ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
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OF
HARRISVILLE, N. H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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SENTINEL PRINTING COMPANY, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1886.
The Selectmen would respectfully submit the following report of the affairs of the town under their supervision for the year ending March 1, 1886.

The invoice of April 1, 1885, was as follows:

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<td>&quot; horses,</td>
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<td>8,269</td>
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<td>&quot; oxen,</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>&quot; cows,</td>
<td>224</td>
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<td>&quot; other neat stock,</td>
<td>96</td>
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<td>&quot; sheep,</td>
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<td>&quot; hogs,</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>89</td>
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<td>&quot; carriages,</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>&quot; bank shares,</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>8,200</td>
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Money at interest, etc., 9,418 00
Stock in trade, 36,230 00
Factories, mills and machinery, 52,300 00
Real estate, 168,370 00

Total, 8315,390 00

No. of dogs, 43, amount of tax, 47 00
Rate per cent., money, $1.50. Highway, $0.25.
FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,
MARCH 1, 1886.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes outstanding, $21,198.85
Interest accrued, 977.22

$22,176.07

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1886, $2,037.42
Indebtedness of the town, 20,138.65

We would recommend to be raised by tax, the ensuing
year, the following sums, in addition to the state and county
taxes:

For support of schools, $800.00
To pay town debt and interest, 1,500.00
To repair highways, 800.00
To breaking roads in winter, 200.00
For maintenance of the poor, 200.00
For ordinary town charges, 600.00

$4,100.00

There is in the treasury, for support of schools:

Literary fund, $101.87
School fund, 42.52

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS GIVEN.

George Davis, record books, $25.50
George Davis, paid printing town reports, 22.00
August Lapoint and Louisa Lapoint, damages, 2,000.00
Gilman Gilchrist, material and labor repairing bridge, 21.37
Mary Ann Yardly, for support of Martha Cobb, county pauper, 33.31
Overseers of the Poor, for support of Gregoire family, 25.00
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fees and costs, $46 00
Library committee, fuel for library, 1 63
Francis Stratton, expense of removing Mrs. Birch to county farm, 13 95
Dr. Merriam, visit to Mrs. Birch, county pauper, 5 00
F. C. Farwell, damage done by dogs, 3 25
Dr. C. J. Pierce, medical attendance Mrs. Birch, 49 50
Dr. C. J. Pierce, " " 14 25
Francis Stratton, book-case for use of selectmen, 11 60
Overseers of the Poor, for support of Gregoire family, 25 00
James H. Brooks, repairing bridge near gate-house, 6 10
James H. Brooks, breaking roads, 21 08
George W. Barker, breaking roads, 36 60
Wellington W. Seaver, breaking roads, 13 32
Charles H. Nye, breaking roads, 12 51
Benjamin Willard, breaking roads, 21 29
Benjamin Willard, repairing bridges, 9 12
Fred M. Hardy, breaking roads, 5 00
George M. Tarbox, breaking roads, 10 62
Gilman Kendall, breaking roads, 19 87
Charles J. Smith, breaking roads, 46 44
Corban C. Farwell, breaking roads, 10 10
Francis Stratton, breaking roads, 4 00
George Thatcher, repairs of road scrapers, 24 30
Dr. H. H. Smith, professional services, Lapoint case, 10 00
James I. Cotton, breaking roads, 5 14
Charles C. Farwell, bounty on woodchucks, 3 40
Wellington W. Seaver, plank for bridges, 92
Francis Stratton, repairing road to Cabot place, 32 04
Library committee, appropriation for library, 100 00
Overseers of the Poor, for support of the Gregoire family, 25 00
Francis Stratton, repairing lock-up, 7 22
S. T. Symonds & Son, plank for bridges, 10 37
Benjamin Willard, repairing highways, 15 00
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<td>Augustus Lapoint, repairing highways and bridges</td>
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<td>Milan M. Derby, breaking roads</td>
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<td>Aaron Smith, repairs of fence, Riverside Cemetery</td>
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<td>Darius Farwell, damage done by dogs</td>
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<td>Gilman Kendall, breaking roads and repairing highways</td>
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<td>Jacob G. Lakin, in part for services as Selectman</td>
<td>35 00</td>
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<td>S. T. Symonds &amp; Son, plank</td>
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<td>Library committee, repair of books and shelves</td>
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<td>Dr. C. J. Pierce, fees for returning births and deaths</td>
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<td>Gilman Gilchrist, repairing highway</td>
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<td>Town Clerk, fees for returning marriages, deaths and births</td>
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<td>George Davis, services as Town Clerk and Treasurer</td>
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<td>Belle Hutchinson, services as Librarian one year</td>
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<td>A. P. French, services as Civil Engineer</td>
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<td>Francis Stratton, for removing county paupers</td>
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<td>A. E. &amp; L. M. Drury, rent of Eagle hall</td>
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<td>Gilman Gilchrist, labor on highway</td>
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Merrill J. Russell, handcuffs, $3 00
Frank P. Fiske, services as School Committee, 30 00
Overseers of the Poor, aid to paupers, 8 50
Merrill J. Russell, services as police officer, 10 00
Francis Stratton, incidental expenses, 11 89
Francis Stratton, Sexton's services, 48 00
George F. Tufts, services as Supervisor, 6 00
Aaron Smith, services as Overseer of the Poor, 6 00
Aaron Smith, services as Selectman, 63 86
Jacob G. Lakin, services as Selectman, 23 50
Edwin P. Hunt, services as Supervisor, 5 00
Corban C. Farwell, Collector, abatements 1884 and 1885, 27 53
Harvey J. Ware, services as Supervisor, 5 00
C. C. Farwell, Collector, non-resident highway tax receipts, 14 76
C. C. Farwell, Collector, compensation for collection, 61 00
Francis Stratton, services as Overseer of the Poor, 10 00
Francis Stratton, services as Selectman, 64 75
Edwin P. Hunt, repairing highway, 1 50
Samuel D. Bemis, services as Auditor, 2 00

The following division of the school money appropriated for the support of schools for the year 1885, for which an order was given the treasurer for payment to the several prudential committees:
District No. 1 has 131 scholars, $401 00
District No. 2 has 53 scholars, 191 34
District No. 3 has 17 scholars, 116 60
District No. 4 has 11 scholars, 108 20
District No. 5 has 15 scholars, 113 80
District No. 6 has 9 scholars, 43 54
District No. 3, Nelson, 5 26
District No. 5, Nelson, 2 90

$983 24
By grouping the several items above it will be found that it cost for repairing bridges the past year, $172 24; for breaking roads in the winter, $203 89. The amount of tax raised for repair of highways was $800 00, and the amount drawn from the treasury, additional, is $199 93; which will make the cost of repairing highways the past year, about $1000 00. This sum is largely in excess of years past. It has been our earnest endeavor to keep the expense as low as possible, but for some reason the expense could not be made less and keep the highways safe for public use. We believe the time is passed when a labor tax can be used economically, especially when so large a portion is paid in money, therefore would recommend that the highway tax be raised in money and placed in the hands of competent men for expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON SMITH,
FRANCIS STRATTON,
JACOB G. LAKIN,

Selectmen of Harrisville.

HARRISVILLE, March 1, 1886.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

CASH RECEIVED.
Balance in treasury, March 1, 1885, $1,952 73
Rec'd from state, literary fund, 101 87
savings bank tax, 933 40
from other sources, 7,016 10
$10,004 10

PAYMENTS.
Paid state tax, $756 00
county tax, 533 60
support of schools, 983 24
all other orders of selectmen, 5,693 84
Balance in treasury, March 1, 1886, 2,037 42
$10,004 10

GEORGE DAVIS,
Treasurer.

HARRISVILLE, March 1, 1886.

This certifies that I have examined the above accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find them to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. D. BEMIS, Auditor.
REPORT OF THE OVERSEEERS OF THE POOR.

Drawn from the treasury:

April 2, for support of Martha Cobb, $33.31
" 2, for support of the Gregoire family, 25.00
" 21, for removal of Mrs. Birch to county almshouse, 13.95
" 30, for medical attendance, Mrs. Birch, by Dr. Pierce, 49.50
" 30, for medical attendance, Mrs. Birch, by Dr. Pierce, 14.25
" 30, for medical attendance, Mrs. Birch, by Dr. Merriam, 5.00
" 30, for support of the Gregoire family, 25.00
July 3, " " " " 25.00
Aug. 28, " " " " 25.00
Oct. 7, for support of Martha Cobb, 38.34
" 10, " Gregoire family, 25.00
Dec. 5, for medical attendance, Gregoire family, by Dr. Pierce, 10.50
" 5, for medical attendance, Mrs. Duprey, by Dr. Hill, 3.50
" 9, for wood furnished the Gregoire family, 3.00
" 9, for support of the Gregoire family, 25.00
Feb. 5, " " " " 25.00
" 20, for aid to county paupers, 8.00
" 27, for aid to transient paupers, 10.50
" 27, for wood for the Gregoire family, 7.31
Expenses on county paupers, $176 35
Expenses on town paupers, 195 81

Total expended, $372 16

Payments into treasury:
April 15, cash received from county, $82 58
Dec. 4, " " " 111 59

Balance in hands of the overseers, March 1, 1886, 14 00

AARON SMITH,
FRANCIS STRATTON,
JACOB G. LAKIN,

Overseers of the Poor.

HARRISVILLE. March 1, 1886.
REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

Cash on hand March 1, 1885, $10 61
Appropriation by town for purchase of books, 100 00
Received in fines and paid to town treasurer, 2 00

Total, $112 61
Amount expended for books, $108 50
Balance unexpended in the hands of treasurer, 4 11

Number of volumes in library, 1239.
Number of volumes issued during the year, 2961.

Your committee would respectfully call the attention of the voters to the article in the town warrant, relating to appropriating money for the purchase of books, that it may receive their favorable support; and would recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

The thanks of the town, as well as of your committee, are due the librarian, Miss Belle Hutchinson, for the faithful and efficient manner in which she has performed her duties during the past year.

GEORGE F. TUFTS,
EDWIN P. HUNT,
GEORGE H. SMITH,
Library Committee.
REPORT OF AGENT HAVING CHARGE OF
SCHOOL AND MINISTRY FUNDS.

Received interest on notes, $85 05
Paid Town Treasurer, interest of school fund, $42 52
Paid C. C. P. Harris, for Congregational
society, interest of ministry fund, 21 26
Paid A. C. Phelps, for Baptist society, inter-
est of ministry fund, 21 26

$85 04

AARON SMITH, Agent.

HARRISVILLE, March 1, 1886.
To the Citizens of Harrisville:

In compliance with the laws of the State, the following report of the public schools for the year ending March 1, 1886, is respectfully submitted.

The amount of money available for the support of schools, is as follows:

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<td>90 72</td>
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<td>School fund</td>
<td>42 52</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$983 24</strong></td>
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DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, receives $125; No. 2, $25. Two-fifths of the remainder is divided equally among the scholars, the other three-fifths equally among the districts, calling that part of No. 6, in Dublin, one-third of a district.

The amount for each district is as follows:

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<td>191 94</td>
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<td>116 60</td>
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<td>108 20</td>
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Number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, as reported by the selectmen, April, 1885:
Boys, 96; girls, 95. Total, 191.

Number of children attending school two weeks or more.

162.

Number of visitors in all the schools in town, 309.

Number of visits by Superintending School Committee, 27.
Number of visits by Prudential Committees, 7.
Entire length of school for the year, in weeks, in district having the longest school, 29.
Length in weeks in district having the shortest school for the year, 19.2.
Largest number of scholars in any school, 41.
Smallest number in any school, 6.
Average wages of teachers, per month, including board, $27 88.

Number of pupils who have not been absent during the year, 8; for one term, 52.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.
Arithmetics—Greenleaf's.
Algebra—Robinson's.
Book-keeping—Mayhew's.
Geographies—Harper's.
Grammar—Kerl's.
History—Swinton's.
Physiology—Hutchinson's.
Readers—Lippincott's.
Spellers—Swinton's.
Writing Books—Spencerian Series.
ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during the year or during one term:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

First term, Caddie Beal, Bertha Smith, James Heffron, Luman Blodgett, Curtis Silver, Georgie Winn, Willie Winn.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

For the year, Edith B. Drury. For one term, Leola Barrett, Mamie Heffron, Josie Nicolai, Jennie Venables.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

For the year, Lutie E. Brown. For one term, Carl H. Bemis, George W. Bemis, Bernard F. Bemis, Bonner D. Mason, Ronald J. McGregor, Henry Parker, Arthur F. Seaver, Dora E. Brown, Gertie M. Derby, Minnie I. Derby, Anna B. La Point, Lilla E. La Point, Lizzie E. La Point, Ina D. Mason, Mabel L. Parker, Sadie B. Starkey, Minnie B. Seaver, Gertie A. Seaver, Cora E. Parker.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

For one term, Curtice Farwell, George Knowlton, Henry Knowlton, Ervin Knowlton, Harry F. Mason, Fred Knowlton, Edith Farwell, Mabel Farwell, Grace Farwell.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

For the year, Edson H. Hazen, Elmer G. Royce, Harry M. Tarbox. For one term, Hattie Hazen, Arthur E. Wright.
DISTRICT NO. 5.
For one term, Lewie S. Farwell, John T. Cashion, George D. Upton, Mary A. Cashion.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.
Prudential committee, 'Edwin P. Hunt; Teacher, Miss Emma J. Nahor of Peterboro'. Miss Nahor seems to have excellent control of her pupils, and understands making them appear well at examination. She has taught this school six terms in succession with very good success. The order has been good every time we have visited the school, and the scholars appeared to be studious.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.
Teacher, Mrs. Harriet M. Tolman. This is a large school. During the first part of the spring term a number of scholars who had been to the grammar school came back to the primary. This made the school rather large for one teacher. So, in order to prevent hard feelings, we were obliged to decide that scholars once admitted to the grammar school could not go back to the primary. Mrs. Tolman has a very good faculty of interesting and instructing small scholars. We noticed a decided improvement in the reading during the second term. Quite an effort was made to teach the children the poisonous effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human system.
DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential committee, A. Clayton Phelps. Teacher, Miss Sarah M. Wadleigh of Concord. Miss Wadleigh is a very successful teacher. She has had charge of this school for the last four terms. There seemed to be a very friendly feeling between teacher and scholars. The scholars applied themselves diligently to their studies and good results were obtained as might be expected under so favorable circumstances. Two weeks of the second term were somewhat broken by sickness caused by vaccination. At the closing examination of the winter term, the scholars presented their teacher with a beautiful photograph album as a memento of the high esteem in which they held her.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential committee, Albert Knowlton. Teacher, first term, Mrs. Henri J. Robbins. The school appeared very well at the close, and we think the term was a successful one. There were a large number of absences during the first four weeks, caused by measles. Second term. Teacher, Miss Clara E. Wood. The instruction was thorough and practical. The general appearance of the school was excellent. Scholars studious and quiet.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential committee, Winslow Royce. Teacher, Miss Kate Townsend. The smallest school in town but by no means a dull one. Perhaps some might think that a school of six or eight scholars would be dull and uninteresting; but it is not so in this case. Miss Townsend is alive in her work, seems to enjoy it, and instills into her pupils a desire to gain knowledge. It is seldom we see small scholars do better than they have in this school for the past year.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential committee, Lemuel D. Lakin. First term, teacher, Ella C. Ware of Hancock. Miss Ware is a faithful worker in the school room. The term was a profitable one.
We think this teacher misses it in trying to teach small scholars to read by words, without teaching the letters at the same time. Second term. Teacher, Frank P. Fisk. The scholars were studious and courteous, trying to do every-thing required of them prompt, and as near right as possible. The parents expressed themselves as well pleased with the appearance of the school.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

On the whole, our schools compare very favorably with last year. There has been considerable sickness, but the work done we think averages full better than last year. We feel a deep interest in the welfare of our schools, and hope parents and all others will try to do all they can to make our schools as near perfect as possible. What we want is, live, active teachers, who are not afraid to work, and who will look after the children recesses and noon times as well as in school time. We have seen some teachers who would keep good order in school time, but when school was out would let the scholars talk and act as bad as they pleased. The teacher's authority over a scholar extends from the time the scholar leaves home in the morning until he returns at night; and it is the teacher's duty to see that each pupil's conduct while about the school buildings is decent and courteous.

The school is a place for teaching good manners and politeness, and not rudeness. Neatness should be required of pupils in everything about the school room. We desire to urge parents to see that their children are at school every morning, and on time. Parents, teachers need your support in many ways. Anything you can do to help the school, try and feel it your duty to do it. Visit the schools often. Show the children you take an interest in their studies, and in turn they will show you how well they can do.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. FISK,
Superintending School Committee.

HARRISVILLE, N. H., March 1, 1886.
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Harrisville, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Eagle Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2d. To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.
3d. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for paying town debt and interest, for maintenance of the poor, for repairing highways and bridges, and for other necessary charges arising within the town.
5th. To see what sum of money the town will raise to purchase books for the public library.
6th. To see in what manner the town will adopt to repair the highways.
7th. To see if the town will vote to fund the debts of the town, or act in any manner in relation thereto.
8th. To see if the town will vote to adopt the law in relation to delivery of blank inventories, as per amendment of General Laws, Chap. 55.
9th. To take the sense of the qualified voters on the question, “Is it expedient that a convention be called to revise the constitution?”
10th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway commencing at the dwelling house of Charles L. Yardley, thence easterly and southerly to the north line of the Milan Harris orchard lot.
11th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from the Nelson road, through lands of John Rutherford and Seaver heirs, to the old road near the Chase place.

12th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue that part of the highway leading from Horace Yardley's to Hancock, situate in the town of Harrisville.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, 1886.

AARON SMITH,
FRANCIS STRATTON,
JACOB G. LAKIN,
Selectmen of Harrisville.
To the inhabitants of the town of Harrisville, qualified to vote in district affairs:

In compliance with "an act in amendment of Chap. 86 of the General Laws relating to schools and to establish the town system of schools," approved August 13, 1885, you are hereby notified to meet at Eagle Hall, on Saturday, the twentieth day of March, inst., at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2d. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3d. To choose a school board of three persons, one person to be chosen for three years, one person to be chosen for two years, and one person to be chosen for one year.

Given under our hands and seal this second day of March, 1886.

AARON SMITH,
FRANCIS STRATTON,
JACOB G. LAKIN,
Selectmen of Harrisville.