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# VALUATION *and* APPROPRIATIONS.

Polls, (857)	\$85,700 00
Buildings and land,	1,020,030 00
Factories and machinery,	71,850 00
Horses, (295)	20,574 00
Cows, Oxen, other neat stock, over 18 mos. old, (486)	13,920 00
Sheep, over 6 mos. old, (171)	580 00
Hogs, 2 and under exempt, (30)	172 00
Stock in public funds,	20,276 00
Stock in banks and other corporations,	85,800 00
Money on hand, at interest and on deposit.	116,010 00
Stock in trade,	139,588 00
Value of carriages, (over \$50)	7,604 00
	\$1,582,104.00

Scholars—Boys,	246
Girls,	256
	502
Dogs,	231

## APPROPRIATIONS.

Support poor.	\$600 00
Firemen,	990 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00
Library,	400 00
Current expenses,	2,500 00
“ “ precinct,	800 00
Town team,	1,000 00
Highways,	3,000 00
State tax, by law,	4,240 00
County tax, by law,	4,624 78
School “ “	3,710 00
Precinct,	1,250 00
Gilford debt,	3,000 00
	\$26,214 78
State, county, town and school tax, \$12 50 on thousand.	
Highway tax.	1 95 “ “
Precinct tax,	97 “ “
Gilford debt,	4 75 “ “

# TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1880.

D. S. DINSMOOR, TREASURER, in account with the Town of Laconia.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash from B. P. Gale, former treasurer.	\$1,680 83
" " license and use of Common, July 4,	7 00
" " license billiard tables,	39 00
" " S. F. Noble, collector, 1876,	2 94
" " " " " " 1877,	168 25
" " B. M. Sanborn, collector, 1877.	1600 00
" " Jona. G. Dow, " 1878,	166 23
" " " " " " 1879,	2,177 27
" " S. C. Robinson, " 1878,	3,419 95
" " " " " " 1879,	22,400 00
" " F. W. Reeves, drain pipe sold,	4 20
" " insurance tax,	20 63
" " railroad tax,	1,115 56
" " savings' bank tax,	3,213 30
" " literary fund,	198 32
" " P. C. Smith, old bridge lumber sold,	39 67
" " precinct acct. order 208, (paid by error)	43 48
" " notes,	17,370 42
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	\$53,667 05

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid county tax, bal. on 1878,	\$ 1,818 50
" precinct tax, " "	100 00
" library tax. " "	100 00
" " " " " "	400 00
" state tax.	4,240 00
" county tax, in part,	3,824 78
" decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00
" precinct.	1,250 00

.. Gilford debt tax, bal. on 1878,	2,700 00	
.. " " " " 1879,	3,000 00	
.. " " " " bal. and interest,	7,632 73	
.. notes and interest,	8,883 26	
	<hr/>	\$34,049 27

*SCHOOL ORDERS.*

Paid district No. 1,	\$ 3,574 48	
" " " 3,	253 60	
" " " 4,	130 62	
" " " 5,	129 17	
	<hr/>	\$4,087 87

*BREAKING ROADS.*

District No.	Spring of 1879.	Winter 1879-80 to Feb. 15.	
1,	\$27 65	\$62 11	
" " 2,	29 55		
" " 3,	50 37		
" " 4,	47 62		
" " 5,	9 88		
" " 6,	25 42		
" " 7,	15 75	18 63	
" " 8,	21 68	38 33	
" " 9,	10 05	9 43	
" " 10,	9 83	12 15	
" " 11,	2 05	11 11	
" " 12,	3 50	16 43	
" " 13,		6 87	
" " 14,	19 35	27 75	
" " 15,	5 40	7 68	
" " 16,	14 43	12 78	
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	\$292 53	\$223 77	\$516 30

*TOWN TEAM.*

C. H. & E. Snow, one pr. dapple grey mares,	\$434 00	
B., C. & M. railroad, freight on horses,	14 40	
M. Reardon, one pr. horse collars,	10 45	
E. J. Dinsmoor, team harness, etc.,	80 55	
E. P. Osgood & Son, dump-cart,	139 00	
G. Cook, barn,	346 86	
Jesse Merrill, Jr., labor on barn,	8 75	
C. E. Frye, " "	10 30	
Barnum & Webster, painting barn,	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,050 56

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

J. P. Pitman & Co., spikes, nails etc., 1878,	\$ 9 8½	
Mrs. W. F. Noyes, labor dist. No. 2,	8 10	
R. M. Merrill & Co., lumber and labor, 1876-78,	10 97	
Est. Lyman Maloon, labor dist. No. 2, 1878,	2 91	
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Moses Connor, labor,	48 00	\$31 83
Aaron Connor, "	16 62	
G. Cook, lumber,	34 33	
J. H. Powell, concrete,	45 00	
James Judkins, labor,	32 00	
H. C. Shaw, concrete,	10 50	
Geo. S. Rollins, castings for roller and plow.	91 70	
Aaron Connor, labor,	18 75	
Cole Mfg. Co., lumber and labor for roller,	40 00	
Corliss & Bolier, " "	8 75	
G. W. Sanders, straw,	7 67	
A. S. Ladd, hay,	8 44	
B., C. & M. railroad, freight on tools,	9 10	
J. L. Meserve, blacksmith work,	43 25	
J. F. Sanborn, " " and hay,	13 39	
C. W. Durrell and F. D. Sargent, stone, bridge,	213 00	
H. H. Stone, laying brick sidewalk,	23 87	
H. J. Cook, blacksmith work,	6 50	
S. S. Wiggin, grain for horses,	12 35	
" " "	34 40	
J. B. Durrell, hay "	7 16	
Lyman Sanborn, hay for horses,	8 38	
G. W. Rundlett, " "	16 23	
L. F. Perley, " "	5 70	
Est. B. T. Sanborn, straw,	2 00	
S. S. Wiggin, grain for horses,	36 25	
H. J. Crooker, ironing sled, snow plows etc.,	48 50	
Wiggin & Keasor, supplies,	29 44	
J. L. Greenleaf, hay for horses,	2 89	
A. C. Leavitt & Son, hay, brick, coal, etc.,	46 82	
Gardner & Cook, lum. and labor for snow plows,	38 57	



P. C. Smith, paid discounts,	585 57	
"    "    for labor,	1,312 80	
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	\$2,857 93	
Less labor on bridges by town team,	150 00	\$2,707 93
Total am't. of highway tax for district		
No. 1,	\$2,771 65	
Assets, district No. 1, tools, etc.,	231 75	
J. G. Webster, surveyor, district No. 7,	75 10	
"    stone drain,    "    "	30 00	
L. B. Pulcifer, railing Carter bridge, "	14 94	
	<hr/>	\$120 04
C. F. Sanborn, surveyor district No. 8,	61 45	
"    "    "	18 39	
"    "    "	1 85	
	<hr/>	81 69
J. C. Folsom, surveyor district No. 9,	26 35	
"    "    "	1 50	
	<hr/>	27 85
H. H. Eastman, surveyor district No. 10,	36 10	
"    "    "	4 50	
	<hr/>	40 60
C. F. Robinson, surveyor district No. 11,		77 58
F. N. Blaisdell,    "    "    12,		53 64
J. F. Batchelder,    "    "    13,	87 33	
"    "    "	13 26	
	<hr/>	100 59
James Filgate surveyor district No. 14,		26 81
J. H. Smith surveyor district    "    15,	31 35	
"    "    "	2 00	
	<hr/>	33 35
B. S. George, surveyor district No. 16,	94 10	
"    "    "    "	5 00	
	<hr/>	99 10
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		\$3,401 01

## MESSER AND MILL STREET BRIDGES.

B., C. and M. railroad, freight on iron.	72 03
L. M. Ham & Co., iron,	762 83

A. B. Woodward, labor,	50 00	
A. V. Smith, castings,	86 28	
J. L. Pearson, labor,	30 74	
S. W. Sanders, supplies,	66 74	
Wm. H. Jewett, labor,	54 75	
John Edwards, stone work, Mill-st. bridge.	273 94	
Geo. H. Wilkinson & Co., supplies,	42 61	
N. P. Burnham & Co., supplies and labor,	2 28	
John Nichols, labor,	3 75	
J. P. Pitman & Co., nails, spikes, etc.,	51 60	
G. Cook, lumber,	919 75	
J. C. Page, labor,	100 00	
A. L. Davis, plans,	15 00	
Laconia Car Co., material and labor,	222 85	
John Edwards, labor,	9 74	
W. D. Huse, patterns,	3 19	
E. B. Harrington, drawing stone,	27 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,795 58
P. C. Smith, (as per vouchers below),		965 61
John Noel, labor,	76 56	
Moses Connor, "	15 00	
W. W. Hobbs, "	131 00	
A. A. Hobbs, "	71 25	
James Stone, "	11 87	
Samuel Haynes, "	21 25	
L. C. Cheney, "	11 25	
James Judkins, "	42 50	
C. W. Baldwin, "	36 75	
S. L. Twombly, "	5 62	
Simon Cotton, "	3 75	
Philip Blair, "	43 75	
C. C. Rowe, "	3 80	
G. H. Lamprey, "	4 50	
J. A. Seavey, "	2 50	
J. C. Ford, "	19 50	
A. B. Woodward, "	8 95	
H. A. Sanborn, "	11 25	
C. H. Lamprey, "	22 00	
J. W. C. Davis, "	1 75	

J. L. Pearson, labor,	\$4 25	
J. B. Chapman, "	5 00	
Wm. Ladd, "	6 00	
J. S. Chase, "	12 19	
F. E. Grant, "	4 00	
G. P. Folsom, "	2 50	
C. L. Moore, "	22 00	
Joseph Leavitt, "	4 00	
Fred. J. Hoyt, "	3 12	
L. H. Hadley, "	24 75	
C. A. Young, "	3 00	
C. B. S. Watson, "	20 00	
J. Edwards, "	2 25	
C. H. Horn, "	2 50	
P. C. Smith, " and expenses,	155 25	
Town team, labor 33 1-3 days,	150 00	
Total	————	\$3,761 19

*PAID FOR PRECINCT CURRENT EXPENSES.*

C. H. Thatcher, labor at engine house,	33 95
O. L. Andrews, " on fire alarm,	2 25
M. T. Whittier, "	2 00
A. J. Hart, " and expenses,	129 90
C. H. Thatcher, " "	10 10
Truland Bros. printing report, 1878,	25 00
Chas. Williams, Jr., supplies,	6 16
Samuel Eastman & Co., supplies,	25 50
S. B. Young & Co., "	3 75
Boston Dyewood & Chem. Co., supplies,	28 52
Manchester Locomotive Works, "	1 00
J. F. Courtney, labor on hose etc.,	2 00
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies,	10 91
A. J. Farrar, gong, bell, and reflecting lamp,	8 00
R. W. Swain, labor on hose,	2 40
C. H. Thatcher, labor at engine house,	15 47
J. L. Meserve, blacksmith work,	12 75
S. H. Leavitt, labor on engine, etc.	15 00
M. T. Whittier, "	4 95
Hunneman & Co., repairs on engine,	15 00

W. T. Flanders, labor,	\$8 05
M. T. Whittier " "	14 24
O. L. Andrews, " on engine.	15 81
Charles Williams, Jr., supplies.	17 00
Willard Hotel, use of horses,	3 00
R. W. Swain, labor,	3 20
G. Cook, lumber,	7 00
E. J. Dinsmoor, supplies.	3 10
B. C. & M. Railroad, freight.	17 49
H. A. Hall, supplies,	7 24
Geo. H. Lamprey, shingling.	3 81
White Mt. Freezer Co., (see receipts),	43 48
C. P. Clement, labor on steamer.	40 90
Corliss & Boullia, lumber,	8 07
Isaac Fonda, making patterns,	3 10
E. C. Covell, paid for express,	1 15
George E. Chase, labor on fire alarm,	12 00
J. R. Champlin, labor on pipe, etc.,	25 53
J. Gilbert, paper	3 15
Geo. H. Lamprey, labor,	3 61
A. L. Morrison, horse hire.	1 50
W. O. Whipple, labor,	1 70
C. W. Baldwin, " "	1 65
James Judkins, " at steamer house.	10 20
A. C. Leavitt & Son, wood, coal, and shingle,	56 25
N. P. Burnham & Co., pipe fittings and labor,	37 68
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas for steamer and engine house to Feb. 1, 1880,	8 00
C. P. Clement, labor,	9 65
S. W. Sanders, supplies,	6 80

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 \$898 63

*PAID FIREMEN.*

Hook & Ladder Co., town pay to Jan. 31, 1880,	300 00
"          state    "    Nov. 1, 1879,	60 00
Relience Hose Co., " " " "	45 00
"          town    "    "    "	225 00
Steamer Co., " " Jan. 1, 1880,	225 00
"          state    "    "	45 00
Torrent Engine Co., " " Nov. 1, 1879,	84 25

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 \$984 25

## CURRENT EXPENSES TOWN.

L. F. Busiel, water for trough on Main St. 6 mos. to Feb. 15, 1879,	\$10 00
Lewis & Sanborn, printing town report, 1878,	58 50
M. H. Fernald, b'rd J. P. Pitman, 2d selectman,	8 50
D. Corliss, damage to sheep, 1878,	36 00
J. B. Corliss, damage to sheep, 1878,	10 00
A. G. Folsom, use of Hall 1 yr. to Apr. 1, '79,	60 00
Ladd & Keasor, oil, chim'ys &c., St. lamps, '78,	28 41
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	\$211 41
D. B. Nelson, return of 23 deaths and births,	\$5 75
A. Lindsay, " 8 " " "	2 00
T. S. Foster, " 14 " " "	3 50
N. L. True, " 43 " " "	10 75
H. C. Wells, " 2 " " "	50
B. Munsey, " 2 " " "	50
O. Goss, " 10 " " "	2 50
E. G. Wilson, " 16 " " "	4 00
A. C. Leavitt & Son, wood and sawing for se- lectmen's room,	3 50
Lewis & Sanborn, printing,	6 50
S. D. Glidden, handcuffs and badge,	5 00
Truland Bros., printing,	5 75
E. C. Covell and R. H. Carter, care town clock 6 mos. to July 1,	25 00
C. H. Lamprey, stone drag,	3 00
J. L. Meserve, blacksmith work,	7 35
F. H. Coffin, printing,	5 50
Truland Bros., printing,	3 00
F. J. Smith, blacksmith work,	4 80
F. W. Reeves, paid witness fees, Crosby case,	17 21
S. M. Nash, damage to sheep,	3 00
N. Johnson, Jr., stationery,	6 04
" " school books,	7 79
Truland Bros. printing,	4 25
D. J. Dinsmoor, 1 pr. horse blankets,	3 50
J. R. Champlin, street lamps, lanterns, posts, labor, &c.	123 36
A. L. Morrison, horse hire,	39 75

Lewis & Sanborn, printing,	\$6 15
T. J. Merrill, services small pox case,	15 00
H. E. Mace, M. D., services small pox case,	5 00
J. P. Osborne, M. D., services small pox case,	5 00
T. S. Foster, M. D., " " " "	5 00
Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	10 25
E. C. Covell and R. H. Carter, care town clock, 6 mos. to Jan. 1, '80,	25 00
E. P. Jewell, legal services to Dec. 20, '79,	163 48
D. Barnard, legal services to Oct. 15, '79,	101 00
J. L. Meserve, blacksmith work,	7 04
C. F. Stone, use of office for police court to March 1, '80,	45 00
C. H. Lamprey, ice for drinking fountain,	10 00
E. J. Dinsmoor, blankets rep'r'ng harnesses, &c.,	16 42
Laconia Car Co., rent of stable 5 mos.,	16 75
J. S. Howe, horse keeping and hire,	14 00
L. G. Morgan, use of watering trough,	3 00
S. A. Clark, use of team,	3 95
F. J. Smith, blacksmith work,	9 95
L. S. Perley, surveying,	3 00
T. J. Whipple, services, Wiggin & Mead case,	75 00
E. A. Hibbard, legal services,	4 00
Charles Woodburn, teaming,	3 00
A. V. Smith, sled shoes,	3 76
Gardner Cook, interest on lumber bill,	5 29
Noah E. Smith services, Wiggin & Mead case,	17 50
P. C. Smith, cash paid for bounties,	8 00
" " " " out,	65 55
David Blaisdell, use of watering trough,	3 00
L. F. Busiel, water for watering trough to Mar. 1, '80,	20 83
F. W. Reeves, cash paid out,	10 25
J. S. Howe, horse keeping, S. F. Noble, super- visor,	6 35
Daniel Heath, use of land for framing bridge,	5 00
J. P. Davis, materials and labor for sidewalk,	6 75
S. J. Lamprey, cash paid out,	20 65
B. P. Gale, Tr., rent of selectmen's room to March 1, '80,	60 00

Wm. C. Marshal & Co., water for stable,	\$4 17	
J. B. Brown, ladder for lighting st. lamps,	1 00	
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J. B. Brown, lighting st. lamps, Mar. '79,	15 00	
“ “ “ “ Apr. “	15 00	
“ “ “ “ M'y to J'ne '79,	17 00	
J. S. Davis, “ “ 2 mos. to Aug. 5, '79,	26 00	
J. S. Davis, lighting st. lamps, 6 mos. 26 days to Mar. 1, '80,	89 25	
	<hr/>	\$162 25
Laconia G. L. Co., gas st. lights, 4 mos., J'ly 1,	\$125 00	
“ “ “ “ “ 3 “ Oct. 1,	84 00	
“ “ “ “ “ Oct. and Nov.,	92 60	
“ “ “ “ “ Dec.	50 50	
“ “ “ “ “ Jan. and Feb.	84 78	
Ladd & Keasor, oil and chimneys, to Mar. 1,	32 81	
	<hr/>	\$469 69

## TOWN OFFICERS.

H. F. Moulton, supervisor to March 11, 1879,	\$22 00	
P. C. Smith, “ “ “	22 00	
S. F. Noble, “ “ and ex.	26 50	
F. W. Reeves, auditor. “	2 00	
John W. Ashman, “ “	2 00	
S. M. Doe, services as selectman to March 11, 1879,	16 00	
N. Richardson, “ “ “	18 75	
J. P. Pitman, 2d, “ “ “	16 25	
G. F. Leavitt, bal. services as town clerk to March 1, 1879,	53 12	
E. B. Harrington, services as policeman March 31, 1879,	61 50	
C. J. Smith, “ “ “	4 00	
S. S. Wiggin, services as selectman 8 days in March, 1878,	20 00	
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P. C. Smith, services as selectman in part,	100 00	
“ “ “ to Feb. 27,	125 00	
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Geo. F. Leavitt, " town clerk, in part.	\$19 00	
" " " "	20 00	
" " " "	30 00	
" " bal.to Mch.1, '80,	14 50	
	<hr/>	83 50
B. A. Johnson, services as special police.		2 00
E. E. Cutting, " "		2 00
G. H. Corliss, " "		2 00
F. W. Reeves, " selectmen, in part.	100 00	
" " " "	50 00	
" " " to Feb.27	103 75	
	<hr/>	253 75
Board of Education, services as school committee 1 year to July 1, 1879,		60 00
H. F. Moulton, services as supervisor 3 1-2 days,		7 00
T. J. Merrill, " special police,		4 00
Thos. Dolan, " "		2 00
S. F. Noble, " supervisor and expenses 3 1-2 days,		10 00
S. D. Glidden, " policeman, in part,	25 00	
" " " to March		
1, 1880,	20 84	
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Jona. G. Dow, " collector in 1879,		50 00
S. C. Robinson, " " "		250 00
D. B. Story, " overseer poor "		75 00
E. B. Harrington, " policeman to Mar. 1, '80,		45 83
D. S. Dinsmoor, " treasurer in 1879,		75 00
Lydia E. Warner, " supt. school com., 1879,		25 00
Geo. E. Chase, " health officer, to Mar.1,'80,	15 00	
S. J. Lamprey, " selectman to Feb. 27,	160 00	
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Total,		\$3,589 28

*PAID PAUPER BILLS.*

AID IN SMALL POX CASE, MISS JENNIE ELKINS.

F. W. Reeves, paid for burying.	\$10 00
Jefferson Gilbert, coffin and box,	10 00
H. A. Davis, sexton,	4 00
T. S. Foster, medical attendance,	210 00
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	\$234 00

Measures have been taken to recover the above.



*PAUPER ACCOUNT.*

Town of Laconia in account with David B. Story,  
overseer of poor, to March 1, 1880.

Cash received from county of Belknap for support of county paupers,	\$538 31	
“ received of town treasurer.	620 00	
“ left in my hands last year, as per report 1879,	54 70	
	————	\$1,213 01

Which is accounted for as follows:

Cash paid aid to county paupers,	566 81	
“ “ Bela F. Conant,	121 86	
“ “ Hubbard Jackson,	15 26	
“ “ for sup. of Mary A. Severence,	130 00	
“ “ “ Wm. Wilcomb,	76 00	
“ “ aid to Chas. W. Stevens,	99 96	
“ “ Dr. D. B. Nelson, medical aid to J. H. Swain,	73 50	
“ for support of Chas. C. Rowe,	103 00	1,186 80
	—————	
Balance cash in overseer's hands,		\$26 12

DAVID B. STORY,

Overseer of Poor.

**RECAPITULATION.**

Total receipts,		\$53,667 05
	DISBURSEMENTS.	
State tax,		\$4,240 00
County tax, bal. of 1878.		1,818 50
"    in part,		3,824 78
Library " bal. of 1878,		100 00
"		400 00
Precinct tax, bal. of 1878,		100 00
"		1,250 00
Decorating soldier's graves,		100 00
Gilford debt tax, bal. of 1878,		2,700 00
"    " appropriated 1879,		3,000 00
"    " bal. and interest,		7,632 73
Pauper bills,		854 00
Notes and interest,		8,883 26
School orders,		4,087 87
Breaking roads,		516 30
Town team,		1,050 56
Highways,		3,401 01
Bridges,		3,761 19
Precinct current expenses,		898 63
Firemen,		984 25
Town current expenses,		3,589 28
Cash in treasury,		474 69
		————— \$53,667 05
	<b>DANIEL S. DINSMOOR,</b>	
	Treasurer.	

## Financial Condition of the Town March 1, 1880.

### LIABILITIES.

Due E. M. Avery, land damage,		\$200 00
George Sleeper,     "		150 00
on county tax,		800 00
on notes at 4 per. cent., exempt from taxation,	\$11,590 59	
interest to March 1, 1880,	286 67	
	\$11,877 26	
		\$13,027 26
No. 26, Eben Hoyt, May 12, 1879,	1,200 00	38 26
27, Mary W. Young, July 1, 1879,	100 00	2 67
28, Harriet R. Tibbetts " 5, "	400 00	10 40
29, Rhoda Smith,     " 1, "	315 00	8 40
30, Clarinda S. Clark, " 11, "	1,628 00	41 04
31, Sarah J. Shepard, " 11, "	850 00	21 54
32, Nathl. Edwards,   " 11, "	1,000 00	25 33
33, Judith Abbott,    " 11, "	595 00	14 56
34, S. C. Robinson,   " 11, "	579 80	14 69
35, Martha A. Smith,  " 11, "	166 12	4 20
36, Harriet Gale,     " 11, "	400 00	10 13
37, Eben Hoyt,        " 12, "	300 00	7 56
38, Rhoda Smith,     " 15, "	450 00	11 20
39, J. G. Dow,         " 15, "	385 50	9 58
40, Ira Loughton,    " 19, "	200 00	4 88
41, T. F. Page,       " 23, "	100 00	2 40
42, Clara E. Ames,   Aug. 6, "	390 00	8 79
43, Rebecca R. Ames, "     "     "	574 00	12 94
44, Eliza A. Ames,   "     "     "	432 00	9 74
45, John Smith,       " 29, "	500 00	10 00
46, Wm. F. Clifford, Sept. 5. "	325 00	6 28
47, Mary W. Young,   " 8, "	300 00	5 70
48, F. F. Page,       " 15, "	100 00	1 82
49, Cancelled,		
50, Francisco Benitz, Oct. 20, "	220 17	3 15
51, Ella A. Morrison, " 22, "	100 00	1 41

## ASSETS.

S. C. Robinson, tax list, 1879,	\$25,171 46	
Interest collected,	40 97	
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	\$25,212 43	
Less of 5 per cent. discount on taxes paid		
July 1, 1879,	652 78	
of 2 per cent.   "   "   Sept. 1,	10 50	
abatements,	208 24	
paid treasurer,	22,400 00	23,271 52
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		1,940 91
Jona. G. Dow, tax list, 1879,	2,398 65	
Interest collected,	5 70	
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	\$2,404 35	
Less 5 per c. dis on taxes paid July 1, '79,	49 18	
2 per cent.   "   "   Sept.   "	1 61	
abatements,	17 88	
paid treasurer,	2,177 27	2,245 94
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		\$158 41
Due from A. Thompson as per last report,		54 59
"    T. L. Grant, tax list 1869,		565 63
57 shares B., C. & M. railroad stock,		570 00
Pauper bills in process of recovery,		234 00
Stable on Water street,		375 00
One pair horses,		450 00
One cart,		125 00
Harness, blankets, etc.,		84 00
Lot old bridge iron,		20 00
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		\$4,577 54
Liabilities,	4,949 72	
Assumed on Gilford debt,	3,500 00	
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Total liabilities,	\$8,449 72	8,449 72
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		\$13,027 26
Liabilities omitted last year.		
Due town Gilford,	\$437 00	

## ASSETS HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1.

1 sled,	\$35 00	2 grub hoes,	\$1 50
1 roller,	90 00	3 picks,	1 50
4 scrapers,	60 00	1 plow,	14 00
1 harrow,	5 00	1 iron bar,	1 25
1 stone dray,	2 50	1 stone hammer,	2 00
3 chains,	3 75	2 dirt scrapers,	10 00
6 shovels,	3 00	1 wheel-barrow,	1 50
1 steel rake,	75		
			\$231 75

**Town of Laconia in Account with Town of Gilford.**

To amount due town of Gilford in accordance with an act of the Legislature passed June session 1874, annexing school district No. 4 to Laconia, interest from March 9, 1875,	\$20,000 00
Interest to September 15, 1879,	6,000 80
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	\$26,000 80

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1875—Dec. 8, by cash,	2,500 00
1876—Feb. 10, “	600 00
March 13, “	400 00
June 23, “	500 00
1877—March 19, “	2,000 00
1878—March 27, “	2,600 00
1879—Jan. 29, “	1,200 00
May 7, “	1,500 00
June 30, “	1,200 00
July 23, “	3,000 00
Aug. 14, “	1,500 00
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	\$17,000 00
Interest to Sept. 15, 1879,	1,620 97
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	\$18,620 97
September 15, by cash,	6,132 73
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	24,753 70
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Amount due town of Gilford,	\$1,274 10

**Erratum.** Amt. due town of Gilford should read **\$1,247.10**

**Town of Gilford in Account with Town of Laconia.**

To amount due from the town of Gilford for bills paid in district No. 4 Gilford, from date of annexation to March following with interest to March 1, 1879.	\$685 53	
Six months and 14 days interest to Sept. 15, '79,	22 17	<u>\$707 70</u>
Less amount due the town of Gilford for bills paid in district No. 2, Laconia, from date of annexation to March following, with interest to March 1, 1879.	437 00	
Six mos. and 14 days interest to Sept. 15. '79,	14 13	451 13
		<u>256 57</u>
To amount due town of Laconia from the town of Gilford by annexation of district No. 2, as by an act of the Legislature passed June session, 1876, with interest from March 11, 1877.	2,000 00	
Interest to Sept. 15, 1879,	315 89	2,315 89
		<u>\$2,572 46</u>
	Cr.	
1878—March 27, by cash,	600 00	
1879—Feb. 28, “	650 00	
		<u>\$1,250 00</u>
Interest to Sept. 15, 1879,	75 36	1,325 36
		<u>\$1,247 10</u>
Amount due town of Laconia,		<u>\$1,247 10</u>

**Statement of Gilford Debt.**

September 15, 1879, principal and interest,		\$26,000 80
	Cr.	
1875, amount raised and paid over,	\$4,000 00	
1876, “ “ “ “ “	2,500 00	
1877, “ “ “ “ “	3,500 00	
1878, “ “ “ “ “	2,500 00	
1879, “ “ “ “ “	3,000 00	
Interest to Sept. 15, 1879,	1,620 97	
		<u>\$17,120 97</u>
		<u>\$8,879 83</u>
Less amount assumed by Town of Laconia,		3,500 00
		<u>\$5,379 83</u>

**Notes Outstanding at 4 per cent. Exempt from  
Taxation.**

July 11, '79, James M. & Harriet K.		
Burleigh,	\$1,000 00	\$25 33
.. .. " Polly Taylor,	600 00	15 20
.. .. " B. G. Folsom,	1,000 00	25 33
.. .. " E. G. Folsom,	400 00	10 13
.. 15, " Abbie M. Smith,	150 00	3 73
.. 25, " M. Emma Sanborn,	700 00	16 64
Aug. 2, " Horace Whicher,	100 00	2 30
Sept. 1, " " "	300 00	6 00
.. 2, " Jessie S. Towle,	400 00	7 91
Oct. 3, " Horace Whicher,	200 00	3 27
Oct. 20, " Francisco Benitz,	529 83	7 59
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	\$5,379 83	
Interest to March 1, '80,	123 43	
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Cash, March 1, '80,	\$5,503 26	

F. W. REEVES, } Selectmen  
S. J. LAMPREY, } of  
P. C. SMITH, } Laconia.

Laconia, N. H., March 1, 1880.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. TILTON, }  
ORRAN W. TEBBETS, } Auditors.

# The Dickey Reward.

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At the annual meeting of the town of Laconia, holden at Folsom Hall, the second Tuesday of March, 1879, the following vote was taken: Voted, That Benjamin E. Thurston, Augustus Doe, and John G. Jewett, constitute a committee to examine and report, who is entitled to the three hundred dollars reward, offered by the town, for the arrest and conviction of the author of the incendiary fires in the fall of 1876. Also to report whether the town is entitled to the three hundred dollars paid by the county, and in what manner it has been expended.

The Committee have attended to the duties assigned them by said vote, and make the following report:

1st. That the three hundred dollars reward, offered by the town, was wrongfully drawn from the town treasury, and illegally awarded to Andrew J. Hart, and that according to the evidence before us, no one appears to be entitled to the reward.

2d. That we find that the town is entitled to the three hundred dollars, paid by the county, on account of the services of E. P. Jewell, Esq., in the Dickey case.

3d. That said three hundred dollars was appropriated by S. S. Wiggin and Geo. L. Mead in payment for their services in endeavoring to ascertain the author of the fires, and in the Dickey case, for which services they say, they have presented no bills to the town.

B. E. THURSTON, }  
AUGUSTUS DOE, } Committee.  
JOHN G. JEWETT, }

NOTE.—The accounts connected with the matters embraced in the foregoing report may be found at the end of the reports on the Public Library.



# PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF LACONIA:

The Trustees of the Public Library hereby present their Second Annual Report.

During the year 277 volumes having been added to the Library, 98 having been donated and 179 have been purchased. The Library now contains 2,208 volumes, classified as follows:

Juvenile,	339	volumes.
Fiction,	725	“
History,	162	“
Travels and Descriptive,	107	“
Biography,	87	“
Miscellaneous and Complete Works,	216	“
Educational and Scientific,	99	“
Poetry and Drama,	46	“
Religious,	104	“
Reference,	52	“
Public documents,	271	“
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	2,208	“

The following statement shows the use our citizens make of the Library:

Whole number cards issued	1,260
Greatest number books taken out any day,	491
Average number taken each day,	246
Greatest number out at any time,	793
Average number out,	593

Of these the average each day has been as follows:

Juvenile,	48
Fiction,	134
Historical and Biographical	21
Miscellaneous and Complete,	25
Educational, Scientific and Religious,	17
Public Documents,	1

Many more books are necessary to meet the present demands of the people, and in view of the fact that intelligence is the founda-

tion upon which the order and stability of our institutions rest, we hope the above exhibit will induce the people, who are themselves interested, to increase the appropriation for the present year.

A report of the financial condition of the Library is appended.

E. P. JEWELL,  
D. S. DINSMOOR,  
JOHN T. BUSIEL,  
JAMES H. TILTON,  
CHAS. F. PITMAN,  
W. S. THOMAS.

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY, in account with D. S. DINSMOOR, Treasurer.

## CREDIT.

1879.		
Mar. 1,	By balance,	\$1,186 93
“ 7,	“ W. S. Thomas, account books,	7 50
“ 7,	“ cash from sale of catalogues,	26 80
“ 24,	“ E. P. Jewell, account books,	5 34
“ 25,	“ cash from town,	50 00
May 22,	“ “ “	50 00
Dec. 4,	“ “ “	400 00
“ 17,	“ “ from W. S. Thomas, catalogues and fines,	33 99
1880.		
Jan. 9,	“ “ “ John W. Ashman, “ “	31 23
		\$1,791 79

## DEBIT.

To Paid	Estes & Lauriat, books,	\$1126 68
“	W. S. Thomas, stationery,	1 37
“	Lewis & Sanborn, pr't'g catalogues, &c.,	60 00
“	Isaac Fonda, ticket box, etc.,	12 35
“	Truland Bros., printing,	4 00
“	A. G. Folsom, rent, 6 mos.,	36 00
“	Truland Bros., printing,	5 00
“	Geo. Dunbar & Co., punch,	3 00
“	O. L. Andrews, lettering door,	1 00
“	F. W. Reeves, services,	20 00
“	E. Tetley, covering books,	29 00
“	J. P. Pitman & Co., lock, etc.,	1 92

To paid J. M. McClintock, books,	\$2 00	
“ Wigin & Keasor, wood,	3 50	
“ J. M. McClintock, books,	2 00	
“ F. W. Reeves, services,	3 00	
“ Truland Bros., postal cards and printing,	6 50	
“ E. P. Jewell, books and expenses,	25 00	
“ N. Johnson, Jr., books,	7 11	
“ E. Tetley, covering books,	3 50	
“ Lee & Shepard, books,	172 67	
“ J. A. Cline & Co., map of N. H.,	6 00	
“ A. G. Folsom, rent,	36 00	
“ Laconia Gas Light Co., gas,	11 00	
“ W. S. Thomas, services as librarian,	55 50	
“ J. W. Ashman. “ “	62 50	
“ Lewis & Sanborn, printing catalogues,	10 00	
To cash to balance,	85 19	
		----- \$1,791 79

D. S. DINSMOOR.

Laconia, Feb. 27, 1889.

We have carefully examined the above account and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL A. TILTON, }  
 ORRAN W. TEBBITTS, } Auditors.

Accounts Connected with the Matters Embraced in the Report  
on Page 22.

Town of Laconia to S. S. Wiggin,	Dr.
To expenditures and services in investigating incendiary fires, and in Dickey case, as follows:	
To cash paid for team to Meredith,	\$ 3 00
"    expenses to Concord,	3 00
"    for team to Belmont,	2 50
"    expenses to Boston,	10 00
"    "    self and Jewell to Dover,	16 45
"    "    to Littleton,	10 05
"    for assistant night work,	10 00
"    "    secret service work,	100 00
To time 18 days in connection with above items, services from Oct. 13, 1876, to Mar. 10, 1878, not included above,	45 00
	200 00
	\$400 00
	Cr.
By cash received from Jewell, money col. of county,	\$200 00
"    "    reward order,	100 00
"    "    the town,	80 00
	\$380 00
Town of Laconia to George L. Mead,	Dr.
To services in investigating incendiary fires and in Dickey case from Oct. 13, '76, to March 10, '78,	\$200 00
	Cr.
By cash received from Jewell, money collected of county,	100 00
"    "    reward order,	100 00
	\$200 00
Town of Laconia, to Andrew J. Hart,	Dr.
To services in investigation of incendiary fires, and in Dickey case, for which no bill has been rendered,	35 00
To cash paid to assistants employed, by direction of selectmen,	65 00
	\$100 00
	Cr.
By cash received from reward order,	\$100 00

## Report of School Committee.

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I herewith submit the report of the schools in District No. 1, for the year ending March 1, 1880, as made by the Board of Education for that district.

*To the School Committee of Laconia:*

We herewith present the fifth annual report of the Board of Education in district No. 1.

Eight Schools have been maintained in district No. 1, the past year, and this number has proved sufficient for the wants of the district, except that during some portions of the year the primary schools have been somewhat crowded.

The appearance of small-pox among us had the effect of interfering somewhat with the attendance, but happily its speedy disappearance relieved the Board of the necessity of closing the schools.

In point of efficiency the schools are fully up to the average of the past three years. There are still private hindrances to their more effective working, among which are; First, tardiness; parents are responsible for a great deal of this, and can do more to correct the fault than our teachers can. Second, absences from other causes than sickness; we have known parents to take their children from school for purposes of amusement in some cases, and in others to allow them to be absent for reasons whose insufficiency would be apparent upon a proper consideration of what is due their children in this connection. Third, a lack of interest among parents in the welfare of the schools; a hindrance always present

with us, and only to be removed by the parents themselves, though many of them are taking more interest than appeared when the district changed from the old to the graded system of schools. Fourth, the inability of the Board of Education to give the requisite time and attention to the personal supervision of the schools; this is the natural result of choosing men for the position who have business enough of their own to attend to every day, and can best be remedied by hiring a competent man, at sufficient salary to enable him to make the care of our schools his whole business. It is questionable whether the law would allow of such an arrangement, but it promises more benefit to the schools, for the money expended than any plan yet proposed for school management. It is now in operation in Quincy, Mass., and other places. We mention Quincy because a lack of good practical education as the result of the schooling in that town, and an insufficient return for a large amount of money expended, roused the Board of Education of Quincy to an investigation and the adoption of the plan of a paid Superintendent, with so good results as to attract the attention of the whole State. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to dwell upon these few points about our schools.

The aim of the Board of Education has been, and is now, to enable a scholar in our schools to get a practical education in the common school studies knowing well that a superficial knowledge of what children study is not only more easily taught by the teacher and learned by the scholar, but is also the soonest forgotten, perhaps, fortunately for the scholar; accordingly it is with earnestness that we would call upon the parents for hearty cooperation in all the points above mentioned, and thoughtful consideration of any and all new plans that may appear from time to time to improve our schools.

The whole number of different scholars attending school in the district, two weeks or more, during the year was 476, of whom 247 were boys, and 229 girls. There may, also, be others who at-

tended two weeks or more, during the year, but not so long during any single term. The registers furnished by the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the use of teachers, make no provision for reporting such scholars, although school committees are required by law to report the number. Of those reported 15 boys and 14 girls were over 15, and all the others between 5 and 15 years of age. The whole number of children in the district between 5 and 15 years, as enumerated by the selectmen last April, was 462, of whom 128 were boys, and 234 girls. This makes the number 117 less than the preceding year, although we think the number in April, 1879, must really have been quite as large as in April, 1878, and probably larger. School Committees are required by law to report the number of children of each sex between 5 and 15 years of age not attending school during the year. This report cannot be made with accuracy in a community with a population so fluctuating as ours, without burdening committees with an amount of labor which it is evident the makers of the law never contemplated. But an approximation can be reached, and if we take the enumeration of the selectmen last April, to be correct, the number in our district may be estimated at 93, of whom 35 were boys and 58 girls. This result is arrived at by deducting the number between 5 and 15 years of age who attended during the spring term, from the numbers reported by the selectmen.

A statistical table furnishing the information required by law is annexed.

E. A. HIBBARD,	} Board of Education.
CHAS. F. STONE,	
JOHN T. BUSIEL,	
GEO. L. MEAD,	
NOAH L. TRUE,	
W. L. MELCHER,	}

Laconia, March 1, 1880.

Our district schools for the past year have been more than usually successful. A good class of teachers have been employed. There have been a few instances in which the judgment of the

teacher and parent have conflicted, but for the most of the time the teachers have had the support and sympathy of the parents.

The school in district No. 3 has done well during the year. Teacher and scholars seemed interested, and showed good results from their united labors.

In district No. 4 the same teacher has been employed as last year, with the same good result.

In district No. 5 the school made good progress during the year. The parents take a very commendable interest in the welfare of the school, and where teacher and parent are interested there can not fail to be good success.

LYDIA E. WARNER,  
School Committee.









