month.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

MR. JAMES WELCH, AGENT. Miss Rose A. Abbott, teacher. Length of term, 14 weeks. The entire funds were expended in the summer term. Whole number, 9; average, 4. Wages of teacher per week, \$3; price of board, \$1.75. This was Miss Abbott's third term in teaching, and a prosperous one. School visited once, no notice of close being received.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

R. E. MARTIN, AGENT. Miss Emma Sellew, teacher. Length of term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 60 ; registered, 34 : average, 24. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$4.50 ; price of board, \$1.95. Two studied Rhetoric ; 6 not absent half day. Two visits from committee and ten by citizens. This was Miss Sellew's seventh term of teaching.

Miss Mary O. Staples taught a term of 8 weeks, in this district, last autumn. The school in numbers and studies could not vary much from those included in the summer term. This was Miss Staples's sixth term in teaching.

Mr. E. W. Bartlett taught a term of 7 weeks in this district included in the winter session, and with his usual success, as was clearly developed when visited by committee.

Miss E. L. Howe, an experienced teacher, is superintending the school for the last few weeks of the winter term. Mr. Bartlett received at the rate of \$32 per month. Number attending school, 43 ; average, 38.

DISTRICT NO. XIII.

J. F. TWOMBLY, AGENT. Miss Lilian A. Abbott, teacher. Length of term, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 18 ; registered, 9 ; average, 7. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$2 per week ; price of board, \$1.20. Two visits from committee and one from citizens. Two studied U. S. History. This was Miss Abbott's first term of teaching, and quite a prosperous one.

Mr. J. A. Knight taught the winter term of 9 weeks. He is an experienced teacher and a fine penman. Wages of teacher, excluding board, \$22 ; price of board, \$1.50. Whole number scholars, 12 ; average, 8.

The schools generally have been a success the last year, agents and teachers manifesting a more than ordinary interest in the education of our youth and children. Parents and guard-

ians also have, in certain districts, visited the schools, thus encouraging both teachers and pupils. Our larger scholars, both male and female, should have facilities for studying Botany, Physiology, and Natural Philosophy ; and substituting especially the U. S. History, instead of the fourth and fifth Readers. There has been an improvement in this direction last year, and "yet there is room."

Seventy-eight attended the winter schools that did not attend in summer. When a settlement shall have been made with all the teachers who have taught our summer and winter schools the last year, the amount will exceed thirteen hundred dollars.

I have labored cheerfully and assiduously to discharge my duty as Supervisor of the different schools in town, now leaving the responsibility of that position for some other one to fill.

My bill for services rendered, and yet to be performed, for the year up to April next, will be sixty dollars.

J. ELLIOT, Supervisor.

RUMFORD POINT, Feb. 17, 1876.