

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF

HAMPTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

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1871.

RECEIPTS.

Taxes.

Received of Collector J. T. Wallace, taxes for 1870
on Polls and Ratable

Estate, - - -	\$9,873 01	
Dog tax, - - -	66 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,939 01

Loans.

Rec'd of Simon Leavitt, on Town
note, - - -

	100 00	
Simon N. Dearborn, -	1,000 00	
Elizabeth Shaw, - -	500 00	
David Shaw, - - -	400 00	
Simon N. Dearborn, -	1,933 34	
	<hr/>	\$3,933 34

State.

Rec'd Railroad tax, - - -	825 75	
Savings Bank tax, - - -	123 32	
Literary fund, - - -	65 54	
	<hr/>	\$1,014 61

County.

Rec'd for the support of County
Paupers, - - -

260 18

Rents.

Rec'd of John M. Palmer, rent of

land at the beach, - -	5 00	
Eastman & Morrill, rent of land at the beach, -	4 50	
Davis & Co., rent of land at the beach, - - -	6 00	
tent on the beach, - -	1 00	
William G. Cole, rent of Town House in 1869, -	10 00	

Rec'd of Moses A. Dow, rent of Town House in 1870, -	\$81 50	
J. T. Brown, rent collected at the beach in 1869, -	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$143 00

Sales.

Rec'd of Newell Towle, lot in Cemetery, - -	16 00	
Edward Shaw, lot in Cemetery, - -	16 00	
Joseph Dow, adm'r of estate of D. H. Mars- ton, . - -	16 00	
Mrs. Elijah Davis, -	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$60 00

Town Farm.

Rec'd for grass sold, - - -	25 62	
mud, - - -	6 95	
apples, - - -	2 00	
cow sold to David A. Philbrick, - -	26 00	
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax, 1870, - -	2,358 00
County tax, 1870, - -	1,710 76

Schools.

Paid District No. 1, - - -	337 33	
No. 2, - - -	314 90	
No. 3, - - -	143 66	
No. 4, - - -	114 95	
No. 5, - - -	139 60	
No. 6, - - -	136 60	
Paid Joseph R. Sanborn's School tax to Exeter, - - -	2 15	
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Town Notes Paid in Full.

Paid Samuel D. Maynard, - - -	\$2,075	73	
John Dearborn, - - -	921	27	
Simon N. Dearborn, - - -	1,933	34	
			<hr/> \$4,930 34

Town Notes Paid in Part.

Paid David Stevens, - - -	50	00	
Eli Lamprey, - - -	56	00	
interest to Mary A. Nudd, -	340	80	
interest to Samuel D. Maynard,	360	00	
interest on notes to Cong. So-			
ciety, - - - -	185	00	
interest on notes to Baptist Society,	60	18	
			<hr/> 1,001 98

County Paupers.

Paid N. H. Asylum for the Insane for the support of Elijah Davis, - - - -	172	76	
James Riley, for lodging and victualing transient per- sons, - - - -	66	25	
Smith & Whittier, for lodging and victualing transient persons, - - - -	11	57	
			<hr/> 250 58

Town Paupers.

Paid N. H. Asylum for the Insane for the support of Mary D. Nudd, - - - -	221	65	
N. H. Asylum for the Insane, for the support of Mary H. Palmer, - - - -	247	07	
N. H. Asylum for the Insane, for the support of Ann M. Perkins, - - - -	23	90	
for the support of Josiah R. Marvel, - - - -	39	01	

Paid for the support of Betsey and Samuel Dearborn, - -	\$129 56
for the support of William E. Dunbrack, - - -	39 00
for wood for Rebecca Crane, -	9 00
for goods for Mrs. Ann M. Perkins, - - -	2 13
William T. Merrill, for medical attendance on the poor, -	10 00
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	\$721 32

Highways and Bridges.

On meadow road, paid for gravel, -	13 68
“ “ “ railing, -	83 34
“ “ “ labor, -	196 00
Paid Edward Shaw for materials and labor on the bridge at his meadow, - - -	42 55
John B. Shaw for labor on Turnpike fence, - -	9 00
Isaac Emery, for poles and lumber for turnpike fence, -	5 79
Jacob T. Brown, for lumber and labor on Drake's bridge, -	8 67
several persons for gravel, -	67 55
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	426 8

Salaries.

Paid David O. Leavitt, Town Clerk, - -	35 00
Edmund Mason, Selectman - - -	65 00
Jessie Lane, Selectman, - - -	45 00
John Dearborn, Selectman, - - -	45 00
Jesse Lane, Overseer of Poor, - -	5 00
Moses A. Dow, Superintendent of Town House, including wood and lights, -	40 75
Moses A. Dow, bell ringer, - - -	50 00
Jacob T. Wallace, Police Officer, - -	6 00
Samuel Meserve, “ - - -	6 00
Joseph Dow, Superintending School Committee, - - - - -	25 00

Paid David Philbrick, care of hearse, - - -	\$6 00
Jacob T. Wallace, collector of taxes, - - -	55 00
Jesse Lane, for extra services as Select- man, - - - - -	3 00
John Dearborn, services and cash paid, - - -	11 00
Edmund Mason, services and cash paid, - - -	25 00
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	\$422 75

Miscellaneous.

Paid for materials for shingling and other repairs on Town House and fence, - - -	49 21	
labor in making repairs, - - -	39 00	
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cow for Town Farm - - -	33 00	
labor on Town Farm, - - -	5 50	
	<hr/>	38 50

Outstanding Demands as follows :

Paid H. W. Dutton & Son, for printing ac- counts for 1870, - - - - -	27 25
Jacob T. Brown, for services and expenses as Town Agent, - - - - -	40 10
Auditors for services in 1870, - - - - -	6 00
Simeon B. Shaw, by vote of the town, to rectify an error in taxes paid for 1869,	19 66
J. H. Foster, books and stationery - - -	6 66
“ two invoice books - - -	20 30
revenue stamp for bond, - - - - -	1 00
insurance of Town House, - - - - -	15 00
for recording non-resident taxes - - -	7 50
Morris Hobbs, for conveying Ann M. Per- kins to the Asylum for the Insane, - - -	14 00
Uri Lamphrey, for selling grass at auction,	2 00
Jeremiah Marston, for rent of land for T. C. Perkins' house, - - - - -	6 00
E. P. Young, for iron work in repairing Pound, - - - - -	75

Paid David Towle, for guide boards, - - -	\$1 50
David A. Philbrick, for public watering trough, - - - - -	3 00
bank checks to pay Asylum bills, - - -	2 00
Thomas L. Marston, for information in re- gard to owners of buildings at the beach,	2 00
William T. Merrill, for returns of births and deaths, - - - - -	10 50
discount on taxes paid before the first of August, - - - - -	215 00
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	\$527 22

Abatements.

Paid Simon P. Towle, on a horse, - - -	1 22
Adna B. Lane, " - - -	1 75
Moses A. Dow, " - - -	18
Isaac Emery, " - - -	1 57
heirs of Jonathan Redman, on a cow and hog, - - - - -	84
Oliver Hobbs, on a cow, - - -	52
Oliver Lamprey, on an ox, - - -	1 48
Jeremiah Godfrey, on marsh not owned,	2 00
Non-residents' highway taxes, - - -	22 15
James H. Marston, poll tax, 1869, - - -	2 63
Warwick Sanborn, " " - - -	2 63
George F. Batchelder, poll tax, 1870, - - -	2 62
Charles W. Clements, " " - - -	2 62
Warwick Sanborn, " " - - -	2 62
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	\$44 83

Sheep Killed by Dogs.

Paid Jeremiah Marston, for one sheep killed by a dog, - - - - -	3 00
Jesse Knowles, for one sheep killed and another wounded - - - - -	5 00

Paid Daniel Hobbs, for one sheep killed,	-	\$4 00
Samuel Fisk, for two sheep killed,	-	5 00
Benjamin Perkins, for a lamb,	-	1 50
Jacob B. Leavitt, for one sheep,	-	4 00
John A. Nudd, for one sheep killed and damage done to others,	-	4 50
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		\$27 00

EDMUND MASON, } *Selectmen*
 JESSE LANE, } *of*
 JOHN DEARBORN, } *Hampton.*

Having examined the Selectmen's accounts, we find them well vouched and correctly cast.

JOSEPH DOW, } *Auditors.*
 SIMEON B. SHAW, }

HAMPTON, March 1, 1871.

STATE OF TREASURY, MARCH 1, 1871.

Liabilities.

Amount of Town Notes, - -	\$26,249 39
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Assets.

Due from United States for boun- ties advanced, - - -	2,226 00
Town Farm valued at cost, -	1,237 42
House occupied by T. C. Perkins,	118 51
Cash in Treasury, - - -	3,575 54
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	7,157 47

Deficit, being indebtedness of the Town,	\$19,091 92
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Town debt, March 1, 1870, -	21,383 85
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Town debt, March 1, 1871, -	19,091 92
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Reduction of debt the past year,	\$2,291 93
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EDMUND MASON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
JESSE LANE,		of
JOHN DEARBORN,		<i>Hampton.</i>

THE TOWN DEBT,

Is represented by Town Notes, all bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. The holders of the Notes with the dates, principals and amounts of notes, on March 1, 1871, are shown in the following

TABLE.

Date of Note.	To whom Payable.	Principal.	Am't of Note, Mar 1, 1871.
April 11, 1862.	Congregational Society,	\$139 00	\$146 40
Nov. 14, 1864.	Samuel D. Maynard,	6,000 00	6,107 00
April 6, 1865.	Congregational Society,	168 71	177 85
April 21, 1865.	Congregational Society,	391 00	411 20
May 5, 1865.	Congregational Society,	500 00	524 67
July 20, 1865.	Mary Fogg,	50 00	69 33
Oct. 3, 1865.	Stacy L. Nudd,	680 00	696 77
Feb. 22, 1866.	Jeremiah R. Fogg,	200 00	267 62
Feb. 22, 1866.	Abraham Fogg,	200 00	267 62
Mar. 15, 1866.	Mary A. Nudd,	5,000 00	5,288 33
Mar. 28, 1867.	Congregational Society,	1,065 00	1,124 11
June 25, 1867.	Baptist Society,	100 00	104 10
Feb. 21, 1868.	Baptist Society,	703 00	704 17
Feb. 21, 1868.	David Stevens,	700 00	729 02
Feb. 28, 1868.	Jeremiah M. Lamprey,	390 00	464 02
May 20, 1868.	William T. Lamprey,	1,200 00	1,411 46
June 19, 1868.	William T. Lamprey,	800 00	936 63
Sept. 26, 1868.	Abby B. Rollins,	600 00	681 54
Dec. 15, 1868.	Olive A. Hobbs,	200 00	227 57
Dec. 15, 1868.	Baptist Society,	200 00	214 69
May 1, 1869.	John P. Hobbs,	350 00	389 55
Aug. 4, 1869.	Simon N. Dearborn,	1,000 00	1,096 57
Nov. 9, 1869.	Jeremiah R. Fogg,	100 00	107 79
April 1, 1870.	Simon Leavitt,	100 00	105 50
May 25, 1870.	Simon N Dearborn,	1,000 00	1,041 00
June 30, 1870.	Elizabeth Shaw,	500 00	520 00
Nov. 22, 1870.	David Shaw,	400 00	406 37
Dec. 15, 1870.	Simon N. Dearborn,	1,933 34	1,957 51
Mar. 1, 1871.	Hannah Lamprey,	71 00	71 00

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submits the following Report of the Schools for the year ending March 1, 1871.

DISTRICT No. 1. PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The summer school was taught by Miss Alice W. Batchelder; the winter school, by Miss Maria Perkins. Both teachers succeeded remarkably well, interesting the children, securing the good will of their parents, and meeting the expectations of the Committee.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The summer term was under the instruction of Miss Sarah M. Lamprey, whose reputation as an earnest, faithful and successful teacher, is well known. Her well earned reputation was fully sustained.

Mr. Otto A. Nesmith, a student of Dartmouth College, had the charge of the winter school. This was his first attempt at school teaching. On account of his youthfulness and inexperience, some fears were felt that he might fail in government. I am happy to say that these fears were groundless. I visited the school five or six times, and after my first visit, made near the beginning of the term, before the "machine had been put in running order," I always found the school very quiet and orderly, and was pleased to find teacher and pupils interested in the proper business of the school.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Mr. Lewis Perkins, a student in the Agricultural Department of Dartmouth College, who had taught in this district the previous winter, was engaged as teacher of the summer school, and appears to have given general satisfaction.

The winter school, which has not yet closed, is taught by Mr. Horace M. Lane, who is a good disciplinarian and thorough teacher.

DISTRICT No. 3

The school, both summer and winter, was taught by Miss Angie P. Smith, a teacher of considerable experience, who during both terms acquitted herself in a manner satisfactory to the Committee, maintaining good order, evincing an "aptness to teach," and aiming at correctness and thoroughness in all the exercises of the school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Isabella Seavey, a teacher of much experience, had the charge of this school both terms, and fully sustained her previous reputation as an able, faithful and successful teacher.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Mrs. Sarah E. Forsaith, the teacher of the school the preceding winter, was again employed for the summer term. Her school appeared well whenever I visited it, and her course appears to have been satisfactory to the people of the district.

Miss Forsaith was also engaged to teach the winter school, but when the time for commencing it had come, she sent a *substitute*, Miss Mary E. Delano, who, after teaching two or three weeks not very successfully, left the school of her own accord. After a recess of about one week, Miss Forsaith

returned and resumed the care of it, but her connection with the school was soon sundered in order to accept a *more eligible* situation in another school. Hence, the children in this district have derived but very little benefit from the winter school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The summer term was taught by Miss Sarah F. James, whose task must have been a very difficult one, to excite much interest in a school having in all six scholars, and on an average a fraction less than four.

Miss Alice W. Batchelder taught the winter school. She was favored with a somewhat larger number of scholars, and she succeeded as well as could be expected of any one in like circumstances.

Some items of interest in relation to our schools may be learned from the following table, which I respectfully commend to the careful consideration of my fellow citizens :

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	Term of School.	Names of Teachers.	Wages of Teacher per month.	Length of School in weeks.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average attend'ce.	Scholars constant in attendance	Visits by citizens.	Visits by Sup Com	Perc't of absences.	Expense per month for each scholar.
1	1st,	Alice W. Batchelder,	\$12 00	14	29	24	0	24	3	.17	\$0 50
1	2d,	Maria Perkins,	13 33	12	25	20	1	18	4	.20	0 66
1	1st,	Sarah M. Lamprey,	25 00	14	37	23	5	12	4	.38	1 08
1	2d,	Otto A. Nesmith,	35 00	10	51	40	1	3	5	.21	0 87
2	1st,	Lewis Perkins,	30 00	16	50	41	8	11	3	.18	0 73
2	2d,	Horace M. Lane,	35 00	17	56	46	8	22	5	.18	0 76
3	1st,	Angie P. Smith.	22 00	10	32	25	7	13	2	.22	0 88
3	2d,	Angie P. Smith,	25 00	12	36	32	12	19	3	.11	0 78
4	1st,	Isabella Seavey,	20 00	10	23	20	7	7	2	.13	1 00
4	2d,	Isabella Seavey,	22 00	12	24	22	7	10	3	.08	1 00
5	1st,	Sarah E. Forsaith,	20 00	14	19	11	0	3	2	.42	1 82
5	2d,	Sarah E. Forsaith,	20 00	6	16	13	1	0	2	.19	1 54
6	1st,	Sarah F. James,	15 00	12	6	4	1	6	3	.33	3 75
6	2d,	Alice W. Batchelder,	19 00	12	10	8	0	7	3	.20	2 37

GENERAL REMARKS.

In a former report I spoke of irregularity in the attendance of scholars as one of the greatest hindrances to success in our public schools. Some of the ways in which this irregularity operates to their injury, were pointed out, and it was suggested that the evil cannot be eradicated by the teacher alone; his efforts must be seconded by the authority of parents and guardians to render them effectual.

Without repeating at length what was then stated of the injurious effects of such irregularity on the progress of the scholars, I propose now to consider the subject in another aspect, that is, *financially*. The people are required by law, annually to raise a considerable sum of money by taxation for the support of schools. The money thus raised is to be expended in furnishing the means of instruction to your children. You choose in the several districts committees, who, you believe, will expend this money judiciously. So far you do well. But when your committees have faithfully performed their duties, it sometimes happens by a fault in another quarter, that a considerable per centage of the money raised, *is lost*—SQUANDERED—by a culpable neglect on the part of parents and guardians to see that the children under their care avail themselves of the means of instruction provided. A careful examination of the School Registers of the past year, shows the absentees to have ranged from *eight* to *forty-two* per cent. of the whole number of pupils belonging to the schools. The *average* per centage of absences in *all* the schools exceeds *twenty*; that is, on an average about *one-fifth* of all the children belonging to our schools are absent daily. Shall the habit that occasions this great loss be allowed any longer to exist?

Parents and guardians, it is for you to say.

In the last column of the table inserted in this report may be found the average expense of tuition per month for each scholar in the several schools, the only item of expense con-

sidered being the wages paid to the teachers severally, and this sum in each district is divided by the number expressing the *average* daily attendance. Hence, it is evident that the expense for the instruction of each scholar in the several districts must be *directly* as the wages paid, and *inversely* as the number of scholars in attendance. The figures found in this column of the table show the expense of instructing each scholar to vary from *fifty cents* per month in one school to *three dollars and seventy-five cents*, in another, while the wages of the teacher in the latter case were only 25 per cent. higher than in the former.

Let the tax payers of the town carefully consider this matter and determine whether they will long be satisfied with the present division of the town into districts. I merely call attention to the subject, without recommending any specific changes. A diminution of the number of districts is X what the interests of education evidently require; but I am aware of the obstacles to such a change.

JOSEPH DOW,
Superintending School Committee.

HAMPTON, March 1, 1871.