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No.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

—FOR THE—

TOWN OF LITTLETON

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1871.

The undersigned, George B. Redington, auditor, appointed March, 1870, has to report that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find that the office of Treasurer was filled from March 1st to 28th, 1870, by E. O. Kenney, Esq., and from March 30th, 1870, to the present time by M. L. Gould, Esq., and that the aggregate receipts of both officers amount to \$30,833.26, and that the expenditures have been of equal amount, excepting money on hand to the amount of \$1,172.24, now in the hands of M. L. Gould, Esq., the present Treasurer. I find the aggregate indebtedness of the town, over and above the assets, to be, on the 1st of March, 1871, \$61,696.79, and that the debt has been reduced within the present fiscal year, \$10,276.87.

I find the debt of the town, as reported last year, to be \$67,842.01, to which is to be added \$4,131.65, for debts not then reported, making the aggregate debt, over and above the assets, \$71,973.66 one year ago. In addition to the assets offset to the debts this year, as before stated, there is a claim of \$350.00, for money obtained upon a note of the town to Fanny Barrett, dated May 4, 1865, which has not been accounted for, to the town, and which rests upon Eli D. Sawyer, one of the selectmen at that time, to account for, as the facts now appear. There is also a claim of about

\$30.00 against John W. English, which is not included in the assets for this year. As before stated the claim against Mr. English accrues from expenses of paupers, which he recognizes as a rightful claim, but it has not been in a condition that it could be determined and settled; up to this time, with these two exceptions, I believe all the claims for and against the town have been liquidated.

I find vouchers for all matters paid for the town, as respects the transactions of the selectmen and treasurer. I submit herewith a summary statement of the receipts and payments of the treasurer. I find that settlements have been made with all the collectors, going back to and including 1866, and probably that no further abatements of taxes will be required, and that these settlements, as well also as transactions with all other parties, are stated with such great precision, that I confidently believe that the aggregate amount of the debt now stated may be relied upon as covering all that the town owes. Having had opportunity to know much of the fiscal affairs of the town for the last seven years, I cannot forbear remarking that I have never known them so economically and efficiently administered, and stated with so much exactness, as for the past year. There is a feature in the debt of the town which I deem it my duty to call attention to, although it has before been repeatedly spoken of, and that is, the condition of the floating debt compared with the funded debt.

They are now about equal in amount, the funded debt is carried along easily at six per cent., with but little care and expense, as to time in managing it, while the floating debt costs considerably more in the rate of interest paid, and very much more in the time required to manage it. There is a fair prospect for funding this portion of the debt upon terms equal with the other, and I would recommend and urge that an attempt be made to do it.

GEORGE B. REDINGTON,

March 14, 1871.

AUDITOR.

Receipts.

Balance from last year,		\$ 1,154	96
Received on notes issued,			6,874 58
Cash and orders of collectors, 1867,	\$ 809	99	
" " 1868,	342	26	
" " 1869,	3,850	00	
" " 1870,	14,772	60	19,774 85
On Callahan's note,			15 00
On Sawyer's note,			150 00
Town of Lyman, on pauper claim,			50 00
For sale of library,			164 11
County, on pauper claims,			967 79
State, for railroad and savings bank tax and literary fund,			618 47
Town of Lyman, for share expenses perambulating line,			1 50
John Farr & Son, for fines collected,			82 00
John W. English, on account of Ly- man pauper claim,			980 00
			\$30,833 26

Expenditures.

Town paupers, 1870,	\$ 529	96	
" 1869,	217	61	\$ 747 57
County paupers, 1870,		721	61
" 1869,		393	06 1,114 67
Balance on contract with John W. English for support of paupers, 1867-8,			800 00

Town of Lyman, on pauper claim, litigated,		\$1,117 10
Union school district, 1870,	\$ 4,200 00	
" " 1869,	638 99	
Other school districts,	4,225 91	
School committee, 1870,	97 00	
" 1869,	95 50	9,257 40
Legal services, 1870,	168 44	
" 1869,	19 79	188 23
Principal and interest on notes,	11,310 23	
Coupons on bonds,	1,944 00	13,254 23
Repairs on roads and bridges, 1870,	157 14	
" " " 1869,	90 46	247 60
Police officers, 1870,	40 00	
" 1869,	56 30	96 30
Other town officers, 1870,	388 50	
" " 1869,	72 40	460 90
Current expenses, 1870,		179 81
Auditors, 1870,	9 00	
" 1869,	18 00	27 00
Incidental expenses, 1869,		94 88
Abatement of taxes, 1870,	60 06	
" " 1869,	296 15	
" " 1868,	270 01	
" " 1867,	206 70	
" " 1866,	207 90	1,040 82
Collector of taxes, 1870,	349 33	
" " 1869,	280 15	
" " 1868,	216 30	
" " 1867,	68 23	914 01
Damage by dogs, 1869,		120 50
Cash in hands of treasurer,		1,172 24
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