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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF LANDAFF

—TOGETHER WITH THE—

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR END- ING MARCH 1, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer last year	\$ 695 29
Amount of town tax bill	2243 24
Saving Bank tax	670 04
Railroad tax	21 57
Literary fund	96 30
Bounty on bear	10 00
County of Grafton pauper claim	170 91
Interest on local school fund	39 72
Land redeemed from land sale Feb. 27, 1890	73 01
E. C. Burbank highway tax in 1888	2 25
Henry Dowse highway surveyor	14 00
C. E. Clark " "	41 83
Calvin E. Heath " "	8 58
John Thackney redemption of non-resident land sale Feb. 21, 1891	9 19
	\$4095 93

EXPENDITURES.

State tax	5 70
County tax	469 00
School order	741 27
	\$1780 27

TOWN PAUPERS.

J. E. Hall taking Mrs. N. M. Merrill from the Asylum	9 56
County of Grafton care of Frank and Eliza Merrill	170 00
	\$179 56

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Harrison Howland for support of Wm. Howland	52 00
Dr. Shattuck attendance on Foran family	35 40
J. E. Hall furnished " "	8 36
Wells & Woolson mdse " "	16 09
Fred W. Lynds care of Stephen Perkins	43 57

Wells & Woolson mdse for Geo. Eastman	12 67
“ “ “ Eben Brooks	2 16
O. E. Young care of Geo. O. Eastman	26 50
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	\$196 75

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

John E. Hall first selectman	46 50
M. G. Clark second “	26 00
L. B. Chandler third “	28 00
J. E. Hall overseer of poor	7 50
Simon C. Noyes collector	20 00
H. H. Noyes supervisor	8 25
Geo. H. Clifford “	7 75
H. K. Cooley “	4 50
J. E. Hall school board	25 00
S. A. Eaton “ “	9 00
Hiram Clark “ “	5 00
H. H. Noyes town clerk	17 60
S. A. Eaton treasurer	20 00
Auditors	8 00
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	\$233 10

PUBLIC WATERING PLACES.

Philena Sargent	3 00
T. W. Titus	3 00
J. K. P. Young	3 00
Moses Whitcher	3 00
C. E. Clark	3 00
Geo. Bowles	3 00
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	\$18 00

ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Bowles and Robinson	4 95
Daniel Stimpson	5 54
H. A. Ball	6 25
G. N. Merrill	23 75
M. G. Clark	6 50
G. K. Thurston	36 92

S. W. Dexter	9 27
M. G. Clark, Chester Chandler bridge	49 00
M. A. Knight	3 05
L. D. Williams in 1888 and 1890	11 54
Geo. K. Thurston	23 35
O. S. Merrill damage and work	4 70
Napoleon Burke on County road	20 00
C. E. Heath	12 50
John H. Campbell	5 00
Geo. Bowles	6 00
C. L. King lumber	12 50
G. D. McKean damage to plow	4 00
E. E. Downer in 1888	2 00
Geo. N. Merrill	2 08
Henry Dowse	3 65
Moses Whitcher	2 00
Napoleon Burke	4 45
Noah W. Kelsea	1 05
E. Richardson N. R. highway tax worked	3 00
Daniel Whitcher lumber	28 25
“ “ old bill	5 29
E. W. Kay	1 25
Fred P. Noyes lumber	50 56
“ “ on road	1 00
Gold Mining Co. highway tax paid in labor	3 50

 \$352 90

MISCELLANEOUS.

Edson C. Eastman stationery	4 02
William Hall bounty on bear	10 00
Trustees of M. E. church rental of vestry	10 00
P. R. Gould printing reports 1890	14 00
Dr. Shattuck damage to carriage	5 00
O. H. Boynton returning births	25
J. C. Atwood damage to sheep by dogs	30 00
Henry Dowse wood for vestry	1 50
Simon C. Noyes land sale Feb. 21, 1891	32 36

H. H. Noyes copying book 1, Town records	26 00
Simon C. Noyes resident land sale Feb. 28	60 54
H. C. Marston record book	2 50
J. E. Hall school books	119 17

\$315 34

Amount of receipts into treasury	4095 93
" " disbursements	3075 92

Leaving in hands of treasurer \$1020 01

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from County of Grafton	196 75
" " " " Coos	9 64

Balance in favor of town \$1226 40

UNAVAILABLE ASSETS.

Geo. D. McKean note, local school fund	350 00
Littleton Savings Bank, " " "	550 00

900 00

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

JOHN E. HALL, SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

1896			
Mar. 30	To one day copying records for Census office		2 00
Apr. 8	“ five days taking invoice		10 00
	“ two “ copying “		4 00
	“ “ “ making taxes		4 00
	“ one “ returning invoice to Sec’y of State		1 00
May 1	“ “ “ appointing collector and filling highway surveyors warrants		2 00
8	“ one-half day to Chester Chandler to see about culvert		1 00
9	“ one-half day to Whitcherville with highway tax bill		1 00
June 15	“ one-half day to Scotland to see about road matter		1 00
20	“ one day to South Landaff and Whitcherville on road matters		2 00
21	“ one-half day to Scotland to see about highway surveyor		1 00
26	“ recording invoice and taxes		3 00
July 5	“ one-half day to Foster Hill appointing highway surveyor		1 00
Sept. 17	“ one-half day to Foster Hill on road matters		1 00
18	“ “ “ on old County road		1 00
Oct. 8	“ copying invoice for County Commissioners		2 00
18	“ one-half day warning town meeting		1 00
Dec. 21	“ “ “ revising Juror list		1 00
	“ answering inquiries from Census office		1 00
Feb. 21	“ one day calling town meeting and settling claims		2 00
27	“ one day settling claims		2 00
28	“ “ “ with auditors		2 00
	“ stationery and postage		50

 \$46 50

MOSES G. CLARK, SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

1890

Mar. 29	To one-half day preparing inventory blanks	1 00
Apr. 8	“ five days taking invoice	10 00
14	“ one “ receiving inventory blanks and getting ready to make taxes	2 00
16	“ one day making taxes	2 00
17	“ “ “ “ “	2 00
May 1	“ “ “ on highway warrants	2 00
Dec. 27	“ one-half day revising Juror box	1 00
Feb. 21	“ one day posting warrants and settling claims	2 00
27	“ “ “ settling claims	2 00
28	“ “ “ “ “	2 00

 \$26 00

L. B. CHANDLER, SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

1890

Mar. 28	To work on inventory blanks	50
Apr. 8	“ five days taking inventory	10 00
14	“ one day receiving and copying blanks	2 00
17	“ two days making taxes	4 00
18	“ one day copying taxes etc.	2 00
May 1	“ “ “ on highway books	2 00
Dec. 10	“ on road to Ireland, Foster Hill and Third District	1 50
27	“ one-half day revising Juror box etc.	1 00
Feb. 21	“ one day warning town meeting and settling claims	2 00
38	“ one and one-half day settling claims	3 00

 \$28 00

H. H. NOYES, SERVICES AS TOWN CLERK.

Forty-seven pages copy	7 99
Drawing and notifying jurors	2 25
Election returns, Nov. 1890	1 09
Recording returns, 4 marriages, 12 births, 12 deaths	4 20

Enrollment and copy	50
Express bill	15
Copy of total statistics	1 00
Postage and stationery,	51
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	\$17 60

J. E. HALL, SERVICES AS OVERSEER OF POOR.

1890		
Mar. 18	To one day at Haverhill to settle pauper claims	2 00
16	“ taking provisions to E. Brooks & A. Foran	1 00
July 8	“ one-half day to N. M. Merrills and looking up records	1 00
9	“ carrying Eliza Merrill to county farm	2 50
26	“ one-half day to N. W. Merrills (Carrie Merrill case)	1 00
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		\$7 50

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

With two or three exceptions the schools, during the past year, have been entirely satisfactory to the School Board, and so far as is known, to the people in the district. The exceptions are the Fall and Winter schools at the Centre and No. 3. Some of the people at the Centre foolishly, (as we think), allowed their children to leave the school at the Fall, and also the Winter term, but those who were dissatisfied with the Fall school were well pleased with the Winter school, and vice versa. As it seems to be impossible to please all at the same time here, perhaps, by doing what we thought to be right in each case we may have hit the "golden mean," and pleased everybody a part of the time. We regret that a feeling has crept into this school and neighborhood which renders it almost impossible for a teacher, no matter how well he or she may do, to please all parties. The people at No. 3 took the wiser course, and chose "rather to endure the evil which they had, than fly to those they knew not of." It was intended to have had a Winter term in school No. 2, but upon inquiry we learned that we were not sure of more than four scholars, and two of them could be about as well accommodated at the Centre, and the other two were small, and quite as well satisfied not to go to school. So it was thought best not to have a school. At South Landaff we have had two terms aggregating twenty-two weeks. Could we have foreseen the favorable winter, and have known that the people there would have liked a winter term, they could have had it. Generally, owing to the distance some of the scholars have to go, and the bad roads, they have not wanted a Winter school. Nine scholars from this town have attended school in Benton, for which we had to pay a tuition of \$2,50 each per term. This is more than we have paid heretofore, and we thought too much, especially when five of the scholars have to go nearly a mile and a half to get to school, but in the absence of any previous arrangement we had to pay it. Hereafter it will be well for those having this matter in charge to make their arrangements at the beginning of the school year. Five of these scholars can, with a little expense, be sent to one of our own schools.

The Summer term on Foster Hill closed abruptly at the begin-

ning of the fourth week, without notice to the School Board, and without examination. No further attempt was made at having a Summer school, but a very successful term of eleven weeks was had in the Fall. The school house is not a suitable place in which to have a Winter school, but we should have liked to have given the few scholars here a few more weeks of school. Some other time it may be made up to them. The other three schools have had three terms each, two of them having a Winter term of twelve weeks each. We think as a whole good progress has been made by the scholars throughout the district. Our observations in the schools have led us to fear that the tendency has sometimes been to push the pupils along too fast, without spending sufficient time in the elementary matters. This is especially the case in Arithmetic and Algebra. Some effort was made in the Winter schools to correct this, and, we think with good results. No scholar can build well upon a foundation that is defective.

In the purchase of school books we have endeavored to use all the economy that was consistent with the welfare of our schools. In the use of books, scholars cannot get along with any less than enough, and we have bought, of each kind, only what we thought would be sufficient to meet the demand that would be made for them. We have a few Readers, a few Histories, and some others that have not been used. The expense so far has fallen below the estimates which we made a year ago. Most of the books have been returned to the School Board. A few have been kept by permission, but we think we have a record which shows where every book is.

Petitions were circulated and presented asking that an article be inserted in the warrant for town meeting, looking to a return to the old district system of schools. This matter properly comes before the voters of the district instead of the town, and an article of that character was inserted in the school meeting warrant. It was a matter of some surprise to us to find that these petitions had been most generally signed by people living in those localities which have been the most benefitted by the operations of the present law, while the names of those who have derived the least benefit from the change are conspicuous by their absence. We hope these petitioners will make no mistake in voting upon this matter, but

carefully consider what the result will be. It may be gratifying to some parts of the town to have the sole control of their portion of the school funds, but it seems to us this will hardly compensate them for the loss of nearly a third of the money they have had the benefit of under the new law. It seems to us that such would be the case in such districts as numbers 4 and 5. Other districts would have plenty of school money, with only three or four scholars; and this is the worst feature of the old district system. The school money must be divided and paid over to the district whether there are any scholars or not, while the present system allows the exercise of some discretionary powers in these matters by the School Board. We think we can make these few suggestions without being charged with any selfish motive, for such a change if made would relieve the School Board of a great amount of vexations and profitless work, which would certainly be a great relief in the supervision of the schools.

Number of scholars in town as enumerated by Selectmen, boys, 47; girls, 31; total 78. Number over fifteen who have attended school, 12. Number reported in school register attending not less than two weeks, 100. Number registered in more than one school, 12. Over five not attending any school, 4. Between fourteen and twenty who cannot read or write, 0.

The appended table furnishes all the statistical facts required by law not already given. Under whatever law our schools are run we hope the town will still continue their liberality in making a little extra appropriation for them which is money well invested.

In settling with the Selectmen and Treasurer we find the financial affairs of the town in a very satisfactory condition. Vouchers were produced for all expenditures when called for. We find the same provision in our Treasurer's accounts that he has always maintained. The town will see by the reported available assets, that there is probably funds enough to pay the ordinary expenses of the town for the coming year and therefore, we should not recommend the raising of any money for that purpose. We have examined the School District Treasurer's accounts and find them correctly cast, and properly vouched for.

MOSES WHITCHER, }
HIRAM CLARK. } *Auditors.*

School.	Teacher.	No. of Weeks.	No of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Whole Number	Wages per month Including Board.
Centre	Mabel M. Bronson,	10	16	14	29	18 00
	Mary B. Nickerson,	8	20	14		21 00
	Frank B. Pelton,	12	25	18		32 00
No. 1	Mattie J. Atwood,	9	6	5	14	16 00
	Mabel M. Bronson,	7	12	10		16 00
	" " "	9	6	5		16 00
No. 2	Grace B. Webster,	10	13	10	15	16 00
	" " "	10	11	8		16 00
	" " "	10	25	21		16 00
No. 3	Mary S. Clark	8	24	18	31	20 00
	Susie B. Whitney,	12	24	17		25 00
	John E. Hall,	10	10	8		16 00
No. 4	Ada M. Burbank,	12	10	9	11	18 00
	Blanche E. Webster,	3	6	6		16 00
No. 5	Emily B. Carr,	11	6	6	6	18 00
	Melinda A. Simonds,	11	6	6		18 00

Attending school in Benton, 9.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following are the names of those who have been present every half day of a term, without being tardy:

SUMMER TERM.

Amos N. Allbee,	Julia A. Allbee,
Earnest Allbee,	Lulu V. Bemis,
Queenie A. Straw,	Clara Titus,
Clarence Straw,	Lizzie Titus,
Perry J. Poor.	Nellie Spooner,
Scott Lynd,	Susie Spooner,
Leon E. Noyes,	Charley S. Chandler,
Guy A. Sargent,	Dan Y. Sherman,
Scott E. Williams.	Ella M. Woods,
Maude E. Clark,	Hattie A. Clark,
Scott F. Cooley,	Alice Ball,
Mary E. Huntoon,	Bertha A. Huntoon.

FALL TERM.

Mary E. Huntoon,	Maud E. Clark,
Sadie Stimpson,	Scott E. Williams,
Grace L. Johnson,	Charlie S. Chandler,
Gertie M. Johnson,	Ralph Heath,
Nellie Spooner,	Glenn Stephens,
Susie Spooner,	Dan W. Gordon,
Julia A. Allbee,	

WINTER TERM.

Grace L. Johnson,	Glenn Stephens,
Gerald T. Clark,	Lawrence Bronson.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS

Balance of School money last year	84 09
School order for 1890	741 27
J. T. & B. W. Clark	4 89
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Total School money	\$830 25
No. 1 School Fund	30 30
Interest to March 1st 1891	10 22
No. 2 School Fund	75 13
Interest to March 1st 1891	13 43
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	\$959 33

EXPENDITURES

For support of Centre school	197 50
" " School No. 1	110 00
" " " " 2	89 00
" " " " 3	165 00
" " " " 4	97 25
" " " " 5	66 50
Benton School Board tuition 9 scholars	37 50
For cleaning and repairing Centre	2 00
" " " No. 3	3 00
" " plastering " 2	54 60
" " brooms crayons glass etc.	3 75
No. 1 and 2 School Fund and interest in Treas. hands	129 08
Balance of School Money in Treas. hands	4 15
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	\$959 33

J. E. HALL, *Treasurer.*

JOHN E. HALL, SAMUEL A. EATON, HIRAM CLARK.	} <i>School Board.</i>
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Births Registered in the Town of Landaff, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1890.

Date of Birth. 1890.	Name of Child (If any.)	Sex & Condition		Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Still-b'n							
		No. of Child.	Color.							
		1st and, &c.								
Jan. 12	Maud A. Rich	F	L	Will H. Rich	Nora A. Chappell	W	Landaff	Laborer	Sturrahfield, Vt.	Iselville, Vt.
Feb. 23	Berthie Bell Bowles	F	2d	Abel F. Bowles	Ellen Hughes	W	Landaff	Laborer	Stow, Mass.	Lisbon
June 17		M	3rd	Holman D. Titus	Alma M. Atwood	W	Landaff	Farming	Lynah	Landaff
27		F	1st	James McDonald	Ellen Smith	W	Landaff	Laborer	Canada	Canada
July 11		M	3rd	Hiram K. Cooley	Julia D. Foster	W	Landaff	Farming	Canada	Landaff
18		F	5th	Matthew D. Albee	Ida J. Noyes	W	Landaff	Farming	Canada	"
Aug. 9		F	2d	Geo. D. McKean	May A. Young	W	Landaff	Farming	Littleton	Lynah
10	Irma Agnes Heath	F	3rd	Calvin E. Heath	Elvira A. King	W	Landaff	Farming	Canada	Benton
Oct. 10		F	1st	William C. Smith	Emma M. Clark	W	Landaff	Laborer	Canada	Newbury, Vt.
Nov. 7	Walter Leslie Merrill	M	1st	Willie H. Merrill	Jennie L. Bass	W	Landaff	Salesman	Landaff	Lisbon
Sept. 15	Welcome E. Bowles	M	1st	Jacob F. Bowles	Julia A. Barrett	W	Landaff	Laborer	Lisbon	Lisbon
Dec. 7		F	6th	George W. Clement	Lamira P. Foster	W	Landaff	Farming	Albany, N. Y.	Landaff

Marriages Registered in the Town of Landaff, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1890.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents.	Occupation	Condition.	Name, Residence and official Station of person by whom married.
April 21	Landaff	Charles C. Whitcher Carrie E. Hall	Landaff "	26 20	W R	R. R. Employe Teaching	Landaff Haverhill	H. N. Whitcher Emilie E. Atwood	Farming	1st 1st	Rev. G. W. Norris, Concord
24	"	Moren A. Knight Mary J. Poor	" "	54 52		Farming Housework	Landaff "	Lamira E. Noyes Francis Knight Catherine Moore John Poor		1st 1st	Rev. H. B. Copp, Londonderry
June 29	"	Reuben E. Littlefield Hattie A. Knapp	" Bethlehem	34 46		Farming Housework	Bartlett Bethlehem	Louisa Copp Joseph Littlefield Susan Littlefield Charles Sanborn		1st 3d	Rev. Wm. Warren Landaff
Sept. 30	"	Sidney W. Eaton Alice M. McKean	Landaff "	23 23		Farming House work	Landaff "	Betsy Sanborn Samuel A. Eaton S. C. McConnell Geo. W. McKean Mary J. Rix		1st 1st	Rev. Wm. Warren Landaff

Deaths Registered in the Town of Landaff, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1890.

Date—1890.	Name and Surname of deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.				Father.	Mother.		
Jan 17	Eliza Edwards	78	10	23	Franconia	F	Housework			Peter Kinsman	Mary Raybmond
Feb 9	Moses Simonds	89	2	23	Landaff	M	Farming			Jonathan Simonds	Mary McDoyl
March 24	Emery B. Carpenter	73	7	4	Old Town, P. Q.	M	"			Moses C. Carpenter	Mary Brown
March 3	George M. Davis	10	1		Landaff	M	"			John Davis	Ella Clark
Apr 17	Frank D. Parker	1	5	13	Bath	M	Housewife			Frank B. Parker	Martha B. Hayward
May 18	Mrs. Sylvester Stimson	67	11	18	Plymouth	F	Housewife			Daniel Bortlett	Alice Bloodgett
May 18	Ruth Harden	78	5	23	Brompion, P. Q.	F	Housewife			Linas Bronston	Eunice Symonds
June 14	James S. Webster	32	8	24	Landaff	M	Farming			Stephen Webster	Roansey M. Lindsay
June 16	Pleuma M. Downer	13	3	24	"	F	Housewife			Elery F. Downer	Hannah Baker
Sept 25	Betsy A. Young	68	3		Lisbon	F	Laborer			Nichols Eastman	
Nov 10	Westley B. Hodge	58	6		"	M	"			John Hodge	
Nov 4	Enos W. Ball	67	6		Benton	M	Farming			James Ball	

