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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITOR, TREASURER,

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF RUMFORD,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15th,

1877.

PARIS:
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1877.
REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

Whole number of Polls, 240.
Amount of Resident Real Estate, $110,020 00
Amount of Non-Resident Real Estate, 7,555 00
Amount of Resident Personal Estate, 52,512 00
Amount of Non-Resident Personal Estate, 413 00

Total valuation, (half value), $170,500 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

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<td>Fractional Overlay</td>
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<td>Delinquent Highway Tax</td>
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Total committed for collection, $5,759 16

Amount of Highway Tax to be expended in labor, $3,500 00

RATE OF TAXATION.

Money Tax, 29 mills on a dollar. Poll Tax, $3.00 each.
Highway Tax, 17 mills on a dollar. Poll Tax, $3.00 each.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

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<td>Apportioned from Mill Tax</td>
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<td>Apportioned from Bank Tax</td>
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Total divided, $1,827 60
Whole number of scholars, 381.
Rate per scholar, $4.60.

The money was apportioned among the several districts as follows:

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>381</td>
<td>$1,722.60</td>
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<td>$1,797.60</td>
<td>$61.48</td>
<td>$21</td>
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PAUPER EXPENSES.

Bills due before February 16th, 1876, but not reported in last report:
- David Kennerson, funeral charges for wife, $5.00
- Adelbert Wing, digging grave, 3.00
- Haines Stevens, medical attendance in 1874, 3.00
- " " " " in 1875, 5.00

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$16.00

Bills paid during the year ending Feb. 15th, 1877:
- John E. Rolfe, for board from Feb. 19, 1876, to May 1, 1876, $15.50
- for clothing furnished, 10.47

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$25.97

- Asa Hardy, for board from Feb. 14, 1876, to April 11, 1876, 12.00
- for clothing and bedding furnished, 18.00
- for care and attendance during sickness, 70.00

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100.00

- Haines Stevens for clothing furnished, 10.99
- for part pay for maintenance, 20.00

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80.99
Peter Virgin and wife, for supplies furnished, 19 03
for wood furnished, 4 00

Waid Moore and wife, funeral charges for
Mrs. Moore, 19 00

Mrs. S. Merrill, for supplies furnished, 20 25
for clothing for children, 7 66

Sarah Clark, for maintenance, 30 00
Alvin Howe, for supplies furnished, 18 00
B. F. Virgin, paid town of Mexico bill, 11 90
Holland F. Eastman, for supplies furnished, 12 00
Adelbert Wing's child, for clothing furnished, 1 55
Joel Goodwin, for supplies furnished, 8 70
Charles P. Thomas, for clothing and supplies, furnished, 17 44
Elbridge Buck, for medical attendance, 7 50
Samuel Lovejoy, for supplies furnished, 5 35
For transient paupers, 7 50

Total costs paid out for 1876 & 1877, to Feb. 15, '77, $348 12

Of the above amount the sum of $24 94 has been refunded by
the town of Woodstock for the payment of the above bills, incurred
for Charles P. Thomas and Elbridge Buck, and the sum of $5 35
is now due from either Wilton or Peru, where Samuel Lovejoy
has legal settlement. Which sum ($30 29) deducted, leaves
$317 83, the amount expended during current year for paupers
belonging to Rumford.
The following pauper bills for 1876 are unpaid, and due as follows:

1877.
Feb. 14, to William H. Moore for the maintenance
of Waid Moore, from Feb. 16, 1876 to Feb. 14, '77, $139 00

April 11, to Daniel Farnum for the maintenance of
Asa Hardy one year,
April 27, to Jonathan V. Silver, for maintenance
of Haines Stevens one year in part, balance due,
May 1, Joseph H. Roberts for the maintenance of
John E. Rolfe one year,
May 7, Dr. H. F. Abbott, for medical attendance
on paupers one year, as per agreement,

Total outstanding pauper bills, $265 00
Total bills paid, accrued in 1876, 317 83
Total pauper expenses for 1876, 582 83
Pauper bills accrued in 1874 and 1875, but not paid or reported in last report, 16 00
Total expended for paupers in 1876, 598 83

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Printing town reports for 1876, $15 00
Books bought for the use of the town, 7 40
For care of town house to John Clement, 4 00
W. Pettengill's bill for cash paid out, 29 06
John Howe's do., do., 10 20
Total, $65 66

PAID OUT ON ROLFE CASE.

J. K. Martin, services as agent, $50 00
E. G. Harlow, do. attorney (in part) 104 00
Enoch Foster, jr., do., do. (in full) 75 00
Total, $229 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

By vote of town $3,500.00 were raised to be expended in labor on the highway, or to be paid into the treasury in money, at the rate of seventy-five cents for a dollar.

The following sums were paid into the treasury at the above rates:—Charles L. Fox, $6 69.

We have found it necessary to expend the following sums of money in addition to the above in the following highway districts:

For labor done, and material furnished in 1875.
In M. F. Knight's district, $3 00
In W. M. Adams's district, 8 00
To Chaplin Virgin, sundry bills for plank furnished by order of highway surveyors, 24 18

For labor done and materials furnished in 1876.
In S. S. Wyman's district, 22 35
In S. Silver's district, 49 00
In E. A. Simpson's district, for cutting bushes, 10 00
Paid Chaplin Virgin lumber, sawed for town, 9 56
To N. B. Jackson for 3 m. hemlock logs, 18 00
For materials for bog brook bridge, 32 89
For repairing Ellis River bridge, 129 44
For repairing Concord River bridge, 7 25

Total expended, 278 49

$313 67

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

SELECTMEN, ETC.
Waldo Pettengill, 53 25
John Howe, 40 50
L. G. Roberts, 2 50

AUDITOR.
Timothy Walker, 2 00

TREASURER.
Oliver Pettengill, 15 00

CLERK AND CONSTABLE.
William Frost, 20 00

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
H. F. Abbott, 4 00
B. H. Boynton, 20 75
Wallace Clark, 24 00

COLLECTOR.
F. P. Putnam, 75 00
Total, 257 00

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.
Town notes outstanding, 2742 00
Indebtedness to school fund, 2722 00
Indebtedness to school districts, 623 12
Due to town officers, 257 00
Interest accrued on town notes, 147 50
Outstanding bills, (estimated) 265 00
Total liabilities, 6756 62

RESOURCES.
Balance in treasurer's hands, 2558 75
Balance in collector's hands, 1256 61
Total resources, 3815 36
Balance against the town, 2,941 26
RECOMMENDATIONS.

For support of schools, 1000 00
For support of poor, 800 00
For discount on taxes, 500 00
For town charges, 700 00
For town debt and interest, 500 00

Total, ——— 3500 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WALDO PETTENGILL, Selectmen of
JOHN HOWE, Rumford.

Rumford, February 15, 1877.

TREASURER’S REPORT.

OLIVER PETTENGILL, Treasurer, in account with the town of
Rumford for the year ending Feb. 15, 1877.

Dr.,

To Cash, balance in treasury Feb. 16, 1876, $1293 42
received of F. P. Putnam, Collector, 3877 26
" interest on school fund note, 160 32
" do. J. Clement’s note, 6 24
borrowed of school fund, 0 00
received of C. L. Fox on highway tax, 6 69
" O. F. and R. C. Dolloff, 21 00
" Ezra Stevens for license, 3 00
" C. E. Virgin, on account, 10 00
borrowed of Mrs. Hannah Farnum, 450 00
" Mrs. Hannah Segar, 400 00
" Miss Ella Pettengill, 300 00
" Mrs. Joanna S. White, 42 00
received on A. J. Knight’s note, 11 58
" of Town of Woodstock, 28 19
" State bank tax, 265 30
" State mill tax, 377 09
" State for pensions, 60 00
" on sale of town property, 20 97

Total received, $7,383 06
By town orders taken up, $3790 85
paid interest on school fund note, 160 32
paid for State pensions, 60 00
interest paid on town notes, 165 14
Charles E. Virgin, for land, 10 00
note paid belonging to Hannah Segar, 250 00
do., do., do., 77 00
do., do., A. C. Howe, 311 00

Total paid, $4824 31
Cash in Treasury, 2558 75

Total accounted for, $7,383 06

OLIVER PETTENGILL, Treasurer of Rumford.

This certifies that we, the undersigned have examined the Treasurer's account of receipts and payments as by him kept, for the financial year ending Feb. 15, 1877, and we find them correctly entered, reported and footed up in the treasurer's book, and the amount in cash now in the town treasury is two thousand five hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents.

TIMOTHY WALKER, Auditor.
WALDO PETTENGILL, Selectmen of Rumford.

JOHN HOWE, Rumford.
The following table shows the school statistics of the town for the past year, so far as returns have been made:

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<th>Name of Teachers</th>
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* Fall Term. Whole number of scholars, 25. Average, 29. Wages $3.00 per week. Length of school, 8 weeks. Mr. Haines taught a term of ten weeks. Number of scholars, 10.
† Term not closed.
‡ High School, Fall Term. Number of scholars registered, 45. Length of school, ten weeks. The wages of teacher for seven weeks was paid from District money, and the balance by tuition from scholars admitted from other Districts.
DISTRICT NO. I.

D. ELLIOTT, Agent—Summer school taught by Miss Hattie C. Ray. Progress good. Winter term taught by same teacher; school much larger. Miss Ray labored hard for the benefit of the school, with excellent success. Some needed repairs were made on the school house last fall, which rendered it much more comfortable.

DISTRICT NO. II.

S. THOMPSON, Agent—Miss Lilian A. Abbott teacher of summer term. Considering Miss Abbott’s age and experience, she kept an excellent school—progress good. Miss May F. Thompson taught the fall term; improvement fair. Had the teacher displayed more energy, think the school would have been more profitable. Mr. H. H. Bryant is teaching the winter term, and he appears to be well qualified for the position.

DISTRICT NO. III.

COTTON ELLIOTT, Agent—Miss Florine I. Bartlett, teacher of summer term; progress quite good. During the fall, the school house was remodeled inside, very much to the comfort and profit of the school; also, needed repairs were made on the outside. Wm. M. Torrey is teaching the winter term with a good prospect of success.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

C. HEMMINGWAY, Agent—Summer term taught by Miss C. G. Knight. This school was characterized by thoroughness, good order and excellent discipline. Miss Knight is one of our best teachers, and her services should be retained in town. Mr. A. L. Haines, teacher of ten weeks of the winter term. Mr. Haines is a teacher of large experience, and kept a profitable term. Miss L. Howe, an able teacher, is teaching the balance of their term, six weeks. A new school house has been built in this district the past season. It is a very neat, comfortable and commodious structure. The location has been changed to the river road. It is an ornament and credit to the district—cost three hundred dollars.
DISTRICT NO. V.

Preston Howard, Agent—Summer term taught by Miss Hattie Howe, who gave good satisfaction. Winter term is being taught by Mark T. Newton of Andover.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Turner Silver, Agent—Summer term taught by Miss Della L. Seger. Miss Seger began her experience as a teacher with this school. The school appeared well at the first visit, and particularly so at the second; a good degree of progress was manifested. Miss Seger is an energetic teacher and a particularly fine grammarian. The winter term, which is still in session, is being taught by Mr. Benj. H. Boynton. No. of scholars registered, 16; average No. 15. Considering the average No. in attendance, we would say Mr. B. must be giving the district the benefit of his best efforts.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

Oliver Pettengill, Agent—The summer school was taught by Miss Rose A. Abbott, who gave universal satisfaction in the school room. We consider Miss Abbott a teacher of first-class qualifications and abilities. A fall term of High School was taught by Mr. Azel L. Haines of Peru; and Haines's labors were attended with good success. The winter term is being taught by O'Neil W. R. Hastings of Bethel, who is having good success. This is the second winter Mr. Hastings has taught in our town.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

C. P. Eaton, Agent—The summer term was taught by Miss Emma L. Roberts. This is the largest school in town, and one that requires a teacher of superior energy to manage it successfully. If Miss Roberts failed in anything it was in regard to discipline. The winter term was taught by Clarence M. Hutchins, who has had several terms' experience. The second visit justified expectations, showing good improvement, and on the part of the pupils, attention and good deportment.
DISTRICT NO. IX.

A. Virpin, Agent—Miss Emma R. Abbott, teacher. Whole No. scholars 15; average 12. E. W. Bartlett, teacher of winter term. This is the most advanced school in town. It contains several excellent female teachers. Mr. Bartlett is a very able teacher, and the term has been a very profitable one.

DISTRICT NO. X.

Daniel Frost, Agent—No summer term. The winter term was taught by Geo. W. Roberts. Owing to misunderstanding in giving notice of commencement of school, it was visited but once—at the close. Mr. Roberts is an experienced teacher, and on examination day showed a finely drilled school. We can specially commend him for order and thoroughness. There was one thing particularly noticeable in this school. Each pupil was required to speak at recitation, so as to be distinctly heard all over the room. We wish his example in this important particular might be more generally followed.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

Samuel Stevens, Agent—The summer term was taught by Miss Rosalia B. Knight. This was Miss Knight's fifth school. On account of sickness the teacher was obliged to close school, before time for second visit. The teacher appeared to understand her business. Mr. W. H. Stevens taught the winter term. This was Mr. Stevens's first term, and the result was very satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

Nial F. Hoyt, Agent—Miss Lottie M. Elliott, teacher of summer term. Miss Elliott commenced her teaching experience with this large school—35—mostly small scholars, laboring faithfully and well. It is the opinion of the committee that the term—13 weeks—was rather too long, in our hot summer weather, for the best good of the children. The winter term is still in progress, taught by Mr. Nial F. Hoyt. Was visited at commencement, and appeared well.
We are pleased to be able to say that the schools for the past year have been generally successful, and will compare favorably with those of former years. In the school room, Messrs. Bryant, Hutchins and Bartlett, who have taught in districts Nos. 2, 8 and 9, may return to their Alma Mater with many laurels. Our schools are generally well supplied with text-books; still if there were to be any change made we would advise that it be with the geographies, believing either Monteith's or Swinton's to be superior to those now in use.

HIRAM F. ABBOTT, ) S. S. Committee
BENJ. H. BOYNTON, } of
WALLACE CLARK, ) Rumford.
Rumford, February 10, 1877.

DISTRICT NO. XIII

Lucius A. Glover, Agent—Miss Juna F. Bacon, teacher of summer term. This was Miss Bacon's first experience in teaching, and she displayed good capacity. School made good progress. Miss B. is a fine scholar. The winter term was taught by Mr. Edmund F. Elliott. This was Mr. Elliott's first experience, and was a prosperous term. The government was good, and satisfaction given all around.