



ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

—AND—

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE TOWN OF

FREMONT, N. H.

For the Year Ending March 1, 1884.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Received of the Treasurer,
of J. S. H. Sanborn, Treasurer, 2501 28

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Amount received by the Selectmen and paid to the Treasurer:

Cash on hand March 1, 1883,	\$75 06
Received from State Treasurer,	
Railroad Tax,	32 30
Savings Bank Tax,	158 16
Literary Fund,	63 75
From the County for support of paupers,	308 50
For use of road machine out of town,	9 00
Of David Collins for burying horse	5 00
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	\$651 77

THOMPSON BARNES, }
DAVID SANBORN, } Selectmen
of
Fremont.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of the Selectmen,	\$651 77
of Joseph B. Sanborn, collector,	2594 96

\$3246 73

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Public Taxes,	\$1058 02
Support of Schools,	649 59
Non-resident highway labor,	98 37
Support of poor,	403 65
Breaking roads,	23 36
Abatement of Taxes,	15 30
Highways and bridges,	55 05
Miscellaneous bills,	114 13
Services of town officers,	123 00
Note and interest,	166 00
Cash on hand to balance,	540 26

\$3246 73

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

PUBLIC TAXES.

Paid State Tax,	468 00	
County Tax,	590 02	
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		\$1058 02

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid School district No. 1,	\$154 37	
“ “ No. 2,	195 08	
“ “ No. 3,	129 87	
“ “ No. 4,	110 25	
“ “ No. 1, in Brentwood, for the year 1883,	4 27	
School house tax District No. 1,	55 75	
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		\$649 59

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY LABOR.

Paid District No. 1,	\$3 55	
“ “ 3,	1 20	
“ “ 4,	26 49	
“ “ 5,	7 85	
“ “ 6,	9 23	
“ “ 7,	7 85	
“ “ 9,	42 20	
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		\$98 37

SUPPORT OF POOR,

Paid support of Truman H. Leavitt,	\$46 00
Dr. Spaulding, medical aid, of Truman H. Leavitt,	1 25
Support of Samuel Trickey,	91 86
“ “ Jeremiah Worthen	31 00
Clothing for “ “	7 75
Medical aid for “ “	4 00
Support of Asa Worthen,	64 75
1 1-2 cords wood for Asa Worthen,	2 81
W. Clough for care of Asa Worthen	5 00
Support of Ebenezer Ellis,	49 65
Dr. Gould, medical aid, for “	3 00
Fourteen ft. wood, for “	3 50
Support of Eliza West and family	78 08
For coffin, robe and trimming furnished for Ira Willey,	15 00

\$403 65

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$10 34
“ “ 2,	6 47
“ “ 3,	3 45
“ “ 9,	3 10

\$23 36

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Obadiah W. Smith overtaxed, 1882,	2 12
Isaac Brown, over 70,	1 18
Arthur P. Hook,	94

Paid William Cullinan,	94	
Edward Frederick,	94	
Alfred Lucas,	1 50	
David N. Marden,	1 02	
Boardman Poor, over 70,	94	
Benjamin S. Purinton,	94	
Warren True, dog died,	1 00	
Ira Willey,	1 13	
John J. Knights, highway tax, 1882,	24	
Margaret J. Daniels, " " "	12	
Wesley Poor, " " "	29	
D. C. Hook, dog died,	1 00	
P. R. Currier, " "	1 00	
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		\$15 30

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Note and interest,	106 00	
Interest on Universalist fund for the year 1882,	60 00	
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		\$166 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid George F. Beede, labor on highway,	\$11 50
C. E. Follette, 2 3-4 days with road machine in town,	4 12
Josiah B. Robinson,	3 75
Andrew Brown, powder and fuse,	55
S. B. Gibson, gravel,	5 00
J. B. Sanborn, " "	5 00
G. L. Sanborn, " "	7 50

Paid Isaac Brown, labor,	25
G. W. Gear,	50
J. M. Fitts, 136 feet plank,	1 68
Elizabeth Scribner, gravel,	1 50
S. G. Sleeper, labor,	7 20
David Sanborn, 1882,	5 75
Joseph L. Small, use of drills,	75

\$55 05

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid for printing Town Reports,	\$16 00
blank book and stationery,	6 65
C. W. Follette, distributing town reports,	1 50
Dr. Buswell, returning births and deaths,	50
" Spaulding, " " " "	1 75
" Burnham, " " " "	25
" Gould, " " " "	1 00
" Caverly, " " " "	1 25
bounties on 16 crows,	1 60
printing Collector's bills,	1 50
Wiggin & Fuller, counsel fees on petition for a new road,	25 00
Wm. H. Gibson, decorating soldiers' graves,	25 00
G. H. Floyd, 1 trip with hearse,	1 00
C. W. Hazelton, 3 trips " "	3 75
" " lock for hearse house,	38
" " cleaning town house,	50
C. W. Follette, 8 trips with hearse,	10 00
G. D. Foss, burying D. Collins' horse,	3 00

Paid Andrew J. Brown, use of horse five journeys to Exeter on J. M. Brown road case,	5 00
Alden F. Sanborn, printing school notices,	50
Ezra Currier, journey to Concord to pay State tax and expenses,	4 00
Ezra Currier, journey to Exeter to pay County tax,	2 00
T. Barnes, use of horse two journeys to Exeter,	2 00
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	\$114 13

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Andrew J. Brown, Selectman,	\$22 75
Thompson Barnes, “	22 50
David Sanborn, “	7 50
Harrison Sanborn, Supervisor,	4 50
Charles E. Beede, “	2 25
Willie J. Maloy, “	4 50
Theodore B. Smith, Town Clerk,	12 00
Joseph B. Sanborn, Collector,	25 00
Ezra Currier, Treasurer,	10 00
Alden F. Sanborn, S. S. Committee,	12 00
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	\$123 00

EZRA CURRIER, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$540 26	
Due from County for paupers,	47 34	
“ Joseph B. Sanborn, Collector,	90 00	
“ State on bounties,	1 60	
		\$679 20
Due Universalist Society,		60 00
		\$619 20

THOMPSON BARNES, } Selectmen of
 DAVID SANBORN, } Fremont.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned, having been appointed Auditor, to examine the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, for the year ending March 1st, 1884, reports that, having carefully examined the same, he is satisfied that they are correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers and that the above statement by the said Selectmen with regard to the present financial condition of the town appears to be correct.

CYRUS A. GOVE, Auditor.

Fremont, March 1, 1884.

THE ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF FREMONT.

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Your school committee submits the following report for the year ending March, 1884:

Whole amount of school money, including the literary fund etc.	\$593.84
Whole number attending school during the year	108
Whole number of terms taught during the year	9
Whole number of weeks taught during the year	81
Average length of terms in weeks	9
Average amount to each scholar	\$5.50

DISTRICT NO. 1.

JOSEPH B. SANBORN, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$154.37

FIRST TERM.—Length of school 9 weeks.

Teacher, Miss Hattie M. Brown, of Deerfield. Wages per month including board, \$26. No. of scholars 18.

Average attendance 16. Visits by citizens and others 16.

Miss Brown entered this school laboring under some disadvantages. It was no easy task to fill the chair so recently occupied by that accomplished teacher, Miss Flora A. Gordon. Yet Miss Brown was actuated by a sincere desire to succeed, and no doubt under ordinary circumstances would have done so.

SECOND TERM.—Length of school, 13 weeks.

Teacher, Miss Florence E. Truell of Candia. Wages per month including board \$29. No. of scholars 15. Average attendance 10. Visits by citizens and others 25.

Miss Truell is an experienced teacher, and but for the opposition which she received from pupils and others, on entering the school, would have succeeded at once in bringing the school to its former standard of excellence but as has been said, we cannot hope to attain to any great purpose but through repeated failures, so after several weeks of patient toil on the part of this teacher, success finally crowned her efforts. The closing exercises proved that a good work had been accomplished.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

GEORGE W. BALL, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money \$194.08

Teacher Miss Florence W. Weeks of Exeter.

Wages per month including board \$32.

FIRST TERM.—Length of school 9 weeks. No. of scholars 35. Average attendance 26. Visits by citizens and others 14.

SECOND TERM.—Length of school 13 weeks. No. of scholars 40. Average attendance 27. Visits by citizens and others 8.

Teacher Miss Florence W. Weeks of Exeter. Wages per month including board \$32.

FIRST TERM.—Length of school 9 weeks. No. of scholars 35. Average attendance 26. Visits by citizens and others 14.

Though Miss Weeks has had little previous experience in teaching, her work has been very profitable to her pupils. Sympathetic, active and affectionate, therefore winning the love of the dutiful scholars, she could not fail to profit them. There are elements in this school which greatly increase the teacher's burdens, especially in the matter of government. But we are pleased to note that many of them have been conquered, and I have no hesitation in saying, that in discipline at least, this school has made the greatest progress of any in town. The closing examination attested to creditable work by the scholars, and proved Miss Weeks to be more than an ordinary instructress.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

STEPHEN G. SLEEPER, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money \$129.87

FIRST TERM.—Length of school 7 weeks. No. of scholars 14. Average attendance 13. Visits by citizens and others 14.

SECOND TERM.—Length of school 5 weeks. No. of scholars 20. Average attendance 19. Visits by citizens and others 7.

Both terms were taught by Mrs. Emma G. Sleeper. Wages per month including board \$22.

This district was exceedingly fortunate in procuring the services of so able and experienced a teacher. Under her guidance this school has fully sustained its former reputation as one of the best.

THIRD TERM.—Length of school 7 weeks. Wages per month including board \$22. No. of scholars 14. Average attendance 13. Visits by citizens and others 8.

This term was taught by Miss Augusta Robinson of Deerfield, who is also an experienced teacher, and there appeared to be no break in the school occasioned by the change of teachers. There are some excellent scholars in this school, and good progress was made during the year.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

ANDREW J. YORK, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money \$110.25

Including \$25. raised by the district.

Teacher, Miss Susie J. Goodhue of Brentwood.

Wages per month including board \$24.

FIRST TERM.—Length of school 9 weeks. No. of scholars 28. Average attendance 26. Visits by citizens and others 12.

SECOND TERM.—Length of school 9 weeks. No. of scholars 26. Average attendance 24. Visits by citizens and others 3.

Miss Goodhue has extraordinary ability for a teacher and spares no pains in using it for the thorough improvement of her scholars.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It affords great pleasure to be able to report the schools in town, in a very satisfactory condition. The faithful and conscientious discharge of duty on the part of the teachers seems to have been the general rule. The prudential committee have performed their duties ably and well, in the interests of those whose servants they have been. As a result, in most of our schools marked progress has been made. Still, I would not be understood as conveying the idea that they have reached the acme of perfection. Our common schools were established for the purpose of giving to all our youth the advantages of such an education as will best fit them to discharge the duties and responsibilities of life. Now when we take into consideration the fact that the great masses of our youth must depend upon the common schools alone for what primary instruction they receive, it should be the utmost endeavors of all, parents as well as teachers, to bring them up to that high standard of excellence to which they are destined. Parental authority should follow the child to the school room, and aid

in securing such subordination as the best success of the school demands. Do you take an interest in your children's school? If so, don't sit down at home or at a neighbor's and criticise the teacher, but go and see her while she is at work. Do not weigh her by some miserable standard, just put yourself (mentally) in her place. I am sorry that there are some of school age, in town, who have let these golden opportunities pass without improving them. If the good people of No. 2 would consider the size of their school, and the amount of care and work for the teacher, I think they could not reasonably complain if their children did not make such progress as they had hoped. It would seem that if this school could be graded, and the present amount of money expended for two teachers instead of one, better results might be accomplished. The one great evil that confronts us in most of our schools is laxity on the part of instructors to teach in a thorough manner the various branches pursued. A failure to do so is well nigh fatal to the progress of any school. We may appropriate money, build stately structures, embellish our school rooms with all the paraphernalia of learning, maintain order and discipline that a martinet might admire, and yet, unless the great fundamental principles, the *absolutely essential* rudiments of education are thoroughly taught and well understood, the praises we sing to our common schools are as "the sounding brass and the tinkling cymbals." Progress and improvement should be the watchword all along the line.

It has been said that a nation's safety depends upon the intelligence of its people. The best interests of society and the fabric of our institutions find their strength in the education of the masses. The awful voice of History sounding through past ages, proclaims to us that only an educated and intelligent people can be free, prosperous and happy. Respectfully submitted,
ALDEN F. SANBORN, Sup. School Com.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Following are the names of those scholars who were not absent or tardy during the year:

District No. 1.—First term, Effie L. Sanborn, Alice L. Sanborn, Winnie A. Smart, Grace M. Rollins, Albert N. Pollard, Florence H. Drummond.

Second term, Albert N. Pollard.

District No 2.—First term, Alice L. Scribner, Abbie S. Todd.

Second term, Amon Benfield, Willie Benfield, Abbie S. Todd, Eva G. Robinson.

District No. 3.—First term, Etta Hylan, Burton Lyford, Charles A. Osgood.

Second term, Alice A. Trickey, Abbie E. Lyford, Charles A. Osgood, Burton Lyford, Weston Robinson, Hersey W. Leavitt.

Third term, Etta Hylan, Abbie E. Lyford, Philena Stevenson, Perham J. Hylan, Hersey W. Leavitt, Burton Lyford, Weston Robinson.

District No. 4.—First term, Laura E. Copp, Alice L. Copp, Emma M. Norcross, Gertrude Sanborn, Fred B. Smith.

Second term, Laura E. Copp, Alice L. Copp, Emma M. Norcross, Clara M. Sanborn, Lura W. Sanborn, Gertrude Sanborn, Alice Burleigh, Albert L. Copp.

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