

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF —

Selectmen, Treasurer,

— AND —

Superintending School Committee

— OF THE —

Town of Hampton,

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1881.

— TOGETHER —

With Statement of the Town Debt.

---

EXETER, N. H. :  
THE EXETER GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.  
1881.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

---

*Moderator.*—SEWELL W. DOW.

*Town Clerk.*—JOHN M. AKERMAN.

*Selectmen.*—JOHN F. MARSTON, JOSEPH JOHNSON,  
WILLIAM E. LANE.

*Treasurer.*—GEORGE W. LANE.

*Collector of Taxes.*—WILLIAM G. COLE.

*Superintending School Committee.*—HORACE M. LANE.

*Overseers of Poor.*—WILLIAM E. LANE, JOSEPH  
JOHNSON.

*Supervisors of Check List.*—MORRIS HOBBS, URI LAM-  
PREY, JOHN S. JAMES.

*Auditors.*—GEORGE W. BROWN, HORACE M. LANE.

*Janitor.*—CHARLES DELANCEY.

*Police.*—ANDREW J. PHILBRICK, JOHN W. DEAR-  
BORN.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

---

### INVOICE, APRIL 1, 1880.

Resident Invoice (flowage excepted,)	\$606028 00
Non-resident Invoice, "	65363 00
Flowage Invoice,	6626 00
	<hr/>
Total Invoice,	\$678017 00

---

### Property taxed included in above invoice aside from real estate.

	No.	Valued at.
Polls,	310	\$31000 00
Horses,	255	12540 00
Cows,	438	9135 00
Oxen,	140	5045 00
Hogs,	5	57 00
Sheep,	181	486 00
Carriages,	30	2180 00
Stock in Banks,	76	7600 00
Stock in trade,		7150 00
Mills and Machinery,		2340 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit,		45195 00

## TAXES.

State tax,	\$1468 00
County tax,	2194 44
Town tax,	1800 00
School tax,	1295 00
Percentage added,	288 92
Flowage tax and percentage,	308 00
Dog tax,	63 00
	<hr/>
Total money taxes,	\$7417 36
Resident Highway taxes,	\$1399 76
Non-Resident highway tax	150 12
	<hr/>
Total highway taxes,	\$1549 88
	<hr/>
Total taxes committed to collector,	\$8967 24
Of said taxes the Collector has paid to the Treasurer,	\$7352 29
Highway taxes paid in labor,	1399 76
Balance due from Collector,	215 19
	<hr/>
	\$8967 24

## RATE OF TAXATION.

State, County Town and School taxes, are	\$1.05 on \$100
Flowage taxes, are	4.70 on 100
Highway taxes, are	23 cts. on 100

Money received and paid to the Treasurer aside from taxes of  
1880.

From State, savings bank tax,	309 81	
"    Rail Road    "	199 92	
"    Literary fund,	82 14	
Refunded hawk bounty of year 1879,	66 20	
To Dec. 1, 1880,	61 60	
		<hr/>
Total from State,		\$719 67
From County, for support county poor	156 00	
"    "    aid furnished Babb family,	63 43	
		<hr/>
		\$219 43
Thomas N. Chase, cemetery lot,	16 00	
R. A. DeLancey for wood,	3 00	
Baptist Society, for note,	14 00	
Curtis DeLancey, from Town Hall,	39 40	
Henry Brown, for old bridge plank,	5 50	
Nathaniel Johnson,    "	2 27	
John A. Nudd,    "	50	
Christopher G. Toppan, gravel,	1 00	
Henry Emery,    "	50	
Joseph W. Mason,    "	10	
Joseph Johnson    "	40	
James Lane, for town note,	250 00	
		<hr/>
		\$332 67
		<hr/>
		\$1271 77

TOWN NOTES.

DATES.	PAYABLE TO.	AMOUNT.	ENDORSED.	AMT. DUE FEB. 23.	INT. PD TO.	RATE
Aug. 22, 1876.	Fabyan P. Drake,	569 76		830 60		.05
" " "	William T. Lamprey	2,582 16	Feb. 25, 1880 \$1850	1,275 64		.05
" " "	Congregational Society,	2,492 00		2,554 30	Aug. 22, 1880	.05
Feb. 28, 1879,	James Perkins,	400 00		441 00		.05
Apr. 29, 1879,	Susan Reed,	227 00		243 00		.04
Feb. 9, 1881,	Baptist Society,	1,117 00		1,117 00		.05
Feb. 26, 1881,	James Lane,	250 00		250 00		.04
Principal and Interest of Town Notes nearly			\$6,711 54			
Paid William T. Lamprey's note,		1,275 64				

TOWN REPORT.

Payment on Fabyan P. Drake's note,	425 00	\$1,700 64
Amount due on notes,		\$5,010 90
Cash in Treasury,	\$101 37	
Due from Collector 1879,	37 92	
Due from Collector 1880,	215 19	
		\$354 48
Balance against town,		\$4,656 42

JOHN F. MARSTON, } Selectmen  
 JOSEPH JOHNSON, } of  
 WILLIAM E. LANE, } Hampton.

Hampton, Feb. 26, 1881.

We have examined the above accounts, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

GEORGE W. BROWN, } Auditors.  
 HORACE M. LANE, }

TOWN REPORT.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury beginning of year,	66 92
Balance of Town Hall income, A. D., 1879,	34 51
From Wm. G. Cole, Collector of taxes, A. D., 1880,	7352 29
Outstanding taxes of 1879,	178 70
State, rail road tax,	199 92
State, savings bank, tax,	309 81
State, literary fund,	82 14
State, for hawks, A. D., 1879,	66 20
State, " " 1880,	61 60
	<hr/>
Amount from State,	719 67
Amount " County,	219 48
T. N. Chase, cemetery lot,	16 00
Randolph DeLancey, for wood,	3 00
Gravel sold,	2 50
First Baptist Society, cash,	14 00
Old bridge plank, sold,	8 27
Selectmen of 1879, tax of J. G. Cutler,	33 30
Curtis DeLancey, income of Town Hall, A. D., 1880	39 40
James Lane on town note,	250 00
	<hr/>
Total receipts,	\$8937 99

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid County tax,		\$2194 44
State “		1468 00
School Dist. No. 1,	447 39	
“ 2,	401 11	
“ 3,	185 13	
“ 4,	154 27	
“ 5,	185 13	
“ 6,	169 70	
		<hr/>
		\$1542 73
Cong. society, int. on town note,		124 62
First Baptist society, “		55 15
Wm. T. Lamprey, town note in full,		1275 64
Fabyan P. Drake, on his note,		425 00

## SALARIES.

Paid John F. Marston, Selectman.		\$65 00
Wm. E. Lane, “		45 00
Joseph Johnson, “		45 00
John M. Akerman, Town Clerk,		30 00
Horace M. Lane, Sup. School Com.,		25 00
Uri Lamprey, Supervisor,		10 00
Morris Hobbs, “		10 00
Andrew J. Philbrick, police officer,		10 00
John W. Dearborn, “ “		5 00
John F. Marston, assg. and making taxes,		15 00
Wm. E. Lane, “ “ “ “		15 00
Joseph Johnson, “ “ “ “		15 00
Joseph Johnson, overseer of poor,		5 00
Wm. E. Lane, “ “		5 00
John Brown, ringing bell		30 00
Geo. W. Lane, Treasurer,		25 00
Wm. G. Cole, Collector,		80 00
		<hr/>
		\$435 00



## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid L. T. Sanborn for plank,	\$17 95
John C. Marston for labor on and lum- ber for turnpike fence,	6 90
John F. Marston, freight on plank,	5 00
Dearborn & Berry, labor and material on turnpike bridge,	36 55
Joseph Hobbs, setting guide post &c.,	1 00
Dan'l Littlefield, for plank,	93 39
Aiken S. Coffin, lumber and labor on bridge,	1 00
John C. Palmer, repairing bridge,	3 00
Simon P. Towle, for gravel,	9 70
Elias H. Perkins, "	8 10
Jacob T. Brown, "	3 00
Joseph Mace, "	3 90
Heirs of Jere Elkins, "	17 40
Nath'l Batchelder, "	13 00
Jacob T. Brown, widening road,	35 00
John F. Marston, examining road and bridges,	2 00
John F. Marston, repairing guide post,	1 00
Wm. E. Lane, widening road,	2 00
Joseph Johnson, " and repair- ing bridge,	3 50
E. W. Lane, work on highway,	1 50
Mary A. Batchelder, for lumber,	16 80
John A. James, plow point broke,	1 25
John A. James, labor on bridge,	50
John J. Mace, making snow paths,	1 87
Nath'l S. Locke, "	16 20
John A. James, "	6 30
Jacob T. Brown, "	13 50
Elias H. Perkins, "	14 70

---

Aiken S. Coffin, making snow paths,	8 85
John W. Mace,                    “	29 85
Henry W. Emery,                “	2 85
Jona. G. Lamprey,             “	45
E. B. Batchelder,             “	24 00
Wm. E. Lane, teaming plank and work on bridge,	3 00
Stacy W. Brown, stone for bridge,	4 50

---

\$409 51

---

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

<b>Paid</b> Overseers of poor, for Sarah A. Philpot,	\$52 00
Simeon Shaw, board of Eliza Green,	52 00
David S. Brown, “ Sally Sanborn,	52 00
Simeon Shaw, keeping paupers,	7 00
Simeon Shaw, boarding J. E. Babb and family 23 days,	46 18
Wm. L. Blake, for wood,	4 00
Jere Roby, wood for Lizzie Shaw,	13 00
Geo. A. Blake, removal of body of Sam'l Dearborn from County house to Hamp- ton Cemetery,	3 00
O. H. Whittier, keeping tramps,	3 00
Lizzie Shaw, \$1.50 per week,	30 00
Wm. E. Lane, fare of woman to New- buryport,	40
Jacob T. Brown, wood for poor,	7 00

---

\$269 58

---

 BOUNTIES ON HAWKS.

Paid different individuals, \$66 80

---

## DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Paid Wm. G. Cole on taxes paid previous  
to Aug. 1, 1880, \$227 45

---

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Joseph R. Sanborn, School tax,	\$2 54
Geo. A. Blake, money not owned,	6 03
Jacob T. Brown, dog not owned,	1 00
Emmons B. Blake, money overtaxed,	42
Albert Godfrey,	38
Heirs of Benj. Perkins, land overtaxed,	47
Reuben Moulton, marsh not owned,	40
Jere Roby, " "	2 41
Wm. G. Cole, the following abatements :	
Arthur H. Elkins, tax for 1879,	94
Edwin P. Fogg,	1 17
Lovy Fields,	94
W. H. Kendall,	1 88
Joseph S. Perkins,	94
Jas. Trusdale,	2 50
David P. Batchelder,	1 33
Wm. E. Jewell,	1 17
Wm. O. Taylor,	94
Joshua P. Noyse not of age,	94

---

\$26 40

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Abbott L. Young, for weights and measures,	\$38 50
Abbott L. Young, for freight and expenses,	1 85
Abbott L. Young, for sealing Town weights and measures,	2 90
Wm. T. Merrill, return of births and deaths,	7 75
Wingate & Shaw, printing town accounts,	28 00
Wm. L. Hobbs, exp. on chest,	1 00
Auditing town accounts, A. D. 1879,	4 00
S. W. Dow, service as Moderator,	5 00
John Brown, labor in Cemeteries,	32 50
“ digging grave, S. Dearborn,	2 50
“ hook and staples for Cemetery gate,	20
Dr. Merrill, med. attendance of Mr. Babb, transient traveller,	16 00
Wm. E. Lane, repairing guide post,	50
Uri Lamprey, case Hampton vs. Hill,	15 57
John F. Marston, journey to Concord to pay State tax and settle for Hawks,	6 00
John F. Marston, two journeys to Exeter for advice,	3 00
Gilman Marston, for advice,	5 00
Geo. W. Lane & Co. nails &c.,	5 22
Geo. W. Brown, Auditor, A. D. 1880,	2 00
Horace M. Lane, “ “	2 00
Alba C. Taylor, lamb killed by dogs,	3 00
Washington H. Hobbs, “ “	4 00
Dearborn T. Blake, sheep “	4 00
Emmons B. Blake, “	4 00
Stacey W. Brown, “	12 00
John H. Fogg, “	4 00

Ira E. Lane,	by dogs,	4 00
Jere Marston,	"	2 50
Eldridge A. Knowles,	"	4 00
Wm. G. Cole, non-resident highway tax,		66 84
Eben Lamprey, work on town well,		8 25
Jona. G. Lamprey,	"	8 25
Simon P. Towle, stone &c., for town well,		5 00
Ira E. Lane, labor on town well,		7 87

---

**\$316 30**

SUMMARY.

Receipts, **\$8,937 99**

EXPENDITURES.

State tax,	\$1,468 00
County tax,	2,194 44
Support of schools,	1,542 73
Town notes,	1,700 64
Interest on town notes,	179 77
Services of town officers,	435 00
Highways and bridges,	409 51
Support of poor,	269 58
Abatements,	26 40
Bounties,	66 80
Discount on taxes,	227 45
Miscellaneous,	316 30
Cash in Treasury,	101 37

---

**\$8,937 99**

Hampton, Feb. 26, 1881.

GEO. W. LANE, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

GEO. W. BROWN, }  
 HORACE M. LANE, } Auditors.

## REPORT OF THE Superintending School Committee.

### CITIZENS OF HAMPTON:

In pursuance to the usual custom, and according to the law of the state, the following report is respectfully submitted.

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

During the past school year, and also for the preceeding year, the Grammar school of this district has been under the charge of Miss Flora E. Taylor. Judging from appearances, we are of the opinion that both teacher and scholars performed their duties faithfully, worked in harmony and strove to make the school successful and interesting. This school has for some years past enjoyed the reputation of being the best school in town, and its claims are still very strong to enjoy that distinction.

The Primary school of this district has also had no change in teachers for two years, Miss Edna Hardy, of Hampton Falls, being the teacher. When we visited the school the order was good, recitations fair, and the attendance a little below the average.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

The summer and fall terms of the Grammar department were taught by Miss Lydia A. Watson, of Nottingham, N. H. We visited the school some few times during each term and found a want of interest among the pupils, and a disposition to pass over much ground in their studies with hardly sufficient understanding of the principles, or a practical knowledge of the lessons. The order was good, and we think progress was made.

To a considerable extent the same remarks might apply to the winter term which was taught by your committee, but as the term advanced, a growing desire to be more thorough was manifested, and with a better teacher much improvement might have been made. Under the circumstances the scholars have made commendable progress.

The Primary school for the whole year was under the management of Miss Isabel Cole, of this town, who fully sustained her former reputation as a teacher in this and other schools.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

The teacher in this district during the summer term was Miss Clara R. Bean of Deerfield, N. H., who labored hard to perform her duties which she did very satisfactorily. In consideration of the fact that this was Miss Bean's first attempt at teaching we consider it a success.

The winter term has been taught by Mr. S. Albert Shaw of this town. From what we know by observation the order and recitations have been satisfactory, indicating that the school was being managed well. A rebellious spirit, according to the teacher's report, was manifested by some of the largest scholars, which was checked by the teacher in a very summary manner, by the advice of your committee. The cause and manner of the punishment has been criticised very freely, perhaps justly, as we are not sure of all of the facts of the case. A marked improvement in order, however, was immediately noticed.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

The summer term was taught by Miss Fannie F. Carswel', of North Hampton, who had no experience before in teaching but whose literary attainments were good. The school was small in number but there was some interest and progress made. During the winter term which, at this writing, is still in session, the scholars have been under charge of Miss Sarah Shepard of Hampton Falls. The term opened auspiciously, and, for a few weeks it bid fair to be a very successful school; but soon clouds of discontent began to rise, one scholar after another left the school, till it seemed to be but "a vestige of its former self." We do not propose to discuss the question of where the trouble lays, but will simply say that a firm hand with the scholars in other places as well as the school-room would have been beneficial.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Miss Maria Perkins has been teaching in this district during the past year, and when we consider the fact of the small number of scholars, we consider the school a success, inasmuch as a good degree of interest was manifested. The "word method" has been adopted with scholars commencing to read with very good results, one scholar reading very well in words of one and two syllables and not knowing but very few letters of the alphabet. We wish Miss Perkins had a larger school.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

This school for the year was taught by Miss B. Izie Blodgett, of Londonderry, N. H. As has always been the case, at least since we have had an acquaintance with the school, the scholars appeared studious and interested, and made a very creditable appearance. We recommend Miss Blodgett to committees in search of a good teacher. I would suggest the propriety of collecting tuition of scholars residing outside of the limits of the district, if it is not already done.



## OUR ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars not absent one-half day during a term.

### [DISTRICT No 1.—GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Marcia A. Garland, Etta M. Leavitt, Carrie R. Leavitt, Abbie F. Locke (year,) Alice G. Locke (year,) Alice M. Mace, Alice I. Palmer (year,) Bessie H. Palmer (year,) Lillian L. Perkins, Annie S. Towle, Austin F. Brown, Percy D. Godfrey, Herbert E. Lamprey, Amos T. Leavitt, Harry Palmer, S. Freddie Towle, Annie E. Lamprey, Carrie M. Lamprey, G. Ervin Garland, Wm. Perkins.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Stella H. Lamprey, Gertrude L. Lamprey, Mabel G. Locke, S. Shurbie Hawbolt, Frank E. Leavitt, Ernest J. Mace.

### DISTRICT No. 2.—GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Nellie M. Mace, Annie M. Marston, Hattie Cole, Clara L. Cutler, Annie E. Cutler, Effie A. Laird (year,) Mamie A. Lane (year,) Katie M. James, Flora W. Shaw, (year,) Stella Holmes, John G. Brown (year,) Albert R. Brown (year,) Ernest G. Cole, (year,) Frank S. James, (year,) Howard G. Lane, (year,) Charles R. Palmer.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Lottie A. H. Brown, Ida M. Lane, (sick one-half day) Charlie Brown, Fred Freeman, Webster Hobbs, Chrissy Toppan, Walter N. Wilcutt, Jamie DeLancey.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

Ida L. Blake, Mary A. Blake, Sarah E. Blake, Lucy E. Blake, Emma L. Blake, Myra E. Felch, (year,) Isa S. Lane, Lena E. Godfrey, George W. Lane, Ernest W. Towle, Bennie A. Blake, Josie A. Blake, Milo W. Hook.

### DISTRICT No. 4.

Ita B. Carter.

### DISTRICT No. 5.

Grace L. Dearborn, John W. Dearborn.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Maude J. Bergh, Nellie D. Coffin, Annette M. Gove, Blanche A. Williams, Gertie Williams, Gracie R. Williams, Ida P. Williams, Frank H. Coffin, (year), Frank S. James, John W. Tarlton, Myron C. Williams, Gussie E. Gove, Benjamin F. Bergh.

We had intended to have made the Roll of Honor consist only of the names of those scholars who had not been absent from school one-half day during the year; but we find scholars desirous of having their names appear in the "town book," and this feeling has a tendency to create an increased interest and regular attendance which we think will pay for the additional expenses.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Names of Teachers.	Le- gth of school in weeks.	Whole No. Scholars.	Average attendance.	Visits by Supt. Committee.	Visits Prudential Committee.	Visits by citizens	Percentage of attendance	Wages of teacher per month.	Cost per month for each scholar
1	Prim. { Edna Hardy,	10	24	21	3	3	12	87	\$17	\$ 71
1		"	10	22	19	2	2	18	86	77
1		"	11	22	14	2	2	7	64	86
1	Gram. { Flora E. Taylor,	10	29	28	3	3	13	96	30	1 03
1		"	10	31	28	3	3	37	90	30 97
1		"	11	44	35	1	1	12	80	32 73
2	Prim. { Isabel Cole,	14	28	22	4		21	79	16	57
2		"	14	29	22	2		23	76	16 55
2	Gram. { Lydia A. Watson,	14	42	32	3		25	76	30	72
2		Horace M. Lane,	14	42	34			33	81	38 90
3	Clara R. Bean,	8	25	23	3	2	2	8	16	64
3	S. Albert Shaw,	12	28	24	4		15	86	25	90
4	Fannie F. Carswell,	10	9	7	2		13	77	15	1 67
4	Sarah L. Shepard,	14	16	10	3		15	62	30	1 87
5	Maria Perkins,	7	7	6	1		5	93	20	2 86
5	"	9	6	5	2		14	83	20	3 33
5	"	16	6	5	3		5	83	22	3 66
6	B. Izie Blodgett,	10	14	14	2	3	8	99	18	1 29
6	"	7	12	11	2		18	92	18	1 50
6	"	15	13	12	3	1	4	92	21	1 62

## GENERAL REMARKS.

"Make your report as short as you can," remarked one of the selectmen of a town not a thousand miles distant from Hampton, to the committee of the town. This official, we suppose, had an eye to economy, and evidently regarded such a report as a superfluity, or as a "tale that is told" to use the language of one of my predecessors. Still we think a few remarks would be proper and would recommend that more care should be taken by committees in the matter of selecting teachers. Let it be remembered that an incompetent teacher is dear at any price, and that we have no scholars who are not worthy of good instruction. There is no denying the fact that the teacher is the school, that is, with a good teacher we will have a good school, and no amount and no kind of supervision or anything else that we can name can change this rule.

The teacher having been selected the committee should not consider his duties ended, but should visit the school often, consult with the teacher as to its wants and make suggestions if any are needed. To all connected with our schools we would say be vigilant. "Eternal vigilance" it is said, "is the price of liberty" and it is none the less the price of a good school.

## TEXT BOOKS.

During the year we have caused a change in the geographies. Cornell's series which had been in use upwards of twenty years, were exchanged for Harper's and we think that an increased interest in this branch of study will fully compensate the parents for the expense incurred. Your committee was much gratified with the readiness with which the change was made.

## SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school buildings in District Nos. 1 and 6 are in good condition; in No. 2 a double coat of paint on the outside of the building would add to its appearance and durability; in Nos. 3, 4, and 5, some minor repairs might be made, the cost of which the 5 per cent allowed for repairs would cover; in Nos. 4 and 5 the blackboards are a little better than none, and could be made serviceable with little expense.

Before closing we should consider ourselves derelict in duty, if we failed to speak of the loss that the cause of education has received by the death of our friend and immediate predecessor in office, Mr. Edward W. Leavitt. It is needless for me to speak of the good qualities or of the natural abilities of Mr. Leavitt, for he was well-known and appreciated by us all, and seemed destined to fill a very important position in the affairs of the town. Let us hope that in the near future, some one of the rising generation may be found upon whose shoulders his mantle may worthily fall.

HORACE M. LANE, Supt. School Com.  
Hampton, N. H. Feb. 19th, 1881.