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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

VALUATION OF ALL THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF LEE, APRIL 1, 1880.

Total value, doornage included, $380,238 00
Reduced value, 190,119 00
State tax, $ 880 00
County tax, 1,034 61
School money. (including literary fund), 916 04
Town tax, 552 55
Dog tax, 54 00
School house tax, No. 1, 190 68
Highway tax, 808 64
Non-Resident (including Highway), 238 50
Resident (including Highway), 3,946 30
School house, (including Non-Resident), 190 68

Whole amount of List, $4,375 48

OLD BILLS.

Paul Samuel W. Lane, $10 50
Hosea B. Snell, 4 50
Charles S. Otis, 4 50
Albert B. Plummer, 4 00
James McDaniel, 10 00

$33 50
### ABATEMENTS.

**LIST of 1879.**

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<td>Gilman Langmaid</td>
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<td>Harvey B. Rollins</td>
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**LIST of 1880.**

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<td>Davis Lang</td>
<td>3.24</td>
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<td>John Bartlett</td>
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**GENERAL EXPENSES.**

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<tr>
<td>Paid Charles S. Otis</td>
<td>$52.25</td>
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<td>John C. Bartlett</td>
<td>37.25</td>
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<td>John S. Jenkins</td>
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<td>Charles S. Otis</td>
<td>5.00</td>
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<td>Daniel E. Plummer</td>
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<td>David D. York</td>
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<td>Albert L. Comings</td>
<td>46.00</td>
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<td>B. Frank Davis</td>
<td>26.00</td>
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<td>Bert P. Thompson</td>
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<td>James McDaniel</td>
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**Total**

$266.75
MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Valentine Mathes, $63.00
A. G. Comings, 5.61
W. A. Morrill, 3.00
Daniel E. Plummer, 1.00
Addison Osborne, 7.50
Alphonso Jones, 2.00
Charles S. Otis, 5.00
J. O. Randall, 1.75
J. True Bartlett, 2.00
David D. York, 3.75
E. J. Lane & Co., 4.08
F. H. Pinkham, 12.00

$103.94

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid William B. Tuttle, $334.60
George Lang, 706.75
E. A. Davis, 480.56
Eleanor J. Plummer, 459.67
Hannah S. Jenkins, 224.24
Burt P. Thompson, 281.43
George K. Huckins, 1,021.41
David D. York, 924.22
John P. Haley, 100.00
Bert P. Thompson, 50.00
Nancy Jenkins, 267.22
John P. Haley, 4.00
Nancy Jenkins, 419.00

$5,270.10
ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Charles H. Lane, labor on road, $5 24
    J. True Bartlett, labor on bridge, 5 00
    W. A. Cudworth, " " " 13 00
    B. Dow Mathes, bridge plank and stringers, 70 79
    John A. Wiggin, stringers, 37 00
    Edmund F. Lane, labor on road, and stringers, 45 30
    S. W. Lane, for bridge plank, 15 93
    Isaac G. Sherburne, labor on bridge, 6 45
    Jonathan Cartland, bridge plank, 13 20
    John C. Bartlett, labor on bridge, 12 65
    Benjamin G. Durgin, old bill, 1 00
    Thomas J. Otis, " " 3 00
    James M. Wiggin, breaking roads, 2 49
    Albert M. Snell, " " 3 00
    George K. Huckins, " " 1 26
    S. E. Demeritt, " " 6 00
    Joseph G. Clay, " " 3 48
    Alonzo Langmaid, " " 4 19
    Daniel Smith, " " 4 80
    Jonathan Cartland, " " 3 21
    Charles H. Lane, " " 4 20
    John P. Haley, " " 15 00
    J. O. Randall, " " 3 48
    John Bartlett, " " 9 28
    Burnham Buzzell, " " 4 92
    Alphonso Jonas, " " 8 76
    David Furber, " " 2 30
    Oliver W. Demeritt, " " 84
    Joseph E. Jenkins, " " 4 65
    George W. Plummer, " " 4 08
    John S. Jenkins, " " 6 66
    Thomas B. Chesley. " " 8 23
Paid Patrick Behen, breaking roads.

William H. Jenkins, · · · · 72
Job Clay, · · · · 96
Jonathan Thompson, · · · · 478
Joseph A. Knight, · · · · 6 11
Hosea B. Snell, · · · · 12 84
Jefferson Sawyer, · · · · 2 34
Josiah Sawyer, · · · · 2 56
Jefferson Sawyer, labor on bridge, · · · · 9 48

### DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

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<td>John A. Wiggin,</td>
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<td>N. G. Davis,</td>
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<td>Charles Allen,</td>
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<td>Charles H. Lane,</td>
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**Total for Damage Done by Dogs:** $378.75

### BOUNTIES ON HAWKS.

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<td>Frank H. Tuxbury,</td>
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<td>Charles G. Dame,</td>
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<td>Thomas Ryan,</td>
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<td>Morris Lane,</td>
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<td>Walter S. Glidden,</td>
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<td>Levi Pendergast,</td>
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<td>Joseph J. York,</td>
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<td>Evarid A. Bickford,</td>
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<td>Frank Stimpson,</td>
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<td>Frank H. Durgin,</td>
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<td>A. Jones,</td>
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<td>A. Griffiths,</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
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<td>Irving Edgerly,</td>
<td>$6.00</td>
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<td>George G. Durell,</td>
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**Total for Bounties on Hawks:** $6.80
LIST OF OUTSTANDING NOTES, MARCH 1, 1881.

Fred B. York, $100 00
George G. Bennet, 185 00
Eleanor J. Plummer, 280 00
William B. Tuttle, 200 00
Hannah S. Jenkins, 130 00
George Lang, 436 00
Bert P. Thompson, 170 00
George K. Huckins, 650 00
E. A. Davis, 286 00
David D. York, 575 00
John P. Haley, 100 00
Charles Manning, 60 00
Elizabeth E. J. Davis, heirs of, 170 00
Rhoda J. Davis, 100 00
Interest, 26 80

$3,448 80

SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1, Hosea B. Snell, $155 30
  " 2, Susan P. Lane, 93 37
  " 3, John S. Jenkins, 51 43
  " 4, Israel S. Dame, 132 65
  " 5, Bert P. Thompson, 89 80
  " 6, C. F. Thompson, 247 21
  " 7, Benjamin Y. Piper, 141 61
Plains, Frank McDaniel, 4 67
School house tax, Dist. No. 1, Hosea B. Snell, $ 90 68
School house tax, Dist. No. 1, N. C. Snell, 100 00
School house tax, Dist. No. 6, William A. Cudworth, 20 00

210 68

$1,129 72
COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

Paid George W. Plummer, $18.97
   Davis Lang, 3.00
   Benjamin F. Lang, 7.50
   William H. Palmer, 9.50
   J. Low Elkins, 60.00

$98.97

DR. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Rec'd of Treasurer of 1879, $1,841.59
   Railroad tax, 120.97
   Saving's bank tax, 636.45
   Literary fund, 57.72
   County Treasurer, 98.97
   Collector Lane, 619.05
   State Treasurer, 18.90
   Collector Comings, 3,250.00
   For use of Town House, 10.00
   By note, Hannah S. Jenkins, 130.00
   By note, George Lang, 436.00
   By note, Bert P. Thompson, 170.00
   By note, William B. Tuttle, 200.00
   By note, George K. Huckins, 650.00
   By note, E. A. Davis, 286.00
   By note, Nancy Jenkins, 260.00
   By note, David D. York, 573.00
   By note, John P. Haley, 100.00
   By note, Eleanor J. Plummer, 280.00

$9,740.65
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<td>School house tax,</td>
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<td>Paupers,</td>
<td>98 97</td>
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<td>General expenses,</td>
<td>300 25</td>
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<td>Abatements,</td>
<td>20 20</td>
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<td>Highways and bridges,</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous,</td>
<td>103 94</td>
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<td>Bounty on hawks,</td>
<td>6 80</td>
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<td>Damage done by dogs,</td>
<td>34 50</td>
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<td>Notes and interest,</td>
<td>5,270 10</td>
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<td>Balance in hands of Treasurer,</td>
<td>485 81</td>
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Total: $9,740 65
Amount of debt by note, March 1, 1881. |

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<td>Israel Demeritt</td>
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<td>General Government</td>
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<td>Due from Collector Comings</td>
<td>363.25</td>
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<td>Cash in Treasury</td>
<td>485.81</td>
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<td>Due from Collector Lane</td>
<td>9.14</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Due from Collector Comings, highway tax, $762.23)</td>
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<td>Town debt, March 1, 1881</td>
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$3,448.80

Settled the foregoing account as above stated,

D. D. YORK, Treasurer.

CHARLES S. OTIS, JOHN C. BARTLETT, JOHN S. JENKINS, Selectmen of Lee.

March 1, 1881.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Lee, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast, with corresponding vouchers.

FRED B. YORK, JOHN P. HALEY, Auditors.

March 1, 1881.
REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 8, 1881.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—Turnpike.

Summer Term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 26; average, 24\(\frac{3}{8}\); wages, including board, $24.

Fall Term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 26; average, 24\(\frac{1}{2}\); wages, including board, $22. Miss Emma S. Neally, of Madison, teacher. We always found the scholars quiet and attentive.

Winter Term, 8 weeks; Mr. Charles Weeks, of Harrington, teacher. Mr. Weeks is an experienced teacher. The closing examination showed good advancement.

Hosea B. Snell, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—Hale.

Summer Term, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average, 13\(\frac{1}{4}\); wages, including board, $18.

Winter Term, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average, 14\(\frac{2}{3}\); wages, including board, $20; Miss Abbie Ewer, teacher. Miss Ewer was thoroughly interested in her school, and adopted a system of teaching which was very satisfactory to us.

Mrs. Susan Lane, Prudential Committee.
DISTRICT NO. 3.—Wednesday Hill.

Fall Term, 10 1/2 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average, 10 1/5; wages, including board, $20; Miss Edna A. Hobbs, of South Newmarket, teacher. Miss Hobbs still continues to give good satisfaction.

JOHN S. JENKINS, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. A.—Hill.

Summer Term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average, 13; wages, including board, $24.

Winter Term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 20; average, 16 1/2; wages, including board, $25; Miss Anna M. Glidden, teacher. She tried to make her school a success, and succeeded well, giving good satisfaction, so far as we have learned.

ISRAEL S. DAME, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—Hook.

Summer Term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 23; average, 18; wages, including board, $22; Miss Alice G. Smith, of Newmarket, teacher. This school hardly fulfilled our expectations.

Winter Term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 23; average, 22; wages, including board, $26; Miss Cynthia J. Tasker, of Northwood, teacher. The action of the district, in prolonging the school four weeks by private subscription, speaks very favorably for the teacher, and the parents' interest in the school.

BRET P. THOMPSON, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—Wadley's Falls.

Summer term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 29; average, 25; wages, without board, $16.

Fall term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 29; average, 23; wages, including board, $24; Miss Jennie S. Cartland, teacher. She was very fortunate in her discipline; we always found the scholars courteous and attentive to their lessons.

Winter term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 26; average, 18; wages, including board, $30; B. F. Davis, teacher. The advancement of those who attended regularly was quite satisfactory, and I did not find the school as hard as I anticipated.

CHARLES F. THOMPSON, Prudential Committee.
DISTRICT NO. 7.—Long.

Summer term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 17; average, 15; wages, including board, $22; Miss Nettie H. Bennett, of Nottingham, teacher. She had apparently a very quiet, pleasant term of school.

Winter term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average, 13; wages, including board, $32; George W. Libby, of Nottingham, teacher. The school showed excellent progress, and has members that are not surpassed for thoroughness in town.

Benjamin Y. Piper, Prudential Committee.

The interest which New England has taken in educational matters has made her influence felt throughout the Union either directly or indirectly, and nearly all our men of note have been educated in New England schools (or under their influence), and these, having had their minds disciplined and trained to seize upon present opportunities, have gone forth to all parts of the Union.

These trained minds saw the chances offered in the development of our agricultural and mineral resources. They appropriated those chances, and to them, in a great measure, is this Union indebted for her rapid growth. They saw in the watch business a chance for a lucrative industry, embraced it, and were enabled to sell watches at half the cost of the Swiss watches. They have spun cotton twenty-five per cent. less than the English manufacturer, and sold their manufactured articles in European markets. How have they been enabled to do this? An Englishman, after carefully examining the manufacturing industries of America, thus expresses his opinion: "The American laborer is a better educated and superior workman."

One of the chief causes of New England's preeminence—her common schools—they have planted wherever they have gone. They saw one of its principal drawbacks to be a lack of means. As a remedy in the West they have reserved one section in every township for the support of schools, which, when properly sold, has yielded no considerable sum. This we do possess, and must we not in some way endeavor to counteract it, if we would still retain our ascendency? In answer, we would say that we believe that there is ample opportunity to improve upon what we now have; and suggest some of the ways in which we believe that improvement can be brought about.
First, in selection of teachers. Perhaps we may differ from many, but it is our belief that it is impossible for any person to become a good teacher who is not naturally adapted to it; and when we are successful in procuring the services of an excellent teacher, fitted for their vocation, we should retain that teacher as long as possible. We have yet to find the scholar possessing equal ability, who is required to attend to his lessons at home, that will make at least one third better advancement than those relying wholly upon the school room. We have yet to find the scholar, who thoroughly commits his lessons, that fails to become interested in his studies, or has any difficulty in understanding them. If they acquire the habit of keeping their minds fixed upon one subject for any length of time, they are undergoing a discipline which will be very likely to be applied to whatever business they may pursue in after-life. It is the duty of a teacher to require study, and hard study, too, of their pupils, and I leave it to your own good judgment as to whether it is not the duty of parents to assist the teacher in requiring the indolent ones to exert themselves at home, for no one but a teacher is aware how much such requirement will help any scholar. In our studies we would suggest that more attention be given to Physiology, Philosophy and Analysis of Civil Government.

Trusting that our suggestions will be received, as given, for the necessary advancement of our schools, that will place them in the front ranks of scholarship, we close this, our annual report.

B. F. DAVIS, Supt. School Committee.