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# ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

## SELECTMEN AND SUPERVISOR

### OF SCHOOLS OF THE

# TOWN OF RUMFORD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 8,

— 1890. —

*J. W. ...*

NORWAY, MAINE.  
Oxford County Advertiser Print.

# TOWN OFFICERS.



F. A. BARKER,	}		-	-	-	}	Selectmen, Assessors,
F. H. BARTLETT,	}		-	-	-	}	and
J. E. ELLIOTT,	}					}	Overseers of Poor.
JAMES S. MORSE,		-	-	-	-		Clerk.
C. W. KIMBALL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Treasurer.
C. H. ABBOTT,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Supervisor.
HENRY ABBOTT,		-	-	-	-		Collector and Constable.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.



## VALUATION.

Amount of resident real estate.....	\$180,490 00
Amount of non-resident real estate.....	19,085 00
Amount of resident personal property.....	78,849 00
Amount of non-resident personal property.....	2,040 00
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Total valuation (full value).....	\$280,464 00

## APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax.....	\$968 65
County tax.....	403 19
For schools.....	804 40
Current expenses.....	800 00
Discount on taxes.....	300 00
Roads and bridges.....	500 00
Poor.....	400 00
Town debt and interest.....	400 00
Fractional overlay.....	112 42
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	\$4,688 66
Supplementary tax.....	12 00
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Total committed to Collector.....	\$4,698 66

Amount of highway tax to be expended in labor.....\$2,000 00

Whole number of polls, 241.

Rate, money tax 15 mills on a dollar. Polls, \$2.00 each. Highway tax, 7.2 mills on a dollar. Polls, \$1.50 each.

## PAUPER BILLS.

## TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Salary of S. P. Abbott, Overseer, from Feb. 1, '89 to Feb. 1, '90.	\$190 00
Four barrels and 44½ lbs. of flour. . . . .	24 86
Three pounds of tea . . . . .	1 40
Eleven gallons of molasses . . . . .	4 84
Fifty pounds of sugar . . . . .	4 94
Nine and five-eighths gallons of kerosene oil . . . . .	1 46
Soda . . . . .	99
Nails . . . . .	53
Glass . . . . .	25
Coffee . . . . .	25
Salt . . . . .	1 60
Soap . . . . .	25
Spices . . . . .	63
Fish . . . . .	41
Tin dishes . . . . .	49
Tools . . . . .	1 46
Rosin . . . . .	12
Matches . . . . .	08
Broom . . . . .	20
Two pigs . . . . .	4 00
Repairs . . . . .	2 39
Horse hire on town farm . . . . .	6 00
Meal . . . . .	17 70
Use of bull . . . . .	1 50
Clothing . . . . .	5 22
Chair . . . . .	2 25

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\$273 82

\$220 84

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Balance against town . . . . . \$52 98

Board has been furnished on the farm as follows:

For Fanny Clark . . . . . 42 weeks  
 Wm. F. Curtis and child . . . . . 5 weeks

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By Pork sold . . . . .	\$ 8 00
Eggs . . . . .	5 25
Poultry . . . . .	12 63
Oats . . . . .	16 50
Pasturing . . . . .	12 00
Stock . . . . .	123 00
Bark . . . . .	3 62
Cash from Mexico for use of road machine . . . . .	4 00
Butter and cheese . . . . .	35 84
Total . . . . .	\$220 84

## PAUPER BILLS OFF THE FARM.

Clothing furnished Hollis Kenniston.....	\$ 4 15
Medical attendance on Orison Glines.....	18 00
Board of Orison Glines.....	137 30
Mrs. Aurilla Merrill, supplies.....	9 80
Royal Clement, ".....	8 00
Greenwood for support of Joseph Paine.....	35 35
Woodstock " " " Wm. F. Curtis.....	48 00
Bethel " " " J. K. P. Simpson.....	19 00
Bethel, medical attendance on Kimball Martin.....	5 00
Medical attendance on Wm. F. Curtis.....	9 00
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	\$293 60
Due from State on Thomas bill.....	\$ 22 17
" " " " Merrill bill.....	13 50
" " " " Glines bill.....	155 30
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	\$190 97
Leaving due on pauper bills off the farm.....	\$102 63
Expense of farm above income.....	52 98
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Pauper expense above income from all sources.....	\$155 61
Total pauper expense in 1889.....	\$293 60

## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ON TOWN FARM.

One yoke oxen.	
Two cows.	
Two 3 years old heifers.	
Two 2 years old steers.	
Two calves.	
Twenty-four hens.	
Twenty-five tons of hay.	
Sixty-five bushels oats.	
Eight bushels beans.	
Fifty pounds dried apple.	
Two shoats.	
Four hundred pounds pork.	
Lard twenty-five pounds.	
Potatoes seventy-five bushels.	
Two bushels sweet corn seed.	
One hundred and thirty pounds cheese.	
Fifty pounds butter.	
Straw.	
Town Farm, stock and tools.....	\$2,600 00

Report of H. M. Colby, special agent appointed by selectmen to repair certain roads and bridges. \$500.00 was raised by vote of town for that purpose.

**LABOR AND MATERIAL FURNISHED ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.**

To 5 days labor on Eaton Hill road.....	\$7 50	
To 1 days labor on Center District.....	1 50	
	\$9 00	\$9 00

**SWIFT RIVER BRIDGE.**

Henry M. Colby, labor.....	\$27 50	
C. R. Abbott, labor.....	25 00	
Wm. N. Pratt, labor .....	11 50	
George Farrer, labor.....	8 50	
N. F. Hoyt, labor.....	2 00	
Freeland Graham, labor.....	1 50	
James Abbott, labor.....	1 25	
Samuel Goodwin, labor .....	50	
Wirt Colby, labor.....	12 50	
J. T. Hall, plank.. ..	14 00	
Wm. M. Blanchard, mud sill . . . . .	11 25	
D. G. Frost, plank and timber.....	10 00	
Henry W. Park, spikes .....	2 92	
Edmund H. Elliot, nails.....	5 60	
F. C. Richards, lumber.....	10 92	
Waldo Pettingill, lumber.....	3 82	
James Welch, lumber.....	1 50	
C. H. Graham, lumber .....	1 00	
Geo. A. Virgin, dimensions and 13,575 M L shingles	115 25	
W. S. Richardson, Jack Screws.....	50	
Hiram F. Abbott, Jack Screws.....	1 00	
—— Howard, boat.....	50	
Dana L. Kimball, hauling lumber .....	4 00	
Wirt Colby, hauling shingles and lumber .....	26 00	
For use of horse.....	4 00	
Fred A. Porter, board .....	22 30	
	\$333 81	\$333 81

## ELLIS RIVER BRIDGE.

H. M. Colby, labor.....	\$13 50	
Wirt Colby, " .....	5 50	
Geo. T. Farrer, " .....	7 00	
C. R. Abbott, " .....	14 00	
Frank Simpson, " .....	2 87	
Edmund H. Elliot, nails.....	5 08	
Fred Hodgdon, nails and oil.....	1 10	
David E. Simpson, board.....	13 38	
Geo. A. Virgin, dimension 25 M. at \$2.62½ shingles	74 69	
Wirt Colby for hauling lumber.....	2 00	
		\$138 02

## CONCORD RIVER BRIDGE.

H. M. Colby, labor.....	\$ 5 50	
Wm. G. Farnum, labor.....	1 50	
Wirt Colby, labor.....	1 00	
Samuel L. Moody, board.....	75	
Edmund H. Elliot, spikes.....	87	
Ferriage.....	40	
Samuel V. Abbott, planks and timber.....	24 35	
		\$34 37
		\$515 20
By sale of lumber left.....	6 50	
		\$508 70

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

F. A. Porter, work in dist. No. 24 .....	\$4.25
Paid Stephen Farnum and D. F. Putnam, land damage for Easton hill road.....	65 00
D. L. Kimball, work in dist. No. 20.....	11 06
D. G. Farnum, work in dist. No. 21.....	18 00
Wm. J. Coburn, work in dist. No. 25 .....	4 35
B. B. Wyman, work in dist. No. 26.....	10 50
A. C. Segar, plank furnished in 1888 dist. No. 10.....	12 75
Frank S. Delano, labor on highway, dist. No. 25 .....	24 00
John F. Twombly, labor on highway, dist. No. 26.....	4 62
R. D. Rand, plank furnished in 1888.....	3 78
John L. Thomas, lumber for bridge in dist. No. 27.....	33 84
D. Wyman, work in dist. No. 25.....	7 00
L. Glover, work in dist. No. 25.....	10 25
S. V. Abbott, lumber furnished in 1888 and '89.....	20 39
	\$229 79



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 MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

F. W. Sanborn, printing town report.. . . . .	\$13 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, stationery.....	10 79
Albert Virgin, use of land.....	6 00
F. V. Abbott, labor under direction of selectmen.....	4 00
F. A. Barker, cash paid out .....	2 28
A. S. Austin, pension bill .....	3 36
Sidney P. Howe, abatement of over tax.....	1 95
F. H. Bartlett, cash paid out .....	7 72
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	\$49 10

## TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

F. H. Bartlett, selectman, assessor, etc. ....	\$59 00
J. E. Elliot " " " .....	47 00
Henry Abbott, collector.....	100 00
J. S. Morse, town clerk .....	10 00
C. H. Abbott, supervisor of schools.....	50 00
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	\$266 00

## STANDING OF TOWN.

## LIABILITIES.

Due Mrs. Abigail Newton, at 6 per cent.....	\$100 00
Mrs. Ann Newton, at 5 per cent. ....	135 00
C. H. Kimball, at 4 per cent. ....	225 00
Trustees of school fund, at 6 per cent. . . . .	2,930 00
C. A. Kimball, at 6 per cent.....	1,000 00
" " " " .....	100 00
R. W. Needham, at 6 per cent. ....	200 00
Interest outstanding on above notes.....	225 00
School districts.....	748 32
Town officers.....	266 00
S. P. Abbott, overseer town farm.....	190 00
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	\$6,119 32

## RESOURCES.

In hands of Jas. S. Morse, collector for 1888.....	\$236 89
“ “ C. H. Abbott, “ “ 1887.....	242 36
“ “ Henry Abbott, “ “ 1889.....	3,316 82
“ “ C. H. Abbott, Supervisor.....	188 40
Due from State on Thomas bill.....	22 17
“ “ Merrill bill .....	13 50
“ “ Glines bill .....	155 30
Town farm, stock and tools .....	2,600 00
	\$6,275 44

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

For schools .....	\$804 80
For poor .....	400 00
Interest and debt .....	500 00
Current expenses.....	600 00
Discount on taxes.....	250 00
To be expended under an agent, repairing roads and bridges.	200 00
To be expended in labor, repairing roads and bridges.....	2,000 00

That the present highway surveyors return their books to the selectmen after the surveyor's term of office expires.

In consequence of sickness, the treasurer has been unable to settle with the collectors and selectmen and make his report. This accounts for the large amount in the hands of collectors.

F. H. BARTLETT, } J. E. ELLIOT, }	Selectmen of Rumford.
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# SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

February 6, 1890.

## SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

DR.

Amount received March '89.....	\$188 40
Cash " " " .....	15 14
	\$203 54

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Amount on hand.....	\$124 94
" furnished Fanny Clark.....	54
" cash on hand.....	78 06
	\$203 54

School Statistics of the town, so far as returns have been made.

No. of District.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Scholars Registered.		Average No. Registered.		Length of school in weeks.		Wages per Month.	Wages per Week.	Price of Board.
		S.	F. W.	S.	F. W.	S.	F. W.			
1	Josie Martin.....	17		14		8			\$4 50	Giv.
	Susie Graham .....									
2	Alice Putnam.....	22		19		9			3 00	\$2 00
	Luna E. Abbott.....	*17		14		8			3 50	2 00
	Luna E. Abbott .....									
3	Isabelle Elliot.....	15		14		10			3 25	1 12
	Isabelle Elliot .....		17		15		12		3 50	1 40
4	Bertha Wyman .....	8		7		8			3 00	Giv.
	Joseph A. Putnam.....		9		7		10	\$25 00		Giv.
5	Mamie F. Hutchins.....	11		10		10			3 25	
	John L. Hutchins.....		17		16		10	20 00		Giv.
6	Jennie E. Blodgett.....	14		12		8			3 00	Giv.
	Jennie E. Blodgett.....		16		15		10		3 50	Giv.
	Marshall Howard.....									
7	Annie Hodgdon.....	12		11		8			5 00	
	Lucy Lufkin.....		15		14		8		4 00	Giv.
	Josie Martin.....		15		13		8		5 00	Giv.
8	Luna M. Dolloff.....	22		19		7			3 50	1 50
	John R. Howe.....									
9	M. Ora Edmunds .....									
	Annie Hodgdon.....		7		5		6		3 75	1 50
	Ernest Farnum.....									
10	Susie E. Putnam.....		6		4		12		2 50	1 15
11	M. J. Cummings.....									
12	Sarah Martin.....	14		10		9			3 75	1 25
	Sarah Martin.....		20		15		7		3 75	1 25
	Jennie Martin.....									
13	Cyretha Glover.....	10		9		9			2 00	1 25
	E. H. Spofford.....		8		6		9	16 00		1 25
*	Cyretha Glover.....		4		4		11		1 78	Giv.

\* Roberts Neighborhood.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town.....	\$804 80
Interest on School Fund.....	175 80
From State School Fund.....	541 56
	\$1,522 16
Amount taken out for small districts.....	57 50
	\$1,464 66

No. of District...	No. of Scholars...	Am't Apportioned.	Amount Added...	Total Apportion- ...ed for 1889....	Not Drawn in 1888.	Overdrawn in '88.	Am't to Expend in .....1889.....
1	23	\$108 10		\$108 10	\$00 68		\$108 78
2	23	108 10		108 10	10 40		118 50
3	23	108 10		108 10	1 06		109 16
4	18	84 60	\$7 50	92 10	14 21		106 31
5	23	108 10		108 10			108 10
6	27	126 90		126 90	4 76		131 66
7	28	131 60		131 60		\$2 33	129 27
8	41	192 70		192 70		6 77	185 93
9	26	122 20		122 20	29 17		151 37
10	10	47 00	15 00	62 00	22 18		84 18
11	11	51 70	15 00	66 70		3 50	63 20
12	35	164 50		164 50	3 19		167 69
13	15	70 50	10 00	80 50		10	80 40
*	6	28 20		28 20			28 20
†	2	9 40	10 00	19 40			19 40
	311	\$1,461 70	\$57 50	\$1,519 20	\$85 65	\$12 70	\$1592 15

\* Children of L. F. Swain. † Children of D. Roberts.

Whole number of Scholars, 311. Rate per Scholar, \$4.70.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—E. F. Elliott, Agent. The summer school was commenced by Miss Folsom of Locke's Mills. At the close of the first week the teacher left on account of sickness. No summer term.

Fall term of eight weeks taught by Miss Josie Martin. Miss Martin has taught several terms in town, proving herself an efficient teacher. Her mode of teaching ranks well.

The winter term was in charge of Miss Susie Graham. Miss Graham is a graduate of Kent's Hill, a fine scholar and an excellent teacher. The scholars showed marked improvement in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—Fred Barker, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Alice Putnam who has taught several successful terms in this district before. She maintained her former reputation as a good teacher.

The fall and winter terms were under the care of Miss Luna Abbott a teacher of experience. Last year I called Miss Abbott a model teacher. The same can now be said of her. Any district that is fortunate enough to secure Miss Abbott's services are reasonably sure of a first-class school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—Amos S. Austin, Agent. Seldom if ever is more and better work done in summer and winter terms than has been done in this district, under the charge of Miss Isabelle Elliott, who is one of our best teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—R. D. Wyman, Agent. The summer term was under the care of Miss Bertha Wyman. This teacher brought to her work the experience of former teaching, sufficient to say, that she maintained her reputation as a first-class teacher.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Joseph Putnam of Peru. At my first visit I was well pleased with Mr. Putnam's manner of conducting the school. His object seemed to be that every scholar should thoroughly understand all they passed over. On my way to visit the school near its close, I learned that the teacher left the day before, on account of sickness. A full report of the school I cannot give, but learn from the scholars it was a good one.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—H. E. Hutchins, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Mamie Hutchins. This was Miss Hutchins' home school yet she managed it well, showing tact and judgment. It was a profitable school both to teacher and scholars.

The winter term was well managed by Mr. J. L. Hutchins of Andover, this being his second attempt at teaching. The examination at the close of the school was satisfactory. I predict for Mr. Hutchins a bright future as a teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—Henry Caldwell, Agent. Both summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Jennie Blodgett with good results, and at each visit I found the school perfectly successful. I congratulate Miss Blodgett as a successful teacher.

Winter term, M. A. Howard, teacher. Mr. Howard is one of those genial teachers who plainly have the interest of their scholars at heart, and are willing to labor for good results. The attendance during this term has been good and a large variety of work done.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—F. H. Bartlett, Agent. The summer school was in care of Miss Annie Hodgdon. This is a very pleasant school to teach. Some of the pupils in Dist. No. 1 took advantage of the summer term. The teacher succeeded finely with her school.

Miss Lucy Lufkin, a graduate of Kent's Hill and a nice scholar taught the fall term. Miss Lufkin labored faithfully for the interest of her pupils and succeeded remarkably well.

Miss Josie Martin, teacher of the winter term. The appearance of the school at the close fully justified my expectation of a profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—R. C. Dolloff, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Luna Dolloff of Gray. This was Miss Dolloff's first attempt at teaching. Although well qualified to teach this school, and also interested in her work, at our second visit it was very evident that she lacked other qualities which are very essential for an instructor of youth.

A fall term was commenced by the same teacher. After careful investigation, I concluded the school not a profitable one, so closed it.

Winter term taught by Mr. John Howe. Mr. Howe is a teacher who is interested in his work and labored hard for the good of his school. His order was not as good as it should have been, otherwise he proved to be an able and competent teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—George Blanchard, Agent. Summer term was taught by Miss M'Ora Edmunds, of Roxbury. Miss Edmunds is an energetic worker and the pupils made fair progress.

A fall term of six weeks was taught by Miss Annie Hodgdon, who proved to be the right teacher in the right place. Some of the scholars just entering their teens seemed to think they were too old to obey the rules of school, consequently they got a taste of corporal punishment, which offended their mammas and they kept their dears from school and tried to start a little blaze, but the wood would not burn, all ended in smoke.

Winter term, Mr. Ernest Farnum, teacher. Ernest is a young man not yet of age but for scholarship a full grown man. The school is now in session and if the scholars do not learn it is their own fault or the fault of their parents in not having their scholars attend the school regularly.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—Fred A. Porter, Agent. This is a small school with only one term for the year, taught in the fall by Miss Susie Putnam. This was Miss Putnam's first term and she did well. This school was hardly large enough to test Miss Putnam's full ability as a teacher. I have reason to believe she would be equally as successful in a larger school.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—B. B. Wyman, Agent. This is another small school with only one term taught in the winter by Miss Cummings of Sumner. Miss C. is an experienced teacher having taught forty terms, and does not grow weary in well doing. A profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—R. E. Martin, Agent. Miss Sarah Martin taught both summer and fall terms. Miss M. is a good disciplinarian and thorough in her method of instruction. The scholars made commendable progress.

Miss Jennie Martin had charge of the winter term. That Miss M. *has been, is now and will be* among our best teachers is not too much to say nor predict.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—F. S. Delano, Agent. Miss Cyretha Glover had charge of the summer term. The fact that she has been employed to teach this school several terms is ample proof of the estimation of her labors by the parents and scholars.

Winter term was taught by Mr. E. H. Spofford. Mr. Spofford is not so young in years as he is in experience as a teacher, this being his first attempt at teaching. With experience I think he will make a successful teacher. At my last visit only five scholars were present and they did not show that progress in their studies that they ought to have shown.

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A fall term of eleven weeks in the Roberts Neighborhood taught by Miss Cyretha Glover was money well expended. Dudley Roberts, Agent.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It gives me pleasure to say to the citizens of Rumford that the schools in town for the past year have been very prosperous. No serious complaint has been heard from scholar or teacher, which justifies the opinion that all have borne their parts faithfully. It has been a pleasure to me to witness the enthusiasm shown by the scholars in the examinations and to note the marked advancement made in the various studies. There has been thirty-one terms of school the past year, twenty-six of them have been taught by teachers of our own town. I would renew my recommendation of last year to employ home talent while we have a good supply. Sickness has had a tendency in some of the winter terms to lessen the general average attendance, otherwise it has been very good. I regret the registers do not show a larger number of visits by parents and citizens, as I deem the school-room the correct place to get a true knowledge of our schools and to see how their money is being expended and their children instructed. I have endeavored the past year to do my duty faithfully and impartially without regard of fear or favor and doubtless I have incurred the censure of some citizens by so doing.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. ABBOTT, Supervisor.