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Valuation and Appropriations.

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<td>Factories and Machinery.</td>
<td>107,270</td>
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<td>Horses, (367)</td>
<td>25,536</td>
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<td>Oxen, (96)</td>
<td>5,214</td>
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<td>Cows, (325)</td>
<td>8,058</td>
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<td>Other neat stock, over 18 months old, (150)</td>
<td>2,332</td>
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<td>Sheep, (202)</td>
<td>784</td>
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<td>Hogs, (51)</td>
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<td>Carriages, (90)</td>
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<td>Stock in public funds,</td>
<td>5,200</td>
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<td>Stock in banks and other corporations,</td>
<td>102,422</td>
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<td>Value of stock in corporations out of the state,</td>
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<td>Money on hand, at interest and on deposit,</td>
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<td>Stock in trade,</td>
<td>128,272</td>
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<td>Steamboats,</td>
<td>7,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,656,086</strong></td>
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Scholars—Boys, 320.
Girls, 340.

Soldiers—759.
Dogs—204.

**Appropriations.**

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<td>Decorating soldiers' graves</td>
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<td>Support of poor</td>
<td>500</td>
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<td>Library</td>
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<td>Current expenses</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; precinct</td>
<td>700</td>
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<td>Highways</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$23,363 33</strong></td>
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School House tax. District No. 1. $1,000 00

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<td>50 00</td>
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**Rates of Taxation.**

State, county, town, highway and school tax, $15 00 per thousand.

School house tax. District No. 1.

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Exempt from taxation by vote of town. $25.150 00.
Treasurer's Report.

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1883.

Orran W. Tibbetts, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Laconia:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1st, 1882, $3,190 65
Cash from F. W. Reeves, collector's list of 1881, 833 50
  John H. Robinson, " 1881, 71 61
  S. C. Robinson, " 1882, 20,600 00
  John H. Robinson, " 1882, 2,646 00
  Insurance tax, 31 87
  Railroad tax, 1,633 73
  Savings Bank tax, 4,424 19
  Literary fund, 243 80
  John W. Ashman, billiard licenses, 42 50
  S. J. Lamprey, licenses, 54 00
  William F. Clifford, money hired, 400 00
  William J. Morrison, " 400 00
  M. Emma Sanborn, " 500 00
  Horace Whitcher, " 2,000 00
  Mary S. Whitcher, " 1,000 00
  Nellie Whitcher, " 1,000 00
  Belknap Savings Bank, " 1,000 00
  D. O. Burleigh, land damage awarded
    Mrs. Mary E. Osgood, the same being refused, 323 17

$40,395 02

EXPENDITURES.

Paid county tax for 1882, $5,928 33
  Library " 1,000 00
  State " 3,944 00
  Overseer of poor for 1882, 342 18
Paid Decorating soldiers' graves. $100 00
   School Dist. No. 1, Special repairs, 1,000 00
      . . . . 3. . . . 75 00
      . . . . 4. . . . 50 00

School Orders.

Paid district No. 1, $4,187 76
   " " 3, 296 25
   " " 4, 221 93
   " " 5, 123 30

Interest Paid on Notes. $4,829 24

Harriet Gale. 48 59
S. J. Shepard. 74 80
Nathaniel Edwards. 40 00
Harriet K. Tebbetts. 15 00
Mary W. Young. 16 00
Thomas F. Page. 9 32
Martha A. Smith. 22 72
Wm. F. Clifford. 30 56
Clarinda S. Clark. 222 59
S. C. Robinson. 87 65

Notes Paid. $567 23

T. F. Page, note No. 41 and 48. $200 00
Martha A. Smith, " 35. 166 12
Wm. F. Clifford, " 46. 325 00
Clarinda S. Clark, " 30 in part. 777 41
S. C. Robinson, " 34. 579 80

Breaking Roads. $2,048 33


District No. 1. $27 70. $423 04
   " " 7. 46 13. 79 50
   " " 8. 9 51. 128 08
   " " 9. 9 00. 50 31
   " " 10. 104 47
   " " 11. 9 90. 86 95
   " " 12. 14 80. 132 24
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<td>15</td>
<td>525</td>
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<td>16</td>
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$126.79

Roads and Bridges.

G. Cook & Son, lumber. $254.79
J. J. Sanborn, Weirs new bridge. 2,723.64
D. B. Story, new highway at Weirs. 278.71
John Chattel, 16.25

$3,273.39

P. C. Smith, surveyor Dist. No. 1, grade and labor. $21.95
D. O. Burleigh, agent Dist. No. 1, (see his report) 1,881.12
J. Frank Crockett, Dist. No. 7, work done in fall 1881. 125.70
L. D. Head, District No. 7. 66.00
Seth Flanders, 8. 78.02
John C. Folsom, 9. 28.45
Jos. P. Pitman, 10. 42.70
John H. Robinson, 11. 4.60
G. W. Thompson, 12. 87.41
H. M. Sargent, 12. 117.55
John Batchelder, 13. 23.85
D. B. Story, 14. 125.08
John Watson, 15. 34.86
S. C. Moore, 16. 80.04

$2,717.33

Paid for Precinct Current Expenses.

O. L. Andrews, superintendent of fire alarm, 6 months, $25.00
Chas. Conner, labor, 3.00
Marshall Bros., supplies, 19.41
F. H. Champlin, six months care fire alarm, supplies, &c., 48.21
E. E. Cutting, labor, 9.50
F. H. Coffin, printing, 3.75
Alfred Smith, for fire department, 45.79
D. F. Coak, supplies, 7.50
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<td>Geo. F. Mallard, supplies</td>
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<td>A. C. Leavitt &amp; Son. wood and coal</td>
<td>59 59</td>
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<td>A. C. Leavitt, Agt., freight</td>
<td>6 06</td>
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<td>M. A. Fernald. board</td>
<td>1 25</td>
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<td>James Boyd &amp; Sons, repairing hose</td>
<td>10 75</td>
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<td>E. E. Cutting. labor</td>
<td>8 40</td>
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<td>James Judkins. labor and cash paid out</td>
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<td>Silsby M't'g Co., heater and labor</td>
<td>242 70</td>
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<td>J. W. Busiel &amp; Co., waste</td>
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<td>O. L. Andrews, labor</td>
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<td>John H. Boardman. labor</td>
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<td>F. P. Stewart. horse hire</td>
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<td>Boston Dyewood &amp; Chemical Co., supplies</td>
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<td>A. C. Leavitt. Agent, freight</td>
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<td>Chas. Williams. Jr., supplies</td>
<td>6 25</td>
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<td>Fred B. Busiel, labor on steamer</td>
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<td>T. F. Ford, labor</td>
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<td>E. B. Harrington. wood</td>
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<td>Mrs. N. Johnson. Jr., blank books</td>
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<td>J. P. Pitman &amp; Co., supplies</td>
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<td>C. B. S. Watson. team and self, firemen’s parade</td>
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<td>F. A. Durrell, labor and cash paid out</td>
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<td>Geo. L. Mead, supplies</td>
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<td>John Edwards, labor on engine house</td>
<td>26 24</td>
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**Total** $799 66
Paid Firemen.

Steamer Co., town pay to Jan. 1, 1883. $300.00
State 45.00
Reliance Hose Co., town pay to Jan. 1, 1883. 300.00
State 45.00
Hook & Ladder, town pay to Jan. 1, 1883. 400.00
State 60.00
Torrent Engine Co., State pay. 28 13

1,178 13

Paid Current Expenses.

P. C. Smith, writing desk and lamps. $3.00
L. M. Pike, two iron kettles. 4.00
Mary W. Glidden, land damage. 15.00
Laconia Gas Light Co., street lights. 48.96
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights. 17.50
Geo. H. Silsby & Son, blank books. 14.50
John Smith, damage to sheep by dogs. 3.75
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights. 17.50
S. D. Glidden, blacksmith work. 6.60
H. E. Mace, M. D., return of births and deaths. 3.00
S. W. Sanders, tile pipe. 110.40
Seth Flanders, damage to sheep by dogs. 34.00
B. Munsey, M. D., return of births and deaths. 25
A. W. Abbott, M. D.. " 3.00
E. G. Wilson. " 1.25
Geo. L. Mason. " 1.75
D. B. Nelson, " 1.25
T. S. Foster, " 2.00
A. Lindsay, " 2.50
N. L. True, " 10.00
H. C. Wells, " 3.00
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights. 17.50
Laconia Gas Light Co., street lights. 73.52
John W. Ashman, copying. 5.00
John C. Moulton, land damages. 5,900.00
Truland Bros., printing. 7.75
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights. 17.00
John H. Robinson, hay. 42.04
M. R. Marshall, grain. $28.01
E. C. Covell and R. H. Carter care of town clock
6 months, 25.00
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lamps, 18.00
Davis & Donagan, labor and expense setting stone
water fountain, 20.00
James Munns & Co., pipes for granite trough, 10.00
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights, 17.50
Marshall Bros., supplies for water trough, 3.57
Marshall Bros., grain, 24.15
E. A. Paige, paint and labor water trough, 5.99
S. D. Glidden, blacksmith work, 13.53
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street lights, 93.00
E. J. Dinsmore, repairs and supplies, 11.55
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights, 17.50
D. O. Burleigh, land damage continuation of Bowman street, 617.13
Geo. A. Leavitt, for straw, 5.92
S. D. Glidden, blacksmithing, 5.33
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights, 17.50
Gust Walker, pipe, 18.30
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street lights, 106.92
Morrill S. Swain, hay for team, 16.40
S. J. P. Hadley, damage crossing land to L. J.
Kimball's, 10.00
Thos. Ham, surveying, 3.00
A. C. Leavitt & Son, wood and coal, 23.90
M. A. Dennett, repairs on cart, 3.50
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights, 17.50
C. W. Durrell, use of team 1880, 3.75
Marshall Bros., grain, 32.23
S. W. Sanders, tile pipe, 256.32
John F. Merrill, granite and labor, 10.31
S. A. Garland, damage to carriage, 2.50
Bristol Carriage Co., repairs and painting, 9.25
H. J. Crooker, blacksmithing and iron, 47.60
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights, 17.50
E. C. Covell and R. H. Carter, care town clock 6
months, 25.00
S. J. Lamprey, land damage new highway Cooks' shop, $50.00
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing reports and check list, etc., 83.75
D. O. Burleigh, land damage new highway to C.T. Week's, 27.00
Laconia Grist Mill Co., grain, 31.10
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights, 17.50
J. F. H. Watson, straw, 14.55
S. J. Lamprey, land damage new road at Weirs, 303.75
J. H. Warner, lithographing checks, 33.30
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street lights, 186.93
I. Fonda, pattern, 2.00
E. J. Dinsmore, supplies and labor, 5.58
Marshall Bros., grain, 24.75
Geo. L. Mead, supplies, 11.44
Mrs. E. J. Beaman, rent of office, 21.00
C. H. Lamprey, wood at lobby and selectmen's room, 9.12
M. R. Marshall, pumping water at trough, bank square and stable, 23.00
Marshall Bros., pumping water at water trough Court street, 10.00
Belknap Savings Bank, rent, 35.00
S. S. Jewett, rent of police court room, 45.00
L. S. Perley, surveying, 20.00
Wiggin & Co., supplies, 6.95
John Edwards, moving safe, 18.00
A. G. Folsom, rent of hall, 60.00
W. S. Thomas, labor at shop, 1.10
Mrs. N. Johnson, stationary, 5.59
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies, 50.34
David Blaisdell, water trough two years, 6.00
A. L. Morrison, horse hire, 6.75
Joseph Plumer, damage to horse and team, 75.00
Ladd & Keasor, supplies for street lights, 43.29
Warren D. Huse, labor and supplies on water trough, 34.48
D. B. Story, cash paid out, 47.39
S. J. Lamprey, cash paid out, 37.50
D. O. Burleigh, cash paid out, $12.23
L. G. Morgan, water trough, 3.00
J. R. Champlin, supplies and labor street lights, 11.30
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights, 17.50
Jewell & Stone, legal services, 100.00

$9,386.76

Town Officers.

E. A. Rowe, supervisor, $22.50
G. B. Lane, 16.25
J. Fred Batchelder, supervisor, 22.50
P. C. Smith, selectman to March 1, '82, 5.00
Geo. L. Mead for board of education, services as school Com., 60.00
Geo. L. Mead, auditor, 2.00
Wm. F. Knight, 2.00
John W. Ashman, services as town clerk, 92.18
S. J. Lamprey, selectman, 232.50
D. B. Story, 226.00
D. O. Burleigh, 125.00
James Judkins, police, 75.00
Seth D. Glidden, 33.00
Frank Childs, special police, Gove's Point, 10.00
M. L. Staples, nights of Fair, 4.00
D. G. Burns, 4.00
E. B. Harrington, 4.00
H. D. Judkins, at Weirs, 5.00
E. A. Rowe, supervisor, 22.50
Geo. B. Lane, 22.50
John H. Robinson, supervisor, 20.00
Lydia E. Warner, Supt. School Com., 25.00
George E. Chase, health officer, 69.00
Freeman W. Ladd, overseer of poor, 75.00
John H. Robinson, collecting taxes, 50.00
S. C. Robinson, 250.00
O. W. Tebbetts, treasurer, 75.00

$1,547.93
PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Town of Laconia in account with Freeman W. Ladd, Overseer of the Poor, to March 1, 1882:

Cash received of County of Belknap for support of county paupers. $451.07
Received of town treasurer. 342.18

Cash paid for outstanding bills to March 1, 1883, as follows:

N. L. True, medical aid to C. H. Horn family. $25.50
E. G. Wilson, " " " " 19.50
G. L. Mason, " " " " 51.50
Support of Mary A. Severance, 20.00
Cash paid for support of Mary F. Severance, 130.00
M. C. M. Stevens. 19.99
aid to transient poor, 2.00
T. S. Foster, medical aid to Mrs. Frank Snow, 16.50
H. E. Mace, medical aid to Mrs. Frank Snow, 5.00
board of Mrs. F. Snow, 28.00
aid to S. C. Taylor, 13.00
E. G. Dow, 7.19
J. W. Ashman, for affidavits, &c., 4.00
for support of County paupers. 451.07

Total receipts. $40,395.02

Disbursements.

State tax, $3,944.00
County tax, 5,928.33
Library tax, 1,000.00
Decorating soldiers' graves, 100.00
Special tax for repairs in School:
Dis. Nos. 1, 3 and 4. 1,125.00
School orders, 4,829.24

RECAPITULATION.

F. W. LADD, Overseer of the Poor.
Interest on notes. 
Notes paid. 
Breaking roads. 
Roads and bridges. 
Pauper bills, (see overseer’s report). 
Current expenses. 
... " precinct. 
Firemen. 
Town officers. 
Cash in hands of treasurer. 

$567 23
2,048 33
1,295 48
5,990 72
342 18
9,386 76
799 66
1,178 13
1,547 93
312 03

$40,395 02

Orran W. Tibbetts, Treasurer.

Laconia, March 2, 1883.

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

John W. Ashman, J
Chas. W. Tyler, J Auditors.

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Financial Condition of the Town March 1, 1883.

Liabilities.

Due Miss Cynthia W. Wilcomb, land damage. $31 50
Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols. .. 12 50
John L. Perley, .. 200 00
Mrs. Mary E. Osgood, .. 323 17
George Pitman or wife. .. 15 00
Benjamin Jewett, .. 25 00
Mrs. A. S. Gordon, .. 5 00
Mrs. R. M. Merrill. .. 1 00
Mrs. M. A. Kelley. .. 1 00
Kimball Cole. .. 15 00
J. D. Bartlett, .. 5 00
Mrs. Ruth Smith. .. 5 00
Miss Helen Whipple. .. 20 00
W. L. Thompson, .. 1 00

on notes. 13,523.99
on interest to March 1, 1883. 599.59

$14,782.85
### Notes Outstanding.

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**Total:** $13,523.09 $599.59

### Assets.

Due from A. Thompson as per last report. $54.59
57 shares B., C. & M. R. R. stock. 570.00
Stable and shed on Water street. 375.00
Land on Water street. 800.00
1 pair of horses. 500.00
Cart, harnesses, blankets, etc.. 150.00
Stone-lifter. 25.00
Due from town of Moultonborough for aid to Charles H. Horn. 166.34

**Total:** $2,640.93
S. C. Robinson's tax list of 1882. $22,982 20
Interest collected. 31 47

$23,013 67

Less 5 per cent. discount on taxes paid before July 1, 1882, 716 95
Less 2 per cent. discount on taxes paid before Sept. 1, 1882, 44 30
Less abatements. 260 63
Paid treasurer. 20,600 00

$21,621 88

Balance due town from collector, $1,391 79

John H. Robinson's tax list of 1882, $2,871 84
Interest collected. 3 33

$2,875 17

Less 5 per cent. discount on taxes paid before July 1, 1882, 86 94
Less 2 per cent. discount on taxes paid before Sept. 1, 1882. 2 81
Abatements, 58 82
Paid treasurer. 2,646 00

$2,794 57

Balance due town from collector, $80 60
Cash in hands of treasurer, 312 03

$4,425 35
Schedule of all discounts on file, $14,782 85
Liabilities March 1, 1883.
Less assets, 4,425 35

Total liabilities March 1, 1883,$10,357 50

Laconia, N. H., March 2, 1883.

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

John W. Ashman. { Selectmen
C. W. Tyler. { of
Laconia.

S. J. Lamprey. } Laconia.
D. B. Story, of
D. O. Burleigh.
## Annual Statement

**Of the Receipts and Expenditures of Highway Dist. No. 1.**

Reed. from Town treasurer, $2,304 16

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**Paid out as per Vouchers.**

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<td>L. Lacroche</td>
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**Total** $2,392 39
Cash paid A. Gignor, for labor, $7.50
Patrick Trainer, " " 13.50
A. Grant, " " 6.00
C. W. Balch, " " 4.50
Aaron Webster, " " 3.00
C. Woodburn, " " 25
John Coyer, " " 30
A. J. Hart, " " 25
F. A. Durrell, " " 25
H. H. Eastman, " " 1.00
John Nichols, for grade, 16.00
Laconia Car Co., for grade etc, 48.87
Gilford Hosiery Co, " 5.10
W. H. Jewett, " 3.10
Gardner Cook, " 4.50
Charles Carter, " 25.00
Marshall Bros., for use of team, 61.67
John Edwards, for grade, 70
R. Gove, amount of highway tax, 24.69
Charles Carter. for curb store, 6.48
John Edwards, for use of bus, 1.00
D. O. Burleigh, for labor, 410.00
Rowe & Keasor, allowance on highway tax, 9.60

**Breaking Roads.**

Cash paid Aaron Connor, $102.00
George H. Edwards, 33.90
L. Dippy, 17.70
W. F. Burleigh, 9.30
A. Dippy, 2.10
Jerry Merchant, 11.25
J. Truche, 1.50
H. Tetro, 10.05
J. Tetro, 8.10
J. H. Pickering, 4.35
James Stone, 1.20
E. P. Plummer, 1.80
Frank Merchant, 5.85
H. Garrant 5.85

**Total:** $1,969.35
Cash paid W. Garrant, $2 25
David Edwards, 10 95
D. O. Burleigh, 45 00
C. B. S. Watson, 55 98
John Nichols, 35 56
A. M. Thyng, 8 10
J. C. Ladd, 12 75
Lewis S. Perley, 37 50

423 04
$2,392 39

Laconia, N. H., March 2, 1883.
We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

John W. Ashman, } Auditors.
C. W. Tyler.

Inventory of tools owned by highway district No. 1, March 1, 1883:

1 two horse sled,
1 iron roller,
4 snow scrapers,
1 harrow,
1 stone drag,
Plank for 1 stone drag,
5 chains
20 steel shovels,
2 steel rakes,
1 ice crusher,
3 gravel screens,
1 bush scythe,
1 four-tined fork,
3 hoes,
1 nail hammer,
1 axe,
1 jack plane,
1 tape line,
2 iron concrete kettles,
2 lamps,
15 stone drills,
1 pair pruning shears,
4 grub hoes,
4 picks,
1 plough,
1 steel bar,
5 stone hammers,
2 dirt scrapers,
2 wheelbarrows,
1 concrete roller,
1 concrete heater,
1 hand saw,
1 steel square,
1 bit stock,
1 set bits,
1 spirit level,
1 scythe and snath,
1 2-inch chisel,
1 writing desk,
6 wooden snow shovels.

D. O. Burleigh, Agent.
Public Library.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Laconia:

The Trustees of the Public Library present the following report:

The Library contains 3,371 volumes, classified as follows:

- Juvenile, 438
- Fiction, 1,046
- History, 327
- Travels and Descriptive, 217
- Biography, 171
- Miscellaneous and Complete Works, 337
- Educational and Scientific, 231
- Poetry and drama, 78
- Religious, 136
- Reference, 65
- Public Documents, 322

3,371

During the year 447 volumes have been purchased. 273 volumes have been donated.

- Whole number of cards issued, 2,125
- Number issued during the year, 287
- Greatest number of books taken out any day, 404
- Average number taken each day, 208
- Greatest number out at any time, 702
- Average number out, 477
- Total number taken during the year, 21,842

Of these the average taken each day has been as follows:

- Juvenile, 36
- Fiction, 122
- Historical, Travels and Biography, 19
- Miscellaneous and Complete, 13
- Educational, Scientific and Religious, 14
Donations have been made as follows:


218 volumes, to the value of $520.20 have been purchased with the Mrs. Eliza F. Evans fund. The B. P. Gale fund of $1,000 has been deposited with the Treasurer, and the books are now being selected and will soon be in the Library.

In addition to the above donations it is understood by the Trustees that the late Mrs. Helen T. Avery by will bequeathed $1,000 to the Library, the income of which is to be devoted to the purchase of books annually.

All of the above books, as well as others which may be donated in the future will be appropriately labelled showing the sources from whence they were derived.

The Trustees feel under great obligations to those who have thus made the Library an object of such special consideration.

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


Laconia Public Library in Account with D. S. Dinsmoor, Treasurer.

Credit.

By cash in treasury March, '82.

$42 40

1,000 00

Eliza F. Evans, legacy.

520 20

Fines paid.

42 29

Book sold.

66

Books sold.

2 14

$1,607 69

Debit.

To paid Truuald Bros., printing.

$6 75

E. B. Beaman, binding.

58 11
To paid

To paid Truland Bros., printing, $8 50
A. G. Folsom, rent, 100 00
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing, 10 00
Geo. B. Lane, services, 12 00
H. C. Dimond & Co., stamp, 7 00
G. Cook & Son, book cases, 10 00
J. W. Ashman, services and expenses to Boston, 6 10
Wm. F. Chase, do., 8 60
E. P. Jewell, books and do., 35 15
Laconia Gas Co., gas, 18 00
A. C. Leavitt & Son, wood, 3 87
B. C. & M. Railrod. freight, 3 23
W. L. Melcher & Co., insurance, 20 00
M. T. Runnels, books, 5 00
E. Jennie Harwood, books, 3 75
J. N. McClintock, " 2 00
C. W. Kelsea, " 3 00
N. J. Bartlett & Co., " 38 00
Estes & Lauriat, (Evan's legacy,) books, 520 20
" " " books, 399 96
Librarian, salary, 125 00
Sundry items by librarian, 1 92
G. Cook & Son, wood, 3 00
Wiggin & Co., wood, 9 75
F. W. Reeves, services, 2 00
Cash in treasury, 188 80

$1,607 69

D. S. Dinsmoor, Treasurer.

Laconia, March 2, 4883.

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

John W. Ashman, { Auditors.
C. W. Tyler, }
School Report.

I herewith submit the report of the schools in District No. 1, for the year ending March 1, 1883, as made by the Board of Education:

To the School Committee of the Town of Laconia:

The Board of Education for School District No. 1 herewith submit their eighth annual report.

There are nine schools in this district, viz.: The High School, kept at the Academy building up stairs; the South Grammar, on the first floor of the same building; the North Grammar, at the north brick schoolhouse, also the North Intermediate, North First and Second Primaries in the same; the South Intermediate, South First and Second Primaries, in the south brick schoolhouse. The course of studies has been the same as last year. The spring term of the High School was taught by Miss Josephine A. Robinson, the fall and winter terms by Miss Helen W. Poor. The spring term in the South Grammar was taught by Miss Belle F. Small; the fall term was commenced by Miss Harriet L. Mason, who, on account of ill health, had to leave after keeping four and one-half days; her place was supplied (without any break in the school) by Mrs. Alice F. Durgin, who taught the fall and winter terms. The spring and summer terms of the North Grammar were taught by Miss Julia M. Robinson, and the winter term by Miss Annie M. Howe. The other schools have been taught during the year as follows: South Intermediate by Miss Annie E. Trafton, South First Primary by Miss Alice M. Nelson, South Second Primary by Miss Florence I. Goodspeed, North Intermediate by Miss Hattie H. Philbrick, North First Primary by Miss Hattie F. Greeley, North Second Primary by Miss Sarah D. Knowlton. The schools during the spring term were under the general supervision of Miss Mary Ella Rowe, the fall and winter terms under John G. Jewett.

At the commencement of the fall term, which is really the first term of our school year, there being but five or six scholars to form A classes in the Grammar schools, it was thought best to bring them together into one school, and the North Grammar being the smaller school they all
attended there during the fall term, and at the South Grammar during the winter term. A few scholars in the B class are endeavoring by hard study to prepare themselves to enter the High School at the commencement of the next fall term. The graded system is thought by some to be a hindrance to scholars of more than ordinary capacity. It may have that tendency if strictly adhered to, but we do not wish by any means to retard the progress of those who have the ability and disposition to advance more rapidly than is indicated by the course laid down, which is perhaps long enough for the average pupil of average ambition. While we are willing to promote those who can pass the examination required, we would not advise any promotions except for real merit, believing promotions without good grounds to be injurious to the schools, and especially to the parties promoted. We regret the necessity of having to make frequent changes in teachers from any cause, as we believe the continuous labor of good teachers in the same school is advantageous to the best interests of our schools, as thereby no time is lost in becoming acquainted with the scholars, with the course of studies, and with the general course pursued. We are glad to be able to say that there will be no change of teachers for the spring term.

The examinations, at the close of the several terms during the year, have been in a good degree satisfactory, and have reflected credit upon both teachers and pupils. They have shown a decided advancement in the studies pursued. There has been a very marked improvement, in the lower or primary grades, in penmanship, as also in some of the higher schools. We believe the course especially taken for the past five years, in the primary schools, of allowing small children to work at the blackboards, writing their own names and short copies set by the teacher, also in making figures and drawing from pictures which they find in their books, or from designs placed upon the boards by the teacher, to be very beneficial. It changes their position and gives them rest, while at the same time they are becoming familiar with the forms of the letters and figures, and learn their combinations in forming words and expressing numbers. We notice some of the children in the primary schools write a remarkably neat and even hand that would be a credit to pupils of a more advanced age. This is encouraging to all, and if they continue through all the grades of our schools they will be well fitted for all ordinary pursuits in life. In some of the schools map-drawing has been taught, and we have noticed some very fine drawings upon the blackboards, of different countries, exhibiting a degree of taste.
accuracy and neatness very commendable to both instructors and pupils. We believe there is no better way to fix in the minds of scholars the general outlines of the different countries, with the location of their principal features such as mountains, rivers, cities and towns, than by drawing maps and marking their respective locations.

We feel that there is one branch of education to which more attention should be given, and that is vocal music, which is as much neglected in our schools as in the village generally. We cannot expect of our teachers that they should be competent teachers of music, as well as of the ordinary branches taught in our schools. There should be a teacher that makes this branch a specialty, to give instructions commencing with the rudiments, spending a specified time in each school every week. We think that it would be a profitable investment of a little money and would add much to the interest of our schools, and be very beneficial.

There is one matter that we regret to have occasion to mention. There has been some complaint in regard to one of our schools, some of the pupils claiming that they did not like the teacher, and especial pains have been taken to ascertain, if possible, the cause, if any existed, of the dislike, and no valid reasons have been given. Now we attribute this state of things to several causes, for none of which the teacher seems to be responsible. It will sometimes happen, from one cause or another, that a vacancy occurs in our list of teachers, and some one must be procured to take the place. It may be that the former teacher has been a favorite of the pupils, and perhaps one that has had favorites among them, which will always cause trouble in the end, especially if it is an open favoritism. The pupils have a right to lament the loss of a teacher to whom they have become attached, and we would not deprive them of this right if we could, but that should be no cause for a demonstration of dislike towards the one who takes her place, as she is in no way responsible for the vacancy, and if she is faithful and impartial in the performance of her duties she should have the respect, at least, of her pupils. Simple justice demands this, and the common good of all demands it also. We think that in all such cases parents should act with great caution, and consider well the whole matter before allowing themselves to indicate in any way that the teacher is at fault; great injustice may sometimes be done by an unguarded word, or by a too hasty conclusion. The pupils in our schools generally are not mature men and women, and are apt to be outspoken in regard to their likes and dislikes: it is not in their nature to like to be curbed in their desires, and teachers who require a wholesome obedience will perhaps, at first,
incur the displeasure of their pupils, but without it our schools will fall far short of what they should be; but "a word to the wise" is said to be sufficient.

The whole number of different scholars attending the public schools of the district two weeks or more during the year has been 531, of whom 258 were boys and 273 were girls. Of those reported 30 were under 6 years of age, and 20 were over 16. The whole number of children in the district between 5 and 15 years old, as enumerated by the selectmen last April, was 602, of whom 292 were boys and 310 girls.

The number of scholars who have been on the roll of honor each term during the year, of each school, is shown by the following table:

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I also submit the following report, with statistical table annexed, furnishing the information required by law in regard to the schools. The schools in Districts Nos. 3, 4 and 5 compare favorably with past years, very good progress having been made notwithstanding the too frequent change of teachers. This cannot be avoided in some instances, but where it is possible the same teacher should be employed through the year. Scholars generally succeed and make more improvement in charge of the same teacher for a number of terms. Of course none but the best of teachers should be employed. Earnestness and ability to govern are most essential qualities for a successful teacher. District No. 5: The summer term, taught by Miss Venie Welch, made good improvement. Fall term taught by Miss Susie E. Noyes, an earnest
and efficient teacher. Winter term, Miss Venie Welch began the school, but on account of sickness was obliged to leave, and her place was filled by Miss Olive M. Bennett. Summer term in District No. 4 was taught by Mrs. Eliza D. Morrison. Fall term taught by Mrs. Carrie Moore with good success. Winter term taught by Warren Doolittle, a good teacher. District No. 3, summer and fall terms were taught by J. Annie Robinson, a very successful teacher, and also Miss Lucy A. Berry, who taught the winter term.

The whole number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years in the town, as enumerated by the selectmen last April, was 660, of whom 320 were boys and 340 were girls.

LYDIA A. WARNER, School Committee.

March 1, 1883.
### Statistical Table.

#### Graded Schools.—District No. 1.

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<th>Name of Teacher</th>
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