Annual Report of the Selectmen of Skowhegan For the Year Ending March 1st, 1878

Skowhegan (Me.)
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN OF SKOWHEGAN,
For the Year Ending March 1st, 1878.

Amount of valuation for 1877, $1,645,170.00
No. of polls, 846. Rate, 91 cts. on $100.

The Assessments are as follows:

For State Tax, $4,753.64
" County Tax, 1,730.32
" Schools, 3,700.00
" Poor and Town Charges, 4,000.00
" Bridges and Culverts, 500.00
" Breaking Roads last winter, 1,500.00 $16,183.96
" Overlayings, 479.20
" Supplemental Taxes, 44.01

$16,707.17

Miscellaneous Receipts.
Received for Licenses, $ 11.50
" " Maine Report, 2.50
" " board, J. H. Smith, Nor’wick, 3.00
" " of Town of Waterville, 90.75
" " Brooks, 14.00
" for Interest on Town Taxes, 100.85
" " on School House Taxes, 16.55
" from State for Armory, 100.00
" " " Treas. for R. R. Tax, 1.52
" for Licenses on dogs, 86.00 426.67

$17,133.84

Amount assessed for State Tax, $4,753.64
" " County Tax, 1,730.32 $ 6,483.96

Paid on State Tax, $2,000.00
" " County Tax, 1,000.00
Balance due on State Tax, 2,753.64
" " " County Tax, 730.32 $6,483.96
**Schools.**

Amt. assessed for Schools, $3,700.00
- Bank Tax apportioned by State, $844.24
- Mill Tax, 1,349.04
- due Districts last year, 1,145.00

Total: $3,338.28

Amt. paid School Districts, $5,966.04
- due " " 1,072.24

Total: $7,038.28

**Support of Poor.**

Labor, Supplies for Town Farm pr. bills, $660.21
For Paupers off the Farm, 2,390.25

Total: $3,050.46

There have been 730 weeks board of paupers at a cost of 90 cents per week, including Overseer's family and hired help 944 weeks at a cost of 70 cents per week. Perhaps, to get at the precise cost of each pauper, the interest on the money invested in the farm and other property should be reckoned. There is about $1000 worth of stock and produce, besides furniture, farming tools, etc.

**Amount voted by Town for Breaking Roads.**

Amt. voted by Town for breaking roads, $1,500.00
To amt. of ord's d'wn from No. 64 to 104, $1,129.60
- Chandler Dyer, 4.00
- L. W. Elliott for balance, 2.00
- Jos. J. Hilton, 2.50
- A. K. Perkins, nails of J. P. B. & Son, 1.05
- Benj. Teague, .50

Total: $1,139.65

Leaving a balance of $360.35

**Bridges and Culverts.**

By amount assessed, $500.00
To paid C. L. Webb, culv't near P. Kim'ls $37.00
- Parker & Buzzell, 3 culv'ts river r'd 100.00
- Adams & Withee, plk for bridges, 24.51
- P. P. Stewart for 4 culverts, 126.50
- R. Fairbrother, culvert, Neil Hill, 50.00
- Albion McIntire for plank, 2.00
- L. W. Weston for plank etc., 6.85
- N. P. Reed, culvert near Tolman's, 52.38
- David Horn, " Steward's 12.00
- Adams & Withee for plank, 37.07
- S. F. Stewart, culvert, 7.50
- Nathan Antill, " 5.31
- Emery & Turner, powder and fuse, .31
- Wm. E. Steward, work, 3.45
- John L. Burrill, repairing bridge, .75

Total: $465.63

Leaving a balance in favor of Town of $34.37
### Cemeteries.

Paid L. W. Weston for boards, posts etc. $13.50
" Orren Reed for work, 15.00
" J. P. Blunt & Son, nails, spikes etc. 3.46

All for Cemetery near Mrs. A. H. Wyman's
Paid Adams & Withee, boards for North C. 7.20
" Robinson Bros., work on same, 10.50
" Blunt for nails, 1.09 $ 50.75

### Abatements and Discounts on Taxes.

Aut. of discount on $8,657 collected before Sept. 1, 1877, @ four per ct., $346.32
Amts. of abatements on Collector's books 1874-7, 221.33
Abatements on A. F. Parlin, Benoic Tuttle and four others, 55.51 $ 623.16

### Town Officers' Bills.

Anna L. Bigelow, $25.90
John S. Cushing, 69.00
Webster Woodbury, 15.00
Collector and Treasurer, premium, 171.03
Town Agent, 5.00
Selectmen; Horace Eaton, 160.00
James H. Lord, 75.00
L. H. Folsom, 250.00 $ 770.93

### Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid Timothy E. Brown, $200.00
" Thos. Johnson land damage for street, 25.00
Water Tubs at Great Eddy and Depot, 16.00
Kilby & Woodbury, printing, per bill, 22.40
John W. Weston for use of tomb, 15.00
Joseph Barrett et als. cost on petition of Samuel Robinson, 11.30
Milford Keene, damage to wagon on b'ge, 5.91
L. G. Lord, " " " " " 6.75
Jos. J. Burrill, painting hearse house in Dist. No. 12, 6.00
C. C. Arnold taking care Hall, fire, etc., 5.00
Bixby & Buck, Books & Stationery, pr. bill, 29.70
Paid Commissioners running Cornville line, 37.50
Luke Hilton, damage to horse, 15.00
Dyer & Cushing, Books & Stationery pr. bill, 17.08
Fuel, postage etc., for Selectmen's Office, 10.42
C. K. Turner, services as Sexton, 13.00
Telegrams, 1.48
L. H. F. expense to Waterville and taking deposition, and balance of bill, 6.91
Clerk of Courts, York County, 1.25
Wentworth, damage to wagon, 1.00
Horace Eaton, cash ex. past year, pr. bill, 15.23
J. H. Lord, " " " " " " 2.00 $ 463.93
### Liabilities of Town.

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<td>&quot; &quot; School District No. 1,</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; School Districts,</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; on outstanding orders,</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; pauper bills, probable amount,</td>
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<td>&quot; of probable abatements,</td>
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### Assets.

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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; School Fund,</td>
<td>844.24</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot; for use of Armory,</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; town of Waterville,</td>
<td>21.50</td>
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<td>&quot; on taxes bid in by Town,</td>
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7 per ct. Rail Road Bonds,                               $200.00

Balance in favor of Town,                                 $630.54

There is an order of $400 in the acct. of outstanding orders for building the road from the Eddy, payable the first of September next, at 5 per ct., which is embraced in the estimate of the Selectmen.

There is also an order outstanding for $414, payable in the month of June next, at 5 per ct., to be paid by the Village Highway District, for drain tile for culverts.

The Selectmen recommend raising the sum of $4,500.00 for support of poor and to defray Town charges. Also, $500.00 for bridges and culverts in addition to highway money.

Respectfully submitted,