ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

THE

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

AND THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

MERRIMACK,

FOR THE YEAR

1859-60.

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1860.

Town debt, March 1st, 1859,	406 82	
Abatements for 1858,	31 18	
Interest on notes and outstanding orders,	60 00	
		$498 00
Amount in favor of the town on the financial business of the year, not including new bridge,		106 34
Total debt, not including new bridge account,		$391 66

EXPENDITURES FOR NEW BRIDGE.

Paid James White for 110 feet of bridge,	1060 00	
" " " " pile driving,	43 75	
		1,103 75
Orders on the Town Treasurer to defray the expense of grading, and building new stone abutment:		
Elijah P. Parkhurst,	44 51	
Hartwell W. Green,	16 87	
Charles W. Dutton,	4 00	
Henry Blodgett,	3 12	
Henry Junkins,	2 25	
Alonzo Holt,	1 87	
Albert A. Junkins,	15 75	
Josiah Seaverns,	66 38	
Frank E. Hill,	12 12	
Samuel Fuller,	1 00	
Thomas J. Foster,	13 99	
Aaron B. Woodward,	80	
Richard H. Center,	3 12	
Luther W. Read,	5 25	
George F. Hill,	1 88	
Alfred A. Woodward,	4 00	
Simeon Wilson,	2 00	
John H. Coburn,	75	
Henry J. Wilson,	3 25	
Joseph Wilson,	13 31	
David T. Jones,	19 17	
Freeman Hill,	1 88	
Smith E. Fields, for labor and services as bridge committee,	37 42	
Thomas Parker, do.,	7 50	
Abner C. Darrah, do.,	9 00	
Abner C. Darrah, car fare and expenses,	4 07	
Hiram Brown,	3 00	
		298 26
Total cost of new bridge,		$1,402 01
Amount assessed,	500 00	
Borrowed of Joseph Wilson,	500 00	
Due James White,	402 01	
		$1,402 01

TOWN DEBT.

The total debt of the town is as follows:

Balance due James White, principal,	402 01	
Due Joseph Wilson,	500 00	
Interest on above to March 1,	36 00	
		938 01
Due on notes and town orders above what will be realized from the tax list, estimated at		391 66
Total town debt, March 1, 1860,		$1,329 67

REMARKS.

In the foregoing report, your Selectmen are not prepared to congratulate the town in being free from debt. In drawing orders to meet bills presented for settlement, we have been actuated by a regard for the interest of the town, and in conformity with our oath of office. The town must meet bills which may legally arise from its available means.

The subject of winter roads, we feel, demands the notice of the tax paying citizens of the town. We are of opinion that money raised to defray town charges, should not be expended to meet the repairs of highways, as a general thing. Repairs on bridges will ever be a constant annoyance to the Treasury, and should be provided for with the general expenses of the year. We would suggest the idea of the town raising an additional highway tax of 50 per cent. to be added to the Surveyor's list in a seperate column for a winter tax, with power to call for the same if needed.

Your committee for the building of the new bridge, after due deliberation, were unanimous in giving Mr. James White the contract to build the same after the pattern of Turkey Hill Bridge, and we feel justified in saying that Mr. White did justice to the town in fulfilling his part agreeably to contract; the expenditures of which we have given in the report, together with the financial standing of the town. All of which is respectfully submitted by

THOMAS PARKER, } Selectmen of
ABNER C. DARRAH, } Merrimack.

March 1st, 1860.

The subscribers having examined the foregoing report and books of the Selectmen, believe them to be correct and properly vouched for.

DANIEL T. INGALLS, } Auditors.
DAVID JONES, }

Merrimack, March 1, 1860.