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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF BELGRADE.

1878-79.

AUGUSTA:
STANDARD JOB PRINT,
1879.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1879.

Paid, bills accrued prior to March 7th, 1878 :	
Paid G. J. Page, services as selectman,	\$70.72
Paid Chas. H. Wyman, " "	69.50
Paid George W. Cottle, " "	67.00
Paid H. F. D. Wyman, services as S. S. Com.,	37.00
Paid J. S. Cummings, " "	33.25
Paid J. C. Taylor, " "	34.75
Paid J. C. Mosher, services as Town Clerk,	6.00
Paid Harrison Ellis, damage on plow,	2.50
Paid Henry Huff, part of year's salary,	111.00
Paid David Jewett, bill of 1874,	8.06
Paid on account of Thomas Trask and family,	43.97
Paid on account of Thomas Palmer and family,	45.10
Paid Abatement of tax for 1876,	123.73
Paid Andrew Yeaton, committee for collecting '76 tax,	98.74
Paid abatement of tax for 1877,	104.98
Paid Wm. and J. Hersom, for building road,	121.67
Paid on account of Wyer F. Hunt,	48.13
Paid on account of Wilson Hawes,	29.47
Paid on account of rent for hall,	10.00
Paid James C. Mosher, for books furnished,	2.00
Paid C. M. Weston, surveying road,	1.50
Paid Joseph Tibbetts, damage on plow,	3.00
	\$1072.07
Total,	

Paid for the repair of road and bridges the past year, \$127.90

The following bills have been paid for the support of poor not at poorhouse the past year :

Paid on account of Charity O. Trask,	\$20.00
Paid on account of R. Foss,	75.00
Paid on account of Wilson Hawes,	13.24
Paid on account of George Palmer,	5.50
Paid on account of Hannah Trask,	31.02
Paid on account of Charles Hunt,	5.98
Paid on account of Jennie Austin,	7.50
Paid on account of Nancy Kaherl,	2.75
Paid on account of James Hamilton,	23.00
Paid on account of Etta Downs,	15.00

Paid on account of David Jewett,	15.44
Paid on account of Alfred Maxwell,	7.50
Paid on account of Chappel and family,	86.45
Paid on account of Cynthia Smith and family,	30.00
Paid on account of tramps,	4.24
Paid on account of Samuel Damren,	5.00
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Total,	\$347.62

Paid for the support of poor of other towns the past year :	
Paid for boarding Skillings at reform school,	17.85
Paid for expense of carrying Skillings to reform school,	19.51
Due from Lexington on old account,	12.00
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Total due,	\$49.36

Cost of poor at poor house the past year :	
Paid Eldred & Stuart for supplies,	\$52.03
Paid J. Tibbetts for supplies,	50.57
Paid for oxen,	100.00
Paid A. Hammond for supplies,	29.32
Paid Charles Richardson for supplies,	37.72
Paid Henry Huff three-fourths of a year's salary,	150.00
Paid for coffin,	6.50
Paid for two pigs,	3.00
Paid for beef,	6.80
Paid for S. F. Crooker, M. D.,	11.75
Paid for pump,	3.50
Paid for fire-wood,	15.40
Paid for sexton,	3.50
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Total,	\$470.09
Received from sale of oxen,	\$140.00
Received from sale of oats,	2.70
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	\$142.70

Total cost of poor on farm,	<hr/>	\$327.39
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for blank orders, books and stationery,	11.02
Paid for horse hire and wagon to move Smith family,	2.00
Paid for damages on highway,	20.00
Paid for guide boards,	4.80
Paid for witness fees in Readfield case,	16.80
Paid to E. F. Pillsbury on account of tax case,	20.00
Paid for running town line,	2.00
Paid for work on burying ground,	5.12
Paid to Judge Walton in tax case,	40.00
Paid for freight and cartage on separator,	2.60

Paid for expenses to Augusta, Mercer and Farmington,	6.00
Paid for expenses to Georgetown,	6.50
Paid to R. K. Stuart for making pension papers,	78
Paid for incidentals,	11.50
Paid to Leander Yeaton for constable fees,	6.00
Paid for abatement for 1877,	104.58
Paid to Samuel S. Titcomb in pauper case,	40.80
Paid for school books,	10.32
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Total,	\$311 22

The following sums have been received into the Treasury the past year, exclusive of loans:

Received from J. S. Cummings Collector, for 1875,	\$65 00
" Andrew Yeaton, Collector for 1876,	2,324 19
" " " " " 1877,	2,931 07
" " " " " 1878,	511 00
" Non-resident tax of 1875-6-7,	182 00
" School fund and mill tax,	791 04
Cash in Treasury March 1st, 1878,	487 70
received by hands of Selectmen,	272 50
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	\$7,564 50

RESOURCES.

Due from Andrew Yeaton, Collector for 1877,	\$3,693 22
" " " " " 1878,	6,292 85
" G. J. Page, guardian of P. Smith,	138 00
" non-resident tax,	76 78
" William Charles on separator,	50 00
" Town of Lexington,	49 36
Mortgage on T. Palmer's farm,	102 85
Cash in treasury, Feb. 14th, 1879,	420 47
School fund and mill tax,	728 55
Inventory of stock and provision at Town Farm,	432 00
Due from G. J. Page, on sale of oxen,	30 00
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Total,	\$12,014 08

LIABILITIES.

Whole amount of outstanding notes,	\$13,927 00
" " " town orders,	29 82
Whole amount due the districts,	1,146 55
" of interest due March 1, 1879,	509 68
Due J. C. Mosher, town clerk,	4 00
J. C. Taylor, S. S. Committee,	35 00
John F. Spaulding, S. S. Committee,	35 00
Joseph S. Cummings, S. S. Committee,	37 00

G. J. Page, services as Selectman, and team,	84 00
G. W. Cottle, " "	65 00
S. Spaulding, " "	80 00
Henry Huff, on salary,	50 00
For rent of hall,	10 00

Total,	<u>\$16,013 05</u>
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Whole amount of liabilities,	\$16,013 05
" " resources,	<u>12,014 08</u>

Liabilities above resources,	<u>\$3,998 97</u>
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Treasury notes bearing interest less than last year,	<u>\$2,000 00</u>
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The following were the assessments for 1878:

State tax,	\$1,849 60
County tax,	880 73
Town grant, to defray town charges,	5,000 00
for support of schools,	1,600 00
Overlayings on same,	<u>124 28</u>

Total assessment,	\$9,454 61
Delinquent highway,	<u>79 57</u>

Total commitment,	<u>\$9,534 18</u>
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Names of Paupers:

I. Bickford,	1 year.
S. Damren,	1 "
Dorcas Hawes,	1 "
Willie Smith,	1 "
Lydia Libby,	1 "
P. Emmons,	10 1-2 months.
John Damren,	1 3-4 "
Cynthia Smith,	4 1-2 "
Percy Smith,	" "
D. L. Smith,	" "
A. L. Smith,	" "
Alden Smith,	" "

G. J. PAGE,	} SELECTMEN	
SEWELL SPAULDING,		OF
GEORGE W. COTTLE,		BELGRADE.

Belgrade, Feb. 15, 1879.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Belgrade in account with L. W. BACHELDER, Treasurer,
for the year ending February 14, 1879.

DR.	To paid Treasury notes,	\$10,244 00
	Interest,	594 95 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Town orders,	2,234 17
	School orders,	2,102 45
	Jos. S. Cummings, for two deeds,	10 60
	Treasurer's commission,	35 00
	Cash in Treasury,	420 47
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		\$15,641 64
Cr.	By cash in Treasury, March, 1878,	\$487 70
	Received of Jos. S. Cummings, collector of taxes for 1875,	65 00
	Received of Jos. S. Cummings, for tax collected having been abated,	3 49
	Andrew Yeaton, collector of taxes for 1876,	2,324 19
	Andrew Yeaton, collector of taxes for 1877,	,2931 07
	Andrew Yeaton, collector of taxes for 1878,	511 00
	State Treas., school fund and mill tax,	791 04
	For non-resident tax for the years 1875-76-77,	182 00
	Cash by hands of Selectmen,	273 00
	From Jos. Gordon for deed,	3 15
	From different persons, and gave Treas. notes,	8,070 00
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		\$15,641 64

L. W. BACHELDER, TREASURER.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

OF BELGRADE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term taught by Laura A. Page of this town. At the first visit to this school we found it doing well and anticipated a profitable term of school. At the second visit we did not find the school doing so well as we had hoped, there being a great deal of whispering and uneasiness. If this teacher had not allowed her pupils so much latitude, the school would have made more progress and would have been more profitable to the district.

Winter term under the direction of John C. Rider of Colby University. Mr. Rider labored to the satisfaction of your Committee, and by perseverance soon brought the school under good government. At examination we found that the scholars had been well drilled, and good advancement made.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Has had but one term of school the past year. L. B. Doloff of Mt. Vernon teacher. He has had wide experience and manifests zeal and aptitude to teach and lead. This district has a number of very earnest and good scholars, who are thirsting for education. The school force was spent on mathematics, grammatical definitions, and physiology, in which they made good progress. Reading, writing, spelling and geography received small attention.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Spring and Fall Term taught by Angie G. Yeaton of this district, a graduate of Maine Western Normal School. We had reason to expect more from this teacher than of those whose advantages have been limited. We found teacher and scholars quiet and very closely confined to the text books. Still, at the examination, a good degree of improvement was made.

In winter taught by Mr. J. R. Rider of Waterville. We consider this district fortunate in securing the services of this teacher, as he is thorough and systematic in his manner of teaching, mild, yet firm in government, and possesses a faculty of imparting instruction to his scholars which is essential to successful teaching. We consider this a profitable term of school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Fall Term taught by Cora Davis of East Readfield, a teacher of experience and success. This term was short, though few female teachers could do more effectual service in the amount of time.

In winter taught and governed by G. J. Page of this town, who is making his presence felt, and his services must prove a blessing to them.

DISTRICT No. 5.

No Summer school. First Winter term under the direction of Sarah B. Day of Readfield, who commenced her work in a very satisfactory manner. Her methods of instruction were easy and practical. As we were not informed of the close of this school, it received but one visit; but from what we could learn of the scholars at the commencement of the next term, we think the pupils did not make that advancement which was desirable.

Second Winter term. Laura A. Page has charge of this school. As the school has been in progress but two weeks, it has been visited but once.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Taught by Miss Carrie I. Bean. This school was small, but at its close we found the scholars had been well drilled on what they had been over, and had made good progress.

Fall term taught by Miss Annie Creacy. This school was visited but once, but judging from what we could see at that visit, and by enquiry, think it was not quite up to the standard of excellence.

In winter taught by Mr. C. M. Weston of this town. Mr. Weston is a teacher of experience and well known ability, and we think his services have been profitable to the school and satisfactory to the district.

DISTRICT No. 7.

No Summer school. Winter term commenced by Edwin M. Collins of Colby University, who labored successfully for ten weeks. Mr. Collins is at home in the school-room and his methods (though somewhat peculiar,) are easy and practical. The black-board exercises at examination were commendable. We regret that this teacher could not have finished the school.

Second term. Miss Cora Yeaton of this town was engaged to finish this school. We were surprised at our visit to Miss Yeaton's school, to find but four pupils. We think it most to small to be called a school. As this school has been in operation but one week, we are unable to tell the result.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Fall term taught by Alice A. Dunn of this town, who labored profitably and acceptably to her pupils, their parents and your Committee.

Winter term under the direction of Emma E. Dunn of this district, who tried to do what he could to instruct and benefit his school, and succeeded in making it a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer term taught by Nettie Yeaton of this town. This term was short, too short for the amount of money drawn by this district. This was a good school term and well appreciated and improved.

Winter term. Miss Alice A. Dunn of this town is successfully laboring in this school. This teacher appears to be at home in the school-room, and by her pleasant manners soon gains the good will of her pupils, which adds much to her success as a teacher. At examination found every thing moving well and a good degree of improvement made. Were pleased to notice that the best of feeling existed between scholars and teacher, this being an indication of success. This school has some six weeks longer to keep.

DISTRICT No. 10.

In summer under the care of Ada M. Drummond of Sidney who failed to adapt herself to school work and order. It was an unfortunate term.

In Winter taught by J. F. Spaulding of this district who entered upon his work with ease and skill and succeeded in teaching and governing a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Both Summer and Winter terms under direction of Mr. John E. Downer of Smithfield. Mr. Downer is a teacher of wide experience, and needs no words of commendation from your committee. In each of these schools he manifested his usual interest, and has labored for the benefit of the pupils under his charge. At the examination of these schools, we find that the pupils had been thoroughly drilled in the branches taught. In proficiency made, this school ranks well.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Miss Ada M. Drummond of Sidney had charge of the Summer term. The district being dissatisfied with the progress of the school, Miss Drummond closed (by advice of your committee) after continuing five or six weeks.

Winter term under direction of Chas. D. Austin of this town. This is the third term Mr. Austin has labored in this school to the satisfaction of the district. Mr. Austin is having a vacation of a few weeks on account of sickness in the district, consequently has received but one visit, but from what we know of this teacher's efforts in the school-room heretofore, we have no doubt that this will be a successful term.

DISTRICT No. 13.

No Summer school. In Winter taught by Mr. J. S. Cummings of this town. Mr. Cummings' reputation as a teacher is so well known in town, and his services so well appreciated, that we deem it unnecessary to say more than that the school was a success.