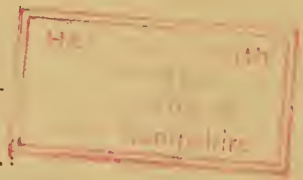


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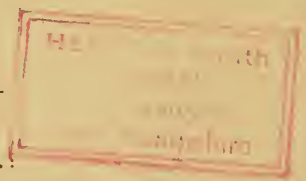


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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

VALUATION OF ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF LEE, APRIL 1, 1879.

| | | |
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| Total value, | \$355,822 00 | |
| Reduced value, | 177,911 00 | |
| State tax, | \$1,024 00 | |
| County tax, | 1,278 21 | |
| School tax, | 1,036 35 | |
| Town tax, | 961 10 | |
| Dog tax, | 53 00 | |
| School house tax, No. 1, | 165 02 | |
| School house tax, No. 6, | 21 76 | |
| Amount given in after taxes were made, | 10 80 | |
| Doomage, | 39 24 | |
| Whole amount of Rate List, | | \$4,889 48 |

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Paid Stephen C. Hanson, | 3 50 |
| Daniel Furber, | 3 00 |
| Isabella Furber, | 3 00 |
| Job Thompson, | 6 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15 50 |

ABATEMENTS.

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Timothy G. Davis, | 4 80 |
| Israel Demeritt, | 1 00 |
| Charles S. Otis, | 1 00 |
| John Mathes, | 3 60 |
| B. F. Lang, | 10 17 |
| Guy Glidden, | 7 20 |
| George H. Ayers, | 78 |
| Flagg M. Hill, | 78 |
| Erastus C. Davis, | 1 44 |
| Orrin W. Small, | 1 08 |
| Horace Merrill, | 1 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$32 85 |

ABATEMENTS ON LIST OF 1878.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Hendrick S. Tuttle, | 2 68 |
| Michael Craig, | 1 65 |
| Job Clay, | 1 44 |
| Stephen D. Thompson, | 1 45 |
| Frank Bennett, | 2 65 |
| Oliver P. Wilson, | 1 65 |
| George A. Carswell, | 1 45 |
| Charles H. Butterick, | 1 65 |
| James Behan, | 1 65 |
| George E. Harper, | 1 65 |
| John G. Wilson, | 1 65 |
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| | \$19 57 |

PAUPER BILL.

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Paid pauper bill, | \$49 15 |
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MISCELLANEOUS.

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Paid E. J. Lane & Co., | \$ 2 67 |
| Treadwell & Davis, | 4 70 |
| Treadwell & Folsom, | 1 71 |
| Hosea B. Snell, | 1 00 |
| S. W. Lane, | 3 17 |
| S. W. Lane, | 1 25 |
| Daniel Furber, | 1 00 |
| Addison Osborne, | 50 |
| Frank I Tuxbury, | 6 50 |
| E. J. Lane & Co., | 60 |
| Pinkham & Stackpole, | 12 00 |
| Repairing Town House, | 185 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$220 10 |

SCHOOLS.

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Paid District No. 1, | \$175 46 |
| " " 2, | 109 07 |
| " " 3, | 57 60 |
| " " 4, | 168 90 |
| " " 5, including Plains, | 112 81 |
| " " 6, | 228 88 |
| " " 7, | 183 63 |
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| | \$1,036 35 |

BOUNTIES ON HAWKS AND FOXES.

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Orrin B. Ellison, 1 fox, | 50 |
| Orrin B. Ellison, 2 hawks, | 40 |
| Willie J. Hill, 9 hawks, | 1 80 |
| George E. Hill, 7 hawks, | 1 40 |
| Thomas Ryan, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| George Stimpson, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| Herbert Clay, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| Hosea B. Snell, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| Ransom R. Caldwell, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| Charles L. Woodman, 5 hawks, | 1 00 |
| Otis E. Woodman, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| C. A. Pendergast, 5 hawks, | 1 00 |
| Israel Demeritt, 4 hawks, | 80 |
| John Behan, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| Walter Smith, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| Israel Demeritt, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| Israel Demeritt, 2 foxes, | 1 00 |
| John S. Dame, 5 foxes, | 2 50 |
| John S. Dame, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| Albert Knight, 2 hawks, | 40 |
| Josiah A. Knight, 4 foxes, | 2 00 |
| Israel G. York, 1 hawk, | 20 |
| Walter Smith, 2 hawks, | 40 |
| Levi E. Pendergast, 1 fox, | 50 |
| Oscar L. Pendergast, 1 fox, | 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$16 40 |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

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| Paid for Highways and Bridges, | \$264 98 |
| Old bills breaking roads, 1878 and 1879, | 201 65 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$466 63 |

GENERAL EXPENSES.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|
| Paid Daniel E. Plummer, | | 20 00 |
| Charles S. Otis, | | 35 00 |
| Hosea B. Snell, | | 35 75 |
| Bert P. Thompson, | | 10 00 |
| Amos E. Piper, | | 6 00 |
| Samuel W. Lane, | | 35 75 |
| Samuel W. Lane, | | 5 00 |
| A. G. Comings, old bill, | \$8 34 | |
| S. W. Lane, “ | 2 25 | |
| Hosea B. Snell, “ | 2 25 | |
| | <hr/> | 12 84 |
| Charles H. Layn, | | 40 00 |
| Daniel D. York, | | 25 00 |
| Josephine D. Jenkins, | | 25 00 |
| School notices, | | 1 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$238 50 |

NOTES AND INTEREST.

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Paid to Eleanor J. Plumer, | \$ 20 25 |
| George K. Huckins, | 45 00 |
| John P. Haley, | 4 50 |
| Mary J. Randall, | 465 37 |
| John A. Thompson, | 202 78 |
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| | \$737 90 |

LIST OF OUTSTANDING NOTES.

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| George G. Bennett, | \$185 00 |
| Fred B. York, | 100 00 |
| Eleanor J. Plumer, | 450 00 |
| George K. Huckins, | 750 00 |
| George K. Huckins, | 250 00 |
| Bert P. Thompson, | 50 00 |
| Charles Manning, | 60 00 |
| Elizabeth E. J. Davis, heirs of, | 170 00 |
| Rhoda J. Davis, | 100 00 |
| David D. York, | 850 00 |
| Hannah S. Jenkins, | 200 00 |
| Bert P. Thompson, | 210 66 |
| William B. Tuttle, | 300 00 |
| John P. Haley, | 100 00 |
| George Lang, | 650 00 |
| Elizabeth A. Davis, | 450 00 |
| Nancy Jenkins, | 400 00 |
| Interest, | 167 65 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,443 31 |

DR. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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|--|------------|
| Rec'd of Treasurer of 1878, | \$95 56 |
| State Treasurer, Railroad tax, | 166 03 |
| Savings Bank tax, | 546 85 |
| Literary Fund, | 61 05 |
| Note of Daniel Smith, | 1,095 75 |
| Note of G. S. Chesley's heirs, | 14 02 |
| By note to Nancy Jenkins, | 400 00 |
| By note to George G. Bennett, | 185 00 |
| By note to Fred B. York, | 100 00 |
| School house tax in District No. 1, | 465 02 |
| School house tax in District No 6, | 21 76 |
| From County, | 39 00 |
| For use of Town House, | 3 50 |
| From Collector Layn, list of 1878, | 485 00 |
| Rate List committed to Collector Layn for 1879, | 4,402 70 |
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| | \$8,081 24 |

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Whole amount of money received, | | \$8,081 24 |
| State tax, | \$1,024 00 | |
| County tax, | 1,278 21 | |
| Schools, | 1,036 35 | |
| General Expenses, | 238 50 | |
| " " of 1878, | 12 84 | |
| Highways and Bridges, | 264 98 | |
| Snow bills, 1878 and 1879, | 201 65 | |
| Abatements on list, 1878, | 19 57 | |
| " " 1879, | 32 85 | |
| Paupers, | 49 15 | |
| Bounty on hawks and foxes, | 16 40 | |
| Miscellaneous, | 220 10 | |
| Damage done by dogs, | 15 50 | |
| Notes and interest, | 737 90 | |
| School house No. 1, | 463 46 | |
| Balance due from Collector, | 628 19 | |
| In hands of Treasurer, | 1,841 59 | |
| | ————— | \$8,081 24 |

Amount of debt, March 1, 1880, by note, \$5,443 31

ASSETS.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Isaiah D. Edgerly, | \$347 70 |
| Israel Demeritt, | 235 36 |
| General Government, | 739 00 |
| Due from Collector Layn, | 628 19 |
| Cash in Treasury, | 1,841 59 |
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| | \$5,791 84 |
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| Town debt, March 1, 1880, | \$1,651 47 |

March 1, 1880.

Settled the foregoing account as above stated.

D. D. YORK, *Treasurer.*

SAMUEL W. LANE, } *Selectmen*
 CHARLES S. OTIS, } *of*
 HOSEA B. SNELL, } *Lee.*

March 1, 1880.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Lee, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast, with corresponding vouchers.

CHARLES H. LAYN, }
 JOSEPH E. JENKINS, } *Auditors.*
 ALBERT B. PLUMMER, }

REPORT
OF
Superintendent of Schools,
L E E .

The time is passed when the lore of the world is controlled by a few monks and contained in a few manuscripts. Our ancestors, when seeking greater freedom, established the church and school together, which gives our country the precedence among nations in public instruction. Now all educators are seeking the best means of inculcating the elementary studies, for the foundation must be sure or all later culture will lack symmetry. Nearly a half century has passed since Pestalozzi promulgated the principles which made teaching the order of nature and not of a subject. The prime principle, "educate the hand," is of utmost importance, and of practical benefit as a factor of school instruction and discipline and ^{the} business life. The child's perception of form and size, his conception, real or imaginary (for we must pass from the known to the unknown), are devolved by the word-pictures made by his own hand. We find the same hand departing from angular letters of printing

to connecting artistic forms of writing and drawing; and we recognize the importance of the educated hand when we view the machinery that needs guiding, and we acknowledge "the pen is mightier than the sword."

In Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 a point has been made of map drawing, and in all the schools printing and writing have been taught, and another step in the same direction has been made by written lessons in spelling.

Our scholars lack ability to express themselves, which does not arise from want of intelligence, but from neglected instruction in Grammar, which should be commenced at an early age in easy language lessons. Again, History should occupy a prominent place in common school studies, instead of higher Arithmetic and Algebra, that the pupils may know about the failures and successes through which we have struggled and give an abstract in their own words of that read.

| Names of Teachers. | | District. | Whole No. Pupils. | Average Attendance | Number of weeks. | Wages per Month, including board. |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| First Term. | Miss Kate E. Harvey, | 1 | 33 | 25† | 8 | \$24 |
| | Miss Lavinia Holloway, | 2 | 12 | 10 | 7 3-5 | \$20* |
| | Miss Annie A. Butler, | 3 | 16 | 14† | 10 | \$19 |
| | Mr. Fred P. Comings, | 4 | 26 | 22 | 8 | \$20 |
| | Miss M. Abbie Ewer, | 5 | 21 | 16† | 10 | \$26 |
| | Miss Lydia A. Watson, | 6 | 17 | 15 | 9 | \$24 |
| 2d Term. | Mr. Albert DeMeritte, | 1 | 37 | | | \$32 |
| | Miss Jennie H. Ewer, | 2 | 13 | 11† | 13 | \$20 |
| | Miss Edna A. Hobbs, | 3 | 10 | 9† | 11 | \$20 |
| | Mr. Fred P. Comings, | 4 | 21 | 17 4-5 | | \$25 |
| | Mr. Frank J. Davis, | 5 | 26 | 6 | 9 | \$30 |
| | Miss M. Abbie Ewer, | 6 | 27 | 7† | 8 | \$26 |
| | Miss Annie L. Bennett, | 7 | 11 | 4† | 17 | \$28 |

* Board furnished.

The schools in Districts 1 and 6 are in progress and the record cannot be given in this report. District No. 6 has third term being taught by Mr. George Coffin, who receives \$32 per month, including board.

The average per cent. of each school, obtained from examinations in Reading, Spelling, Writing, Geography, Grammar and Arithmetic, is as follows: District No. 1 is 87 per cent.; No. 2 is 83; No. 3 is 83; No. 4 is 83; No. 5 is 84; No. 6 is 81; No. 7 is 83. The rank of the schools is very nearly the same, as there is only a difference of six per cent. between the highest and lowest average. Each school has an excellence, viz.: Lee Hill school ranks first in Reading; Hook, first in Spelling; Turnpike, first in Arithmetic; Hanson, first in Writing; Wadley's Falls and Wednesday Hill, first in Geography; and the Lang, first in Grammar. There is no report to give of History, except it has been studied in *four* schools by *seven* scholars.

The teachers secured the past year were those having experience, with one exception, and five terms were taught by teachers having Normal training. At least seventy-five per cent. of the school money has been applied to the highest good as shown by personal observation and examination. The order of the schools has been generally well sustained.

District No. 1 has set an example, in building a new school house, which might be followed with profit by other districts to supply the wants and tastes of the present decade. All our school rooms lack an outfit. The active minds of the learners need a stimulus which will lead them outside the meagre statement in the text, and will call for explanations and illustrations by maps, globes or books of reference. Two schools have dictionaries, two have globes, and only *two* have maps. Although too much must not be exacted of the teacher, yet he *must* be far in advance of the scholars in our district schools to supply the lack of appa-

tus. Shall the teacher become a walking dictionary and fill such wants that a small sum of money would more surely do? But we must have teachers of the highest rank, for the time has passed when anyone would do.

In closing this report of the schools, your Committee would have each scholar consider whether or not *he* has made the school year one of profit, and urge each pupil to prize every moment of school hours as if it were golden treasure; to store the mind with that which in after life is to be the source of individual intelligence and measure the wisdom of our country.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE D. JENKINS,

Superintendent of Schools of Lee.

