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# REPORTS

OF THE

## SELECTMEN & TOWN TREASURER.

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The Taxes assessed for the year A. D. 1876, are as follows:

State tax,	\$1236 00
County tax,	1256 05
Town tax,	2790 76
School tax,	1081 50
School-house tax,	325 00
Dog tax	80 00
Literary fund,	116 53

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The Selectmen charge themselves with orders

drawn on the Treasurer,

\$5498 83

## SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

District No. 1,	\$300 00
No. 2,	25 00
	————— \$325 00

## SCHOOL TAX.

District No. 1, Lafayette Chesley,	\$308 78
2, Charles E. Wakefield,	187 44
3, Alvin Abbott,	178 18
4, Emerson H. Childs,	94 63
5, Anderson Holman,	70 90
6, James W. Towle,	73 13
7, Edwin Haseltine,	97 00
8, Hiram L. Pollard,	118 21
9, Amos Sanborn,	77 11
10, George Cammett,	63 62
In Auburn, 1, Isaac F. Underhill,	17 70
	————— \$1286 70

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State tax,	\$1236 00
County tax,	1256 05
	————— \$2492 05

## IMPROVEMENTS IN HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Thomas B. Batchelder, bridge plank,	\$1 44
Daniel Sanborn, culvert stone,	1 50
George Cammett, railing,	7 20
George W. Weeks, railing,	26 37
William C. Ela, building stone bridge,	27 00

N. Gillingham, iron and nails for railing,	\$2 37	
Amos Southwick, repairing bridge,	4 25	
Seth D. Lane, repairing bridge and plank,	5 00	
Asa Wilson, building stone bridge,	25 00	
Cyrus W. Hills, repairing highway,	6 59	
Lewis Sanborn, repairing highway,	2 55	
Frederick Griffin, building stone bridge,	30 00	
Ivory J. Lovering, repairing highway,	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$146 02

#### NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES WORKED.

David E. Richardson, 1875-1876,	\$25 32	
Thomas B. Batchelder, 1876,	5 79	
Daniel Sanborn, 1876,	19 73	
George Cammett, 1876,	6 83	
William C. Ela, 1876,	3 48	
Ivory J. Lovering, 1875,	5 58	
Silas F. Learnard, collector,	35 53	
	<hr/>	\$102 26

#### BREAKING ROADS.

Josiah H. Adams, April 1875,	\$6 00
Benjamin F. Spofford,	3 90
Thomas B. Batchelder,	18 12
Joseph Johnson, 1875-76,	23 00
Daniel Sanborn,	36 82
George Cammett,	19 95
Seth D. Lane,	25 35
Edmund Sleeper,	17 85
George W. Weeks,	7 87
Moses Webster,	18 98

Moses G. Underhill,	\$1 20	
Samuel G. Healey,	36 52	
Luther W. Kelly,	30 47	
Richard B. Morse, 1875-76,	14 85	
Charles R. Currier,	3 60	
Jason Spofford,	3 60	
John A. Haseltine,	15 87	
Oren F. Page,	3 50	
W. P. W. Whittemore,	40 35	
Benjamin Hills,	8 54	
Garland Smith,	45 71	
Silas F. Learnard,	11 72	
William C. Ela,	37 70	
David C. French,	4 50	
Amos Southwick,	23 63	
Charles N. Fitts,	11 96	
George H. Merrill,	9 70	
Garland Smith,	19 27	
Frederick A. Morse,	5 40	
William P. W. Whittemore,	17 10	
Barnard P. Robie,	4 88	
James D. Lane,	6 00	
William C. Ela,	3 75	
Ivory J. Lovering,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$545 16

## SMITH CASE.

Paid Witness,	\$16 45	
	<hr/>	\$16 45

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

John H. Clay, dog died 1875,	\$1 00	
Lewis Sanborn, horse died,	81	
	<hr/>	\$1 81



## TOWN HOUSE.

4 M hart pine shingles,	\$19 60	
W. G. Everett, insurance,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$49 60

## CEMETERY.

Wash leather and sponge,	\$ 70	
C. H. Kent, care of Cemetery,	4 00	
N. Gillingham,	75	
C. M. Bailey, feather duster,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$6 95

## SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

George Cammett,	\$3 00	
Ebenezer Morse,	4 00	
Cornelius Driscoll,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 00

## BROWN CASE.

G. C. Bartlett,	\$8 00	
James F. Brown,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$13 00

## STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

Temple & Farrington, blank books,	\$3 48	
C. F. Livingston, posters,	1 25	
Wm. H. Fisk, orders,	36	
Edson C. Eastman, note book,	1 50	
C. F. Livingston, reports, 1876,	28 00.	
	<hr/>	\$34 59

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Lafayette Chesley,	\$41 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$41 00

## TOWN TREASURER.

John W. Noyes,	\$25 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$25 00

## TOWN CLERK.

Henry Moore,	\$10 75	
	<u>          </u>	\$10 75

## OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Samuel S. Parker,	\$20 67	
	<u>          </u>	\$20 67

## SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

J. N. Haseltine,	\$45 00	
Nelson Gillingham,	29 00	
S. S. Parker,	26 25	
	<u>          </u>	\$100 25

## SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

J. N. Haseltine,	\$11 25	
Nelson Gillingham,	3 00	
S. S. Parker,	12 75	
	<u>          </u>	\$27 00

J. N. Haseltine, time and expenses on town

business out of town, 2 days at Exeter,	\$4 00	
Newburyport to pay note,	4 00	
Haverhill to pay note,	2 50	
Getting Reports printed, 1876,	2 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$12 50

## POLICE SERVICE, JULY 4.

William Hyatt,	\$1 50	
George H. Adams,	1 50	
B. F. Wilson,	1 50	
	<u>        </u>	\$4 50

## SEALING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, &amp;c.

Joshua Getchell,	\$9 47	
	<u>        </u>	\$9 47

## RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Dr. Chesley,	\$2 25	
	<u>        </u>	\$2 25

## GUIDE POSTS.

J. Hodge, 10 boards,	\$3 75	
George Dennis, painting and lettering,	12 00	
William C. Rogers, for paint,	3 32	
	<u>        </u>	\$19 07

## AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

William Greenough,	\$2 00	
William P. Underhill,	2 00	
Charles Chase,	2 00	
	<u>        </u>	\$6 00

## AUDITOR'S AND SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

David L. Batchelder,	\$6 25	
	<u>        </u>	\$6 25

## DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Silas F. Learnard, collected before Aug. 1,  
 4 per cent. dis. on \$2099 96 collected, \$84 03  
————— \$84 03

## COLLECTING TAXES.

Silas Learnard on 1876 tax, \$75 00  
————— \$75 00

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. Elliott, taking care of Mrs. Ford,	\$12 00	
Mrs. Charles Stevens, board of Mrs. Thomas Lane,	3 00	
Oren F. Page, carrying Lane family to County Farm,	3 00	
William H. Underhill, carrying Mrs. Mills to County Farm,	2 50	
D. L. Batchelder, putting up tramps,	5 00	
	—————	\$25 50
		—————
Total,		\$5,498 83

JOHN N. HASELTINE.  
 NELSON GILLINGHAM.  
 SAMUEL S. PARKER.

CHESTER, Feb. 28, 1877.

*Selectmen.*



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## THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT

1876-77.

To cash paid for Printing and Stationery,	\$34 59
Non-resident Taxes worked out,	102 26
Care of Cemetery and Hearse,	6 95
Breaking Roads,	545 16
Improvements on Roads and Bridges,	146 02
State Tax,	1,236 00
County Tax,	1,256 06
Abatement of Taxes on lists of 1875-1876,	1 81
Collecting Taxes,	75 00
Town Clerk's services,	10 75
Superintending School Committee,	41 00
Town Treasurer's services,	25 00
Selectmen's services,	100 25
Selectmen's expenses,	27 00
School Money to Districts,	1,286 70
School-house Taxes in Districts Nos. 1 and 2,	325 00
Town Debt, Notes taken up,	12,274 01
Town Debt, endorsed on Notes now outstanding,	242 19
Support of Poor,	25 50
Discount on Taxes paid before August 1,	84 03
Sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
Witnesses in Smith case,	16 45
Insurance on Town Hall and Shingles for same,	49 60
Cost in Suit, Brown vs. Chester, additional,	13 00
Execution, Brown vs. Chester,	510 86
Overseer of Poor, services and expenses,	20 67
Guide Boards and Posts,	19 07
J. N. Haseltine for time and expenses when out of Town on Town Business,	12 50
Police Service, July 4th,	4 50
Dr. Chesley for return of Births and Deaths,	2 25
J. Getchell for Sealing Weights and Measures, &c.,	9 47
D. L. Batchelder, Dinner for Auditors and Selectmen,	6 25
Auditor's Services,	6 00
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	65 67
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	\$18,591 56

## WITH JOHN W. NOYES, TOWN TREASURER.

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1876.			
March	17.	By bal. in Treasury on settlement of last year's account,	\$61 79
	17.	By cash of G. S. Smith, interest collected on tax of 1872,	28 00
	17.	Hired of Rufus Sanborn,	75 00
	21.	J. N. Haseltine on Tax List of 1875,	100 00
	27.	Hired of Joseph J. Brown,	350 00
	31.	J. N. Haseltine on Tax List of 1875,	100 00
April	1.	Hired of Sarah Shaw,	700 00
	1.	Ephraim Nichols,	800 00
	1.	Charles H. Knowles,	250 00
May	3.	Benjamin P. Webster,	700 00
	6.	Elizabeth K. Cheswell,	500 00
	10.	David Currier,	190 00
	10.	Mary H. Seavey,	700 00
	17.	J. N. Haseltine on Tax List of 1875,	200 00
	20.	Moses Webster,	220 00
June	1.	William D. Knowles,	775 00
	1.	Jonathan Pressey,	700 00
	5.	J. N. Haseltine on Tax List of 1875,	170 00
	12.	County Treasurer, Selectmen's fees and expenses in complaint against John H. Smith,	22 10
	20.	John Wason, 2d,	100 00
	20.	Frederick Wason,	1,000 00
July	15.	J. N. Haseltine on Tax List of 1875,	130 00
	25.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	200 00
	28.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	300 00
Aug.	2.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	1,300 00
	9.	Hired of Joseph Webster,	300 00
	12.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	150 00
	17.	Hired of Ella E. Webster,	65 00
	21.	Hired of Samuel Carr,	700 00
	29.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	100 00
Sept.	8.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	100 00
	18.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	60 00
	30.	Hired of Sarah E. Pratt,	1,500 00
	30.	Hired of Susan J. Mullet,	650 00
Oct.	17.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	150 00
	18.	Hired of Rebecca Wason,	200 00
Nov.	17.	Hired of James Wason,	300 00
	17.	Hired of John Lane,	100 00
	17.	Hired of Rufus Sanborn,	251 00
	18.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	175 00
	25.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	200 00
Dec.	1.	Hired of Julia A. Sanborn,	100 00
	1.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	200 00
	1.	Hired of Ella E. Webster,	100 00
	5.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	100 00
	35.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	275 10
	"	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	200 00
1877			
Jan.	3.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	200 00
	8.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	100 00
	11.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	100 00
	11.	State Treasurer, Savings Bank Tax,	672 10
	11.	State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	114 30
	11.	State Treasurer, Railroad Tax,	67 28
Feb.	9.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	200 00
	22.	Charles Sanborn for use of the Lane Place,	10 00
	22.	Charles Sanborn for the Mary Lane Farm,	275 00
	22.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	125 00
	24.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	300 00
	26.	H. L. Pollard for old House on Lane farm,	10 00
	26.	J. N. Haseltine on Tax List of 1874,	260 00
	26.	J. N. Haseltine, Int. col. on Tax List of 1874,	42 39
	26.	J. N. Haseltine on Tax List of 1875,	263 00
	26.	J. N. Haseltine, Int. col. on Tax List of 1875,	42 17
	26.	Charles G. McDuffee for use of Town Hall, bal.	3 30
	27.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	75 00
	28.	S. F. Learnard on Tax List of 1876,	84 03

JOHN W. NOYES, Treasurer.

\$18,591 56

## STATEMENT.

*The Town owes the following debts, Interest cast to March  
1, 1877.*

1865.

April 6. Betsey Pressey, \$100 04

July 3. F. R. Stevens, 197 33

1870.

Jan. 7. Daniel Sanborn, 991 22

April 16. May S. Kimball, 149 27

Sept. 16. Sarah A. Haseltine, 72 85

1871.

May 23. Mary Butterfield, 210 00

Aug. 27. Dady Ann Morse, 275 81

1872.

Nov. 30. Matilda S. True, 108 02

1873.

June 27. Josiah H. Adams, 25 55

1874.

Feb. 12. Lavinia J. Wason, 137 37

June 22. Martha A. Hatch, 201 70

1875.

Jan. 25. Sophronia Emerick, 302 22

Sept. 18. Lucy A. Green, 1,071 25

Sept. 18. George M. Warner, 1,011 45

Sept. 25. Sarah A. Morse, 858 09

Sept. 25. Moses Webster, 676 81

Oct. 20. Martha W. Webster, 122 91



Nov. 20.	Anna P. Southwick,	53 88
1876.		
Feb. 15.	William P. Underhill,	420 87
Feb. 15.	Joseph Webster,	315 65
March 27.	Joseph J. Brown,	322 43
April 1.	Sarah Shaw,	732 08
April 1.	Ephraim Nichols,	836 67
April 1.	Charles H. Knowles,	261 46
May 3.	Benjamin P. Webster,	728 88
May 6.	Elizabeth K. Cheswell,	520 42
May 10.	David Currier,	197 65
May 10.	Mary H. Seavey,	728 19
May 20.	Moses Webster,	228 55
June 1.	William D. Knowles,	804 06
June 1.	Jonathan Pressey,	726 25
June 20.	John Wason,	103 48
June 20.	Frederick Wason,	1,034 73
Aug. 9.	Joseph Webster,	308 38
Aug. 24.	Samuel Carr,	718 08
Sept. 30.	Sarah J. Pratt,	1,531 46
Sept. 30.	Susan J. Mullett,	663 63
Oct. 18.	Rebecca Wason,	203 67
Nov. 17.	James D. Lane,	304 29
Nov. 17.	John Lane,	101 43
Nov. 17.	Mary Sanborn,	254 58
Dec. 1.	Julia A. Sanborn,	101 25
Dec. 1.	Ella E. Webster,	101 25
		-----\$18,515 16

From which deduct :

Cash in Treasurers hands,	\$65 67	
Balance due on tax list of 1873,	56 75	
Balance due on tax list of 1874,	341 56	
Balance due on tax list of 1875,	531 77	
Balance due on tax list of 1876,	2,195 21	
Balance due from United States,	895 00	
Balance due on two notes vs. S.		
S. Morse,	2,269 11	
10 $\frac{1}{4}$ M Shingles for Town Hall,	57 10	
		\$6,412 17
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Balance against the Town,		\$12,402 99
Town debt reduced,	\$1,024 72	

An item of \$6 52 due for articles sold at the Almshouse which appeared in the Statement last year, could not be collected, and is dropped from the Statement this year.

The Town is paying five per cent. interest on about fourteen thousand dollars, four per cent. interest on two thousand, and six per cent. interest on the balance of the Town debt.

JOHN W. NOYES, *Treasurer.*

FEBRUARY 28, 1877.

CHESTER, Feb. 28, 1877.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the Se-

lectmen's, Overseers of the Poor, and Town Treasurer's accounts for the past year, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges,

WILLIAM GREENOUGH,  
WILLIAM P. UNDERHILL,  
CHARLES CHASE.

*Auditors.*

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINT'G SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The following report of the schools for 1876-7 is respectfully submitted.

DISTRICT No. 1. Money, \$308.78.

LAFAYETTE CHESLEY, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Fall Terms, 16 weeks. Winter Term, 10 weeks. Total attendance Summer Term, 66; average, 52. Total attendance Fall Term, 54; average, 40.5. Total attendance Winter Term, 56; average, 38.

The Summer Term was taught by Mrs. H. D. CHESLEY, assisted by BESSIE C. CHESLEY. The Fall Term

was taught by the same teacher, who furnished an assistant without special expense to the district.

The Winter Term was taught by J. HAVEN THOMPSON of Lee.

The school is so large it needs the services of an assistant teacher. Six months of school with such help is of more benefit to the smaller scholars than nine months without.

The severe weather of the past Winter reduced the average attendance of the Winter Term to 38 pupils. The school was profitable and successful. Mr. Thompson preserved a becoming demeanor and presented an example worthy of emulation by all.

DISTRICT No. 2. Money, \$187.44.

CHARLES E. WAKEFIELD, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term, 8 weeks. Total attendance Summer Term, 29; average, 25.6. Teacher, Miss MABELLE E. McQUESTON. Winter Term, 11½ weeks. Total attendance, 27; average, 21. Teacher, CARRIE V. WHITNEY.

This was Miss McQueston's first school. The fact is mentioned to her credit. Few could have done better. Miss Whitney is also a young teacher and has put forth her best efforts to advance the school with a good degree of success.

DISTRICT No. 3. Money, \$178.18.

ALVIN ABBOTT, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Winter Terms, 23 weeks. Total attendance, 26; average, 17. Taught by ROSE M. CRAMM, a faithful and experienced teacher amply qualified for the position. The scholars generally progressed more rapidly in their studies the first term than during the second. No fault of the teacher. The school-house in this district might be made more comfortable by a little expense. The walls are good enough and there is sufficient room in the building. When the interior is remodeled and fitted with modern conveniences, this will be one of the best school-houses in the town.

DISTRICT No. 4. Money, \$94.63.

EMERSON H. CHILDS, Prudential Committee

Summer and Fall Terms, 19 weeks. Total attendance, 13; average, 12. Taught by MARY E. NOYES of Derry, a lady who has the faculty of keeping a good school. The best understanding between teacher, parents and scholars made the work of the teacher pleasant and profitable.

DISTRICT No. 5. Money, \$70.90.

ANDERSON HOLMAN, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term,  $14\frac{2}{5}$  weeks. Total attendance, 20; average, 18.75. Teacher, Mrs. LIZZIE S. HOOKE. By an arrangement with school district No. 10, the children of each district have the privilege of attending both schools. Mrs. Hooke taught both as she did the preceding year, and with her usual success. Failure is no part of her creed.

DISTRICT No. 6. Money, \$73.13.

J. W. TOWLE, Prudential Committee.

Length of Term,  $14\frac{3}{5}$  weeks. Total attendance, 15; average, 13. Teacher, SARAH L. HASELTINE. Miss Haseltine is just critical enough to rasp the feelings of an indolent or indifferent scholar and awaken his slumbering energy. Her success is largely due to this faculty.

DISTRICT No. 7. Money, \$97.00.

EDWARD HASELTINE, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Fall Terms, 18 weeks. Total attendance, 36; average, 28.5. Teacher, ANNIE B. EMERY. This

lady is an able teacher and her retirement from the profession is a loss to the schools. We extend our best wishes to her in her new vocation.

DISTRICT No. 8. Money, \$118.21.

HIRAM L. POLLARD, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term, 9 weeks. Total attendance, 19; average, 18. Teacher, CLARA M. GRIFFIN. This was Miss Griffin's first school. Nothing occurred to disturb its harmony to the close. Fall Term, 13 weeks. Total attendance, 19; average, 14.6. Teacher, MARY E. SPOLLETT. Miss Spollett has had some experience in teaching and has given general satisfaction wherever she has been. The term in this district was no exception to the rule.

DISTRICT No. 9. Money, \$77 11.

AMOS SANBORN, Prudential Committee.

One Term, 18 weeks. Total attendance, 8; average, 6.8. Teacher, JULIA A. SANBORN. If ever person deserved to realize the benefit of the passage, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many," it is this faithful teacher. Miss Sanborn should have a larger school and a wider sphere of usefulness.



DISTRICT No. 10. Money, \$63.62.

GEORGE CAMMETT, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Fall Terms, 19 weeks. Total attendance, 9; average, 8. Teacher, Mrs. LIZZIE S. HOOKE. The scholars improved rapidly both terms.

Chester Academy, LUCY A. GREENOUGH, Principal, has furnished the opportunity for some of our pupils to engage in higher studies than are usually taught in the district schools. Miss Greenough's well-known competency makes this school a valuable adjunct to our common schools, and as such it should receive encouragement and generous support.

### COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Attendance at school by the present law is made compulsory three months of each year for every child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, six weeks of which time must be consecutive, with penalties for disobedience except in special cases. Would it not be well to amend the statute by increasing the period of attendance where the length of school kept in the district will permit? Why should the tax-payer be compelled to pay a tax to maintain a school the whole term, if the children of the district may lawfully remain at home a part of the term?

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.

However strict the law may be with reference to school attendance, excuses to defeat its intention will not be wanting. For light and transient causes parents often detain children and offer some pretext to justify the action. The past Winter has been unfavorable to regular school attendance, particularly of the smaller scholars, which has reduced the average attendance in some districts to low figures.

## CONCLUSION.

In conclusion permit me to observe that your committee has tried to discharge the duties of his office faithfully and impartially. Parents have been consulted, teachers counselled, and scholars admonished and advised, with a due regard to the interests of the whole; which we believe has served to induce a correct sense of personal duty, and to inspire the pupils with commendable zeal in the pursuit of knowledge.

LAFAYETTE CHESLEY,

*Supt. School Committee.*

CHESTER, N. H. Feb. 26, 1877.



