

HAMPTON REPORTS

OF

SELECTMEN,

OF

TREASURER,

AND OF

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1878,

AND

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

EXETER, N. H. :

GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1878.

OFFICERS ELECTED MARCH 14,
1877.

Moderator,

SEWEL W. DOW.

Town Clerk,

JOHN M. AKERMAN.

Representative,

JOSEPH MASON,

Selectmen and Assessors,

JACOB T. BROWN,

JOHN F. MARSTON,

WILLIAM E. LANE.

Treasurer.

JACOB T. BROWN.

Overseers of Poor,

JOHN F. MARSTON,

WILLIAM E. LANE.

Superintending School Committee,

LUCY E. DOW.

Collector of Taxes,

WILLIAM G. COLE.

Superintendent of Town House,

CHARLES C. MARSTON.

Auditors,

URI LAMPREY,

JOHN H. FOGG,

MORRIS HOBBS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT, MARCH 1, 1878.

INVOICE, APRIL 1, 1877.

Residents' Estate	\$580,770 00	
Non-Residents' Estate,	56,325 00	
330 Polls,	33,000 00	
Total invoice, April 1, 1877,		\$670,095 00

TAXES.

State Tax,	\$1480 00	
County Tax,	1610 82	
School Tax,	1295 00	
Town Tax,	2500 00	
New Road Tax,	193 00	
Percentage added,	285 33	
Total State, County, School, Town and New Road Tax,		\$7364 15

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

District No. 1,	\$110 00	
Percentage added,	22 24	
Total School House Tax, Dist. No. 1		\$1122 24
District No. 2,	\$650 00	
Percentage added,	26 68	
Total School House Tax, Dist. No 2		\$676 68

Residents Highway Tax,	\$2010 28	
Non-Residents Highway Tax,	168 44	
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Total Highway Taxes,		\$2178 72
65 Dogs Taxed,	\$65 00	
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Dog Tax,		\$65 00
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Total Taxes on Collector's book,		\$11,406 79

RATE OF TAXATION.

State, County, Town and School Taxes, are	\$1 10 on	\$100 00
School House Tax, District No. 1, is	44 on	100 00
School House Tax, District No. 2, is	40 on	100 00
Highway Tax is	30 on	100 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN.

NOTES.

One note due F. W. Baptist Society,	\$1103 00	
Interest to March 1, 1878,	1 24	
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Amount of note,		\$1104 24
One note due Congregational Society,	\$2492 34	
Interest to March 1, 1878,	63 05	
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Amount of note,		\$2555 39
One note due Congregational Society,	\$115 22	
Interest to March 1, 1878,	8 90	
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Amount of note,		\$124 12
One note due William T. Lamprey,	\$2582 16	
Interest to March 1, 1878,	199 50	
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Amount of note,		\$2781 66

One note due Fabyan P. Drake,	\$569 76	
Interest to March 1, 1878,	43 97	
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Amount of note,		\$613 73
One note due Abby B. Rollins,	\$973 66	
Interest to March 1, 1878,	74 33	
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Amount of note March 1, 1878,	\$1047 99	
Deduct payment of	\$600 00	
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Amount due on note, March 1, 1878		447 99
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Total amount due on notes Nov. 1, 1878,		\$7627 13
Cash in Treasury, March 1,	\$350 28	
Due from Collector Cole,	474 49	
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		824 77
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Balance against Town,		\$6802 36
Town debt, March 1, 1877,	\$8114 02	
Town debt, March 1, 1878,	6802 36	
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Reduction of debt,	\$1311 66	

On petition of S. A. Towle and others, the Selectmen widened and straightened the highway beginning opposite the house of Edward Shaw, thence on the road to Hampton Depot to "Deep Run" bridge in the "Towle road," and awarded damages \$264 07.

The resident highway taxes placed on the Collector's book have been paid in labor on the highway, and the Collector is not held for them agreeably to vote by the Town.

There is \$16.00 due the Town by sales from the Town farm.

JACOB T. BROWN, } Selectmen
WILLIAM E. LANE, } of
JOHN F. MARSTON, } Hampton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received cash in Treasury March 14, 1877,	\$265 85
Outstanding Taxes of 1876,	269 36
Collector Cole on Taxes of 1877,	8922 02
State credits,	433 26
County credits for paupers,	315 47
Sales of Cemetery lots,	79 00
Income of Town Farm,	32 00
Rent of Town Hall,	27 55
Sale of John Lane's goods,	17 76
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Total receipts,	\$10352 27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Outstanding demands,	\$151 00
State Tax,	1480 00
County Tax,	1610 82
School money,	1454 50
School House taxes,	1750 00
Town notes,	1269 97
Interest on Town notes,	179 75
Support of Paupers,	588 39
Highways and Bridges,	610 35
Salaries of Town officers,	449 00
Discount on Taxes,	201 30
Abatement of Taxes of 1876,	11 38
Abatement of Taxes of 1877,	23 04
Non-Resident highway tax worked,	70 72
Incidental expenses,	65 54
Costs of Suits, State vs. T. H. Nudd, and al.	74 72
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Total disbursements,	\$9990 28
Cash in Treasury,	371 99
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	\$10,362 27

TREASURER'S REPORT IN DETAIL.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1877,	\$265 85	
		<u>\$265 85</u>
Outstanding taxes of 1876,	\$269 36	
		<u>\$269 36</u>
Collector Cole on taxes of 1877,	\$8,922 02	
		<u>\$8,922 02</u>
Rail Road tax of State,	\$ 72 01	
Savings Bank tax of State,	274 39	
Literary Fund " "	86 86	
		<u>\$433 26</u>
Total receipts from State,		\$433 26
Rec'd of County for support of John Lane,	\$80 82	
" " Eliza Green,	52 00	
" " Sally Sanborn,	52 00	
" " Sarah A. Philpot,	35 00	
" " Abbie Dunbrack,	18 25	
" " S & B Dearborn,	78 00	
		<u>\$315 47</u>
Total receipts from County,		\$315 47
Rec'd of John M. Pearl lot in Cemetery,	\$16 00	
William E. Lane " "	16 00	
W. H. Blake, guardian lot in Cemetery,	6 00	
Amos S. Atkinson, " "	9 00	
Jacob B. Leavitt two lots " "	32 00	
		<u>\$79 00</u>
Total receipts for Cemetery lots,		\$79 00
Income of Town Farm,	\$32 00	
		<u>\$32 00</u>
		\$32 00

Rent of Town Hall,	\$27 55	
		<u>27 55</u>
Sale of John Lane's goods,	17 76	
		<u>17 76</u>
Total receipts,		\$10,362 27

DISBURSEMENTS OF TREASURER IN DETAIL.

OUTSTANDING DEMANDS.

Paid bill for auditing town accounts of 1876,	\$ 6 00	
" printing town accounts of 1876,	32 00	
Amos S. Atkinson for land and damage of road laid out in 1876,	18 00	
Jonathan Godfrey land and damage,	95 00	
		<u>151 00</u>
Amount of outstanding demands,		\$151 00

STATE TAX.

Paid State Treasurer State tax for 1877,	\$1,480 00	
		<u>1,480 00</u>
Amount of State tax paid,		1,480 00

COUNTY TAX,

Paid County Treasurer County tax for 1877,	1,610 82	
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Amount of County tax paid,		1,610 82

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid School District No. 1,	422 25
" No. 2,	378 75
" No. 3,	174 75
" No. 4,	145 50
" No. 5,	173 00
" No. 6,	160 25
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Amount of School money paid,	1,454 50

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Paid School District No. 1,	1,100 00
" No. 2,	650 00
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Amount of School House money paid,	1,750 00

TOWN NOTES.

Paid Joseph T. Sanborn, Town note in full,	669 97
Abby B. Rollins Town note in part,	600 00
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Amount paid on town notes,	1,269 97

INTEREST ON TOWN NOTES.

Paid Cong. Society int. on note to Aug. 22,	
1877,	124 61
F. W. B. Society interest on note to Feb.	
21, 1878,	55 14
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Amount of interest paid on notes,	179 75

PAUPERS.

Paid Nursing, care and funeral expenses of	
John Lane,	\$196 37
Maintainance of Mrs. Philpot,	33 00

Paid Board and support of Abbie Dunbrack and child,	42 50
Supplies to Samuel & B. Dearborn,	167 67
Board Salley Sanborn 1 year to Feb. 21,	52 00
Board Eliza Green 1 year to Feb. 21 '78,	52 00
Lodging and feeding 227 tramps,	44 85
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Amount paid for paupers,	588 39

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid on turnpike bridge and fence,	\$46 72
road near Dearborn Blake's nook run bridge,	143 20
bridge near E. M. Lamprey's,	44 14
guide boards and railing roads,	25 00
Paid Sundry bills for gravel,	38 00
Edward Shaw land and damage in widen- ing road,	68 47
Aiken S. Coffin land and damage,	146 68
on bride hill bridge,	44 14
repairing "Ann's road,"	4 00
	50 00
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Amount paid on roads and bridges,	610 35

SALARIES.

Paid John M. Akeman Town Clerk,	30 00
Lucy E. Dow, Supt. school com.	25 00
Jacob T. Brown Selectman,	75 00
William E. Lane Selectman,	45 00
John F. Marston Selectman,	45 00
Jacob T. Brown Treasurer,	25 00
William G. Cole Collector,	100 00
Moses A. Dow bell ringer,	80 00
William E. Lane overseer of poor,	5 00

Paid John F. Marston overseer of poor,	5 00	
James W. Blake police,	5 00	
Charles C. Marston police,	5 00	
C. T. Lamprey special police,	2 00	
John Samuel special police,	2 00	
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Amount paid salaries,		449 00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Paid five per cent discount on taxes paid August 1, 1877,	201 30	
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Amount of discount,		201 30

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid William Norris horse lost in 1876,	1 47	
George H. Batchelder's poll tax 1876,	1 85	
J. T. G. Batchelder's " "	1 05	
Charles Blake's " "	1 50	
Charles W. Philbrick, " "	1 48	
Dana Reed, " "	1 50	
Josiah H. Davis, " "	1 05	
Alfred S. Palmer, " "	1 48	
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Amount of abatements of 1876 tax,		11 38
Paid Charles M. Lamprey on land not owned,	4 62	
Simon P. Towle on two female dogs,	4 00	
Reuben S. Moulton on land not owned,	1 50	
J. T. Leavitt " "	46	
Walter L. Drake " "	2 20	
Samuel D. Lane " "	2 00	
Nath'l Batchelder " "	1 10	
M. A. Batchelder on dog,	1 00	
M. A. Batchelder cow lost,	44	

Paid I. T. Brown horse lost,	1 10
James Perkins land over estimated,	4 62

Amount of abatement of 1877 tax,	23 04
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NON RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES.

Paid Sundry non resident highway taxes "work- ed out" on the highway,	70 72
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid C. C. Marston for stove pipe,	1 15
W. G. Cole expense in paying State tax,	4 50
bounty on thirty-eight hawks,	7 60
bounty on two foxes,	1 00
S. Drake labor on side-walk,	10 00
North Hampton tax on town farm,	90
Uri Lamprey selling grass,	1 50
W. H. Blake expense on T. W. Lanes tax,	4 79
E. H. Perkins damage to sheep by dogs,	4 00
E. P. Young, smith bill,	11 39
S. P. Towle rent for tramp house,	10 00
Geo. E. Lane blank books,	4 56
Lewis P. Nudd labor on road,	3 00
stationery and postage,	1 15

65 54

SEA WEED CASE.

Paid Court and justice in case State vs. A. D. Garland,	5 48
Officers fees, in case State vs. A. D. Gar- land,	5 65

Paid Witness fees in case State vs. A. D. Garland,	4 09	
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Cost of suit State vs. A. D. Garland,		15 22

STATE VS. T. H. NUDD FIRST TRIAL.

Paid Court and justice fees,	5 48	
Officers fees,	5 65	
Witness fees,	4 09	
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cost of first suit State vs. T. H. Nudd,		15 22

STATE VS. T. H. NUDD, SECOND TRIAL.

Paid Court and justice fees,	8 13	
officers fees,	7 63	
witness fees,	8 52	
E. G. Eastman, Esq., services and plea,	20 00	
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Cost of second suit State vs. T. H. Nudd,		44 28

JACOB T. BROWN, Treasurer.

Hampton March 1, 1878,

We have this day examined the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending March 1, 1878 and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

URI LAMPREY, }
MORRIS HOBBS, } Auditors.
JOHN H. FOGG, }

Hampton March 2, 1878.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF HAMPTON:—The Annual Report of our public schools is respectfully submitted, as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee.—Charles M. Lamprey, Daniel M. Redman, Joseph L. Leavitt.

Teachers.—Grammar School—Lucy E. Marston, of North Hampton, Horace M. Lane. Primary School—Luella A. Dow.

Scholars not absent or tardy during a term; Alice C. Leavitt, Abbie F. Locke, Charles R. Palmer, George W. Palmer, Geo. C. Perkins, Morris Perkins, S. Freddie Towle, (2 terms)

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee.—J. Westley Dearborn, J. Franklin Marston, Horace Hobbs.

Teachers.—Grammar School—Maria Perkins, Eugene L. Emery of Andover. Primary.—Mary E. Shaw.

Scholars not absent or tardy during a term; Albert R. Brown, John G. Brown, (2 terms,) Lottie H. Brown, George A. Chase, Effie A. Laird, Howard G. Lane, Ida M. Lane, Ida P. Williams. Honorable mention should also be made of Annie M. Marston, who was tardy but twice, and absent not once, during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee.—William H. Blake, John W. Lewis, J. Gilman Mace.

Teachers.—Addie B. Godfrey, S. Albert Shaw.

Scholars not absent or tardy during a term ; George W. Barbour, Ida L. Blake, Joseph A. Blake, Mary A. Blake, (2 terms,) Mary B. Blake, Levi O. Blake, Isa S. Lane, Alice S. Weare.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee.—Stacy W. Brown.

Teachers.—Laura A. Norris, Alice M. Brown of Hampton Falls.

Scholars not absent or tardy during a term ; Lizzie F. Lane, Herbert Perkins, Annie E. Towle.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee.—Josiah J. Dearborn.

Teachers.—Alice M. Lamprey, Maria Perkins.

Scholar not absent or tardy during a term ; Annie C. Taylor.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee.—Clarence T. Brown.

Teachers.—Cora B. Beane of Raymond, Lucy E. Marston of North Hampton.

Scholars not absent or tardy during a term ; Annie J. Howard, Nellie D. Howard.

Besides the scholars mentioned above, thirteen others, in the several schools, have been present every half day, and tardy but once, during a term.

STATISTICS.

	Number of District.	Number weeks of school.	Whole Number Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Visits by Superintendent.	Visits by Prudential Com.	Visits by other Citizens.	Wages of Teachers per month.	Cost per month for each Scholar.
Grammar.	1	15	36	18	8	5	20	\$26 00	\$0 72
	1	15	38	34	5	5	19	45 00	1 18
Primary.	1	15	25	17	5	5	11	15 00	0 60
	1	15	26	18	4	4	10	16 00	0 62
Grammar.	2	16	31	25	5	1	34	23 00	0 74
	2	12	29	25	3	3	29	42 00	1 45
Primary.	2	16	39	30	5	1	39	17 00	0 44
	2	12	32	28	4	3	31	18 00	0 56
	3	8	21	20	2		9	18 00	0 86
*	3	15	27	23	2		7	25 00	0 93
	4	10	21	17	3		13	20 00	0 95
	4	12	21	16	2		5	25 00	1 19
	5	14	8	7	3		7	20 00	2 50
	5	14	9	8	3	1	6	24 00	2 67
	6	12	9	8	3	1	7	19 00	2 11
	6	13	12	10	2		9	25 00	2 08

*School still in session. Statistics up to March 1.

CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.

Our Prudential Committees have been fortunate in securing the services of a corps of teachers, most of whom have long been deservedly popular among us, and all of whom have had a fair degree of success. They have labored faithfully and well; and under their charge the schools have made good progress. Much praise is due the teachers for their efficiency in maintaining good order, and in inspiring their pupils with a love for study, and ambition to excel in the various branches taught.

The one great obstacle to improvement in some of the districts is, as it has always been, the irregular attendance of the scholars. Could parents be brought to see the comparatively little benefit their children derive from school with such inconsistent habits, and the great amount of injury done, not only to the individual child, but to the school as a whole, we should at once see a radical improvement in this respect.

The schools in Districts 1 and 2 have suffered the most severely from this evil. In No. 1, especially during the summer season, many of the children are allowed to be absent day after day to pick berries and for other causes, and after the short vacation, which usually breaks into the middle of the term, numbers stay away altogether. In winter the attendance is better. In No. 2, tardiness is the crying evil. On this point, I need only say that during a single term one scholar was tardy 52 times; another 35; and many more a large number of times, ranging from 10 to 30. The school in No. 5 also suffers from the same cause.

The children should be ambitious not only to be in their places at school every day, but to be there punctually. Absence is sometimes unavoidable; tardiness, rarely.

During the winter, sickness prevailed to some extent in Districts 3 and 4. In both these districts, and in No. 6, the attendance is usually constant and prompt.

Agreeably to a vote of District No. 1, at their last annual meeting, the school in that district has been regraded, so as to make promotion from the Primary Department depend wholly upon proficiency in study, rather than age, as formerly.

TEXT BOOKS AND MAPS.

Most of the text books in use heretofore, have been retained through the year. Acting on the suggestion of my predecessor, and my own judgment, that a change of grammars was called for, I early substituted Quackenbos' latest works on that subject.

At the close of the summer term, the first class in District No. 1 asked for a higher reader than any hitherto introduced in-

to our schools. After careful enquiry and examination, I recommended "Quackenbos' History of the World" to be used as a reader, at the same time giving that knowledge of History which a majority of our scholars would not otherwise obtain. Three of our schools have made use of this book through the winter.

Constant care and watchfulness have been required to keep out of the schools text books not authorized to be used.

In some instances, children from families lately moved into town, have brought the books they have used in other towns. But the greatest trouble on this score has been, that scholars, attending the Academy a part of the year, have come back to the public schools with the text books in use there; not considering that by so doing, they make extra classes, monopolize the teacher's time, which should be given to them and others of the same grade, jointly, and destroy the uniform system which it is our aim to maintain.

New wall maps, (Mitchell's Small Outline,) have been purchased in Districts 4 and 5, which have greatly facilitated the study of Geography in those schools. A similar set is needed in No. 6.

SUGGESTIONS.

I would call the attention of District No. 2 to the fact that their valuable Outline Maps are already becoming considerably worn, owing to the necessity of using the same set in both school rooms. Such frequent rolling and unrolling, taking down and putting up again, injures the maps, even with the most careful handling. And yet, maps are needed in the Primary, as much as in the Grammar Department. Would it not be a matter of economy, as it certainly would be of convenience to the teachers, to purchase a set of smaller maps for the Primary room?

The same suggestion will apply equally to the school in No. 1 where the maps have not been disturbed, and consequently the Primary scholars have had no benefit from them whatever.

Only two of our school-rooms are well supplied with seats for visitors. A settee, or three or four extra chairs, would be an added convenience in each of the others.

Irregular attendance has already been noticed. Is there a remedy? Experience has shown that during the months of July and August, which time covers the best of the berrying season, many will be absent from school; and also, that a recess during the summer term has a breaking-up tendency. Now, if the schools could be so arranged as to have three terms instead of two during the year, with a vacation through the entire months of July and August, both these difficulties, I think would be obviated.

District No. 1 has had the largest amount of schooling during the past year. Nos. 2 and 5 have each had 28 weeks. Take No. 2 as a standard, and suppose that for the coming year, there will also be 28 weeks of school. Now, instead of one summer term of 16 weeks, take two terms of 8 weeks each. The first term would begin May 6, and close June 28. The fall term would begin Sept. 2, and close Oct. 25. Then, with a vacation of two weeks, the winter school would begin only one week later than it did this winter, and close on the last day of January. Any additional money could be expended in lengthening the winter school.

The small districts can have but two terms in the year; but these, it seems to me, could easily be so timed, as to give a vacation through July and August, thus securing uniformly throughout the town, throwing out the hot season, unfavorable to study, and accommodating those scholars who wish to earn money by picking berries.

In closing, I beg leave to make one personal remark. New plans, especially innovations upon long established customs, are not apt to be regarded with favor. Therefore, I wish here to record my hearty appreciation of the unfailing courtesy and support I have received from all the teachers and Prudential Committees, as also from citizens and scholars.

L. E. DOW,

Superintending School Committee.

Hampton, March 1, 1878.