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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Board of Selectmen

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF POLAND,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1877.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Poland for the year ending March 1, 1877.

TAXATION.

After taking an inventory of Real and Personal Estates, we found the valuation as follows: Real Estate, \$385,605.00; Personal Estate, \$73,257.00; making the total valuation, \$458,862.00. Basis of valuation fifty per cent. Number Polls, 508.

Agreeable to warrants from the State and County Treasurers and the Town Clerk, we assessed upon the polls and estates the following sums:

State Tax,	\$2,877 88
County Tax,	1,306 09
Common schools,	2,000 00
To pay debts and interest,	1,500 00
Town charges,	2,700 00
Small pox,	1,000 00
Roads,	500 00
Bridges,	1,000 00
Overlay,	569 60
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	\$13,453 57
Delinquent highway, 1875,	78 38
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Total assessment,	\$13,531 95

HIGHWAY TAX.

Amount raised,	\$5,000 00
Overlay,	487 90
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	\$5,487 90

RATE OF TAXATION.

Money tax, \$2.60 on \$100.00, Poll tax, \$3.00. Highway tax, \$1.00 on \$100.00, Poll tax, \$1.50.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid for repair of roads in Dist. No. 21,	\$17 53
repair of roads in Dist. No. 15,	24 94
lumber for Hackett's Mills bridge,	6 55
repairs on Rabbit Valley road,	7 76
repairs of roads in Dist. No. 28,	34 90
repairs of roads in Dist. No. 7,	9 00
land damage to Daniel Orr,	25 00
building road on Harris Hill,	20 20
building road on Black Cat Hill,	314 50
building bridge at John Locke's,	200 33
culvert near A. Gilbert's,	30 00
culvert near Wm. Blair's,	43 74
repair of Garland Meadow road,	124 50
bridge plank, to I. D. Waterman,	54 93
Tripp Pond road,	11 25
repair of road in Dist. No. 10,	39 62
repair of road in Dist. No. 11,	68 50
repairing abutment and taking out pier at Mechanic Falls,	48 22
repairs of road in Dist. No. 17,	47 75
repairs of road in Dist. No. 8,	20 40
Paid King Iron Bridge Co., for one-half cost of iron bridge at Mechanic Falls, as per con- tract,	1,690 00
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	\$2,839 62

TOWN FARM.

STOCK AND PRODUCE ON FARM, MAR. 1, 1877.

1 yoke oxen,	\$150 00
1 horse,	65 00
5 cows,	200 00
2 shoters,	24 00
26 fowls,	13 00

7 tons hay,	98 00
100 bush. potatoes,	80 00
10 bush. corn,	7 50
2 bush. beans,	6 00
12 bush. oats,	6 60
1 bush. peas,	1 00
400 lbs. pork,	60 00
150 lbs. beef,	12 00
80 lbs. lard,	11 20
25 lbs. tallow,	3 50
35 lbs. butter,	9 80
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	\$749 60

The family on the farm has been quite large throughout the year. We commenced the year with eighteen paupers, and have twelve on the farm at the present time. Average number for the year is about fifteen.

Melissa Harris died within the year.

The persons supported mostly on the farm during the year are: Mrs. Chandler, Adaline Cushman, Sophronia Bewley, Charles Bernette, Stanton Estes, wife and children, Sylvia Brown, Mrs. Cole and five children, John Orr, Allen Moody, Mrs. Clark, Susan Smith, Betsey Orr, Horace Walker and boy, and Harrison Haskell.

Mr. Wilbur and wife, the overseers of the farm, have taken very good care of the family under their charge, all have been clothed and well fed, and good economy has been used in the management of the farm generally.

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm,	\$4,000 00
Stock on farm,	452 00
Town house and lot,	200 00
One pound, in a dilapidated condition,	15 00
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	\$4,667 00

COST OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

John Record, support,	\$68 00
Horace Walker, supplies,	29 19
Hannah Walker, supplies,	16 75
Joseph Tripp, supplies,	59 37
Ellen Reed, supplies,	73 50
Chipman Cobb, supplies,	16 33
Stanton Estes, supplies,	31 98
Henry Beeman, supplies,	1 50
Daniel Usher, supplies,	14 50
Harriet Cole and family,	69 50
Priscilla Tripp, 1875, supplies,	20 60
1876, supplies,	48 20
1876, doctor's bill,	22 50
Hiram Strout,	35 40
Hiram Strout's widow,	3 50
Charles Woodsum,	19 40
David Woodsum, supplies,	32 32
doctor's bill,	17 00
Nathaniel Verrill, supplies,	20 00
Wilder Verrill, supplies,	23 50
doctor's bill,	52 75
Nicholas Tripp, doctor's bill,	33 00
supplies,	17 13
Isaiah Hunnewell, supplies,	5 40
Wakefield family, supplies,	4 60
doctor's bill and medicine,	11 00
Mrs. Clark, doctor's bill,	103 98
supplies,	115 30
Wesley C. Herrick, supplies,	6 50
Geo. W. Walker, supplies,	7 25
James E. Pike, supplies,	4 40
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	\$936 85

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN,

MARCH 1, 1877.

Outstanding orders,	\$18,892 33
Due ministerial fund,	400 00
Interest,	1,296 00

Due school districts,	626 89
town of Gray,	136 18
town of New Gloucester,	6 72
Rufus Wilbur, Mar. 25,	50 00
Maine State Hospital for support of S. W. Harris and Lewis Saunders,	176 09
town officers' bills, 1876,	544 00
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	\$22,127 21

Total indebtedness,	\$10,377 49
Increase of debt,	1,194 44

CASH PAID AND BILLS PAYABLE, 1876.

Indebtedness,	\$1,800 00
Schools,	3,239 92
State pensions,	288 00
Discount on taxes for 1876,	559 81
Poor not on farm,	986 35
Abatements,	378 11
Roads and bridges,	1,149 62
Town farm, 1876,	359 51
Town farm, 1875,	35 10
Cash in treasury March 1, 1877,	404 29
Smallpox bills,	1,443 85
Tramps,	24 32
Interest,	366 28
Vaccination,	65 00
Bills, 1875,	446 80
Miscellaneous,	576 19
R. Wilbur,	150 00
L. A. Schellinger,	102 84
Iron bridge,	1,690 00
Towns,	320 40
Iron bridge account,	190 00
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	\$14,576 39

CASH ON HAND AND BILLS RECEIVABLE, 1876.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1876,	\$68 32
Rec'd W. Bailey, Collector 1876,	4,556 97
Z. Lane, Collector 1875,	680 80
S. L. Littlefield, Collector 1874,	1,710 41
Non-resident taxes,	341 30
Loans,	4,310 00
State pensions,	288 00
State mill tax and school fund,	1,262 00
Towns,	249 59
Miscellaneous.	29 26
Taxes, 1874, (sold by Collector,)	42 75
Interest on taxes, 1874,	36 99
Loan, in anticipation of taxes, $5\frac{1}{2}$ per ct.,	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$14,576 39

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. WESTON,	}	SELECTMEN.
L. D. COBB,		
J. B. STANTON,		

Poland, March 1, 1877.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1876.

I. W. HANSON, CLERK.

A. J. WESTON, } SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVER-
L. D. COBB, } SEERS OF THE POOR.
J. B. STANTON, }

I. W. HANSON, TREASURER.

A. J. WESTON, AGENT.

J. M. LIBBY, SUPERVISOR.

WILLARD BAILEY, COLLECTOR.

WILLARD BAILEY, }
THOMAS LANE, } CONSTABLES.
F. A. MILLETT, }

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

The Report of the Supervisor of Schools is herewith submitted.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

JOSHUA SHACKFORD, JR., *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Nellie Stanton, teacher. Visited this term at its commencement, when it appeared to good advantage, and was no doubt successfully conducted.

Winter Term. Mr. Edwin Cobb, teacher. Mr. C. has had considerable experience in teaching in this town, and has always done good work. This term's work was no exception.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

No school-house and no school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

DANIEL HUTCHINSON, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Annie A. Keene, teacher. This was Miss Keene's first experience in teaching, and was very creditable. Should she follow the profession she will be one of our most popular teachers.

Winter Term. Charles S. Libby, of Lewiston, teacher. Mr. L. also taught a term of *High School* in the fall. Both terms were eminently successful.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

WARREN MILLS, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Arbina Jenness, Casco, teacher. We think Miss J. gave very general satisfaction to the district.

Winter Term. Sumner T. Rowe, teacher. A combination of circumstances conspired to make this term somewhat less successful than we had predicted at its commencement. But we are not to be

understood as censuring the teacher as responsible for these circumstances.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

JOHN COLOMY, *Agent*.

No summer term.

Winter Term. Mr. Webster, of Gray, teacher. We received no notice of the close of this school, but from indications at its beginning, judge its success to have been about average.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

ELVIN PULSIFER, *Agent*.

Summer and Winter Terms. Miss Rosa V. Gilbert, teacher. Miss Gilbert possesses fine talent for an instructor. We should say that the summer term was superior in some respects to the winter, while both were far above the average in merit. We regard Miss G. as a very faithful and competent teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

LUCIUS HACKETT, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Hettie Bearce, of Minot, teacher, Upper Department. Miss Fannie Hackett, teacher, Lower Department. A good degree of interest was manifested in these schools, and a very commendable degree of success attended the efforts of both teachers. Miss Bearce is one of our most valuable teachers.

Winter Term. Same teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

DAVID R. EVERETT, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Ella R. Doten, of Minot, teacher. Miss Doten kept a really excellent school.

Winter Term. Irving M. Everett, teacher. Mr. E. succeeded to a very satisfactory degree in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

CHARLES COBB, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Flora Rogers, of New Gloucester, teacher. We believe Miss R. put forth her best endeavors for the advancement of her pupils, but some slight misunderstanding between

pupils and teacher at the beginning detracted somewhat from the interest of what might otherwise have been a highly prosperous term.

Winter Term. R. J. Everett, teacher. Mr. E. is an experienced and efficient teacher, whose services were highly successful and appreciated as such by the district.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

DANIEL MATHEWS, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Flora Garland, teacher. Miss G. has had much experience as a teacher in our town, and with uniform success. She is conscientious in her work, and spares no labor for the good of the scholars under her charge.

Winter Term. Same teacher. Both terms were eminently successful.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

EPRHAIM B. GAMMON, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Nellie Stanton, teacher. Miss S. is a young teacher, but she did a good term's work, and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Winter Term. T. D. Sale, teacher. Now in progress with every prospect of very flattering success.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

OREN SCHILLINGER, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Emma Hayes, teacher. Miss H.'s acquirements deserve a larger field than was found here, and though quite successful her efforts would be better appreciated in a larger and more advanced school.

Winter Term. Mr. Elmer Everett, teacher. This term was of average merit. Mr. E. is a young teacher and will profit by experience.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

E. C. FAUNCE, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Rose Doughty, teacher. The experience of this term was such as to reflect credit upon the teacher in her first term's work.

Winter Term. Mr. E. C. Faunce, teacher. Mr. F. is too well known in town as a highly successful instructor to require comment upon his work in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

EDWARD HANSCOM, *Agent*.

No summer term.

Winter Term. George N. Cobb, teacher. Though one of our young teachers, Mr. C. displayed ability both as an instructor and disciplinarian superior to many older and more experienced teachers. This term was highly satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

WM. E. BLAIR, *Agent*.

No summer term.

Winter Term. Mrs. Louisa Cobb, of Casco, teacher. We received no notice of the close of the school, but at the commencement everything betokened a good term's work.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

R. H. STARBIRD, *Agent*.

No summer term.

Winter Term. Miss L. T. Hutchinson, of Gray, teacher. We made but one visit to this school, and that at the opening of the session. Indications then were very favorable.

DISTRICT NO. 20.

O. B. DWINAL, *Agent*.

Teachers for the year :

High School.—F. O. Stanley, Principal; Mrs. F. O. Stanley, Assistant.

Grammar School.—Miss Sarah Bucknam.

Primary School.—Miss Ada B. Garland, and Mrs. M. Perkins.

Of these teachers it is needless to speak individually, as they have all been employed in the same schools for a long time past, and the fact that they are retained in these positions speaks for itself as to their capabilities and success.

DISTRICT NO. 21.

DAVID FARR, *Agent*.

Both Terms. Miss Emma Brown, teacher. Miss B. did good work both terms.

DISTRICT NO. 22.

HENRY EMERY, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Mabel L. Dunn, of Auburn, teacher. Miss D. achieved ample success in this school, and we think gave entire satisfaction to the district and all concerned.

Winter Term. B. F. Lunt, of Minot, teacher. We are not able to report so favorable a term as could be wished, though we by no means regard the teacher as entirely responsible for all that transpired.

DISTRICT NO. 24.

WARDSWORTH STROUT, *Agent*.

Both Terms. Miss Belle Tenney, Casco, teacher. The schools in this district have been quite satisfactory, and good work accomplished.

DISTRICT NO. 25.

NELSON TENNEY, *Agent*.

Fall Term. Miss Flora Garland, teacher. Miss G. met with her usual success.

Winter Term. Miss Bertie Phillips, teacher. Miss P. certainly did an excellent term's work, and the examination showed a good degree of advancement by the pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 27.

WILLIAM POOLE, *Agent*.

Summer Term. Miss Dollie Brown, teacher. The school gave a very good account of itself at its closing examination.

Winter Term. K. J. Denning, teacher. Mr. D. labored to good advantage with this school, and his efforts were highly appreciated both by district and supervisor.

Amount of money raised by taxation,	\$2,000 00
Amount of money received from Mill tax,	917 37
Amount of money received from Bank tax,	645 42
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	\$3,752 79

No. of Districts and parts of Districts, 24.

No. of children between the ages of 4 and 21 years on the first day of April last, 825.

In closing our report we are able to say that on the whole the schools have been rather above the average. There have been few failures on the part of teachers to meet the reasonable requirements of the positions they have occupied, while many have acquitted themselves with great credit. We wish to suggest to the citizens of the town the advisability of choosing a committee of three, instead of a supervisor, to look after the school interests of the town. Three capable, active men, who would be willing to sacrifice somewhat for the common good, might accomplish much toward raising the condition of our schools, which one person can hardly do. We also wish to suggest the practical utility of abolishing the District system. Also, the inauguration of a system of competitive examination of teachers. There is an imperative demand for a change of some of the text-books now in use, especially the Readers. We trust these things may receive that candid consideration of our citizens which their importance demands.

J. M. LIBBY,
Supervisor of Schools of Poland.