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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. 14th, 1880.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Topsham respectfully submit the following report of the financial condition of the town, from February 18th, 1879, to February 14th, 1880, with its liabilities, resources, and present indebtedness.

The appraised value of real and personal property liable to taxation on the first day of April, was \$626,392 50. The number of polls taxed, 377. We have assessed upon each poll, \$2 50, and upon each dollar of valuation 17½ mills.

Value of resident real estate,	\$408,814 00
“ “ personal estate,	184,499 50
“ non-resident real “	30,220 00
“ “ personal estate,	2,859 00
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	\$626,392 50

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Uncollected taxes due at beginning of year,	\$7,592 20
Total amount charged to Collector.	12,466 09
Cash received during the year,	2,329 91
Balance in Treasury at beginning of year,	131 43
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	\$22,519 63

Total paid for State and County taxes,	\$4,141 60
Orders, Notes and Coupons paid,	7,661 77
Uncollected taxes at end of year,	10,574 82
Balance in Treasury “	141 44
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	\$22,519 63

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

For State tax of 1879,	\$3,524 71
County tax of 1879,	1,316 89

Town tax of 1879,	6,500 00	
Overlay,	564 92	
Supplementary taxes,	274 03	
Non-resident highway taxes, 1879,	91 08	
Uncollected resident highway taxes, 1878,	155 49	
Interest received by collector on taxes,	38 97	
Cash from State for common schools,	615 11	
State, balance of High school money,	165 00	
State for R. Road tax of 1878,	27 91	
Trustees of school fund for interest,	40 04	
Towns for aid to paupers,	158 97	
Individuals for highway taxes,	85 13	
Loans, (see Treasurer's acc't.)	1,227 72	
All other sources,	10 03	
Due from collectors Feb. 18th, 1879,	7,592 20	
Balance in Treasury, " "	131 43	
Orders outstanding Feb. 14th, 1880,	503 09	
	<hr/>	\$23,022 72

EXPENDITURES.

Paid balance of State tax of 1878,	\$2,824 71	
County tax in full,	1,316 89	
Common Schools,	2,359 78	
Poor out of the house,	600 45	
Town Farm,	368 47	
Highways and Bridges,	1,421 99	
Abatements,	181 82	
Fire Department,	44 76	
Interest on notes,	196 45	
Miscellaneous expenses,	947 54	
Part principal on note,	18	
Notes,	666 92	
Coupons,	594 00	
Due from Collectors Feb. 14th, 1880,	10,574 82	
Balance in Treasury, " "	141 44	
Outstanding orders, (corrected)	782 50	
	<hr/>	\$23,022 72

ORDER ACCOUNT.

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By am't reported outstanding Feb. 18th, 1879,	\$1,049 51
To corrected errors,	267 01
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True amount, Feb. 18th, 1879,	782 50
Amount issued the present year,	6,121 44
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	\$6,903 94

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To amount paid the present year,	6,400 85
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Balance outstanding Feb. 14th, 1880, \$503 09

The custom of carrying forward the outstanding orders from year to year, evidently carries with it errors if any previously existed. As an evidence that errors have existed, the town reports of 1871 and 1874 plainly show, and attempts were made to correct them.

We have this year, after a careful inspection of the Treasurer's account, noted what orders are missing or unpaid at the beginning of the financial year, and facts warrant us in making a change in the amount of outstanding orders last reported, and trust our basis is nearer the truth than for many years.

It will be observed that any change in this respect does not affect any account whatever, but shows a trifle more or less of town debt in the general showing of the town in its Liabilities and Resources.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for 1879,	\$2,000 00
Due from State fund for 1879,	561 68
Interest on Town fund,	40 04
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	\$2,601 72

To overpaid in 1878, 310 67

School resources, 310 67 \$2,291 05

BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1878.

Joseph McKeen, services as Supervisor,	\$23 50	
James C. Purinton, care of two houses,	10 00	
John H. Whitehouse, wood,	5 75	
J. W. Tarbox, care of house,	2 50	
Otis S. Mustard, " and setting glass,	3 20	
J. F. Whitney, wood,	3 12	
James A. Tarr, care of house,	2 50	
Charles Ward, wood,	4 00	
John Furbish, crayons,	45	
Mary L. Whitney, teaching,	60 00	
Alexander & Hubbard, horse for Supervisor,	22 00	
Thomas Rogers, cleaning and repairing house,	3 00	
Josie A. Given, teaching,	60 00	
Abbie E. Hunter, "	24 00	
Eugene B. Earle, proportion of school money.	10 14	
Charles E. White, supplies,	75	
Alpheus D. Alexander, wood,	18 00	
Bartholomew Reed, "	13 50	\$266 41

BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1879.

Sarah McKeen, taking number of scholars,	\$4 00
Joseph McKeen, services as Supervisor,	20 00
Almira Morton, cleaning house,	2 00
Annie Adderton "	2 00
W. S. Whitney, supplies,	3 00
W. A. Alexander, care of house,	2 00
Frank Barron, "	7 20
William E. Sargent, teaching,	150 00
Joseph McKeen, Supervisor services,	15 00
Nettie Alexander, teaching,	36 00
Lucy Baldwin, "	36 00

Lettie Plummer, “	36 00
Frank O. Plummer, care of house,	2 00
Nellie Baldwin, teaching,	48 00
J. W. Orr, care of house,	2 00
N. M. Spear, teaching,	56 00
Abbie E. Hunter, teaching,	36 00
Mary L. Whitney, “	36 00
Laura A. Stover, “	36 00
L. P. Toothaker, “	36 00
H. Stetson, chairs,	11 50
Carrie A. Williams, teaching,	28 00
Alexander & Hubbard, horse for Supervisor,	17 00
Mary W. Sandford, teaching,	56 00
Willie H. White, care of house,	2 00
J. F. Whitney, wood,	14 00
Katie M. Cox. teaching,	36 00
Charles E. White, wood,	53 00
L. P. Toothaker, care of house,	2 00
Charles Given, “ “	1 50
J. F. Blondel, repairs on house,	2 50
Collins P. Thompson, “	6 00
Swanzy Wilson, work on school house lot,	2 50
“ “ “	4 00
Kate M. Cox, cleaning house,	2 00
Joseph McKeen, Supervisor services,	20 00
Daniel S. Blake, repairs on house,	50
Mary L. Whitney, teaching,	36 00
Walter E. Whitney, care of house,	2 00
A. Anthorne, “	1 25
Tinnie E. Crossnan, teaching,	36 00
Mary W. Sandford, “	56 00
Nettie Alexander, “	36 00
Nellie Baldwin, “	48 00
Katie M. Cox, “	36 00
Lucy Baldwin, “	36 00
Abbie M. Tate, “	36 00

Carrie A. Williams, “	28 00
Frank O. Plummer, care of house,	2 00
Abbie Hunter, teaching,	36 00
William E. Sargent, teaching,	50 00
Mary E. Simpson, “	36 00
Joseph McKeen, Supervisor services,	16 00
William E. Sargent, teaching,	100 00
Wm. A. Alexander, care of house,	2 00
Wm. H. White, “	2 00
Hutchinson & Fall, supplies,	28
Charles Ward, wood,	13 00
James C. Purinton, care of two houses,	8 10
Thomas Rogers, building out house,	12 35
George L. Quint, horse for Supervisor,	22 25
William E. Sargent, teaching,	25 00
U. A. Jack, wood and cleaning house,	11 00
Eugene H. Small, setting glass,	1 50
Joseph McKeen, Supervisor services,	15 00
William E. Sargent, teaching,	15 00
A. L. Whitehouse, repairs on house,	3 63
William E. Sargent, teaching,	10 00
Lettie Plummer, “	40 00
Joseph W. Orr, care of house,	2 50
Samuel Douglass, wood,	10 00
Nellie F. Baldwin, teaching,	48 00
Tinnie E. Crossman, “	40 00
Charles S. Newell, “	60 00
Edwin H. Canon, care of house,	2 00
Willis S. Whitney, supplies,	85
Andrew C. Haley, care of house,	2 00
Willie O. Given, “ and sawing wood,	4 50
Willie A. Alexander, care of house,	1 75
Mary L. Whitney, teaching,	40 00
Abbie E. Hunter, “	40 00
Fred W. Hunter, care of house,	2 00
William E. Sargent, teaching in full,	100 00

Abbie M. Tate,	"	40 00	
Katie M. Cox,	"	35 00	
Mary W. Sandford,	"	56 00	
I. S. Balcome, supplies furnished,		10 71	
Walter D. Jack, care of house,		2 00	\$2,093 37
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			2,359 78
Resources brought down,			2,291 05
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Overdrawn balance,			68 73

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

BILLS PAID OF THE YEAR 1878.

J. L. Alexander, overwork,	\$4 50
E. W. White, "	9 75
Milbry Nowell, "	1 97
Daniel S. Curtis, labor,	4 00
Wm. H. Haley, "	3 58
Caleb Ridley, work on bridge,	6 25
Charles H. Colby, lumber,	59 92
Samuel E. Curtis, stone,	4 20
Thomas Rogers, overwork,	19 95
Richard Tarr, "	10 01
Tho's H. Sprague, "	17 20
Samuel Douglass, "	6 69
Alvin Woodward, "	2 78
D. H. Green, "	2 41
John Knight, "	23 98
George R. Powers, "	16 06
J. F. Mustard, "	7 80
Alfred Hunter, "	6 92
Geo. R. Staples, "	18 22
Elbridge Cornish, "	66 84
A. J. Hildreth, "	32 58
William Douglass, "	13 54
Charles A. Clough, "	18 52

Wm. B. Staples, “	17 75	
Aaron H. Goodwin, “	6 50	
Given Jameson, “	10 38	
Samuel W. Small, “	18 38	
Milbry Nowell, “	10 57	
Andrew Plummer, “	9 15	
J. H. Whitehouse, “	2 92	
Holman Weymouth, “	10 66	
Rufus Patten, “	11 61	
C. P. Thompson, “	1 49	
J. W. Preston, “	2 99	
J. M. Williams, “	2 80	
Howland Brothers, lumber,	2 18	
Elbridge Cornish, use of scraper,	1 00	
Zina H. Noyes, labor,	4 00	
Samuel Jameson, blacksmith work,	4 40	\$474 45

BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1879.

Lewis P. Alexander, logs and lumber for causeway on Meadow road,	\$10 10
Charles W. Whitten, labor,	3 50
do “	5 00
Nathan Stewart, “	9 50
Frank Barron, “	85
Daniel W. Johnson, “	11 25
Alpheus D. Alexander, logs for causeway,	16 70
Charles T. Patten, “ “	7 12
Edward C. Hall, labor,	3 00
Frank Barron, “	1 00
Willis S. Whitney, “	55
C. Ward & W. Larock, causeway on Meadow road,	319 00
Lewis P. Alexander, stone for causeway,	5 00
George Barron, material and labor,	5 00
Hutchinson & Fall, nails,	3 86

J. H. Whitehouse, causeway and River road,	50 75
Howland Brothers, lumber,	131 88
Andrew Plummer, placing logs—causeway,	2 00
Hiram B. Cobb, powder,	3 75
Brice M. Patten, lumber—causeway,	11 60
John Barron, labor,	2 00
Wm. E. Graves, labor on causeway,	25 05
Joseph Alexander, labor,	2 50
B. Barden, surveyor, Mrs. Wheeler's road tax,	2 06
Washington Treat, labor,	3 50
Daniel W. Johnson, “	3 00
Daniel S. Blake, “	2 50
David P. Crocker, “ on culvert,	6 90
Henry A. Cannon, labor,	1 00
William Sprague, material,	37 26
W. S. Noyes, labor,	2 66
Wm. E. Graves, labor on causeway,	12 00
Hutchinson & Fall, nails,	4 45
Zina H. Noyes, work and material,	50 53
Charles Ward, work on causeway,	1 50
W. S. Alexander, labor,	3 30
R. H. Groves. “	3 75
Swanzey Wilson, “	1 20
Howland Brothers, lumber for sidewalks,	73 13
C. M. Hutchinson, nails,	10
William H. Mallett, work on Long Bridge,	2 63
“ “ sidewalks and bridge,	8 33
Town of Brunswick, inspection and repairs of Long Bridge,	63 90
James E. Howland, overwork,	1 01
Samuel Jameson, blacksmith work,	11 31
George R. Staples, labor,	6 00
I. S. Balcome, shovel, nails, &c.,	14 56

\$947 54

Total expenditure,

\$1,421 99

No appropriation was made for highways excepting the sum voted for the causeway on the "Meadow Road," which was \$500 00

We have added together the expense for the construction of the causeway which amounts to \$451 67, with about eleven dollars to come into the expense, making \$462 67

Balance, \$37 33

ENGINE AND FIRE DEPTMENT.

BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1878.

W. A. Stinson, care of engine, \$5 00

BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1879.

C. E. Haskell, ground rent,	\$10 00	
Samuel E. Curtis, care of engine,	7 27	
American Ex. Co., freight on hose,	1 50	
Samuel Jameson, blacksmithing,	45	
Samuel E. Curtis, care of engine and supplies,	11 17	
H. P. Thompson, coal for engine house,	8 50	
L. S. Balcome, supplies,	87	
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		\$39 76
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Total,		\$44 76

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1878.

C. E. Haskell, work on accounts,	\$48 75
Samson Colby, constable service,	8 00
George L. Vose, surveying Flagg's pond,	2 00
Daniel S. Blake, balance of service as selectman,	12 00
Otis F. Thompson, " " "	8 63
A. G. Tenney, printing report,	33 50

John Furbish, pick and handle,	1 25	
Collins P. Thompson, watering privilege,	3 00	
C. H. Small, police services at Fair,	3 00	
Eben'r Colby, balance of service as selectman,	18 50	
C. E. Haskell, Treasurer and Auditor services,	25 01	
B. R. Jordan, powder and fuse,	3 37	
Charles E. White, Town Clerk services,	20 43	
Charles T. Patten, land damage, Goodwin road,	25 00	
E. Cornish, care of hearse and constable,	6 50	
F. W. Dearborn, commission as collector for 1877,	7 56	\$226 50

BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1879.

David Work, cash for legal advice,	\$3 00	
Dresser & McLellan, blank books for office,	10 75	
J. A. Merrill and Co., police badge,	1 00	
Hutchinson & Fall, supplies for hearse,	48	
C. E. Haskell, making up accounts, and wood for office,	9 50	
Eugene H. Small, painting hearse,	10 00	
Hutchinson & Fall, supplies for office,	30	
Topsham Post office, stamps, cards for collector,	5 91	
C. H. Small, cash paid court for costs on Meadow Road,	50 29	
David Work, services as Selectman in part,	25 00	
Daniel S. Blake, " " "	25 00	
Daniel W. Johnson, constable fee,	1 50	
Alonzo Fuller, police on bridge during Fair,	4 50	
Ebenezer Colby, witness to Bath—Curtis case,	3 82	
C. E. Haskell, supplies and fixtures for office,	4 07	
Topsham Post office, stamps and postal cards,	1 40	
Samuel Jameson, blacksmithing,	2 00	
Daniel S. Blake, services in full and expense to court in Curtis case,	66 50	
David Work, services as Selectman in part,	56 55	
Otis F. Thompson, " " in full, and cash paid on pauper account,	98 00	

C. H. Small, Coll'r, disc't for early pay't of taxes, 341 17		
I. S. Balcome, supplies for office,	30	\$721 04
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Total,		\$947 54

NOTE ACCOUNT.

Balance of notes outstanding by last report of Feb. 18th, 1879,	\$5,291 43	
Notes given during the year as follows:		
March 8, one note,	500 00	
March 26, one "	350 00	
March 26, one "	492 89	
April 19, one "	200 00	
June 28, one "	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,184 32

NOTES PAID.

March 26, one note,	325 00	
March 26, one "	140 17	
April 19, one "	200 18	
July 26, one "	200 00	
Sept. 13, one "	466 92	\$1,332 27
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Balance outstanding Feb. 14th, 1880,	\$5,852 05
Notes increased,	560 62

Notes drawing 6 per cent. outstanding have been called in,
and others issued during the year at the rate of 5 per cent., and
notes now out are not drawing more than 5 per cent.

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount paid on notes,	\$196 45
If we add coupons paid	594 00
and discount for early payment of taxes,	341 17
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we have	1,131 62

from which deduct interest received on
taxes,

38 97

leaves

\$1,092 65

The sum of \$2,000 00 was appropriated for "Debts and Interest," leaving \$907 35 towards debts.

ABATEMENTS.

A. A. Purinton, taxes of 1877-'78,	\$3 45	
Daniel S. Curtis, " 1878,	37	
Jos. H. Purinton, " 1877,	4 00	
Cha's. Wilson's estate, taxes of 1877,	11 63	
Susan T. Purinton, " 1877-'78	9 45	
C. H. Small, Sheriff, taxes of F. W. Dearborn for years 1873-'74-'75,	82 61	
Town Treasurer, for taxes of F. W. Dearborn for years 1873-'74-'75,	43 29	\$154 80

BILLS PAID OR ORDERS GIVEN FOR YEAR 1879.

Hutchinson & Fall,	\$5 50	
L. F. Hicks,	84	
Alfred R. Hunter,	84	
Susan T. Purinton,	2 80	
Susan T. Purinton,	61	
Purinton & Beaumont,	5 78	
I. P. Tebbetts and wife,	2 71	
William R. Tate,	3 50	
W. S. Noyes,	84	
Henry H. Thompson,	2 03	
George R. Staples,	1 57	\$27 02

\$181 82

The appropriation for abatements and discounts was \$500 00.

TOWN FARM.

Farm Dr.

To Inventory, Feb. 13th, 1879, as follows :

Stock,	\$205 00	
Utensils and furniture,	624 80	
Supplies,	256 08	
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ORDERS PAID OF 1878.

Daniel S. Curtis, plowing with horses,	\$6 00	
Jordan L. Fogg, services in past,	25 00	
Jordan L. Fogg, balance of services,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$56 00

ORDERS PAID OF 1879.

Benjamin Barden, for cow,	\$30 00	
Jordan L. Fogg, services in part for 1879,	50 00	
D. & C. E. Scribner, supplies,	21 14	
John Alexander, dressing for land,	3 50	
J. L. Fogg, services in part,	100 00	
Thomas Eaton, Jr., repair of harness,	3 15	
Hutchinson & Fall, store bill,	52 44	
D. & C. E. Scribner, meal and shorts,	9 81	
Samuel Jameson, blacksmithing,	2 00	
A. Q. Goud's bill, balance for groceries,	20 94	
D. S. Curtis, labor on farm,	4 16	
Ebenezer Colby, manure,	15 33	
	<hr/>	\$312 47
Amount of bills paid by the Farm,		215 27
Due Purinton & Beaumont, for supplies,		20 10
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Total amount of expense, \$1,689 72

Farm, Cr.

By Inventory, Feb 11th, 1880, as follows :

Stock,	\$187 40
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Supplies,	256 89	
Utensils and Furniture,	361 86	
Additional improvements,	55 00	
	<hr/>	\$861 15
By amount of receipts of Farm for produce sold,		251 74
Due from City of Bath for moving King family, 2 trips,		2 00
Due Farm for board of King family six weeks at \$5 00 per week,		30 00
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Total amount of credits,		1,144 89
Balance against the Farm,		544 83
Balance of cash on hand in the manager's hands, Feb. 12th, 1880,		36 47

A family by name of King, four in number, were taken to the farm and board commenced Jan. 5th, 1880, and are chargeable to the city of Bath. These, with Margery Doughty, Joseph Brown and a Mr. King, constitute the whole number now receiving board at that place.

The public institution situated near the "Long Bridge," established, we believe, by Mr. Dearborn and Mr. Barron in 1876, has relieved the manager from that enlivening company of transient boarders, vulgarly called *tramps*, who used to visit the place. We are informed by Mr. A. Fuller that 115 strangers have been admitted to the hospitalities of the above-named institution within the last year, at a very small expense to the town, as will be seen by reference to the pauper account under the name of *Lockup*; but we are of the opinion, on the whole, that it would be better for the town to send tramps to the town farm or to jail, and rent the Toll House, as formerly. Our convictions are that we should have a less number to provide for if this change were made.

POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

BILLS PAID FOR YEAR 1878.

Given Jameson, wood to Sally Goodwin,	\$3 75
Town of Brunswick, aid to Chas. Doughty,	14 23
C. H. Colby, aid to H. Courson, of Lewiston,	5 75

Purinton & Beaumont, meal to Mrs. Nickerson,	6 00
Insane Hospital, board of R. J. Haley,	26 00
Stephen M. Foye, board of Lucy Foye,	19 50
E. Colby, cash for coffin—Silas Ward,	4 50

\$79 73

BILLS PAID FOR YEAR 1879.

Hutchinson & Fall, for H. Courson & Mrs. King,	\$5 25
Joseph McKeen, Cressy of Bath, Mrs. Gardner's son,	5 00
Swanzy Wilson, burial of Humphrey Wilson's daughter—Spencer,	3 00
Alonzo Fuller, for H. Courson of Lewiston,	1 00
Willis S. Whitney, for H. Courson,	36 03
C. H. Cumston, for Mrs. Cannon of Bowdoinham,	7 00
Otis F. Thompson, Mrs. D. Flagg, and expense to Oxford,	9 12
Annie Gatchell, family of H. Courson,	4 00
Insane Hospital, R. J. Haley's board,	26 62
Samuel Stockman, removal of H. Cannon,	3 25
Alonzo Fuller, care and board of H. Courson,	3 50
Hutchinson & Fall, Mrs. Gardner and H. Courson,	7 72
Dr. Alfred Mitchell, family of H. Courson,	16 00
Willis S. Whitney, supplies to H. Courson,	5 43
David Work, wood to H. Courson,	2 00
Elbridge Cornish, constable for H. Courson,	2 63
Town of Woolwich, supplies to H. A. Cannon,	13 05
David Work, services to Cannon and Courson,	6 50
William M. Howland, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	17 32
C. H. Cumston, family of H. Courson,	20 00
Dan'l W. Johnson, constable for H. Courson,	50
Samuel Stockman, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	2 12
J. Atkins & Son, digging grave for Cannon,	2 50
Wildes P. Walker, house rent for H. Courson,	30 00
Insane Hospital, board of R. J. Haley,	26 06
Samuel Knight, Town Agent, settlement with town of Poland,	92 86

C. H. Small, cash to pauper in Lewiston,	9 00	
Zina H. Noyes, wood to Sally Goodwin,	2 50	
Hutchinson & Fall, supplies to <i>Lockup</i> ,	1 01	
Samuel M. Foye, for Lucy Foye's board,	19 50	
C. H. Small, cash to pauper in Lewiston,	7 50	
Mrs. Lovina Key, board of Mrs. A. M. Fuller,	10 00	
Harvey Stetson, coffin and box—H. Cannon,	12 50	
Insane Hospital, board of R. J. Haley,	30 46	
City of Auburn, aid to Wm. Doughty,	6 00	
Samuel Stockman, wood for <i>Lockup</i> ,	1 85	
Mrs. Lovina Key, board of Mrs. A. M. Fuller,	8 00	
C. M. Hutchinson, Mrs. Gardner and Lockup,	6 35	
Dr. A. Mitchell, for Lyman Tripp of Richmond,	14 00	
Town of Brunswick, for Charles Doughty,	1 00	
Charles S. Tripp, sawing wood for S. Goodwin,	50	
William H. Rideout, supplies to Mrs. Gardner,	2 00	
Alden Q. Goud, for supplies to Mr. King, Mrs. King, Sally Goodwin, George Cripps, Mrs. Gardner, and tramps, (2 orders given),	20 19	
C. A. Jones, cash paid physician—Mrs. Darling,	15 00	
F. E. Roberts, boots for Eliza Coombs,	2 40	—
Swanzy Wilson, use of hearse—Darling,	2 50	
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Total,		\$520 72
		600 45
Received from towns on pauper acc't,		158 97
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Balance,		\$441 48

COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

Due from J. F. Whitney, for taxes of 1869-'70-'71 (old account),	\$109 68	
Due from J. F. Whitney, for taxes of 1876,	562 33	
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		\$671 91
Due from C. H. Small, for taxes of 1877-'78,	\$6,846 25	
Amount committed for 1879,	12,427 12	

Interest received for back taxes,	38 97	
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	\$19,312 34	
Total amount collected,	9,440 18	
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	\$9,872 16	
Due from C. H. Small, sheriff, for remainder of F. W. Dearborn's list,	30 75	
	<hr/>	\$9,902 91
Total amount uncollected Feb. 14th, 1880,		\$10,574 82

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Dr.

For the year ending Feb 14th, 1880.

For balance received of Cha's E. Haskell, Treasurer for 1879,	\$131 43
Cash received of F. W. Dearborn, Collector for the years 1873-'74-'75,	43 29
Cash received of Charles H. Small, Collector for the years 1877-'78-'79,	5,298 58
Amount received from State for School Fund and mill tax, 1878,	615 11
Amount received from State for schools,	165 00
" " " R. R. tax 1879,	27 91
" from selectmen, Interest on School Fund,	40 04
" " for Loans,	1,227 72
" " Road taxes,	85 13
" " Auctioners' license,	2 50
" " Use of Hearse,	50
" " John Knight for Tax deed,	7 02
" " City of Lewiston, for supplies of Poor,	109 42
" " Town of Richmond, "	32 22
" " " Waldoboro, "	6 33

"	"	"	Bowd'nham,	"	7 00
"	"	"	Yarmouth,	"	4 00

Amount brought from Treasurer's account
last year,

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————— \$7,803 21

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By Orders paid,	\$6,400 85
Coupons paid,	594 00
Notes paid,	666 92
Balance in Treasury,	141 44
	————— \$7,803 21

CHARLES E. WHITE, Treasurer.

TABLE

Of Town Debt, Number of Taxable Polls,
and Rate of Taxation for the past ten years.

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	17¼ mills	377
1880	9,046 91		

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Bonds due in 2 years,	\$5,000 00
" " 7 years,	5,000 00
State tax of 1879,	3,524 71
Notes outstanding,	5,852 05
Orders "	503 09

Accrued interest estimated,	150 00	
All other dues "	370 00	
	<hr/>	\$20,399 85

TOWN RESOURCES.

School money due from State,	\$561 68	
Taxes due from J. F. Whitney, ex-Collector,	672 01	
do " C. H. Small, Collector,	9,872 16	
do " C. H. Small, Sheriff,	30 65	
Cash in the Treasury,	141 44	
Due the town, (estimated)	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,352 94
Excess of Liabilities Feb. 14th, 1880,		9,046 91
Decrease of Town debt,		2,640 76

PROOF OF DECREASE OF THE TOWN DEBT.

BY BALANCES,

OR

<i>Dr.</i>	LOSS	AND	GAIN.	<i>Cr.</i>
State,	\$650 00		\$546 42	Orders.
Notes,	560 62		2,982 62	Taxes.
Schools,	53 47		250 00	Interest.
	<hr/>		10 01	Cash.
			115 80	Debts & credits.
			<hr/>	
	\$1,264 09		\$3,904 85	
Net gain,			\$2,640 76	

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1880.

For Common Schools,	\$1,500 00
Highways and Bridges, in labor and material,	2,500 00
Poor and other expenses,	1,500 00
Abatements and Discounts,	500 00
Debts and Interest,	2,500 00
Fire Department,	200 00

OTIS F. THOMPSON,) Selectmen, Assessors,
DANIEL S. BLAKE,) and Overseers of the
DAVID WORK,) Poor of Topsham.

We have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correct.

CHARLES E. HASKELL,)
F. C. WHITEHOUSE,) Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Amount of money appropriated by the town,	\$2,000 00
Due from State fund,	561 68
Interest on town fund,	40 04
	<hr/> \$2,601 72
Overdrawn last year,	310 67
True resources,	2,291 05
Total wages paid teachers last year,	2,805 00
Total wages paid this year,	1,865 00
Total difference in favor of this year,	940 00

The appropriation for the past year having been largely reduced, it became necessary to limit the number of weeks of instruction and the wages paid to teachers, so as not to exceed the funds available for the support of the schools in town, without detracting from their general efficiency. This has been accomplished, I hope, to the satisfaction of all parties interested. The standard of scholarship throughout the town has steadily progressed. - The average attendance has been smaller, owing to an epidemic which has prevailed to a large extent throughout almost the whole town. It was my intention to have made the winter term in all the schools longer, yet the above-mentioned cause made it imperative to limit the length of the schools to eight weeks. Mr. Sargent, the Principal of the High School, very kindly and courteously of his own accord, offered to give one month of instruction without any compensation. This fact, I think, demands the thanks of the town for such a generous and disinterested exhibition of the great interest which he has taken in the welfare of the pupils under his charge. I am very happy to make mention in this connection of the very arduous labors of Misses Sanford and Spear in the High and Grammar Schools, and Miss Baldwin in the Primary School. These schools have double the number of pupils that the other schools have, and the duties of the teachers are more than twice as laborious. In regard to the

schools in the rural districts I can but say that they have all advanced in a most satisfactory manner. The teachers, without exception, have tried to discharge their duties in a way most conducive to the interests of their pupils. In no case has an incompetent teacher been employed in the town during the year.

There may have been some local differences of opinion in regard to the capacity of the teachers, which may have affected the schools in two districts, which at one time may have threatened some injury to them. In one case the trouble was satisfactorily adjusted, I hope. In the other, my attention was not called to it until the school was almost finished. I have to congratulate the scholars of the town, that while some attempts have been made, by parties who should have known better, to injure the previous high reputation which their teachers have borne for their high intellectual attainments, and for their successful management of the pupils under their charge, such attempts have most signally failed, and have met with the opprobrium which they deserved.

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

No. 1. Teacher, summer and fall, Miss Carrie Barnes ; winter, Miss Lettie Plummer. Three terms of 8 weeks each. Registered : summer, 3 ; fall, 3 ; winter, 7. Average : summer, 3 ; fall, 3 ; winter, 6. Wages per week : summer and fall, \$3 50 ; winter, \$5 00. Total wages, \$96 00.

No. 3. Teacher, summer, Miss Lettie Plummer ; fall, Miss Mary Simpson ; winter, Mr. Bryce Patten. 3 terms of 8 weeks each. Registered : summer, 11 ; fall, 12 ; winter, 13. Average : summer, 10 ; fall, 10 9-10 ; winter, 11 23-40. Wages per week : summer and fall, \$4 50 ; winter, per month, \$30 00. Total wages, \$132 00.

No. 4. Teacher, summer and fall, Miss Lucy Baldwin ; winter, Miss Abbie Tate. Three terms of 8 weeks each. Registered : summer, 26 ; fall, 28 ; winter, 19. Average : summer, 22 ; fall, 18 ; winter, 16. Wages per week, summer and fall, \$4 50 ; winter, \$5 00. Total wages, \$112 00.

No. 5. Teacher, summer and fall, Miss Katie Cox ;

winter, Mr. Eugene Thomas. Three terms of 8 weeks each. Registered: summer, 13; fall, 19; winter, 21. Average: summer, 13; fall, 18; winter, 18. Wages per week, summer and fall, \$4 50; winter, \$30 00 per month. Total wages, \$132 00.

No. 6. Teacher, summer, fall and winter, Miss Mary Whitney. Three terms of 8 weeks each. Registered: summer, 20; fall, 21; winter, 20. Wages per week summer and fall, \$4 50; winter, \$5 00. Total wages, \$112 00.

No. 8. Teacher, summer, Miss Lizzie Toothaker; fall and winter, Miss Tinnie Crossman. Registered, summer, 5; fall, 10; winter, 9. Average: summer, 4; fall, 9; winter, 7. Wages per week, summer and fall, \$4 50; winter, \$5 00. Total wages, \$112 00.

No. 9. Teacher, summer, fall and winter, Miss Abbie Hunter. Three terms of 8 weeks each. Registered; summer, 14; fall, 14; winter, 18. Average: summer, 11; fall, 13; winter, 14. Wages per week, summer and fall, \$4 50; winter, \$5 00. Total wages, \$112 00.

No. 11. Teacher, summer, Miss Laura A. Stover; fall, Miss Nettie Alexander; winter, Miss Katie Cox. Three terms, two of 8 weeks, and one of 7. Registered: summer, 9; fall, 7; winter, 10. Average; summer, 7; fall, 6 3-4; winter, 8. Wages per week, summer and fall, \$4 50; winter, \$5 00. Total wages, \$107 00.

No. 12. Teacher, summer, Miss Nettie Alexander; fall, Miss Abbie Tate; winter, Mr. Charles Newell. Three terms of 8 weeks each. Registered: summer, 17; fall, 13; winter, 17. Average: summer, 13; fall, 11; winter, 14. Wages per week summer and fall, \$4 50; winter, \$30 00 per month. Total wages, \$132 00.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL. Teachers, summer term, Mr. William E. Sargent, Principal, Miss Mary W. Sanford, Assistant. Three terms; One of 8 weeks and two of 10. Registered: summer, 42; fall, 39; winter, 36. Average: summer, 41 5-10; fall, 48 3-5; winter, 35. Wages per month, summer term, \$103 00; fall and winter, \$75 00. Total, \$506 00.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Teacher, summer, Miss Nettie M. Spear; fall and winter, Miss Mary W. Sanford. Three terms of 8 weeks each. Registered; summer, 43; fall, 43; winter, 41. Average: summer, 41; fall, 40 5-10; winter, 36 8-10. Wages per week, \$7 00. Total wages, \$168 00.

PRIMARY SCHOOL. Teacher, Miss Nellie F. Baldwin. Three terms of 8 weeks each. Registered: summer, 49; fall, 46; winter, 44. Average: summer, 42; fall, 32; winter, 28. Wages per week, \$6 00; Total, \$144 00.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH MCKEEN, *Supervisor.*

Topsham, Feb. 19th, 1880.