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ACCOUNT
 OF THE
SELECTMEN
 OF THE
TOWN OF HOPKINTON,

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FOR THE YEAR 1852.

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State Capital Reporter Office, Concord, N. H.

The Selectmen charge themselves with orders drawn		
on the Treasurer, amounting to		\$7875 19
Cash rec'd of State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	154 79	
“ 25th div. Literary fund,	115 69	
“ county for support of paupers,	40 50	
“ S. B. Little, for stick of timber,	2 00	
“ S. M. Emery, for rent,	36 34	
“ on sale of N. G. Chase's house,	30 79	
“ of Henry M. Fuller,	3 00	
“ of Mrs. Uran, Greeley Emer- son and others,	16 87	
Cash hired of Anna G. Sargent,	150 00	
“ John D. Andrew,	100 00	
“ Martha Ladd,	100 00	
“ Samuel Spofford,	150 00	
“ Isaiah J. Webber,	700 00	
“ Jonathan Flanders,	200 00	
“ Parker M. Flanders,	100 00	
“ James Hoyt,	300 00	
“ Phinehas Clough,	250 00	
“ John Burnham,	800 00	
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Accounted for as follows :

Paid Religious Societies :

1st Congregational,	27	17	
Union Baptist,	22	38	
Calvin Baptist,	13	56	
Episcopal,	5	46	
1st Universalist,	9	19	
2nd " "	7	31	
Methodist,	2	93	
			88 00

Paid School Districts :

To District No. 1,	141	11	To District No. 12,	57	00
" 2,	74	61	" 13,	71	67
" 3,	72	65	" 14,	49	18
" 4,	73	73	" 15,	65	81
" 5,	51	13	" 16,	62	87
" 6,	57	00	" 17,	58	96
" 7,	79	50	" 18,	43	31
" 8,	64	83	" 19,	73	74
" 9,	56	03	" 20,	110	79
" 10,	123	31	" 21,	47	22
" 11,	97	10			
				1531	55

Paid Superintending School Committee :

S. L. F. Simpson,	58	00
Cash paid town treasurer,	3249	98

Paid Enginemen :

For services,	66	00
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For Support of Paupers :

Paid Rufus Sawyer, superintendant,	165	00
" order on the treasurer,	60	00
" N. H. Asylum, for support of B. Gibbons,	26	47
" med. attend., C. C. Tyler, for "	2	51
" " " at pauper farm,	9	83
" " S. L. F. Simpson, for Mrs. White,	6	00
" " Dr. Bean, for Mrs. Morrill,	6	50
" T. F. Tilton, for wood for Mrs. White,	1	31
" S. M. Currier, for support of Wm. Currier,	4	63
" J. S. Story, for wood for Tamson Francis,	7	50
" R. E. French, for conveying B. Gibbons to Asylum,	1	00
" J. S. Story, for wood for Tamson Francis,	1	50
" M. F. Knowlton, for support of Simeon Eastman,	10	00

Paid G. W. Wadleigh, for articles furnished	
Mrs. E. O. Morrill,	10 25
“ Jere. Fowler, for rent of house for Morrill family,	10 00
“ Jos. Stanwood, expense of journey to Meredith Bridge after A. Kimball,	4 20
“ J. Stanwood, expense of journey to Boston with Page H. Bruce,	5 13
“ town of Hill, for support Dunbar family,	19 15
“ Herrick Putnam, for assistance rendered Mrs. White,	3 54
“ town of Sunapee, for support of Simeon Eastman,	5 00
“ E. Morrill, for wood for Mrs. White,	2 75
“ H. Putnam, for articles furnished Mrs. White,	3 71
“ town of Sunapee, for assistance rendered J. Eastman,	4 06
“ H. Putnam, for expense of journey to Sunapee,	3 75
“ Benj. Dowse, for support of Mrs. Huse,	20 17
“ Phebe Barton, for support Hiram Straw, one year,	39 00
“ Nancy Ripley, for support of M. R. Ripley,	36 25
“ Phinehas Clough, for wood for S. Bickford,	11 84
“ G. W. E. Kelley, for board for Mrs. Linstram and child,	8 00
“ town of Concord, for support of Morrill family,	7 40
“ town of Meredith, for support of Abel Kimball,	7 50
“ Nancy Ripley, for support of M. R. Ripley,	6 87
“ Ambrose Chase, for wood for Mrs. White,	2 75

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ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Rowell's Bridge.

Paid H. Childs & Co. in part for material and labor,	1400 00
“ Isaac Rowell, for timber, labor and board of hands,	185 06
“ Isaac Rowell, 9 weeks board of hands,	20 25
“ “ 10 days work,	10 00
“ “ ferrying passengers,	5 00
“ “ 5 meals,	50
“ R. E. Loverin, 44 3-4 days' work, 12s.	89 50

Paid R. E. Loverin,	33 1-4 days work, by		
	Gould, 7s. 6d.,	41	56
"	" freight of derrick and		
	fare on railroad,	2	90
" Jonathan Jones,	70 1-4 days' work,	70	25
"	" Cart 25 days, 20c.	5	00
"	" 8 days' work,	8	00
" Seth Davis,	6 days' work,	6	00
"	" oxen 8 days	8	00
"	" 1908 feet timber,	9	54
"	" 2 days work,	2	00
" Herrick Putnam,	36 days work,	36	00
"	" for articles furnished,	4	17
" J. Smiley,	for boards, plank, nails and bolts,	10	22
" Nath'l C. Chase,	59 1-4 days work,	59	25
" W. Adams,	26 1-2 "	26	50
" Charles Noyes,	60 " 1 25	75	00
"	" 14 1-2 " 1 00	14	50
" Curtis Law,	26 1-2 " 75	19	88
" J. C. Wheeler,	14 " 1 50	21	00
"	" use of derrick 14 days,	10	50
" R. K. Chase,	11 days work and board,	12	80
" C. G. Jones,	7 1-2 days work, 1 25	9	37
"	" 14 3-4 " 6s.	14	75
" Leonard Noyes,	13 " 6s.	13	00
" J. S. Kezer,	18 " 6s.	18	00
" Eben Burbank,	7 3-4 " and board,	10	15
" S. W. Burbank,	3 " 3 00	3	00
"	" 2 1-2 " 1 25	3	12
" A. J. Holmes,	2 " 1 25	2	50
" Benj. Rowell,	3 " 6s.	3	00
" Isaac Dolby,	3 1-2 " 3 50	3	50
" D. M. Eaton,	2 days work and use of tools,	2	75
" Joshua O. Raymond,	1 days work,	1	25
" W. P. Perry,	for stone,	1	00
" Moses Stanley,	for 1 drag,	1	00
" C. & C. Railroad,	for freight of derrick,	5	00
" J. Rowell,	for 1-2 ton hay,	6	00
" John Foster,	for 1-2 days work,	50	
" Hiram Cutler,	3-4 " 93	93	
" R. P. Copps,	1-2 " 62	62	
" C. Boutell,	for blacksmith's bill,	6	45
" C. C. Davis,	12 days work,	12	00
"	" 6 1-2 " 1 25	8	12

Tyler's Bridge:

Paid E. J. Chase, labor and material, as per bill,	289	52
“ “ fill'g highway near said bridge,	38	00
“ Brown & Burnham, for lumber,	57	15
“ Paid Ambrose Chase, for labor, &c., as per bill,	14	75
“ Joseph Barnard, Jr., for 1 stringer,	13	00
“ Willard Clough, for 5 1-2 days self & oxen,	11	00
“ T. J. Burbank, for 2 1-2 days hewing stringers,	3	75
“ T. J. Burbank, for rafting stringers,	75	
“ E. Morrill, for 1 1-2 days work self & oxen,	3	00
“ E. Wyman, for rope,	2	91
“ Gilman Danforth, blacksmith bill,	1	86
“ Wm. Howe, 1 1-2 days work,	1	25
“ “ “ Oxen half day,	50	
“ C. C. Kimball, self & two men 1-2 day,	1	50
“ Herrick Putnam, for 5 days labor,	5	08
“ “ “ for articles furnished,	1	82
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Buswell's Bridge:

Paid S. S. Buswell, for labor and material,	29	25
“ R. K. Buswell, for labor, material, &c.,	17	43
“ L. D. Buswell, for labor, blacksmith work, &c.,	14	19
“ Lyman W. Holmes, for labor, powder & fuse,	10	40
“ S. S. Buswell, for 549 feet plank,	5	49
“ Jeremiah Abbott, for 6 days work,	1 25	7 50
“ Andrew Buswell, for 3 days work,	3	00
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Blackwater Bridge;

Paid Enoch J. Chase, for labor and material,	46	25
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Hill's Bridge.

Paid Herrick Putnam, for cash paid Amos Currier, Wm. Howe and others, for labor and material,	37	53
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Miscellaneous Roads & Bridges.

Paid Timothy Colby, Jr., for plank and timber, for Bridge near Kimball's Mill,	21	64
“ C. F. Clough, for 570 feet plank,	6	46
“ Seth Davis, for 17 1-2 days work on bridge at grave yard,	17	50

Paid Chellis F. Ames, for timber and repairing bridge at Clements' pond brook,	11 27
" D Chase, for bridge plank and guide post,	4 82
" Caleb Moulton, labor and stone repairing meadow brook bridge,	3 00
" Amos Currier, 200 feet plank,	2 00
" E. D. Smart, labor, repairing bridge at Farrington's corner,	1 75
" D. C. Currier, 130 feet plank,	1 50
" David Tucker, building water course and material,	1 17
" Isaac Colby, repairing bridge and hauling plank,	75
" J. W. Dodge, for 1-2 day repairing highway,	58
" Leonard Noyes, 2 days work on Brown's brook bridge,	2 00
" Thomas White, repairing bridge near Langdon Brown's.	6 30

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BREAKING ROADS:

Paid Thomas White, for breaking roads,	13 90
" Thomas C. Piper, " "	17 91
" Enos Merrill, " "	15 05
" Jacob R. Clark, " "	10 50
" R. F. Morgan, " "	12 40
" Daniel Kimball, " "	8 20
" Horace Straw, " "	5 50
" Seth Davis, " "	7 70
" Stephen Sibley, " "	4 80
" Rufus P. Copps, " "	4 25
" Stephen Kelley, " "	5 25
" Moses Story, Jr., " "	3 60
" Albert Hardy, " "	2 50
" John Hoyt, " "	2 50
" Stephen Sargent, " "	1 96
" Rufus B. Straw, " "	1 75
" John F. Gage, " "	1 18

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TOWN HOUSE:

Paid R. P. & B. Flanders, for 2 stoves and funnell,	44 31
" Albert Hardy, taking down chimney,	4 75
" George Choate, 2 days work laying brick,	3 00
" Moses Cross, 2 days tending mason,	2 75

Paid John Morse, 3-4 days work, 93

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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES:

Paid Joseph Stanwood's bill as follows :

for expense of settlement, Feb. 28, 1852,	7 25
J. D. Merrill, 1 day extra with auditors	1 00
cash paid auditors,	5 00
for 1 day at Concord, horse, sleigh and exp.	2 00
Cyrus Barton, for 600 reports,	18 00
postage,	08
for cash expended, horse hire and labor,	38 00
cash paid Pierce & Minot, professional services, discontinuance of road, &c.	106 75
J. H. George, for services,	92 50
A. Fowler, for A. Buswell, execution,	66 75
Ira Perley, for counsel,	5 00
interest on Lerner female charity fund for 1852,	25 00
J. A. Putney, collector, amt of state tax,	431 90
“ county tax,	507 90
“ error in settlem't last year,	2 00
J. D. Merrill. services as treasurer,	18 00
“ agent for Chase property,	5 00
Hall Roberts, for teachers' institute,	22 21
Charles C. Davis, horse hire, expenses stationery, &c.,	33 25
Rufus Sawyer, agt, purchasing cider mill,	60 00
Joab Patterson, services as town clerk, &c.	15 17
Samuel M. Currier, 10 days enrolling soldiers, &c.,	10 00
S. Sibley, expense of suit on Colly road,	42 96
Calvin Tyler, tending boat Tyler's bridge,	8 00
Levi W. Kimball, 1 boat,	6 00
Timothy Chandler, care of town house, &c.	4 25
Seth G. Emerson, damage to land by passing over it, in consequence of the loss of Rowell's bridge,	3 00
Horace Chase, professional service in relation to school house matters,	3 00
Isaac Story, copying school report and making return to sec'y of state,	3 00
J. W. Fellows, for labor lumber, &c, for town house,	2 84
David Hardy, for bier for grave yard and repairing fence,	2 75

C. S. Lerner, storing hearse one year,	1 50	
Herrick Putnam, freight bill, &c.,	1 15	
Joseph Barnard, labor on Hardy bridge, in 1848,	1 00	
Willard Clough, ferrying passengers,	1 00	
Albert Hardy, repairing pound,	1 00	
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Collection and Abatement of Taxes.

Paid J. A. Putney for collecting taxes,	32 00	
Non-resident highway taxes paid in labour,	24 06	
Abatement of taxes for 1851,	13 43	
“ “ 1852,	25 59	
“ “ in school district No 10,	4 48	
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School House Taxes.

Paid School district, No. 10,	256 99	
“ “ “ 8,	114 94	
“ “ “ 11,	103 02	
“ “ “ 14,	25 90	
“ “ “ 16,	100 00	
		600 85

Selectmen's Services :

1852.	To Charles C. Davis, for—	
March,	1-2 day making return of Polls,	50
	1-2 day hiring agent for Pauper farm,	50
	1 day preparing inventory books,	1 00
April,	5 days taking inventory,	5 00
	3 days regulating inventory,	3 00
	1-2 day making taxes,	50
	1-2 day on collector's book,	50
	2 days on surveyors warrants,	2 00
	1 day at Henniker, on road matters,	1 00
	1 day at Contoocookville on bridge matters,	1 00
	1 day at Tyler's & Blackwater bridges,	1 00
	1 day distributing surveyors warrants,	1 00
May,	1 day at Rowell's bridge and Henniker,	1 00
	2 days making return of inventory to secretary of state,	2 00
	1-2 day at Tyler's bridge,	50
	1-2 day at Rowell's bridge,	50
	1 day at Concord, on discontinuance of road,	1 00
	1 day on bridge matters,	1 00

	1 day at Hill's & Rowell's bridge matters,	1 00
	1-2 day at Tyler's bridge,	50
	1 day on bridge business,	1 00
June	1 day getting timber for Tyler's bridge,	1 00
	1 day at Concord, after derrick,	1 00
	1-2 day on bridge matters,	50
	1-2 day at Tyler's bridge,	50
	1 day at Rowell's bridge,	1 00
	1-2 day making warrant for town meeting,	50
	1-2 day at Tyler's bridge,	50
	1 day at Tyler's & Rowell's bridge,	1 00
	1 day taking inventory in district No. 8,	1 00
July,	1-2 day at Tyler's bridge,	50
	1 day dividing school money,	1 00
	1-2 day on pauper matters,	50
	1-2 day appointing highway surveyor in district No. 22,	50
	1-2 day at Rowell's bridge,	50
Aug.	1 day at Contoocookville & Buswell's bridge,	1 00
	1-2 day at Rowell's bridge,	50
Sept.	1 day at Concord after plan of bridge,	1 00
	1-2 day at Rowell's bridge,	50
	1 day contracting for the building of Rowell's bridge, &c.,	1 00
Oct.	1-2 day drawing Jurymen,	50
	1 day at Concord on road matters,	1 00
	1-2 day at Rowell's bridge,	50
	1-2 day at pauper farm,	50
	1 day making warrants for town meeting,	1 00
	1-2 day on check list,	50
	1 day dividing parsonage money,	1 00
	1 day taking inventory in school district No. 16,	1 00
	1-2 day on check list,	50
Nov.	1 day taking inventory in school district No. 16,	1 00
	1-2 day at Weare on pauper business,	50
Dec.	2 days at Hill after paupers,	2 00
	1 day at Rowell's bridge, and pauper matters,	1 00
	1 day settling bills and regulat'g jury box,	1 00
J'n 1853.	1 day on road matters,	1 00

	1-2 day on pauper matters,	50
	3 days taking inventory in school district No. 16,	3 75
Feb.	1 day making orders and abating taxes,	1 00
	1 day on check list,	1 00
	1 day recording bills,	1 00
	1 day settling with ag't at pauper farm,	1 00
	1 day making warrants for annual meeting,	1 00
	1 day preparing for settlement,	1 00
	1-2 day drawing jurymen,	50

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1852. To Joseph Stanwood for—

March,	1-2 day returning inventory,	50
	1-2 day appointing prudential committee,	50
	1 day making out pauper amount,	1 00
	1 day preparing inventory books,	1 00
	1 day at Concord at court,	1 00
	1 day at Fisherville on pauper business,	1 00
	1-2 day at Concord on business,	50
	1-2 day appointing enginemen,	50
April,	5 days taking inventory,	5 00
	3 days on inventory books and taxes,	3 00
	1-2 day making taxes,	50
	1-2 day on collector's book,	50
	4 days on surveyors' warrants, bonds, &c.	4 00
	1 day at Contoocookville,	1 00
	1 day at Tyler's & Blackwater bridges,	1 00
	1-2 day at Blackwater bridge,	50
	1-2 day at Hill's bridge,	50
	Recording town taxes,	5 00
	2 days making return of inventory to sec'y of state,	2 00
	1 day making return of railroad stock,	1 00
	1 day at Concord on Bridge business,	1 00
	1 day on bridge business,	1 00
	1 " " " "	1 00
	1 day at Rowell's bridge,	1 00
	1 " " " "	1 00
	1-2 day at Tyler's "	50
	1 day on bridge business,	1 00
	1 " " " "	1 00
	1 day journey to Hillsboro' on bridge business,	1 00
June,	1-2 day on bridge business,	50

	1 day on bridge business,	1 00
	1 " " " " at Manchester,	1 00
	1 day after derrick,	1 00
	1-2 day on bridge business,	50
	1 day at Rowell's bridge,	1 00
	1 " " " " "	1 00
	1 day at Tyler's & Hill's bridge,	1 00
	1 day making warrants for town meet'g,	1 00
	1 day in school districts No. 10 and 11,	1 00
	1-2 day at Tyler's bridge,	50
	1 day in taking inventory in dis. No. 8,	1 00
	1 day at Meredith after Abel Kimball,	1 00
	1-2 day at Tyler's bridge,	50
	1-2 day at Contoocookville,	50
	1 day dividing school money,	1 00
	1 day at Rowell's bridge,	1 00
	1 day on inventory and making tax's— district No. 14.	1 00
Aug.	1 day at Rowell's bridge,	1 00
	1 day at bridge and town house,	1 00
	1 day at town house business,	1 00
	1-2 day at " " "	50
	1-2 day at Buswell's bridge,	50
	1 day making tax—district No. 10,	1 00
	1-2 day at Rowell's bridge,	50
	1 day at Buswell's bridge,	1 00
Sept.	1 day taking inventory district No. 11,	1 00
	1 day making contract for Rowell's bridge, &c.,	1 00
	1 day at Rowell's bridge,	1 00
	1-2 day at Buswell's "	50
	2 days on school house taxes and warrants,	2 00
	1-2 day at Contoocook on bridge and school house business,	50
	1 day at Buswell's settling bills, &c.,	1 00
	1-2 day on bridge business,	50
	1 day at Concord on pauper business,	1 00
	1-2 day on pauper business,	50
Oct.	1-2 day drawing jurymen,	50
	1-2 day settling bills, &c.,	50
	1 day at Concord,	1 00
	1 " " "	1 00
	1 day at pauper farm and making war- rants,	1 00

	2 days making and revising check list,	2 00
	1 day taking inventory district No. 16,	1 00
	1 day at Concord on pauper business,	1 00
	1-2 day on pauper business,	50
	1 day at Concord on pauper business,	1 00
	1-2 day on bridge matters,	50
Nov.	1 day in school district, No. 16,	1 00
	1-2 day on pay roll and pauper business,	50
	1 day at Concord on " " "	1 00
Dec.	1 day at Boston with Page Bruce,	1 00
	Recording school house taxes,	2 00
	1 day at Concord and Fisherville on pauper business,	1 00
	1-2 day revising jury box,	50
J'n 1853.	1 day at Concord on pauper business,	1 00
	1 " " " selecting stoves, &c.,	1 00
	3 days taking inventory in school dis- trict No. 16,	3 75
	1 day making tax warrant and re- cording for district No. 16,	1 00
Feb.	1 day on bridge business and orders,	1 00
	1 day at Concord to settle with Pierce & Minot and George,	1 00
	1 day on check list,	1 00
	1 day recording bills,	1 00
	1 day at pauper farm,	1 00
	1 day on warrants, &c.,	1 00
	1 day on orders and bills,	1 00
	1-2 day drawing jurymen,	50
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1852.	To Herrick Putnam for—	
March,	2 days at Sunapee on pauper business,	2 00
	1-2 day making return of polls,	50
	1-2 day at Firewards' meeting,	50
	1 day preparing inventory books,	1 00
April,	7 days taking inventory,	7 00
	3 days regulating inventory,	3 00
	1 day making taxes,	1 00
	1 day distributing surveyors' warrants,	1 00
May,	1 day on bridge business,	1 00
	1 " " " " "	1 00
	1 " " " " "	1 00
	2 days making return of inventory to sec'y of state,	2 00
	1-2 day at Tyler's bridge,	50

	1-2 day on bridge business,	50
	1 " " " "	1 00
June,	1-2 " " " "	50
	1-2 " " " "	50
	1-2 " " " "	50
	1-2 day making warrants for town meeting,	50
	1-2 day at Hardy's corner,	50
	1 day taking inventory in district No. 10,	1 00
	1-2 day at Tyler's bridge,	50
	1 day at Tyler's & Rowell's bridge,	1 00
July,	1 day dividing school money,	1 00
	1-2 day at Rowell's bridge,	50
Sept.	1 1-2 day taking inventory—school district No. 11,	1 50
	1 day contracting for building Rowell's bridge,	1 00
	1-2 day on Bridge business,	50
	1-2 day at Rowell's bridge,	50
Oct.	1-2 day on bridge business.	50
	1-2 day attending jury meeting,	50
	1-2 day settling with bridge hands,	50
	1 1-2 day making check lists and warrants,	1 50
	1-2 day revising check list,	50
Dec.	1-2 day revising jury box, &c.,	50
J'n 1853.	Carrying pauper to poor farm,	1 00
	3 days taking inventory in school district No. 16,	3 75
Feb.	1 day making bills, orders, &c.,	1 00
	1 day recording bills, &c.,	1 00
	1 day at pauper farm,	1 00
	2 days making check list and warrants,	2 00
	1 day making bills, orders, &c.,	1 00
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RECAPITULATION:

Paid Religious Societies,	88 00
" School Districts,	1531 55
" Superintending School Committee,	58 00
" Enginemens' services,	66 00
" Support of Paupers,	513 57
" Rowell's Bridge,	2279 39
" Tyler's Bridge,	445 84

Paid Buswell's Bridge,	87	26	
“ Blackwater Bridge,	46	25	
“ Hill's Bridge,	37	53	
“ Miscellaneous Roads and Bridges,	80	74	
“ Breaking Roads,	118	95	
“ Town House repairs, stoves, &c.,	55	74	
“ Miscellaneous Expenses,	1554	21	
“ Collection and abatement of taxes,	99	56	
“ School houses taxes,	600	85	
“ Selectmen's services,	211	75	
“ Treasurer's rec'pts for money hired, &c.	3249	98	
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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT:

Taxes assessed for 1852,	3275	02	
School house taxes,	688	86	
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Accounted for as follows :

Cash received of collector,			3963 88
Cash securities, as per set'mt Feb. 28, 1852,	530	00	
Received as interest,	40	06	
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Accounted for as follows :

Rec'd as principal and interest on securities,	270	06	
Securities on hand,	300	00	
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Securities on Literary fund, as by settlement of Feb. 28, 1852,	2671	99	
Cash in the treasury Feb. 28, 1852,	8	04	
Interest received on securities,	277	19	
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Accounted for as follows :

Received as interest on securities,	277	19	
Securities on hand,	2493	83	
Cash in treasury,	186	20	
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Amount of Lerner legacy, as by settlement Feb. 28, 1852,	477	08	
Cash in the treasury Feb. 28, 1852,	22	92	
Received as interest,	81	83	
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Accounted for as follows :

Received as interest,	81	83	
Securities on hand,	415	53	
Cash in the treasury,	84	47	
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Cash in the treasury, as by settlement of Feb.

28, 1852,	528 79
Cash rec'd of collector for 1852,	3963 88
“ as principal and int. on securities,	270 06
“ as interest on Literary fund,	277 19
Interest on Lerner legacy,	81 83
Cash rec'd of selectmen, (G. Emerson,)	3 00
“ “ for lumber,	2 00
“ “ (hired,)	2050 00
“ State 25th div. Literary fund	115 69
“ selectmen, railroad tax,	154 79
“ “ for county paupers,	40 50
“ “ bridge plank, &c.	16 87
“ “ (hired,	800 00
“ “ (Emery rent,)	36 34
“ “ sale Chase house,	30 79
	<hr/> 8371 73
Accounted for as follows :	
Paid sundry orders, drawn on the treasurer,	7875 19
Cash on hand,	496 54
	<hr/> 8371 73

We certify that we have examined the Selectmen's and Treasurer's Accounts, and find the same duly vouched and correctly cast, and that the foregoing is a true statement thereof.

G. W. CURRIER, }
 JOHN BURNHAM, } Auditors.
 ISAAC STORY, }

Hopkinton, Feb. 26, 1853.

Selectmen's Report of the Pauper Establishment.

PROPERTY APPRAISED ON PAUPER FARM.

2 pair oxen, \$210 ; 6 cows, \$132 ;	342 00
6 young cattle, \$60 ; 14 sheep, \$35 ;	95 00
11 tons Eng. hay, \$154 ; 5 tons meadow \$35 ;	189 00
10 bush. corn, \$10 ; straw, \$3 ;	13 00
40 bush. oats, \$20 ; 11 do. wheat, 14 67 ;	34 67
3 shoats, \$30 ; 55 bush. potatoes, 16 50 ;	46 50
1-2 bbl. vinegar and pickles,	5 00
4 bbls. cider, (including boiled,)	7 00
288 lbs. cheese, 25 92 ; 16 do. butter, 2 66 ;	27 68
375 lbs. pork, \$46 ; 264 do. ham, \$29 ;	75 00
175 lbs. beef, 10 50 ; 60 do. lard, 8 40 ;	18 90
40 lbs. tallow and candles, \$4 ; 30 do. codfish, \$1 ;	5 00

100 lbs. dried apples, \$5; 2 do. stocking y'n 1 50; 6 50	
6 lbs. mixed wool, 3 60; beans and peas, \$5; 8 60	
1 1-2 bbls. soap, \$6; garden sauce, \$1; 7 00	
Flour and meal, \$5; 6 pair feeting, 2 40; 7 40	
22 yds. flannel, \$11; 4 do. tweed, \$2; 13 00	
9 yds. cassimere, 7 50; leather, \$2; 9 50	
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PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT,

DR.

1852.

March 1, To Real Estate,	3000 00
" Stock Hay and Provisions,	1010 55
" Tools and Furniture,	175 00
" Int. on the above sums 1 year,	251 13
" Agent's compensation,	165 00
" Order drawn on Treasurer,	60 00
" Amount of Doctor's bills,	12 34
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1853.

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March 1, By Real Estate,	3000 00
" Hay, Stock and Provisions,	911 55
" Tools and Furniture,	175 00
" Cash in Agent's hands,	38
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Balance against the Establishment,	587 09

\$4674 02

Average number of paupers supported the past year, about 18.

CHARLES C. DAVIS,	}	Selectmen
JOS. STANWOOD,		of
HERRICK PUTNAM,		Hopkinton.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee in presenting the annual report of the condition of our schools, would be most happy in being able to bear record of the prosperity of every school in terms as praiseworthy as those in which we speak of the general prosperity of this institution in this town during the past year, could we do this in the exercise of an impartial judgment upon the advancement made in each school.

Of the condition of our summer schools, the committee would bear cheerful testimony of the earnest efforts of teachers, the harmonious co-operation of parents, and with one or two exceptions, the rapid and thorough progress made by the scholars generally in the several districts.

Of the winter schools, while many of our teachers have labored with untiring vigilance and their efforts have been crowned with merited success, yet in two or three instances, while the teachers were well qualified, they have signally failed, from one or more of the causes mentioned below as conditions of a good school.

The first requisite for a profitable school is a *good teacher*; and by a good teacher something more is implied, than one who is sufficiently well learned in the branches required by the Statute to be taught in our schools. Beyond this the Superintending School Committee have no control; and if a teacher is engaged and passes before this committee a satisfactory examination, that he possesses these qualifications, he is entitled to a certificate. *Superintending School Committees cannot make the teacher.* Nature must make the MAN to teach.

The want of more care and the exercise of more judgment and discrimination on the part of Prudential Committees, in the selection of those persons for teachers who possess sufficient self-possession, dignity, and natural tact for teaching—with the necessary acquirements—is one of the principal causes of non-progressing schools.

Another requisite for a profitable school is that each scholar should be supplied with suitable books. Through the efforts of the Board of Education, the labors of committees and teachers, a general uniformity of books is found in our schools, and in hardly a single instance, a deficiency.

A convenient and comfortable house is equally necessary for mental culture, for the promotion of the physical development, and the enjoyment of the health of the children confined for a longer or shorter time in our schools. Within a comparatively short time, great

changes have been made in our school houses; and within the past year the work has still been going on. In District No. 11, the house has, as it were, been rebuilt; and in place of the miserable den which has disgraced that section of the town so long, a very pleasant, inviting, and comfortable house has been made to occupy its place. District No. 16 have removed and thoroughly repaired their house; and District No. 8, have improved the outside in appearance, and should make the inside correspond. Several of the school houses in town need very much to be rebuilt, or thoroughly repaired.

Another, and the *worst*, because at this time the most *active* agent, operating against the prosperity of our schools, is the want of harmony between members of districts. This cause has been productive of nine-tenths of all the complaints made concerning our schools the past year. No individual, perhaps, transacts business for successive weeks or months, without committing errors; and, perhaps, no teacher terminates a school without failing in some point; and this error of the teacher, which generally should, in charity, be concealed from scholars, is in many instances maliciously magnified, and the influence of the teacher over his school, and consequently the interest and advantage forever lost.

The interest felt in the subject of schools is rapidly increasing; the frequent visits of the parents, and the rare occasions occurring during the year past, in which the several schools have been examined, when the time of the visit has been known, without the presence of some of the parents, and in several cases where the houses were filled with visitors, give strong assurance that the right spirit is pervading this community generally, in relation to this subject.

It is believed to be necessary for the highest success of schools, that a few changes should be made in several school districts. In Districts No. 1, 10 and 20, the number in attendance is altogether too large for any one teacher to devote that attention to each scholar which is necessary for their advancement. In No. 1, the Academy lessens considerably the attendance in the winter; but in Nos. 10 and 20, there should be a classification of the scholars, and a male and female teacher employed. Changes ought also to be made in relation to one or more of the smaller districts. District No. 21, receives the same amount of one-half our school money as any district in town.— This district, it is evident to any person acquainted with its location and condition, should be a part of No. 20. With this change, and perhaps one or two others, and the school money divided in the same manner as for the last two years, it is believed will best contribute to the general advancement of our schools.

The foregoing remarks, the following detailed report and tabular statement are respectfully submitted:

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Summer Schools.

No. of Districts.	Length of school in weeks.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. between 4 and 14, not attending school.	Wages of Teacher per month, ex. of board.
*1 17	55	37			8 00
2 11	24	20		3	5 00
3 12	20	19			6 00
4 10	23	15			5 00
5					
6 10	11	9			5 00
7 11	23	17			6 00
8 10	18	16			6 00
9					
10 11	42	32			10 00
11 13	32	24		4	6 00
12					
13 10	20	14			5 67
14 8	12	7			6 00
15					
16					
17 10	13	12			5 00
18 4	3	2			5 00
19 11	24	15			5 00
20 14	56	35		9	8 00
21 8	8	7			5 00

Winter Schools.

No. of Districts.	Length of school in weeks.	Number of scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. between 4 and 14, not attending school.	Wages of Teacher per month, ex. of board.
1 13	1-2	61	40		4 16 00
2 10		30	26		
3 11		33	25		12 00
4 11		30	28	2	16 00
5 17		15	12		8 00
6 10		12	9		6 00
7 11		29	25		16 00
8 12		21	15	3	12 50
9					
10 12		81	70		20 00
11 10		45	34	3	18 00
12 12		15	9		12 00
13 9	1-2	29	20		
14 9		17	11		8 00
15					
16 10		14	12	7	15 00
17 10		18	14	2	6 00
18 9		10	9		10 00
19 9		31	25		14 00
20 7		58	37		18 00
21 12		8	6	1	5 00

* Including a fall term of five weeks kept by Lydia Dodge.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—M. Gerrish, Instructress.

The final examination of this school did not exhibit the improvement which follows the exertions of judicious and energetic teachers. Miss G. failed to impart that interest, which regarding the advancement is the *sine qua non* in every school, thus rendering her connection with it of little benefit.

WINTER TERM.—Geo. W. Currier, Teacher.

Under the direction of Mr. C. a marked degree of improvement was manifest. His continued connection with this school, while it adds to his reputation as a teacher, contributes greatly in promoting the advancement of the scholars, and the interests of the district.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM.—Martha J. Putney, Instructress.

This teacher, though inexperienced succeeded well. The order was good, and the advancement such as would be creditable to older teachers.

WINTER TERM.—Chas. Gould, Teacher.

This school has several weeks longer to continue. The well known success of the teacher, and the appearance of his school, promise satisfactory results.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.—Mary L. Currier, Instructress.

In this school good improvement was made. The course adopted for maintaining order is mild and persuasive, and her labors, aided by the co-operation of the district made her connection with the school profitable.

WINTER TERM.—L. J. Fitch, Teacher.

The ripe experience of this teacher—his energy and perseverance—with a manifest interest on the part of parents, made the progress rapid, and the interest of the scholars in their studies continued unabated to the close of the terms.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Susan V. Currier, Instructress.

The course pursued by Miss C. was similar to that of the season previous, in this school, and her efforts were in the same degree followed by the same success.

WINTER TERM.—R. F. Morgan, Teacher.

The reputation of this teacher was well sustained in his connection with this district. His well directed efforts, with a commendable interest which pervades the people of this district—while they have yielded a fruitful harvest the present year, promise much for the future.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—*No Summer Term.*

WINTER TERM.—Mary L. Currier, Instructress.

The efforts made by Miss C. for the prosperity of this school would detract nought from her well earned reputation. The whole number of scholars were not present at the last examination, but those who were appeared to have made fair progress.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER & WINTER TERM.—Louisa C. Weeks, Instructress.

Both terms of this school were under the direction of the same teacher. At the close of the first term the school did not appear as well as

the success.

WINTER TERM.—Mrs. A. A. P. Ketchum and Horace Berry, Teachers.

This term commenced under the direction of the teacher of the summer school; but for reasons unknown to the committee, the term was suspended, and Mr. B. employed. Under his direction the school appeared well. The district will find it for their interest to employ a male teacher for their winter term.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM.—Eliza A. Smith, Teacher.

The committee found this school in good condition at its close.—Good improvement—good order—and the teacher reports “not one real act of disobedience during the term.”

WINTER TERM.—Samuel W. Campbell, Teacher.

The teacher entered this school without experience, and the success which resulted from his well directed efforts was such as would be creditable to many who have long been engaged in teaching. The kind relations existing between teacher and scholars, rendered the duties pleasing and school profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—*No Summer School.*

WINTER TERM.—W. S. Davis, Teacher.

A visit was made in this school at the commencement of the term, the general appearance was good. No notice was received of the close of the term, and about the time of the expiration of the school, as stated by the teacher at the commencement, a visit was made and the school found closed. Nor has any report been received from the teacher, consequently we know nothing of the condition or advantage of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

SUMMER TERM.—Lydia Dodge, Instructress.

In this school some progress was made,—but not in that degree, as where we find the attendance more regular, and the teacher more zealous for the advancement of her pupils.

WINTER TERM.—Albert Abbott, Teacher.

This school was found considerably advanced from its condition at the commencement. The attendance was very irregular. We believe the labor of the teacher for the general welfare of the school was appreciated by most of the district.

WINTER TERM.—Chas. Gould, Teacher.

This school deserves the rank in improvement among the first in town. The interest awakened by the teacher—spread through the school to the parents and the whole district was alive, and earnest for the improvement of their scholars. A good class in writing seems to be a natural accompaniment of this teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—*No Summer School.*

WINTER TERM.—Geo. A. Eastman, Teacher.

A very marked change took place in this school between the first and closing examination. The absence of several who commenced the term, and their places being supplied by others, so broke up the classes, and changed them as to make it impossible to say how much real advancement should be credited for this term. The order and condition of the school was creditable to teacher and scholars when visited.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

SUMMER TERM.—Arabella M. Little, Teacher.

Teachers, scholars, and the district, deserve much credit for the mutual interest manifested by all for the general prosperity of this school. The attendance was regular and the progress rapid.

WINTER TERM.—John F. Burnham, Teacher.

In this school everything was in its place. The earnest efforts of the teacher, with the continued interest of the parents, and the cheerful readiness with which every wish of the teacher was complied with by the scholars, made his connection with the school valuable to the district and reputable to himself.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

SUMMER & WINTER TERM.—A. M. Little, Teacher.

This school commenced about the middle of September, and continued with a short vacation 17 weeks. The entire district were not satisfied with the school. Three several examinations were made by the committee, and no more rapid and thorough progress, has been found, perhaps, in any school. Had the teacher been sustained by the parents, and those children sent to school who were absent at the final examination instead of being allowed to remain away, the result would have been more pleasant for the teacher, more profitable to the scholars, and more creditable to a portion of the district.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

SUMMER TERM.

The committee were not notified of the commencement or close of this school, nor has any report been received from the teacher.

WINTER TERM.—Miss Charles, Teacher.

The third week of this term (notice not being received until the middle of the 2d week) we made a visit to this school, and found it in a very confused and unpromising condition. Notice of the close of the school, and a request for the committee to visit at a time specified was received and complied with, but by an arrangement between the Prudential committees of each town, the school had been closed. The teacher has failed to report the condition of her school.

DISTRICT NO. 16.—*No Summer School.*

WINTER TERM.—John F. Burnham, Teacher.

This district having determined to repair their house, and the destruction of the bridge at Smiley's, having cut off a portion of the district from their school house, had no summer school. The winter term is now keeping and promises to be all that can reasonably be expected in any school.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

SUMMER & WINTER TERM.—Angelia C. Hawthorn, Teacher.

This teacher labored with diligence for the promotion of the interests of her scholars. Her engagement for the winter term was judicious.—The final reviews of the terms were creditable to all.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

SUMMER TERM.—H. R. Buswell, Teacher.

A teacher was examined for the district and a visit made to the school house. But no teacher or school was found. A report was received giving three as the whole number of scholars, and the attendance of these irregular.

WINTER TERM.—Alfred P. Gage, Teacher,

We found the school small, but several scholars were added from an adjoining district. Good advancement was evident from the review of the school. Mr. G. entered into the business of teaching with spirit and we believe him to possess many qualifications (with experience) for a good teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

SUMMER TERM.—Susan M. Patterson, Teacher.

The method of teaching adopted by Miss P. was calculated to win the love and respect of her scholars; but failing to maintain order, the school was not in that condition at the final examination we could have wished.

WINTER TERM.—Chas. C. Rogers, Teacher.

Our last visit to this school was short, but we believe the teacher made strong exertions for the advancement of his pupils. The classes in reading had improved well. Good order, and commendable interest was evidently maintained in the school through the term.

DISTRICT NO. 20.

SUMMER TERM.—Elizabeth D. Hoit, Teacher.

No notice of the close of this school was received, but from its appearance at its commencement, and a knowledge of the course of this teacher heretofore, we believe the school to have made under her direction fair improvement.

WINTER TERM.—James H. Ware, Teacher.

This school failed to be of benefit to the district. In commencing the term, the teacher relying wholly upon persuasion for the maintenance of order, soon found himself in the midst of "noise and confusion." Some of the scholars who attend this school fail to receive such impressions from parents, as render them the fit subjects of this system of discipline. And this was the reason why the school failed to meet the wishes of the district. Mr. W. has many qualifications for teaching and in many districts would have succeeded well. Laborious, kind and patient, he is calculated to win the respect of scholars. There was an improvement in the school towards its close, and had he commenced as he closed and received the countenance of the district, a profitable school would have resulted.

DISTRICT NO. 21.

SUMMER & WINTER TERM.—Helen J. Stanley, Instructress.

Miss S. had charge of both terms of this school, and acquitted herself creditably. At the close of the last term, and for several weeks previous, the number in attendance was small, but we are not aware of any cause on the part of the teacher for this failure in attendance.

S. LA FAYETTE SIMPSON,

Superintending School Committee.

HOPKINTON, Feb. 26th, 1853.

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