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ANNUAL REPORT
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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR,

WILLIAM H. BLAKE.

TOWN CLERK,

JOHN M. AKERMAN.

REPRESENTATIVE,

WILLIAM G. COLE.

SELECTMEN,

WILLIAM E. LANE,
SAMUEL W. DEARBORN,
FRANK B. BROWN.

TREASURER,

GEORGE W. LANE.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

WILLIAM G. COLE.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

WILLIAM T. MERRILL.

OVERSEERS OF POOR,

SAMUEL W. DEARBORN,
FRANK B. BROWN.

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK-LIST,

JOSEPH JOHNSON,
JOHN I. PAGE,
HENRY EMERY.

POLICE,

JOHN W. DEARBORN,
IRVIN O. WRIGHT.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

WILLIAM T. MERRILL,
GEO. W. BROWN,
S. ALBERT SHAW.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVOICE APRIL 1, 1884.

Resident invoice, flowage excepted,	\$606,103 00
Non-resident " " "	74,253 00
Flowage invoice,	6,675 00
Total,	<u>\$687,031 00</u>

TAXES.

State tax,	\$1,264 00
County tax,	879 05
Town tax,	800 00
School tax,	1,295 00
Library tax,	100 00
Memorial day tax,	100 00
Percentage added,	186 42
Total,	<u>\$4,624 47</u>
Resident highway tax,	\$1,394 14
Non-resident highway tax,	170 69
Total highway taxes,	<u>\$1,564 83</u>
Schoolhouse tax, Dis. No. 1,	\$50 00
Percentage added,	2 49
Total,	<u>\$52 49</u>

Flowage tax,	\$281 83	
Dog tax,	57 00	
		<u>\$338 83</u>
Total amount of taxes,		\$6,580 62
Less resident highway tax,		1,394 14
		<u>\$5,186 48</u>
Total taxes committed to collector,		\$5,186 48
Of said taxes the collector has paid		
treasurer,	\$5,178 52	
Due from collector,	7 96	
		<u>\$5,186 48</u>

RATE OF TAXATION.

For State, County, Town, School and	
Library tax,	68c. on \$100 00
Flowage,	\$4.25 on \$100 00
Highway,	23c. on \$100 00

RECEIVED ASIDE FROM TAXES.

FROM STATE.

Savings bank tax,	\$399 59
Railroad tax,	207 22
Literary fund,	100 80
Refunded woodchuck bounty,	26 90
	<u>\$734 51</u>

COUNTY.

For support of County poor,	\$99 00
	<u>\$99 00</u>
Total from County,	\$99 00
Received from E. P. Young, balance due	
on taxes 1883,	\$88 57
William T. Lamprey, cemetery lot,	14 00
Washington H. Godfrey, “	16 00
Samuel A. Towle, “	15 00
Jeremiah Marston, fence,	5 00
Norman H. Sanborn, poll tax,	91
Henry Emery, for gravel,	30

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS, A. D. 1884.

Cash in treasury beginning of year,	\$105 66
Outstanding tax of the previous year,	88 57
Highway tax collected,	33 58
Wm. G. Cole, collector of taxes A. D. 1884,	5,178 52
From the State, railroad tax,	\$207 22
Savings bank tax,	399 59
Literary fund,	100 80
Bounties,	26 90
	\$734 51
From use of town hall A. D. 1883, bal.,	14 50
" " " 1884,	42 65
Norman H. Sanborn, poll tax,	91
Henry Emery, for gravel,	30
Sale of cemetery lot to Wm. T. Lamprey,	14 00
" " W. H. Godfrey,	16 00
" " Samuel A. Towle,	15 00
" fence in front of town house,	5 00
Cash from the County,	99 00
	\$6,348 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid County tax,	\$879 95
State tax,	1264 00
School District No. 1,	\$435 00
2,	390 00
3,	195 00
4,	150 00
5,	165 00
6,	165 00
	\$1500 00

Paid David S. Brown, Schoolhouse tax, District No. 1,	\$50 00
Susan Reed's note and interest,	281 90
Interest on Baptist society's note,	55 85
Interest on Cong'l society's note,	100 00
J. F. Marston, for Decoration Day services,	100 00

SALARIES.

Paid E. P. Young, services as Auditor,	\$2 00
Geo. W. Brown, services as Auditor,	2 00
Horace M. Lane, services as Auditor,	2 00
S. Albert Shaw, services as Librarian,	25 00
J. W. Dearborn, 2 years' service as Supervisor,	20 00
W. A. Blake, services as Moderator,	10 00
John W. Dearborn, services as Police,	10 00
John I. Page, 2 years' services as Supervisor.	20 00
Joseph Johnson, 2 years' services as Supervisor,	20 00
John M. Akerman, services as Town Clerk,	30 00
Wm. G. Cole, services as Collector,	70 00
Geo. W. Lane, services as Treasurer,	20 00
Wm. E. Lane, service as Selectman,	65 00
“ extra service on blanks, flowage and schoolhouse taxes,	15 00
Wm. E. Lane, settling with surveyors,	2 00
“ two journeys to Exeter on town business,	3 00
Wm. E. Lane, care of town house at March and Nov. elections, and providing sawdust,	2 00
Wm. E. Lane, labor on roads at beach and at “Drakeside”	10 00

Paid Frank B. Brown, service as Select- man,	45 00
Frank B. Brown, labor on blanks, flowage and schoolhouse taxes,	15 00
Frank B. Brown, one day settling with surveyors,	2 00
Frank B. Brown, three trips to beach on grading and laying out road,	10 00
Frank B. Brown, overseeing the poor,	5 00
S. W. Dearborn, service as Select- man,	45 00
S. W. Dearborn, labor on blanks, flowage and schoolhouse taxes,	15 00
S. W. Dearborn, one day settling with surveyors,	2 00
S. W. Dearborn, three trips to beach on grading and laying out road,	10 00
S. W. Dearborn, overseeing the poor,	5 00
“ care of Eliza Green in her sickness and death,	4 00
Wm. T. Merrill, services as Supt. School Com.	25 00
John Brown, ringing bell,	30 00
C. E. Mason, Janitor of Town Hall,	22 50

\$563 50

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Jacob T. Brown, for gravel,	\$10 20
Ames Plow Co. and W. M. Batch- elder for road scraper, freight and blank books,	7 60
Wm. E. Lane, labor on railing, guide boards and hearse house,	40 50
S. W. Dearborn, lumber and labor on bridges and hearse house,	139 68

Paid Dan'l Lord, making snow paths and removing fence,	34 35
Oliver Garland, labor on highway,	1 50
E. M. Lamprey, " "	11 50
Geo. T. Blake, " "	6 00
Frank B. Brown, labor on Doake's bridge,	158 00
Henry M. Mace, labor on bridge,	5 00
Eben ^s Lamprey, " "	6 00
John Redman, " "	3 75
Daniel M. Redman, " "	1 50
Adna Garland, labor and stone for bridge,	12 00
J. W. Mason, labor on bridge,	13 00
Curtis DeLancey, grading at beach,	120 52
Dearborn & Berry, order of Curtis DeLancey for grading at beach,	29 48
Curtis DeLancey, teaming gravel for bridges,	17 25
S. W. Brown, teaming and stone for bridge,	10 00
Frank M. Perkins, making snow paths,	2 92
Chas. C. Marston, " "	13 50
Oliver Garland, " "	34 72
Zachrous Brown, " "	4 12
J. T. and F. B. Brown, " "	8 85
John A. Philbrick, " "	2 75
Curtis DeLancey, " "	4 50
Daniel M. Redman, " "	5 40
Edward E. Redman, " "	75
Lewis Locke, " "	60
Frank B. Brown, " "	12 60
John Hobbs, " "	3 75
Daniel Weare, " "	90
W. H. Hobbs, " "	2 10
Aiken S. Coffin, " "	20 25

Paid Daniel Palmer, making snow paths,	3 00
Elias D. Elkins,	3 75
A. D. Garland,	3 45
R. F. Williams,	75
Cyrus M. Drake,	1 50
John I. Page, Dis. No. 9,	23 25
Ralph S. James, " 6,	31 50
Jacob T. Godfrey,	4 05
S. A. Towle,	6 00
Wm. G. Cole,	24 85
Harry J. Perkins,	16 27
J. Osborn Perkins,	2 10
John F. Marston,	10 95
Jona. M. Lamprey, gravel &	10 77
A. C. Taylor, for gravel,	10 00
Geo. A. Johnson, painting guide boards,	20 00
Joseph J. Mace, for gravel,	3 35
S. W. Dearborn, lumber for bridges,	12 07
Heirs of Nathaniel Batchelder, for gravel,	10 00
Warren Emery, making snow paths,	3 00
A. J. Batchelder, labor on bridge,	1 50
Cole & Perkins, for gravel,	18 70
Heirs of Jere Elkins, for gravel,	4 80
S. P. Towle,	21 10
Elias H. Perkins,	15 30
Wm. G. Perry, plank and stone for bridge,	14 54

\$1,022 09

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Abram B. Towle, wood for F. P. Blake,	\$1 50
Jere L. Marston, care of tramps,	25 25

Paid Frank B. Brown, journey to Ports-	
mouth for Eliza Green and settling	
with Commissioners,	5 00
O. H. Whittier, care of tramps,	2 80
F. B. Brown, wood for F. P. Blake,	3 75
S. P. Towle, care of tramps,	16 00
J. A. Lane, goods for Eliza Green,	67
John Brown, labor at burial of E.	
Green,	2 00
S. Shaw, support of Eliza Green and	
extra service during her sickness,	63 00
Sarah J. Emery, care of E. Green,	5 00
Fletcher & Tanton, coffin for Eliza	
Green,	13 00
Wm. T. Merrill, medical attendance	
in her sickness,	16 00

\$153 97

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edwin J. Hobbs, on dog,	\$1 00
Joseph R. Sanborn, of school money,	2 18
E. P. Young, highway tax, A. D.	
1882,	55
David Brown, Jr., tax for 1883-4,	1 58
Wm. G. Cole, of A. D. Dudley's tax,	3 27
Isaac Emery, of poll tax,	90
Edmund Mason, of tax in 1882,	1 49

\$10 97

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Stacy W. Brown, sheep killed by dogs,	\$3 50
John C. Blake, " " "	5 00
Ira E. Lane, " " "	9 00
Mary A. Batchelder, " "	12 00
Geo. N. Batchelder, " "	6 00
Geo. A. Blake, " " "	5 00

Paid Wm. B. Morrill, printing town reports,	23 50
Geo. A. Johnson, labor on hearse and pung,	17 50
Thompson & Batchelder, for Collector's, Highway Surveyor's and Invoice books,	3 09
W. T. Merrill, Library tax,	75 00
Wm. T. Merrill, return of certificates of births and deaths, year ending Dec. 31, 1884,	9 25
Wm. H. Blake, 1 cord wood,	3 75
Joseph J. Mace, one-half cord wood,	2 00
E. P. Young, repairing locks,	25
F. B. Brown, 1 cord wood,	3 75
Frank Dearborn, sawing wood,	75
E. B. Blake, damage to sheep,	5 00
John Brown, labor in cemetery, and bell rope,	18 75
Wm. E. Lane, stationary and postage,	1 30
James H. Batchelder, town order book,	81
Dr. C. H. Sanborn, return of births and deaths,	1 50
Frank B. Brown, four guide posts,	2 16
Joshua A. Lane, paint, oil, nails, &c.	6 11
Wm. G. Cole, non-resident highway tax,	136 42

\$351 39

BOUNTIES.

Paid various persons for woodchucks killed,	\$22 60
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 SUMMARY.

County tax,	\$879 05	
State tax,	1265 00	
Support of schools,	1500 00	
Town note paid,	227 00	
Interest on town notes,	210 75	
Services of town officers,	563 50	
Highways and bridges,	1022 09	
Support of poor,	153 97	
Repairs on schoolhouse,	50 00	
Decoration day,	100 00	
Bounties,	22 60	
Miscellaneous,	351 39	
Abatements,	10 97	
		\$6355 32
Amount of receipts,		6348 20
		\$7 12
Balance due the Treasurer,		

GEO. W. LANE, Treasurer.

HAMPTON, Feb. 24, 1885.

We have this day examined the above accounts and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

GEO. W. BROWN, }
 MORRIS HOBBS, } Auditors.
 JOHN A. TOWLE, }

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Received from the town,	\$100 00	
balance for last year,		17 36
		\$117 36
Paid for 45 new books,	\$46 65	
librarian's salary,	25 00	
stove and repairs on funnel,	6 35	
		\$78 00
		\$39 36
Received for loan of books,		1 38
fines,		2 40
		\$43 14
Paid for covering books,	\$3 00	
" paper,	1 20	
fuel and lights,	1 50	
		\$5 70
Balance on hand,		\$37 44

Number of volumes in library 1118. Number of volumes taken out for the year ending March 1, 1885, 1922. Presented by H. J. Perkins, 2 volumes.

SIMEON A. SHAW for Committee.

On petition of Jacob T. Brown, S. A. Towle, Jonathan Godfrey and others, the Selectmen have widened, straightened, and laid out new highways as follows: Beginning at the main road, near the residence of John Mace, thence on "Guina road," (so called) to Timber Swamp road; beginning at a spotted tree on land of R. F. Williams, near "Deep Run Bridge," and laid out a new highway across the pasture of S. A. Towle; beginning at the house of S. A. Towle, widened to the pasture of C. G. Toppan, near the house of John Hoyt; beginning at the terminus of "Black Swamp road," and laid out a new highway to the road leading to North beach, and awarded damages, \$471.50

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

TO THE CITIZENS OF HAMPTON:—I shall refer briefly and in a general way to the progress made in the schools of our town the past year. The corps of teachers placed under my supervision have generally been experienced, efficient and competent; the zeal and ability they have brought to the work have improved our schools in almost every essential particular. In the discharge of their arduous and important duties in the school room, teachers are greatly encouraged and aided by the interest manifested by the patrons of the school, and I most earnestly urge all parents and friends of our schools to visit them frequently, make themselves acquainted with the efforts being put forth by those in charge, and speak a word of encouragement or approval; the effect will be most salutary. The discipline in our schools, I am sure has been much improved during the year; this is apparent in the better deportment in the schools rooms, a more ready obedience to the requirements of teachers and to the rules and regulations prescribed. I am confident, too, that this improvement in discipline may be seen by even the casual observer amongst the pupils, in their conduct on the streets in going to and returning from school.

It is an important element in school work, to give scholars the power of expressing clearly their thoughts in writing. Monthly written examinations have been required in the Grammer schools and public examinations have been held at

the close of every term. Compositions have been required as often as the work would allow. The accompanying tabular statement will furnish you with important information, and your attention is called to the figures and facts therein contained; the per cent. of term attendance has been good though not quite satisfactory; a day's absence is an irreparable loss to any pupil.

Quackenbos' Grammar has been exchanged for Wells's Grammar, and Raub's Arithmetic has been introduced in place of Hagar's. I was not pleased with the work in Arithmetic. This much-abused study consumes more time, by far than any other one, and the results are unsatisfactory. Pupils, who, although able to work examples in their text books seemed ignorant of the ordinary practical arithmetical computations, and it occurred to me that the absence of mental arithmetic contributed to this result. I considered it important to introduce a vigorous drill in mental work, and the result is a decided improvement, not alone in mathematics, but in other studies; and it has already brought life and light into the school room. However much one may learn from text books, it is but little and unimportant compared with what may be learned by actual practice. Pupils should be trained to observe, and to use the results of their observation.

Physiology has been introduced this year. Enough of Anatomy and Physiology is studied to enable the pupil to understand the laws by which health may be preserved and disease prevented. A feature of the work is the relation of stimulants and narcotics to the laws of health. Correct instruction upon this subject, will, it is believed, tend to diminish the use of stimulants and narcotics and the bad consequences which so frequently follow. Learning early that there is no temperate use of poisons, no intelligent person of to-day questions the importance of such knowledge.

I recommend the union of school districts Nos. 3 and 4, and trust at no distant day it will be accomplished. I would earnestly recommend the repeated employment of experi-

enced and successful teachers, as a frequent change is to be deplored.

Let this community awake to our educational wants. The time has come to establish a high school; it has long been needed to crown the work of the lower grades, by fitting its pupils to be intelligent and useful citizens. Private schools cannot bring education to the doors of all, neither can they assume sufficient independence to accomplish the best results; they can furnish the poor no extra advantages. On the other hand the lower grades can teach but little that expands the mind, and some generally accessible means should be provided for making thinking citizens. A high school must have an influence on the lower grades. Something higher to be obtained is a great incentive, arousing new energies and earnestness, for they see something beyond. Many towns can furnish ample evidence of increased intelligence, promoted industry, and enhanced value of property through the influence of their high schools. An educated class in a community is worth to that community all the additional expense of a higher education.

W. T. MERRILL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Hampton, N. H., Feb. 26, 1885.

 ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of pupils who have been present every half-day of a term without being tardy :

DISTRICT No. 1.—*Primary School*.—Freddie Blake, (year), Mabel Lock, Mabel H. Palmer, Freddie Perkins, Berta M. Mace, Louis E. Jenness (two terms,) Mattie L. Joplin, Flora Y. Joplin, Alice M. Jenness, Charles C. Leavitt, Lillian Belyea. *Grammar School*.—Frank Leavitt (year), Carrie B. Nudd (two terms), Harry A. Palmer, Willie Joplin, C. Maud Lamprey, Stephen Hobbs, Alice Godfrey, Mary C. Perkins, Minerva A. Perkins, Percy D. Godfrey.

DISTRICT No. 2.—*Primary School*.—Ardelle G. Page, Henry W. Godfrey (year), Eddie P. Brown, Sadie B. Lane (two terms), Elmer C. Adgerson, Alice C. Hobbs, Arthur L. Young, Mabel J. Nudd, Chester A. Godfrey, Fred Willcutt, Edith A. Gillelan (one term). *Grammar School*.—Ida M. Lane, Lottie H. Brown (year), Clarence M. Dearborn, Sadie B. Miller, James S. DeLancy, Fred M. Shaw (two terms), Georgie Miller, Ada L. Holmes, Hattie L. Cole, Albert R. Brown, Fred Freeman, Webster Hobbs, Sadie L. Gillelan (one term.)

DISTRICT No. 3.—Bennie Blake, Willie M. Blake, Mabel H. Blake, Emma L. Blake, Myra E. Felch, Mary L. Blake, Lucy E. Blake, Ardenin E. Blake, Bertha M. Blake, Elmer G. Lane, Winnie M. Atkinson.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Carrie A. Brown, Gracie W. Marston, Alice H. Towle, Irving W. Marston, Charlie N. Lane, Valentine H. Marston.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Ida P. A. Williams, Grace Williams, Blanche Williams, Myron Williams, Frank James, George E. Leighton, Frank H. Coffin, Mattie Brown, B. F. Bergh, Maud J. Bergh.

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