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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, 1882,

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TOWN OFFICERS  
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR A. D. 1881.

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*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor*

ALPHEUS L. GRAVES,  
EDWIN M. STONE,  
URIAH A. JACK.

*Town Clerk,*

CHARLES E. WHITE.

*Treasurer,*

CHARLES E. HASKELL.

*Town Agent,*

WILLIAM E. GRAVES.

*Collector,*

CHARLES H. SMALL.

*Auditors.*

F. C. WHITEHOUSE,  
H. P. THOMPSON.

*School Supervisor,*

A. B. PENDLETON.

*Representative to Legislature,*

I. E. MALLET.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The selectmen of Topsham submit the following statement of the financial condition of the town for the financial year beginning Feb. 21st, 1881, and ending Feb. 18th, 1882.

The appraised value of real and personal property liable to taxation on the first day of April, 1881, was \$627,422 25.

The number of polls taxed was 375. We have assessed upon each poll, \$3 00, and upon each dollar of valuation, 18½ mills.

Value of Real Estate.	\$442,355 25
Value of Personal Estate.	185 067 00
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	\$627,422 25

## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Balance in Treasury at beginning of year.	\$1,658 50
Uncollected taxes at “	12,077 59
Total amount charged to collectors,	12,939 44
Cash received outside of collectors,	6,781 87
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	\$33,457 40
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Total paid for State and County taxes,	\$5,900 44
Town orders, notes and coupons paid,	15,045 92
Uncollected taxes at end of year,	12,346 04
Balance in Treasury. “ “	165 00
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	\$33,457 40

## APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 21st, 1881,	\$1,658 50
Balance due from Collectors,	12,077 59
For State tax of 1881,	\$3,691 91
County “	1,195 46
Town “	7,300 00
Overlay, “	545 61

Non-resident highway,	89 90
Supplementary taxes,	68 00
Interest on back taxes,	48 56
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	\$12,939 44
Cash from State for common schools,	572 29
High School,	250 00
Railroad and telegraph tax,	29 47
Cash from Town for interest of town school fund,	38 04
Towns for aid to paupers,	51 74
Individuals for highway taxes, 1881,	351 29
Sale of bonds,	5,450 00
All other sources. (see Treas. acct.)	39 04
Outstanding orders Feb. 18, 1882.	59 24
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	\$33,516 64

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance of State tax of 1880,	\$2,904 98
State tax in part of 1881,	1,800 00
County tax in full of 1881,	1,195 46
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	\$5,900 44
Paid Common schools,	1,938 79
High School for teaching,	666 01
Poor out of house,	432 74
Town Farm,	190 86
Highways and bridges,	2,804 87
Abatements,	575 82
Fire Department,	231 05
Notes, (\$400 in orders),	5,105 89
Interest on Notes,	640 71
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,379 05
Coupons, new and old,	830 50
Uncollected taxes Feb. 18, 1882,	12,346 04
Balance in treasury " "	165 00
Outstanding orders Feb. 21, 1881.	308 87
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	\$33,516 64

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

By Appropriation for 1881,	\$1,700 00	
Amount due from State 1881,	645 07	
Interest on Town fund,	38 04	
Balance unexpended last year,	105 37	
	<hr/>	\$2,488 48
Expenditure brought up,		1,938 79
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Due schools Feb. 18, 1882,		\$549 69

## BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1880.

A. B. Pendleton, part pay as supervisor,	\$14 15	
George R. Powers, repairs on house,	3 25	
A. B. Pendleton, balance for services of 1880,	46 93	
C. T. Patten, repairs on house,	6 00	
Aaron H. Goodwin, wood,	12 00	
L. Larrabee repairing stools and settees,	6 25	
L. C. Wilson, repairs on fence,	1 00	
Thomas Rogers, repairs on house.	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$92 58

## BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1881.

Edward Berry, repair of house,	5 00
“ “	10 00
“ “ and material,	10 00
Mrs. J. Berry, washing three rooms,	7 50
Emma J. Thompson, cleaning house,	2 00
U. A. Jack, cash for cleaning “	2 00
Finton Stinchfield, “ “	2 50
Peter Baldwin, repairs on house,	7 00
A. B. Pendleton, service as supervisor,	19 76
F. O. Purington, repair of blackboards,	2 00
Eugene B. Earle, his part of school money,	10 37
Alice S. Patten, teaching,	36 00
Peter Baldwin, High school fence,	7 00
A. B. Pendleton, services as supervisor,	21 62

Medie Newell, teaching,	36 00
Nettie Alexander, "	38 00
Abbie M. Tate, "	38 00
Mary L. Whitney, "	38 00
Mary W. Sandford, " grammar,	60 00
Katie M. Cox, "	38 00
Affie M. Drinkwater, teaching,	38 00
Mamie E. Mallett. "	36 00
David L. Thompson, wood,	2 35
Calvin Dyer, High school fence repairs,	6 10
E. J. Whitten, teaching,	50 00
Abbie E. Hunter, "	38 00
M. P. Whitney, supplies,	85
Rufus Thompson, repairs and fixtures,	3 23
A. B. Pendleton, services as supervisor,	13 75
E. D. Toothaker, line,	2 10
A. B. Pendleton, services as supervisor,	18 82
George F. Aderton, cleaning house,	2 00
F. O. Purington, repairs and material,	5 00
A. B. Pendleton, services as supervisor,	7 40
D. L. Thompson, wood,	33 75
Abbie E. Hunter, teaching,	9 50
I. E. Mallett, repairs and material,	22 38
A. B. Pendleton, services as supervisor,	17 00
Carrie A. Williams, teaching,	36 00
Nellie F. Baldwin, "	38 00
Nettie Alexander, "	38 00
M. H. Purington, " grammar,	68 00
Kate M. Cox "	38 00
Affie M. Drinkwater, "	38 00
Alice M Patten, "	38 00
Clara A. Smith, "	28 50
Mamie E. Mallett, "	38 00
Medie Newell, "	38 00
E. J. Whitten, "	50 00
" teaching Intermediate class,	8 00

C. A. Patten, wood,	11 09	
A. B. Pendleton, services as supervisor,	10 00	
John Furbish, supplies,	65	
I. S. Balcome, “	21 07	
H. Stetson, chair,	1 18	
B. Reed, wood.	15 00	
John Rolfe, supplies,	18 29	
Daniel H. Stone, cord and tassels,	3 99	
Henry M. Goddard, labor and lumber,	1 00	
A. B. Pendleton, services as supervisor,	8 00	
Kate M. Cox, teaching,	47 25	
James C. Cox, wood,	8 00	
Medie Newell, teaching,	47 25	
M. H. Purington, “ Grammar school,	76 50	
“ “ Intermediate class,	18 00	
Alice S. Patten, teaching.	50 00	
Charles P. Edgecomb, “	58 50	
I. E. Mallett, repairs on house,	3 13	
M. P. Whitney, brooms,	60	
Nettie Alexander, teaching,	47 25	
Mamie E. Mallett, “	45 00	
O. W. White, wood,	8 60	
Harvey Stetson, trimmings and fixtures,	5 40	
I. S. Balcome, crayons,	45	
Rufus Thompson, repairs on house,	6 32	
Eugene Small, painting house,	11 00	
Carrie A. Williams, teaching,	45 00	
Affie M. Drinkwater, “	47 25	
E. J. Whitten, “	58 50	
Chas. E. White, lime and wood,	7 10	
D. & C. E. Scribner, fence rails and pickets.	11 36	
		————— \$1,846 21
		\$1,938 79

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation,	\$500 00
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Cash received from State,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$750 00
Bills paid for teaching.		
F. O. Purington.	\$125 00	
“	15 00	
“	110 00	
“	50 00	
“	95 85	
“	104 16	
“	83 00	
“	83 00	
	<hr/>	\$666 01
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Due the School, Feb. 18, 1882.		\$83 99

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

### BILLS PAID OF 1880.

Cyrus Flagg, for clay, brick, and breaking roads,	\$8 50
John Graves, labor,	12 29
Charles Ward, “	3 49
Isaac T. Allen, “	6 27
J. M. Williams, “	2 50
David Work, “ in 1879,	5 60
L. P. Alexander, “	14 75
Edward Berry, “	63
O. F. Thompson, “	57 08
N. W. Quint, “	3 50
William Berry, labor and stone,	5 50
D. S. Curtis, hauling lumber for new bridge,	6 32
D. S. Curtis, labor and material,	28 90
Ira Robinson, labor,	6 56
David Work, “	19 75
C. T. Patten, “	8 75
Aaron H. Goodwin, “	21 00
James Tarbox, “	4 12
Daniel S. Blake, “	15 62

H. S. Carey, labor for self and others,	9 54
A. G. Tenney, printing bridge notices,	6 00
Ebenezer Colby, expense to Boston on new bridge.	37 50
William H. Dill, labor,	4 00
Holmon Staples, "	1 00
Wildes P. Walker, services and expense on new bridge,	50 00
S B. Brewster, room and dinners for engin- eers and ch'n of committee on new bridge,	3 00
Henry Orr, advice on new bridge,	10 00
George L. Vose, measuring channel at new bridge,	10 00
Wm. H. Haley, repairing bridge on highway,	1 00
Joseph M. Williams, labor,	6 12
Wm. E. Graves, breaking roads,	2 10
Alvin Woodward, labor.	2 49
John H. Whitehouse, breaking roads,	4 20
A. D. Crocker, labor,	4 62
Albion S. Jack, breaking roads and cash.	8 44
Samuel Douglass, labor,	27 08
C. E. Mustard, "	1 50
Aaron H. Goodwin, breaking roads.	5 00
George M. Patten, labor for self and others,	21 32
H. S. Carey, labor	1 60
Isaac T. Allen, labor and cash,	8 63
Holman Clark " "	27 63
Nathaniel Ward, labor,	4 00
Cyrus M. Purington, labor,	3 00
Bowdoin Paper Co., ashes and labor,	73 65
L. W. Tedford & Son, labor,	18 13
Charles A. Clough, breaking roads, self and others,	21 34
Richard Adams & Son, labor and material,	32 95
William Sprague, turf,	14 82

George R. Powers, breaking roads,	7 95
King Bridge Co., plank,	10 10
B. Reed, labor,	5 00
M. Nowell, "	1 62
Andrew Plummer, labor,	6 62
L. C. Wilson, breaking roads,	4 22
Thomas Rogers, labor,	8 00
J. A. Fisher, labor and material,	7 42
Alfred R Hunter, labor,	3 87
Bertrice Luce, "	3 00
Samuel Knight, "	2 00
Joseph Whitney, "	8 42
Lewis Thompson, "	4 29
John Atkins, "	2 62
John Knight, "	5 13
F. W. Atkinson, "	5 25
James F. Mustard, "	3 75
Chas. W. Purinton, "	5 25
S. B. Graves, " and material,	3 15
W. S. Rogers, "	6 86
Wm. H. Mallett, "	3 02
Horatio Staples, "	5 37
J. W. Preston, "	1 95
Samuel Stockman, "	3 75
David Patten, "	2 75
J. E. Tedford, breaking roads,	6 50
Zina H. Noyes, " "	8 50
E. M. Stone, balance of his bill for bridge stuff, etc.,	18 50
Ruel W Berry, labor.	2 75
A. L. Whitehouse, "	4 38
William Dennett, clay,	3 28
Charles E. White, labor and material.	44 56

## BILLS OF THE YEAR 1881.

T. J. Winchell, labor,	5 87
C. P. Thompson, "	2 12
E. C. & G. F. Mallett, breaking roads,	3 72
Holman Staples, labor,	4 00
King Bridge Co., paid on acct.	750 00
Nathaniel Ward, labor,	5 62
Bowdoin Paper Co., "	40
Josiah Orr, "	1 75
B. Reed, "	5 00
M. Nowell, "	1 63
Edgar L. Hunter, "	3 50
J. A. Fisher, " and material,	1 50
Alfred R. Hunter, "	50
John Atkins, "	88
Howland Brothers, plank for sidewalks,	23 21
Alfred B. Purinton, plank,	14 26
Wm. E. Graves, plank,	3 75
Nathan Stuart, labor,	3 45
Jonathan Williams, stone work on Cathance bridge,	100 00
Swansey Wilson, opening drains,	1 25
Jonathan Williams, stone work on Cathance bridge,	479 75
William E. Graves, plank for Cathance bridge,	35 70
Marshall B. Graves, labor and material for same,	50 95
" " " " "	19 77
S. P. Graves, " " "	42 00
W. S. Rogers, labor on the same,	7 50
W. H. Mallett, labor,	1 80
Joseph Dufresne, blacksmith work bal. of bill,	8 21
Elmer E. White, work on Cathance bridge,	10 50
Trueworthy Brown, lumber for Cathance bridge,	31 82
E. Plummer, agent, lumber for rail near C. S. Newell's,	6 28

I. S. Balcome, supplies of powder, fuse, etc.,	4 50	
John Rolfe, nails.	13 29	
Bowdoin Paper Co., ashes and labor,	37 60	
Howland Brothers, lumber for sidewalks and bridges,	33 50	
Town of Brunswick, new bridge settlement,	26 47	
J. A. Fisher, stone for Cathance bridge,	6 00	
Wildes P. Walker, services as bridge com- missioner, \$75; and expenses of trav- el, drawing contracts, and supervision of new bridge, \$69,	144 00	
Ebenezer Colby, service as bridge commis- sioner, and expense of travel,	54 00	
C. H. Colby, labor and expense in making steps and walk on mill dam during construction of bridge,	10 50	
Edward W. White, labor and public water- ing privilege.	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,962 55
Total,		<hr/> \$2804 87

### NEW IRON BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Total amount paid last year brought forward,		\$5,488 84
D. S. Curtis, hauling lumber,	\$6 32	
A. G. Tenney, printing bridge notices,	6 00	
Ebenezer Colby, expense to Boston on bridge business,	37 50	
Wildes P. Walker, services and expense on Topsham bridge,	50 00	
S. B. Brewster, accommodations at Tontine Hotel for examining engineers,	3 00	
Henry Orr, advice on bridge,	10 00	
George L. Vose, measuring channel and making draft of same,	10 00	

King Iron Bridge Co., on account,	750 00	
“ “ “ for plank,	10 10	
Town of Brunswick, balance of account with Brunswick,	26 47	
Wildes P. Walker, services and expense to completion,	144 00	
Ebenezer Colby, services and expense to completion,	54 00	
C. H. Colby, steps and planking for walk on dam.	10 50	\$1,117 89
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		\$6,606 73

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By cash for old toll house,	\$13 00	
“ “ timber,	13 61	
“ “ iron sold J. Dufresne,	7 92	
“ “ plank and timber to Given & Stone,	25 63	
old cords and timber used in Cathance bridge,	27 00	
old iron on hand,	8 05	95 21
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		\$6,511 52
Bills to come in against the account,		\$140 59
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Net cost of the whole.		\$6,652 11

## CATHANCE BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Jonathan Williams, part pay for stone work,	\$100 00
“ “ balance of pay for stone work,	479 75
Wm. E. Graves, for plank,	35 70
S. P. Graves, labor,	42 00
W. S. Rogers, labor,	7 50

J. Dufresne, blacksmith's work,	15	53	
Elmer E. White, labor,	10	50	
T. Brown, lumber,	31	82	
U. A. Jack, 11 days' labor,	16	50	
G. A. Hunter, 7 1-4 days' labor,	10	87	
I. S. Balcome, nails, etc.,	3	77	
Given & Stone, work and material,	1	65	
M. B. Graves, " "	70	72	
Howland Brothers, lumber,	6	51	
J. A. Fisher, stone,	6	00	
Old chords and timber from old toll bridge,	27	00	
			\$865 82
Cr. by old plank sold.			5 00
			\$860 82

A large part of the north abutment of Cathance bridge having slid into the mill pond, we found it necessary to rebuild the same. After the work was commenced, we were obliged to build out into the stream several feet, in order to obtain a secure foundation for the abutment, thus increasing its size and that of the side walls to about double the first estimated number of cubic yards, consequently doubling the expense.

The stone work was done, by contract, by Jonathan Williams, at \$3.50 per cubic yard, he taking the stone where they remained after blasting, moving, fitting, placing and cementing the abutment and side walls according to contract.

The work was measured by C. E. White, Esq., and proved to amount to 162½ cubic yards.

Mr. Williams also repaired some other parts of the stone work at small expense. Mr. Williams did excellent work, and we believe it will stand the test of time.

In order to avoid rebuilding the central pier, we decided to take some old chords of the Androscoggin bridge that the town had on hand, and rebuild the bridge as one span.

The old plank being badly decayed and worn, we were obliged to purchase new plank and some new timber.

There is still one bill for ledge and stone, of small amount to be adjusted.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

By credit on last year's appropriation,		\$155 79
Appropriation for 1881.		300 00
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		\$455 79
Paid in 1880,		231 05
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Amount of credit Feb. 18, 1882,		\$224 74
J. H. Smith, for meetings of Fire Co.,	\$36 00	
E. W. Johnson, chamois skin, in 1878,	75	
	<hr/>	\$36 75

### BILLS PAID OF 1881.

D. A. Haskell, ground rent of Engine House,	10 00	
J. H. Smith, monthly meetings of Co., and fires,	52 25	
M. P. Whitney, supplies,	18	
Androscoggin Fire Co., meetings and stewardship,	44 75	
Androscoggin Fire Co., meetings and stewardship.	39 20	
Samuel E. Curtis, repairs and fixtures for engines,	3 79	
I. S. Balcome, supplies,	1 63	
Androscoggin Fire Co., meetings and stewardship,	40 50	
Chas. E. White, supplies,	2 00	\$194 30
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Total drawn.		\$231 05

The Foreman of Androscoggin Fire Company takes this opportunity to state the condition of the Fire Department.

The engine is in good order and well supplied with everything necessary, with the exception of hose. There has been no



hose purchased during the past five years, and the hose now on hand is worthless and unfit for use, and as there is a balance of nearly two hundred and twenty-five dollars, of the six hundred dollars appropriated for the use of the Fire Department the past two years, now in the hands of the Treasurer, the Foreman respectfully requests that a sufficient sum of such surplus be used to purchase two hundred feet of hose to render the company efficient and serviceable.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. W. JOHNSON, *Foreman.*

### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

#### BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1880.

J. F. Whitney, commission for collecting taxes of 1876,	\$4 51	
E. Cornish, constable service,	3 50	
Chas. E. Haskell, service as treasurer and making up reports,	60 50	
A. G. Tenney, printing on postal cards,	1 00	
F. W. Dearborn, referee in Russell case,	3 00	
Chas. H. Small, constable service,	12 00	
Otis F. Thompson, balance of service as selectman,	3 00	
Chas. E. White, services of town clerk,	20 00	
Samson Colby, services as constable.	4 00	
		\$111 51

#### BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1881.

F. C. Whitehouse, auditing accounts,	\$5 00
Edward Berry, preparing hall for town meeting,	1 00
A. G. Tenney printing town reports,	33 33
Collins P. Thompson, keeping watering privilege,	3 00
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, blank books,	8 30

Chas. E. Haskell, fare to Portland for books and papers,	2 00
Dresser, McLellan, & Co., book for town clerk,	5 25
Chas. H. Small constable service,	7 00
Dresser, McLellan, & Co., assessors' book,	7 00
U. A. Jack, part pay as selectman,	15 00
Bowdoin Paper Co., paper	30
H. M. Eaton, repairs on grave yard fence,	2 25
Topsham Post Office, postal cards and stamps,	6 49
Chas. E. Haskell, services in the office of selectmen, (\$45.75). and officers' book, (\$3.00),	48 75
Alpheus L. Graves, services as selectman,	35 00
John F. Blondell, damage to carriage on highway,	5 00
Dresser, McLellan, & Co., order book,	8 00
Chas. E. Haskell, wood for office,	3 25
U. A. Jack, services as selectman, and 11 days' work on Cathance bridge,	59 25
Sag. Ag. & Hort. Society, use of hall,	20 00
Edwin M. Stone, services as selectman,	15 00
F. W. Dearborn, witness to Portland,	10 00
C. E. Haskell, " "	7 00
Wm. E. Graves, services as town agent, in part,	13 50
" " cash to witnesses,	10 97
" " expense in case Topsham vs. Lewiston,	75 00
Charles Weeks, for copy of records of high- ways in Lincoln Co. records,	3 00
B. G. Dennison, ink, paper and receipt books,	2 06
H. P. Thompson, rent of office,	30 00
A. A. Dennett, Portland, for copy of report of commissioners on division line of town.	1 00
Town of Brunswick, on half of cost of set- tling division line,	82 50

Topsham Post Office, supplies of stamps, etc. for selectmen's office,	1 34	
Chas. H. Small, collector, for discount made for early payment of taxes,	422 28	
Chas. H. Small, constable, posting warrants and notifying officers,	10 50	
Edwin M. Stone, services as selectman in part,	20 00	
Chas H. Small, commission as collector,	122 62	
Postage stamps for office,	81	
Wm. E. Graves, town agent, cash paid law- yer and witness fees,	53 10	
Wm. E. Graves, service as town agent in part,	21 00	
Chas. E. White, express cost on town documents, services as town clerk,	1 44 20 00	
Samson Colby, constable service,	4 00	
Charles E. Haskell, assisting selectmen,	41 25	
A. L. Graves, bal. of services as selectman to Feb. 18.	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,267 54
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		\$1,379 05

Our miscellaneous expenses have been largely increased by the (as we believe uncalled for) action of the town of Brunswick in relation to the town line.

#### NOTE ACCOUNT.

Amount of Notes outstanding at last report,	\$9,852 05
To error of nine years standing,	18 88
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True amount outstanding Feb. 21, 1881.	\$9,833 17
Notes paid during the year as follows :	
March 1, one note,	\$753 00
“ 5, “ “	200 00

' 8, one note,	500 00	
' 16, " "	160 00	
' 19, " "	100 00	
" 26, " "	350 00	
' 31, " "	500 00	
" " " "	200 00	
April 2, " "	500 00	
" " " "	492 89	
Oct. 28. 1-10 of Bridge Note,	50 00	
Nov. 22, " "	50 00	
Dec. 2, " "	100 00	
Jan. 2, 1882, 1-10 of Bridge Note,	200 00	
" 3, " one note,	350 00	
" 6, " "	400 00	
" 12, " "	200 00	\$5,105 89

Amount outstanding Feb. 18, 1882. \$4,727 28

#### INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount paid on Notes,	\$640 71	
" coupons paid,	830 50	
Discounts for early payment of taxes,	422 28	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,893 49
By Interest received on taxes,		48 56
		<u>          </u>
Balance paid for interest and discount,		\$1,844 93

#### ABATEMENTS.

By appropriation for abatements and discounts,		\$500 00
Bills paid.		
George R. Powers, on tax of 1879,		87
J. F. Whitney, " " 1880,		1 10
" as tax collector for sundry persons for the year 1876,		32 30
J. W. Fisher, estate tax of 1880,		6 11
Daniel S. Blake, " "		55
D. S. Curtis, " "		1 10

Holman Staples, tax of 1880,	3 68	
Cyrus M. Purinton, " "	2 64	
Swansey Wilson, " "	1 50	
C. H. Small, deputy sheriff 1869 and 1871,	9 00	
" " 1873 and 1875,	30 65	
" collector, 1877 and 1878,	297 84	
J. F. Whitney, ex-collector 1865 and 1869,	17 10	
" " 1876.	94 29	
	<hr/>	\$492 73

## ON TAXES OF YEAR 1881.

Kelley & Burrill,	\$25 85	
James F. Mustard,	20 02	
Antoinette Snow,	6 09	
Matthew P. Reed,	5 55	
James McKeen's estate, highway of 1881,	5 57	
John Graves,	3 45	
F. W. Baptist Church,	9 25	
" " " highway.	1 31	\$77 09
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		\$575 82

The most of these abatements were made on taxes that have been carried along for years as resources of the town, when, in fact, they were uncollectable and worthless. We don't believe in reporting the town richer than it really is.

## TOWN FARM.

*Dr.*

To Inventory, Feb. 14, 1881, as follows :

Stock,	\$239 00	
Supplies,	352 09	
Utensils and furniture,	330 93	
Improvements.	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$932 02

## BILLS PAID OF 1880 BY TOWN ORDERS.

Charles Ward, services as manager,	\$50 00	
F. W. & W. F. Atkinson, for beef sold Mr. Fogg in 1879.	86	
	<hr/>	\$50 86

## BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1881.

Charles Ward, pay as manager,	\$25 00	
David L. Thompson, harrow,	12 00	
Charles Ward, pay as manager,	25 00	
“ “ “ “	50 00	
“ “ “ “	25 00	
Swansey Wilson, extra chair,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$140 00
Total amount from Farm book of charges made by Mr. Ward.		417 29
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		\$1,540 17

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By Inventory Feb. 15, 1882, as follows :

Stock,	\$262 00	
Supplies,	406 33	
Utensils and furniture,	319 73	
	<hr/>	\$988 06
Total of products sold from Farm,		408 25
By 129 meals to tramps at 25 cts.,		32 25
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		\$1,428 56
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Balance against Farm,		111 61
Due Mr. Ward March 25, 1882,		100 00
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Total expense of the year.		\$211 61

We have continued the system of quarterly settlements with the manager of the town farm, and find it very satisfactory. Mr.

and Mrs. Ward have managed the affairs of the town farm judiciously, and to the satisfaction of the Overseers. Their accounts were kept in a plain and correct manner, and after twelve months of their management, since the last town report, we find that the bills outstanding are just about balanced by bills due the farm. The amount of such bills is very small.

The poor of the farm, the past year, have been Joseph Brown, Rebecca J. Haley, Margery Doughty, Wildes O. Hunter, and a few weeks Mrs. Alex. Ward and two children.

Of poor "out of the house" we have Celia A. Colby, Mrs. David Flagg, Mrs. Isaac Ward, Mr. Humphrey Thompson and Miss Lucy Foy, and of other towns, we have assisted Seth Fuller, Lewiston, Rufus H. Groves, Brunswick, and Henry L. Metcalf, Hallowell.

#### POOR OUT OF THE HOUSE.

##### BILLS PAID OF YEAR 1880.

Mary E. Flye, for house rent to H. L. Metcalf,	\$9 00
S. M. Foy, board of Lucy Foy,	19 50
Otis F. Thompson, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	4 25
City of Auburn, aid to Wm. Doughty,	40 41
Wm. H. Rideout, supplies to Mary Ward,	20 50
John Knight, house rent to H. A. Cannon,	12 00
Alonzo Day, shoes for H. A. Metcalf.	50
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	\$106 16

##### BILLS PAID OF 1881.

Isaac Plummer, clothing for Seth Fuller,	1 60
C. T. Patten, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	2 50
John Rolfe, aid to Wildes O. Hunter,	3 00
C. B. Lakin, board of Celia A. Colby,	53 74
E. M. Stone, wood and sawing for Mrs. Flagg,	3 80
Alvin W. Woodward, board of Seth Fuller,	18 00
Insane Hospital, board of Celia A. Colby,	26 12
William H. Rideout, supplies to Mary Ward,	2 50

A. Q. Goud, supplies to Mary Ward,	7 00	
John Knight, house rent to H. A. Cannon,	8 00	
Howland Brothers, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	15 50	
A. W. Woodward, board of Seth Fuller,	18 00	
Insane Hospital, board of Celia A. Colby,	26 44	
S. M. Foy, board of Lucy Foy,	19 50	
B. S. Luce, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	3 00	
John Knight, rent to H. A. Cannon,	10 00	
J. W. Preston, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	3 50	
Samuel Stockman, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	9 00	
A. L. Graves, support of Humphrey Thompson,	32 00	
E. C. & G. F. Mallett, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	4 00	
John Rolfe, aid to Wildes O. Hunter,	10 12	
Insane Hospital, board of Celia A. Colby,	27 08	
W. E. Haley, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	3 00	
A. Q. Goud, supplies to A. Ward and children,	3 50	
William Dennett, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	2 00	
Emery C. Mallett, " " "	3 25	
E. W. Johnson, medicine to Seth Fuller,	1 70	
" " " R. H. Groves,	50	
John Rolfe, supplies to R. H. Groves,	5 98	
Chas. E. White, wood to Mrs. Flagg,	2 25	\$326 58
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Total,		\$432 74
Expense or miscellaneous account, brought over,		1,379 05
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Total of both accounts,		\$1,811 79
Amount appropriated for "Poor and other expenses,		1,300 09
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		\$511 79
Received from other towns for aid to paupers,		51 74
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Amount exceeding the appropriation.		\$460 05

## COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

Due from J. F. Whitney, for 1859, '70, '71,	\$33 31
" " " 1876,	283 80
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	317 11



Total paid,	178 90	
		\$138 21
Due Feb. 18, 1882,		
Due from C. H. Small, Feb. 21, 1881,		
for years 1877, '78, '79 and '80,	11,729 83	
Amount committed and charged for 1881,	12,939 44	
	24,669 27	
Total paid	12,461 44	
	12,207 83	
Due State and Town,		
" State	1,891 91	
	10,315 92	
Due Town Feb. 18, 1882,		
Total taxes due Town, Feb. 18, 1882,		\$10,454 13

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. E. Haskell, in account with Town of Topsham.

*Dr.*

To cash in the treasury Feb. 21st, 1881,	\$1,658 50
For sale of town bonds,	5,450 00
Highway taxes,	351 29
from state for common schools,	572 29
from R. Road and telegraph tax,	29 47
High school,	250 00
City of Bath on pauper account,	5 15
"    Hallowell	40 11
Town of Brunswick	6 48
Webb & Haskell, Portland, (balance)	3 62
for sale of old plank from Cathance bridge,	5 00
"    timber Toll bridge,	10 00
Interest on town school fund,	38 04
accrued interest on bonds at time of sale,	20 42
from J. F. Whitney, ex-collector,	178 90

from C. H. Small, collector,	6,561 00
from C. H. Small, deputy sheriff,	30 65

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\$15,210 92

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By town orders paid,	\$9,509 53
notes " "	4,705 89
coupons " (old issue)	550 50
" " (new issue)	280 00
balance in the treasury, Feb. 18th, 1882,	165 01
	<hr/> \$15,210 92

SUMS ON WHICH THE TOWN IS NOW PAYING INTEREST.

One school fund note, 5 per cent.,	\$667 28
One note, 5 "	260 00
" 5 "	200 00
Four Bridge notes, 5 "	3,600 00
New bonds, 4 "	8,450 00
Old " 6 "	10,000 00

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\$23,177 28

For the coming year the amount required for interest will be nearly	\$1,000 00
For payment of 1-10 of Bridge notes,	360 00
For old bonds due July 1, 1882, .	5,000 00

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\$6,360 00

UNCOLLECTD TAXES DUE THE TOWN FEB. 18TH, 1881.

Due from J. F. Whitney, for year 1876,	\$138 21
" C. H. Small, for years 1877, '78, '79, '80, '81,	10,315 92

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Total, \$10,454. 13

The school fund note, by consent of the Selectmen and Trustees of the school fund, has been renewed and the date changed to Feb

15th, 1882. The interest has also been changed from 6 per cent. to 5, which is the highest rate of interest the town is now paying on new loans.

CHARLES E. HASKELL, 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.
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	22 mills	379
1881	13,219 26	18½ mills	375
1882	12,893 70		

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Bonds (due July 1st, 1882)	\$5,000 00
Bonds due in five years,	5,000 00
“ “ nineteen years,	8,450 00
Notes,	4,727 28
Town orders outstanding,	59 24
Due common schools,	549 69
Due High school,	83 99
Bills estimated,	500 00
Accrued interest,	208 04

\$24,578 24

## TOWN RESOURCES.

Due the town on uncollected taxes,	\$10,454 13	
“ from State for common schools,	645 07	
“ “ City of Lewiston,	237 50	
“ “ “ Bath,	44 84	
“ “ W. B. Purinton,	5 00	
“ “ various sources,	133 00	
Cash in Treasury,	165 00	
	<hr/>	11,684 54
Excess of Liabilities,		\$12,893 70
Town debt reduced,		\$325 56

## APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1882.

For Common Schools,	\$1,500 00
Highways and Bridges,	2,500 00
Poor and other expenses,	1,500 00
Abatements,	500 00
Debts and Interest,	2,000 00
Fire Department,	300 00

ALPHEUS L. GRAVES, ) Selectmen, Assessors, and  
 EDWIN M. STONE, ) Overseers of the Poor of  
 URIAH A. JACK. ) the Town of Topsham.

The Auditors of the Town of Topsham have examined the accounts of Receipts and Expenditures, presented by the Selectmen, as Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, for the year to and including February 18th, 1882, and find them neatly and correctly kept, and properly vouched.

The accounts of the Treasurer, Charles E. Haskell, have been examined and found correct. His statement shows, in condensed form, the transactions of the year.

F. C. WHITEHOUSE, )  
 H. P. THOMSON, ) AUDITORS.

TOPSHAM, ME., February 23, 1882.

## TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

The town affairs which came under my supervision, have, on the whole, been satisfactorily settled.

Our contest, on account of Main Street Bridge, has been satisfactory, as it has established a *legal line* between the towns of Topsham and Brunswick on the same basis as the old division.

Our suit with the inhabitants of Lewiston, on account of the family of Charles E. Coombs, has been justly decided in favor of Topsham. Lewiston has filed exceptions, yet we have no fears of the result.

The inhabitants of Topsham have been sued by the inhabitants of the town of Bowdoin, on account of persons described in the writ as Porter Pollard and his wife Mary, which will probably be tried at the next April term of Court.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. E. GRAVES,

*Town Agent.*

TOPSHAM, February 15th, 1882.

## SCHOOL REPORT

FELLOW CITIZENS:—

The resources for the support of schools in town, for the school year now closing, were the following: By vote of the town per taxation, for Free High School, \$500; Common Schools, including \$200 for an Intermediate School, \$1,700. Accrued to Free High School from the State, \$250; and to the Common Schools from mill tax, \$570.29. from town fund, \$38.04, and from unexpended money of last year, \$12.79. The whole amounting to \$3,071.12.

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

This will close on the 3d of March. The terms for the year have been three, of 12 weeks each. Mr. F. O. Purrington has been the principal during all the terms. Under his principalship the town has been relieved from the expense from the common school money, equal to \$18, of the care of his school-room. This school is not large. A well prepared and interesting class will enter the school from the Grammar school next fall. The prospect of im-

portant annual accessions to it, hereafter, is truly encouraging. If duly supported, a brilliant future, doubtless, awaits it.

#### THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

No suitable room could be secured in which such a school could be accommodated. The advanced scholars in the Primary school, were, however, in the Fall, constituted into an Intermediate class. They were instructed, during the fall term, in connection with the Primary school, by Miss Whitten, at an increase to her pay of \$1 per week, equal to \$8 for the term from the Intermediate school money. Her school-room having been entirely too much crowded by the presence of said class, they were, for the winter term, transferred to the Grammar school-room, in which there had been many unoccupied seats. During this term they were very successfully taught by Mr. M. H. Purrington, at an addition, from the Intermediate school money, of \$2 per week, equal to \$18 for the term, to his wages. There now remains of said money, to be employed by the town for such school uses as they may see fit to decide, \$174. The class referred to will become a part of the Grammar school proper next fall.

#### THE OTHER SCHOOLS.

These are eleven in number. There were, to be expended for payment of teachers of these schools, and for due repairs on all the school houses, fuel, and other supplies for, and supervision of all our schools, \$2,121.12. The expense of the instruction of these eleven schools, as paid from this money, summer term of 8 weeks, was \$450; fall term of 8 weeks, \$454; winter term, 9 weeks for ten schools, and 10 weeks for one school, \$572, equal to \$1,476. The school in District No. 1 was allowed, from proper reasons, to begin two weeks before the others. And before the decision could well be made for those to continue to the end of nine weeks only, this one had gone into its tenth week. All will, undoubtedly, excuse the undesigned variation from equality, in this instance. The entire cost for the instruction of each of these schools may be seen in the summary with which this report closes.

Our State department of education, according to the form of Registers to be filled by the teachers of common schools, deem it important for all the scholars of the State to study Grammar, Composition, History, Physiology and Book-keeping, as really as Reading, Spelling, Penmanship, Arithmetic and Geography. This fact has been presented distinctly to the attention of our schools, as the year has been passing. It is to be hoped that proper efforts will be made by all our citizens, that their children shall be well versed in all the branches of learning named, before they will have to battle, for themselves, with the stern realities of life. A word to the wise is sufficient.

The money designed for our schools has held out rather better than I expected. I find that, for the winter term they might all have been 10 weeks, with a remainder to the common school resources of \$29.72. The visitation, however, of snow storms and extremely cold weather would, perhaps, have somewhat conflicted with the success of the schools for that particular week. It may, therefore, be well, on the whole, that the remainder of the \$2,121.12 should be passed over for the benefit of the schools the ensuing school year.

The change from the Fish-Robinson to Greenleaf's Arithmetics, voted for on the 7th of March last, has been duly and fully effected. It is to be presumed that enough, in the matter of change of text books, has been done for the present. In the course of years, however, some veritable advantage may be secured, by a change of some such books. Meanwhile, let all our inhabitants do all they can to render every one of our schools a greater power to elevate and to bless the rising generation.

Repairs, to some extent, have had to be made on all our school houses this year, more especially on the Primary school house, and on those of Districts No. 1 and No. 5. Small repairs will be needed on them all, the ensuing year, and somewhat largely on two or three of them.

It may well be said that our schools have had a corps of teachers as energetic, faithful and successful as can be found, in equal number, in any of our towns. Their pupils have generally

distinguished themselves by punctuality of attendance, application to their studies, and manifest proficiency. Let all our citizens be assured that our schools have not been in operation, for the year, in vain.

There have been paid, to Feb. 18 inclusive, for repairs of school houses, fuel, etc., \$393.71, out of the aforesaid \$2,121.12, and at date there were still to be paid therefrom \$162.69, more or less, for the same purposes. Errors excepted, there remain, therefore, of the same, \$88.72; also of the Intermediate School money, \$174, equaling \$262.72 for school expenditures the ensuing year. The entire cost of all the schools for the year now closing, according to all the foregoing statements of this report, has been \$2,802.40.

The following is the summary pertaining to the schools for the year.

DISTRICT No. 1. Summer, Fall and Winter terms, teacher, Miss Alice S. Patten. Summer, \$38; fall, \$36; winter, \$50; total, \$124. Registered: summer, 8; fall, 6; winter, 6. Average, summer, 7; fall, 6; winter, 6.

DISTRICT No. 3. Summer and part of fall, teacher, Miss Abbie E. Hunter; part of fall, teacher, Miss Clara B. Smith; winter, Charles P. Edgecomb. Summer, \$38; fall, \$38; winter, \$58.50; total, \$134.50. Registered, summer, 8; fall, 10; winter, 12. Average, summer, 7.7; fall, 8.9; Winter 9.6.

DISTRICT No. 4. Summer, teacher, Miss Mary L. Whitney; fall and winter, Miss Affie M. Drinkwater; summer, \$38; fall, \$38; winter, \$47.25; total, \$134.50. Registered, summer, 23; fall, 25; winter, 25. Average, summer, 19; fall, 22.3; winter, 22.7

DISTRICT No. 5. Summer, fall and winter, teacher, Miss Katie M. Cox. Summer, \$38; fall, \$38; winter, 47.25; total, \$123.25. Registered, summer, 13; fall, 16; winter, 17. Average, summer, 12.5; fall, 15; winter, 15.

DISTRICT, No. 6. Summer, teacher, Miss Abbie M. Tate; fall, Miss Nellie F. Baldwin; winter, Horatio S. Webber. Summer, \$38; fall, \$38; winter, \$58.50; total, \$133.50. Registered, summer, 24; fall, 26; winter, 23. Average, summer, 20; fall, 20; winter, 19.



DISTRICT No. 8. Summer, teacher, Miss Medie Newell; fall and winter, Miss Carrie A. Williams. Summer, \$36; fall, \$36; winter, \$45; total, 117. Registered, summer, 7; fall, 6; winter, 6. Average, summer, 6.62; fall, 5.13; winter, 6.45.

DISTRICT No. 9. Summer, fall and winter, teacher, Miss Nettie Alexander. Summer, \$38; fall, \$38; winter, \$45.50; total, \$123.25. Registered, summer, 19; fall, 18; winter, 10. Average, summer, 14.9; fall, 14.55; winter, 8.85.

DISTRICT No. 11. Summer, fall and winter, teacher, Miss Mamie E. Mallett. Summer, \$38; fall, \$36; winter, \$45; total, \$119. Registered, summer, 9; fall, 5; winter, 5. Average, summer, 8.77; fall, 4.19; winter, 4.22.

DISTRICT No. 12. Summer, teacher, Miss Affie M. Drinkwater; fall and winter, teacher, Miss Medie Newell. Summer, \$38; fall, \$38; winter, \$47.25; total, \$123.25. Registered, summer, 10; fall, 13; winter, 12. Average, summer, 9; fall, 11.25; winter, 11.3.

#### VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

PRIMARY SCHOOL. Summer, fall and winter, teacher, Miss Emily J. Whitten. Summer, \$50; fall, \$50; winter, \$58.50; total, \$158.50. Registered, summer, 54; fall, 74; winter, 49. Average, summer, 43.4; fall, 54.25; winter, 43.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Summer, teacher, Miss Mary W. Sandford; fall and winter, M. H. Purrington. Summer, \$60; fall, \$70; winter, \$76.50; total, \$206.50. Registered, summer, 29; fall, 30; winter, 25. Average, summer, 26.9; fall, 25; winter, —.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. Fall, in connection with Primary School, teacher, Miss Emily J. Whitten; winter, in connection with Grammar School, teacher, M. H. Purrington. Fall, \$8; winter, \$18; total, \$26. Registered, fall, 9; winter, 9. Average, fall, —; winter, —.

HIGH SCHOOL. Summer, fall and winter, teacher, F. O. Purrington. Summer, \$250; fall, \$250; winter, \$250; total, \$750. Registered, summer, 27; fall, 26; winter, 21. Average, summer, 22; fall, 22.55; winter, 19.5.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. B. PENDLETON, *School Supervisor.*

TOPSHAM, February 25, 1882.