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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.	SCHOOL MONEY.
Dist. No. 1, Lucius A. Garfield,.....	\$139 20
“ 2, Charles Cutter,	651 40
“ 3, Fred I. Stevens,.....	119 42
“ 4, Frederick Spaulding,	75 70
“ 5, Leonard E. Spaulding,.....	112 11
“ 6, Arthur Bunce,.....	114 52
“ 7, Benjamin F. Lawrence,.....	228 52
“ 8, Oliver Bacon,.....	94 20
“ 9, William Buckwold,	154 01
“ 11, Charles A. Baldwin,	74 43
“ 12, Joseph W. Fassett,.....	61 23
“ 13, Edward B. Crowe,.....	79 73
	\$1904 47

The money was distributed in accordance with the following vote: “One-third among the districts according to valuation of each district; one-third among the districts according to the number of scholars in each district; the other third equally among the several districts, calling District No. 2 one district and a half.”

Scholars between 5 and 15 years of age not in school during the year.....	18
Whole number of different scholars in school during the year—boys, 136; girls, 122—.....	258
Average daily attendance,.....	186
Number of children reported by Selectmen, April, 1881, between the ages of 5 and 15—boys, 100; girls, 96—...	196
Scholars having no absences during the year,.....	32

The highest wages paid any teacher, \$60 per month; the lowest, \$20; average wages per month for male teachers, \$43; for female teachers, \$23.95; expense per scholar, \$7.38.

No text books have been furnished by the town. Swinton's Word Book has been substituted for the North American Spelling Book, and the several districts have uniform text books, as follows: Franklin Readers, White's Arithmetics, Swinton's

Word Book, Swinton's Grammar, and Warren's Geographies. Supplementary Readers have been introduced into three schools, and with such results that it is hoped similar books will soon be found in all the schools. Pupils quickly tire of a single reading book, however judicious the selections in it may be, and their lessons become little more than mechanical repetition. This is specially noticeable in the case of scholars who commit to memory readily. Instances have come under my knowledge where words in familiar pieces would be pronounced correctly, and still the scholar fail to recognize the same words when found on a page with which he was not familiar. A variety of reading, and reading new pieces at sight, will prevent the possibility of such mere repetition without regard to meaning.

Some of the teachers have found difficulty on account of the different editions of the same book. This has been more particularly true of the Geographies. Obviously this is an evil that cannot be remedied till publishers change. Have what book we may, and in a short time there will be a new edition, even if nothing more is done than to transpose a few pages or change the wording of a rule; as it will never do for one publisher to allow another to have a later edition of a text book on a given subject than his own. It is here that the skill of the teacher ought to show itself. At the best, text books can be only guides, and the one who cannot use them as such, but must confine himself to the very letter in every case, is wanting in the essential thing for teaching.

The number of different scholars has been less by two, and the average daily attendance less by three than the previous year. The number not absent during the year has, however, increased from twenty-four to thirty-two, so on the whole there has been a little improvement in attendance. In some cases there has been good reason for absences, but in the majority of instances it is believed they might have been avoided. It is noticeable that the same irregularities, with few exceptions, continue year after year in the same schools.

The total length of schools in all the districts has been twenty weeks less than last year. This was in part owing to the Conant School taking the place of the fall term of the Grammar School

in District No. 2. Apart from that, however, there was a falling off of nine weeks in the districts where schools were most needed. There have been seventeen different teachers employed, two males and fifteen females. With two exceptions all had had more or less experience in teaching. Eight had taught the same school two or more successive terms. No school was so far a failure as to be given up, though some of the teachers can hardly be said to have met with success. This want of success cannot be traced to any one cause. More experience, bringing with it greater facilities for adapting themselves to their surroundings and quicker insight to discover and meet the wants of their pupils, will help those who did not accomplish all they wished, in the future, to make their schools more what schools should be. District No. 11 had two teachers for one term. Mrs. Poole and Miss T. V. Tenney. Mrs. Poole taught the school with her usual good success till about the middle of the term, when duties requiring her attention elsewhere, she secured the services of Miss Tenney, who kept it up in every respect to its previously high standard. As for some years past, District No. 10 has been united with District No. 9.

Repairs have been made on the school houses so that with one exception they are in a fairly good condition. A majority still lack the necessary furniture—globe, outline maps and good blackboards—to which attention has been so frequently called in years past. Districts Nos. 2 and 12 are the only ones which have done all that is necessary to make their school rooms places where teachers and scholars can work to the best advantage. In judging of the comparative merits of the different schools, this fact should be taken into account. Certainly a teacher without the necessary helps ought not to be expected to accomplish so much as the one with them. We all see the absurdity of not having the proper implements for cultivating our farms and gathering our hay, or of trying to make the work of a carpenter, blacksmith, or any other calling a success without the best tools. And why fail to recognize the same thing in the teacher's calling?

Sixty-eight visits have been made to the different schools. It has been the purpose of your committee, since taking charge of the schools, to visit them at least three times each term: once at

the beginning, then a little later, and again at the close. In some instances he has visited them more frequently. In a few cases the past year, owing to reasons beyond his control, he has made but two visits. That he has not done all for the schools he hoped, he is free to confess; that he has done what he has, is due in a good measure to the willingness of prudential committees, parents and teachers to co-operate with him. In all cases where he has been called to exercise his authority as superintendent in matters of discipline, he has found the parents ready to insist that their children should comply with all reasonable demands made on them. From the scholars, too, he has uniformly received that courteous attention which has made all his labor for them of such a nature that it will ever be looked back upon with pleasure. When coming in contact with the scholars, your committee has endeavored to distinguish between rudeness and vulgarity, which are ever to be frowned upon, and that overflow of animal spirits, showing itself in fondness for noise and play which ought always to mark a child in good health and sound mind. Few scholars fail to yield to proper restraints when imposed at the right time, and in the proper direction, or to respect those imposing them. Every teacher ought to be able to see the difference between stupidity and goodness; between that fun which bubbles out of a boy or girl because it cannot be suppressed, and that maliciousness which has for its purpose making trouble. Unfortunately many are not able to make this distinction, and in their estimation the model scholar is the one lounging quietly over his book, though his mind may be as sluggish as his body is inactive. They have no conception of awakening enthusiasm in the dull mind, or of turning the full force of the bright, active mind in the right direction without its losing anything of its vigor. *The will of the child is not to be broken but bent*, is a fundamental principle in teaching.

On the whole, the schools covered by this report have not differed essentially from those of the two previous years. And under the present arrangement of districts and appropriation of money, it is difficult to see how they can increase much in efficiency. Had all the schools been as good as some, your committee would congratulate Jaffrey on having a system of common schools second to no town with which he is acquainted.

And in the nature of the case he sees no reason why this should not be true. To bring it about there must be fewer schools so that there may be larger appropriation of money and more scholars for each. At present nearly one-half of the schools are without scholars enough to create interest among themselves, or to make it an object for a teacher wishing to do thorough work to take one of them. If it does happen, for exceptional reasons, as it has in some instances the past year, that good teachers can be obtained, their work has to be cut short after a few weeks for want of money. It is needless to repeat what has been said in former reports bearing on this matter, and I will simply add that the experience of another year with your schools has but confirmed my previously strong opinion that the town is imperiling its interests to a greater degree than it is aware, by allowing its schools to go on in the way they have been for at least the past three years.

A late number of the New York Tribune, in urging the need of better teaching, uses the following language, to which your attention is respectfully called: "There is no place, always except the nursery, where one is called on for the active display of so many varieties of talent and ability as in the school room. There is no person, except the mother, who needs to be so capable, so consummate in methods as the teacher. These two, the mother and the teacher, make the scholar, the orator, the statesman, the theologian, the man, the woman. They take the tender, pliable, budding nature, and surround it with circumstances best suited to its individual development. For each child has a nature of its own and requires special treatment. As the florist gives to each plant the soil, the warmth, the moisture, the stimulus, the sun, the shade; as he prunes it at one time and at another allows it to flourish in wild luxuriance, so the mother, the teacher, adapts to each child according to its development, to its needs, the special culture and treatment suited to it, changing this from time to time as the child changes."

In the judgment of your committee, the custom of making detailed reports of the several schools, and commenting on the work of each teacher, is of little use, and attended with serious evils. Such reports are therefore omitted. Much care has been taken to make the general report full and accurate, and group items in such a way as to have them of easy reference.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Scholars not absent or tardy during the year :

Arthur S. Annett,	Sarah E. Annett,	Elsie C. Annett,
Fred K. Davis,	Ernest B. Garfield,	Curtis H. Morse,
Oliver H. Morse,	Lillian A. Morse,	Mary M. Morse,
Warren H. Morse,		Herbert A. Robertson.

For one term :

Marietta E. Annett,	Albert F. Wheeler,	Eville J. Wheeler,
Irving E. Morse,	Fred S. Morse,	Fred A. Stratton,
Willis S. Walker,		Willis W. Fairbanks.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Primary Department.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Lester A. Coburn,	Clarence Gardner,	Mark Gardner,
Fannie Kittredge,	Jessie Rice,	Enola Towne.

For two terms :

Lenora Coburn,	Stella Ingraham,	Willie Adams,
Frank Buckwold,	Joseph Simoneau,	Willie Davis.
	Leon Foster,	

For one term :

Arthur Simoneau,	Rosie Mitchell,	Lizzie Stearns,
Alice Hodge,	Emile Desormeault,	Jessie Hodge,
Herbert Bixby,	Annie Bailey,	Charlie Buckwold,
Laura Coburn,		Lottie Howe.

Grammar Department.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Mark Bradley,	George Rice.
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For one term :

Harry Kidder,	Ella M. Sawyer,	Etta M. Sawyer,
Willis Gardner,	Ernest Raymond,	Mark Shedd,
Mary Bailey,	Cora Bruce,	Mary Kittridge.
	Katie Staples,	

DISTRICT No. 3.

Not absent or tardy for one term :

Alice M. Heath,	Abbie A. Underwood,	Gracie A. Chamberlain,
Charles E. Goff,		Herbert C. Sawtelle.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Not absent or tardy for one term :

Bertis C. Hodge,	Norval A. Hodge,	Elma C. Jewell,
Nellie I. Jewell,	Edith B. Spaulding,	Minnie C. Spaulding.
	Carrie P. Butler,	

DISTRICT No. 5.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Gertie M. Adams,	Warren D. Field,	L. Idella Field,
Lillie Willoughby,		Winnie M. Field.

For one term :

Carrie E. Hill,	Hattie Hill,	Winfield S. Adams,
George E. Field,		Ernest Spaulding.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Not absent or tardy for one term :

Lewis A. Bunce,	Freddie P. Pack,	Cora I. Wells,
Willie E. Bunce,		Carrie E. Bailey.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Mark E. Baldwin,	Almon A. Baldwin,	Walter F. Lawrence.
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For two terms :

Lucia B. Cutter,	Abbie A. Dunbar,	Clara P. Dunbar,
John W. Dunbar,	Walter H. Dunbar,	Claribel Baldwin,
Carl F. Baldwin,		Edwin P. Baldwin.

For one term :

Edith I. Brown,	Lucian W. Heath,	Lizzie E. Potter,
Louisa M. Potter.	Perey L. Cutter,	Frank F. Farnum.
	Ernest H. Jewell,	

DISTRICT No. 8.

Not absent or tardy for one term :

Bennie Coffin,	Wilhe B. Davis,	Alice P. Nutting,
Myron Pierce,	Jean L. Pierce,	Frank Hadley.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Lizzie M. Buckwold.

For two terms :

John P. Garfield.

For one term :

Alice S. Buckwold,	Carrie F. Buckwold.
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DISTRICT No. 11.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Arthur E. Poole.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Annie F. Crowe,	Mary L. Crowe.
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. LIVINGSTON,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Jaffrey, N. H., Feb. 17, 1882.

TRUSTEES' REPORT OF THE CONANT HIGH SCHOOL
FUND.

Dr.

To cash as per last report,	\$334 89
Error,	07
Interest on \$9200 Town of Jaffrey Bonds,	552 00
Interest on New Hampshire State Bonds,	12 00
For Tuition,	4 00
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	\$902 96

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SPRING TERM.

By cash paid George H. Rockwood,	\$140 00
S. D. Jewell,	40 00
Carrie E. Bigelow,	56 25
Incidentals,	10 45
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	\$246 70

FALL TERM.

By cash paid B. F. Armitage,	\$200 00
Sarah E. Robbins,	88 00
Incidentals,	15 37
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	\$303 37
	352 89
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	\$902 96

H. D. UPTON, }
J. S. LACY, } Trustees.
J. T. BIGELOW, }

Jaffrey, Feb. 21, 1882.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONANT
INDIGENT FUND.

Town of Jaffrey to F. H. Cutter,—

DR.

February 22. To support of Samuel Marble,	\$17 00
April 1. To support of Edward F. Adams— money paid Mary B. Adams,	10 00
April 8. To support of Samuel Marble,	8 00
Total,	\$35 00

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By balance from old account,	\$127 89	
Less not received,	48 00	— 79 89
Balance due from Trustees,		44 89
		\$79 89
Received of the estate of Franklin H. Cutter,	44 89	
Received dividend on Cheshire R.R. stock,	96 00	
Received interest on Cambridge City Bonds,	60 00	
Received interest on Kansas Pacific Consoli- dated Railroad Bond,	60 00	
		\$260 89

Assistance rendered :

Samuel Marble,	\$25 00	
Lyman L. Farnum,	30 00	
Jacob Buckwold,	20 00	
Mrs. Small,	10 00	
Mrs. Robertson,	5 00	
John Hodge,	10 00	
Mrs. Jacob Priest,	26 50	
Mrs. Ira Rice,	3 50	
Mrs. Rebecca Adams,	5 00	
Amount expended,	\$135 00	
Balance cash on hand,	125 89	\$260 89

RUSSELL H. KITTREDGE, } Trustees.
VALERIA L. CUTTER, }

REPORTS OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Town of Jaffrey to F. H. Cutter, Overseer of Poor,—

DR.

February 18, 1881. To balance due Overseer, as per last report,	\$22	12
February 18, 1881. To putting on record book Overseer's report,		25
April 1, 1881. To paying N. W. Mower for boarding Enos Mower from January 1, 1881, to April 1,	39	00
April 2, 1881. To paying J. P. Bancroft for board and expenses of Jennie E. Davis from Jan. 1, 1881, to April 1,	51	52
April 7, 1881. To paying (county charge) W. B. Robbins for meat furnished John S. Whitney,	3	63
April 8, 1881. To paying (county charge) Gilman for house rent furnished John S. Whitney,	18	43
April 9, 1881. To support of Jane A. Page from January 1, 1881, to April 1,	29	25
	\$164	20

CR.

May 7, 1881. By money received from the County for county paupers, included in the above account,	\$ 22	06
April 1, 1881. By money drawn from Town Treasurer,	185	00
Balance due from Overseer,	42	86
	\$207	06

Town of Jaffrey to R. H. Kittredge, Overseer of Poor,—

Dr.

To cash received of the estate of Franklin H. Cutter,	\$ 42 86	
Cash received of County,	33 35	
Cash received of Town Treasurer,	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$676 21

CR.

By cash paid N. W. Mower for support of Enos Mower, nine months, to January 1, 1882,	\$128 96	
Support of J. A. Page, nine months, to January 1, 1882,	87 75	
Support of Jennie E. Davis, nine months, to January 1, 1882,	167 27	
Support of Sally Hemmingway, one year, to January 1, 1882,	156 00	
Support of Jacob Buckwold, from Aug. 1, 1881, to January 1, 1882,	68 80	
Support of John S. Whitney,	42 13	
Burial of John S. Whitney,	16 00	
Postage and checks,	55	
Overseer's personal services,	8 75	
	<hr/>	\$676 21

RUSSELL H. KITTREDGE,

Overseer of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Jaffrey respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending March 1, 1882.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Geo. A. Underwood, personal services as Selectman, for the year ending January 1, 1882,	\$84 00
William B. Robbins, personal services as Selectman, for the year ending January 1, 1882,	62 00
Clarence S. Bailey, personal services as Selectman, for the year ending January 1, 1882,	73 50
Joseph P. Frost, Town Clerk for 1881,	10 00
Auditors of 1881,	3 00
William W. Livingston, Superintendent of Schools for the year ending March 1, 1882,	50 00
C. H. Powers, Collector and Town Treasurer for year ending March 1, 1882,	75 00
John H. Fox, Supervisor,	6 00
Joel H. Poole, “	4 50
Alfred Sawyer, Committee on Gilmore Road and Common,	4 00
Joseph W. Fassett, Committee on Gilmore Road and Common,	4 00
Julius Cutter, Committee on Gilmore Road and Common,	6 00
	\$382 00

BREAKING ROADS IN WINTER OF 1880-81.

Paid Jonathan Page,	\$ 7 05
Charles Cutter,	30 89
John A. Cutter,	19 22
Addison J. Adams,	54 11
Frederick Spaulding,	40 60
E. B. Crowe,	33 98

John Hecker,	38 93
John Garfield,	30 51
Albert W. Hodge,	32 17
J. M. M. Lacy,	53 25
Nehemiah Cutter,	16 38
Alfred Sawyer,	30 00
Joseph Smith,	68 12
Elliott O. Prescott,	26 25
Addison Pierce,	29 32
Stephen S. Bacon,	7 00
William L. Frost,	28 47
Fred J. Lawrence,	47 25
Henry Chamberlain,	50 84
Marshall C. Adams,	61 68
Joseph W. Fassett,	62 77
Cornelius W. Warren,	35 05
Leonard E. Spaulding,	110 97
Joel H. Poole,	43 53
M. D. Fitzgerald,	4 65
Henry M. Stearns,	14 96
C. M. Stewart,	13 00
E. L. Hodge,	3 75

\$994 70

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Daniel P. Adams,	\$ 8 28
Leonard E. Spaulding,	22 06
Addison J. Adams,	17 70
Jonathan Page,	21 64
Frederic Spaulding,	12 75
E. B. Crowe,	34 56
Asa Nutting,	2 65
J. M. M. Lacy,	45 24
William L. Frost,	31 60
Dana S. Jaquith,	10 33
Nehemiah Cutter,	20 02
M. D. Fitzgerald,	5 71
C. S. Bailey,	56 20
C. M. Stewart,	13 00
Fred J. Lawrence,	50 00
Albert Pierce,	17 28
Albert W. Hodge,	24 75
John Hecker,	9 52
Joel H. Poole,	15 77
Clark M. Pierce,	18 44
Henry M. Stearns,	18 72

Alfred Sawyer,	4 46	
Joseph W. Fassett,	44 65	
Henry Chamberlain, labor on highway and repairs on bridge,	52 08	ONE
Samuel D. Jewell, labor on highway and repairs on bridge,	14 65	
John Garfield, bridge plank,	2 78	
Thomas Annett, bridge plank,	11 22	
George F. Gilmore, five stringers and bridge plank,	38 60	
Philip Peak, drawing sand,	9 00	
Benjamin L. Baldwin, lot for gravel,	25 56	
	<hr/>	\$659 22

SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1, L. A. Garfield,	\$139 20	
2, Charles Cutter,	651 40	
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6, Arthur Bunce,	114 52	
7, B. F. Lawrence,	228 52	
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13, E. B. Crowe,	79 73	
	<hr/>	\$1904 47

RINGING BELLS.

Paid Samuel D. Jewell,	\$ 5 50	
N. W. Mower,	24 50	\$30 00

TAXES ABATED.

Paid N. C. Holmes, overtax on bank stock,	\$9 80	
Cozbie Tenney, overtax on public funds,	1 97	
Clarence E. Crosby, on dog tax,	2 00	\$13 77

TAXES PAID.

Paid C. H. Powers, Treasurer, County Tax,	\$1365 24	
C. H. Powers, Treasurer, State Tax,	1868 00	
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OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid Franklin H. Cutter,	\$185 00	
R. H. Kittredge,	600 00	
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INTEREST ON TOWN BONDS.

Paid Charles H. Powers, treasurer,		\$696 00
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POLICE.

Paid N. W. Mower,	\$10 00	
Warren F. Allen,	5 00	
Joseph Smith,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$16 50

SHEEP DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Leonard E. Spaulding,	\$8 00	
Daniel Donnelly,	3 00	
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TOWN BONDS REDEEMED.

Paid Charles H. Powers, treasurer,		\$1000 00
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EXPENSE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. M. Bascom, incidental expenses,	\$11 62	
M. M. Bascom, expense of hose and repairs on engine,	17 25	
M. M. Bascom, for 42 firemen's services for year ending March 1, 1882,	\$147 50	
	<hr/>	\$176 37

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Farnum & Scott, printing town reports,	\$44 00	
Joseph P. Frost, repairing bookcase,	3 00	
William B. Robbins, record, collector, and surveyor's books and stationery	6 90	
W. F. Heath, blank appointments and orders,	2 00	
James May, damage on highway,	2 00	
J. S. Lacy, expense of town safe,	25 00	
Farnum & Scott, printing invoice and taxes,	40 00	
G. A. Underwood, labor putting safe in se- lectmen's room,	2 25	
William B. Robbins, money voted for Deco- ration Day,	25 00	
D. C. Shattuck, cleaning, painting and var- nishing the town safe,	3 50	

M. W. Armstrong, moving and placing safe in selectmen's room,	4 00	
John E. Baldwin, expense varnishing hearse,	23 25	
G. A. Underwood, stationery, postage and express,	1 32	
N. W. Mower, expense repairing and var- nishing hearse at East Jaffrey,	26 00	
J. P. Frost, recording births and deaths, no- tifying jurors, &c.,	12 44	
Chas. E. Prescott, damage on highway,	11 00	
C. H. Powers, note and interest paid Monad- nock National Bank,	1539 00	
Benjamin Pierce, public watering place,	3 00	
G. A. Underwood, one-half cord of wood for town hall,	2 75	
Ellen McCarthy, public watering place,	3 00	
		<u>\$1779 41</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Town Officers.....	\$ 382 00
Breaking Roads.....	994 70
Highways and Bridges.....	659 22
School Money.....	1,904 47
Ringling Bells.....	30 00
Taxes Abated.....	13 77
Taxes Paid.....	3,233 24
Overseers of Poor.....	785 00
Interest on Town Bonds.....	696 00
Town Bonds Redeemed.....	1,000 00
Police.....	16 50
Sheep Damage by Dogs.....	11 00
Fire Department.....	176 37
Miscellaneous.....	1,779 41
	<u>\$11,681 68</u>

Amount of 142 orders drawn by Selectmen during
the year ending March 1, 1882.....\$11,681 68

GEORGE A. UNDERWOOD,	}	Selectmen of Jaffrey.
CLARENCE S. BAILEY,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To cash on hand as per last report,	\$1,336 53
Of the Selectmen (borrowed),	1,500 00
For Bolster Place,	150 00
Annie M. Donovan, interest on note,	12 85
Ellen McCarthy, interest on Conant Repairing Fund,	30 00
For lead pipe sold,	30
Of State Treasurer for Insurance Tax,	3 75
" " Railroad Tax,	205 95
" " Savings Bank Tax,	2,832 22
" " Literary Fund Tax,	111 80
Outstanding taxes, of 1879,	9 48
" " 1880,	366 73
" " 1881,	6,107 28
For interest on outstanding taxes, }	
And for non-resident highway taxes, }	12 42
For Interest on the Literary Fund,	149 56
For Town Bond redeemed,	200 00
	\$13,028 87

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By 142 orders paid,	\$11,681 68
By cash on hand,	1,347 19
	\$13,028 87

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Outstanding 6 per cent. Bonds,	\$10,200 00
Outstanding 4 per cent. Bonds,	8,000 00
Due the Literary Fund,	490 37
Unpaid Coupons,	276 00
	\$18,966 37

ASSETS.

Literary Fund,	\$2,963 37
Annie M. Donovan, note and mortgage,	214 25
Conant Repairing Fund,	1,000 00
Cash in Treasury,	1,347 19
	\$5,524 81

OUTSTANDING TAXES.

Outstanding taxes for 1879,	\$ 32 14
" " 1880,	40 75
" " 1881,	237 26

C. H. POWERS, Treasurer.

Jaffrey, March 1, 1882.

LITERARY FUND.

	Principal.	Int't paid.
Mortgage and note signed by J. R. Stanley, January 1, 1878,	\$250 00	\$15 00
Mortgage and note signed by Mrs. C. Bartenback, August 22, 1878,	250 00	15 00
Mortgage and note signed by J. M. Darling, December 18, 1878,	220 00	
Mortgage and note signed by John Mann, January 1, 1878,	226 00	13 56
Note signed by Oliver Bacon, December 30, 1875,	27 00	
Three shares Monadnock National Bank,	300 00	30 00
Town of Jaffrey Bonds (6 per cent.),	1,000 00	60 00
“ “ “ (4 per cent.),	200 00	8 00
Cash received for Town Bonds redeemed,	200 00	8 00
Cash received for Bolster Place,	150 00	
Due from Town Treasury as per last report,	140 37	
	\$2,963 37	\$149 56

C. H. POWERS, Treasurer.

Jaffrey, March 1, 1882.

We, the undersigned, have examined the reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Treasurer of the Literary Fund, Overseer of the Poor, and the report of the Trustees and securities of the Conant Indigent Fund, and find them fully vouched and correctly cast.

JOSEPH W. FASSETT,
 JOHN B. SHEDD,
 EDWIN R. SPAULDING, } Auditors.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The Fire Company has not been called out the past year. We have had two alarms given, but the fires were both extinguished without the aid of the engine.

The first alarm was given on January 7, fire being discovered in the drying house of Messrs. White Brothers. Their facilities for extinguishing fire were such that the engine was not required.

The second alarm was on February 23: fire caught in the attic of J. S. Lacy's store, caused by a burning chimney; it was discovered early and extinguished with a few pails of water.

\$176.37 covers the cost of maintaining the fire department for the year.

M. M. BASCOM, Chief Engineer.

East Jaffrey, February 21, 1882.

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

Amount of goods on hand, February 20, 1881,	\$ 32 00
Amount bought,	261 28
Amount sold,	327 09
Amount on hand,	41 00

G. C. DUNCAN, Agent.

February 18, 1882.

WEARY OF WAITING.

Death of A. Prescott, Esq., by His Own Hand, Yesterday Morning.

Mr. Adison Prescott, for many years president of the banking house of A. Prescott & Co., predecessors of the present Central Bank of Kansas, committed suicide yesterday morning at about 5 o'clock, at his home in this city. The fatal deed was accomplished by the use of a revolver which had been kept in his sleeping room. The bullet entered the brain just behind the right ear, and passed out on the left side above the ear. Mr. Prescott left his bed where his wife was asleep and passed to an adjoining room where the fatal shot was fired. Mrs. Prescott reached his side quickly, but life had fled and only the truant blood from her husband's head made any motion.

The cause of this dreadful tragedy was ill-health, long continued, resulting in a temporary derangement of the mental faculties. Mr. Prescott's family physician was Dr. Mulvane. The doctor says that Mr. Prescott, over two years ago had a severe attack of malarial fever, which left him in a prostrated condition. That this fever was brought on by over work; that he commenced his summer work without time to recuperate and did a hard summer's work, overtaxing body and brain. In the fall of 1881 he went east in a broken down condition, and returning in a worse nervous condition than when he started away. Dr. Mulvane was then consulted and examined the patient, discovering evidences of mental derangement. Then Mr. Prescott put himself under medical treatment, and was confined to his bed for four weeks, got up and at once, in a debilitated condition, resumed business. That last summer and fall he confined himself incessantly to business. It was during this last fall and winter that evidences of mental derangement were again discovered. Every effort was made to counteract it, except the taking of needed rest. The tragedy is the direct result of protracted overwork and immoderate attention to business. This adds to the sadness of the occurrence. The death of so useful a citizen is a calamity to all.

Mr. Prescott has been in Topeka since 1874, and has always occupied a prominent position in society and politics. He leaves a wife and four children and several more distant relatives resident in this city, for all of whom our people will have the deepest feeling.

The funeral will be held Sunday at his late home, and all friends of the family are invited.

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