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TOWN OF ORFORD, N. H.  
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**AUDITORS:**  
ISAAC WILLARD, HARTWELL C. CUSHMAN, BENJ. F. TRUSSELL.

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WINDHAM

FOR THE YEAR

1880

# FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF ORFORD FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

CHARLES C. TALLMAN, HAZEN, E. CARR, EDWIN C. FRANKLIN,  
Selectmen.

VALUATION OF TOWN APRIL 1ST, 1881.

Real estate,	\$ 371,126 00	
Non-resident,	5,190 00	
Mills and machinery.	4,500 00	
Stock in trade,	18,424 00	
Bank stock,	1,752 00	
Carriages,	2,186 00	
308 horses,	17,016 00	
1231 cattle,	30,228 00	
4361 sheep,	9,946 00	
75 hogs,	474 00	
277 polls,	27,700 00	
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Total valuation, 1881,		\$ 536,556 00
Taxes on dogs,		56 00
State tax, 1881,	1,124 00	
County tax, 1881,	1,892 25	
To defray town charges,	1,500 00	
To pay town indebtedness,	950 00	
To support schools,	983 50	
Add 5 per cent allowed by law,	322 48	
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Total amount money tax.		\$ 6 772 23
To support highway and bridges,	\$ 1,500 00	
Add 5 per cent allowed by law,	75 00	
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Total amount highway tax,		\$ 1,575 00
Rate of tax on \$ 100 00,	\$ 1 27	
Rate of tax in labor,	30	

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

ISAAC WILLARD, Treasurer.

March 1st, 1882.

Bal. in hands of Treasurer, March 1st, 1881,		\$ 3,296 57
H. H. Conant for liquor sold,	\$ 57 06	
John E. Chesley on note,	23 30	
Frank S. Streeter admr.,	324 70	
J. M. Leonard S. riv.	42 00	
Nathan Grimes on John Phelps' note,	11 82	
Isaac Hartwell School rent,	10 00	
C. A. Bass school rent,	30 00	
Perley Chapman school rent,	6 00	
B. W. Mann school rent,	10 00	
D. T. Hale collector bal. for 1880 and 1881,	268 35	
D. T. Hale collector for '81 and '82,	6,584 67	
From State literary fund,	96 75	
Railroad tax,	2 53	
Savings bank tax,	190 34	
J. M. Leonard literary fund,	100 00	
Refunded money from Stetson case,	2 00	
Use of town house,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 7761 55
Total receipts,		\$ 11,058 12

## DISBURSEMENTS.

### TOWN NOTES PAID.

A. E. Rogers,	\$ 100 00	
T. J. Fifield,	1,500 00	
B. F. Niles,	35 00	
T. L. Dimick,	100 00	
B. F. Niles,	31 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,766 00
Interest on town notes,		66 77

## LABOR ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

George W. Lamprey,	\$ 5 00	
William E. Chamberlin,	75	
Perley Chapman,	75	
Albert G. Page,	1 00	
Ernest W. Cushman,	2 50	
Thomas Huckins,	10 32	
Horace Clough,	14 46	
John G. Stickney,	4 85	
Daniel A. Blood,	21 44	
Alva B. Stevens,	16 24	
Chas. C. Tallman,	35 50	
John Hall,	72	
Frank J. Bell,	1 50	
John L. Haselton,	2 00	
John Rogers,	3 50	
Daniel S. Willis,	75	
	<hr/>	\$ 121 28

## PLANK AND TIMBER.

Horace Clough,	\$ 9 00	
John Bickford,	5 60	
Tillotson & Morrison,	24 70	
Edwin Bugbee,	12 84	
Alva B. Stevens,	1 00	
Hartwell C. Cushman,	1 20	
John L. Haselton,	52 37	
Chas. C. Tallman,	60 47	
Chas. C. Tallman,	55 75	
Daniel T. Hale,	87 96	
	<hr/>	\$ 310 89

## BREAKING SNOW PATHS.

Edwin Franklin,	2 50	
Emore Dennis,	9 84	
Ernest W. Cushman,	50	
Luther Sherburn,	5 70	
Thomas Huckins,	2 30	
George W. French,	4 20	
Charles Davis,	4 40	
Horace Clough,	12 72	
Daniel S. Willis,	7 36	
John G. Stickney,	9 60	
Chas. Davis,	4 40	

Alva B. Stevens,	3 50
John Hall,	9 60
John W. Lamprey,	2 16
Albert G. Lovejoy,	9 10
Daniel S. Willis,	5 76
Leonard Roberts,	10 33
James D. F. Norris,	70
	<hr/> \$ 104 67

### EXPENSE OF COUNTY POOR.

Chase & Streeter in Stetson case,	\$ 25 70
Aseph Mann casket for A. Parker.	15 00
Albert G. Page services as sexton,	3 00
Wm. H. Boydon support of Sarah D. Powers,	20 72
Zerah C. Mann mdse. for Sarah Powers,	38 00
Willard Bros., mdse. for Sarah Powers	5 95
John A. Worthen & Son mdse for M. J. Rollins,	21 02
John A. Worthen & Son mdse. for Mrs. Rush,	2 42
Fred Burnham medical attendance for do,	10 00
Willard Hosford medical attendance for do,	1 50
John S. Weeks mdse, for do.	57 81
Geo. M. French services for do,	4 00
William W. Johnson services for do,	1 50
Eph. B. Strong services as justice,	6 50
	<hr/> \$ 213 12

### EXPENSES OF TOWN POOR.

George C. Learned support of Peltiah C. Savage,	\$ 53 00
Willard Bros., merchandise for do,	50
Aseph Mann, coffin for do,	15 00
C. F. Whitman, services as sexton for do,	2 00
John R. Pierce, support of Dora Quint,	78 00
Willard Bros., mdse. for do,	1 82
Benjamin Morrill mdse. for do,	35
Willard Hosford medical attendance for do,	1 00
Lizzie Archer care of Mrs. Chas. Archer,	52 00
Wm. Stetson care of do,	30 00
John A. Worthen & Son mdse. for do,	5 15
Willard Bros., mdse. for do,	10 47
John Hartwell mdse. for do,	2 65
Arthur W. Blair medical attendance for do,	8 75



Willard Bros., mdse. for James Archer,	12 30
Willard Bros., mdse. for Josiah N. Archer,	8 50
Town of Deerfield support of Cyrus Batchelder,	40 99
Henry Pratt support of Addie Muzzy,	15 00
County of Grafton support of Mrs. Muzzy,	155 00
County of Grafton support of Mrs. Muzzy,	140 00
School books for Wm. Higgins,	2 90
School books for Nettie Hackett,	50
Willard Bros., mdse. for John Stetson,	25 92
	<hr/> \$ 661 80

## MISCELLANEOUS.

A. J. Freeman, town reports	\$ 16 00
Edson C. Eastman. stationery,	5 01
J. B. Sanborn, stationery,	10 00
J. A. Cline & Co. maps,	50 00
Willard Bros., express, telegraphing, stationery, etc,	6 72
Bounty on hawks and crows,	3 00
Daniel Hale damage on sheep by dogs,	35 00
Denison Hadley, do,	4 00
Danfel C. Clark do,	6 00
Jacob A. Chesley do,	6 00
John E. Chesley do,	4 00
Edwin Bugbee furnishing water for highway,	3 00
Isaac Hartwell do,	3 00
Samuel Howland do,	3 00
John Hall do,	2 00
Elliot P. Johnson do,	3 00
Fred S. Clough do for eleven years,	12 00
John Whitcomb do,	3 00
John Whitcomb, mowing cemetery,	2 00
Albert G. Page do,	2 00
Simon P. Gilbert laying wall around cemetery,	14 00
Geo. Lamprey care of town house,	1 00
Chas. W. Pierce services,	86 00
Shirley & Carr advice and expenses,	13 75
Fred Burnham, M. D., record of births,	6 00
Royal Simons use of scraper,	25

Horace H. Conant services as liquor agent,	59 06	
James Leonard services as supervisor,	4 50	
Samuel R. Morrison do,	8 00	
George N. Russell,	2 00	
Benj. F. Trussell town clerk,	30 42	
Isaac Willard treasurer,	35 00	
Daniel C. Clark superintendent,	60 00	
Charles C. Tallman services as overseer of the poor,	33 00	
Charles E. Tallman services as selectman,	68 00	
Hazen E. Carr do,	58 00	
Edwin C. Franklin do,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 720 71
State tax,		1,124 00
County tax,		1,892 25
Paid school districts,		1,505 44
Balance in hands of treasurer,		2,571 19
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		\$ 11,058 12

### CONDITION OF SCHOOL FUND.

Surplus revenue in notes,	\$ 825 00	
“ “ cash,	3,183 57	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,008 67
Literary fund in notes,	\$ 849 11	
Literary fund in cash,	3,599 66	
Literary fund from State,	289 62	
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	\$ 4,738 39	
Used for school purposes,	289 62	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,448 77
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Total literary fund,		\$ 8,457 44

P. S.—The above funds are in the hands of the Selectmen.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, as presented by their Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, and properly vouched. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC WILLARD,	} Auditors.
HARTWELL C. CUSHMAN,	
BENJAMIN F. TRUSSELL,	

## RECAPITULATION.

ISAAC WILLARD, Treasurer.

March 1, 1882.

Balance of year 1881,	\$ 3,296 57	
From all other sources,	7,761 55	
	<hr/>	\$ 11,058 12

## CONTRA.

Paid town notes,	\$ 1,766 00	
Paid interest on do,	66 77	
Paid for highway and bridges,	121 28	
Paid for plank and timber,	310 89	
Paid for breaking snow paths,	104 67	
Paid for county poor,	213 12	
Paid for town poor,	661 80	
Paid for miscellaneous,	720 71	
Paid for state tax,	1,124 00	
Paid for county tax,	1,892 25	
Paid school districts,	1,505 44	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	2,571 19	
	<hr/>	\$ 11,058 12

## RESOURCES OF TOWN.

March 1st, 1882.

Town house,	\$ 800 00	
Treasurer's safe,	75 00	
School fund,	4,448 77	
Due from county of Grafton,	213 12	
Note and int. against T. J. Page,	115 72	
Note and int. against Alphonzo Smith,	25 16	
Note and int. against Perley Mason,	114 58	
Note and int. against John W. Sanborn,	112 36	
School rent due,	127 32	
Taxes in hands D. T. Hale, col.,	500 00	
Liquors on hand,	30 18	
Cash on hand,	2,561 19	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,123 44

## CONTRA.

Due school districts,	\$ 1,921 05
Notes against town,	898 38

Interest on same,	267 21	
School fund, used by the town from revenue,	3,183 57	
Due from Literary fund,	3,599 66	
	<hr/>	\$9,879 87
Liabilities over resources,		756 43

## STATEMENT OF HIGHWAY TAX BILLS.

No. of District.	Surveyors.	Am't committed.
1.	Asahel Brock,	\$114 61
2.	Benjamin Merrill,	133 19
3.	Parker Wright,	52 55
4.	John Bickford,	101 40
5.	John G. Stickney,	14 34
6.	Edwin C. Franklin,	88 63
7.	John Hall,	22 72
8.	William Stetson,	43 76
9.	John Hartwell,	56 63
10.	Ernest W. Cushman,	53 23
11.	Alvah B. Stevens,	43 10
12.	Thomas Huckins,	75 80
13.	Horace Clough,	49 02
14.	Carlos M. Kenyon,	57 48
15.	Thomas M. Rugg,	20 76
16.	Daniel A. Blood,	75 48
17.	Charles C. Tallman,	107 17
18.	John W. Lamprey,	22 10
19.	John Roberts,	5 22
20.	Daniel S. Willis,	24 08
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Total,		\$1161 27

# A TABULAR STATEMENT OF SCHOOL MONEY FOR THE YEAR 1882.

School money raised by tax for the year '82,	\$ 983 50	Interest on Surplus Revenue,	\$ 240 51
School rent due Jan. 1, 1882,	111 66	Literary Fund,	289 62
Divided equally on the scholar.	\$ 1095 16	Divided equally with the districts.	\$ 530 13

No of District.	Names of the PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE. 1882.	No. of Scholars.	School tax and rents, 1881.	Literary Fund and Surplus Revenue.	Total due for 1882.	Total amount due Districts,	Amount paid Districts for the year ending March 1, 1882.
1	Alonzo E. Pennock,	26	122 28	44 17	166 45	171 78	122 96
2&14	Isaac Willard,	54	253 98	44 17	298 15	195 23	295 22
3	Daniel C. Clark,	13	61 14	44 17	105 31	114 18	62 40
4	Frank E. Washburn,	25	117 58	44 17	161 75	270 05	178 00
5	Charles Cochran,	9	42 33	44 17	86 50	111 06	75 00
6	Albert G. Lovejoy,	16	75 25	44 17	119 42	124 25	58 30
7	Thomas Huckins,	19	89 36	44 17	133 53	166 57	160 00
8	Caleb F. Whitman,	6	28 22	44 17	72 39	130 41	52 65
9	Daniel S. Willis,	15	70 55	44 17	114 72	254 65	101 00
10	George M. French,	17	79 96	44 17	124 13	123 70	124 00
11	George W. Kibbee,	21	98 77	44 17	142 94	163 26	201 00
15	Sylvester Blood,	11	51 74	44 17	95 91	95 91	66 91
	Israel H. Gilbert,		4 00		4 00		4 00



# SCHOOL REPORT.

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*Fellow Citizens:* The School Committee of the town of Orford, herewith presents to you his report of the schools for the present year. The several topics of my report I have arranged under the following heads :

1. CONDITIONS OF SCHOOLS.
2. DIFFERENT STUDIES TAUGHT.
3. QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS.
4. GENERAL REMARKS.

Very little difficulty has occurred in the schools during the year, and but few complaints have been made in regard to the different teachers. The result has been a progress in the right direction in the course of common school education. Teachers have shown a commendable zeal in the discharge of their duties, and have taken pride in teaching good schools.

In all our schools I have endeavored to impress upon teachers and scholars that it is better to learn a few things well, than by attempting too much to fail of learning anything accurately.

Some particulars relative to the different districts I will specify. The school in No. 4 is more advanced than any other in town. No. 2 is divided into two departments, the older scholars in one room, the younger in another, requiring two teachers whose labors are distinct. This arrangement of pupils into classes according to their attainments has generally elsewhere received favor and approbation. This system presents many advantages over that which admits into the same school pupils of different attainments. The classes are fewer and larger, the teacher has more time to illustrate, and make interesting whatever he teaches. Little did our fathers of an earlier day, say even of twenty-five years ago, dream

that the large and spirited schools of that day would dwindle down to the insignificant numbers of the present time. The intelligence and disinterestedness of our citizens ought to decide the question of retaining the present number of school districts, or concentrating them so that the school moneys need not be divided into more parcels than the public good requires. In the present need of a school house, and unsettled condition of school affairs in No. 6, I can see no *good* reason why a portion of the scholars were absented from the services of the teacher during the winter term.

2. Different studies taught. I will notice two or three correct examples of teaching. Spelling exercises have varied in value, and interest to the scholars in the different forms taught. The most successful results noticed were where the scholars were taught to pronounce the word before spelling it, to pronounce each syllable as is spelt, and the previous part of the word, and lastly the whole word. The first requisite in good reading is a clear and distinct articulation. The reading lesson should be studied as regularly as other lessons mistakes in the use of the marks of punctuation in emphasis, inflection or other respects the teacher should make the proper correction, then require the pupil to read the sentence again, and notice the correction. In the study of geography in addition to the text book, the pupils should practice map-drawing. In this way they can get a correct idea of the situation of the different places, the direction of rivers and ranges of mountains, the form and size of countries. This method was best taught in the primary school in the Village district.

3. Qualifications of Teachers. The teachers task is not a light one. His school is composed of scholars differing in training, in disposition and capacity. These must all pursue the same course of study. They have been trained at home under different influences. Some have been taught obedience, others have not had wholesome restraint. No wonder that teachers sometimes fail. But to avoid this they need the co-operation of parents, thus giving character to their schools. Again, teachers owe it to themselves to become masters of their profession, nor should they engage in this calling if content to be *poor* teachers. Morals and manners are of great importance, other things being equal, our schools will flourish in proportion as they are free from what is low and degrading. Let our teachers give more attention to this subject. The interests of the school require it.



4. General remarks. The change in text books during the year has been Sargent's Readers, for the American Educational Series. These are standard books and give satisfaction alike to teachers and scholars. In the statistical table appended, notice that the number of scholars between the ages of five and fifteen years of age is 152. In looking back in 1881 the number was 160, in 1880, 176, we will go back no further, the decrease in these years is 24 scholars. We hope this deficiency of members will exist but for a limited period. No. 4 credits the largest number of visitors during the year, in all 74 visits. The roll of honor numbers 81 scholars. The buildings used for our schools during the year have been well cared for, except the public building in the Village, which has been somewhat defaced. We trust ere this the guilty members of the larger department have atoned for damages incurred. Teachers and scholars should be responsible for decorum, alike in the school room and in the limits of our school houses.

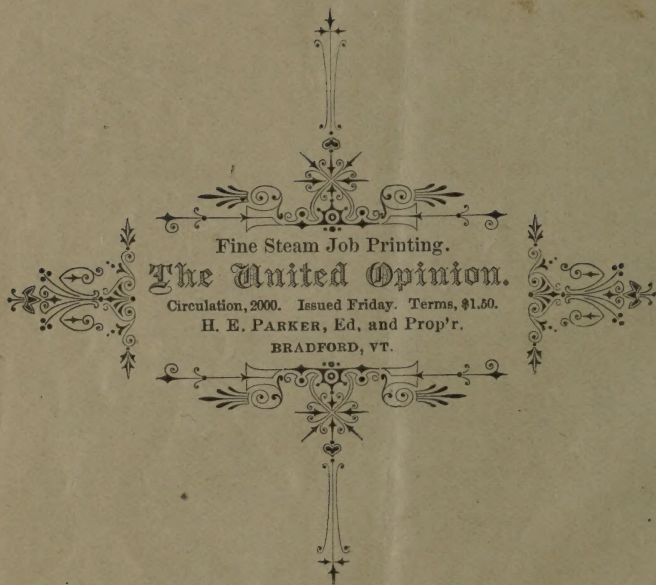
DANIEL C. CLARK, S. S. COMMITTEE,  
Of Common Schools for the town of Orford.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Term.	NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of weeks of school.	Whole No. of scholars.	No. Pupils attending following Studies.												
					Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	Book-keeping.	No. between 5 and 15 not attending School.	No. between 5 and 15 in Oxford, April 1, 1882.		
1		Ella S. Palmer,	12	16	16	16	15	14	10	2	1	3					
		Kate Child,	12	18	18	14	15	10	4	1	1	3	1				
2		Lucy A. Leavitt,	10	35	35	35	27	27	16	3	2	1	1				
		Hittie R. Lang,															
14		John K. Bigsby,	12	42	42	42		40	19	7	2		3				
		Hittie R. Lang,															
3		Annette Kinsman,	12	11	11	11	4	10	4	2							
		Leonard H. Clark,	12	11	11	11	7	11	6	3							
4		Carrie Muchmore,	8	18	18	18	5	14	6	3		4	1				
		Emily W. Strong,	8	22	22	22	22	22	8	3		1	3				
		Emily W. Strong,	12	26	26	26	16	26	12	9	2	4	6				
5		Sarah E. Cilley,	8	14	14	14	5	5	3	2							
		Chas. W. Marston,	12	15	15	9	9	8	8	5		3	2	4			
6		Alice Gilbert,	10	16	13	16	8	9	1	1							
		Eri K. Westgate,	11	1	1	1											
7		Annie H. Whitmore,	10	14	8	11	8	1	1	1		1					
		Menta T. Gale,	8	16	16	16	9	13	10	3	2	1	1				
		Menta T. Gale,	10	18	18	18	10	14	9	3	2	1	1				
8		Emma L. Whitman,	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1						
		Emma L. Whitman,	12	6	6	6	6	4	3	1							
9		Carrie A. Willis,	8	10	9	9	4	4	4								
		Mary A. Clark,	8	10	10	10	5	9	2								
10		Lottie E. Gannett,	9	15	15	15	11	11	7	2	1						
		Mary A. Clark,	6	12	12	12	12	7	8	1							
		Ida E. Bickford,	8	13	13	13	13	7	2	1							
11		Laura A. Washburn,	12	14	14	9	11	7	5	2							
		John H. Sellers,	4	14	14	14	10	7	5								
		Ellen N. Sawyer,	8	16	16	16	10	1	3	4		1	1				
15		Abbie M. Whitcher,	8	10	10	6	8	6									
		Nellie J. Danforth,	10	12	12	10	10	4	1	1							

Males, 79 ; Females, 73.





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