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Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen credit the Town for the year ending March 1, 1881, as follows:—

By cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1880,	\$1,010.51
“ Joel F. Whittemore, taxes 1880,	2,277.00
“ Hosea Proctor estate, tax and interest, 1878,	36.49
“ Jonas Sawyer, tax and interest, 1877,	20.00
“ Solon Esty, support of County paupers,	459.83
“ Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	420.29
“ Solon A. Carter, literary fund,	49.58
“ Solon Esty, use of town hall.	5.00
“ Josiah M. Rice, taxes for 1879,	318.00
“ Josiah M. Rice, interest on taxes,	8.91
“ Solon Esty, resident highway tax.	3.37
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	\$4,608.98

DISBURSEMENTS.*Principal and Interest on Town Notes.*

Paid Ephraim Stevens, principal and interest,		\$768.33
Josiah M. Rice, " "		208.33
Mary A. Proctor, " "		32.35
Hosea Proctor, interest,		4.72
Congregational Society,		36.69
Josie A. Scott, principal and interest,		49.02
Sumner Knight, " "		418.85
Frank T. Lewis,		7.50
Frank A. Dodge,		51.19
Chastina Shedd,		38.53
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		\$1,615.51

Support of Schools.

Paid Mary A. Sargent,	District No. 1,	\$114.39
Charles P. Jeffs,	" " 2,	59.44
Wm. H. Chapin,	" " 3,	57.17
O. D. Bernestock,	" " 4,	21.21
Cyrus G. McClure,	" " 5,	83.66
Ellen M. Brown,	" " 6,	134.50
A. H. Waldron,	" " 8,	54.00
Lund Barrett,	" " 9,	32.21
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		\$556.58

Paid repairs in District No. 6,		\$15.00
" " " 1,		8.70
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		\$23.70

State and County Tax.

Paid S. A. Carter, state tax,	\$488.00
G. A. Litchfield, county tax,	320.99
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	\$808.99

Repairing Highways and Bridges.

Paid Wesley P. Hodgeman, for bridge plank,	\$12.20
J. D. Hale, " "	5.00
Gilman Stacy, " "	43.75
G. P. Fletcher, " "	10.30
Henry P. Cilley, " "	6.28
Herbert B. Lee, for gravel,	2.00
F. H. Knight,	6.50
I. P. Wellman,	6.76
Wesley P. Hodgeman,	49.95
A. W. Huntington,	3.78
Henry Wilson,	15.21
Henry P. Cilley,	10.00
O. H. Harding,	37.37
George H. Lane,	1.90
C. B. McClure,	3.48
I. P. Wellman,	3.12
Henry Wilson,	4.53
Joel H. Perham,	4.66
Gilbert Wadleigh,	17.20
Oliver Bacon,	4.64
Thaddeus Davis,	2.05
I. M. Tuttle,	2.91
S. A. Greene,	1.23
Daniel Whittier,	2.10
H. N. Dodge,	1.29
Thomas Hastings,	3.66
Henry Wood,	3.18
Frank Comstock,	2.91
Peter T. Fox,	3.50
Ira E. Comstock,	1.51
H. Cummings,	10.11
G. P. Fletcher,	6.71
H. W. Dodge,	.88
Ira E. Comstock, bridge plank,	2.89
H. W. Reed, powder and fuse,	4.20
Frank H. Knight, cutting brush,	3.00

Paid Hosea Proctor estate, damage to plow,	\$2.00
Joel F. Whittemore, bridge plank,	1.82
C. O. Neal,	10.46
Henry C. Wilson,	1.55
George L. Curtis,	2.52
Charles Avery,	1.96
Ira E. Comstock, plank,	1.20
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	\$322.27

Breaking Roads in Winter of '79--'80.

Paid John Scott,	\$2.16
F. A. Whittemore,	4.92
E. W. Murry,	3.78
Daniel Upton,	7.92
Henry Howard,	1.92
O. H. Robb,	2.30
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	\$23.00

Breaking Roads in Winter of '80--81,

Paid Wesley P. Hodgeman,	\$6.36
J. D. Hale,	28.74
H. P. Cilley,	7.92
O. H. Harding,	12.66
Henry Wilson,	6.60
H. A. Curtis,	30.12
Charles P. Jefts,	9.12
C. O. Neal,	9.72
Henry Shults,	30.36
James E. Reed,	4.20
Henry P. Wellman,	2.88
F. H. Knight,	12.06
Eben Stacy,	11.16
F. A. Whittemore,	12.72
J. M. Robb,	.96
John Scott,	15.86

Paid Riley Burrett,	\$5.16
E. A. Blood,	30.78
E. L. White,	2.27
J. F. Thomas,	2.28
Charles Avery,	7.32
George W. Thorning,	7.66
D. D. Sargent,	24.13
John Scott,	1.00
Calvin Barrett,	4.14
Daniel Stacy,	2.76
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	\$288.94

Miscellaneous Expenses,

Paid George W. Hunt, damage to sheep by dogs,	\$8.00
William Dodge, " " "	40.00
James M. Howard, " " "	4.00
Hannah A. Curtis, " " "	6.00
R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	14.00
J. M. Rice, stationery,	9.78
J. H. Scott, express on town reports, etc.,	1.15
L. W. Holmes, insurance on town hall,	23.50
Bounty on 5 hawks,	1 00
Tax blanks and distributing tax blanks,	2.02
For sawing and housing wood,	.50
A. P. Hagar, taxes overpaid in 1876,	4.04
Jonas Taylor, taxes overpaid in 1877,	5.93
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	\$119.92

Services of Town Officers,

Paid Ed B. Dodge, Supervisor,	\$3.75
" " "	5.16
Melvin J. Cudworth, Supervisor,	9.10
H. W. Reed, Supervisor,	1.85
James H. Scott, Agent,	3.00
James H. Scott, Town Clerk,	19.00

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Paid Joel F. Whittemore, Collector,	\$45.00
Daniel D. Sargent, Treasurer,	25.00
Josiah M. Rice, Selectman,	50.00
Charles H. Dodge, Selectman,	25.00
Henry Wilson, Selectman,	35.50
J. M. Robb, Auditor in 1880,	.75
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	\$223.11

Support of Paupers,

Paid Solon Esty, including Overseer's services,	\$512.98
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ASSETS.

Due from bondsmen of E. S. Messenger, note dated March 1, 1878,	\$374.48
“ S. Ryder, rent on Tyler lot,	15.00
“ J. M. Rice, collector for 1879,	21.10
“ Hosea Proctor, “ 1878,	14.04
“ J. F. Whittemore, “ 1880,	411.88
“ Collectors' books, '75-6, in hands of Selectmen,	427.58
“ Support of County paupers,	165.23
“ D. D. Sargent, Treasurer 1880,	113.98
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	\$1,543.29

Abatement of Taxes.

On tax list of 1877,	\$6.15
“ “ 1878,	10.06
“ “ 1879,	10.54
“ “ 1880,	12.66
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	\$39.41

Amount on Town Notes Outstanding.

E. Stevens,	dated July 1,'80,int. from Jan. 1,'81,	\$6,500.00
Chastina Shedd,	" " " " "	1,100.00
Frank S. Lewis,	" " " " "	200.00
Hosea Proctor,	" " " " "	80.00
Cong. Society,	" " " " "	170.00
Total amount due on town notes,		<u>\$8,050.00</u>

Liabilities.

Due the several school districts for schooling,	\$23.27
" " " " repairs,	10.05
Total amount due on town notes,	<u>\$8,050.00</u>
Total liabilities of the town March 1, 1881,	\$8,083.32
Total amount of liabilities,	\$8,083.32
" " assets,	<u>1,543.29</u>
Total amount of indebtedness,	\$6,540.03

Net indebtedness March 1, 1880,	\$7,065.88
" " " " 1881,	<u>6,540.03</u>
Reduction of town debt,	\$525.85

At the annual meeting in March, 1880, it was voted to instruct the selectmen to refund the town debt at the lowest possible rate of interest. In compliance with that order all our notes outstanding were taken up on the first of July and new ones given drawing four per cent. interest; interest to be paid semi-annually. All our notes are held by our own citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH M. RICE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
CHARLES H. DODGE,		<i>of</i>
HENRY WILSON,		} <i>Stoddard.</i>

Treasurer's Report.

I respectfully submit the following report of the financial transactions of the town of Stoddard, for the year ending March 1, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Received of the former Treasurer,	\$1,010.51
“ J. M. Rice, taxes for 1878, '79,	363.40
“ J. F. Whittemore, taxes for 1880,	2,277.00
“ Jonas Taylor, taxes for 1877,	20.00
“ Solon Esty for support of paupers,	459.83
“ “ “ use of town hall,	5.00
“ “ “ resident highway tax,	3.37
“ Solon A. Carter, Savings Bank tax,	420.29
“ “ “ Literary Fund,	49.58
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	\$4,608.98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Support of Schools,	\$556.58
Repairs on school houses,	23.70
Repairing highways and bridges,	333.07
Breaking roads,	301.14

Paid Interest and principal on town notes,	\$1,615.51
Damage on sheep by dogs,	58.00
Support of paupers,	512.98
County tax,	320.99
State tax,	488.00
Miscellaneous items,	51.95
Services of town officers,	223.11
Taxes overpaid 1876, '77,	9.97
Amount in hands of Treasurer,	113.98
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	\$4,608.98

D. D. SARGENT, *Treasurer.*

Report of Overseer of the Poor.

Statement of the expenses of the town of Stoddard for the
year ending March 1, 1881.

Aid for Peggy Dow,	County charge,	\$78.00
“ Norman A. Howe,	“ “	65.00
“ Amanda M. Wells,	“ “	28.75
“ Frank L. Thurston,	“ “	60.00
“ Henry Shepard,	“ “	13.50
“ Emeline Woods,	“ “	35.50
“ Soloman Watson,	“ “	27.50
“ Antoine Drinkwine,	“ “	79.50
“ Joseph Dupries,	“ “	18.48
“ Betsey Temple,		54.75
“ W. E. Buffle,		27.00
Overseer's services and incidental expenses,		25.00
	Whole amount paid out,	\$512.98
Have received from County,	\$305.75	
Now due from County,	165.23	
	Cost to County,	\$470.98
	Cost to Town,	\$42.00
Have received of Treasurer,	\$512.98	

SOLON ESTY, *Overseer.*

School Report, 1881.

To the Citizens of Stoddard:—The following is the report of your schools for the year ending March 1, 1881.

In District No. 1, two terms have been taught by Miss Clara I. Gould. Summer term commenced May 3d and continued 8 weeks. Average attendance, 28.7. The winter term commenced Oct. 4th, continued 10 weeks. Average attendance, 38.7. Both terms were successful, the scholars showing marked improvement in their studies.

In District No. 2, the summer term was taught by Miss Etta J. Lowell, commenced May 10, continued 10 weeks. Average attendance 17. The fall term was taught by Miss Ellen H. Rogers. Commenced Aug. 23d and continued 11 week. Average attendance, 19.29. Good progress was made during both terms.

In District No. 3, Miss Mary E. Davis taught the summer term which commenced May 10th and closed June 26—7 weeks' school. Average attendance, 4.6. Fall term commenced Sept. 6th and continued six weeks. Attendance, 3.8. Both terms were successful.

In District No. 5, two terms were taught by Miss Nettie M. Sheldon. Summer term commenced May 3d and continued 8 weeks. Average attendance, 21.13. Fall term commenced Sept. 13th and continued 8 weeks. Average attendance, 24.96. Miss Sheldon has had a very successful school. Teacher and scholars alike deserves our praise.

In District No. 6, Miss Clara E. Lowell has taught three successive terms. The first term commenced May 3d and continued 8 weeks; average attendance 12.7. Second term commenced Sept. 13 and continued 10 weeks; average attendance 11.3.

Third Term commenced Dec. 3 and continued 10 weeks; attendance 13. This district has more school money than any other in town, and the improvement that has been made the past year shows that it has been used to good advantage. Considering the age of the scholars this school is second to none in town, which speaks well for the perseverance of the teacher.

In District No. 8, two terms were taught by Miss Minnie M. Barrett. Summer term commenced May 18th and continued six weeks; average attendance 17.2. Fall term commenced Sept. 20 and continued six weeks; average attendance 15.82. The teacher worked very hard to have a good school, and, considering the difficulties to contend with, was quite successful.

In District No. 9, the summer term was taught by Miss Bell E. Washburn; commenced May 10 and continued six weeks; average attendance 5. Fall term was taught by Miss Kate M. Barrett; attendance 5.1. Good progress was made during both terms.

The schools in town have been very successful during the year. Everything has been quiet and there has been nothing to need the interference of your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. PROCTOR, *S. S. Committee.*

Stoddard, Feb. 21, 1881.

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