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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Selectmen of Buxton, herewith respectfully submit their annual Report, for the municipal year ending February 21, 1878.

VALUATION FOR 1877.

First District.

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Second District.

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Total valuation,

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MONEY RAISED BY THE TOWN, MAR, 5, 1877,

FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES, VIZ:

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Whole amount Assessed, $12,520.79
4

**TAXES ASSESSED AS FOLLOWS:**

| Polls, (Highway,) valuation of 1876, at $1.10 each | $661 10 |
| 621 Polls, valuation of 1877, at $3.00 each | 1863 00 |

Assessed on Polls and Estates including Highway, $12,414 67

**Highway deficiency, 1876.**

| Whole ain't assessed, committed to Acel Eaton | $12,520 76 |
| Rate of assessment, (Highway) 3 mills on a dollar. |
| " " " (Money) 12 mills on a dollar. |

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

| Whole ain't of money assessed and Highway deficiency, '76 | $12,520 76 |
| School Fund, 1877 | 463 90 |
| Mill Tax | 76 49 |
| Cash from Town of Searsmont | 257 00 |
| " " " Parsonfield | 40 00 |
| " " " Scarborough | 4 00 |
| " " " J. M. Arlin | 8 00 |
| " " Show License | 2 00 |
| " " Rent of Town Hall | 6 00 |
| " " Sale of cow on Town Farm | 36 00 |
| " " Dog License | 119 00 |
| Railroad Tax | 5 66 |

**EXPENDITURES.**

| State Tax | $2496 01 |
| County Tax | 960 43 |
| Amount apportioned to School Districts | 3,297 39 |
| " Expended for support of Poor, (partial help) | 490 91 |
| " " " " " " Town Farm | 630 63 |
| " " " " Bridge | 740 05 |
| " Paid " repairs of Highways | 1124 54 |
| " Due for repairs of Highways, [estimated]* | 1450 00 |
| " Paid for Contingent Expenses | 988 02 |
| Paid Interest on Notes taken up | 1254 16 |
| " " on Notes outstanding | 549 59 |
| " for damage by dogs | 53 00 |
| " to State of Maine,† | 100 00 |

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*Amount of labor in 18 Districts not returned.
†Received from State of Maine in 1876, by error, for Town of "Benton."
ORDERS DRAWN FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

To Diamond Smith, witness fees in William Sawyer case, $2 00
Charles A. Smith, wood for Selectmen's office, 1 68
S. S. Milliken, services as Sup. School Committee, 1876, 43 50
John Hanscomb, printing Town Reports, 1876, 36 00
Samuel Hanson, services as Treasurer, 1876, 21 00
John H. Harmon, services as Sup. School Committee, 1876, 44 36
Moses G. Hill, services as Selectman, &c., 1876, in full, 10 00
Aaron McKenney, " " " " " 6 00
S. S. Milliken, " " " " " 28 00
C. E. Weld, Att'y fees in Wm. Sawyer case, '71, '75, '76, 67 25
F. M. Burnham, stationery, &c., for Selectmen's office, 3 60
S. S. Milliken, inventory, valuation, memoran. books, 4 25
Amos L. Allen, taxing costs in bonds suits, 2 09
A. K. P. Meserve, services as Sup. School Committee, '76, 17 00
Hoyt, Fogg & Co., order and Collector's books, 3 00
John H. Small, insurance policy on Town House, 37 50
Samuel A. Hill, services as Town Clerk, 1877, 25 25
Accl Eaton, services as Constable, 1877, 25 75
S. Hanson & Co., books, stationery, &c., Selectmen's office, 4 84
S. Hanson, salary as Treasurer, 1877, 20 00
Accl Eaton, Collector's fees, 1876, 100 00
S. S. Milliken, services as Selectman, Assessor, &c., 175 00
Moses G. Hill, " " " " " 175 00
Aaron McKenney, " " " " " 136 00

$988 02
PAID FOR REPAIRS OF BRIDGES AS FOLLOWS:

Thomas Bradbury, labor on Moderation Bridge, 1876, $1 50
F. D. Emery, lumber for bridge, Dist. No. 8, 1876 3 50
Danforth Deshon snowing Bar Mills bridge, " 4 00
M. A. Richardson, stone for bridges, Dist. No. 4, 16 00
B. C. Jordan, plank furnished the town, 1874 and 1876, 7 12
Daniel Palmer, plank furnished Dist. 37, 1876, 3 03
Charles Townsend & Son, labor on culvert, Dist. No. 7, 10 40
F. D. Emery, labor and material for bridge, Dist. No. 8, 33 00
Charles McKenney, plank furnished for bridges, 6 87
Samuel L. Dunnell, labor on stone bridge, Dist. No. 26, 8 25
William B. Merrill, labor on bridge, Dist. No. 8, 11 15
Ithama Berry, labor on stone culverts, Dist. No. 4, 7 50
S. T. Lang " " " " " " " " 4, 4 50
" " " " " " " " 34, 3 00
Diamond Smith, " " " " " " " " 4, 9 15
E. S. Brooks, " " " " " " " " 4, 23 70
" " " " " " " " 34, 5 25
S. Meserve & Son, spikes for bridges, Dist. No. 4, '75, '76, 4 65
S. T. Edgecomb, labor on bridge, " 2, 3 00
Theodore Elwell " " " " " " 13, 11 25
S. H. Berry & Son, labor and material on "Mill Bridge,"
Bar Mills, 61 74
T. C. Elwell, labor on bridge, Dist. No. 4, near N. Harman's shop, 7 33
J. F. & C. Waterman, plank furnished highway District No. 21, in 1876, 7 65

C. C. Leavitt & Son, spikes for Salmon Falls "Bridge," 8 .80
B. C. Jordan, plank for " " " " 33 95
O. P. Milliken, labor on " " " " 4 50
Ithama Berry, " " " " 2 25
S. T. Lang, " " " " 2 75
Warren Nason, " " " " 1 50
E. S. Brooks, " " " " 2 25

$311 54

Amount carried forward, $359 54
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EXPENSES OF POOR AS PARTIAL HELP.

Paid Wm. Rounds, for board of Samuel Lamb to Aug. 6, 1877, $26.00
John W. Deane, board of Abigail Harmon, 16.50
Mrs. A. Berry, for care of Mrs. S. J. Leandrews, of Hiram, 6.50
Mr. Insane Hospital, support of Lavinda Hanson, 130.36
M. Coffin, medical attend. Mrs. O. Richards, (Searsmont,) 10.00
" " " Mrs. Mary Strout, 6.00
S. S. Milliken, supplies fur. Uriah Richards, (Searsmont) 3.50
B. C. Jordan, wood for Mrs. Betsey Foss, 362.65
C. E. Milliken, supplies to Mrs. R. Caton, 6.95
C. C. Leavitt & Son, sup. to O. Richards & family, (Searsmont) 81.47
" " " U. Richards & family, 84.83
" " " Mrs. Mary Strout, 8.00
E. E. Fogg, medical attend. to D. Johnson, (Parsonsfield) 16.00
Nathaniel Milliken, supplies, &c., fur. Mrs. Mary Strout, 19.23
L. J. Milliken, shoes for Mrs. Richards, (Searsmont) 1.15
O. G. Staples, clothing for Uriah Richards, 17.00
Town of Sanford, med. attend. and supplies to M. Hodsdon, 28.22
H. B. Milliken, sup. to O. Richards and family, (Searsmont) 16.85
" " " Uriah " " " " 35.60
C. C. Leavitt & Son, sup. " " " " 58.64
" " " to Mrs. Mary Strout, 12.00
E. E. Fogg, medical attendance on Mrs. Marriner, (Sebago) 16.00
H. B. Milliken, for supplies furnished Jacob Whitten for care and support of Aaron Whitten, 10.00
David Rogers, aid to himself and family, (Belfast) 15.00
H. B. Milliken, supplies to Samuel Dunn, (Hollis) 4.45
" " " Mrs. R. Caton, 4.27
E. E. Fogg, medical attendance on Mrs. R. Harmon, 33.00
Major Smith, care of David Johnson, (Parsonsfield) 40.00
S. Meserve & Son, supplies to U. Richards, (Searsmont) 11.10
" " " to Jacob Whitten, for care and support of Aaron Whitten, 12.00
S. H. Berry & Son, supplies furnished Mrs. R. Caton, 4.00
" " " M. Strout, 18.00
S. Hanson & Co., " E. Harmon, 11.60
" " " Charles Smith, 11.00
" " " Mrs. Marriner, (Sebago) 82
" " " school books " Mrs. James, 1.75

Amount carried forward $731.41
Amount brought forward, $731 41
Paid Major Smith, for care of D. Johnson, (Parsonsfield) 24 00
Town of Gorham, supplies to E. B. Caton, 2 82
A. B. Palmer, wood furnished Mrs. Marriner, (Sebago) 3 00
S. B. Palmer, 4 00

Received from the Town of Searsmont, $275 00
" " " " Parsonsfield, 40 00
" " " " Scarborough, 4 00
Due from " " " " Hiram, 6 50
" " " " Sebago, 23 82
" " the City of Belfast, 15 00

$364 32
$400 91

EXPENSES OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Paid Alvah Pennell for six months salary as Agent on Town Farm, year 1877, $120 00
Aaron McKenney for supplies furnished Town Farm, 6 87
Webb and Phinney " " " 74 35
Curtis and Davis " " " 7 00
Kendall & Whitney for superphosphate for Town Farm, 11 20
P. & R. Railroad Co., for transporting supplies, " 1 43
Deering, Milliken & Co., for cloth for inmates on " 4 25
Samuel Meserve for supplies for 1876, for " 37 14
Alvah Pennell, six months salary as Agent on Town Farm, year 1877, 125 00.
Frank Cole, difference between cows exchanged, 5 00
Deering, Milliken & Co., supplies for Town Farm, 3 49
D. W. True & Co., " " " 18 00
Webb, Phinney & Co., " " " 51 34
Lemuel Sawyer, for hay " " " 4 94
John H. Small, for insurance policy on Town Farm Buildings, 5 20
F. R. Wells for cow for " " " 40 00

Amount carried forward $515 12
Amount brought forward, $515 12
Paid A. W. Berry, for stove coal, for Town Farm, 4 00
Nutter Bros. and Co., for coal stove for Town Farm, 8 00
S. Meserve & Son, for supplies for " " 53 75
A. K. P. Meserve, medical attendance, at " " 7 70
Stephen Towle, blacksmith work for " " 6 30
Alvah Pennell, hire of horse and expense, 4 50
Fletcher & Co., supplies for Town Farm, 20 25
Deering, Milliken & Co., supplies for Town Farm, 16 22
Webb, Phinney & King, " " " 14 50
F. E. Hall, " " " 3 00
A. McKenney, cash paid for " " " 23 20
R. P. Greene, " " " 3 00
S. J. Locke, coffin for J. Graffum, 17 00

$696 63

Due from Town of Bucksport for board and care of M. H. Blood, $30 00
Received from sale of cow, 36 00 $66 00

Net expense of Poor on Farm, $630 63

ACCOUNT OF AGENT ON TOWN FARM.

RECEIPTS.
For eighteen bushels potatoes sold, in April, $18 40
Two calves, 9 00
Twenty-three bushels oats, 10 31
Eggs, 3 56
One cord of wood, 3 00
Edgings, 6 50
Poultry, 31 39
Old iron, 60
Pasturing three sheep, 3 75
Cash from other sources, as per book, 2 75 $89 25
EXPENDITURES.

Paid for grass seed, $2.95
Three pigs, 0.50
Plaster, 3.25
Cloth for inmates, 2.00
Medicine 1.08
Repairs on plow, 80
Pair ox chains, (tie) 1.00
Shoes for inmates, 1.50
Marsh hay, 6.00
Tin ware, 1.25
Fish, 9.42
Molasses, 2.88
Print for bedding, 1.14
Sundry groceries, &c., as per book. 46.82

$89.59

TOWN FARM PRODUCTS &c., ON HAND, FEB. 19, 1878, TO WIT:
70 bush. potatoes, 2 bbls. pork, 2 1-2 bush. beets, 5 bush. turnips,
60 lbs. butter, 25 lbs. lard, 50 lbs. fish, 15 gal. soap, 3 tons English hay,
1 ton marsh hay, 5 bush. beans, 12 bush. corn, 9 bush. oats, 667 lbs.
shorts, 8 cwt. coal, 1 pair oxen, 3 cows, 1 swine.

There has been 81 "tramps" furnished with 170 meals during the year.

NAMES AND AGES OF INMATES AT TOWN FARM DURING THE YEAR.

John Graffum,*
Alexander Berry, Aged, 78 years.
Aphia Berry, 84
Rutus Fogg, 80
James Gould, 55
James Andrews, 68
Edmund Dennett, 55
Samuel Lamb, 78
Leonard Harmon, 65
Suah Merrill, 67
Abigail Harmon, 84
Mary Stoddard, 50
Abigail Hanson, 48

* Deceased Feb., 1878.

Furnished as partial help from Farm, 116 lbs. flour, 1 gal. molasses,
6 lbs. pork, 5 lbs. fish.
ACCOUNT WITH THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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**$1249 86 $3297 39 $3992 60 $614 22**

*Overdrawn, $3 92.
†" 85.
‡" 19 63. and $35 25 assessed on Dist., in hands of Treas.

PAID FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

To Diamond Smith, labor in Dist. No. 4, 1876, $2 00
" Oliver P. Milliken, " " " 1, " 6 43
" Daniel Hill, " " " 17, " 2 75
" Daniel Palmer, " " " 87, " 5 10
" Henry Atkinson, " " " 4, " 3 00
" John L. Moulton, " " " 6, " 10 00

**$29 27**
ABATEMENTS:

Amount abated on Tax Bills of 1872, $3 00
" " " " " 1873, 21 17
" " " " " 1874, 85 68
" " " " " 1875, 32 16
" " " " " 1876, 82 85
" " " " " 1877, 15 00
Whole amount abated, $239 86

A settlement has been made with the Bonds of Jeremiah Chadbourne and William M. Jordan, according to a vote of the Town, passed at the last annual meeting, with the following results:

Received from Bonds of Jere. Chadbourne, including cost, $206 00
" " " Wm. M. Jordan, 42 96

$248 96

The claims against the Bonds of Moses W. Bradbury remain un-adjusted.

Cost of suits, including the five agains Bonds of M. W. Bradbury, $155 00

Respectfully Submitted,

S. S. MILLIKEN, MOSES G. HILL, AARON MCKENNEY,

BUXTON, FEB. 21, 1877.
Dr.  SAMUEL HANSON, Treasurer, in Account with

1877, Mar. 4,
To bal. claims and cash from Treasurer, $19,525 47
" Amount as cash for Notes issued, to
    February 21, 1877, 18,745 39
" Cash from the Town of Searsmont, for Pauper account, 275 00
" Cash from the Town of Scarborough, for Pauper account, 4 00
" Cash from the Town of Parsonsfield, for Pauper account, 40 00
" Cash from the rent of Town Hall, 6 00
" Cash from sale of cow from Town Farm, 36 00
" Cash from J. M. Arlin, 8 00
" School Fund for 1877, 460 90
" School Mill Tax, 1877, 736 49
" Cash for Railroad Tax for 1874 & '75, 5 66
" Cash for Show License, 2 00
" Cash from assessment of Dogs, 119 00
" Amount of Assessment for 1877, 9,064 32

$49,028 23
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THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BUXTON, Cr.

1877, March 4.

By Amount paid for Notes taken up, $19,845 50
" " " " Interest on Notes, 549 59
" " " " Town Orders, 8,754 84
" " " " Orders from North Grammar School District, 88 07
" Amount received from School District No. 10, 54 92
" Amount received from School District No. 11, 49 95
" Amount paid for damage by dogs, 53 00
" Amount paid State of Maine, error, '76, 100 00
" Amount due from State of Maine, 1,197 39
" Discount A. H. Wilkins note, 24 87
" " Wm. M. Jordan, Treasurer, 4 42
" " Jere. Chadbourne, Collector, 172 42
" Amount due from Moses W. Bradbury, 309 09
" " due from John C. Mayo, Col. '73, 200 00
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" " " on Non-resident Tax, for '76, 161 87
" " " from School District No. 10, 7 45
" " " " " " " " 11, 2 36
" " " North Grammar School Dist., 35 25
" Cash in Treasury, 245 28

$49,028 23

Buxton, February 23, 1878.
TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1, 1877.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Town Notes, $29,927 73
Interest on same to March 1st, 1878, 1,285 93
Outstanding Town Orders, 407 60
Due the School Districts, 589 90
Due on unsettled accounts, (estimated) 125 00

$32,336 16

RESOURCES.

Due from State of Maine, $1,197 39
" " Collectors and others, (see Treasurer's Report) 17,681 05
" " Non-resident Tax, 161 87
Cash in Treasury, 245 28

$19,285 59

Town Debt, less Resources, $13,050 57

The foregoing accounts are all correctly cast, properly vouched, and respectfully referred to the Inhabitants of the Town.

N. C. WATSON, Auditor.
REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee,
OF THE
TOWN OF BUXTON.
1877-8.

DISTRICT NO. 1 (Union Falls)—J. W. ELDEN, Agent.

This district is very small, an average of but five or six attending school; hardly enough to warrant a continued organization of the district.

Two terms, Summer and Fall, were taught by Miss Ida F. Milliken, a faithful and competent teacher, who performed her duties ably and thoroughly.

UNION DIST. NO. 2—(Scarbor. Cor.)—MARTIN V. JOSE, Agent.

Summer Term—Nellie L. Dresser, Teacher.

This was Miss Dresser's first attempt at teaching, and as such, we consider it quite successful. The order was good, and the scholars made progress in their studies.

Fall Term—Lizzie A. Dunnell, Teacher.

Miss Dunnell is a teacher of experience and reputation, and needs no praise from us. The school was profitable to the scholars, satisfactory to the district, and also to the Committee.

The Winter Term was taught by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. John H. Harmon. The classes were well drilled, and the manner of teaching commendable.
DISTRICT NO. 3—(Spruce Swamp,) C. H. WATTS, Agent.

Summer Term,—Lillian Record, Teacher.

This school, at its commencement, gave indications of success greater than we could have anticipated, from the age of the teacher and the fact that she has been a scholar during the preceding term. A second visit was not made, the visiting member of the Committee alone being responsible therefor.

The Winter Term was under the care of Mr. Eugene C. Carll, who made it a success. The advancement of the several classes compared favorably with any in town, while their improvement was excellent; especially would we commend the class in English Grammar.

DIST. NO. 4,—(Salmon Falls,) W. F. HARMON, Agent.

Summer Term—Miss Frances Sanborn, Teacher.

This school was visited but once, notice of its close being received too late for a second visit. In the early part of the term the school appeared in an excellent condition, and we learn that it was highly satisfactory to the district.

Winter Term—Ira W. Milliken, Teacher.

We found this school composed mostly of young pupils, the oldest being but sixteen years of age, one scholar alone having attained that age. The teacher seemed interested and faithful; the scholars appeared orderly and diligent; but we thought they undertook to accomplish too much, in view of their ages, in one short term.

DISTRICT NO. 5—(Upper Shadigee,) JAS. LOCKE, Agent.

Mr. Frank H. McKenney taught the only term of school kept for the year. He is a fine scholar and a good teacher, and he did all he could for the interests of his pupils.

We must express the opinion that this district ought to have more than nine weeks of school in a year; if Nos. 5 and 14 must still remain separate districts, a suitable teacher for a school of fourteen scholars, with only three of them over twelve years of age, ought to be found for less than forty-two dollars per month.
DIST. NO. 6—(Methodist Dist.) ENOCH RANKINS, Agent.

Both terms of this school were taught by Mr. John L. Chase, a teacher of experience and ability. The Committee cannot but speak of this school in terms of high commendation. We were not only highly pleased with the recitations of the advanced classes, but also those of the younger scholars were alike gratifying. The examination showed clearly the wisdom of the Agent in employing the teacher, and we hope the district will be equally fortunate in the future. This is one of the most prosperous and advanced schools in town.

DISTRICT NO. 7—(Kimball's Corn.,) BELA G. YORK, Agent.

Summer Term—Lizzie E. Waterman, Teacher.

This school was orderly, the room neat, and the improvement equal to the average of our schools. We think that the improvement would have been still greater, if the pupils had been taught to rely more upon themselves, and less upon the teacher, during recitations.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. B. S. Hussey, who proved himself an efficient and faithful teacher. The greatest harmony appeared to exist between teacher and pupils, and the excellent improvement of the latter showed the earnest labor of both.

DIST. NO. 8—(Bug Mills,)—CHAS. A. WATERMAN, Agent.

Summer Term—Miss Addie F. Elwell, Teacher.

The pupils present at the closing examination appeared well. Miss E. seemed to have done all she could for the interests of the school, and if she had had the hearty co-operation of all the parents in the district, would, we think, have made it a success.

The Winter Term was well and carefully taught by Mr. Oscar O. Owen. The scholars were quiet, studious and interested, and the improvement entirely satisfactory.
DISTRICT NO. 9—(Cobb District,) G. F. ROUNDs, Agent.

Summer Term—MARY L. Parsons, Teacher.

This was Miss Parsons' first experience in teaching, and it is seldom we find a teacher who tries more faithfully to succeed than did she in this school. Zeal and interest are usually successful; they were in this case. Miss Parsons taught a good school.

Winter Term—LINNIE C. CLAY, Teacher.

Though this district numbers but thirteen scholars, being with the exception of District No. 1, the smallest in town, yet in all that appertains to a first class school, its Winter term stood in the foremost rank. The interest shown amounted to enthusiasm, while in labor performed and progress attained, the school, we think, was not excelled by any in town. We congratulate both teacher and district on the success of the Winter term.

DISTRICT NO. 10—(Schiener's,) M. L. H. OWEN, Agent.

The Summer Term of this district was taught by Mrs. FANNIE O. HILL, a teacher of ability and experience. The result of her labors, as evinced by the appearance of the school at the end of the term, was eminently satisfactory.

The Winter Term was under the judicious care of MR. HORACE HARMON, a member of the Committee, who managed it with his usual affability, firmness and success.

DISTRICT NO 11—(Duck Pond,) FRED. A. BERRY, Agent.

Miss EMMA S. SMITH, taught the Summer Term in this district. Those attending were mainly very young, and therefore the school could not be expected to show to such advantage as one composed of older scholars. Miss Smith appeared interested in her work, and we think, endeavored to fulfill her duties to the utmost.
The Winter Term is still in session, under the tuition of Mr. George Boothby, who seems to be laboring earnestly and successfully for the welfare of the school, while his efforts are duly appreciated by the scholars, hence marked improvement has been made. Unfortunately, the prevalence of scarlet fever in the district during a portion of the term greatly reduced the "average attendance."

DISTRICT NO. 12—(Moderation,) A. K. P. Lord, Agent.  
Summer Term—Miss Selinda Foss, Teacher.

We regret to say that this school was visited but once; the teacher sent notice of its close in season, and it was received; but circumstances prevented our making a second visit. When we saw the school it had been in progress two weeks, and at that time was in a very prosperous condition. The teacher was amply qualified for the position—all life and ambition to succeed—and we have no doubt she did succeed. We learn the district was well pleased with the school.

Rev. Geo. W. Howe taught a Fall Term of ten weeks duration, very acceptably. We have rarely heard better recitations from scholars of the same grade, than at the closing examination of this school.

The brief Winter Term was taught by Mr. John A. Sweat, and closed without our knowledge. When visited near the commencement, the school gave indications of success; the teacher seemed active, vivacious, competent.

DIST. NO. 13—(Bar Mills,) James O. Pennell, Agent.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we speak of this school. During the past Summer it was under the charge of Miss Mary A. Smith, one of our very best teachers. The contrast between
the demoralized and chaotic condition in which we found the school at the close of the previous Winter term, and the order, discipline and progress, as shown by the closing examination of the Summer term, was as great as it was gratifying.

The Winter Term, now in progress, is also taught by Miss Smith. Unfortunately, at our last visit we found all the larger scholars absent, being engaged in the preparation of an entertainment in the village: therefore we are unable to report fully concerning the progress made during the Winter, though we feel sure that Miss Smith has labored with the zeal which characterized her previous term.

DIST NO 14—(Lower Shadigel.) GORHAM PHINNEY, 
Agent.

Miss Miriam M. Boothby had charge of both terms of this school. She taught them with satisfaction to the district, and credit to herself. No register has been returned.

DIST. NO. 15—(Dearborn's Hill,) ANDREW H. MARTIN, 
Agent.

Miss Mary Cressey taught the Summer Term in this district, with her usual faithfulness and success. The scholars were interested and studious, and the school profitable.

Winter Term—Arthur Titcomb, Teacher.

This was an excellent school. The best of discipline, good instruction and good improvement were noted.

Mr. Titcomb possesses every qualification for a successful teacher, being a thorough scholar, a superior disciplinarian, and having tact and ability in imparting instruction. In this school all, from the youngest to the oldest, gave unmistakable evidence of improvement. We congratulate the district on the wise expenditure of their money.
NORTH GRAMMAR DIST.,—(Buxton Center,) CHARLES MOULTON, Agent.

Summer Term—Linnie C. Clay, Teacher.

Miss Clay is an experienced and useful teacher. At the closing examination the recitations in Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, and Reading showed that her ability had been faithfully employed for the good of her scholars; Writing, too, which is too often neglected in our schools, was well taught in this.

Winter Term—F. K. Hussey, Teacher.

This school was eminently successful; the classes showed a practical knowledge of the subjects taught, and were able to explain them without the aid of text-books or questions. The order was far better than usual in this school, for which both scholars and teacher should be commended.

SO. GRAM. DIST.—(Lower Cor.) GEO. HANSON, Agent.

Summer Term—F. K. Hussey, Teacher.

To speak in praise of this school as it deserves, seems extravagant. It suffices to say that, good as Mr. Hussey proved himself in previous efforts, we think he here excelled them all. His specialties are originality of method, and excellent tact in imbuing his pupils with a knowledge of first principles, and modes of analysis.

The Winter Term, was taught by Mr. J. O. A. H. Burnham, who has had the experience of nearly forty terms. The school appeared quite well at the closing examination. The only thing we noticed to its detriment was a lack of cordiality existing between teacher and pupils.

IN GENERAL.

In point of excellence, our schools for the past year will, we think, compare favorably with those of any previous year. Still, we are of the opinion, that before a maximum benefit for money
expended is received, many changes and reforms are necessary. The universally recognized want is more efficient teachers. But even could these be supplied to the extent desired, the other wants and defects would be only the more palpable, and the supplying the one and the remedying the other, would be only the more imperatively demanded; for the better is the teacher qualified and experienced, the more is he conscious of existing defects and consequent disadvantage under which he labors.

Among the wants, may be noticed a lack of school furniture, globes, charts, books of reference, etc; and in most of our schools the lack of blackboard surface in quantity, is only equalled by lack in quality. Of defects, though many and various, our limited space forbids our noticing but a small number.

*School-houses and Ventilation.*—Every one who has attended or taught school in this town, can testify to the faulty construction of most of our school-houses; uncomfortable seats, wrong position of stove and teacher's desk, too much light from the sides of the room and too little from the back, to the injury of the pupils' eyesight, being the most prominent.

But the worst fault of all, though probably the least thought of, is the want of ventilation in all our school-rooms, with the exception of two or three, whose shabby condition allows the most plentiful circulation of air.

The gross ignorance or indifference which prevails concerning one of the most important sanitary conditions is almost unpardonable. The parents who would daily feed their children with food filled with filthy and poisonous substances would be regarded as extremely cruel and inhuman; but none the less cruel and inhuman is it to confine children six hours daily in our school-rooms, where the only attempt at ventilation is lowering a few inches the upper sash of the windows, or through an opening in the ceiling, both utterly inefficient, because utterly wrong in principle, to say nothing of the extreme danger from sudden cold draughts, attendant on the former method.

With thirty or forty pupils confined within one of our small school-rooms, upon a cold, wintry day, which necessitates closed
doors and windows, with a large box stove like a fiery dragon in one portion, while its immense length of funnel pours its heat directly upon those beneath, with an atmosphere largely deprived of its oxygen and vitiated with the commingled exhalations of all present, what wonder is it that violent headaches prevail among the more delicate, that all are restless and uneasy, that lessons are poorly learned, that the teacher becomes impatient and irritable, and that everything seems unsatisfactory and disagreeable.

The want of a proper system of ventilation may be in part supplied by opening windows on opposite sides of the school-room, thus allowing a current of air to pass through. The faithful teacher will see that this is done at each recess, and also at night, that the room may be pure and fresh in the morning.

Text-books.—Our schools are generally well supplied with text-books, though in several, uniformity is lacking, especially in the department of Arithmetic. This is a matter of vital importance. A large amount of time is necessary in order to teach Arithmetic properly, and there should be the fewest classes possible, that all may receive proper attention.

An examination of the Registers of the different schools shows that in several there were thirty or more recitations daily, in one instance, forty. This gives an average of less than ten minutes to each exercise, which necessarily renders many of them hurried and incomplete. This excessive number of exercises is due in a slight degree to causes which, though affecting every school in town, we do not propose to discuss here. But the principal cause, and one that imperatively demands reform, is due to the diversity of Arithmetics in some of the schools.

Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic is generally used throughout the town; Greenleaf's New Practical Arithmetic is used to some extent in a few of the schools. Of "Primary" and "Mental" Arithmetics—and herein lies most of the difficulty—eight different kinds and grades, by six different authors, are in use within the town. These have gradually crept into our schools within a few years, until in some of them they have become a burden and a nuisance. That the substitution of one series, by an approved
author, for these several varieties of mental Arithmetics would be of great benefit, is self-evident.

Though a difference of opinion prevails concerning the matter, a majority of the Committee believe that a cheap, simple and expeditious method of affecting the desired change, would be for the town to furnish the books free to all the schools, but a slight appropriation being needed for the purpose. Any objections to the plan we are sure would be immeasurably counterbalanced by its manifold advantages.

Thus, citizens of Buxton, we have devoted our necessarily restricted space to a brief mention of a few of the disadvantages under which our schools are laboring. Though great and radical improvement has been made in nearly every department during the last twenty years, much still remains to be accomplished ere we reach the position that we can and should attain.

Though we cannot expect at once to reach the summit of our aspirations, let us not for a moment relax our efforts; rather let them be redoubled, and, though we progress but slowly, yet if it be in the right direction, we should be content.

Notice is hereby given that the Committee will meet for examination of teachers at Buxton Center, on April 27, at 1 o'clock P. M., and at the same hour on May 11, at Lower Corner; also at these respective places, and at the same hour, on Oct. 5, and Nov. 2.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN H. HARMON, ) S. S. COMMITTEE
A. K. P. MESERVE, ; OF
HORACE HARMON, ) BUXTON.

BUXTON, Feb 20, 1878.
## TABULATED STATISTICS

OF THE

School Districts of Buxton, for the year ending February 20, 1878.

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