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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

OF THE

TOWN OF DENMARK,

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR 1860. - 61

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUE OF PROPERTY LIABLE TO BE TAXED.

Resident Real Estate,	\$120,643 00
Non-Resident Real "	28,148 00
Personal Estate,	47,219 00
Total Valuation,	<u>\$196,010 00</u>

Number of Polls, 237.

Number of Voters on the list last Sept., 295.

ASSESSMENTS.

State Tax,	\$253 24
County Tax,	281 62
Voted by the town for support of Schools,	800 00
“ “ “ “ Poor and other expenses,	600 00
“ “ “ to repair Highways,	1000 00

RATES OF ASSESSMENTS.

Money tax, pays 90 cts. on \$100. Poll tax, \$1 00.

Highway tax, pays 45 cts on \$100. Poll tax, 55 cts.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount raised by the town,	\$800 00
“ received from State, (Bank Tax.)	168 51
Interest on School Fund,	32 88
Total,	<u>\$1001 39</u>

Whole number of scholars returned on the first day of April, 1860, 487.

Proportion of money to each scholar \$2 05 6 mills. Apportioned to each school district, as follows, to wit:

	No. of Scholars.	Amount of money.
Centre District,	47	\$96 63
District, No. 1.	59	121 30
“ “ 2.	63	129 52
“ “ 3.	40	82 24
“ “ 4.	36	74 01
“ “ 5.	23	47 28
“ “ 6.	24	49 34
“ “ 7.	8	16 44
“ “ 8.	60	123 36
“ “ 9.	21	43 17
“ “ 10.	38	78 12
“ “ 11.	25	51 40
“ “ 12.	20	41 12
“ “ 13.	13	26 72
J. Brackett and others, being part of District No. 1,	10	20 56
	<u>487</u>	<u>\$1001 21</u>
	Remaining,	18
		<u>\$1001 39</u>

REPAIRING OF HIGHWAYS.

The sum of \$1000, which was raised by the town, has been expended in labor and materials, under the supervision of the several Highway Surveyors.

This sum has served to keep our roads passable, though we have been called upon to settle for damage done a wagon, on the road leading from Hosea Allen's to J. Gould's.

We have also drawn an order for \$7 00 to pay for breaking the road leading to T. K. Clifford's, and road leading by Wm. Martin's.

EXPENSES OF PAUPERS.

The following schedule exhibits the amount of our Pauper bills so far as known, from the 22d of March, 1860, to March 22d, 1861.

Name of Paupers.	Amount paid.	To whom paid.
Abigail Allen, died June 12, 1860,	\$22 75	Ivory Richardson.
“ “	8 00	Funeral Expenses.
Almira Gilman and 2 children,	24 96	Jona. Ingalls.
Asahel Porter and wife,	104 00	T. H. Smith.
John Bachelder,	39 00	I. S. Warren.
Dorothy Bragdon,	24 96	J. H. Warren.
Asenath Whidden,	40 00	F. Whidden.
Phebe Long,	7 46	J. Bennett,
Martin Richardson,	21 00	Town of Fryburg,

(No order drawn for this, it being paid in money that belonged to the town, which was in the hands of the Selectmen.)

LAND SOLD FOR TAXES.

In the Selectmen's Report for 1859, allusion was made to certain Deeds, purporting to convey Real Estate to the inhabitants of Denmark, said lands having been sold in consequence of the non-payment of taxes, assessed in the years 1855, and 1856.

Said Deeds remain uncanceled, except the following, which have been settled by the persons, whose names are hereto annexed.

Description of Property.	To whom assessed.	Date of Tax.	By whom settled.
Red House and Lot, •	B. Brackett,	1855,	L. A. Berry.
Milliken House,	“ “	1856,	“ “
Lot near D. G. Tarbox,	“ “	1856,	“ “
Red House and Lot,	“ “	1856,	“ “
Ezekiel Wood,—Lot,	“ “	1856,	Joseph Bennett.
Homestead,	Timothy H. Smith,	1856,	T. H. Smith.

Mr. Thomas C. Smith, Collector of Taxes for 1858, having failed to collect the taxes on the following parcels of Resident Real Estate, the same were advertised and sold in accordance with the provisions of Statute, and on the 26th day of May last, Deeds conveying said lots to the inhabitants of Denmark, were executed in due form of laws. The following schedule exhibits a discription of said property, the names of the persons to whom assessed, and the amount of tax and cost due on each including Deed.

To whom assessed.	Description.	Am't of tax & cost.
Cyrus Ingalls,	Homestead,	\$16 40
" "	Littlefield Lot,	4 10
" "	Davis Lot,	3 20
" "	Mills on Moose Brook,	8 60
" "	Part of Lot, No. 6,	2 60
" "	Lot near Pleasant Mountain,	2 60
" "	Osgood Land, near Moose Brook,	2 72
John T. Boston,	Homestead,	3 20
Stephen Libby,	"	2 74
John T. Blake,	"	4 40
Nath'l Wentworth,	"	3 80
Henry H. Smith,	"	3 80
John Nason,	"	4 10
Stephen Adams, Jr.,	"	4 40
Andrew J. Head,	"	9 92
Estate of Spofford Jewett,	Lot No. 6,	2 60

The following described parcels of Non-Resident Real Estate, having been returned to the Treasurer, by Charles E. Smith, Collector of taxes for 1859, the same having been previously advertised, was, on the 13th day of Feb. 1861, sold at public auction, and Deeds duly executed, conveying said property to the inhabitants of the town of Denmark, have been placed on file in the office of the Town Treasurer :

Description of Property.	Proprietor's Names.	Tax & cost.
Simon Ward Lot.	Owner unknown,	\$1 70
Late Homestead,	Joseph H. Bradbury,	5 26
S. Mansfield Lot, near Boston Pond,	Unknown,	2 14
Lot near Holt's Mill Pond,	T. S. Williams or unknown,	4 95
Lot Bo't of E. B. Usher,	Daniel Boston, or unknown,	4 98
Late Homestead of Wm. H. White,	Wm. H. White, or unk'n,	5 23
Hasetine and Poor Farms,	Jacob Chaplin, or unknown,	8 12
Wid. Mercy Poor Meadow,	" " "	1 52
Lot near John Richardson's,	Unknown,	2 06

COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Mr. Thomas C. Smith, who was Collector of Taxes for the year 1858, is in arrears for the sum of \$371-52.

Mr. Charles E. Smith, Collector for the year 1859, is in arrears for the sum \$212 67.

Mr. Benjamin F. Smith, Collector for the year 1860, has been fortunate enough to collect and defray the State and County taxes and paid a small sum into the Town Treasury. The amount due the Treasury, on his commitment, at this date, is \$1466 44, which ought to be collected and paid into the Treasury immediately.

It is to be hoped that every one who is deficient in the payment of his taxes, will take measures to have them adjusted immediately.

STATE OF FINANCES.

Resources :

Amount due from T. C. Smith, Col. for 1858,	\$371 52
“ “ C. E. Smith, Col. for 1859,	212 67
“ “ B. F. Smith, Col. for 1860,	1466 44
“ due on L. K. Ingalls's note,	69 43
“ “ on Land sold for taxes, prior to this time,	329 55
“ “ interest at six per cent.	50 02
“ “ from D. G. Tarbox,	100 00
“ “ interest on School Fund,	32 88
“ “ from C. E. Smith, School House tax, Centre District,	104 73
“ “ cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	18 89
	<u>\$2756 13</u>

Liabilities :

Amount of outstanding orders, Feb. 20,	\$1918 57
Interest on the same,	239 89
For support of Paupers, quarter ending March 22,	64 00
Amount due the several School Districts,	496 92

Due T. C. Smith, commission for Collecting Taxes, 1858,	70 72
“ C. E. Smith, “ “ “ “ 1859,	59 97
“ B. F. Smith, “ “ “ “ 1860,	26 16
“ L. P. Sawyer, for Doctoring the casual Paupers, 1860,	8 50
“ N. S. Littlefield's bill in case Sebago vs. Denmark,	105 00
“ “ “ “ “ Denmark vs. D. G. Tarbox,	29 50
“ F. L. Rice, Agent in suit Sebago vs. Denmark,	15 00
Town Officer's bills,	127 00
Cash hired of James Deering,	50 00
Interest on the same, about	2 00
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	\$3213 23

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS, FOR 1860.

<i>Selectmen</i> —L. P. Sawyer,	\$32 00
E. P. Ingalls,	30 00
J. H. Warren,	15 00
<i>Town Clerk</i> —S. Fly,	00 00
<i>Town Treasurer</i> —E. P. Pingree,	10 00
<i>S. S. Committee</i> —J. H. Farrington,	18 00
L. P. Sawyer,	16 00
Cyrus Ingalls,	00 00
<i>Constables</i> —Jona. Ingalls,	3 00
B. F. Smith,	3 00

LIST OF ORDERS

*Drawn since March 13th, 1860, exclusive of School Orders, and
Orders drawn for support of Paupers.*

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS FOR 1859, AS AUDITED BY THE TOWN.

<i>Selectmen</i> —F. L. Rice,	\$46 00
L. P. Sawyer,	17 00
E. P. Ingalls,	19 25
<i>Town Treasurer</i> —T. I. Pingree,	8 39
<i>School Committee</i> —J. H. Farrington,	19 00
A. B. Deering,	4 00
<i>Physician</i> —L. P. Sawyer,	12 50
<i>Constable</i> —C. E. Smith,	2 00
Taking care of Town House, H. H. Smith,	3 00
<i>Not Audited by the Town.</i>	
Stephen H. Berry, Abatement of tax on Boston Hills,	17 50
Joseph Sargent, abatement of tax, Pleasant Mountain,	4 40
S. H. Noyes, Printing Reports for 1859,	15 00
J. M. Richardson, damage of wagon,	4 00
J. P. Hanscomb, “ “	7 00
H. McKusick, abatement of tax,	1 35
A. R. Mitchell, abatement of Highway tax,	4 81
E. P. Ingalls, expense of breaking roads,	7 00
S. T. Gilman, abatement of tax,	1 73
Eben Blaisdell, “ “	2 00
William Swan, “ “	1 00
Abraham Meserve, “ “	1 00
Hamlin McKay, “ “	1 00
N. M. Witham, “ “	1 00

LIQUOR AGENCY.

In conformity with the provisions of Statute, the Selectmen procured a small quantity of Intoxicating Liquors, and appointed the late Nathaniel Head, Agent to sell the same, according to the requirements of law. Said Agency was established on the 20th of January, 1860. Therefore no definite account could be given of its operations, in our last annual report.

It has been our object to furnish pure liquors at such prices that the town should neither lose or benefit themselves by the operation.

On the 8th of January, 1861, a settlement was effected, showing the following result, to wit :

Whole amount charged the Agency, including Liquors, casks, measures, freight and Agent's salary,	\$180 07
Cash received of Agent,	\$195 58
Liquors on hand,	6 00
Vessels and measures,	4 85
	<hr/> \$206 43
Leaving a balance in favor of Agency of	<hr/> \$26 36

CURRENT EXPENSES FOR A. D. 1860.

For Support of Paupers,	\$293 63
Amount Distributed to several School Districts,	800 00
Abatement of taxes,	1 00
Blank Books and Stationery,	7 00
Printing Town Reports,	15 00
Damage caused by defects of Highways,	7 00
Expense of breaking roads,	7 00
Bills of Town Officers,	127 00
Percentage for Collecting taxes,	26 16
Execution, Sebago vs. Denmark,	257 60
Expense of defending the above suit,	237 00
Attorney Fee, in case of Denmark, vs. D. G. Tarbox,	29 50
	<hr/> \$1707 89

In presenting our doings for the past year, in this Report, we have endeavored to represent the financial condition of the town as correct as we possibly could, however there may be some errors, if so, we hope they may be trifling, yet we may have overlooked some items, notwithstanding we believe our estimate to be nearly correct.

In closing this report, we would recommend to the deficient Collectors to collect and pay into the Treasury, without delay, by so doing they will save the town much expence, and themselves much trouble.

L. P. SAWYER, } *Selectmen*
E. P. INGALLS. } *of*
J. H. WARREN. } *Denmark,*
 } *for 1860.*

DENMARK, Feb. 22, 1861.