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# SELECTMENS' REPORT.

1885-1886.

## TAXABLE ARTICLES.

Polls, 280,	\$28,000 00
Real Estate,	249,569 00
Horses, 148,	11,167 00
Oxen, 50,	2,648 00
Cows, 184,	4,435 00
Other Neat Stock, 68,	1,446 00
Sheep, 178,	636 00
Hogs, 6,	58 00
Carriages, 21,	1,416 00
Money at Interest,	24,241 00
Stock in Trade,	31,600 00
Mills and Machinery,	58,100 00
Non-Resident,	1,930 00
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	\$415,246 00
State, County, Town, School and School-house Tax, on Poll in District No. 1,	\$1 30
Highway Tax on Poll,	38
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	\$1 68
School-house Tax on Poll in District No. 2,	06

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

PAID BY ORDERS ON THE TREASURER.

Mar.	11,	Hughes & Huckins, freight on lumber for hall floor,	\$3 60
	27,	Shepard & Fletcher, lumber,	9 24
Apr.	9,	Samuel Blanchard, breaking roads,	6 42
	16,	Geo. W. Lambert, " "	15 90
		John B. Carr, " "	11 25
	18,	Charles E. Clough, " "	10 00
May	11,	Geo. B. Stevens, cash paid J. L. Morrison,	2 00
	16,	Charles E. Clough, breaking roads,	11 19
	29,	Parker P. Abbott, " in 1883,	5 50
June	1,	Francis M. Hughes, services as auditor and coroner in 1884,	5 00
	3,	James Graffum, sign board,	1 00
	4,	Frank H. Leavitt, breaking roads,	7 50
Sept.	12,	Smith J. Sanborn, " "	6 60
Feb.	1,	Burleigh & Adams, fees on Bailey road and toll bridge cases,	93 75
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			\$188 95

CURRENT EXPENSES.

PAID BY ORDERS ON THE TREASURER.

1885.

Mar.	17,	L. A. Dearborn, for library,	\$100 00
	25,	R. R. D. Dearborn, town reports,	16 00
Apr.	30,	F. M. Hughes, insuring Town Hall,	80 00
May	11,	Dexter Sanborn, Auditor and Supervisor,	7 00
	25,	R. R. D. Dearborn, 500 tax bills,	2 50
June	4,	R. F. Sanborn, Memorial Day fund,	50 00
Nov.	10,	E. F. Bailey, in settlement of road case.	30 14
Sept.	3,	Levi Clough, painting School-house,	100 00

1886.

Jan.	13,	M. C. Spaulding, registering births and deaths,	4 50
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Jan.	26,	A. R. Garey, registering births and deaths,	\$1 75
Feb.	5,	Burleigh & Adams, fees in settlement of Bailey road case,	9 00
	9,	M. C. Spaulding, services as Board of Health,	20 00
	11,	Albert E. Porter, services as Town Clerk,	40 00
	17,	R. R. D. Dearborn, " Collector,	75 00
	20,	George F. Dow, " Police,	12 00
		L. A. Dearborn, " Librarian,	25 00
		F. L. Hughes, " Treasurer,	25 00
		Charles H. Sanborn, " Selectman,	15 00
		Frank P. Nichols, " "	28 00
		Eri G. Clapp, " "	85 00
		" " " Overseer Poor,	15 00
		" " Cash bounties on woodchucks,	18 00
		" " Services Moderator and Su- pervisor,	5 50
		Eri G. Clapp, breaking side-walks,	5 00
		" " Expense out of town and iron pipe,	4 00
		Eri G. Clapp, Cash paid for chimney tops,	31 50
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			\$804 89

EXPENSE OF POOR.

PAID BY ORDERS ON THE TREASURER.

1885.			
May	11,	Hughes & Huckins, goods furnished Geo. W. Lougee's family in 1884,	\$7 54
		Hughes & Huckins, goods furnished Alfred Roby's family,	1 29
July	21,	Eri G. Clapp, expense to Bristol on Cyrus Plaisted case,	5 00
Aug.	18,	Joshua Carr, on account of Charles Nutting's wife and child,	30 85
		Eri G. Clapp, expense to Haverhill on Charles Nutting case,	5 00

1886.

Feb. 20, Hughes & Huckins, goods furnished Wm. Gilpatrick's family,	14 40
Mrs. Ashworth, keeping tramps,	4 30
Mrs. Peavey, boarding Mrs. Fred. Roby,	75
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	\$69 13

**SCHOOL MONEY.**

	School Money.	Dog Tax.	Literary Fund.	Total.
District No. 1,	\$1430 93	\$45 00	\$106 44	\$1582 37
"    2,	16 19	45 00	12 00	73 19
"    3,	33 75	22 00	8 91	64 66
"    4,	62 83	45 00	18 00	125 83
"    5,	8 50	14 00	6 54	29 04
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	\$1552 20	\$171 00	\$151 89	\$1875 09
Paid No. 2, balance due from 1884,				\$ 32
"    3,                   "          "          "				2 64
Paid School-house tax in District No. 2,				5 00
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				\$1883 05
District No. 1, overpaid in 1884,				1 00
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				\$1882 05

**ROADS AND BRIDGES.**

PAID BY ORDERS ON TREASURER.

1885.

July 18, H. H. Shepard, lumber,	\$141 39
23, Henry Page, timber and plank,	72 24
Dec. 14, David Pierce, labor and cash paid out repairing road in District No. 4,	13 50

1886.

Jan. 6, Elias H. Whitten, labor on road,	3 00
12, Charles H. Sanborn, labor and cash paid out repairing washout,	5 49
21, Frank E. Kimball, labor on road,	3 30
27, B. F. Mills, repairing road,	5 00

Jan. 28, George S. Goss, self and cattle on road machine,	\$3 00
Feb. 12, Edwin B. Currier, self and cattle on road machine,	3 00
20, Daniel S. Batchelder, labor on road,	1 35
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	\$250 27

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Cash received for use of hall,	\$162 60
Paid Hughes & Huckins, oil, etc.,	\$9 19
E. G. Clapp, care of hall two weeks,	6 75
“ “ Paid for wood,	21 94
“ “ “ Sawing wood,	3 25
“ “ “ Repairing settees,	3 03
“ “ For stove pipe,	3 50
“ “ “ Supplies,	4 77
James Brogan, care of hall,	43 80
Town Treasurer,	66 37
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	\$162 60

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding Claims,	\$188 95
Current Expenses,	804 89
Expense of Poor,	69 13
Roads and Bridges,	250 27
School Money,	1882 05
Town Hall Supplies,	96 23
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	\$3291 52

ERI G. CLAPP,	} Selectmen of Ashland.
F. P. NICHOLS,	
C. H. SANBORN,	

WE, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing account and find the same correctly cast and properly avouched for.

DAVID N. POLLARD, } Auditors for  
JAMES F. HUCKINS, } the Town  
GEO. B. GORDON, } of Ashland.

# TRESURERS' REPORT.

F. L. HUGHES IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF ASHLAND.

	DR.		CR.
To balance brought from last year,	\$177 76		
Cash of F. L. Hughes,	1 27		
" Geo. F. Dow, Janitor, 1884,	1 60		
" Billiard License,	18 00		
" E. G. Clapp, Overseer of the Poor,	30 43		
" " Use of Town Hall,	162 60		
" " Woodchuck Bounty,	18 00		
" " Unexpended funds in J. F. Keyes' hands,	56 32		
" Solon A. Carter, State Treas. and R. R. Tax,	152 02		
" " Savings Bank Tax,	943 82		
" " Literary Fund,	151 89		
" Balance of Dog Tax to 1885,	73 00		
" R. R. D. Dearborn, Collector,	5095 00		
	\$6881 71		
By paid County Tax,		\$94508 00	
State Tax,		940 00	
Notes and Interest,		1334 41	
E. C. Eastman, Stationery,		3 51	
Enos Huckins, Registering Births and Deaths,		75	
Town Orders,		3291 52	
Cash in hands of Treas.		366 44	
		\$6881 71	

After paying all claims known to exist against the Town there remains the following assets, viz :

Balance due from the County,	\$14 40
" Uncollected Taxes for 1885,	394 23

Cash in hand of Treasurer,	366 44
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	\$775 07

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK L. HUGHES, Treas.

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

DAVID N. POLLARD,	}	Auditors for	
JAMES F. HUCKINS,			the Town
GEO. B. GORDON,			of Ashland.

## ≈COLLECTOR'S REPORT.≈

TO FEB. 20 1886, INCLUSIVE.

Amount of Resident Taxes for 1885, committed to me for collection,	\$5340 42
“ Non-Resident Taxes,	29 21
“ Interest Collected,	12 15
“ Taxes collected for 1883 and 1884,	250 00
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	\$5631 78

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS :

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$5095 00
Amount Discounts,	79 49
“ Abatements,	21 70
“ Uncollected Taxes,	394 23
“ Balance cash in my hands,	41 36
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	\$5631 78

R. R. D. DEARBORN, Collector.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

DAVID N. POLLARD,	}	Auditors for	
JAMES F. HUCKINS,			the Town
GEO. B. GORDON,			of Ashland.

# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$100 00
Amount fines applied to balance,	2 29
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	\$102 29

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS :

1885.		
Mar. 11,	Paid Mrs. S. J. Brown's bill for books,	\$25 00
23,	J. P. Magee, Boston, " "	45 67
25,	Freight on case of books,	90
	T. P. Woodman, for cartage,	10
	Express,	30
	Postage and stationery,	10
Apr. 15,	Jordan & Marsh's bill for books,	12 75
	Carter, 3 Beacon St., Boston, books,	11 50
	F. G. Roberts, bill for rebinding 16 library books,	6 00
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		\$102 29

L. A. DEARBORN, Librarian.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

DAVID N. POLLARD,	} Auditors for
JAMES F. HUCKINS,	
GEO. B. GORDON,	
	} the Town
	} of Ashland.

REPORT OF THE  
**BOARD \* OF EDUCATION**

IN DISTRICT NO. I.

The money for educational purposes the past year amounted to \$1,582 37, affording schools for 33 weeks, which was divided into three terms of 11 weeks each. The teachers of the four departments were severally paid \$12., \$9., \$8., and \$8. per week. Of 172 different pupils there was an average attendance of 156.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Under the instruction of Miss Adelle A. Dearborn.

Whole attendance, 1st term,	67;	average attendance,	59
“ 2d “	55;	“ “	50
“ 3d “	53;	“ “	43
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	175		152

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Under the instruction of Miss Lillie M. Beede.

Whole attendance, 1st term,	34;	average attendance,	31
“ 2d “	32;	“ “	28
“ 3d “	32;	“ “	27
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	98		86

LOWER GRAMMAR.

Under the instruction of Miss Ella M. Smith.

Whole attendance, 1st term,	39;	average attendance,	32
“ 2d “	41;	“ “	39
“ 3d “	41;	“ “	36
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	121		107



HIGHER GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

This department is devoted to the higher branches and has continued in charge of Prof. D. W. C. Durgin.

Whole attendance, 1st term,	23 ;	average attendance,	21
“                  2d “	28 ;	“                  “	27
“                  3d “	30 ;	“                  “	27
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	81		75

In speaking of the success of the teachers and the progress of the scholars, it might be invidious to particularize. The success of the teachers and the general progress of the scholars has been wonderful. If the parents and tax-payers, residents of the district would visit the schools and acquaint themselves personally with the labors and success of both teachers and scholars, the occasion for fault finding and opposition to raising reasonable sums of money for the support of schools would cease. In attempting to economize by curtailing the reasonable expenses of our schools, we cheat ourselves by cheating our children, and reap as the only fruits of such misjudged pursimony, the diminished wealth and weakened power and influence which ignorance entails upon a community. The large number of citizens who have visited the schools the past year (between 300 and 400) indicates progress in the right direction, and a growing interest in their prosperity.

S. C. BAKER, Sec. of the Board.

≡ SCHOOL REPORT. ≡

TO THE TOWN OF ASHLAND :

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State, I submit the following report of our schools for 1885-6 :

DISTRICT No. 2. Edwin B. Currier, Prudential Committee. Alice B. Ames, teacher. Though a beginner, Miss Ames went to her duties with a care and studied method. Ever

watchful over the interests of her scholars, she brought them along step by step till at the end favorable and marked results were apparent. The summer term was interrupted during the fourth week by sickness, which was a great misfortune to the school.

DISTRICT No. 3. Union with Holderness. Russell Cox, Prudential Committee. Mary E. Calley, teacher. This school has been under the supervision of Holderness, but from the several inquiries which I have made and the competency of the teacher, I have nothing to expect but a successful school year.

DISTRICT No. 4. Freeman Eastman, Prudential Committee. The summer term was taught by Miss Addie Woodman. We understand that this was Miss Woodman's first attempt, and as such it was a grand success. She possesses admirable qualities for a teacher, and we hope she may devote her life to the profession. In August the work was taken up by Miss Fannie Spencer and carried on with a steady hand. Her easy and kind manner with her pupils would insure her happy issues. The town doubtless remembers the unfavorable report given by me in 1883 of this school. I am glad to say that it has improved wonderfully and is now deserving of praise. At both closing examinations the scholars made a good showing, manifesting a sharpness and readiness in answering questions, and a quick interest in their studies. It appeared as though they had been taught that study is not a task but a pleasure. I was particularly interested in an infant class, numbering eight, which had been instructed in general primary learning. Their enthusiasm was unbounded. Their memory and understanding of their lessons was truly pleasing.

DISTRICT No. 5. George Lambert, Prudential Committee. The first term was taught by Miss Mary Webster, who has had experience in teaching and was able to pass a good examination, but the school-room is not the sphere for this young lady. The second term crowded along with Miss Emma H. Gordon in the desk. I was informed that the school was in session and the teacher certified by the New Hampton committee. I made two visits and would gladly report well of the school if I could, but I cannot. Miss Gordon has neither the education nor faculty for the instruction of youth. During the 7.6 weeks, which should have been of great benefit to the pupils, if there was

any progress in any way, shape or manner it was of such minute extent that it was imperceptable to the human understanding. She kept the school as an idle and undisciplined army holds a well stationed fort in the midst of a peaceful country, with no conceivable enemy within the land. Out of duty to the children, and goodwill and friendship to the teacher, I would advise her to try some other vocation.

REMARKS.

In the moment of a great change we feel silent. As our old school system is going by and a new one coming in to take its place, we can but say, wait and see. We do not care to prophesy, but are thankful to see the change. The old system has been very deficient and unfair. It has had its day and done its work ; now let it go. We realize that the lately enacted school law has its opponents. But it is a law ; the time of discussion and controversy has passed, and the new system cannot fail to bring us good results. Let us greet it and support it. With our favor it will accomplish more than with our opposition, and we are confident that in the end all will be satisfied.

Parents and school officers need to be considerate and careful in every point touching on the great questions of education. Let us take more time. Better give your child's training and education a few hours attention than to leave a rich will. Look after your school-houses to see that they are pleasant, clean and inviting. Visit the school ; talk with your neighbors, to learn wherein your present school affairs can be bettered ; always be on the alert for good teachers ; when you find one, pay her well and keep her. I wish better inducements could be offered in our district schools. More talent is wanted. Teaching is a calling, noble, grand and elevating ; of all professions we know of there are none more promising to ability and earnest effort. He who leads the mind is a general of the highest rank, commanding a force upon which rests home, government and religion. Let us pause and think. In the rush and wild excitement of the present age, we see not the little ones at our feet, but look over their heads to manhood. We look beyond the little school-houses to the college. But no monument without a foundation. and no man or woman that has not been a child. Parents cheer your children until they fairly clap their hands and rush at learning.

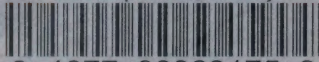
GEO. B. COX, Sup't of Schools.

# Statistical Table.

DISTRICT No. 2.	5	5	\$42.50	Amount of money expended.	\$24.00	Amount given by the District.	\$10. a month and board.	7	Number Visitors.	4 1st term 1 2d term	Roll of Honor.	5	Reading.	5	Spelling.	5 1st term 3 2d term	Arithmetic.	3 1st term 2 2d term	Geography.	2	Grammar.	2	Physiology.	2	Book-Keeping.
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DISTRICT No. 3.	U	n	e	p	e	d.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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DISTRICT No. 4.	18	16	\$60.00 \$16.40	..... ex- penses.	Six weeks	..... board.	\$12.00 per month.	19	.....	10 1 term 4 2d term	.....	.....	18 1 term 17 2 term	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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DISTRICT No. 5.	15	10	\$59.70	.....	.....	.....	\$17. a m. 1 t. \$18. a m. 2 d t.	13	.....	1 1st term 3 2d term	.....	.....	11 1 term 12 2 term	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....



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