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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen would respectfully submit the following report of the affairs of the town over which they have supervision for the year ending March 1, 1887:

INVOICE OF APRIL 1, 1886.

Polls, 172, value,	\$17,200 00
Horses, 114, "	8,765 00
Oxen, 48, "	3,195 00
Cows, 229, "	6,539 00
Neat stock, 83, "	1,854 00
Sheep, 453, "	1,168 00
Hogs, 3, "	19 00
Improved land and buildings,	172,095 00
Stock in banks,	1,400 00
Stock in trade,	37,255 00
Money,	4,961 00
Mills and machinery,	47,200 00
Carriages,	1,215 00
Total,	<u>\$302,866 00</u>
Number of dogs, 41, tax,	\$47 00
Total amount of tax,	6,813 40
Rate per cent. per one hundred dollars, \$2.25.	

The Selectmen of last year, agreeably to an act in amendment of Chap. 86, Gen. Laws, relating to schools, and to establish the town system of schools, made the following appraisal of school buildings and other property belonging to the several districts:

District No. 1,	\$625 00
“ 2,	400 00
“ 3,	100 00
“ 4,	40 00
“ 5,	20 00
“ 3, Nelson,	100 00
“ 5, “	38 00
“ 6, Dublin,	478 25

The tax assessed agreeably to the statute was committed to the Collector and remitted to the tax payers in each district according to each person's valuation and the appraisal of their school property.

There is in the treasury for the support of schools the ensuing year the literary fund received from the State Treasurer, it being the tax assessed upon stock in banks and on deposits, the sum of \$103.68, also the income from the school fund amounting to \$73.00, making a total of \$176.68.

Amount of money appropriated for schools, 1886 :

Tax raised,	\$800 00
Literary fund,	101 87
School fund,	42 52
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Order given to school board,	\$944 39

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation, \$700.00.

The following orders given for labor :

Augustus Lapoint (1885),	\$4 76
Gilman Gilchrist,	2 66
Michael Kennedy,	5 10
Levi Bergeron,	1 70
C. Bergeron,	1 70
E. P. Hunt,	43 69
G. F. Bemis,	21 23
G. W. Mason,	18 75
B. Willard,	124 25

E. C. Willard,	\$36 62
L. P. Eaton,	30 83
E. P. Hunt,	57 85
C. C. Farwell,	14 30
G. F. Tufts,	126 32
Aaron Smith,	102 00
G. F. Tufts,	13 00
F. Holt,	1 00
Aaron Smith,	5 00
Aaron Smith,	1 50
Winslow Royce,	1 50
B. Willard,	7 90
J. S. Gilchrist,	2 66
Total expended,	<hr/> \$624 32

At the annual meeting the selectmen were instructed to expend the highway tax as they should deem expedient. Upon the examination of our highways we came to the conclusion it was best to make a change in the mode of repairing the roads. There was a difficulty in securing suitable teams in some districts, and this, with the difficulty in securing manual labor at the proper season, would make it expensive to make the repairs by the usual mode. Although having three of the Thatcher scrapers which did good work where they could be used, we decided to give the Champion Road Machine a trial. The result was, after severe tests, we decided it was for the interest of the town to purchase it, and it was used in all parts of the town. In our belief the use of the machine has put a large amount of material on the road bed, has greatly improved our roads, and made a desirable saving of expense. A large amount of extra work has been done, such as removing rocks and opening and relaying sluice-ways. We confidently believe that it is apparent to every one that our highways have been in as good condition the past season as they have been for years, therefore we cannot but recommend that the highways be repaired in the same way the ensuing year.

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

Sentinel Printing Co., printing reports,	\$25 25
Overseer of Poor, aid to Gregware family,	4 80
W. H. Spalter & Co., blank books and stationery,	5 60
J. G. Lakin, services in appraising school houses,	5 00
Overseer of Poor, support of Gregware family,	25 00
B. Willard, repairing Carroll road,	7 90
Aaron Smith, appraising school houses,	6 00
Francis Stratton, " " "	5 00
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fee,	6 00
Geo. F. Tufts, cash paid for collector's books,	1 30
David C. Owen, breaking roads, 1884,	2 04
School Board, appropriation for schools,	944 39
Augustus Lepoint, repairing highways and breaking roads,	11 81
C. J. Smith, breaking roads,	4 16
Geo. F. Tufts, repairing bridge,	3 41
G. Gilchrist, repairing highway,	3 71
G. Gilchrist, " "	2 66
Michael Kennedy, " "	5 10
Levi Bergeron, " "	1 70
Cliffas Bergeron, " "	1 70
E. P. Hunt, breaking roads,	14 19
E. P. Hunt, repairing highways,	43 69
G. W. Barker, breaking roads,	13 25
C. L. Yardley, " "	2 38
Fred M. Hardy, " "	4 67
Overseer of the Poor, support of Gregware family,	25 00
G. F. Bemis, labor on highway,	21 23
G. F. Bemis, breaking roads,	1 10
W. H. Spalter & Co., book for library,	1 15
Geo. W. Mason, labor on highway,	18 75
Benjamin Willard, labor on highway,	124 25
E. C. Willard, " "	36 62
B. Willard, breaking roads,	2 55

Luther P. Eaton, labor highways,	\$30 83
E. P. Hunt, “	67 85
E. P. Hunt, repairing bridges,	12 25
C. & H. Farwell, plank for bridges,	7 30
Corban C. Farwell, labor on highways,	14 30
Corban C. Farwell, breaking roads,	6 00
C. H. Nye, breaking roads and repairing bridge,	10 25
Geo. F. Tufts, repairing bridges,	7 27
Geo. F. Tufts, labor on highway,	126 32
Aaron Smith, “	102 00
W. W. Seaver, breaking and repairing roads,	10 62
M. M. Mason, bridge plank,	36 00
Aaron Smith, freight and express, road machine,	9 10
W. W. Seaver, repairing highways,	3 57
Geo. F. Tufts, “	13 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., invoice book,	8 50
Francis Stratton, work in cemeteries,	15 00
Overseer of the Poor, support of paupers,	50 00
Geo. F. Tufts, repairing bridges,	2 40
Zopher Willard, plank and stringers,	29 30
C. J. Pierce, returning births and deaths,	2 50
Batchelder & Faulkner, fees and services,	46 18
Frank Holt, labor on highway,	1 00
Aaron Smith, “	5 00
Aaron Smith, repairing bridges,	5 57
Francis Stratton, work in cemeteries,	10 25
Geo. F. Tufts, wood for library,	2 75
Zopher Willard, over-assessment,	7 00
E. C. Tolman, plank for bridges,	31 44
James I. Cotton, breaking roads,	6 93
Overseer of the Poor, support of paupers,	50 00
Aaron Smith, expense of bonding town debt,	20 20
Aaron Smith, repairing highways,	1 50
Luther P. Eaton, damage by dogs,	3 00
Forbes Lithographic Co., printing town bonds,	50 00
Isahel Hutchinson, services as Librarian,	21 50

Geo. F. Lufts, expense bonding town debt,	\$30 20
Overseer of the Poor, support of the Gregware family,	25 00
Geo. Davis, support of paupers,	16 53
Harvey J. Ware, services as Supervisor,	10 00
Geo. F. Tufts, " "	5 00
Winslow Royce, repairing highway,	1 50
Winslow Royce, damage by dogs,	5 00
Town of Hancock, appraisal of school house,	31 38
Town of Marlboro', " "	7 84
Town of Nelson, " "	10 00
Town of Dublin, " "	56 05
L. M. Tuttle, services as Librarian,	5 00
C. A. Blake, breaking roads,	1 80
Francis Stratton, horse hire for Selectmen,	5 25
Geo. Davis, services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
Geo. Davis, services as Supervisor,	3 00
Geo. Davis, recording marriages, births and deaths,	3 30
Geo. Davis, journey to Keene, Antrim and Dublin,	8 75
G. Gilchrist, material for bridge,	5 00
John Rutherford, over-assessment,	5 07
Overseer of the Poor, support of paupers,	11 71
L. T. Farwell, supporting watering trough,	6 00
Geo. M. Tarbox, breaking roads,	2 72
Corban C. Farwell, abatement of taxes,	17 58
Frank P. Fisk, services on School Board,	30 00
C. C. Farwell, " "	23 75
Geo. F. Tufts, services as Selectman,	40 68
Luther P. Eaton, " "	40 00
Aaron Smith, " "	57 83
Geo. Davis, services as Town Clerk and Treasurer,	50 00
Geo. W. Mason, services as Auditor,	2 00
Francis Stratton, services as Sexton,	48 00
C. D. Naylor, breaking roads,	1 58
A. E. Drury, use of hall,	30 00
Baptist Society, over-assessment,	1 43
E. P. Hunt, services as Supervisor,	10 00

Corban C. Farwell, services as collector, 1886,	\$60 00
Dr. Haig, returning births and deaths,	2 50

TOWN DEBT.

More than one-third part of the town's indebtedness was called for and we made efforts to raise money to meet the demand but were unsuccessful in borrowing money at such rates as would be desirable. A town meeting was called, Sept. 6th, to consider the subject of bonding the town debt. It was voted to instruct the Selectmen to issue the bonds of the town to the amount of not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, at a rate not exceeding five per cent. and not less than par. We were confronted at first with a difficulty in placing the bonds, for the reason our debt was so large. The laws of Massachusetts forbid savings institutions and trust companies to loan money to towns where their debt exceeded four per cent. of their valuation. This, with the stringency of the money market during the closing months of the past year, made it much more difficult to dispose of the bonds than we anticipated. The proceeds of the sale of our bonds has been applied agreeably to the vote. Our debt is now in a condition that it can be easily managed, and with prudent management of the financial affairs of the town, and good fortune, we ought to at least wipe out a portion of the bonds on maturity. Any year that there is a surplus it could be deposited in some savings bank, from which the town would receive six per cent. This with the accumulations would form a sinking fund to meet the payment of the bonds when they mature, which is Nov. 1, 1896.

The debt is as follows :

Bonds, five per cent.,	\$15,000 00
Notes, five per cent., exempt,	4,500 00
Notes, four and three-fourths, exempt,	2,500 00
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	\$21,000 00

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1887,	\$1,988 01
Outstanding taxes,	111 08
Bridge plank on hand,	30 00
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	\$2,129 09

We would recommend to be raised by tax the ensuing year the following sums in addition to State and County taxes :

For support of schools,	\$ 800 00
To pay town debt and interest,	1,500 00
To repair highways,	700 00
For breaking roads,	300 00
For maintenance of the poor,	200 00
For ordinary town charges,	800 00

Respectfully submitted,

AARON SMITH,
GEO. F. TUFTS,
LUTHER P. EATON,

Selectmen of Harrisville.

Harrisville, March 1, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CASH RECEIVED.

Balance in treasury, March 1, 1886,	\$2,037 42
Received from State, Literary Fund,	103 38
Savings Bank Tax,	880 03
from other sources,	20,976 09
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	\$23,997 22

PAYMENTS.

Paid County Tax,	\$686 50
State Tax,	856 00
Support of Schools,	944 39
All other orders of Selectmen,	2,270 07
Notes and interest,	17,252 25
Balance in treasury, Feb. 26, 1887,	1,988 01
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	\$23,997 22

GEORGE DAVIS,
Treasurer.

Harrisville, February 26, 1887.

I have examined the Town Treasurer's account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE W. MASON,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

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1886.	
April 10, Received of the County Treasury,	\$33 39
“ 15, “ “ Town Treasury,	25 00
May 29, “ “ “ “	25 00
Sept. 6, “ “ “ “	50 00
Oct. 20, “ “ County Treasury,	39 97
“ “ “ “ “ “ aid for Joseph Naylon,	5 00
Dec. 11, Received of the Town Treasury,	50 00
1887.	
Feb. 19, “ “ “ “	16 53
	\$244 89
1886.	DR.
March 29, Mary Ann Yardly, support of Martha Cobb,	\$33 39
April 15, Support of Gregoire family,	25 00
May 29, “ “ “	25 00
Sept. 6, “ “ “	50 00
Oct. 20, Mary A. Yardly support of Martha Cobb,	39 97
“ “ Aid to county pauper, Joseph Naylon,	5 00
Dec. 11, Support of Gregoire family,	50 00
1887.	
Feb. 19, Support of Gregoire family,	16 53
	\$244 89

GEORGE DAVIS,
Overseer of the Poor.

Harrisville, February 19, 1887.

I have examined the account of the Overseer of the Poor and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

G. W. MASON, *Auditor.*

Report of Overseer of the Poor from Feb. 1, 1887 :

Feb. 5, Received of Town Treasurer,	\$25 00	
“ 26, “ “ “ “	11 71	
	————	\$36 71
Paid for the support of Gregoire family to		
March 1,	\$36 11	
Aid to transient paupers,	60	
	————	\$36 71

JOHN RUTHERFORD,
Overseer of the Poor.

Harrisville, March 1, 1887.

I find the accounts of the Overseer of the Poor correct and properly vouched.

GEORGE W. MASON,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE AGENT HAVING CHARGE OF THE SCHOOL AND MINISTERIAL FUND.

These funds are the proceeds from the sale of certain lots of land reserved by the original proprietors of the town of Dublin for "the support of schools and the ministry." By the terms of the Act organizing the town of Harrisville, these funds were divided and the portion assigned to the town of Harrisville was \$1417.59. By a vote of the town one half of the income is applied to the support of schools, the balance divided equally between the two societies.

Nov. 20, 1886, Interest received,	\$85 04	
Feb. 12, 1887, " "	60 96	
	\$146 00	
Nov. 20, 1886, Paid Town Treasurer,	\$42 52	
" C. C. P. Harris,	21 26	
" L. L. Howe,	21 26	
Feb. 12, 1887, " Town Treasurer,	30 48	
" Rev. C. Newhall,	15 24	
" C. C. P. Harris,	15 24	
	\$146 00	

AARON SMITH, *Agent*.

Harrisville, March 1, 1887.

HARRISVILLE, Feb. 26, 1887.

This certifies that we have examined the above Agent's report, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. F. TUFTS,
LUTHER P. EATON,
Selectmen of Harrisville.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

OF HARRISVILLE, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1887.

To the Citizens of Harrisville:

In performing our duties as members of the School Board we have endeavored to give all scholars in town as near equal advantages as practicable. If there are any who have not appreciated these advantages enough to attend school more than half of the time, it is not our fault.

Those scholars who have studied hard and tried to gain all the knowledge they could, have done well and deserve much praise. A few who have not worked so hard have not learned so much and of course they have been the greatest losers.

Irregularity in attendance is the greatest evil we have to contend with in our schools. In order to succeed in business a man must be punctual, and it is just as important that scholars, in order to get the most good to be derived from a school, should be punctual.

Two of our teachers, Miss Farwell and Miss Derby, were obliged to give up their winter schools on account of sickness. Miss Ware and Miss Wood were promptly hired to fill their places and the schools went on with but a slight interruption.

The instruction in our schools the past year has been good, and most of the scholars have made good progress. In no case has a school been a failure, while in nearly every

case they have been very successful. In one or two schools the order has not been quite as good as it should be. A school with poor order, or no order, is a poor school, and the money paid for running such a school is not doing as much good as it should. There are a few children in No. 1 who have not attended school at all the past year. The town pays for teaching all the scholars in it, and it does seem as if all the scholars in town ought to appreciate the advantages they have enough to attend school and attend regularly.

Number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, as reported by the selectmen, April, 1886 :

Boys, 84 ; girls, 84. Total, 168.

Number of children attending school two weeks or more, 173.

Number of visits by school board, 53.

Number of visits by parents and citizens, 299.

Average wages of teachers, per month, including board, \$28.00.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

Arithmetics—Greenleaf's.

Algebra—Robinson's.

Book-keeping—Mayhew's.

Geographies—Harper's.

Grammars—Swinton's.

History—Swinton's.

Physiology—Hutchinson's.

Readers—Lippincott's.

Spellers—Swinton's.

Writing Books—Spencerian.

ROLL OF HONOR.

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

SCHOOL NO. 1.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

For the year, Leon Smith, Willie Winn, Mamie Heffron.

For one term, Luman Blodgett, Charles Heath, James Pender, Georgie Ross, Georgie Winn, Willie Halpin, Lillian G. Drury, Edith B. Drury, Mary Jane Ross.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

For one term, Earlie Dickey, John Kendall, Mabel A. Eustace, Carrie McDonald, Maggie McKimm.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

For the year, George W. Bemis, Sadie B. Starkey, Marshall Willard. For one term, Bernard F. Bemis, Carl H. Bemis, Perley S. Bemis, Bonner D. Mason, Charles N. Nye, Frank Smith, Lutie E. Brown, Dora E. Brown, Minnie I. Derby, Gertie M. Derby, Nellie L. Howe, Lilly E. La Point, Mary J. La Point, Mabel L. Parker, Lula M. Seaver.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

For the year, Edith M. Farwell, Mabel A. Farwell, Grace S. Farwell, Minnie B. Seaver, Gertrude A. Seaver, Julia E. Hagan. For one term, John W. Farwell, Harry F. Mason, Ralph C. Farwell, Bertha C. White.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

For the year, Edson H. Hazen, Harry M. Tarbox. For one term, Arthur E. Wright, Elmer G. Royce, Hattie M. Hazen.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

For the year, Fred Draper, Charles A. Gilchrest. For one term, James M. Cashion, Mattie Gilchrest.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of School.	TERM.	NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of scholars.	Percentage of attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Physiology.	Astronomy.	Natural History.	Philosophy.
No. 1, Grammar,	Spring	Ada M. Farwell,	31	.94	31	31	27	30	25	5	5		1	2		1	
" "	Winter	John Putnam,	39	.93	39	39	30	38	22	12	5		2	2			
No. 1, Primary,	Summer	Ada M. Farwell,	34	.90	34	34	34	14	4								
" "	Fall	Henri J. Robbins,	33	.88	33	33	33	15	9								
No. 2,	Summer	Sarah M. Wadleigh,	28	.96	28	17	13	17	13	5							
" "	Winter	Ada M. Farwell, Ella C. Ware,	33	.93	33	33	30	22	13	17	2	3	2				1
No. 3,	Summer	Bertha M. Seaver,	22	.97	21	21	12	14	9	5	3						
" "	Fall	Bertha M. Seaver,	19	.95	19	19	11	12	10	11	2						1
No. 4,	Summer	Minnie I. Derby,	8	.87	8	8	4	3	3								
" "	Winter	Minnie I. Derby, Clara E. Wood,	10	.91	10	10	6	7	4	4		1					1
No. 5,	Summer	Lizzie F. Howe,	11	.98	11	11	7	6	5		1			1			1
" "	Winter	Frank P. Fisk,	14	.90	14	14	14	9	5	5		2			1	1	

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

MONEY RECEIVED.

From town of Harrisville,	\$944 39
From town of Hancock,	25 00
From town of Roxbury,	6 25
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	\$975 64

PAID FOR INSTRUCTION.

Ada M. Farwell, 6 week, (including board)	\$48 00
Bertha M. Seaver, 9 weeks, " "	56 25
Sarah M. Wadleigh, 8 " " "	62 00
Ada M. Farwell, 8 " " "	62 00
Lizzie Howe, 6 " " "	33 55
Minnie I. Derby, 8 " " "	36 00
Henri J. Robbins, 12 " " "	90 00
Bertha M. Seaver, 11 " " "	66 00
Clara E. Wood, 10 " " "	50 00
Minnie I. Derby, 2 " " "	10 00
Frank P. Fisk, 14 " " "	110 00
Ella C. Ware, 4 " " "	31 00
Ada M. Farwell, 8 " " "	64 00
John Putnam, 14 " " "	140 00
Town of Dublin,	10 00
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	\$868 80

OTHER EXPENSES.

Cleaning school houses,	\$14 50
Repairs,	11 14
Wood,	61 54
Building fires and care of school houses,	11 25
Crayons and erasers,	3 42
Records,	1 00
Incidental expenses,	3 99
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	\$106 84

SUMMARY.

Amount of cash received,		\$975 64
Paid for instruction,	\$868 80	
Other expenses,	106 84	
	————	\$975 64

FRANK P. FISK,
CORBAN C. FARWELL,
SYLVESTER T. SYMONDS,
School Board.

THE 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 the 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 year ensuing.

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.

5th.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of the poor.

6th.—To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair of highways and to see in what manner the same shall be expended.

7th.—To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair of bridges and other necessary charges arising within the town.

8th.—To see what sum of money the town will raise for paying town debt and interest.

9th.—To see what sum of money the town will raise to purchase books for the public library.

10th.—To see if the town will vote to reconsider any previous vote in regard to paying the Sexton, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1887.

AARON SMITH,
GEO. F. TUFTS,
LUTHER P. EATON,
Selectmen of Harrisville.





