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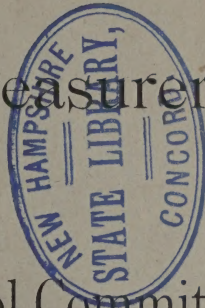
Superintending School Committee

— OF THE —

Town of South Newmarket,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1881.

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ANNUAL REPORT

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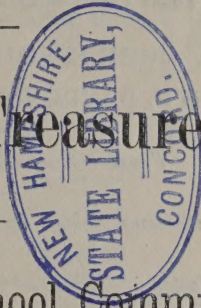
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1881.



Town Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting.

Moderator.—EDWARD J. BEAL.

Town Clerk.—ALBERT H. VARNEY.

Selectmen.—JOHN E. SIMPSON, CHAIRMAN, DEPEND-
ENCE F. DAVIS, DANIEL C. LANGLANDS.

Treasurer.—GEORGE O. PAUL.

Superintending School Committee.—BENTON SMITH.

Collector of Taxes.—*STEPHEN E. HAYES.

Auditor.—SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS.

Officers Elected at Biennial Election, Nov, 2, 1880.

Supervisors.—ALBERT FIELD, J. LEWIS CHASE,
DANIEL G. NEAL.

Representative to General Court.—SAMUEL P. BADGER.

*Appointed by Selectmen.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Geo. O. Paul, Treasurer, in account with the Town.
1880. Dr.

To amount in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1880,		\$96 54
Balance of Collector Harvey's list, 1877,	5 72	
Abatements,	3 36	
		2 36
Balance, Collector Hayes list, 1879,	11 73	
Abatements,	9 14	
		2 59
Amount of tax list, 1880, com- mitted to S. E. Hayes for collection,	5826 45	
Dog tax,	60 00	
		5886 45
Less abatements,	39 53	
" Discounts,	493 64	
" Uncollected	7 05	
		540 22
		5346 23
Rail Road tax,	370 67	
Savings Bank tax,	324 42	
Literary fund,	59 94	
Amount received from County,	165 95	
		920 98
School Dist. No. 1, half Insur- ance Bill on Town Hall build- ing,	21 88	
Cash borrowed of sundry per- sons,	2,775 00	
Rent of Town Hall,	26 67	
		2823 55
		3744 53
		9,192 25

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Paid sundry orders of Selectmen as follows:

April 7,	E. C. Williams, for copying Town accounts,	3 50
9,	Chas. E. Durrell, repairs of school house,	200 00
10,	On account of Ruland suit,	1,519 19
23,	John M. Ewin, varnishing Town Hall,	5 70
27,	Wingate & Shaw, publishing resolutions in regard to the late John M. Brodhead,	3 00
	Wingate & Shaw, printing Town accounts	20 00
May 12,	Charles E. Durrell, Reps. of School House,	200 00
June 25,	Charles E. Durrell, Salary of teachers,	325 00
26,	C. H. Trickey, teaching school in Dist. No. 2,	77 00
July 2,	J. P. Sanborn, repairing wall front of School House,	3 25
8,	John Pease, repairing Pound,	3 15
13,	Hollis Pease, Agt. Witness fees in Perkins' suit,	52 19
14,	Hollis Pease, Agt. Marston & Eastman's bill, Ruland & Perkins' suits,	350 00
26,	John M. Ewin, extra police service July 4, and 5,	2 50
31,	County tax,	1,291 55
	Joseph Smith, board and clothes for Jones children,	77 34

Aug. 11, Paid	John M. Ewin, extra police service, on nights of July 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6,	7 50
19,	Eben Smith, Highways Dist. No. 2,	40 00
	J. H. Wilkinson, Insurance on Hearse, fixtures and Hearse House,	4 25
Aug. 24,	James Pike amount of Wm. Foley's note and interest, \$212	50
27,	Geo B. Wiggin, highways, Dist. No. 3,	75 00
Sept. 18,	Hollis Pease, agent, expenses in Ruland & Perkins suits,	23 30
	Hollis Pease, agt., expenses in Ruland and Perkins suits,	4 80
	Hollis Pease, agt., horse and carriage bill,	2 00
	A. W. Dudley, surveying road and attendance at court in Perkins suit,	4 00
Oct. 6,	John M. Ewin, lettering guide- boards,	19 20
Nov. 10.	G. P. Hanson, horse and carriage bill,	4 75
18,	County of Rockingham, board and expense of Frank French,	161 00
19,	Charles E. Durrell, salaries of teachers, Dist. No. 1,	400 00
Dec. 10,	Albert Field, goods delivered Kate Fitzgerald*	34 00
	State tax,	864 00

Dec. 10,	Paid C. V. Jenness, sundry items	
	in repairs of Town Hall,	2 00
	Geo. E. Lane, blank books,	1 35
	" tax collector's book,	90
	John E. Simpson, telegraph bill	
	on acct. J. L. Beckett,	2 54
	S. E. Hayes, distributing inven-	
	tory blanks,	5 00
27,	Kate Fitzgerald, balance due	
	from County, *	5 00
28,	E. D. Richards, in settlement	
	for damages on account of	
	accident near R.R. bridge, 1,000	00

1881.

Jan. 3,	Adeline Neal, allowance from	
	County,	52 00
8,	Joseph Smith, board and med-	
	icine for Jones children,	83 55
	W. F. Littlefield, on account	
	School Dist. No. 2,	111 00
31,	J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on	
	Town Hall,	43 75
Feb. 2,	G. P. Hanson, team to	
	County Farm,	2 00
7,	Town of Newmarket, amt. exp.	
	apport'n'd by Commiss'n'rs	
	on pet. for new road,	33 95
	A. L. Mellows, expenses as	
	guardian for Wm. F. French,	20 00
14,	Benton Smith, services as	
	S. S. Committee,	25 00
19,	I. T. George, for services op-	
	posing pet. for new road,	15 00

	Eben Smith, highways, Dist.	
	No. 2,	8 00
	E. G. Hill, circulating remon-	
	strance against new road,	2 00
	E. G. Hill, police, service,	10 00
	John M. Ewwin, "	6 00
	A. H. Varney, medical att'nd'nce	
	rendered M. McDonnell,*	22 00
	A. H. Varney, services as	
	Town Clerk,	41 35
	A. H. Varney, making return	
	of births and deaths,	7 75
21,	Swamscot Machine Co., house	
	rent for M. McDonnell, *	15 00
	Swamscot Machine Co., coal de-	
	livered for M. McDonnell,*	14 05
	Wingate & Shaw, printing 15	
	Check Lists,	5 20
	Supervisors, for services in 1879	
	and 80,	30 00
22,	C. E. Durrell, school money,	
	Dist. No. 1,	403 00
	Geo. B. Wiggin, breaking	
	roads in Dist. No. 3,	67 80
	C. H. Littlefield, Police service,	6 00
	Joseph Lang, damage to a	
	lamb by a dog,	1 00
	Dan'l E. Smith, Police service,	6 00
	W. F. Littlefield, watering	
	trough,	3 00
	Eben Smith, breaking roads,	
	Dist. No. 2,	44 10

*Paid by the County.

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Feb. 22, paid J. E. Simpson, services as		
Selectman,	\$60	35
D. C. Langlands, services as		
Selectman,	43	50
N. G. Howard, labor on high-		
way Dist. No. 1, 1879,	3	24
Geo. O. Paul, services as Treas-		
urer,	31	50
G. D. W. Robinson, watering		
trough,	2	00
24, Swamscot Machine Co. sundry		
items in rep. town hall,	8	41
John E. Simpson, services as		
Constable,	8	00
Albert Field, goods delivered M.		
McDonnell,*	38	90
D. F. Davis, services as Se-		
lectman,	31	50
Chas. C Odlin, recording death		
of J. S. Clark,	25	
Chas. H. Smith, services on pe-		
tition for new road,	35	00
H. P. Neal, error in school		
house tax,	4	70
26, C. V. Jenness, witness fees in		
Perkins suit,	3	50
Jacob Hersey, one sheep killed		
by dogs,	4	00
D. F. Davis, time and expense		
to County Farm,	2	00
S. E. Hayes, labor on guide		
posts,	2	60
G. P. Hanson, team to New-		
market,	2	00

Feb. 26, paid Mary Hilton, five lambs killed by dogs,	16	25	
James A. Spread, printing tax bills,	1	75	
Amos Paul, rep. highways Dist. No. 1,	392	16	
Amos Paul, breaking roads, Dist. No. 1,	89	56	
Amos Paul, putting in bank walls in R. R. Street and grading street,	73	50	
Amos Paul, freight on tiles, and labor on Sewer for new st. back of Depot,	17	49	
Dennis Shea & Co., tiles for Sewer,	17	30	
S. E. Williams, Auditing town accounts,	3	00	
S. E. Hayes, services as Collector of taxes,	85	29	
Joseph Smith, board and clothing for Jones children,	34	29	
28 A. H. Varney, going to County Farm to take J. L. Beckett's deposition,	3	00	
Marston & Eastman, advice to Selectmen in 1879,	17	00	
Marston & Eastman, services at Newmarket in regard to new road,	15	00	
			\$9,132 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,			60 25
			<u>\$9,192 25</u>

GEO. O. PAUL, Treasurer.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN TOWN, APRIL 1 st,
1880.

Real Estate,	\$228,828 00
Personal property,	73,361 00
Polls,	25,100 00
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	\$327,289 00

Rate per \$1000.00 on all taxes, \$16.50

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN DEBTS.

Notes due to sundry individuals,	\$3599 37	
Interest on the same to March 1, 1881,	128 59	
	<hr/>	3727 96
Less amt. uncollected, S. E. Hayes' list '80,	7 05	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	60 25	
	<hr/>	67 30
Net amt. Town's Indebtedness		\$3660 66
JOHN E. SIMPSON,	} Selectmen of South Newmarket.	
D. F. DAVIS,		
DANIEL C. LANGLANDS,		

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

South Newmarket, Feb. 28, 1881.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In my report of last year, I called your attention to the fact that only a very few towns are so well situated to possess good schools of a high order and to secure all the benefits of them without loss of either time or money, as your own. Were your town large in territory and sparsely inhabited, you would be compelled to divide it into districts of large size within each of which there would be but few children, many of whom would have long distances to travel to reach the school houses; the number of pupils in each school would be so small as to prevent enthusiasm in teachers and scholars and make the schools dull; the school terms would necessarily be short, for each district could have but a small amount of money to expend; you would be unable to retain the services of capable teachers, and a frequent change of teachers with all the evils of it, would be inevitable.

But you are not so unfortunately situated, and I am anxious to impress you with the unusual and favorable opportunities you enjoy. The territory of your town is small; your population is compactly and centrally located; your children do not have long distances to travel to school; you have but two school districts, and the money you raise is not, therefore, divided in small amounts among so many districts as to be insufficient to

continue the schools a needful length of time; your schools are not so small as to be dull; your schools can be well graded; and you can retain the services of successful teachers.

Seeking to use these unusual advantages, I divided the school in District No. 1, into four grades, viz:—Primary, Intermediate, Grammar and High, dividing each grade into six classes, the course of study of each class to occupy six months. I expected it would require three years for the school to get into good running order, under this system. It has now been in operation a year, and with great advantage to both scholars and teachers. By it, the work of scholars and teachers has been clearly defined. The scholars have become ambitious to go up with their classes, and this has made them more studious, and has also improved the moral condition of the school. There have been a few unexpected but very pleasant results from the operation of this graded system. In a few instances, scholars have studied in advance of their classes and prepared themselves to enter the classes above them; and these scholars were promoted, thus gaining six months in school life. Such things elevate the tone of a school and purify its spirit. And I am confident they will multiply as the system comes into more perfectly working order.

That the parents and citizens so readily and heartily approved and sustained the rules and regulations adopted, was very gratifying to me. If they continue to sustain them, the time is close at hand when scholars will have completed the Grammar School course honorably and will have passed in regular order to the High School studies, thus giving you a High School and relieving you of the need and saving to you the expense of sending your children out of town to complete their education. Let all the parents and citizens look forward to this as a matter of honor to your town and of saving and comfort to yourselves. And it will not be long in coming if all remain faithful. In two years you may see a High

School department established which not only scholars in District No. 1 may enjoy, but the properly qualified scholars of the whole town—a town High School. While districts are necessary, it will do the citizens good to be reaching forward together to a school in which the higher branches shall be taught, and which any scholar in town who is qualified to do so may enjoy the right to attend.

My visits to District No. 2 have always been pleasant, for the school has enjoyed good teaching and the scholars have ever manifested thoughtful and considerate efforts to make the school an orderly one, and to keep the school room neat.

I advise the town to adopt by-laws concerning truants and children and youth who may be wandering about the streets and public places of the town, having no lawful employment or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance. The following is the law of the state regarding the matter, viz :

“Any town may make by-laws concerning habitual truants and children not attending school, without any regular and lawful occupation, between the ages of six and sixteen years, and to compel the attendance of such children at school, not repugnant to law; and may annex penalties for the breach thereof not exceeding ten dollars for each offense.

Such town may appoint three or more officers to enforce such laws, either of whom, and no other, may make complaint for such offenses, and shall be authorized to serve any process relating thereto.

Any offender against such by-laws, upon conviction, may, instead of such fine, be sentenced to the reform school for a term not exceeding one year.

Any such offender, on conviction and sentence to pay such fine, may in default of payment, be committed to the reform school till the same be paid or he is otherwise discharged; but the court or justice imposing such sentence may at any time discharge such offender, on proof

that he is unable to pay said fine, and has no parent, guardian, or person chargeable with his support, able to pay it.

Such offender so convicted may give bond to the town in the penal sum of twenty-five dollars, with sufficient sureties, approved by the court or justice before whom he was convicted, conditioned to attend regularly some district or other school kept in such town, for one term next ensuing, when the same is kept, to comply with the regulations thereof, and to be obedient and respectful to the teacher; and his fine may thereupon be remitted by such court or justice or payment of the costs."

It will be seen that these laws are not effective unless the town adopts by-laws in regard to the crimes and penalties mentioned in them. I therefore recommend to the Town the adoption of the following by-laws, viz:

1. Any child between the ages of six and sixteen years who shall absent himself or herself from school without the consent of his or her parent, acting guardian, or teacher, shall be deemed a truant.

2. Any child convicted of being an habitual truant, or any child, between said ages wandering about in the streets and public places in the Town of South Newmarket, having no lawful employment or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall, at the discretion of any court or justice competent to try such cases, be fined for each offense, not more than ten dollars or be sentenced to the reform school for a term not exceeding one year.

3. Any such offender, on conviction and sentence to pay such fine, may, in default of payment, be committed to the reform school till the same be paid or he is otherwise discharged; but the court or justice imposing such sentence may at any time discharge such offender, on proof that he is unable to pay said fine, and has no parent, guardian, or person chargeable with his support, able to pay it.

4. Such offender so convicted may be required to give bond to the town in the penal sum of twenty-five dollars, with sufficient sureties, approved by the court or justice before whom he was convicted, conditioned to attend regularly some district or other school kept in such town, for one term next ensuing, when the same is kept, to comply with the regulations thereof, and to be obedient and respectful to the teacher; and his fine may thereupon be remitted by such court or justice on payment of the costs.

5. The town shall appoint three officers to enforce these by-laws, who shall dilligently inquire into every case of truancy and juvenile vagrancy, either reported to them or discovered by themselves, and make complaint for such offenses, and shall be authorized to serve any process relating thereto.

Respectfully Submitted,

BENTON SMITH,

Superintending School Committee.

South Newmarket, Feb. 19, 1881.

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