

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
HAMPTON,
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,
1873.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Receipts.

From Taxes,	\$9,080 71	
Loans,	6,159 00	
State,	10,144 41	
County,	102 00	
Sales,	322 19	
Rents,	115 50	
	<hr/>	25,923 81
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1872,		2,029 09
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		\$27,952 90

Disbursements.

Paid State Tax,	\$1,179 00	
County Tax,	1,948 27	
Schools,	1,713 76	
Town Notes in full,	12,707 84	
" " part,	1,006 24	
Paupers,	922 77	
Highways and Bridges,	694 19	
Salaries,	475 27	
Miscellaneous,	1,223 16	
Abatements,	30 27	
Painting,	307 07	
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Total Disbursements,		\$22,207 84
Cash in Treasury March 1, 1873,		5,745 06
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		\$27,952 90

Detail of Receipts.

TAXES.

Received of Collector Cole, on Polls and		
Ratable Estate,	\$9,025 71	
Dog Tax,	65 00	
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LOANS.

Received of Mary A. Nudd,	\$5,000 00	
Jacob T. Brown,	200 00	
Congregational Society,	220 00	
“ “	36 00	
Baptist, “	703 00	
	<u> </u>	\$6,159 00

STATE.

Received Railroad Tax,	\$460 62	
Savings Bank Tax,	193 29	
Literary Fund,	87 50	
State Bonds,	8,800 00	
Cash to Balance,	75 00	
Interest on Bonds,	528 00	
	<u> </u>	\$10,144 41

COUNTY.

Support of Transient Paupers,	\$102 00	
	<u> </u>	\$102 00

RENTS.

Received Rent of Town Hall,	\$115 50	
	<u> </u>	\$115 50

SALES.

Received of Wm. S. Hoyt, Cemetery Lot,	\$16 00	
Mrs. John E. Payson, Cemetery Lot,	11 00	
“ Lottie E. Howe,	“ 16 00	
“ D. Lamprey,	“ 16 00	
Moses A. Dow,	“ 16 00	
John B. Shaw,	“ 16 00	
C. M. Piper,	“ 6 00	
T. C. Perkins, for House,	125 00	
J. Warren Mace, Land,	9 00	
Grass from Town Farm,	31 50	
Mud, “ “ “	18 60	
E. Mason, Lumber, &c.,	25 77	
Fodder, Pigs, Cow Hide, Barrel, &c.,	11 90	
Effects of C. W. Blake,	3 42	
	<u> </u>	\$322 19

Disbursements.

Paid State Tax,	\$1,179 00	
County "	1,948 27	
	<u> </u>	\$3,127 27

SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$495 00	
District No. 2,	470 00	
District No. 3,	200 00	
District No. 4,	167 00	
District No. 5,	196 85	
District No. 6,	184 91	
	<u> </u>	\$1,713 76

TOWN NOTES IN FULL.

Paid Mary A. Nudd,	\$5,300 00	
" " "	5,930 20	
Jacob T. Brown,	204 00	
Baptist Society,	745 18	
Simon N. Dearborn,	528 46	
	<u> </u>	\$12,707 84

TOWN NOTES IN PART.

Paid Wm. T. Lamprey,	\$488 92	
J. M. Lamprey,	50 00	
Elizabeth Shaw,	100 00	
Congregational Society,	136 34	
Baptist "	60 18	
Mary A. Nudd,	40 80	
Mrs. Stevens,	130 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,006 24

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid James Riley, for board of Transient		
Poor,	\$118 00	
Wood for Mrs. Crane, &c.,	7 90	
	<u> </u>	\$125 00

TOWN POOR.

Paid for support of Samuel and Betsey		
Dearborn,	\$154 73	
Paid for Mary H. Palmer,	216 78	
" Ann M. Perkins,	217 31	
" Mary D. Nudd,	208 05	
	<u> </u>	\$796 87

SALARIES.

Paid D. O. Leavitt, Town Clerk,	\$40 00	
Joseph Dow, Superintending School Committee, and extra service,	27 50	
Moses A. Dow, Bell Ringer,	80 00	
" " " Janitor, and Police,	74 27	
Samuel Meserve, Police,	6 00	
D. Philbrick, care of Hearse,	6 00	
Wm. G. Cole, Collector,	60 00	
J. Warren Dow, Selectman and Treasurer,	75 00	
Daniel Weare, Selectman,	45 00	
" " Overseer of Poor,	5 00	
" " Extra Service,	5 00	
C. G. Toppan, Selectman,	45 00	
" " Overseer of Poor,	5 00	
" " Extra Service,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$475 27

PAINTING.

Paid for Paint, Oil, Putty, Nails, &c.,	\$218 18	
D. Blake, Labor,	60 00	
J. A. Towle, "	26 25	
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid G. W. Lane & Co., nails, &c.,	\$11 30	
A. S. Coffin, Lumber,	12 56	
John S. Cram, "	1 05	
C. G. Toppan, Lumber and Labor,	82 44	
Sundry Persons Labor bills,	320 24	
J. T. Batchelder, Lumber for Coffin's Bridge,	75 00	
Bills Labor on Coffin's Bridge,	18 00	
S. H. Dumas, Labor on Dist. No. 11,	105 00	
Sundry Persons Breaking Out Road in District No. 11,	7 90	
Sundry Persons for Gravel,	60 70	
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ABATEMENTS.

Paid Samuel Drake, on Dog,	1 00
J. A Dearborn, " "	1 00
Arthur B. Blake, on Horse,	1 30
Oliver Lamprey, " "	97
Jesse Lane, " "	66
Adna Garland, " Cow,	40
Wm. G. Cole, " "	41
Geo. A. Blake, " "	34
Joseph Godfrey, " "	24
Isaac L. Hubbard on Land,	4 55
Jeremiah L. Godfrey, on land,	1 63
Obed S. Hobbs, " "	81
L. W. Chapman, " "	1 01
James E. Brewer, Stock and Poll,	4 62
T. A. Brown, taxed twice,	3 18
E. W. Dunbrack, Poll,	1 63
S. J. Robinson, " "	1 63
Charles L. Shaw, " "	1 63
O. A. Sparks, " "	1 63
D. Shattuck, " "	1 63

 \$30 27

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J. H. Robey, Wood to E. W. Dunbrack,	\$5 75
David Towle, coffin, C. W. Blake,	8 00
Jesse Lane, Police Badge,	1 65
Rev. Stamps for Collector's bond, recording deeds, and express,	3 00
E. Mason, Moving Bounds,	2 00
C. M. Lamprey, Trees set,	4 00
" " Labor on Academy,	10 00
Uri Lamprey, Labor on Academy,	6 00
Morris Hobbs, " "	6 00
J. R. Sanborn, School Tax, 1871 and 1872,	5 60
Daniel Hobbs, Labor,	1 00
Non Res. Road Receipts,	18 20
Joseph Dow, service in regard to check list, writing deeds, &c.,	6 77
Expense of Town Hall,	21 04
E. P. Young, Labor,	3 75

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

EBENEZER LANE, }
JOHN A. TOWLE, } *Auditors.*

Hampton March 1st, 1873.

Town Debts, March 1st, 1873.

Date of Note.	To whom Payable.	Principal.	Amt. March 1, 1873.
June 25, 1867.	Baptist Society,	\$100 00	\$104 10
Feb. 21, 1868.	David Stevens,	700 00	651 38
" 28, 1868.	Jeremiah M. Lamprey,	390 00	471 71
May 20, 1868.	Wm. T. Lamprey,	1,200 00	1,272 00
June 19, 1868.	" " "	800 00	848 00
Sept. 26, 1868.	Abby B. Rollins,	600 00	765 67
Dec. 15, 1868.	Baptist Society,	200 00	202 50
" 15, 1868.	Olive A. Hobbs,	200 00	255 69
May 1, 1869.	John P. Hobbs,	350 00	437 69
Aug. 4, 1869.	Simon N. Dearborn,	1,000 00	1,232 10
April 1, 1870.	Simon Leavitt,	100 00	118 53
May 25, 1870.	Simon N. Dearborn,	1,000 00	1,171 66
June 30, 1870.	Elizabeth Shaw,	500 00	451 73
Nov. 22, 1870.	David Shaw,	400 00	456 59
Dec. 15, 1870.	Simon N. Dearborn,	1,932 34	2,188 85
Mar. 24, 1871.	John Dearborn,	1,000 00	460 04
May 4, 1871.	Congl. Society,	2,272 34	2,408 68
May 15, 1871.	" " "	250 00	277 58
July 17, 1871.	Frank T. Jenness,	250 00	274 83
July 20, 1871.	Mary Fogg,	70 92	77 92
Feb. 16, 1871.	John H. Fogg,	283 00	300 73
Feb. 16, 1871.	Jeremiah R. Fogg,	400 00	425 06
May 4, 1872.	Congl. Society,	220 00	230 85
" " "	" " "	36 00	37 77
Feb. 21, 1873.	Baptist, "	703 00	703 93
Total Debt, March 1, 1873.			\$15,825 59

State of the Treasury, March 1, 1873.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of Town Notes, \$15,825 59

ASSETS.

Town Farm, valued at cost,	\$1,237 00	
State Bonds in Treasury,	3,100 00	
Cash " " "	2,645 06	
Due from United States, for Bounties advanced,	2,226 00	
	\$9,208 48	

Indebtedness March 1, 1873, \$6,617 11

Town Debt, March 1, 1872, \$16,519 85

Town Debt, March 1, 1873, 6,617 11

Reduction of Debt the past year,	\$9,902 74
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<p>J. WARREN DOW, DANIEL WEARE, CHRISTOPHER G. TOPPAN,</p>	}	<p><i>Selectmen of Hampton.</i></p>
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REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of Hampton respectfully submits, as required by law, the following report of the Schools for the year ending March 1, 1873.

The amount of money appropriated for the support of the Schools the past year, was \$1,713 76, apportioned to the several Districts, as follows :

To District No. 1, \$495 00 " " 2, 470 00 " " 3, 200 00		To District No. 4, \$167 00 " " 5, 196 85 " " 6, 184 91
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TEACHERS EMPLOYED.

- District No. 1, Primary School, Ann Martha Brown.
 Grammar, Martha P. Perkins, Leyander J. Young.
 No. 2, Anna L. Bean, Mary W. Lamprey, T. D. Foss.
 No. 3, Alice E. Foss, Flora L. Haines.
 No. 4, Christy A. Bunker.
 No. 5, Mary S. Blake.
 No. 6, L. Maria Johnson, S. Abbie Greene.

DISTRICT NO. 1. (PRIMARY SCHOOL.)

Tact and patience in managing a primary school are needed quite as much as in managing one of a higher grade. Miss Brown possesses these traits, and she has succeeded in making her school very pleasant to the children under her care. Of this I have had abundant evidence in my visits during the year. She has also imparted to them much useful information, and they have profited by it.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Perkins endeared herself to the pupils by her kind attentions to their comfort, and her earnest and untiring endeavors for their mental and moral improvement. Under her care the school was prosperous.

Mr. Young managed his school in a very quiet way, and secured the good will of the scholars. This very much lightened his task and cheered him in his work. He labored assiduously for the welfare of the school and with a good degree of success.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Bean, who had charge of the school during the first term, proved herself a competent, faithful and successful teacher. Her management of the school was entirely satisfactory to the district and the committee, and it was with regret they learned that she would not continue in the school another term.

Miss Lamprey, who was engaged to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss Bean, is possessed of ample literary attainments, and has had considerable experience in teaching both in this State, and in Massachusetts. Any teacher of this school works at a disadvantage, owing to the fact that a large number of pupils of different grades are crowded into an ill-contrived house.

Mr. Foss has had many years' experience in teaching, and he evidently profits by this experience. Being enthusiastic himself, he succeeds in exciting considerable earnestness in his pupils. To render the knowledge gained in school profitable, he endeavors to make it practical. When the scholars learn any *principle*, in arithmetic, for instance, they are called upon to make some practical application of it. This serves not only to fix the principle in their minds, but to make it useful to them in the business of life. The school is making fine progress under Mr. Foss' instruction.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss Foss, who had charge of the Summer term, labored faithfully for the improvement of the school and with fair success.

Miss Haines is energetic and successful. Full of zeal herself, she inspires her pupils with enthusiasm, and the result is — a good school.

This school has been lengthened by money raised in the district by subscription.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Bunker proceeds very quietly in the performance of her duties, and to the entire satisfaction of the committee.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Miss Blake has labored diligently for the improvement of her scholars, and with good success.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss Johnson, the teacher of the Summer school, fully sustained the good reputation acquired in the same school in the year previous.

Miss Greene, who has enjoyed the advantages afforded by the State Normal School, at Salem, Mass., has the elements of a good teacher, and her labors in this district have been successful.

 SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT ONE HALF DAY IN A TERM.

District No. 1, Primary School.—Eddie B. Johnson, Eddie E. Redman (two terms), Alice C. Leavitt.

Grammar School.—William E. Dunbrack, N. Parker Lamprey, John A. Moulton, Lizzie M. Lamprey, Clara Philbrick.

District No. 2.—John Brown, John G. Brown, Charles Carter, George A. Chase, Melzar W. Dunbar, Otis W. Marston, Amos A. Towle, Eddie Towle, Edmund B. Whittier, Annie M. Brown (two terms), Georgie Brown, Cora E. Chase, Ellen B. Chase (two terms), Annie M. Cole, Mary A. Dow, Annie M. Lamprey, Carrie B. Lane, Cora E. Palmer, Ellen J. Samuel, Mary J. Samuel (two terms), Nellie Towle, Lucy Young.

District No. 3.—George B. Blake, George S. Blake, Levi O. Blake, James E. Godfrey, George S. Hobbs, Robert F. Laird, Sarah E. Blake, Mary H. Godfrey, Isabella L. Lane, Mary H. Lane, Annie L. Weare.

District No. 4.—Freddie Towle (two terms), Wesley A. Towle (two terms), Annie S. Towle (two terms).

District No. 5.—George H. Pierce.

District No. 6.—Ena F. Drake.

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 No. Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Scholars constant in attendance.	Visits by Sup. Com.	Visits by Prud. Com.	Visits by Citizens.	Per cent. of Absences.	Expense per month for each Scholar.
1 1st	Gram. v. Prim'y.	Ann Martha Brown.	16 00	10	32 26	2	3	0 15	.19	0 62		
1 2d		Ann Martha Brown.	16 00	10	30 25	1	2	0 15	.17	0 64		
1 3d		Ann Martha Brown.	16 00	13	26 20	1	6	0 19	.23	0 80		
1 1st		Martha P. Perkins.	30 00	10	32 22	1	3	0 10	.31	1 36		
1 2d		Martha P. Perkins.	30 00	10	25 19	2	2	0 16	.24	1 58		
1 3d		Leyander J. Young.	46 00	13	45 30	2	5	0 35	.33	1 53		
2 1st		Anna L. Bean.	40 00	12	56 42	13	3	1 18	.25	0 95		
2 2d		Mary W. Lamprey.	40 00	10	55 44	2	3	1 10	.20	0 91		
2 3d		T. D. Foss.	56 00	16	65 47	13	4	2 55	.28	1 19		
3 1st		Alice E. Foss.	21 00	10	30 23	1	3	0 5	.23	0 91		
3 2d		Flora L. Haines.	37 00	17	32 28	11	4	0 85	.12	1 32		
4 1st		Christy A. Bunker.	20 00	10	20 15	3	3	1 10	.25	1 33		
4 2d		Christy A. Bunker.	24 00	18	25 21	3	5	1 15	.16	1 14		
5 1st		Mary S. Blake.	20 00	7	13 9	0	4	0 0	.31	2 22		
5 2d		Mary S. Blake.	20 00	9	12 9	0	2	0 0	.25	2 22		
5 3d		Mary S. Blake.	20 00	12	17 14	1	4	0 2	.17	1 43		
6 1st		L. Maria Johnson.	18 50	17	13 9	1	4	0 5	.31	2 06		
6 2d		S. Abbie Greene.	26 00	12	17 11	0	5	1 10	.35	2 37		

The "expense per month for each Scholar" in the several schools, as given in the last column of this table, has reference only to the sums paid as wages to the teachers.

The amount of money which the towns in this State *must* raise by taxation for the support of public schools is fixed by law; but any towns desirous of raising a *larger* sum, are authorized to do so.

The sum required by law to be raised in Hampton for the ensuing year, is \$1,333.50, exclusive of the Literary Fund, and the portion of the Railroad tax that may be used for the support of schools.

The method of dividing the school money among the several districts in towns which have not discarded the district system, and which do not by vote adopt a different plan, is prescribed by statute, as follows:

“The selectmen shall assign to each district a proportion of the money thus assessed, according to the valuation of the district for the year or in such other manner as the town at the annual meeting shall direct, and shall pay over the same to the prudential committee of the district.”

The only instruction of the town now in force in regard to this subject is a vote passed several years ago, that a small sum shall be added to the shares of districts No. 3 and No. 4. Some further action of the town seems necessary to secure a more equitable division of the school money; and it is hoped that the subject will receive the attention it merits at the annual town meeting on the eleventh instant.

School Committees are required, in making their annual report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to state the condition of the school-houses in their respective towns: how many, if any, have been built during the year, and how many repaired, and at what expense; and how many are unfit for occupation. It will be easy for your committee to report in regard to the number built or repaired during the last year; but what number shall be reported as unfit for occupation? Before answering this question, it may be useful to consider some of the requisites of a good school-house.

First. There should be a good location—not necessarily in the exact centre of the district, but as nearly central as may be for the inhabitants, and easy of access for all the families. The site should, if possible, have pleasant surroundings. The lot should be sufficiently large, not only for the buildings needed, but also for a playground for the children, where they may engage in their sports without fear of breaking windows, or in any way injuring the school-house or outbuildings; and without encroaching upon the highway, thus annoying travellers and incurring danger to themselves from passing teams.

Second. The school-house itself—the place of daily resort for your children, and where they spend no inconsiderable portion of their time year after year—should have nothing repulsive in its appearance. But this is not enough; it should be really pleasant and attractive. The style, the proportions, and the finish of the exterior, should all be in accordance with good taste. In the arrangement

of the interior, regard should be had to the convenience and comfort of teacher and pupils. The school-room should be of sufficient height, well lighted, easily warmed, properly ventilated, and neatly finished. It should also be large enough to afford ample space for the accommodation of the scholars, and for the performance of all their school exercises. A convenient place in every school-room, furnished with settees or other suitable seats, should be appropriated to the use of visitors.

Other points will also suggest themselves to the mind; but without specifying these, allow me to ask you, fellow-citizens, to examine the school-houses in present use, and then say how many of them are *fit* places to be occupied by your children, day after day, and year after year, while acquiring the rudiments of an education.

It is understood that the voters in District No. 1 will have before them at their annual meeting, a few weeks hence, the subject of building a school-house sufficiently large, and so constructed as to accommodate both the Grammar and Primary schools. A subject of such importance should be fairly met, and carefully considered; and, after due deliberation, decided in the way which will best promote the present improvement and the future usefulness of the rising generation.

The voters in District No. 2 will also, it is probable, be called to decide whether they will provide a new school-house, of larger dimensions and better construction than the one now in use. The health, the comfort, and the mental improvement of the children, demand that better accommodations be provided.

The time has, probably, not yet come, but I think it is not far distant, when the people of districts Nos. 3 and 4, which formerly constituted the North District, will be convinced that greater advantages for educating their children will be secured by re-uniting the districts and grading their schools, so as to have a Primary and a Grammar school, instead of supporting, as at present, two mixed schools. Whenever that time shall arrive, I have no doubt they will act according to their convictions of duty.

JOSEPH DOW,
Superintending School Committee.

Hampton, March 1, 1873.