## Annual Report

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# TOWN OFFICERS,

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# TOWN OF ASHLAND,

EMBRACING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, LIQUOR AGENT,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, &c.

-FOR THE-

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

Tiltos, F. H.: Chas. F. Hill, Printer and Stationer, No. 3 Hill's Block.

# Report of the Selectmen.

## Taxable Articles, 1878.

290 Polls,	\$29,000	00
144 Horses,	11,944	00
387 Cattle,	9,965	00
314 Sheep,	1,033	
Carriages,	2,656	00
Stock in Trade,	35,476	100 mg
Money at Interest,	7,100	00
Factories and Machinery,	101,300	150 6957
Real Estate,	254 680	
Total Inventory,	\$453,154	00
State, County, Town and School tax, on Poll, Highway tax, on Poll,	\$1	18 23
	81	41
Out-Standing Claims.		
Francis M. Hughes, Auditing, and care of Hall,	87	89
A. C. Whipple, Registering Births and Deaths,		871000
Paul Perkins, bounty on six foxes.		25
Geo. M. Hodgdon, labor on highway in 1877,		25
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Thos. P. Cheney, breaking roads in 1876 and 1877,	9	72.00

by	Order or	the	Town	Treasurer

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Thos. P. Woodman, stationery and express, Paul Perkins, bounty on fifteen foxes,	\$13	
Kimball & Temple printing Persons 1 Ct. 1 "	7	50
Kimball & Temple, printing Reports and Check-list,	30	00
A. B. Shepard, services as Moderator, four meetings,	8	00
R. L. Howe, bounty on hawk,		20
W. F. Harris, telegraphing,	I	59
W. C. Hughes, copying Inventory,		00
B F Nutting bases , for Commissioners,		75
D. F. Mutting, bounty on bawk.		20
J. L. Wilson, counsel fee for prosecuting Agents,	12	00
11. F. Hill, lence destoryed by tramps	2	87
D. H. Ames, Line Stone bet. Ashland and New Hampton		50
1. N. Hugnes, land damage.		00
H. N. Smythe, perambulating Town lines,		50
Robert Pease, bounty on two foxes.		00
L. A. Ham, painting Town safe,		25
Joseph Lambert, damage to sheep by dogs		371.00
D. S. Baker, " "		00
A. F. Jones, " " "	10	
R. W. Ladd, building book-case for Town Clerk,	12	
H. H. Shepard, lumber for book-case for Town Clerk,		50
W. F. Harris, services as Police,		00
Blair & Burleigh, counsel for Selectmen,		00
" " Police,		00
Eri G. Clapp, services as Selectman,		75
" " Overseer of Poor,	80	
" blanks, stationery, and postage,	14	
" bounty on three hawks,	4	85
Frank N. Flanders, services as Selectman,		60
" Police,	41	00
keeping tramps,	15	00
Dexter Sanborn, services as Collector,	11	50
" " C C Committee	75	00
" S. S. Committee, Auditor,	19	00
Supervisor, and tax bills,		00
S. M. Smith, services as Selectman,		00
B. B. Worthen, services as Town Clerk,	38	
Frank L. Hughes, services as Treasurer,		50
R. R. D. Dearborn, services as Librarian,		54
John Marian,	25	00
	\$566	04
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CURRENT EXPENSES. Paid

#### SCHOOL MONEY.

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## RECAPITULATION.

#### Selectmens's Account for the Year Ending March 1, 1879.

PAID BY ORDER ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

Out-standing Claims,	\$34	14
Current Expenses,	566	04
School Money,	1,232	00
Roads and Bridges,	204	03
Expenses of the Poor,	425	30
		2307

\$2,461 51

ERI G. CLAPP, Selectmen of FRANK N. FLANDERS, Ashland.

This certifies that we have carefully examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER SANBORN, FRANCIS M. HUGHES,

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

## Collector's Report,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

Whole amount of State, County, Town, and		
School taxes,	\$5,305	43
Dog tax,	82	00
Non-Resident tax,	43	77
" " highway tax,	8	67
Uncollected taxes,	932	
Interest on taxes,	23	65
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### ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$5,168	58
Abatements,	82	75
Discounts,	78	38
Non-Resident highway tax, worked out,	3	85
Uncollected tax,	1,062	50

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Respectfully Submitted,

DEXTER SANBORN, Collector.

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

## . Janitor's Report.

John S. Drew in Account with the Town of Ashland, for the Year ending March 1, 1879.

To Cash received for rent of Hall,	Dr. \$86 50
By care of Hall, and Cash paid for supplies, Cash paid Town Treasurer,	CR. \$85 22 1 28
	\$86 50

J. S. DREW, Janitor.

Report of the Town Librarian,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1879.

# Report of the Town Liquor Agent,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1879.

No full statistical information, in regard to the Library, can at this time be given, as the books loaned have not all been returned so that they can be inspected and counted.

The general condition of the books is bad; being much worn and more than three-fourths of the most popular and desirable books are, on account of their dilapidated condition, withdrawn from circulation that they may be repaired or rebound. Some are in such a damaged condition as to be past repair.

The demand for books is unabated. New books are much wanted.

The number of volumes taken within the past year is 2,233.

The number of takers is 208.

Paid Town Treasurer, amount of fines collected, \$2 82 received for book lost, I 00 Amount. \$3 82

Respectfully Submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, Town Librarian.

February 28, 1879.

Value of Liquors on hand Mar. 1, 1878, estimated, Cost of Liquors purchased within the year end-	\$278	84	
ing February 28, 1879,	303	88	
Total value of Liquors on hand, and purchased,		\$582	72
Estimated cost of Liquors on hand, March 1, 18	79,	\$140	84
Cash received from sale of Liquors, " " Casks,	\$679		
Total Cash receipts,		\$690	61
AND ACCOUNTED FOR AS POLY	01110		

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or Liquors					

Paid for Liquors, \$303 88 Sundry bills and charges for express, freight, truckage, postage, stationery, &c., 12 07 My salary for 15 months, ending March 7, 1879, at \$80.00 per year. 100 00 Town Treasurer, 274 66

Total Cash payments,

\$690 61

Whole number of sales during the year, 1,512.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, Town Liquor Agent. Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

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

> DEXTER SANBORN, FRANCIS M. HUGHES,

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

# Treasurer's Report. .

### STATEMENT OF DEBT.

Out-standing notes, and interest to Ma	rch 1, 1879,	\$5,295 88	
By Balance due from County, Liquors in hand of Agent, Uncollected taxes, Cash on hand,	Cr. \$234 50 140 84 1,060 16 864 40	\$2,299 90	,
Amount of debt, March, 1, 1878, " 1879,	\$4,117 40 2,995 98	\$2,995 98	
Decrease of debt in 1878,	\$1,121 42		

Respectfully Submitted,

F. L. HUGHES, Treasurer.

### F. L. Hughes in Account with the Town of Ashland.

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To Balance, brought from last year, \$1	,234	31
Order on County Treasurer,	179	
Cash of Mrs. L. A. Jewett,	200	
" F. P. Nichols,	250	
" Mrs. Ella Cumings,	100	
" for use of Town Hall Grounds,		00
" of Benjamin Cass,		
" Rachel Ricker,	270	
" Solon A. Carter, Railroad Tax,	500	
	89	89
Laterary Fund,	55	50
" Savings Bank Tax,	789	86
" John S. Drew, Janitor, Town Hall,	1	28
" F. N. Flanders, costs, Ellerson case,	12	55
" R. R. D. Dearborn, Librarian,	15333344	82
" " " Liquor Agent,	274	
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To Cas	h of	Dexter	Sanbori	n, Collector,	1876,	\$30	51
		44	"		1877,		
•		"	"	" 7		4,360	

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By paid Solon A. Carter, State Tax,	\$1,188 00
Ward P. Whitcher, County Tax,	1,636 54
Notes and Interest,	2,985 15
Town Orders,	2,461 51
Cash on hand,	864 83

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Respectfully Submitted,

FRANK L. HUGHES, Town Treasurer.

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

DEXTER SANBORN, FRANCIS M. HUGHES, Auditors.

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.

### REPORT OF THE

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO THE S. S. COMMITTEE.

In conformity with the law, and for your information, the undersigned submit the first Annual Report of the Board of Education.

We understand our return to be of a limited nature, as that which comes from you will cover the matters generally embraced before the constitution of a Board.

Three full terms, of ten weeks each, have been held. The first term of the Grammar School was taught by Miss Cora L. Page; the others by Miss Lydia A. Webster. Miss Fanny M. Keyes has been in charge of the Intermediate, and Miss Emma J. Davis of the Primary.

From various causes, the first term of the Grammar School was unsatisfactory. But all the other schools and all other terms of *that* school have been of a most gratifying nature.

The Board has been called on several times to assist in maintaining the interests of the schools in a manner not altogether pleasant, and at such times has endeavored to be discreet, just and moderate, but also firm. Its members have proceeded mainly as the counsellors, and always as the friends of those with whom they were called to deal. The action taken is believed to have been such as was necessary and wise. An equal care has been used as in the private business of each member, and has often been rendered at the expense of personal pleasure and convenience. Their best and only recompense has been the hope that the general public good has been, in some measure, served.

We desire to call your attention to the fact that a High School is most sorely needed. The Grammar teacher is overloaded with duties which she ought not to carry, or be expected to carry, but to which she has attended, lest bright, industrious pupils should be discouraged in advancing. In that School the need of an upper grade is very severely felt, but the schools below are more or less over-crowded and disorganized, in comparison to what they should be, from the same cause. If the lack is to continue long, many will have to go out of town, and many more, unable to afford that, will find their school days ended. It is earnestly to be hoped that financial conditions will be such that another grade can be opened at an early day.

The statistics are as follows:—The three terms under each head coming in order:

#### PRIMARY.

Average daily attendance, 46 1-4, 49 3-5, 30 3-4; number of different boys attending two weeks or more, 23, 26, 21; number different girls attending same time, 29, 28, 18; number different pupils attending same time, 52, 54, 39; pupils under five years, 1; whole number of pupils over fifteen years, 54; whole number between five and fifteen, 51, 11, 39; whole number under six years, 10, 7; number over sixteen years of age, 43; whole number between six and sixteen years, 40, 32; number not absent, 10, 11, 3. Wages of teacher per month, \$36.

#### HONOR ROLL.

First Term.—Ella Horrigan, Minnie Lavallare, Bertha Morse, Mamie Mousette, Minnie O'Neil, Mamie Rogers, Charlie Fisher, Docaty Lavallare, Gay Robie, Charlie Rogers.

Second Term.—Lucy M. S. Cass, Mamie Fisher, Ella Horrigan, Mamie Mousette, Emma Mousette, Bertha Morse, Minnie O'Neil, Charlie Fisher, Charlie Rogers, Willie Sanborn, Willie Smith.

THIRD TERM.—Lucy M. S. Cass, Charlie Fisher, Charlie Rogers.

#### INTERMEDIATE.

Average daily attendance, 32, 32 1-3, 33; number different boys attending two weeks or more, 19, 21, 22; number different girls attending same time, 15, 16, 15; number different pupils attending two weeks or more, 34, 37, 37; number pupils over fifteen years, 2, 3; whole number pupils between five and fifteen years, 36, 35, 41; whole number between six and sixteen, 36, 37, 44; number pupils not absent, 21, 24, 19. Wages of teacher per month, \$38.

#### HONOR ROLL.

First Term.—Eddie Horrigan, Mary J. Horrigan, Willie M. Sweeney, John D. Shepard, James D. Fadden, Willie S. Fletcher, John E. Morrison, Lilian E. Fadden, Willie Baker, Willie Fisher, Maggie Horrigan, Lilla M. Small, Nettie Sanborn, Katie O'Neil, Lucy A. Hughes, Addie R. Moore.

SECOND TERM.—Charles E. Clough, Harry S. Heath, Eddie Horrigan, Herman W. Shepard, John D. Shepard, Jerry Sullivan, M. Gertie Harriman, Mary J. Horrigan, Minnie L. Baker, Alice M. Dearborn, Minnie G. Flanders, Maggie Horrigan, Katie O'Neil, Willie G. Baker, Clara B. Harriman, Nettie M. Sanborn, Carrie F. Fletcher, Henry Morse.

Third Term.—Eddie Horrigan, John D. Shepard, Harry S. Heath, Mary J. Horrigan, Willie Fletcher, Wm. H. Morse, Katie O'Neil, George E. Fisher, Willie Fisher, Sarah Andrews, Minnie O'Neil, Lilla Small.

#### GRAMMAR.

Average daily attendance, 39, 40, 43; number different boys attending two weeks or more, 20; number different girls attending two weeks or more, 21; number different pupils attending, same time, 41; whole number over fifteen years, 8; whole number between five and fifteen, 29; over sixteen, 2; between six and sixteen, 33; number not absent, 20. Wages of teacher per month, First Term, \$38.; Second and Third, \$44.

#### HONOR ROLL.

First Term.—Carrie A. Scribner, Ellen A. Webster, Amy Morse, Ruth C. Gordon, Allie Gordon, Allie Howe, Evie D. Howe, Nellie M. Brown, Alice Ames, Aileen Clough, Adelle A. Dearborn, Ada E. Peaslee, Martha Smith, Leon R. Page, Ansel J. Cummings, John H. O'Neil, Frank O'Neil.

Second Term.—George Dearborn, Ansel J. Cummings, Sheldon Ellis, Frank Huckins, Allan Morrison, Frank O'Neil, Alice Ames, Allie Gordon, Evic D. Howe, Dellie Ladd, Ada E. Peaslee, Carrie A. Scribner, Martha Smith, Mary Shaw, Ellen A. Webster.

THIRD TERM.—Alice Appleyard, Alice Ames, Adelle Dearborn, Amy Morse, Wilfred Brown, Ora Brown, John O'Neil, Frank O'Neil, Frank Shepard, George Scribner.

> J. F. KEYES, President. E. F. BAILEY, Secretary.

> > For the Board.

#### ANNUAL REPORT -

OF THE

## Superintending School Committee.

In presenting our Annual Report we would say, by way of explanation, that we have had charge of schools in Districts No. 2, 3, 4, and 5 only; 3 and 5 are the Union Districts.

In District No. 1 the schools have been entirely under the supervision of a Board of Education, whose report accompanies this.

The schools have made fair progress during the year, but might have done better in Nos. 2 and 3, if, instead of two short terms with a long vacation between, there had been one long one, with perhaps, one or two weeks vacation about the middle of the term, as was done in No. 4.

Do you want to improve your schools? If so, you must visit them and look after the training of your children in the schoolroom as well as you do your financial affairs, and you will see a marked improvement.

Parents do not take that lively interest in the education of their children that they should, but as soon as school commences the children are left entirely to the care of their teacher, who is expected to cram their heads full of knowledge, whether they desire it or not.

In regard to teachers, we would say that all, with one exception, have taught for the first time this year, and we would suggest to Prudential Committees that they employ the same teachers again, or others having some experience.

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Teachers can do much better after the first term, and will continue to improve, and in order to get the full benefit of their instruction, they should be employed a number of terms in the same school.

Our school-rooms are quite comfortable, and pleasantly situated, but entirely deficient in Maps, Globes, or Charts, and have a fair amount of Blackboard surface.

Maps and Charts are not only necessary for instruction, but are an ornament to the room. A few dollars judiciously expended each year for a few years would supply all that would be needed.

In looking over the registers, we find that the teachers are not so particular as they ought to be in filling them out.

The questions are in the registers, with instructions how to obtain answers to difficult ones, and teachers should understand they are to be answered correctly.

There is a law that provides for this, but we are powerless to enforce it as long as Prudential Committees will ignore it by paying the teachers as soon as the school closes, without knowing whether the register is properly filled out and returned or not.

We cannot find a single register, (those from District No. r not excepted,) so well filled out as to make our report to the State Superintendent of Education without visiting every district in Town, to obtain some items of information called for in that report.

Below will be found a list of the schools, teachers, and number of scholars.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

First term taught by Miss Emma M. Mudgett. Number of weeks, 6. ~ Whole number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 13.

Second term taught by Miss S. Ella Mellen. Number of weeks, 8. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 6. DISTRICT No. 3. (UNION.)

First term taught by Miss Mira Cox.
Number of weeks, 6.
Whole number of scholars, 8.
Average attendance, 4.
Second term, same teacher.
Number of weeks, 12.
Whole number scholars, 6.
Average attendance, 3.

DISTRICT No. 4.

One term taught by Miss Nellie J. Clark. Number of weeks, 16. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average not given.

DISTRICT No. 5. (UNION.)

One term taught by Miss Amelia A. Smith. Number of weeks, 14. Whole number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

DEXTER SANBORN, S. S. Committee.

Ashland, N. H., March 1, 1879.