

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF ASHLAND,

EMBRACING THOSE OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, LIQUOR AGENT, SCHOOL
COMMITTEE, ETC.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

PLYMOUTH, N. H.
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1878.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

TAXABLE ARTICLES, 1877.

271 polls,	\$271 00
Carriages,	19 40
136 horses,	133 36
383 cattle,	116 72
328 sheep,	10 82
Stock in trade,	323 50
Money at interest,	81 00
Factories and their machinery,	988 00
Real estate,	2,842 38
Total inventory,	\$4,786 18

State, county, town and school tax on poll,	1 28	
Highway tax on poll,	33	\$1 61

OUT STANDING CLAIMS.

Charles C. Eastman for breaking roads in 1874 to 1876,	\$10 00
Daniel S. Baker for breaking roads in 1875-6,	6 00
Enoch Rogers, office room for auditors in 1875,	1 50
Horatio N. Smyth, labor on road,	4 70
Robert F. Pease, breaking roads in 1876-77,	3 35
N. S. Calley, balance of school-house tax, 1876,	2 14
	\$27 69

TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid by order on town treasury—	
Ralph H. Shaw for printing town reports,	\$28 00
Royal Moore for painting library shelves and furniture,	3 50
D. L. Guernsey for books and stationery,	7 27
Enoch Rogers, office rent for auditors,	1 50
F. M. Hughes, auditing for 1876,	3 00
E. J. Hughes, copying inventory and collector's tax book,	7 00
Andrew C. Pea-lee, bounty on hawk,	25
A. F. Jones, damage to sheep,	2 25
R. H. Shaw, tax bills,	1 50
E. J. Hughes, copying school-house taxes,	5 00
Sarah J. Brown, librarian,	18 75
Horatio N. Smyth, surveying road,	1 50
James L. Wilson, counsel fees,	40 75
Hodgdon and Pollard, books for the poor,	30
Barnett Hughes, selectmen's bill,	78 50
" bill of overseer of poor,	7 75
" board of tramps,	4 00
" stationery and express,	1 20
" board of selectmen,	12 00
George W. Baker, selectmen's bill,	40 00
Henry Page, selectmen's bill,	29 00
John A. Dana, sup't. school committee,	43 00
B. B. Worthen, town clerk,	40 00
William F. Harris, police,	3 00
Abel Mitchell, damage to sheep,	3 00
C. E. Pierce, running town line,	10 00
Frank L. Hughes, town treasurer,	35 00
Frank L. Hughes, expense arranging town debt,	10 00
Frank N. Flanders, police,	15 00
Frank N. Flanders, for keeping tramps and repairing lobby,	54 88
P. L. Moore, labor running town line,	2 00
Dexter Sanborn, collector,	75 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$583 90

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$58 3 90
Paid R. R. D. Dearborn, collector of school-house tax district No. 1,	25 00
Dexter Sanborn, auditing and tax bills,	6 60
Henry Page, tax book and bounty on hawk,	1 00
Henry Page, for keeping tramps,	2 00
	\$618 50

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid D. S. Bachelder, breaking roads,	1 60
Thomas E. Nutting, work on road,	2 00
Samuel Blanchard, plank for Owl brook bridge,	8 40
Samuel Blanchard, working on road,	1 65
Frank H. Leavitt, working on road,	3 00
F. M. Hughes, notifying landholders on E. F. Bailey road,	2 00
B. F. Cox, work on highway in district No. 3,	33 50
Charles H. Huckins, labor on road, No. 4,	2 00
Henry Page, lumber, district No. 1,	60 89
Frank L. Hughes, watering-trough,	4 25
James P. Pattee, watering-trough,	3 00
David H. G. Fogg, powder and drills,	2 25
	\$124 54

SCHOOL MONEY,

District No. 1,	\$882 50	Literary fund,	\$48 50	\$931 00
" 2,	23 20	"	5 50	28 70
" 3,	44 00	"	3 16	47 16
" 4,	66 00	"	6 00	72 00
" 5,	13 80	"	2 20	16 00
	\$1,029 50		\$65 36	\$1,094 86

EXPENSES OF THE POOR.

Paid H. N. Smyth for taking Mrs. Haskell to county farm,	\$6 90
H. N. Smyth for the support of Mrs. J. Drew,	147 00
Hodgdon & Pollard, supplies for Mrs. J. Drew,	2 03
Stephen N. Morse for the support of James Rowe,	144 00
Henry C. Dearborn for Betsey Shepard,	40 85
E. G. Andrews,	10 00
Eugene Sullivan, car fare to county farm,	1 95
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	\$352 73
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Liquor agent,	\$473 09

REPAIRING TOWN HALL.

Paid Brown Lumber Co.,	\$139 69
Barnett Hughes for wood,	3 50
David W. Welch, sawing wood,	1 00
Railroad Co. for freight,	6 65
Brown Lumber Co.	22 45
D. B. Cummings for labor,	31 50
F. M. Hughes for labor,	3 00
George W. Baker for labor,	64 83
Hodgdon & Pollard,	6 16
Hughes & Huckins,	23 00
W. F. Harris, freight bill,	19 00
J. D. Reynolds & Son for painting,	31 50
D. S. Baker, drawing lumber,	1 00
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	\$358 23

RECAPITULATION.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1877, ENDING MAR. 1878.

Paid by order on town treasurer—	
Out-standing claims,	\$27 69
Town expenses,	618 50
Roads and bridges,	124 54
School money,	1,094 86
Expense of the poor,	352 73
Liquor agent,	473 09
Expense repairing town hall,	358 28
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	\$3,049 69

BARNETT HUGHES, }
 GEORGE W. BAKER, } *Selectmen.*
 HENRY PAGE, }

Ashland, March 1st, 1878.

This is to certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors.*
 F. M. HUGHES, }

Ashland, N. H., March 1st, 1878.

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COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1876.

DEXTER SANBORN IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF ASHLAND.

DR.	
To uncollected tax, March 1, 1877,	\$914 88
CR.	
By cash paid town treasurer,	\$851 15
abatements,	18 88
uncollected tax,	44 85
	\$914 88

1877. DR.	
To State, county, town and school taxes,	\$6,108 30
non-resident taxes,	112 38
interest paid on taxes since Dec. 1, '77,	29 84
	\$6,250 52

CR.	
By cash paid town treasurer,	\$5,239 85
discount on taxes paid before Oct. 1, '77,	80 31
abatements,	39 20
non-resident highway tax worked out,	3 47
uncollected tax,	887 69
	\$6,250 52

DEXTER SANBORN, *Collector.*
Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1878.

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REPORT OF TOWN LIQUOR AGENT.

FROM JUNE 8th, 1877, to FEB. 28th, 1878.

Value from statement of liquors and fixtures from Hodgdon & Pollard and F.V. Dana, not paid for by agent,	\$231 59	
Liquors bought and paid for by agent,	341 62	\$573 21
Cash received of town treasurer,	\$242 00	
" from sales from liquor book,	486 85	
Total cash receipts,	\$728 85	

And accounted for as follows—		
Paid for liquors,	\$341 62	
Town treasurer,	333 50	
Agent's salary for two quarters, eighty dollars per year,	40 00	
For three tin measures, two tunnels, freight, cartage, liquor/book, faucets, postage, etc.,	14 13	
	\$729 25	
Error balance due agent,	40	\$728 85

Total cost of liquors remaining in hands of agent estimated at	\$278 84
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Deduct expenses as follows—		
Agent's salary for two quarters,	\$40 00	
Other expenses as above,	14 13	
Amounts carried forward,	\$54 13	\$1,007 69

Amounts brought forward,	\$54 13	\$1,007 69
Deduct excess of total value and cost of liquors and fixtures received and liquors bought, more than cash received from sales,	86 36	140 49
Net profit to the town,		\$138 35

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, *Town Liquor Agent.*

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DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors.*
F. M. HUGHES, }

Ashland, N. H., March 1st, 1878.

JANITOR'S REPORT.

F. M. HUGHES IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF ASHLAND.

Dr.	
For the year ending March 1, 1878—	
To cash received for rent of hall,	\$135 01
Cr.	
By care of hall and cash paid for supplies	\$86 57
cash paid town treasurer,	48 44
	\$135 01
Due the town by J. Nockman, for rent of hall,	8 00

F. M. HUGHES, *Janitor.*

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DEXTER SANBORN, *Auditor.*

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1878.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of Town debt with accrued interest to March 1, '78.

James H. Plaisted	\$1,029 17
E. L. Shepard,	2,299 58
Mrs. A. L. Dearborn,	668 28
Mrs. M. M. Barnard,	406 25
Mrs. Melinda Drake,	68 61
Mrs. Julia A. Rollins,	453 39
Mrs. S. N. Cass,	423 47
Miss Asenath Scribner,	908 65
G. W. Mooney,	277 08
Huse F. Smith,	122 11
	<u>\$6,656 59</u>

Cr.

By uncollected taxes, 1876,	\$44 86
" " 1877,	887 69
Liquor in hands of agent,	240 34
Due from county,	132 00
Cash on hand,	1,234 31
	<u>\$2,539 19</u>
	\$4,117 40

Total amount outstanding Mar. 1st, '77, \$5,893 56

" " 1878, 4,117 40

Decrease of debt in 1877, \$1,776 16

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

FRANK L. HUGHES IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF ASHLAND.

Dr.

To balance brought forward from 1876,	\$1,836 20
Cash of selectmen	12 50
E. B. Carrier tax, 1873,	1 30
E. L. Shepard,	2,200 00
County treasurer,	156 00
	<u>\$4,206 00</u>
Amount carried forward.	\$4,206 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$4,206 00	
To cash of Mrs. S. N. Cass,		300 00	
James H. Plaisted,		1,000 00	
J. F. Keyes on account of fines,		20 00	
Savings bank tax,		766 88	
Railroad tax,		79 45	
Literary fund tax,		65 36	
Mrs. Sarah J. Brown,		2 01	
R. R. D. Dearborn,		1 06	
F. M. Hughes, janitor of hall,		48 44	
R. R. D. Dearborn, liquor agent,		333 50	
Dexter Sanborn, col., 1876,		851 15	
" " 1877,		5,239 85	
			\$12,913 70
	Cr.		
By paid State tax,		\$1,188 00	
Paid County tax,		1,636 54	
Paid notes and interest,		5,792 86	
Town orders,		3,061 99	
Cash on hand,		1,234 31	
			\$12,913 70

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

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DEXTER SANBORN, }
F. M. HUGHES, } *Auditors.*

Ashland, N. H., March 1st, 1878.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No 1.

We are unable to report so full and complete a school for the past year as usual, on account of the unfinished state of the new school-house. It is expected to be completed soon, when we shall have ample room for all our scholars; and where our children will have a comfortable and healthy resort to store their minds with every useful and true principle pertaining to their future lives.

This is divided into three schools, each grade has had two terms this year. The first grade was taught by Emma Davis, who was faithful in all her duties, and heartily engaged in the arduous task of training the infant mind. The pupils were constantly employed in some useful study or exercise, which pleased them like child's play, without fatiguing, while it was all the time implanting in their tender minds facts and ideas of vast importance in the various walks of their future lives.

The second grade was taught by Miss Fanny M. Keyes, who has always deserved much praise as a teacher, and this year she adds new laurels to her worth as a manager of this school—good teachers improve every year and should be re-engaged before new ones. The scholars deserve much praise for their good progress and deportment.

The third grade was taught by our old, faithful and efficient teacher, L. A. Webster, of whom, I have naught but praise in everything relating to her duties. The pupils exhibited much interest in their studies, being prompt in their attendance, and manifesting great love and respect for their teacher.

The following list of scholars deserve honorable mention

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for their promptness, not being absent or tardy during the summer term. Alice Appleyard, Alice Ames, Emma Corliss, Allie Gordon, Allie Howe, Amy Morse, Wilber Bailey, George Dearborn, Allan Morrison, Ellen Webster, George Cox, not tardy or absent only on account of sickness. Della Dearborn, Carrie Scribner.

Not tardy, Nellie Brown, Mand Cheney, Ruth Gordon, Ada Peaslee, Mary Shaw, Leon Page. During the fall term, not absent or tardy, Alice Appleyard, Alice Ames, Emma Corliss, Allie Gordon, Allie Howe, Amy Morse, Carrie Scribner, G. Dearborn, Eddie Smith, Frank Shepard, George Scribner, Ellen Webster, Wilfried Brown. Not tardy or absent only on account of sickness, Della Dearborn, Wilber Bailey, Jennie Reed, A. Berry. Not tardy, John Cheney, John O'Neal, Geo. Cox, Allen Morrison, Leon Page, Mary Smith, Mary Shaw, Ada Peaslee, Della Ladd, Ruth Gordon.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The first term of this district was taught by Miss M. A. Smith, who was well qualified and faithful in all her efforts; there was good attention and fair improvement by the pupils. It was a profitable school.

The second term was taught by B. F. Nutting; the scholars gave good attention and there was good improvement. Mr. Nutting will make a good teacher if he follows the profession.

DISTRICT No. 3

Is a union school with Holderness. The summer school was irregular, in my opinion not legal; I did not visit it. The winter term was taught by L. A. Smith, and was well managed and profitable to those who attended. I make this report under protest, for I think the whole thing has been illegal.

DISTRICT No. 4.

This school has had two terms taught by Miss C. Belle Kelley. She is a good teacher, well qualified, and indefatiga-

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ble in her efforts. The pupils made good improvement—better than the average. The old district No. 5 is joined to No. 4.

DISTRICT No. 6

Was taught by Mrs. Clara J. Little—the pupils gave better attention than common, and made much improvement. Mrs. Little was very faithful in all her efforts.

JOHN A. DANA,

Superintending School Committee.

Ashland, N. H., March 2, 1878.

Districts.	TEACHERS.		Weeks of School.	No. of Scholars.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Reading.	Spelling.	Terms.
No. 1.	1st Gr.	EMMA DAVIS	10 50	24	0	0 50	50	1st.		
			8 60	25	7	0 60	60	2d.		
	2d Gr.	FANNY M. KEYES . . .	10 34	34	12	0 34	34	1st.		
			7 40	40	15	0 40	40	2d.		
	3d Gr.	L. A. WEBSTER . . .	10 26	26	11	20 26	26	1st.		
			7 31	28	16	25 31	31	2d.		
No. 2	M. ALICE SMITH . . .	6 10	10	10	1 10	10	1st.			
	B. F. NUTTING	10 13	13	11	1 14	14	2d.			
3	L. A. SMITH	8 7	7	7	2 7	7	1st.			
4	C. BELLE KELLEY . . .	7 9	7	1	3 9	9	1st.			
		5 10	8	1	4 10	10	2d.			
6	CLARA J. LITTLE . . .	8 17	15	3	1 17	17	1st.			