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ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN,
TREASURER,
COLLECTOR,
OVERSEER & POOR,
SUP'G SCHOOL COM.

AND

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New Hampshire

—OF THE—

Town of Ashland

—FOR THE—

Fiscal Year ending March 1st, 1874.

ASHLAND, N. H. :

F. E. SHAW, JOB PRINTER.

1874.

Selectmens' Report.

The total valuation of the Town of Ashland
 April 1st, 1873, \$578,494 00

RECAPITULATION.

261 Polls,	\$26,100	
27 Carriages,	1,906	
380 Sheep,	1,727	
308 Cattle,	10,618	
110 Horses,	12,871	
66 Farms,	127,999	
Money at interest,	21,500	
Stock in trade,	57,900	
Factories and their Machinery,	165,924	
Buildings and lands not special- ly designated,	151,949	
		\$578,494 00
Rate of taxation on \$100,	\$1 30.	

RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS :

By orders on Town Treasurer,	\$3,930 47
Cash of Walter B. Cox for list of soldiers,	2 50
“ R. W. Ladd school money of dist. No 1, for 1871,	28 92
E. L. Shepard, for brick,	3 30
“ E. F. Bailey, fine in Heath case,	5 00
“ J. F. Keyes, Tomb-keeper for 1872,	13 75
“ J. F. Keyes, Highway Surveyor, (being money advanced by town to District No. 1),	10 00
	\$3,993 94

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid as follows :

Dexter Sanborn, Auditor 1872,	\$7 00
“ “ Moderator 1872,	2 00
A. B. Shepard, Auditor 1872,	7 00
Wm. F. Harris, damage to car when used for police purposes,	1 50
Martin A. Haynes, printing reports, &c.,	48 30
H. W. Blair, legal services in Morse case,	18 00
“ “ “ Simon Bowen case,	16 60
“ “ “ John Lougee case,	10 00
“ “ “ B. F. Cox highway case,	6 00
S. C. Baker, office rent 1872,	8 00
E. B. Currier, Collector 1871,	80 00
Sam'l Shepard, labor on Chas. Shepard road 1872,	13 65
Chas. Shepard, “ his road, 1872,	6 00
S. C. Blake, table for Town Hall,	9 00
John B. Davison, breaking roads 1872-3,	8 00
J. P. Howe, labor on his road,	10 00
J. H. Pickering, labor on highway, Dist. No. 4,	3 00
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	\$254 05

TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid as follows :

B. W. Sanborn & Co., for Books,	\$2 00
F. E. Shaw, for Printing,	1 00
Carr, Baker & Hughes, land damages,	51 25
Hiram Hodgdon, books for Chas. N. Palmer's chil'n,	1 67
S. C. Baker, expenses to Haverhill,	4 05
“ “ Franklin,	3 30
“ “ Concord, twice,	6 20
“ wood for Town Hall,	11 25
“ copying inventory,	5 00
“ Office rent, 1873,	8 00

Postage,	12
Paper,	13
Express,	65
Telegram,	35
James Sisk, fitting wood for Town Hall,	2 50
John T. Mead, damage to Sheep by dogs,	3 00
D. H. G. Fogg, labor and material for highway District No. 6,	2 25
S. W. Constantine, Police fixtures,	3 50
L. N. Smyth, witness in John Lougee case,	77
Pike & Blodgett, Counsel fee,	17 00
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	\$123 99

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid as follows,

J. A. Dana, Superintending School Committee,	\$37 50
“ registering Births,	2 50
B. B. Worthen, Town Clerk,	40 00
Ambrose Scribner, Treasurer,	75 00
H. N. Smyth, Overseer of Poor,	60 00
R. R. D. Dearborn, Librarian,	26 00
S. C. Baker, service as Selectman,	103 75
Henry C. Dearborn, “	40 00
Edwin B. Currier, “	50 00
“ “ Collector,	85 00
F. S. Smith, Policeman,	5 00
S. H. Eastman, “	10 00
James O. Smith, “	6 00
Wm. F. Harris, “	3 00
Dexter Sanborn, Moderator,	2 00
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	\$545 75

TOWN PAUPERS:

Paid as follows:

Horatio N. Smyth, for support of town paupers,	\$246 32
Stephen N. Morse, transient,	1 50
John T. Mead's wife nursing Mrs. Hiram Harris 21 days,	10 00
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	\$257 82

BRIDGE NEAR S. C. HEATH AND SON'S TANNERY.

Paid as follows:

Daniel K. Smith,	\$954 93
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SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid as follows,

District Number 1,	\$1,010 00
“ “ 2,	27 29
“ “ 1871,	26 82
“ “ 3,	40 50
“ “ 4,	59 83
“ “ 6,	12 66
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	\$1,177 10

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid as follows:

District Number 4,	\$522 83
“ “ 6,	12 32
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	\$535 15

BOOKS FOR TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid as follows:

J. G. Taggart,	\$15 50
D. Lathrop & Co.,	66 18
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	\$81 68

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received by the Selectmen
for the year ending March 4, 1874, \$3,993 94

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid outstanding bills,	\$254 05	
“ Town expenses,	123 99	
“ Town officers,	545 75	
“ Town Paupers,	257 82	
“ Bridges,	954 93	
“ School money,	1,177 10	
“ School House Tax,	535 15	
“ Books for Town Library,	81 68	
“ A. Scribner, Treas'r, cash,	63 47	
		\$3,993 94

All of which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN C. BAKER, } Selectmen
HENRY C. DEARBORN, } of
EDWIN B. CURRIER, } Ashland.

March 2, 1874 :

We the undersigned, hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly avouched.

DEXTER SANBORN, } Auditors of the
F. M. HUGHES, } Town of Ashland.

Estimated demands against the town,

March 4, 1873,	\$24,496 91
Borrowed during the year 1873,	425 00
Error in last year's estimate,	300 00
Interest one year,	1,512 11
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Total.	\$26,714 02
Paid on town debt,	4,335 43
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Total demands against town March 4, 1874,	\$22,378 59

ASSETS.

Due from estate of Wm. P. Drake,	\$715 94
“ A. Scribner, Treasurer,	2,949 76
Municipal War Bonds,	8,500 00
Taxes, 1871,	33 40
“ 1872,	16 15
“ 1873,	391 75
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Total assets,	\$12,607 00

Total demands against the town,	
less assets,	\$9,771 59

Reduction of town debt for the year ending March 4, 1874,	\$1,624 71
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Treasurer's Report.

Ambrose Scribner, in account with the Town of Ashland,	DR.	
To cash received of Treasurer, 1872,		\$3,817 34
Municipal War Bonds,		8,500 00
Interest on the same,		510 00
Cash received of H. Hodgdon, casks and liquors sold,		55 00
Railroad Tax,		94 31
Savings Bank Tax,		677 96
Literary Fund money,		81 59
Cash rec'd for support of County Paupers,		8 14
" " notes given,		425 00
" " Rent of Hall,		52 97
" " of Selectmen,		63 47
" " of Collector, 1873,		7,728 00
" " " 1872,		218 18
" " " 1871,		35 17
" " Librarian Fines,		6 35
		<hr/> \$22,273 48
	CR.	
By cash paid on orders,		\$3,930 47
" " notes and interest,		4,335 43
" " State Tax,		1,524 00
" " County Tax,		1,033 78
" Municipal War Bonds,		8,500 00
" Balance in hands of Treasurer,		2,949 80
		<hr/> \$22,273 48

All of which is respectfully submitted,

AMBROSE SCRIBNER, *Town Treasurer.*

March 2, 1874:

We the undersigned, certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched

DEXTER SANBORN, } Auditors of the
F. M. HUGHES, } Town of Ashland.

Collector's Report.

Edwin B. Currier in account with
the town of Ashland:

	DR.
To uncollected Taxes for 1871,	\$98 42
" " 1872,	259 03
" Fire Taxes for 1872,	75 48
amount of taxes committed to him	
for collection, 1873,	8,207 11
cash received of J. F. Keyes overpaid	
on fire tax,	2 10
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	\$8,642 14

	CR.
By cash paid A Scribner, Taxes 1871,	\$35 17
" " " " 1872,	218 18
" " " " 1873,	7,728 00
Abatements, 1871,	29 85
" 1872,	24 70
" 1873,	34 60
" on Fire Tax 1872,	4 30
Uncollected " " " 1871,	1 70
" Taxes, 1871,	33 40
" " 1872,	16 15
" " 1873,	391 75
Non-resident highway taxes paid in labor,	52 76
Cash paid J. F. Keyes, fire tax,	71 58
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	\$8,642 14

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. B. CURRIER, *Collector.*

March 2, 1874:

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DEXTER SANBORN,	}	Auditors of the
F. M. HUGHES,	}	Town of Ashland.

Horatio N. Smyth, Overseer of the Poor for 1873, in account with the town of Ashland :	DR.	
Received of Selectmen by orders on the Town Treasurer,		\$246 32
	CR.	
Paid Mrs. Mary Gilman for support of Mrs. James Drew from March 17, 1873, to March 16, 1874,		\$154 00
Apr. 21, paid Deborah Corles,		8 04
Aug. 27, paid Hiram Hodgdon's bill,		1 28
Dec. 22, paid Lizzie E. Smith's bill,		1 00
Feb. 26, paid Rufus Harris' bill,		2 00
March 2, paid James Corlis bill,		2 00
Expenses and postage stamps,		2 50
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		\$170 82
Bills paid and charged to the County :		
Sep. 19, paid Moses G. Brown's bill,		5 00
paid Frank Harris for ticket,		2 10
paid Doct. J. A. Dana's bill,		10 00
paid G. F. Rogers' bill,		26 00
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		\$43 10
Dec. 9, paid Miss Lizzie E. Smyth for shawl for Emma Johnson,		3 00
paid expense to the County Farm,		7 30
paid Doct. D. Tucker for attendance on Emma Johnson,		3 00
Feb. 26, paid Hiram Hodgdon's bill,		14 14
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		\$27 44
Charge for keeping 7 transient persons,		5 00
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		\$75 54
Town expenses,	170 82	
County "	75 54	
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		\$246 36

Respectfully submitted,

HORATIO N. SMYTH, *Overseer of Poor.*

No. of District.	Summer & Winter	Names of Teachers.	No. of w'ks of School.	No. of Scholars.	No. in Reading.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Geography.
No. 1.	1st grade.	Sum. Miss E. E. Meservey,	15	31	31	30	20	6
	Win.	" "	16	40	40	39	30	16
	2d grade.	Sum. " E. W. Shapleigh,	15	46	46	46	8	37
	Win.	" "	16	42	42	42	4	30
	3d grade.	Sum. Mrs. C. M. Cheney,	15	57	57	25	0	2
11	Win.	" "	14	52	52	17	0	2
No. 2.	Sum.	Miss Mary E. Nutting,	7	14	14	2	3	0
	Win.	" "	7	13	13	2	3	0
No. 3.	Sum.	" M. F. Hazelton,	5	7	7	5	2	5
	Win.	" Mary E. Calley,	10	10	10	9	8	8
No. 4.*	one term.							
	Win.	Mrs. Mary E. Pease,	14½	16	16	12	3	2
No. 6.	Sum.	Miss Annie R. Cox,	6	4	4	1	0	1
	Win.	Mrs. W. McLeod,	6	4	4	1	0	1

DISTRICT NO. 1.—1ST GRADE.

This school of 31 weeks, was divided into three terms. It has been a very profitable school, well conducted, and thoroughly instructed. The scholars exhibit more improvement, in every respect, than ever before; proving, in my opinion, the advantage of employing good teachers keeping them as long as possible in the same school.

*No. 5 is united to No. 4.

DISTRICT NO. 1—2d GRADE.

This school of thirty-one weeks was also divided into three terms. The same teacher has been employed in this grade for a number of years; and, like the first grade, has been faithfully and thoroughly managed. The scholars have made wonderful improvement in their studies and deportment.

DISTRICT NO. 1—3d GRADE.

This school of twenty-nine weeks, was also divided into three terms. This teacher having taught this grade for some time, managed her school of fifty-seven little children remarkably well, maintaining good order and learning them much.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school had two terms of seven weeks each, employing the same teacher for both. She performed her duties faithfully. The scholars were well managed and exhibited good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

I did not visit this school in the summer as I had no notice of the beginning or close of the term. The teacher was well qualified and sent me a good report.

The winter term was a profitable one, excellently managed and instructed. The scholars made good proficiency in studies and deportment.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This District has a new School House. District No. 5 has been united with it, and they have had their first term this winter. The teacher was well qualified and faithful in her duties. There was good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This District is a Union School with New Hampton and Centre Harbor. Our town has but a few scholars here; they have been well instructed, and have made as much improvement as could be expected, for two terms of six weeks, with a new teacher for each term.

REMARKS.

There is too little interest manifested by the people of Ashland in our schools; very few visiting, or showing in any way, that they feel any responsibility in relation to the education of their children. There are no Maps, Charts, Globes, or even good Black-boards, provided, while the School Houses are unfit in every respect. There is no proper ventilation in any of them; they are unhealthy and nothing about them contributes to comfort, or invites to study. There are no ornaments in the school-rooms of pictures or flowers, or even well painted walls. There are no shade trees or shrubs, or proper play-grounds around them.

All these things are necessary to give our children a chance for a good education. Every child surrounded by the beautiful and useful things of this world, is more likely to grow up an improved specimen of mankind, than those unaccustomed to them. When our citizens come to regard these things, and will aid the teacher in the management of the children, sending them always to school, and at the proper time, we may have, with all our present advantages, a well educated class of young men and women.

JOHN A. DANA,

Superintending School Committee.

Report of the Librarian of the Town of Ashland,
for the year commencing March 1, 1873.

Your Librarian respectfully submits
the following brief statements :

No. of Volumes belonging to Library,	674
“ “ added during the year,	75
Persons charged with books during the year,	234
Amount of fines collected,	\$6 35

R. R. D. DEARBORN, *Librarian.*

Feb. 25, 1874.



