

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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Superintending School Committee,

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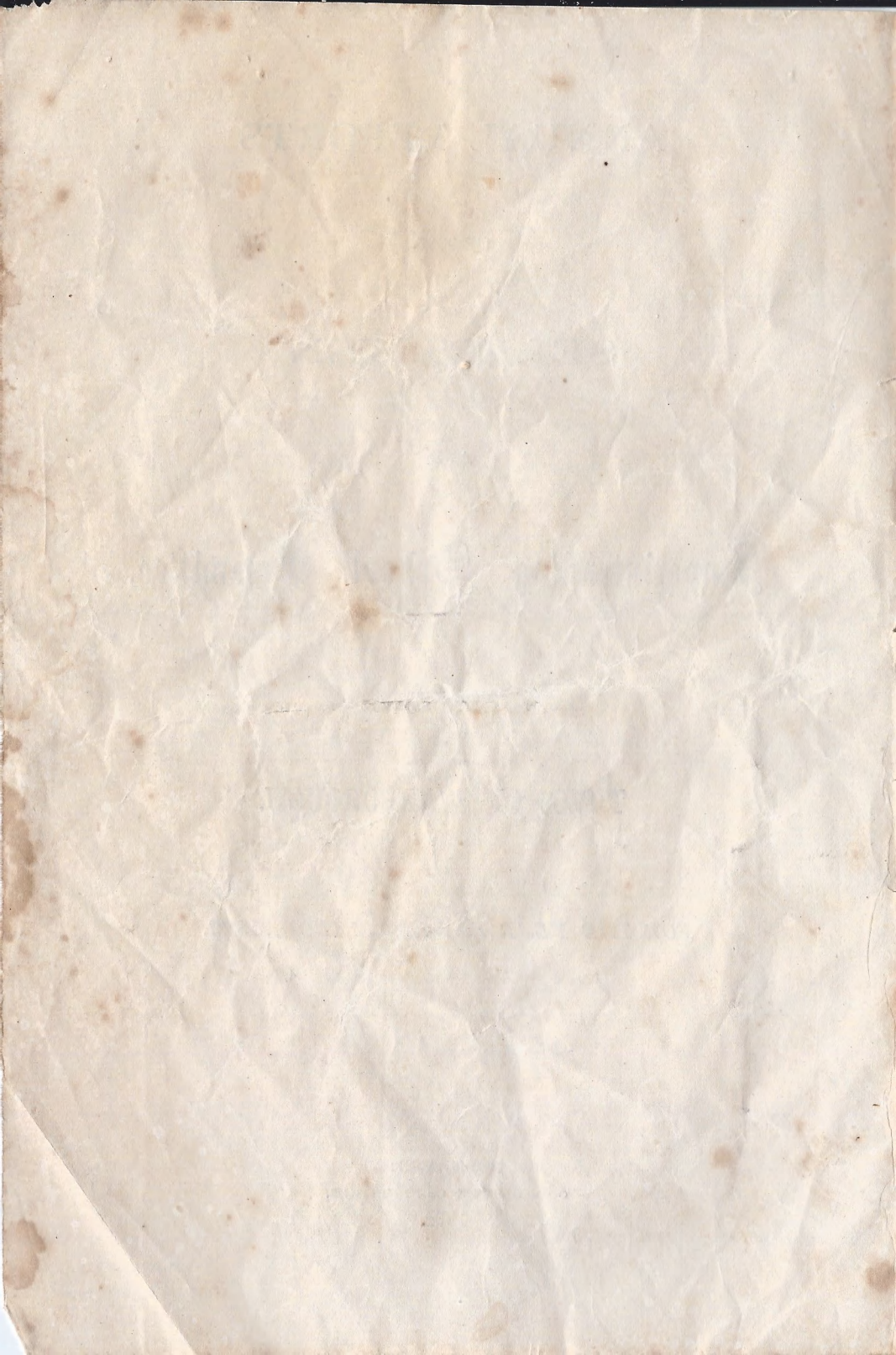
TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1872.

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1872.



REPORT.

OUTSTANDING TOWN NOTES.

Nos.	Amount.	Nos.	Amount.	Nos.	Amount.	Nos.	Amount.
15	\$479 89	166	200 00	231	400 00	293	1,000 00
16	219 10	167	505 80	239	1,000 00	299	375 00
17	248 30	169	600 00	240	500 00	301	300 00
30	200 00	170	500 00	243	900 00	304	805 00
31	200 00	171	676 23	246	90 00	305	165 00
32	300 00	179	1,000 00	247	51 50	306	400 00
39	259 43	180	200 00	251	56 00	309	250 00
40	259 44	183	600 00	254	100 00	310	100 00
54	300 00	185	250 00	256	400 00	313	1,400 00
57	51 50	201	204 00	257	550 00	314	500 00
58	96 92	202	153 00	258	83 90	315	500 00
64	100 00	203	180 00	261	750 00	316	4,000 00
70	400 00	206	216 16	263	112 00	317	1,000 00
89	1,667 00	208	152 59	269	100 47	318	500 00
99	500 00	209	204 00	272	60 00	319	676 00
106	300 00	212	123 93	273	100 00	320	114 33
117	200 00	217	126 32	276	169 42	321	114 33
124	200 00	219	300 00	277	810 84	322	350 00
136	166 40	223	600 00	283	150 00		
155	1,272 00	226	500 00	285	175 00		
160	214 85	229	600 00	286	1,250 00		
164	400 00	230	100 00	289	800 00		
							\$37,135 65

Orders Drawn for the Expenses of the Poor at the Farm.

12	S. & W. Warren, 1 steer,	\$	22 50
17	W. F. Dresser, 1 yoke of oxen,		225 00
19	Smith, Donnell & Co., bill of groceries,		36 35
20	Sewall Fenderson, making and repairing tools,		14 79
21	N. Fenderson, services and doctoring colt,		30 00
22	F. Waterhouse, bill of goods,		39 90
35	Thomas Morrison, labor on farm,		7 75
36	Andrew Hawes, meal,		3 40
45	Ivory Berry, salary in part,		40 00
49	Abial Fenderson, building chimney,		12 50
87	Seth Scamman, salt hay and super-phosphate,		49 47
91	F. Waterhouse, bill of goods,		85 36
119	S. L. Waterhouse, insurance for three years,		24 00
122	Thomas Buckminister, coffin, robe, &c.,		10 75
124	S. A. Nash, medical attendance and medicine,		30 50
138	F. Waterhouse, bricks furnished,		3 33
139	“ bill of goods,		58 41
142	S. R. Snow, blacksmith work,		2 80
143	A. Webb, bill of meal,		12 82
147	Freedom Milliken, tackle and fall for farm,		6 02
151	Ivory Berry, salary up to March 1, 1872,		85 00
150	Ivory Berry, paid out for supplies at farm,		190 89
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			\$991 54

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By cash received for one yoke of oxen,	\$159 91
one, two year old colt,	55 00
products of farm,	418 70
hauling plank and labor on highways,	55 00
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	\$688 61
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Cost of poor at farm above its income,	\$302 93

Expense of Poor living out of Town.

133	S. A. Nash, medical attendance to family of S. Chute,	\$5 00
6	Town of Westbrook, aid to Abbie McKenney,	11 75
11	Town of Saco, supplies for family of S. Chute,	2 25
26	Insane hospital, board, &c., for S. Snow,	36 89
28	S. L. Waterhouse, expenses taking S. Snow to hospital at Augusta,	25 00
52	Orrin Ross, medical attendance on Coolbroth boy Ken- nebunk,	15 00
55	N. H. Carey, medical aid to A. McKenney,	4 00

59	Insane hospital, board S. Snow,	32 50
84	S. A. Nash, medical aid to Hubbard Libby,	7 50
111	Insane hospital, board, &c., Samuel Snow,	39 27
112	G. L. Peaslee, supplies and medical aid to Scribner family, town of Wilton,	42 00
113	Town of Wilton, aid to Scribner family,	35 65
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		\$256 81

Bills paid the present year, contracted prior to Mar. 1871.

134	H. Hight, error on tax of 1870,	\$9 20
4	H. G. Storer, S. S. Committee, 1871,	12 00
5	Gosse, Newhall & Co., printing town report,	22 00
10	Alvin B. Jose, paid for damages to horses,	75 00
13 & 14	Ivory Berry, services in full to April 28, 1871,	75 03
60	Martin S. Perry, error on tax of 1870,	4 00
66	Howard & Cleaves, professional services in part,	150 00
69	William Moulton, laying out road from Blue point to the sea,	3 00
135	Elisha Newcomb, balance in full for personal property received in 1870,	89 00
136	C. E. Staples, surveying line between Cape Elizabeth and Scarboro,	5 25
136	C. F. Moulton, abatements on tax bills of 1869,	205 71
137	“ commission “ “ “	313 33
144	“ interest paid on note 168 in 1870, and not charged to the town,	32 00
148	S. L. Waterhouse, abatements on bills of 1868,	349 18
149	“ commissions “ “	195 61
164	H. Hight, services as auditor of 1870,	5 00
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		\$1,545 31

Roads and Bridges.

130	John Libby, 4th, labor on highway Dist. No. 20,	\$6 00
131	Wm. McLaughlin, labor and materials on highway No. 25,	10 00
7	Joseph Hobson, hemlock plank,	28 00
9	B. F. Carter, hauling plank and repairs on road,	10 00
15	E. Moses, lumber and sawing plank for bridges,	9 54
16	Joseph Hobson, bridge plank and freight,	45 08
25	W. F. Dresser, labor on highway district 28,	12 00
37	Geo. Libby, labor on Sand and Nonesuch river hills,	3 00
38	Geo. W. Carter, plank for bridges,	15 62
43	B. F. Carter, labor on highways,	10 00

46	W. Hanson, labor and stone on Red river brook,	5 00
47	Dexter Libby and others, labor on bridge,	14 00
48	J. S. Meserve, labor and materials on roads and bridges,	17 00
50	John E. Morrison, labor on Philips bridge,	4 00
51	B. F. Carter, labor on roads and bridges,	15 00
53	H. Harmon and H. Manchester, labor and materials on highway district No. 18,	30 00
54	G. & L. P. Warren, bridge plank and labor on bridge, \$13 68 of this was for 1870,	28 98
56	Daniel Carter, labor on highways,	14 00
61	Maurice M. Moulton, lumber for highway,	2 00
63	Jonathan Fogg, labor on highway district No. 12,	5 00
74	Granville Moulton, labor on Phillips bridge,	11 50
65	James S. Libby, lumber for highway,	4 00
71	David O. Plummer, building culvert,	20 00
76	N. H. Fenderson and Ira Moulton, labor and materials for roads and bridges,	34 00
77	Joshua Moulton, labor on highway,	20 00
78	J. S. Meserve, labor on bridge district No. 21,	4 00
79	Friend D. Holmes, labor on highway district No. 13,	5 00
80	George W. Carter " " " " "	6 00
85	Johnson Libby, labor and materials in " " 7,	7 75
86	John F. Meserve, plank for bridges,	26 40
88	Seth Scamman, materials and labor on highway,	7 00
94	W. F. Dresser, " " repairs on highway,	9 00
95	W. F. Remick, labor and monies paid out for repairs on highway district 25,	21 34
96	Benjamin F. Leavitt, re-building bridge district No. 4,	147 00
100	G. F. Merrill, materials and labor district No. 14,	17 50
101	B. W. Leavitt, paid to J. Detry and N. Moses, for labor on bridge near the mill of E. Moses,	19 00
102	W. S. Richardson, labor on district No. 18,	32 95
103	John Merrill, building water course in district No. 4,	7 67
104	Ebenezer Libby, labor on highway,	4 55
105	Charles L. Moulton, labor on highway,	11 00
106	Wm. W. Jose, labor on bridges,	8 00
107	F. S. Deering, labor on highway,	5 00
108	G. W. Pillsbury, " " "	6 00
114	J. W. Libby, repairs on road and bridge,	5 00
120	W. A. Moses, " " highway, District No 20,	6 00
131	A. B. Seavey, labor and material on highway, Dist. No. 14,	12 00
134	H. Harmon and H. Manchester, labor on Dist. No. 18,	5 55
145	John Fogg, breaking road in Dist. No 3.	5 00
146	Hugh Milliken, lumber for bridge, Dist. No. 30,	4 00
153	Henry Moulton, labor on Fogg's bridge,	15 00
154	Granville McKenny, " " " "	2 00
155	Elisha Collins, " " " "	3 00

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Schools.

132	Abraham Plummer, repairs on school Dist. 2,	8 00
1	A. B. Larrabee, for wood in Dist. No. 11,	15 00
2	M. P. Hunnewell, repairs on school house, Dist. No. 11,	21 80
3	Freedom Milliken, stove for District No. 5,	11 00
8	A. B. Larrabee, Furniture and repairs in District No. 11,	7 50
23	Emma L. Durgin, teaching school in District No. 6,	52 50
24	M. A. Pillsbury, " " " " 11,	52 00
27	Arvilla A. Bennett, " " " " 2,	60 00
29	Hattie M. Carter, " " " " 10,	54 00
30	M. A. Smith, " " " " 13,	75 00
31	O. E. Stewart, " " " " 5	72 00
32	F. Milliken, boarding Teacher, District No. 5,	48 00
33	S. L. Waterhouse, insuring school house, District No. 13,	8 50
39	Mary J. Wiggins teaching school in District No. 7,	55 00
41	F. O. McKenney, " " Union District,	66 00
67	M. A. Pillsbury, " " District No. 1,	96 25
68	H. Thurston, wood furnished, " " 10,	16 00
70	Josiah Harmon, " " " " 2,	10 50
72	Geo. W. Libby, repairs on school house, District No. 2,	8 00
75	F. Milliken, wood furnished " " 5,	10 17
89	J. P. Hutchinson, teaching school, " " 5,	130 00
92	E. A. Slemmons, " " " " 7,	93 75
93	Amanda Leavitt, " " " " 4,	60 00
99	W. A. Moses, wood furnished " " 7,	9 50
109	C. W. Pillsbury, teaching school " " 11,	138 50
115	James F. Small, Wood furnished " " 1,	6 50
116	" " teaching school, " " 6,	120 00
117	Arvilla A. Bennett, " " " " 2,	90 00
42,	118, G. P. Libby, boarding teacher, " " 2,	62 00
121	W. A. Moses, repairs on school house, " " 7,	10 00
123	O. F. Perry, teaching school, " " 3,	114 00
125	Dexter Libby, wood furnished " " 3,	15 00
126	Dennis Green, repairs on school house, " " 3,	2 00
127	S. C. Parcher, teaching school, " " 10,	127 50
128	Joel Burnham, wood furnished " " 10,	5 68
129	F. O. McKenney, teaching school, " " 13,	93 00
130	J. B. Sherman, wood and repairs, " " 13,	8 25
132	Richard Leavitt, labor and repairs, " " 4,	34 44
152	Hugh Milliken, wood and repairs, " " 6,	45 75
156	E. F. Sawyer, teaching in Union District,	147 00
157	R. F. Harmon, wood and repairs, Union District,	5 70

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Contingent.

18	John A. Milliken, services in part as Town Clerk,	10 00
34	Jona. Richards, hauling stone from Saco to Buxton to be used as monuments,	3 00
40	Hoyt & Fogg, bill of stationery,	12 35
44	Freeman Libby, land taken to widen the road leading to the clay pits,	10 00
57	Orrin Parcher, surveying road from Dunstan Landing to Blue Point,	2 25
58	Olive Plummer, error on tax,	2 00
62	Granville McKenney, setting monuments between between Buxton, Gorham and Scarborough,	7 40
64	Jonathan Fogg, error on tax bill,	5 00
73	Josiah Harmon, " " " " " "	8 00
81	S. B. Gunnison, services in part as Selectman, Assessor, &c.,	40 00
82	B. F. Carter, " " " " " "	25 00
83	Seth Scamman, " " " " " "	60 00
90	W. Moulton, services as surveyor	1 00
97	John A. Milliken, in full as Town Clerk,	15 00
98	W. F. Remick, error on tax,	2 00
110	W. F. Wilson, " " " " " "	10 12
133	Richard Leavitt, services as Town Agent,	15 25
135	S. L. Waterhouse and others, expenses of witnesses in case of Deering vs. Town,	44 70
141	W. McLaughlin, services,	5 00
140	Turner Knight, abatement Poll tax,	3 00
158	S. B. Gunnison, services in full as Town Officer,	24 50
159	Seth Scammon, expenses to Wilton, pasturing, &c.,	36 95
162	" " services in full as Town Officer,	29 20
160	B. F. Carter, " " " " " "	59 00
161	S. L. Waterhouse, " " " Treasurer,	40 50
163	H. Hight, " " " Auditor for 1871,	5 00
165	S. L. Waterhouse, disc't on taxes paid before Jan. 1, 1872,	616 75
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		\$1,092 97

Inventory.

Farm,	\$2,800 00
Clay Pits,	100 00
1 Yoke of Oxen,	225 00
6 Cows, \$200, 2 year olds, \$50,	250 00
1 Yearling \$18, 1 horse, \$40,	58 00
6 Sheep, \$30, 2 shoats \$25,	55 00
3 tons Marsh Hay, a \$15,	45 00
6 tons English hay \$35,	210 00
1 Mowing Machine,	100 00
1 Horse Rake \$20, Yokes, Bows, Rings, &c., \$8,	28 00

1 Wagon, 20, 1 Harness, \$5,	25 00
1 Harrow, \$5, Rakes and Forks \$3,	8 00
Cart Wheels and Rack \$40, 2 plows \$10,	50 00
Shovels and Manure Forks, \$4, 2 hoes \$1,	5 00
Grind Stones \$4, Sleds \$10,	14 00
1 Pung, \$15, 2 Saws and 2 axes \$3 50,	18 50
Poultry,	10 00
2 1-2 bu. beans, \$7, Barley \$1 50, 3 bu Peas, \$5,	13 50
10 bu. meal \$10, 65 bu. Potatoes \$35,	45 00
Beets Turnips, Carrots, &c.,	15 00
Pork \$10, Flour and Groceries, \$10,	20 00
Household Furniture,	200 00
1 Tackle and Fall,	4 50
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	\$4,299 50

Valuation.

Total valuation of the town,	\$718,373 00
Number of polls,	386
State tax,	3,532 74
County tax,	1,206 30
Money voted for schools,	2,000 00
roads and bridges,	300 00
poor and contingent,	2,300 00
town debt,	2,000 00
interest on town debt,	3,500 00
Overlay on assessment,	728 60
Tax 2 per cent. on a dollar.	
Amount drawn by each scholar,	3 39 4-10

We have settled with the treasurer, S. L. Waterhouse, and report as follows:

Balance in the treasury,	\$7,683 86
Received of C. F. Moulton, on tax bills of 1869,	700 00
" " interest on tax bills of 1869,	32 18
" " cash,	77 63
" " " on tax bills of 1870,	4,706 96
S. L. Waterhouse, " " " 1868,	1,504 24
" " " " " 1871,	7,873 08
products of town farm sold,	418 70
By cash received for colt,	55 00
one yoke oxen,	159 51
notes issued by treasurer,	9,154 66
school fund,	50 28

By cash received for clam permits,	6 50
bridge plank,	3 00
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Total,	\$32,425 60
He has paid out as per vouchers,	31,185 67
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Leaving a balance in treasury,	\$1,239 93

Expenditures.

Expense of the poor at farm above income,	\$302 93
Bills paid the present year, contracted previous to March, 1871,	1,545 31
Bills paid for roads and bridges,	766 43
Contingent,	1,092 97
Bills paid for schools,	2,050 79
Bills paid for poor out of town,	256 81
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	\$6,015 24

Liabilities.

Outstanding notes,	12 2-2	\$37,135 65
“ orders,		934 91
Estimated interest now due,	3376	800 00
Balance due school districts,		336 15
Outstanding demands estimated at,	980	100 00
State and county tax,	220	4,739 04
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	1074	\$44,045 75

Availabilities.

Due on C. F. Moulton's bills of 1870,	\$3,515 77
S. L. Waterhouse's bills of 1871,	7,840 93
Notes and interest of Geo. E. Gilman,	69 96
Newcomb property,	74 00
Balance in treasury,	1,239 93
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	\$12,740 59
Liabilities of town less its resources,	\$31,305 16

The large amount expended upon Roads and Bridges may appear extravagant; but no more has been paid than was absolutely necessary to

keep them passable. Although it was considered that \$300 would be amply sufficient to keep them in good repair during the season, yet the frequent and violent rains in the Spring washed the roads and tore up the bridges so badly that it became necessary to rebuild several culverts and bridges, and expend considerable money outside the highway tax. The bridge on the Portland road, near E. Moses' mill; that on Broad Turn road known as the Phillips bridge; and the Nathaniel Fenderson bridge, have all been rebuilt with stone abutments, also *twelve* smaller bridges and culverts have either been rebuilt or thoroughly repaired, besides newly covering four of the largest bridges in town.

The Selectmen, believing that it would be for the interest of the town to have all outstanding Town Orders called in, would ask you to take some action looking towards such an end.

The suit pending against the Town, at the last annual meeting, by Alvin B. Jose was settled by paying him \$75.

Mrs. Sarah Fenderson was thrown upon the Town, the first of November last, by her son, Tracy Hews, of Saco. A suit for her maintenance has been commenced against him to recover the amount expended, viz, \$40.

A man by the name of Ballard was carried to the Alms House the first of February, sick and lived only three weeks; no relatives.

The Town debt has been reduced about \$1,860.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. GUNNISON,	} Selectmen of Scarboro.
SETH SCAMMON,	
B. F. CARTER,	

Scarboro, March 5, 1872.

Auditor's Certificate.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Report of the Selectmen contains a full and accurate statement of all outstanding Town notes, as appears by the Note Book—also of all Town Orders and bills. For each item they have exhibited satisfactory vouchers.

HORATIO HIGHT, Auditor.

Scarboro, March 4, 1871.



Report of the Superintending School Committee.

In compliance with our statutes we submit our Annual Report of the standing and condition of our schools.

BEECH HILL, DISTRICT NO. 1.

AGENT, WM. FOGG.

Whole number of scholars in District, (about)	30
“ “ “ attending school,	24
Average attendance, - - - -	21

This school, under the charge of Miss Martha A. Pillsbury, has afforded us great satisfaction. The average number of pupils in attendance, as compared with some previous years, has more than doubled itself; and in all respects the improvement in this District has surpassed our most sanguine hopes.

BLACK POINT, DISTRICT NO. 2.

[AGENT, G. W. LIBBY.

Whole number of scholars in District, (about)	69
“ “ “ attending summer term,	49
Average attendance, “ “	38
Whole number attending winter “	46
Average attendance, “ “	37

The misfortune of this District in the loss of its school house by fire, has been happily relieved by the special excellence of the school under the care of Miss Arvilla A. Bennett. Very rarely have we found a school that has afforded us, in all points, as much satisfaction.

OAK HILL, DISTRICT NO. 11.

AGENT, M. HUNNEWELL.

Whole number of scholars in District, (about)	65
Whole number attending winter school,	47
Average “ “ “ “	30

Summer Term: Miss Martha A. Pillsbury, Teacher. The number of pupils in attendance was less than usual in this District, and the improvement of the school was decidedly greater than usual. In the recent retirement of Miss Pillsbury from her long continued and valued labors as a teacher in our town schools we recognize a public loss.

In the winter term, the Teacher, Mr. Chas. W. Pillsbury, was eminently earnest, faithful and indefatigable in his work; and these sterling traits so far compensate for the one fault of the school—a lack of due discipline and order, that in several of the classes we were greatly surprised by a marked advance.

DUNSTAN, DISTRICT NO. 5.

AGENT, FREEDOM MILLIKEN.

Summer Term : Miss Olivia E. Stuart, Teacher.

Whole number of scholars attending school, 46

Average " " " " 35

A good attendance before the vacation, after that the school was small. The school appeared to be well conducted, government good, and the scholars that attended school regular throughout the term, made good improvement.

Winter Term : Mr. J. P. Hutchinson, Teacher.

Whole number attending school, 39.

Average " " " " 36.

The teacher was faithful in the discharge of his duties. The scholars appeared orderly and interested in their studies, and as we should suppose, under such circumstances made good improvement.

SCOTTOW'S HILL, DISTRICT NO. 6.

AGENT, HUGH MILLIKEN.

Summer Term : Miss Emma Durgin.

Whole number attending school, 35.

Average " " " " 27.

The school appeared well, and as this was Miss Durgin's first school, we think she succeeded remarkably well, the school being satisfactory to the committee, and as far as we know giving general satisfaction in the district.

Winter Term : Mr. James F. Small, Teacher.

Whole number attending school, 29.

Average " " " " 17.

This was a small school. At our visit near the close of the school, we found but few scholars present, but those that were present showed a good degree of improvement.

BEECH RIDGE, DISTRICT NO. 7.

AGENT, W. A. MOSES.

Summer Term : Miss Mary J. Wiggin, Teacher.

Whole number attending school, 31.

Average " " " " 25.

We think Miss Wiggin took a deep interest in the advancement of her scholars and labored hard in the instruction of her school, but we think the government was not so good as it should have been.

Winter Term : Miss Ella A. Slemmons, Teacher.

We think Miss Slemmons labored hard to maintain good government in her school, but found it rather hard work. The school when visited appeared tolerably well, and we report it as a fair school.

LIBBY DISTRICT NO. 3.

AGENT, DENNES GREEN.

Miss Olive F. Perry, Teacher.

Whole number of scholars attending, 29.

Average " " " " 24.

Here we found no idle scholar. All were attentive to their studies, prompt in their recitations, and showed an unusual advancement in all branches. We regard Miss Perry as one of our best teachers. She never leads her pupils along by ingenious and leading questions, but rather requires a full and faithful analysis of all principles and lessons, a method which throws pupils upon their own resources, draws out and develops their minds and sets them thinking for themselves.

BLUE POINT, DISTRICT NO. 4.

AGENT, RICHARD LEAVITT.

Miss Amanda Leavitt, Teacher.

Whole number of scholars attending, 27.

Average " " " " 22.

At our first visit the teacher seemed anxious to make her school profitable. But upon our closing visit we found the teacher necessarily absent, therefore we are unable to report progress.

Winter Term: Miss Mary Wiggin, Teacher.

Miss Wiggin has taught this school previous to this term to the entire satisfaction of the parents and committee, and we believe has fully maintained her reputation during the school. The improvement was highly commendable to all.

BROAD-TURN, DISTRICT NO. 10.

AGENT, JOEL BURNHAM.

Miss Hattie M. Carter, Teacher.

Whole number of scholars attending, 24.

Average " " " " 21.

Miss Carter is a teacher of considerable experience, and ranks among our best teachers. During the term she fully maintained her reputation and her pupils made decided improvement.

Winter Term: Sumner C. Parcher, Teacher.

Whole number of scholars attending, 38.

Average " " " " 30.

As Mr. Parcher was quite young, and without the aid of experience, we had some fear that he might not well succeed, but at our first visit, we found the school under good discipline, classes well arranged, and all indicating a profitable school. A contagious disease among the scholars caused the school to close one week sooner than was expected, therefore we are not able to report in full.

COAL KILN DISTRICT NO. 13.

AGENT, J. B. SHERMAN.

Miss Mary A. Smith, Teacher.

Whole number of scholars attending, 40.

Average " " " " 30.

Miss Smith was a fine scholar. She labored hard for the welfare of her school. A part of her pupils made good improvement, while others did not manifest that enthusiasm we could have wished.

Winter Term: Miss Fannie O. McKenney, Teacher.

We found in this school a faithful and well tried teacher, industrious and obedient pupils, with parents who do their whole duty in having their children prompt and regular in their attendance. It is useless to report more.

In conclusion, we congratulate the citizens of our town, upon the general prosperity of our schools during the past year. In no instance has difficulty arisen so seriously mar the harmony existing between parents, teachers or scholars. Your Agent's have been in most cases very successful in procuring competent and experienced teachers, and the improvement in nearly all the schools has been good. Yet we would not have you think your schools as good as they can be, or as good as they ought to be. There are many serious obstacles in the way, but the greatest and worst evil is irregular attendance, and this evil in most cases the result of thoughtlessness on the part of parents, for there are in our town but few parents who are not able to spare their children during the short terms of our schools. Could you individually take the twenty registers of our schools, and see the want of attendance and learn the source of annoyance to your teachers, and the great injury to your schools, you would then see that your money is not spent to the best advantage. This is the greatest difficulty we have to contend with; neither your committee nor teachers can remove it. It remains with the parents to say whether it shall cease or not. When the parent says to the scholar, go to school, and see that they do go, the evil will cease; until then, we must endure it. We have in previous reports urged upon parents to pay an occasional visit to their schools and we are happy to say that in no year have teacher's registers shown so many visits from citizens as during the past year, and we hope these visits may continue to increase. The school room is always open to receive you. The teacher is employed to do your most important work, and it is your privilege and duty to know how he is doing it.

In our list of school books there has been no change, and we hope for the present that this list will not be disturbed, either by the State or Town. We beg leave to suggest, however, to those parents who are really interested in the education of their children, that no young American be allowed to remain ignorant of the history of his own country, and furthermore, some good degree of acquaintance with the laws of health, and with the internal structure and organs of the human body; the knowledge of which would become of great practical value to every one who properly cares for his own body. And we would also recommend to those parents whose children have mastered their "third readers," that instead of purchasing the fourth and fifth readers furnish them some good school-history of the United States, or some book on Natural History like "Hooker's Child's Book of Nature." Either of these will be found not only all that is desirable as a reading book, but beyond that, a source of most desirable information. We regard this suggestion and recommendation as worthy of your earnest and practical attention.

Fellow citizens: In closing our report permit us to express a hope that you will give our schools a generous and hearty support and co-operation, in all measures needed to furnish our children, who are soon to fill our places, with a thorough practical education, and it will ever be to them a source of wealth, prosperity and happiness.

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