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ANNUAL
REPORTS
OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
TREASURER,
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF TOPSHAM,

For the Year ending Feb. 18th, 1879.

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Total paid for State and County taxes,	\$4,189 37
Orders paid,	11,836 46
Bond and Coupons,	1,074 50
Uncollected taxes at end of year,	7,592 20
Balance in the Treasury, “	131 43
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	\$24,823 96

The details of this account are further shown in the following, the difference in the footings being the outstanding orders unpaid at time of closing.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

For State tax of 1878,	\$3,524 71
County tax of 1878,	1,444 92
Town tax of 1878,	5,900 00
Overlayings,	48 09
Uncollected highway tax of 1877,	344 31
Non-resident tax for 1878,	93 67
Supplementary taxes, “	198 12
Cash from State for common schools,	687 78
State for Free High School,	488 50
State for R. Road tax of 1876 and 1877,	49 90
Town school fund interest,	40 04
Town Farm,	68 94
Towns on pauper acc't,	148 97
Individuals on the same,	64 76
Individuals for highway taxes,	115 38
All other sources,	97 55
Loans,	2,810 09
Due from C. H. Small, for interest on taxes of 1877,	46 40
“ Collectors Feb. 20th, 1878,	8,376 30

Due from Balance in Treasury Feb. 20th, 1878,	\$275 53	
Outstanding orders Feb. 18th, 1879,	1,049 51	
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		\$25,873 47

EXPENDITURES.

For Balance of State tax of 1877,	\$2,044 45	
State tax of 1878,	700 00	
County tax of 1878,	1,444 92	
Common Schools,	3,073 89	
High School teachers,	1,215 00	
Poor out of the house,	508 96	
Town Farm,	598 76	
Highways and Bridges,	3,033 31	
Abatements,	770 23	
Fire Department,	1,060 88	
Interest,	289 47	
Miscellaneous,	1,424 07	
Bond,	500 00	
Coupons,	574 50	
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,	311 46	
Due from Collectors Feb. 18th, 1879,	7,592 20	
“ Balance in Treasury “	131 43	
Outstanding orders Feb. 20th 1878,	599 94	
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		\$25,873 47

For further details of this account see the Treasurer's account.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Balance due Schools, Feb. 20th, 1878,	\$208 07	
Appropriation for 1878,	1,300 00	
Due from State for 1878,	615 11	
Interest on Town fund,	40 04	
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		2,163 22
Appropriation for new school house, Dist. No. 8.	600 00	
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		\$2,763 22

BILLS PAID OF THE YEAR 1877.

F. G. Barron, for teaching,	\$72 00	
Jennie S. Graves, “	105 00	
Frank Barron care of house,	5 62	
I. E. Mallett, material and labor,	80	
James Alexander, horse hire (Supervisor),	25 58	
Otis S. Mustard, care of house,	3 00	
Bartholomew Reed, wood,	16 50	
D. L. Smith, services as Supervisor,	33 25	
D. L. Smith, incidentals,	33 25	
Albion Jack, wood,	4 12	
James Tarbox, do	9 50	
Alfred C. Graves, do	2 00	
C. A. Patten, wood and care of house,	21 75	
Eugene B. Earle, school money,	14 08	
Thomas Rogers, repairing and cleaning,	5 50	
W. H. Marrett, supplies,	9 40	
J. H. Whitehouse, wood,	6 20	
E. D. Gould, repairs,	2 25	
C. E. Niles, setting glass,	1 25	\$371 05

BILLS PAID OF THE YEAR 1878.

Sarah McKeen, for taking number of scholars,	\$5 00
W. S. Rogers, wood,	10 00
Aaron H. Goodwin, repairs,	3 50
Mary L. Jack, deed of land,	25 00
Joseph McKeen, services as Supervisor,	15 00
Albion S. Jack, wood,	1 25
C. H. Colby, settee,	2 50
Annie Trufant, washing school house,	2 00
C. E. White, wood,	55 04
N. M. Spear, teaching,	81 00
Abbie P. Sanders, do	54 00
Joseph McKeen, services as Supervisor,	20 00
F. G. Barron, teaching,	72 00

Laura A. Stover, do	49 50
Lizzie Toothaker, do	49 50
Freddie O. Grover, care of house,	2 40
J. B. Larabee, labor and material,	9 50
Mary L. Whitney, teaching,	49 50
J. C. Purinton, care of house,	10 00
Fannie D. Nowell, teaching,	49 50
Charles S. Given, care of house,	1 50
Abbie M. Tate, teaching,	49 50
Alexander & Co., horse hire for Supervisor,	7 00
Richard Tarr, board of C. A. Williams,	6 00
Frank O. Plummer, care of house,	2 50
Josie A. Given, teaching,	54 00
Hutchinson & Fall, broom,	28
Willie A. Alexander, care of house,	2 25
L. E. Mallett, labor and material,	28 40
Bartholomew Reed, wood,	16 50
Fred Berry, table and chair,	11 00
J. F. Whitney, wood,	12 00
U. A. Jack, building school house,	388 00
Joseph McKeen, services as Supervisor,	20 00
Aaron H. Goodwin, wood,	10 00
Edward Berry, whitewashing fence,	3 50
U. A. Jack, grading, fencing &c., around new school house,	40 00
C. E. White, wood,	6 19
L. E. Mallett, cleaning school house,	2 00
Mrs. E. Griffin, horse for Supervisor,	7 50
Laura A. Stover, teaching,	44 00
Charles Ward, wood,	11 00
Mary L. Whitney, teaching,	44 00
Lizzie Toothaker, do	44 00
Joseph McKeen, services as Supervisor,	20 00
N. M. Spear, teaching,	81 00
Charles H. Orr, cleaning house,	2 00
Lettie Plummer, teaching,	44 00

Frank D. Plummer, care of house,	2 00
Eddie Weymouth, do	2 00
Abbie Sanders, teaching,	44 00
Alexander & Co., horse for Supervisor,	20 00
F. G. Barron, teaching,	72 00
Fannie Nowell, do	44 00
C. H. Colby, shingles for High school house,	70 00
I. S. Balcome, nails and lead for same,	3 90
John Hall, labor on same,	4 50
J. R. Atkins do	1 88
J. S. Reed, do	8 31
C' Merryman, do	7 44
W. H. Haskell, do	50
Josie A. Given, teaching,	44 00
W. A. Alexander, care of house,	2 00
Abbie E. Hunter, teaching,	44 00
Abbie M. Tate, do	44 00
James C. Purinton, care of house,	10 00
U. A. Jack, wood,	11 50
Hutchinson & Fall, supplies,	1 49
Marshall Powers, care of house,	1 50
Charles W. Purinton, wood,	10 00
Joseph McKeen, Supervisor services,	20 00
I. S. Balcome, stoves and furnishing,	19 35
Hutchinson & Fall, supplies,	2 75
Eugene H. Small, setting glass,	1 50
Andrew L. Whitehouse, mortar and labor,	5 50
Benj. L. Dennison, supplies,	8 11
Joseph W. Orr, care of house,	3 00
F. G. Barron, teaching,	72 00
Charles P. Edgecomb, do	100 00
Frank Barron, do	87 50
W. A. Alexander, care of house,	2 50
Eugene Thomas, teaching,	80 00
Nettie M. Spear, do	81 00
Laura A. Stover, do	60 00

Lettie Plummer, do	60 00	
Frank O. Plummer, care of house,	2 50	
Albion Jack, wood,	2 30	
Tinnie Crossman, teaching and care of house,	35 00	
Marshall G. Powers, wood and care of house,	5 00	
John B. Larrabee, Lock &c., for school house,	1 50	
Charles S. Newell, teaching.	80 00	2.702 84
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		3,073 89
Cr. brought down,		2,763 22
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Amount overpaid,		\$310 67

HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation,	500 00	
Received from State,	488 50	
" for tuition,	8 00	
Due High school for 1877,	225 00	
	<hr/>	\$1.221 50
Orders No. 10 Paid G. C. Purinton, teaching 1877,	100 00	
16 G. C. Purinton, do 1877,	125 00	
116 Mary W. Sandford, do 1878,	132 00	
122 Wm. E. Sargent, do 1878,	198 00	
271 Wm. E. Sargent, do 1878,	198 00	
272 Mary W. Sandford, do 1878,	132 00	
342 Wm. E. Sargent, do 1878,	198 00	
343 Mary W. Sandford, do 1878,	132 00	
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

BILLS PAID OF THE YEAR 1877.

Moses C. Barnes, culvert,	\$39 00
William H. Mallett, labor,	43 20
Lewis P. Alexander, material,	3 87

Rufus Thompson, overwork,	12 91	
Alvin W. Woodward, do.	9 84	
Swanzy Wilson, labor and material,	23 00	
C. H. Colby, do.	6 48	
Samuel Douglass, overwork,	6 86	
George F. Mallett, do.	4 89	
Brice M. Patten, do. and Branch Bridge	15 54	
George L. Adams, overwork,	4 80	
Calvin Dyer, do.	2 61	
Moses C. Barnes, do.	2 50	
Cyrus E. Mustard, do.	18 42	
Richard Tarr, do.	7 55	
Thomas H. Sprague, do.	2 60	
D. S. Curtis, hauling stone,	50	
S. W. Small, overwork,	8 39	
Samuel Given, do.	9 30	
Thomas Rogers, do.	6 84	
William B. Douglass, overwork,	3 08	
Joseph S. Drinkwater, do.	2 00	
Edgar L. Hunter, do.	7 83	
William H. Mallett, do.	3 50	
William E. Haley, do.	29 02	
John W. Curtis, do.	4 32	
John W. Rackley, do,	1 00	
J. Preston, do.	2 60	
I. C. Purinton, do.	1 00	
Zina H. Noyes, do.	14 32	
I. P. Tebbetts, do.	2 11	\$300 88

BILLS PAID OF THE YEAR 1878.

Herbert Stewart, watching bridge,	1 00
A. R. Nickerson, work on bridges,	5 75
A. Mountford, do.	18 75
Oliver Brawn, labor,	7 00
Anson D. Crocker, labor,	6 00

Ansel D. Atkins, do.	23 56
R. Atkins, do.	24 70
Cyrus Keay, do.	3 51
Peter Baldwin, work on <i>Little Bridge</i> .	9 82
John B. Larabee, <i>Little Bridge & Short Bridge</i> ,	22 50
Howland Bros. plank for bridges,	47 09
William Berry, labor on Short Bridge,	15 00
C. H. Colby, lumber for Long Bridge,	131 30
E. Cornish for laborers on Short Bridge,	24 00
E. Cornish do.	42 87
W. H. Quint, work on Long Bridge,	1 00
George M. Patten, labor,	3 00
Turner Harrington, stone work on Short Bridge,	17 50
Charles P. Cobb, do. and use of derrick,	45 58
E. Cornish, laborers on Short Bridge,	53 55
Hutchinson & Fall, nails for bridges,	2 67
F. A. Niles, work on Short Bridge,	4 00
Albert Mountfort, labor on Short Bridge,	33 75
D. S. Curtis, work on Short Bridge,	8 50
Samuel Jameson, blacksmithing,	46 29
E. Cornish, labor of self and others on bridges,	98 63
Peter Baldwin, labor on Short Bridge,	20 25
W. A. Stinson, do.	6 00
Edward Berry, do.	7 13
E. D. Toothaker, cement for bridges,	25 85
L. C. Wilson, drag for stone,	1 00
Goodwin Newell & Blethen, building Goodwin road,	592 69
Samuel W. Small, work on highway,	15 00
James E. Howland, sidewalks,	3 00
Willis S. Whitney, labor,	1 00
E. Smith, cement for Short Bridge,	2 00
Zina H. Noyes, powder and fuse,	5 40
Zina H. Noyes, powder and stone for Short Bridge,	21 73
Daniel W. Johnson, labor,	8 75

Goodwin Newell & Blethen, Goodwin Road,	675 00	
Hutchinson & Fall, nails,	3 44	
H. P. Thompson, stone and lighter for Short Bridge,	13 00	
Given & Stone, lumber and labor for Short Bridge,	28 04	
Nathan Stewart, labor,	2 00	
I. S. Balcome, highways and Short Bridge,	32 80	
Thomas H. Sprague, plank,	2 00	
Otis F. Thompson, work on Short Bridge,	12 00	
Purinton & Hall, lumber,	563 12	\$2,732 43
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		\$3,033 31
The cost of building the Short Bridge was	\$427 16	
The cost of building abutment to same	325 99	
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Total,	\$753 15	
The cost of Little Bridge was	\$98 74	
The expense of opening the new road called the Goodwin Road was	\$1,267 69	
exclusive of land damage which was	425 00	
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Total expense,		\$1,692 69

ENGINE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BILLS PAID OF 1877.

Edward Berry, care of engine,	8 00	
M. C. Hall, pay of engine men,	91 25	
E. Cornish, services on engine,	2 00	
Hunneman & Co., repairs on engine,	28 25	
A. Q. Goud, supplies,	87	130 37

BILLS PAID OF 1878.

D. A. Haskell, ground rent,	10 00
Androscoggin Fire Co., monthly pay and fires,	75 00

Pierce Tripp & Co., hose,	210 00	
Samuel Jameson, work on engine,	1 00	
E Cornish, work on house,	1 88	
Edward Berry, do.	1 75	
W A. Stinson, steward of engine,	5 00	
Edward Beaumont, supplies for engine,	26 64	
Hunneman & Co., repairs on engine,	524 15	
W. A. Stinson, care of engine.	5 00	
Eugene H. Small, painting hose carriage,	2 50	
Given & Stone, repairs on house,	29 61	
I. S. Balcome, supplies,	4 06	
W. A. Stinson, care of engine.	5 00	
F. H. Purinton, labor and material,	15 84	
Hutchinson & Fall, supplies,	2 16	
A. A. Purinton, stove for house,	10 00	
Purinton & Hall, lumber,	92	930 51
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		\$1,060 88
To lumber purchased for Short Bridge		15 00
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		\$1075 88

At a meeting of the Engine Co. and firemen, July, 1, 1878, it was voted — "that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Selectmen and make the proposition that the company will give their pay for two years or sufficient to have the Engine fixed if the town will advance the money."

We accepted their proposition and the expense of the same is fully shown above, but far exceeds our estimate of the cost from what we could learn before assenting. We therefore do not recommend that any appropriation be made for the coming year, but all necessary expenses of keeping the Fire Department in good working order will without doubt be attended to by the Selectmen to be chosen at the annual Town Meeting, the 3d day of March next.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1877.

Given & Stone, making lockup,	45 00	
Daniel W Johnson, service as constable,	2 25	
l E. Mallett services as Selectman,	30 75	
Chas. W. Purinton, do.	25 50	
F. W. Dearborn, expense to Augusta on Bay Bridge,	6 00	
David Scribner, Auditor of accounts,	2 00	
Collins P. Thompson. watering privilege,	3 00	
George Barron, service in legal matters,	28 00	
A G. Tenney, printing reports,	30 75	
C. E. Haskell, work on town report.	7 50	
James Barron, service as Town Agent,	11 75	
E. D. Gould, land damage on Goodwin road,	250 00	
Albion S. Jack. do.	25 00	
Aaron Goodwin. do.	50 00	
Cyrus Flagg, watering privilege,	3 00	
Charles E. White, land damage. Goodwin road,	40 00	
William Small, jr , do.	25 00	
Mary A. Sinnett, do.	5 00	
Henry Orr, legal advice,	6 00	\$596 50

BILLS PAID OF THE YEAR 1878.

Dresser, McLellan & Co., blank books and paper,	15 50	
do. valuation book,	3 50	
Gustave W Parker, damage to self and carriage,	12 65	
J. F. Whitney, collector's tax deed,	13 00	
C E Haskell, service in Selectman's office,	45 75	
R. P Whitney, postage stamps (office),	1 90	
do. postal cards and stamps for Collector,	4 50	
Alexander & Co., horse for Town Agent,	1 50	
J. F. Whitney, collector's tax deed,	4 00	
do.	6 00	
do.	5 00	
do.	5 00	

H. P. Thompson, rent of office,	30 00	
Nelson Loucraft, damage on highway,	3 00	
James A. Haskell, labor on aqueduct to cistern,	2 50	
Daniel S. Blake, services in part as Selectman,	50 25	
E. Cornish, cash paid laborers on cistern,	2 50	
Joseph McKeen, services — Health Committee,	5 00	
D. W. Johnson, draining Flagg's pond.	13 50	
Stewart, Corliss & Jones, labor on same,	18 74	
Edward Berry, do.	2 50	
Mrs. E. Griffin, horse for Supervisor,	3 00	
J. F. Blondell, damage on highway,	1 00	
Zina H. Noyes, powder—Flagg's pond,	4 60	
Edward Berry, policeman at Fair,	3 00	
Charles P. Cobb, powder and fuse Flagg's pond,	4 78	
Sag. Ag. & Hort. Society, rent of Fair House,	25 00	
William Berry, labor on Flagg's pond,	2 25	
I. S. Balcome, blasting tubes — Flagg pond,	1 00	
C. E. Haskell, wood for office,	1 75	
W. Gilbert, legal advice,	2 00	
B. L. Dennison, supplies for office,	80	
C. H. Small, disc't for early pay't of taxes,	311 46	
Willis S. Whitney, stamps for office,	60	
Henry Orr, legal advice,	8 60	
C. H. Small, commission as collector in part,	76 37	
do. do. in full,	4 31	
do. posting warrants, notices &c.,	8 50	
Purinton & Hall, cistern,	1 92	
J. F. Whitney, commission as collector in full,	9 59	
Ebenezer Colby, services as Selectman in part,	55 00	
Otis F. Thompson, do.	55 75	\$827 57
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		\$1424 70
The land damage on the Goodwin Road found in this account amounts to		\$425 00
The drainage of Flagg's pond cost about		\$75 00

NOTE ACCOUNT.

Balance of notes outstanding by last report Feb. 20th, 1878,	2,481 34	
Amount of notes given,	4,280 27	\$6,766 11

NOTES PAID.

March 9, one note,	\$200 18	
Aug 12, one "	200 00	
Sept. 7, one "	100 00	
Oct. 26, one "	110 00	
" one "	150 00	
" one "	200 00	
" one "	360 00	
" one "	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,470 18
Balance,		5,291 43
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		\$6,761 61
Notes increased,	\$2,810 09	
Notes outstanding, Feb. 18th, 1879,	5,291 43	

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount paid on notes,	\$289 47	
By interest on taxes of 1877,	46 40	
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ABATEMENTS.

Holman Weymouth,	tax of 1877,	\$0 40
Benjamin Jewett,	" 1876,	3 00
J. W. Fisher & Son,	" 1877,	5 83
J. B. Minot,	" "	24 00
J. B. Minot,	" 1876,	24 00

Harvey Haley,	" 1877,	5 00	
Melville Hall,	" 1877,	20	
John Barnes,	" 1877,	1 98	
Thomas L. Parker,	" "	4 00	
D. S. Curtis,	" "	80	
Elbridge Randall,	" "	60 00	
Harvey Berry,	" 1876,	3 50	
Harvey Berry,	" 1877,	3 80	
Nancy H. Brawn,	" 1876,	69	
Mary J. Patten,	" 1877,	31	
C. E. Haskell,	" "	60	
F. W. Dearborn, collector, J. H. Hunter's			
tax, 1875,		4 16	
Fred. W. Barron,	tax of 1876,	3 92	
Rufus W. Patten,	" 1877,	80	
Thomas Ross,	" 1876,	10 00	
Edgar L. Hunter,	" 1877,	70	
Mrs. J. P. Curtis,	" "	74	
Thomas H. Sprague,	" "	5 00	
J. F. Whitney, for sundry persons of 1876,		292 71	
C. H. Small,	" 1877,	228 20	
C. H. Small, Dep. Sheriff, for sundry persons on J. F. Whitney's list			
of 1869, '70, and '71,		76 26	
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			\$760 60

FOR TAXES OF 1878.

Harvey Berry,	\$1 65	
N. W. Quint,	1 05	
L. Blondell,	2 23	
Alvah Mallett,	75	
Otis S. White,	37	
D. L. Smith (error),	1 78	
Mrs. E. Griffin,	1 20	
Chas. P. Edgecomb,	60	
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		9 63

\$770 23

TOWN FARM.

In last year's report the Selectmen gave an inventory of the Stock, supplies &c., at the end of their term, the amount of which commences the Cr. side of the Farm account for that year. This amount is usually carried forward to the *Dr.* side of the Farm account with which to commence the account for the year following.

The Selectmen for the present year (*being all green hands*) have seen fit to make their own estimates, and have accordingly taken an inventory a few days after that taken by the former board, at the beginning of their year dated March 7th, 1878, a copy of which can be examined at any time in the Selectmen's office, differing from the first mentioned inventory \$257 59. We have also taken our inventory for the close of our term, on the 13th day of Feb. 1879 for the *Cr* side of our account and as no Schedule or list of articles has been made public for the last ten years we have appended to our account a list similar to the custom of our neighboring towns.

Farm Dr.

Inventory, March 7th 1878.

Stock,	\$328 50	
Utensils and furniture,	324 45	
Supplies,	306 55	
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ORDERS PAID OF YEAR 1877.

B. E. Swett, use of boar,	5 00	
Chas. W. Purinton, for hay (1876),	10 00	
William S. Alexander, digging grave,	4 00	
Owen Howard, services as Superintendent,	276 17	
I. S. Balcome, supplies,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$297 42

ORDERS PAID OF 1878.

D. & C. E. Scribner, supplies,	7 30
E. D. Toothaker, do	3 60
J. L. Fogg, Superintendent services,	25 00
John Crowley, harness,	17 00
J. L. Fogg, services,	25 00
Frederick Berry, two coffins,	27 00

J. L. Fogg, services,	100 00	
D. & C. E. Scribner, supplies,	20 05	
E. Colby, manure,	16 00	
Willis S. Whitney, store supplies, (R. P. Whitney)	16 69	
Hutchinson & Fall, supplies,	9 92	
A. Q. Goud, do	21 09	
Purinton & Beaumont, do	12 09	
E. Cornish, for horse and harrow,	60	
Due Daniel Curtis, for plowing,	6 00	
Supplies furnished by Mr. Fogg, Superintendent,	116 28	
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		1,680 54
Credit side brought up,		1,287 63
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Balance against the farm,		\$392 91

Town Farm, Cr.

Inventory taken Feb. 13th, 1879, as per schedule annexed,		1,085 88
Produce sold (see manager's account),	110 31	
Cash rec'd by Treasurer for potatoes,	30 15	
Hay,	9 00	
Bull,	20 25	
Bob Sled,	5 00	
Material and repair of cistern by J. L. Fogg,	6 00	
Cash rec'd from E. Cornish,	60	
J. McKeen,	3 94	
Due from sundry persons for use of bull for year 1877,	16 50	
	<hr/>	\$201 75
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		\$1,287 63

We think ourselves fortunate in finding a manager of the Farm so capable of that position at a time when his predecessor was in such haste to leave so soon after we were chosen Selectmen. Mr. Fogg and wife we are well satisfied with, and would recommend to our successors that they be retained by all just and reasonable means,—a man who has had experience in the same line of business previous to his settling here, and a thorough farmer and the amount of whose wages we are willing to admit was not so high at the time we engaged him.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ON TOWN FARM.

Stock.

3 Cows,	\$120 00	
1 Horse,	50 00	
2 Swine,	22 00	
20 Hens,	10 00	
3 Turkeys,	3 00	
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		\$205 00
7 tons Hay,	70 00	
1 ton Straw,	5 00	
6 bush. Wheat,	9 00	
7½ bush. Beans,	15 00	
8 bush. Oats,	2 80	
22 bush. Corn,	12 00	
4 hay Forks,	2 00	
1 horse Sled and Rack,	25 00	
1 " wagon,	40 00	
1 riding do	35 00	
1 Pung,	5 00	
1 Robe,	5 00	
3 Ox chains,	4 00	
3 small do	1 50	
1 horse blanket,	1 00	
1 long saw,	1 50	
1 Hoe and garden rake,	75	
2 Ox yokes,	1 00	
3 Measures,	75	
1 Ice chisel and bar,	1 50	
1 Winnowing machine,	5 00	
1 Ox sled,	2 50	
2 Manure forks,	1 50	
1 Hand rake,	20	
2 Drag rakes,	1 50	
1 Horse rake,	18 00	
10 tie chains,	3 00	
1 pair ox wheels,	15 00	
4 Plows,	40 00	
1 Harrow,	4 00	

1	Cart body,	8 00
1	Hay rack,	8 00
1	pair Block wheels and tongue,	2 00
2	Scythes and snaths,	2 25
1	Saw,	1 00
1	Auger,	75
3	Shovels,	2 25
1	Wheel barrow,	3 50
1	New Harness,	17 00
1	Hoe,	50
3	Bits,	75
2	Baskets,	1 00
2	Pork barrels,	1 50
1	axe handle,	25
30	cords wood,	112 50
6	m Lumber,	60 00
2	m Shingles,	2 00
1	new Pump,	8 00
1	Butcher knife,	45
7	Beds and covering,	50 00
1	Stove,	10 00
17	Milk pans,	4 25
2	Butter jars,	2 00
1	Milk pail,	50
	L Stands,	1 00
2	Cream jars,	1 00
2	Butter bowls,	1 50
2	Balances,	1 25
1	Oil can,	1 00
	New tin ware,	2 95
1	Coffee mill,	25
1	Clock,	1 20
1	Stove, apparatus and dishes,	6 00
	Butter and Lard,	6 25
2	bbls. Pork,	25 00
10	gals. Soap,	1 20
$\frac{1}{2}$	bbl. Pickles,	3 00
30	lbs. Cabbage,	75
3	bush. Turnips,	1 80

8 bush. Potatoes,	60 00
1½ bbls. Flour,	7 50
42 lbs. fresh meat,	3 36
Tea, coffee &c.,	9 42
Dressing on hand,	24 50
Improvements on ditching &c.,	75 00
do on buildings,	25 00
	<hr/> \$1,085 18

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Poor out of the House.

BILLS OF 1877.

Paid E. Cornish for Ruth Mitchell and tramps,	\$4 00
C. W. Purinton for Mrs. D. Flagg for wood,	5 00
Joseph McKeen, visits to B. Carter,	18 00
S. Royal, sawing wood for Mrs. Flagg,	3 00
C. H. Colby, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	2 50
Insane Hospital, Dunning and Haley,	59 71
Holman Staples, hay to Mrs. Nickerson,	8 40
H. P. Thompson, coal to Mrs. Flagg,	9 14
Mrs. Henry Morang, board for Lucy Foye,	19 50
J. T. Adams, supplies to Mrs. Nickerson,	34 49
James C. Cox, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	3 50
D. S. Curtis, " Mrs. Flagg,	50
A. Q. Goud, supplies to Mrs. Goodwin and Lockup,	2 56
	<hr/> \$170 30

BILLS PAID OF 1878.

Paid E. Cornish, taking Mrs. Storer to Augusta,	10 90
E. Colby, " Mrs. Storer to Yarmouth,	8 15
Insane Hospital, Dunning, Haley and Storer,	71 18
C. H. Colby, wood to Mrs. Wilson,	2 00
Insane Hospital, Dunning, Haley and Storer,	48 99
Willis S. Whitney, supplies to H. Courson,	11 89
Joseph McKeen, visiting Silas Ward,	10 00
William Howland, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	7 50
Mrs. Henry Morang, board for Lucy Foye,	22 50

Joseph McKeen, attendance on N. Whitmore,	13	50
Harvey Stetson, coffin and box N. Whitmore,	13	00
Insane Hospital, board of R. J. Haley,	30	47
Hiram Kendall, supplies to Mrs. Wilson,	31	27
C. H. Colby, wood to Mrs. Flagg, H. Courson and Mrs. Wilson,	13	75
Hutchinson & Fall, supplies to Mrs. King and Mrs. Gardner,	5	50
Frank E. Roberts, supplies to Mrs. French and Mrs. Goodwin,	2	50
Frank E. Roberts, boots to C. Dougherty,	2	75
E. Colby, R. R. fare to S. W. French,		80
A. Q. Goud, supplies to S. W. French,	3	10
Doct. Alfred Mitchell, examination of Mrs. Storer of Yarmouth,	2	00
Doct. N. T. Palmer, do do	2	00
B. L. Dennison, school books to Mrs. Wilson,	6	33
Hutchinson & Fall, supplies to Mrs. Gardner,	2	00
C. H. Colby, Lockup and Courson,	5	00
Willis S. Whitney, Courson,	2	48
A. Q. Goud, Lockup, King and Goodwin,	9	10
	<hr/>	\$338 66
		508 96
By Cash received on pauper acc't,		213 73
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Total cost of poor out of the House,		\$295 23

COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

Due from J. F. Whitney, (old acc't), 1869, '70, '71,	185	94
Due from J. F. Whitney, taxes of 1876,	1,628 01	\$1,813 95
Amount collected,		1,141 94
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Balance due		672 01
Due from F. W. Dearborn, taxes of 1872, '73, '74, '75,		73 94

Due from C. H. Small. taxes of 1877,	\$6,491 41
do. do. 1878,	11,600 22
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	\$18,091 63
Amount collected,	11,245 38
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Total taxes due from Collectors Feb. 18, 1879,	\$7,592 20

In connection with Collector Small's account we will not omit to mention that Mr. Small was chosen collector at the last March meeting, with a compensation of 6 mills on the dollar for collecting. He has returned to the town. the sum of \$46.40 as interest on taxes of 1877. We do not find a similar return from any previous collector in former reports. This much we say to the credit of Mr. Small's collecting and if we might be allowed the liberty of expressing our unanimous opinion, we think that the interests of the town will be better served, if collectors are *paid* for collecting, and we suggest that the rate of commision for collecting has not been high enough to pay for properly attending to that business.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following account will show the receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer from Feb. 20, 1878 to Feb. 18, 1879.

Cash in the treasury Feb 20, 1878.	\$275 53
Received of J. F. Whitney Collector, taxes of 1876.	1,065 68
do. do. 1869,	
'70, '71,	76 26
C. H. Small, do. 1877,	4,502 68
do. do. 1878,	2,553 33
State for school fund and mill tax,	687 78
do. Free High School,	488 50
do. R. Road tax of 1876,	26 70
do. do. 1877,	23 20
Treasurer of Town School fund,	40 04
Loans	2,810 09
Selectmen for highway taxes paid,	115 38

Town Farm,	68 94	
Topsham Grange, rent of brick school		
house,	19 00	
Mrs. Morse. redemption of property,	4 00	
City of Lewiston.	15 59	
Town of Yarmouth,	79 86	
do. Waldoboro'	53 52	
Dunning Bros.	64 76	
Joseph Barron,	25 00	
Wildes P. Walker,	26 00	
Frank H. Purinton,	12 55	
Joseph McKeen for tuition of the two Misses		
Simpson of Brunswick at the Free High		
School,	8 00	\$13,042 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders paid,	\$11,836 46	
Bond paid,	500 00	
Coupons,	574 50	
Balance in the treasury, Feb. 18. 1879,	131 43	
	<hr/>	\$13,042 39

TOWN SCHOOL FUND.

The Note in the hands of the Trustees of this fund is \$667 28. The Treasurer of the Trustees has paid the Town Treasurer the annual interest of \$40.04 which is shown above, although not due till May next.

The Town Treasurer holds in his hands three deeds of property sold by J. F. Whitney, collector, for taxes purchased and paid for by the town. The cost of which was \$16.00 and drawing interest at the rate of 20 per cent.

CHARLES E. HASKELL, *Treasurer.*

TABLE

Showing the Town Debt each financial year,
together with the Rates of Taxation
and the Number of Polls.

YEAR.	DEBT.	TAX ON \$1 00	POLLS.
1870	\$17,573 76	20 mills	340
1871	21,300 91	20 mills	335
1872	22,959 46	22 mills	339
1873	20,609 10	20 mills	346
1874	18,437 25	30 mills	357
1875	15,681 53	18½ mills	366
1876	14,588 68	20 mills	361
1877	10,712 10	20 mills	348
1878	7,356 09	15 mills	381
1879	11,687 67		

LIABILITIES.

For Bonds,	\$10,000 00
Balance of State tax of 1878,	2,874 71
Notes,	5,291 43
Orders outstanding,	1,049 51
Accrued interest on Notes and Bonds,	
estimated,	400 00
Bills outstanding, estimated,	450 00
	<hr/> \$20,065 65

RESOURCES.

School Money of 1878 due,	615 15
Due from J. F. Whitney, old acc't,	109 68
do. new acc't	562 33
F. W. Dearborn, taxes,	73 94
C. H. Small, taxes,	6,846 25
W. B. Purinton,	5 00

H. Haley,	6	74
Town of Yarmouth.	4	00
do. Waldoboro'	6	33
City of Lewiston,	6	48
Town of Richmond,	5	50
City of Bath,	5	15
Balance in the Treasury,	131	43
		8,377 98
Excess of liabilities Feb. 18, 1879,		\$11,687 67
Increase of debt,		4,331 58

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1879.

Common Schools,	\$1,300
High School,	1,000
Highways and Bridges,	2,000
Poor and other expenses,	1,500
Abatements and discounts,	500
Debts and Interest,	2,000
Meadow Road,	500

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm,	\$1,500 00
Property on the Farm,	1,085 88
Engine House,	400 00
Engine, hose carriage and hose,	2,000 00
Hearse,	200 00
School houses and land,	7097 24
Old brick school house and lot,	150 00
Old toll house and lockup,	400 00
One Iron Safe,	100 00
	\$12,933 12

OTIS F. THOMPSON, } Selectmen, Assessors, and
 DANIEL G. BLAKE, } Overseers of the Poor, of
 EBENEZER COLBY, } the Town of Topsham.

Topsham, Feb. 20, 1879.

The foregoing accounts are correct.

CHARLES E. HASKELL, *Auditor.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

Amount of money appropriated by the town,	1,300 00
Balance due Schools,	208 07
Interest on School fund,	40 04
State School fund,	213 65
Mill Tax,	401 46
Money voted for High School,	500 00
Money rec'd from State for High School,	488 50
Making the resources of the town for the support of the schools for the year ending March 1st, 1879,	——— \$ 3,151 72
No. of weeks of School during the year, (a gain of 7 weeks over last year,)	312
Total wages paid teachers, (\$71 less than last year,)	\$2,805 00
No. of scholars in town, (a loss of 28 from last year.)	385

I have made no changes in text books during the year and have followed, as far as possible, the course of study adopted last year. All the schools have improved wonderfully during the year, and the teachers without an exception have worked diligently and faithfully, and have been in the highest degree successful. The Free High School has contributed in a great measure to the advancement of the average scholarship in the rural districts. The simple fact that there was such a school free to all scholars, has stimulated them to extra exertions to qualify themselves to enjoy its advantages. More interest has been taken in the schools this year than before by the parents, as manifested by the larger number of visitors to the different schools. In regard to the High School, I can but speak in terms of the highest commendation. Mr. Sargent, the Principal, and his assistant, Miss Sanford, have been untiring in their efforts to make the school a success, and

right well have they succeeded. The large number of visitors who attended the closing exercises shows the deep interest which is taken in the village in the education of the children, and the universal and unsolicited approval of the methods of instruction adopted by the teachers will be a more flattering and satisfactory testimonial than anything I can say here. The Grammar School has been admirably conducted by Miss Spear. She had too many scholars during the summer and fall terms, yet the school has steadily improved throughout the year. In the winter her work was made somewhat lighter by sending some of her scholars to a higher school. The Primary School has been filled to overflowing during the whole year, and it is impossible for any teacher with so many young children under her charge, many of them just learning to read, to make an exhibit which shall be satisfactory to every one.

I found the supply of wood in the different school houses about exhausted, so that in many cases I had to purchase a supply for the summer term. There is now on hand quite a large surplus which will render the quantity to be purchased another year much less. Repairs have been found necessary on several school houses, and have accordingly been made. The incidental expenses will be found in another part of this report.

The following is the summary of the schools for the year.

No. 1. Teacher, Miss Lettie Plummer. No summer term. Two terms one of 8, and the other of 10 weeks. Registered: Fall, 5; winter, 6. Average: fall, 5; winter, 6. Wages per week: fall, \$5 50; winter, \$6 00. Total wages, \$104 00.

No. 3. Teacher, summer and fall, Miss Lizzie P. Toothaker; winter, Mr. Charles P. Edgecomb. Three terms, one of 9, one of 8 and one of 10 weeks. Registered: summer, 13; fall, 14; winter, 18. Average: summer, 9 1-2; fall, 15; winter, 15 6-25. Wages per week: summer and fall, \$5 50; winter, per month \$40 00. Total wages, \$153 50.

No. 4. Teacher, Miss Josie A. Given. Three terms, one of 9, one of 8 and one of 10 weeks. Registered: summer, 14; fall,

20 ; winter, 19. Average : summer, 16 ; fall, 16 ; winter, 16. Wages per week : summer, \$6 00 ; fall, \$5 50 ; winter, \$6 00. Total wages, \$158 00.

No. 5. Teacher, summer and fall, Miss Abby M. Tate, winter, Mr. Eugene Thomas. Three terms, one of 9, one of 8 and one of 10 weeks. Registered : summer, 15 ; fall, 18 ; winter, 17. Average : summer, 14 ; fall, 15 ; winter, 14. Wages per week : summer and fall, \$5.50 ; winter, \$34.00 per month. Total wages, \$173 50.

No. 6. Teacher, summer and fall, Miss Fannie Nowell, winter, Mr. Frank Barron. Three terms, one of 9, one of 8 and one of 10 weeks. Registered : summer, 25 ; fall, 23 ; winter, 28. Average : summer, 22 ; fall, 20 ; winter, 19. Wages per week, summer and fall, \$5.50 ; winter, \$35.00 per month. Total wages, \$181.00.

No. 8. No Summer term. Teachers, Miss Abbie E. Hunter and Miss Cynthia E. Crossman. Two Terms, one of 8, and one of 10 weeks. Registered : fall, 6 ; winter, 10 ; average : fall, 5 ; winter, 9. Wages per week : 14 weeks at \$5.50 per week and 4 weeks at \$6.00. Total wages, \$101.00.

No. 9. Teacher, Miss Mary T. Whitney. Three terms, one of 9, one of 8, and one of 10 weeks. Registered : summer, 15 ; fall, 14. No register returned for winter term. Average : summer, 13 ; fall, 12. Wages for summer and fall, \$5.50 ; winter, \$6.00. Total wages, \$153.50.

No. 11. Teacher, Miss Laura A. Stover. Three terms, one of 9, one of 8, and one of 10 weeks. Registered : summer, 8 ; fall, 9 ; winter, 9. Average : summer, 7 ; fall, 7 ; winter, 8. Wages per week : summer and fall, \$5.50 ; winter, \$6.00. Total wages, \$153.50.

No. 12. Teacher, summer and fall, Miss Abbie P. Saunders, winter, Mr. Charles S. Newell. Three terms, one of 9, one of 8, and one of 10 weeks. Registered : summer, 15 ; fall, 13 ; winter, 13. Average : summer, 11 ; fall, 12 ; winter, 9. Wages per week : 9 weeks at \$6.00, 8 weeks at \$5.50 and 10 weeks at \$32 00. per month. Total wages. \$178.00

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOLS. Teachers, Mr. William E. Sargent, Principal, Miss Mary W. Sanford, Assistant. Three terms of 11 weeks each. Registered summer, 30 weeks, fall, 39, winter, 47. Average, summer, 28 16-55; fall, 35 3-5; winter, 45½; wages per month, Mr. Sargent, \$72 00, Miss Sanford, \$48 00. Total, \$990 00.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Teacher, Miss Nettie M. Spear. Three terms of 9 weeks each. Registered; summer, 46; fall, 43; winter, 44. Average, summer, 43; fall, 40; winter, 40. Wages per week, \$9.00. Total wages, \$243.00.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS. Teacher, Miss F. G. Barron. Three terms of 9 weeks each. Registered, summer, 44; fall, 55; winter, 41. Average, summer, 34; fall, 49; winter, 30; wages per week, \$8.00. Total wages, \$216.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH McKEEN, *Supervisor.*

Topsham, February 24, 1879.