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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
Superintending School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF FARMINGTON,
FOR THE
Year Ending Feb. 15, 1882,

Printed at Farmington Chronicle Job Press.
1882.
Selectmen's Annual Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF FARMINGTON:

Your Selectmen would respectfully submit the following Report in relation to the financial condition of the Town, together with the amount of receipts and expenditures from February 20, 1881, to February 15, 1882.

After taking an Inventory of the real and personal estate, we found the valuation of the Town to be Fifteen Hundred and Twenty-eight Thousand and Seventy-eight Dollars ($1,528,078), and the number of Polls to be Eight Hundred and Ninety-three (893).

Upon the polls and estates we have assessed the following named sums; to wit,

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<td>For State Tax</td>
<td>$7,214.51</td>
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<td>County Tax</td>
<td>1,868.15</td>
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<td>Support of Schools</td>
<td>3,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Support of the Poor</td>
<td>2,200.00</td>
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<td>Repairs on Roads and Bridges</td>
<td>4,500.00</td>
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<td>Defraying Town Charges</td>
<td>1,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Paying Interest on Orders</td>
<td>1,200.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Repairs of Large Bridges</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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<td>Outstanding Orders on Interest</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>To rebuild wooden pier of Centre Bridge</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overlays</td>
<td>1,113.62</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>25,596.28</strong></td>
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On the 30th day of August, 1881, we committed lists of said assessments unto R. Hanley Smith, Collector of said Town.

We subsequently committed a supplemental assessment to R. Hanley Smith, Collector, amounting to the sum of Seventy-three Dollars and fifty Cents, making the total committed to Collect or $25,669 78.
Robert McCleery for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor for 1880, $100.00
George W. Cothren for same, 100.00
P. P. Tufts for services as Treasurer for 1880, 50.00
I. W. Merrill for services as Town Clerk for 1880, 10.00
F. O. Lyford for services as S. S. Committee for 1880, 40.00
J. W. H. Baker for same, 25.10
Peter E. Norton for same, 34.90
D. M. Bonney, Co. Treasurer, for rent of Selectmen's Office for one year ending Sept. 12, 1881, 40.00
Joseph S. Craig for rent of Town Hall one year ending July 1, 1881, 50.00
R. B. Jennings for care of Town Hall for year 1881, 4.00
D. H. Knowlton & Co. for Record Books, &c., 46.30
Dresser, McClellan & Co. for Record Books, 3.00
D. H. Knowlton for Books and Stationery, 16.37
F. D. Whiting for advertising, 4.00
N. R. Knowlton and printing, 4.00
Charles W. Keyes for and printing, 21.67
G. W. Ticeomb for Stationery &c., 6.55
Robert McCleery for postage stamps, 1880, 8.00
P. P. Tufts, Tr., for cash paid for express, checks, resident tax deeds, &c., for year 1880 and 1881, 26.26
Abatements for year 1878, 21.12
" " 1879, 220.22
" " 1880, 49.50
" " 1881, 43.00
R. Hanley Smith, Collector, for road orders taken for years 1879, 1880 and 1881, 4,864.52
W. B. Gilman for wood for Selectmen's Office, 5.50
G. W. Davis for planks for "Pierce Bridge," 25.08
Davis & Wright for repairs on wooden pier, "Center Bridge," 165.00
C. H. Pierce for lumber for "Pierce Bridge," 6.50
G. R. Hillman for plank for bridge near "Merrow-Place," 8.81
Willard Stoddard for plank and labor on bridge near N. A. Voter's, 30.73
A. H. Abbott for dirt for fill near J. C. Stewart's, 15.00
Geo. B. Jennings for repairing road near L. Norton's, 20.00
L. Norton for same, 20.00
Joseph Pomeroy for grading street near Catholic Church, 10.00
Leonard Holley for work on road in 1879, allowed by referees, 4 00
Otis B. Butler for labor on road in 1879 and 1880 by order of Selectmen, 1 50
Charles H. Barden for lighting “Falls Bridge,” 9 00
Frank Grounder for hauling granite for curbing, 32 67
J. H. Plummer for granite curbing, 40 00
F. C. Church for building road leading from Skillings’ house to Titcomb road, 189 00
S. S. Belcher for trees in road built by J. C. Church, and allowed by him in part payment for building road leading from Skillings’ to Titcomb road, 10 00
William Coombs for building road from Porter Hill road to Strong line, 100 00
F. C. Church for making fill and building wall near J. C. Stewart’s 200 00
S. Johnson for stone for sidewalk furnished in 1880, 7 50
J. C. Stewart for interest on order, 25 00
Nancy Soper “ “ “ 140 00
Nathan Holt “ “ “ 8 00
and Phebe Holt 20 45
P. P. Tufts, 12 50
Dexter Waterman “ “ “ 10 00
Mrs. A. M. Butterfield “ “ “ 25 00
Charles H. Gordon “ “ “ 7 50
John Mitchell “ “ “ 5 00
Dorcas M. Dresser “ “ “ 5 00
Belinda F. Bailey “ 25 00
J. W. Greaton “ “ “ 62 50
for allowed P. P. Tufts, Tr., for paid for interest on orders taken up and paid in full, 73 70
Dorcas D. Craig for interest on order, 5 10
Dora A. Preston for balance due on order, 295 36
Nathan Holt for order, 160 09
Belinda Bailey “ 500 00
Moses B. Bailey “ “ “ “ 160 00
“ “ “ “ 190 00
P. P. Tufts, Tr., for the amount allowed him for coupons taken up and paid on outstanding bonds of Town, 673 00
Insane Hospital for support of Insane, &c., 227 45
Maine Industrial School for support of Isa Nutting, 19 50
R. Hanley Smith for 4 pr. cent. discount on $9,413 07, agreeable to vote of Town, 376 52
R. Hanley Smith for 2 pr. cent. discount on $1,777 11 agreeable to vote of Town, 35 54
J. G. Brown, D. H. Chandler and J. S. Gould for services as referees in statute submission Leonard Holley vs. Farmington, 9 00
R. Hanley Smith for land sold Town for taxes for year 1878, 15 00
" " " costs on same, 3 00
" " " land sold Town for taxes for year 1879, 165 78
" " " costs on same, 25 75
A. Walton for boarding tramps, 3 75
Z. H. Greenwood for sprinkler for office, funnel and labor for Town House, 1 93

Pauper Supplies furnished prior to March 7, 1881, and since.

H. W. Lowell for supplies furnished Alonzo Stevens prior to March 7, 10 00
T. McL. Davis do. Robert Hannaford prior to Mch. 7, 19 00
Preston & Smith do. Geo. Bragg, " " 17 26
G. C. Stewart & Co. do. Mrs. Reuben Hosmer " 5 21
Leonard Morrison do. David E. Wilbur and Isaiah Tibbetts, " 8 50
Charles W. Huff for support of Wm. B. Huff’s wife, son and babe, estimated prior to March 7, 35 00
Since, to April 1, 15 00
C. E. Dillingham for milk for Mrs. Wm. Lake, estimated prior to March 7, 6 00
Since to April 1, 55
Ramsdell & Rice for supplies furnished Richard Welch prior to March 7, 2 50
" " " do. Freeman L. Cates and charged to Strong, prior to March 7, 10 02
" " " do. Reuben Hosmer " "
E. Gerry & Son for supplies furnished R. L. Welch and family, estimated 33 96
Since to April 1, 4 77
F. C. Perkins for rent for Mrs. Packard " est. 4 00
Since to April 1st, 3 50
Eunice Moore for support of Wm. Thorp " est. 16 00
Since to April 1, 2 00
J. N. Houghton for medical attendance and supplies furnished Willie Wendell " est. 8 00
N. Houghton for medical attendance on family of H. Bragg and H. T. Allen, prior to March 7, 1752.
Since to April 1, 1800.
A. Richards for medical attendance on
- David Wilbur: $7.50
- do. Mrs. H. T. Allen and child: $12.00
- do. Jesse K. Hiscock family: $2.00
Since to April 1, 1800.
- do. family Wm. Lake: $2.00
Since to April 1, 1800.
N. Houghton do. on Willie Wendell: $16.50
Since to April 1, 1800.
A. Richards do. on children of James and Cyrene M. Tuttle, chg. to Ft. Fairfield: $26.00
James Blaisdell do. Enoch Avery and Hamlin child: $10.00
Austin Reynolds do. 2nd: $8.25
E. S. Johnson do. Wm. Thorp: $1.50
Austin Reynolds do. M. Farmer family: $25.00
- do. Mrs. Packard: $36.00
- do. Mrs. Hamlin: $19.00
F. H. Russell do. Josiah Butler and charged New Sharon: $4.00
Jasper Wendell for sup't of Willie Wendell: est. $3.06
Since to April 1, 1800.
Zebulon Tyler do. John Smelledge: est. $6.00
Since to April 1, 1800.
Althia Hamlin do. her infant child: est. $3.00
Since, 1800.
J. P. Holley for wood furnished Isaiah Tibbetts, D. E. Wilbur, and Mrs. Packard: $6.00
F. C. Perkins for rent for James Tuttle and family, and charged to Fort Fairfield: est. $4.00
Since, 1800.
Inhabitants of Salem for supplies furnished Hiram Crocker: $14.87
Since, 1800.
Tarbox Bros. do. Richard Welch: $28.84
- do. Mrs. Mary Lake: $40.00
Since, 1800.
D. W. Austin do. David E. Wilbur: $11.69
Since, 1800.
Inhabitants of New Vineyard do. Fred S. Smith in 1879: $40.00
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<td>Lincoln &amp; Richards do. Elias Bailey prior to Mch. 7,</td>
<td>4.70</td>
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<td>Gammon &amp; Hines do. Wm. Stewart</td>
<td>1.75</td>
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<td>A. S. Butterfield do. Mrs. Packard and others</td>
<td>13.78</td>
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<td>T. H. Adams for coffin and box for Enoch Avery</td>
<td>18.00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; for Tuttle child and chg. to Fort Fairfield,</td>
<td>5.00</td>
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<td>Leonard Holley for support of Sarah F. Mace</td>
<td>54.00</td>
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<td>Since, as per report of referees,</td>
<td>140.00</td>
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<td>Tarbox Bros. for supplies furnished Tuttle family, and charged to Fort</td>
<td>19.64</td>
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<td>Fairfield,</td>
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<td>Since</td>
<td>4.40</td>
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<td>Wilson Greaton for wood furnished Wm. Stewart and H. T. Allen</td>
<td>7.50</td>
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<td>Joseph Hodgdon for boarding Rebecca Parish</td>
<td>11.00</td>
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<td>Since</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gammon &amp; Hines for supplies furnished</td>
<td>8.92</td>
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<td>Robt. Hannaford</td>
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<td>Charles M. Partridge for wood furnished Porter Dodge in 1879, and charged New Vineyard,</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>Sylvanus Knowlton for sup't of Danl. Witham</td>
<td>36.67</td>
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<td>Since to April 1,</td>
<td>8.33</td>
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<td>James McLaine do. Hamlin children</td>
<td>18.33</td>
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<td>Since to April 1,</td>
<td>6.67</td>
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<td>Ivory Welch do. child of A. M. Welch</td>
<td>10.32</td>
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<td>Since to April 1,</td>
<td>3.68</td>
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<td>Susan Daggett do. her mother and sister</td>
<td>5.67</td>
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<td>Since to April 1,</td>
<td>5.33</td>
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<td>Elbridge Blodgett for rent of place for Perkins family</td>
<td>23.00</td>
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<td>Since to April 1,</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>Henry McKeen do. Mrs. Wm. Lake,</td>
<td>6.10</td>
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<td>Since to April 1,</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<td>Town of Washburn for support of Abner B. Crocker</td>
<td>87.95</td>
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<td>Town of Chesterville do. Wm. Thorp.</td>
<td>10.00</td>
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<td>Leonard Morrison for house-rent for Wm. Parlin, and charged to New Vineyard,</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td>W. R. Cothren for hauling wood for Jasper Wendell, winter of 1879 and 1880,</td>
<td>6.00</td>
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<td>Wm. V. Libbey for services rendered R. Hosmer family</td>
<td>2.00</td>
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<td>Warren Voter for wood for Ward Parlin and charged to New Vineyard,</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Franklin S. Gilman for care of Enoch Avery in last sickness,</td>
<td>42.50</td>
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Pauper Supplies furnished after March 7.

- E. Gerry & Son for supplies for Isaiah Tibbetts: $2.52
  - Freeman L. Cates, and charged to Strong: 5.00
  - J. S. Fish, and charged to New Vineyard: 5.00
- E. H. Gammon for rent of house for Benj. R. Avery and charged Fairfield: 1.50
- F. H. Russell for medical attendance on Josiah Butler, and charged New Sharon: 6.00
- J. A. Richards do. Cyrene M. Tuttle, and charged Fort Fairfield: 11.00
- A. Reynolds do. on Geo. E. Bragg: 4.00
- F. O. Lyford do. on Farmer child and charged Temple: 7.50
- A. T. Stinson do. on Emma F. Young, and charged West Waterville: 10.00
- Mary R. Parker for boarding Angie A. Farmer, and charged Temple: 16.07
- Mary R. Parker do. 6.07
- do. 11.25
- Gammon & Hines for supplies furnished B. R. Avery and charged Fairfield: 5.00
- Lincoln & Richards do. J. S. Fish, and charged New Vineyard: 1.20
- Gammon & Hines do. W. A. Tracey and charged Wilton: 10.70
- Mrs. Newell, and chg. New Sharon: 19.00
W. L. Metcalf for wood furnished Sophia C. Fellows, and charged Fayette, $2 00
F. C. Perkins for wood for Wm. Stewart, 4 00
S. C. Bursley for support of Emma F. Young and charged to West Waterville, 25 00
T. H. Adams for coffin and box for remains of Emma F. Young, and charged West Waterville, 18 00
Preston & Smith for goods furnished Geo. Bragg, 6 50
A. J. Odell for supplies furnished Mrs. Fellows, and charged Fayette, 3 88
R. Hanley Smith for support of poor in part for year ending April 1, 1882, 500 00
R. Hanley Smith, do. 500 00

Total amount expended for support of paupers, and paid by orders after Feb. 20, and prior to March 7, $1,363 17
Total amount expended for support of paupers, and paid by orders since March 7, 1881, 1,529 11

Expenses for Support of Paupers,
For The Pauper Year Ending April 1, 1882.

Your overseers contracted with R. Hanley Smith for the support of all of the paupers of said town, except insane paupers, and Geo. Hamlin’s two children, as well those who now stand in need of assistance, as those who may hereafter become chargeable, subject to certain conditions for one year from April 1, 1881, for the sum of $1,905 00

Your overseers also contracted with James McLain for the support of the two Hamlin children, for one year from the first day of April, 1881, for the sum of 80 00

Total, $1,985 00
Resources of the Town.

Mount of Cash in the Treasury, Feb. 15, 1882, $164 81
Due from Collector, 1879, 438 78
" " 1880, 2,554 88
" " 1881, 9,488 50
" on W. F. Gordon note, 150 00
" tax titles, 196 28
" non-resident taxes, 82 88
" for interest on School Fund, estimated, 90 00
" on D. H. & J. Hobart's note, 107 00
" R. L. Welch's note, 20 00
" Wm. L. Metcalf note, 35 00
" Benj. Durrell note, 8 00
" from Strong, 20 34
" " New Sharon, 25 00
" " West Waterville, 53 00
" " New Vineyard, 2 00
" " Fayette, 8 13
" " Fort Fairfield, 71 04
" " Avon, 3 50
" " R. Hanley Smith on account paupers, 56 96

$13,576 10

Liabilities.

Outstanding Town Orders on Interest. — When Due.

Bebe Holt, due June 25, 1883, @ 4 per cent., $100 00
Nathan Holt " " " " 50 00
Essie Blanchard, now due, drawing 4 " 100 00
Nancy Soper, due Feb. 14, 1884, @ 4 " 1,000 00
" " now due, 1,000 00

$2,250 00

W. Greaton, due June 7, 1882, @ 5 per cent., 650 00
Charles H. Gordon, due July 1, 1882, 250 00
Dexter Waterman, " July 14, 1882, 100 00
John Mitchell, " July 28, 1882, 100 00
Dorcas Dresser, " Aug. 11, 1882, 100 00
M. Butterfield, " Aug. 25, 1882, 500 00
Charles H. Gordon, " Sept. 1, 1882, 150 00
Allen M. Merry, " Sept. 8, 1882, 600 00
Warren T. Voter, due Sept. 10, 1882, @ 5 pr. cent., $100 00
Dorcas B. Craig, " Nov. 24, 1882, " 51 00
G. C. Stewart, " Feb. 9, 1882, " 500 00
Nancy Soper, " Feb. 14, 1882, " 1000 00
T. F. Belcher, " July 20, 1881, " 700 00
" " " " " " " 710 25
$5,511 25

**Outstanding Town Bonds — When Due.**

Bonds due April 1, 1882, @ 5 per cent., $1,750 00
" " Oct. 1, 1884, " " 700 00
" " April 1, 1887, " " 5,550 00
__8,000 00__

Bonds due April 1, 1884. @ 4 per cent., 1,350 00
" " 1885, " " 600 00
" " 1889, " " 4,050 00
__6,000 00__

Amount of Town orders due in 1882, $6,111 25
" " bonds " " 1,750 00
__Total, $7,861 25__

Due School Districts, 1,792 44
Outstanding Town orders, not on interest, awaiting payment by Treasurer, 910 99
Outstanding School orders, not on interest, awaiting payment by Treasurer, 69 99
__$24,534 48__

Deduct resources of the Town, 13,576 10

Present indebtedness of the Town, $10,958 38

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**Estimates for Town Officers.**

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor; $400 00
Treasurer, 75 00
Town Clerk, 10 00
Superintending School Committee, 100 00
Estimates for the Ensuing Year.

For support of schools, $2,683 00
" " " poor, 2,500 00
" defraying Town charges, 1,500 00
" paying interest on Town indebtedness, 1,000 00
" paying outstanding Town indebtedness in part, 1,000 00
" roads and small bridges, 5,000 00
" large bridges, 500 00
" abatements, 400 00

Appropriations and Expenditures.

The Town raised, March 7, 1881,
For support of Schools—Town, $3,000 00
" " " —Mill Tax and School Fund, 1,513 87
" " " —Town School Fund, estimated, 95 13

4,609 00

School Orders paid by Treasurer since Feb. 20, 1881, 4,133 94
" " drawn and awaiting payment by Treas., 69 80

Amount raised for the support of the Poor, 2,200 00
Paid Insane Hospital, $227 45
" for all other paupers since March 7, belonging to Farmington, 1,367 50

1,594 95

Amount raised for paying interest on orders, 1,200 00
Paid interest on orders by Treasurer, 364 75
" " bonds, 673 00

1,037 75

Amount raised to pay outstanding orders on interest, 2,000 00
Orders paid by Treasurer, 1,305 36

Amount raised for repairs of large bridges, 500 00
" expended, 286 04

Amount raised to rebuild wooden pier of Center Bridge, 500 00
Amount expended, 160 00
Amount raised for repair of roads and bridges, $4,500 00
Expended by paid road orders, 4,864 52

Amount raised for abatements, Nothing
Expended for abatements, 332 84

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. HOLMAN, Selectmen
C. B. RUSSELL, of the
W. B. GILMAN, Town of Farmington.

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**Treasurer's Statement,**

**FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING FEBRUARY 21, 1881, AND ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1882.**

**Dr.**

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<td>&quot; Town orders,</td>
<td>11,467 32</td>
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<td>&quot; Coupons,</td>
<td>673 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Interest on orders,</td>
<td>364 75</td>
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<td>&quot; State pensions to soldiers,</td>
<td>138 00</td>
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<td>&quot; Non-resident taxes, due,</td>
<td>82 88</td>
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<td>Cash in the Treasury,</td>
<td>164 81</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$17,024 70</strong></td>
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<td>By received Cash in treasury, Feb. 21, 1881,</td>
<td>$64 24</td>
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<td>&quot; of R. Hanley Smith, Collector for 1879.</td>
<td>1,337 82</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; 1880,</td>
<td>5,443 77</td>
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<td>7,480 62</td>
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<td>&quot; State School Fund and Mill Tax,</td>
<td>1,518 87</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; the soldiers' pensions paid,</td>
<td>138 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; Liquor Agent,</td>
<td>241 85</td>
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<td>&quot; for tax deeds and costs,</td>
<td>46 54</td>
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<td>&quot; Non-resident taxes returned,</td>
<td>133 50</td>
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<td>&quot; for licenses.</td>
<td>7 00</td>
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<td>&quot; old bridge plank,</td>
<td>1 00</td>
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<td>&quot; of O. W. Collins to pay hospital bill,</td>
<td>3 54</td>
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<td>&quot; Treas. of School fund,</td>
<td>88 90</td>
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<td>&quot; Town of New Sharon,</td>
<td>10 00</td>
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received of Town of Fairfield, $50 00
" " New Vineyard, 96 48
" " Temple, 45 89
" " Levant, 165 00
" " Wilton, 25 95
" " Kingfield, 30 72
" City of Portland, 9 00
" payment on W. F. Gordon note, 50 00

$17,024 70

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. P. TUFTS, Treasurer.

Farmington Liquor Agency.

J. C. TARBOX, AGENT.

Dr. \[\text{Cash Account.}\] Cr.

liquors sold, $2370 96\[28 25\]
" barrels "

Due Agent Feb. 20, 1881, 117 83

Paid for liquors bought, 1842 16

" freight and express, 14 31

" Selectmen, 276 96

Agent's salary from Feb. 20, 1881, to Feb. 15, 1882, 147 95

$2,399 21

\[\text{Liquor Account.}\]

qours, Feb. 20, 1881, $306 34
" bought, 1842 16
id freight, 14 31
lary of Agent, 147 95
offit, 375 97

Sales of liquors, 2,370 96
" barrels, 28 25

Liq. on hand Feb. 15, 1882, 287 52

$2,686 73

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee.

CITIZENS OF FARMINGTON:
Another year has passed and the School Committee present his, their annual report.

THE PRESENT DISTRICT SYSTEM.

It is apparent to every one resident in town for the past 20 to 10 years that a great change has taken place in the various School Districts during that time. In many districts where formerly the number of scholars was from 30 to 50, owing to a variety of causes those schools have dwindled down in some cases to 10 or 15 scholars, and in some cases to even a less number. To remedy this evil the law allows the municipal officers and S. S. Committee to take not more than 20 per cent. of the school money for distribution to smaller districts for the purpose of equalizing the school facilities. This has been done for several years past, but while it mitigates, does not remove, the evil. To illustrate,—in Dist. No. 20 the year's school was 16 weeks, while in some of the larger districts the number of weeks was nearly or quite double. Still the municipal officers and Committee took from the whole school money about 10 per cent. and gave it to the smaller districts. This difference in the number of scholars in the different districts seems on the whole to increase rather than diminish.

COST OF INSTRUCTION.

In No. 4, containing more than one-third of all the scholars in the town, under the instruction of a corps of teachers second to none in town, the cost of instruction per scholar per week is only one-half to one-fourth that in some of our smallest schools, and in the small schools teachers are hired at as low wages as possible. How can the inequality be remedied? After careful consideration of the subject we are of the opinion that to redistrict the town would be best under the present circumstances, and we recommend the idea for consideration.

THE CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

In most cases the work of the teachers has been satisfactory, and the schools profitable. The spring, summer and fall terms were taught without the necessity of calling upon your Committee to aid or interfere in the matter of discipline, and thus far in only one case have we been called in to settle difficulty in
school. In No. 3, winter term, soon after the commencement of the term, an unpleasantness arose between the teacher and some of the pupils. We were called first by the teacher, afterward twice, by some of the inhabitants of the district. We attended to the requests, and after investigation, suspended several of the larger scholars. We fear the affair will have a demoralizing effect on the school besides adding very materially to the bills of the Committee.

SCHOOL AGENTS.

We are pleased to say that the Agents have manifested an increased interest the past year in their duties and responsibilities generally, and to their care and attention to their duties is largely due the generally prosperous condition of our schools. A larger number than ever before have given us written notice of the commencement and close of their terms of school.

TEXT BOOKS.

Last year the Committee made a change of text books, and we are much gratified to be able to say without hesitation that the change has been decidedly beneficial to the schools throughout the town. Not only has it given our schools a new impetus in their work, but the arithmetic especially has assisted to weed out some third or fourth class teachers who were, perhaps, a little behind the times.

INVESTIGATIONS.

Since the individuals now composing the board of Superintending Committee began to act together, they have several times been called to investigate difficulties. In such cases they have striven to obtain all the facts and listen impartially. Whether they have rendered efficient service in such cases is for others to decide. What is now desired is to call attention to the evils necessarily attendant upon such investigation. The expense to the town is something; but the interruption of regular school exercises and the diversion of the attention of scholars from their studies both during and after the investigation, the questioning of pupils for facts and the criticisms and censure passed upon the teachers, by both parents and children, the frequent development of party feelings and often the creation and strengthening rather than healing of alienations—these are matters of grave import; so grave as to lead your committee to say that only in very serious and extreme cases should the School Committee be asked to publicly investigate the affairs of a school. Often the evils of such investigation more than counterbalance the good. Private questioning, or on the part of
present method of employing teachers through Agents who ordinarily serve but for a single year. It will be a long time hence before it will be customary to have schools taught by the same teacher year after year, so long as the employment of teachers is in the hands of Agents. But this is a subject that the present board do not care to discuss, as personally they do not desire to bear the increased responsibility of employing teachers, or invoke upon themselves the censures and criticisms that now are poured upon the heads of Agents.

THE VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

The schools of DISTRICT No. 4 have been under the efficient management of Mr. F. F. Whittier of Farmington Falls who has given good satisfaction, and raised the standard of the school in many respects. The rapid progress of the scholars was due to the superior quality of the teacher, the better classification of the scholars and the adoption of a graded course on June 13, 1881 for their benefit. Allow us to call special attention to the importance of the regular and punctual attendance of each scholar. The habit of staying away from school an occasional half day without sufficient cause is one that is difficult to break up. It seems to us that parents do not realize the importance of their children forming habits of punctuality and regularity while in school; if they did, teachers would be troubled much less by inexcusable absences than they are now. We would urge, then, upon parents the grave responsibility which rests upon them of requiring their children to be constant in their attendance at school, even though at times it be at their own personal inconvenience. No pupil can be absent from a single recitation without suffering a loss, for each scholar is required to pass a test in each of his studies twice each term of school, and if not successful, is retained in his former class until he can obtain 70 per cent. in each study that he pursues.

We find the Primary room too small for the number of children crowded into it, making it unhealthy for them during the warm months.

The Intermediate School has made rapid improvement the past year. The room is well filled and pupils have passed good tests during the school year.

The Grammar School has held its position as usual, the scholars, if anything, taking higher rank than under the old plan of instruction, more work being required of them, and they performing it cheerfully.
COURSES OF STUDY

For the Farmington High School,
Adopted by Superintending School Committee, June 13th, 1881.

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| **SECOND YEAR** |
| Greek, or Physical Geography. | Physical Geography. | Greek, or Physical Geography. |
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| **THIRD YEAR** |
| Greek, Zoology or English Literature. | Trigonometry and Surveying. | Greek, Moral Philosophy. |
| Latin. | Mental Philosophy. | Greek, or Political Philosophy. |
| Greek or Geology. | Astronomy. | Greek, or Political Economy. |
| Geometry. | Political Economy. | Greek, or Political Economy. |
| Latin. | Mental Philosophy. | Greek, or Political Economy. |
| Greek or Political Economy. | Greek, or Political Economy. | Greek, or Political Economy. |

| **FOURTH YEAR** |
| Latin. | Political Economy. | Greek, Moral Philosophy. |
| French. | Text Books Used. | Greek, or Mental Philosophy. |
| Greek, Astronomy or Mental Philosophy. | Caesar.—Chase and Stuart. | Mental Philosophy. |
| French. | Greek Grammar.—Hadley. | Greek Lessons.—Jones. |
| Greek or Trigonometry. | Greek Grammar.—Boise. | Greek, or Mathematical Philosophy. |

TEXT BOOKS USED:


Exercises in English Composition, Eloquence and Vocal Music in all the Courses each term. American authors read during the first two years. Mental Arithmetic weekly. Mensuration with last term in Geometry.

Only those who have completed one of the three Courses will be entitled to a Diploma; but any one may take a partial course, and receive a certificate, stating his or her proficiency in the studies pursued.

First two studies of each term in the Classical Course required.
## Course of Study for the Farmington Grammar School

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DISTRICT No. 1 has had a year of successful schools, including a term of Free High School in the autumn, under Mr. L. Baker of New Sharon. The number of scholars in this district has considerably diminished from what it was two years ago, involving, of course, a diminution of amount of school money at their disposal. No graded schools have been maintained during the year except during the fall, when a school was opened in connection with the Free High School for those of a lower grade than could be admitted into the High School.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, &c.

The following is the outline of the year's work. It is of special importance to the inhabitants of the town and it is hoped that they will give careful attention to it. April 1st, 1881, there were 980 scholars in town; in 1880, 1036. The total school money for 1881 was $4,609., which was apportioned to the several districts in town by the municipal officers and Committee.

No. 1, Falls.-(Union with Chesterville.) Geo. F. Dutton, gent. 36 scholars in Farmington; money appropriated, $152. Spring term, Stella B. Collins, Teacher. Length of term, weeks; attendance 33, average 27; wages, $4.25, board $2.00. All term, High School taught by Amos L. Baker. Length of school, 10 weeks; attendance 34, average 28.6; wages $40.00 per month, board $2.50 per week. Fall term, Primary, taught by Carrie J. Works. Length of school, 10 weeks; attendance 1, average 18; wages $4.00 per week, board $2.00.

No. 2, Gower Dist. — Chas. Pierce, Agent. No. of Scholars 24; money apportioned $119.50. Summer term taught by Carrie Hall; length of school 10 weeks; attendance 11, average 10; wages $1.80 per week, board $1.75. Fall term taught by Lizzie M. Prescott; length of school six weeks; attendance 12, average 11; wages $2.00, board $1.90. Winter term, Lillian J. Morrill, teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; attendance 14, average 12; wages $3.00 per week, board $2.00.

No. 3, Norton Flat. — E. N. Allen, Agent. No. of scholars 78; money $329.94. Summer term, Rose B. Collins, teacher; length of school, 9 weeks; attendance 33, average 24; wages $6.25 including board. Fall term, taught by Stella B. Collins; length of school, 12 weeks; attendance 24, average 16; wages $5.00, board $2.15. Winter term, Lizzie M. Bass, teacher, now in operation.

No. 4, Village School. — Dr. P. Dyer, Agent. No. of scholars 365; money apportioned $1,543.95. Teachers, spring term, F. F. Whittier, Principal; Grammar school, Emma S. Wyman;
Intermediate, Georgia A. Brown; Primary, Lizzie M. Clat.
The same teachers were retained during the year, with the
exception of Miss Clark, who was succeeded by Rose B. Collins
in the Primary department.

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Length of school 32 weeks; wages of teachers, including
board: Principal $71.00 summer and fall, $75.00 winter; Gram­
mam, summer, fall and winter, $8.00 per week; Intermediate and
primary, for the year, $7.00 per week.

The schools in this district have been eminently successinl
the past year in every department. Much of its success is due
to the earnest and efficient labors of the agent, and we think the
district would do well to secure his services the coming year.

No. 5, Fairbanks' Mills.—Leonard B. Bangs, Agent. No of
scholars, 58; money apportioned, $245.34. Summer term
taught by C. Emma Vining. Length of school 7 weeks; attend­
ance 22,—average 15; wages $4 per week, board $1.75. Fall
term, Eva O. Park. Term 8 weeks; attendance 24,—average
17; wages $4 per week, board $1.75. Winter term taught by
M. W. Lovejoy. 12 weeks; attendance 41,—average 33; wages
$35 per month, board $2.50.

No. 7, Sprague Dist.—LaForest Tufts, Agent. No. of schol­
ars 23; money appropriated, $117.29. Fall term, teacher,
Lizzie A. Greenwood. Length of school 6 weeks; attendance
19,—average 17; wages $3, board $1.50. Winter term now in
operation; same teacher.

No. 8, Currier Dist.—Alvan Currier, Agent. No. of scholars
13; money appropriated, $39 99. No summer school. Winter
school taught by Mr. Noyes; now in operation.

No. 9, West Farmington.—W. M. Farmer, Agent. No. of schol­
ars 76; money appropriated, $321.48. Summer term
taught by Juliette H. Oakes. Length of term 9 weeks; attend­
ance 42,—average 32; wages $4.50 per week, board $1.50 per
week. Winter school, H. L. Sampson, teacher. Length of
school 10 weeks; attendance 55,—average 45; wages $50 per
month, board $2.50. School in session.

No. 10, Sewall District.—No of scholars 15; money appropri­
ated $96.45. No summer school. Winter term taught by Mrs.
C. D. Sewall; now in session.
No. 11, Greenwood District.—George L. Dodge, Agent. No. scholars 28; money appropriated $128.44. Summer term taught by Miss Addie McLain; register not returned. Winter term, Geo. W. Staples, teacher. Length of school 10 weeks; attendance 15, average 12; wages $27.50 per month, board 2 per week.

No. 12, Knowlton's Corner.—Louis Vehue, Agent. No. of scholars 27; money appropriated $126.21. Summer term, Lizzie S. Hodgkins, teacher. Length of school 8 weeks; attendance 20, average 16; wages $2.50 per week, board $1.25. Winter term, L. W. Taylor, teacher. Length of school 8 weeks; attendance 19, average 17; wages $20 per month, board $2.70 per week.

No. 14, Briggs District.—Charles W. Hardy, Agent. No. scholars 23; money appropriated $115.29. Summer school taught by Lizzie E. Bass. Length of school 8 weeks; attendance 12, average 11; wages $3.25, board $1.25. Winter school, J. J. Hunt, teacher. Length of term 8 weeks; attendance 18, average 16; wages $30 per month, including board.

No. 15, Russell's Mills District.—Albert Thompson, Agent. No. scholars 31; money $143.73. Spring term, Mrs. Alice M. York. Length of term 7 weeks; attendance 21, average 18; wages $3.25 per week, board $1.20 per week. Fall term, Ella J. Mann, teacher. Length 7 weeks; attendance 13, average 11; wages $3.50 per week. Winter term, Fred H. Bangs, teacher. Length of school 12 weeks; attendance 18, average 13; wages $21 per month, board $2.

No. 16, Porter Hill District.—Charles D. Perkins, Agent. No. scholars 13; money apportioned $89.99. Summer school taught by Ella H. Mosher. Length of school 8 weeks; attendance 6, average 5; wages $2.00, board $1.25. Winter school taught by Miss Wilkins, now in operation.

No. 17, Bailey Hill District.—Samuel L. Woodcock, Agent. No. scholars 24; money appropriated $117.52. Summer term, Flora M. Rackliff, teacher. Length of school 8 weeks; attendance 10, average 7; wages $2.50 per week, board $1.50. Winter term now in operation under the instruction of Lizzie N. Eaton.

No. 18, Titcomb District.—John H. Backus, Agent. No. scholars 21; money $110.83. Spring term, M. Olena Swift, teacher. Length of term 6 weeks; attendance 13, average 12; wages $2.00, board $1.50. Fall and Winter term taught by Fannie A. Voter. Length 15 weeks; attendance 16, average 12; wages $3.25, board $1.60 per week.
No. 19, Mosher Hill District.—Samuel F. Mosher, Agent. No. scholars 25, money $120.75. Summer term, Carrie F. Norton, teacher; length of term 10 weeks; attendance 15; wages $3.00 per week, board .98. Winter term, Ella L. Barker, teacher; length 14 weeks; attendance 19; average 16; wages $.35, board $1.50.

No. 20, Holley District.—S. B. Church, Agent. No. Scholars 19; money appropriated $102.37. Summer term, Marietta Elton, teacher; length of school 8 weeks; attendance 7; wages $2.50, board $.01. Winter, Arthur L. Collins, teacher; length of term 8 weeks; attendance 9, average 7; wages $18. per month, board $1.50 per week.

No. 21, Merchant Holley District.—John E. Stewart, Agent. No. scholars 9; money apportioned $84.07. Summer term, May Thompson, teacher; length of school 10 weeks; attendance 12, average 10; wages $4.00 including board. Fall term, same teacher. Length 8 weeks; attendance 11, average 9; wages $4.00 per week including board.

No. 22, Walton’s Mills.—Henry Carville, Agent. No. scholars 27; money $124.21. Summer term, Mittie L. Stanley, teacher; length 12 weeks; attendance 21, average 19; wages $2.50 per week, board $1.25. Winter term now in operation, taught by Lizzie Hodgkins.

No. 23, North Chesterville.—16 scholars; money $97.68.
No. 25, Furbush District.—11 scholars; money $97.68.
No. 26.—D. H. Smith, 2 scholars; money $8.46.
No. 28, Allen’s Mills.—1 scholar; money $12.23.
No. 30, Hillman District.—A. L. Barker, Agent. No. scholars 6; money $60.38. No summer school. Winter term under the instruction of Eva Hatch, now in operation.
No. 31, McIntosh District.—No. scholars 9; money $73.07.

The School Districts.

Your attention is invited to the following figures.

State School Fund and Mill Tax, $1,513.87
Town " " " 9513
" Tax, 3,000 00
Total School Money, 1881, $4,609 00
April 1, 1881, there were returned 980 scholars in town, according to Agents' returns. We apportioned of the total school money $4.23 per scholar, the sum of $4,609.00 leaving $460.90, which we divided among the smaller districts as follows:

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This year we would recommend that Mr. John E. Stewart be set off from District No. 21, and be annexed to district No. 5, at Fairbank's Mills; also Mr. Joseph Swan from what was formerly District No. 13, and be annexed to School District No. 14.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Errata.

An order of $500.00, given to Belinda F. Bailey, at 5 per ct. interest, due September 29, 1882, was omitted by mistake. This amount, added to the total on page 12, makes the present indebtedness of the Town $11,458 38