ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
Town of Salisbury,
FOR THE
Year Ending March 1st, 1870.

FRANKLIN FALLS, N. H.:
O. A. TOWNE, PRINTER, BOOKSELLER, AND STATIONER.
1876.
Would respectfully announce to the people of Salisbury and vicinity that they will open this spring a much larger stock of

**DRY GOODS**

**Small Wares**

than they have ever kept before.

We make a specialty of

**Dress Goods,**

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We have constantly on hand a full assortment of

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Thanking you for your liberal patronage in the past we hope, by fair dealing, to merit a continuance of the same.

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is something new, and one of the best places to buy anything in his line. The following is a description of a few of the articles you can find there. Everything is of the best quality, and will be sold as low as possible.

**BOOKS.**

Of these we keep a miscellaneous stock. Any book wanted not on hand will be furnished at publishers lowest prices. Bibles, all styles and sizes, at low prices.

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We keep constantly on hand a good assortment of these, especially cap quartos and pocket memorandums. Large books furnished as cheap as can be obtained elsewhere.

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Of this we sell largely, which enables us to keep a fresh stock on hand. We buy none but the best.

Toys to please the young folks of every variety.

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Daily and Weekly papers are kept constantly on hand. Also the best of Magazines. Here you can leave your subscription for any Magazine or Paper published, and have it sent direct to your address. Thus saving postage and trouble of sending away.

Besides the articles mentioned we have a good assortment of fancy articles, such as Combs, Hair Brushes, Perfumery, Autograph and Photograph Albums, Games, Puzzles, Vases, &c.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows: April, 1875, taxes assessed and committed to John B. Dunlap for collection:
Resident $6,711 13
Non-Resident 910 43

The Collector discharges himself as follows:
Paid Town Treasurer cash, highway receipts and
abatements $51,364 2
Amount remaining due from collector of 1875 2,485 14
  " " 1874 703 73
  " " 1873 149 93

$3,338 80

The whole amount of money, abatements, &c., received by the Treasurer from March 1st, 1875, to March 1st, 1876 $15,355 93
Amount of Payments by the Treasurer for same time as above 14,885 45
Balance in the treasury March 1, 1876 $470 48
RECEIPTS.

1875.
March 9, received of last year's Treasurer, $536 66
  20, " of Town of Franklin for support of Henry Bacon 18 00
April 14, " for Bonds 2,600 00
  " premium on Bonds 30 50
  " interest " 40 20
  " of J. B. Dunlap, collector of taxes for 1872 29 47
  " interest " 7 55
  " taxes 1873 325 07
  " interest " 17 58
  " taxes 1874 1,977 99
  " interest " 50 55
  " taxes 1875 5,136 42
  " interest " 7 01
Dec 4, " of State Treasurer Savings bank tax 644 49
  " " railroad tax 52 24
  " " literary fund 84 28
  " of County for support of paupers 549 61
  " of A. L. Ham for Sally Stevens place 25 00
  " for lumber 6 36

$12,132 18

Received for town notes 3,223 75

$15,355 93

EXPENDITURES.

1875.
Paid on town notes $9,100 90
Sep. 1, " County tax 1,005 69
Dec, 4, " State tax 1,124 00
BILLS FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

1875:
Mar. 9, Paid Jonathan Arey $2.48
S. B. Greeley 9.30
S. P. Webster 7.44
Hale P. Shaw 2.48
R. F. Batchelder 9.92
John C. Smith 14.88
Francis B. Calef 2.48
Elbridge Smith 9.30
Urial Rollins 6.20

$64.48

SCHOOL MONEY.

1875.
Mar. 12, Paid G. L. Simpson, money of 1874, Dist.
No. 4 Webster, $6.80
Seth N. Colby, Dist. No. 1 241.90
A. H. Parsons, " 2 191.59
S. B. Greeley, " 3 92.89
F. P. Rand, " 4 78.26
E. G. Shaw, " 5 92.74
William Dunlap, " 6 96.82
D. S. Scribner, " 7 74.60
Samuel Emerson, " 8 54.27
B. F. Eastman, " 9 58.10
E. A. Chase, " 10 49.60
H. P. Shaw, " 11 83.20
J. A. Rowe, " 9 Andover. 3.97
David C. Rolfe, " 4 Webster, 7.00
True Flanders, " 7 Warner, 1.87
Henry C. Couch, " 12 ... 12.86

$1,146.47
SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

1875.
Mar. 27, Paid G. P. Titcomb, med. attendance for Frank Collins $61 00

1876
Feb. 8, Adaline Munroe, board and clothing for J. Munroe 75 00
A. K. Decator, aid furnished Matilda Hardy 28 00
Wm. Dunlap, goods furnished Matilda Hardy 24 26
Feb. 26, C. G. Pevar, coat and pants for Joseph Glines 7 00
Jesse Stevens, boots for J. Glines 3 75
Wm. Dunlap, clothing for 2 31
J. S. Tucker, repairing boots 1 60
Wm. Dunlap, goods for E. Davis 65 00
D. S. Scribner, house rent for 12 00
4 cords of wood for 12 00
J. B. Colby, board of James Dunlap 14 00
Thomas Foote, coffin for 10 00
T. H. Whitaker, digging grave and going after coffin for do. 3 75
Enoch A. Eastman, board of Abigail Gould 51 00
O. N. Tucker, board of Maggie M. Sallie and child 11 70
Calef & Smith, goods furnished Miss Penneman 52 00
Calef & Smith, wood for do. 2 75
Jonathan Arey, " " 8 75
J. S. Dimond, " " 2 00
" goods furnished E. Getchel 31 86
Calef & Smith, " " 3 75
J. Arey, wood " " 4 25
G. P. Titcomb, med. att. for " " 3 00
J. S. Dimond, goods furnished H.
SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Feb. 3, Paid J. B. Colby, board for James Dunlap $59 75
Feb. 25, G. P. Titcomb, med. attendance for
Mrs. E. Scribner 6 00
Amos Chapman, board and lodging transient paupers 9 35
J. Arey, aid to transient paupers 2 50
... services in pauper cases 7 00
C. C. Rogers, services in pauper cases and money paid out 36 80
J. C. Smith, wood furnished H. Bacon. 2 00
S. P. Webster, board and lodging transient paupers 3 00

$126 40

DAMAGES.

1875:
April. Paid C. E. Smith, damage to harness on account of deficiency in the
North Boscawen road 2 00
C. E. Smith, damage on account of the Mill road being impassable 8 00

$10 00

Feb. 29. Non-resident highway taxes paid in labor 1874 25 81
Non-resident highway taxes paid in labor 1875 112 24

$138 05

CURRENT EXPENSES.

1875.
Feb. 24, Paid Wm. Dunlap, Nath. Sawyer, and E. Smith, auditors 1874 6 00
Mar. 12, C. C. Rogers services after settlement 1875 9 00
C. C. Rogers, board of selectmen, auditors, horse keeping and money paid out previous to Mar. 7 1875, 10 00
Jonathan Arey, services and money paid out after settlement 1875 5 80
T. H. Whitaker, services after settlement 5 00
Mar. 23, R. W. Musgrove, for blanks 50
B. W. Sanborn & Co. record books and paper 13 66
Apr. 15, W. H. Fisk, printing town reports 49 00
C. E. Watson, iron work for Pingree bridge 5 10
Mar. 17, Martha C. Gookin, board of Selectmen 10 00
" 19, Pike & Blodgett, counsel as to legali-
Aug. 18, 1876.
B. W. Sanborn, inventory books and paper 1 10
Sep.
C. C. Rogers, cash paid for board and horse keeping when appraising 11 75
Jan. 11,
Sanborn Shaw, for dinners when running town lines 83
Sanborn Shaw, services as appraiser and use of horse 37 00
John C. Smith, services as appraiser and use of horse 34 50
T. D. Little, do. 32 50
Jonathan Arey, do. 40 50
T. H. Whitaker, do. 33 00
C. C. Rogers, do. 40 00
" recording appraisal &c. 5 00
Martha C. Gookin, board of appraisers 2 00
A. C. Pettengill, board of appraisers and horse keeping 2 75
M. C. Webster, do. 2 00
C. E. Smith, do. 3 00
M. J. Stevens, do. 1 25
D. C. Stevens, do. and service 3 00
Feb. 12.
A. H. Martin, services as S. S. Committee 1874 50 00
" 15
B. W. Sanborn, & Co. stationery and laws of 1875 3 06
" 25
D. J. Calef, S. S. Committee 1875 51 55
T. D. Little, perambulating Andover, Warner, Webster and Boscawen lines 11 50
T. D. Little, services as Selectmen in school dist. No. 6 5 00
Elbridge Smith, services as town clerk 30 00
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<td>Services as Selectmen</td>
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<td>Car fare and expenses out of town</td>
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<td>Postage and envelopes</td>
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<td>Jonathan Arey</td>
<td>Board, use of room and horse keeping</td>
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**Total: $941.64**

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.**

1875.  
April 16, Paid Wm. Dunlap, iron for Pingree bridge $24.79

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<td>Work on Pingree bridge, and for lumber</td>
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<td>Luther Huntoon</td>
<td>Work on do.</td>
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<td>A. B. Huntoon</td>
<td>Work on do., self and team</td>
<td>$4.75</td>
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T. H. Whitaker, work on bridge and road  $7.49
Arista Emerson, repairing bridge and drawing plank $6.00
Feb. 26, B. F. Sanborn, cutting bushes in the highway $5.00
M. P. Thompson, extra highway labor  1.65
Henry C. Couch, cutting bushes in the highway 11.39
D. R. McAllister, lumber for bridge and setting guide post 1.50
Whitaker & Huntoon, lumber for bridges 26.54

$101.23

BREAKING ROADS AFTER SETTLEMENT 1875.
1876.
Feb. 25, Evan M. Heath, surveyor  $14.00
G. B. Eastman,  1.00
William F. Pearson,  12.32
Elbridge G. Shaw,  32.75
Frederick S. Fifield,  19.53
Charles F. Green,  12.40
Frank P. Bean,  13.80
Samuel Emerson,  5.70
Daniel F. Searle,  7.38
Henry S. Clough,  19.50
Lyman B. Shaw,  31.40
A. C. Pettengill,  26.50
Silas W. Couch,  12.00
George E. Fellows,  3.27
Nathaniel Sawyer,  8.07
A. B. Huntoon, surveyor       19 00
M. J. Stevens,                9 40
Henry C. Couch,               11 06
G. F. Whitmore, shoveling snow 4 75
G. S. Sanborn,                1 30
Carlos Ordway,                3 10
Isaac Sanborn, cutting through drifts 21 68
A. B. Huntoon,                29 41
                          $319 77

ABATEMENTS.

1876.
Mar. 1, Paid several abatements on tax book 1872  $23 88
          "          "          "          "          " 1873  81 21

ABATEMENTS OF 1874.

Mar. 1, Paid      Edwin Corser,          $2 15
                 Wm. K. Clifford,         54
                 Charles A. Chase,        2 15
                 George F. Elliott,       4 30
                 Charles P. Getchel,      2 24
                 Sargent F. Heath,        3 23
                 Lewis M. Learned,        2 15
                 James C. Nelson,         4 23
                 Henry Pearson,          3 67
                 Charles H. Sawyer,       2 15
                 Dimond Shaw,             3 23
                 Byron Woodward,         2 15
Several abatements tax book 1874  97 91
                  $130 10
ABATEMENTS OF 1875.

1876.
Mar. 1, Paid James A. Stackpole, 3.57
Parker J. Weeks, 3.57
Charles F. Lambert, 2.15
Henry Pearson, 2.15
Several abatements 5.38

$16.82

CLAIMS FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS IN 1875.
Per cent allowed.

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<td>Jonathan Arey.</td>
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<td>5.93</td>
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$61.00

RECAPITULATATION.
Cash received for which town notes have been given $3,223.75
Cash from other sources 12,132.18

$15,355.93
Cash paid on town notes $9,100.90
State tax 1,124.00
County tax 1,005.69
For sheep killed by dogs 1874 64.48
For schools 1,146.47
Support of county paupers 554.81
\[\text{"town"} 126.40\]
Damage on highway 10.00
Non-resident highway taxes 1874 paid in labor 25.81
Non-resident highway taxes 1875 paid in labor 112.24
Current expenses 941.64
Roads and bridges 101.23
Breaking roads after settlement 1875 319.77
Abatements on tax book 1872 23.88
\[\begin{array}{ll}
\text{"} & \text{"} 1873 81.21 \\
\text{"} & \text{"} 1874 130.10 \\
\text{"} & \text{"} 1875 16.82 \\
\end{array}\]
$14,885.45
Balance in the treasury $470.48

Amount of notes against the town with interest added to March 1st, 1876 $8,757.41
Claims for sheep killed by dogs (remaining unpaid) 61.00

$8,818.41

**ASSETS.**

Amount due the town from collector of 1873 $149.93
\[\begin{array}{ll}
\text{"} & \text{"} 1874 703.73 \\
\text{"} & \text{"} 1875 2,485.14 \\
\text{"} & \text{"} on R. B. Kelley's note 140.45 \\
\text{"} & \text{"} on Sally Stevens' estate 81.00 \\
\text{"} & \text{"} of cash in the treasury 470.48 \\
\end{array}\]

$4,030.73
Balance against the town $4,787.68
Respectfully submitted,
C. C. ROGERS, 
JONATHAN AREY, 
THOMAS H. WHITAKER.
Selectmen and Overseers of the poor of Salisbury.

Salisbury, March 1st. 1876.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, Auditors of accounts for the year ending March 1st, 1876, for the town of Salisbury, have attended to the duty assigned them, and have found the accounts of the Selectmen properly vouched and correctly cast, and the indebtedness of the town is correct, as found in the foregoing statement of the account.

WILLIAM DUNLAP, 
NATH'L SAWYER, 
ELBRIDGE SMITH. 
Auditors.
SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE. (South Road.)

Summer Term. This school commenced under the instruction of Nellie A. Walker, but owing to ill health she gave it up after keeping three weeks. Nellie M. Smith finished the term of 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars 21; average attendance 17; wages per month including board $28. Miss Smith worked hard for the best interest of the school, and many of the pupils made good progress.

Fall Term. Nellie M. Smith teacher. Length of term 8 weeks; number of scholars 24; average 16; wages $28. Miss Smith has a peculiar faculty of winning the good will of her pupils. She rules by love, but this being her native district some would fain have taken advantage of her good nature, but were trained into obedience.

Winter Term. Sophia Moulton teacher. Length of term, 12 weeks; wages per month including board, $32; number of scholars, 29; average 26. Miss Moulton is a teacher of great experience, having taught thirty-six years. Under her training the school made good progress. The closing examination was such as to do credit to both teacher and scholars, as the many who were present can testify.
DISTRICT NUMBER TWO. (Centre Road.)

**Summer Term.** Lizzie S. Morgan, teacher. Length of term, 7 weeks; wages, $28; number of scholars, 25; average, 20. This was Miss Morgan's fourth term in this district. The best of order was manifest, and by her faithful labors the school was a successful one.

**Fall Term.** Lizzie S. Morgan, teacher. Length of term, 6 weeks; wages, $28; number of scholars, 30; average, 27. This term, like the preceding one, was a success, and the closing examination was witnessed by many of the citizens who were profuse in their words of commendation and approval.

**Winter Term.** Lizzie S. Morgan, teacher. Length of term, 10 weeks; wages $35; whole number of scholars, 38; average, 33. This was a large school, composed largely of big boys, and with most female teachers would have been hard to govern. The school appeared well at my first visit. Owing to the severity of the weather I did not visit it at its close, but have since learned that the school was orderly, and that good satisfaction was given.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE. (Greeley.)

**Summer Term.** Ella M. Hersey, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks; wages, $16 per month; board was given: number of scholars, 16; average, 13. This was a model school. The teacher evidently knew her business, and accomplished much in the few weeks she was with them. The closing examination was well attended, and was such as is seldom witnessed in town. Miss Hersey was the only teacher in town the past year, that has had the advantage of a Normal School training.

**Winter Term.** Earnest C. Currier, teacher. Length of term, 12 weeks; wages including board, $32; number
of scholars, 16; average, 12. Mr. Currier is a teacher of some experience, and has taught here before, he is a diligent worker, and succeeded well in advancing this school. The reading was especially good.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR. (Scribner's Corner.)

SUMMER TERM. Jennie R. Walker, teacher. Length of term, 9 weeks; wages, $12; number of scholars, 12; average, 11. School appeared first-rate when first visited. Teacher experienced and adapted to the calling. I was not present at its close, but learned that very good satisfaction was given.

WINTER TERM. Frank T. Cheeney, teacher. Length 10 weeks; wages not given; number of scholars, 18; average 16. This district was very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Cheeney, a faithful and efficient teacher, and no less so was he in getting so good a school. There is none better in town. The average age of the 18 scholars is 13 years. There were but 3 in a lower class than the fourth reader. The progress made was unusually good, and the examination was well attended and very interesting.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE. (North Road.)

SUMMER TERM. Addie E. Shaw, teacher. Length 7 weeks; wages, $18; number of scholars, 4; average, 3 3-4. At both of my visits this school was orderly, and appeared well, but too small to make much show, but the few evidently made good progress.

WINTER TERM. Olin J. Kelley, teacher. Length of term 9 weeks; wages not given; number of scholars, 12; average, 11. Some of the scholars learned well, but others were evidently not studious or interested in their lessons,
and made but poor progress. The teacher though a good scholar himself, failed in stimulating his pupils to energetic action. There is but little interest in this district manifested on the part of the parents.

**DISTRICT NUMBER SIX. (Mills.)**

**Winter Term.** Fred. S. Sargent, teacher. The school has kept 10 weeks and is still in session. Wages including board $25 71; whole number of scholars 12; Owing to the condition of the school house, the school is kept in a room fitted up for that purpose in a dwelling house. Report says, it is a good school. Mr. Sargent though without previous experience, appears to be of the right stamp for a teacher. The school appeared well when visited.

**DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN. (Smith's Corner.)**

**Summer Term.** Dora A. Elkins, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks; wages, $12; board given; number of scholars, 6; average, 5 1-2. This was Miss Elkins' seventh term in this district. Though a small school it was a good one. This teacher is worthy of a larger field of labor.

**Winter Term.** Harrison R. Sargent, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks; wages, $30; number of scholars, 12; average, 9. Under the instruction of this veteran teacher, the school made excellent progress. It was orderly, studious and ambitious.

**DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT. (Thompson's Corner.)**

Addie T. Little, teacher. Length of term, 9 weeks; wages including board. $20; number of scholars, 8; average, 7.
There was but one term in this district. A quiet school and good lessons, but too little schooling for great advancement.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE. (Lovering's Hill.)

Summer and Fall Terms. Carrie E. Tucker, teacher both terms; in all 16 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average not given. Wages, $15, including board. This teacher though young and without previous experience, did a veteran's work here. Seldom have I witnessed such energy in any school room, and she succeeded in infusing the same energetic spirit into all of her pupils, and in none of my visits did I witness any thing of indolence or poor lessons. Singing was successfully introduced and practiced. I think good satisfaction was given, and that the teacher had the co-operation of the citizens. In the register I find the names of 27 visitors recorded.

DISTRICT NUMBER TEN. (Mountain.)

Only one term. Hattie F. Davis, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks: wages including board $18: number of scholars, 5: average, 3. This was a quiet little school, neatness and industry were its characteristics. The teacher though inexperienced, gave good satisfaction.

DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN. (Shaw's Hill.)

One term. Sarah A. Pettengill, teacher. Length of school, 7 weeks: wages including board, $20: number of scholars, 11: average, 9. Miss Pettengill is experienced, has taught nineteen terms, and three in this district, she is systematic in her labors, and attentive to the wants of her pupils. Success is the result.
GENERAL REMARKS.

_Fellow Townsmen:_ I submit the accompanying report with a few general remarks.

As my predecessors have gone over the ground pretty thoroughly in preceding reports, there is less necessity of my entering into all the details. In reviewing the foregoing report, it will be noticed that none of the schools are reported failures; and I would here say that as a whole they have been a success. Some to be sure have had inexperienced teachers and short terms; but, notwithstanding, in most cases good satisfaction has been given, and all have been quiet, with no outbreak or serious disturbance. In others the best of teachers have been employed, with years of experience and a natural tact for the business. Such being the case, other things being equal, we may expect profitable schools. In many of the districts there is a lack of interest among the citizens. They do not receive the benefit they might from the expenditure of their money. Every citizen should feel more keenly the necessity of giving the young a good education and proper training at the district schools, and should aid them by every means in their power. The Prudential committee, in the majority of cases do not look after the interests of the school as they should. After a cautious and judicious selection of a teacher, they should see that everything in and about the school buildings is in proper order.
and while the school is in session should occasionally visit it, and, perchance, give the teacher encouragement as well as scholar.

You all know very well that in order to have profitable schools, and get the worth of your money, you should take a deeper interest in them. You should see that you have a proper place to send your children, a good, comfortable, and respectable school house and out-buildings with playground and shade trees. The buildings should be kept neat and in proper repair; should be well underpinned and in winter banked up; and should have some proper arrangement for ventilation,—and should some of the inside walls receive a good coat of whitewash it would improve their appearance and be conducive to the health of both teacher and scholar.

There should be a proper supply of blackboards, as is not the case in some districts. Many of the old ones should be painted before another term of school.

I would recommend that outline maps be placed in every school room. The expense would be small and the advantage very great. Your children should be supplied with the right kind of books, such as are recommended by the school committee, and if parents are not able to get them apply to the committee and they will furnish them at the town’s expense.

Visit the school occasionally, get acquainted with the teacher, and encourage both teacher and scholar by word and deed. By so doing all concerned will be more interested and profited by the school. Irregularity in attendance should be remedied as much as possible, as it is a great hinderance to the success of our schools.

I hope in submitting the foregoing remarks, that whatever suggests itself to your good judgement as being important and worthy of notice will receive the attention it ought, and be put in practice by all.

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