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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF BELGRADE,

1880-81.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

For the Year Ending February 23, 1881.

PAID BILLS ACCRUED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 1880, NOT REPORTED.

Paid town of Charlotte, on account of Trask family.....	\$89 00
Pembroke, " " "	42 00
Calais, " " "	215 00
Paid on account of Charity Trask.....	10 00
for printing briefs in Camden case	46 40
Total.....	\$402 40

PAID BILLS ACCRUED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 1880.

Paid C. H. Wyman, services as selectman.....	\$77 00
Sewell Spaulding, " "	54 50
S. Y. Spaulding, " "	62 00
C. D. Austin, supervisor of schools.....	50 00
H. F. Ames, overseer of poor farm.....	150 00
C. H. Wyman, services as town agent.....	21 00
J. C. Mosher, services as town clerk	5 00
L. Yeaton, services as constable.....	5 00
A. Yeaton, commission for collecting taxes for 1878.....	143 01
A. Yeaton, for sale of real estate for taxes	106 14
For printing reports.....	15 00
S. Robinson, for keeping H. Trask.....	16 00
M. S. Downs, for breaking Dunn road	4 00
Nathaniel Morrill, plank for bridge	2 57
Georgetown, on account of D. Jewett.....	76 39
on account of James Hamilton.....	4 00
abatements for 1877-78-79.....	234 42
Total	\$1,026 03

Paid for repair of roads and bridges..... \$227 26

THE FOLLOWING BILLS HAVE BEEN PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF POOR
NOT AT POOR-HOUSE THE PAST YEAR.

Paid on account of Wilson Hawes' family.....	53 06
“ “ Susie Emmons	9 00
“ “ James Hamilton.....	4 00
“ “ Robert Foss.....	20 00
“ “ George Palmer's wife.....	67 37
“ “ Hannah Trask.....	40 50
“ “ David Jewett's family.....	14 37
“ “ Wyer F. Hunt.....	48 00
“ “ Mrs. Prime's daughter.....	54 04
“ “ Chas. A. Hunt's family.....	6 00
“ “ Alfred Maxwell	7 00
Total.....	<u>\$323 34</u>

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid on account of Isaac H. Jellison.....	\$2 72
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PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF POOR AT POOR-HOUSE THE PAST YEAR.

Paid Eldred & Stuart, for supplies.....	\$83 52
A. Hammond, “	49 36
C. Richardson, “	47 93
Joseph Merrow, “	82 43
James Tebbetts, “	8 20
for oxen.....	102 50
C. O. Witham, on salary.....	78 48
Chas. Cowan, for cow.....	25 00
A. E. Faught, for wood	14 29
Moody Burbank, M. D.....	8 00
For phosphate	6 80
Sewell Spaulding, for beef.....	5 50
G. B. Staples, for labor.....	7 00
C. O. Witham, for supplies.....	6 77
C. M. Bickford, 2d. for cedar stakes.....	3 00
for nursing.....	3 50
Aseneth Merchant	2 00
C. H. Wyman, for potatoes	1 05
W. W. Spaulding, for repairing clock.....	75
G. J. Page, for tallow	60
Elbridge Bickford, for supplies.....	12 90
“ “ for pig.....	2 50
L. K. Stevens, for horse hire	7 50
C. W. Folsom, for sundries.....	2 59
J. T. Fifield, for shoemaking.....	1 25
Total.....	<u>\$563 42</u>

Received from sale of oxen.....	\$145 00
“ “ cow.....	25 00
Total cost of poor on farm	<u>\$393 42</u>

Other sales duly accounted for.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Pillsbury & Potter, attorney fee.....	\$72 60
Moving Trask family.....	47 20
Potter & Andrews, attorney fee	55 00
Expense to Charlotte.....	29 00
Policemen for camp-ground	24 00
For traveling expenses and telegraphing.....	34 05
C. A. Yeaton, for labor and material on hearse.....	41 48
J. T. Fifield, for labor at cemetery.....	8 75
Towle & Austin, damage on excelsior.....	19 64
For blanks, books, stationery and stamps.....	11 75
D. L. Jones, damage to plow.....	2 00
F. E. Bunker, labor and material on hearse	6 15
John M. Weaver, damage to sleigh.....	5 00
For rent of hall	10 00
Total.....	<u>\$366 62</u>

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

Received from A. Yeaton, collector for 1878.....	\$2,943 51
“ “ “ “ “ 1879.....	959 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1880.....	1,010 00
“ “ School fund and mill tax	687 16
“ “ Non-resident tax.....	163 01
“ “ sale of taxes.....	58 95
“ “ from hands of selectmen.....	230 25
“ “ Railroad tax	3 43
Cash in treasury February 19, 1880.....	110 11
Total.....	<u>\$6,165 42</u>

RESOURCES.

Due from A. Yeaton, collector for 1879.....	2,743 34
“ “ “ “ “ 1880.....	3,474 43
Due from school fund and mill tax.....	665 59
mortgage on T. Palmer's farm.....	102 85
G. J. Page, guardian for P. Smith	152 14
sale of real estate for taxes	93 08
G. J. Page, on separator	52 50
Non-resident tax.....	17 56
Inventory of stock and provisions at town farm	418 45

Due from George B. Staples for straw	5 00
town of Monroe on account of I. H. Jellison.....	2 72
Cash in treasury	37 70
Total.....	\$7,765 36

LIABILITIES.

Whole amount of outstanding treasury notes.....	\$9,628 00
" " " town orders.....	140 11
" " " school orders.....	59 65
Whole amount of interest due March 1, 1881.....	402 86
" due the several school districts.....	521 76
Due C. H. Wyman, services as selectman.....	74 50
S. Y. Spaulding, " " "	55 00
J. C. Taylor, " " "	61 75
J. F. Spaulding, supervisor of schools	90 20
Elbridge Bickford, overseer of poor-farm.....	75 00
J. C. Mosher, services as town clerk	6 00
E. F. Yeaton, services as constable	6 00
Waterville, on account of M. Butterfield and family....	87 44
Maysville, on account of Chas. A. Hunt's family.....	35 44
W. W. Springer, M. D., est	50 00
Joseph Knowles, for labor on highway, est.....	8 00
F. E. Partridge, May 1, 1881, on account of J. Hamilton..	25 00
Henry Page, " " " " " ..	3 00
C. H. Wyman, services as town agent.....	10 50
Total.....	\$11,339 77

Whole amount of liabilities.....	\$11,339 77
Whole amount of resources.....	7,765 36
Liabilities above resources.....	\$3,574 41

Treasury notes bearing interest less than last year	\$870 00
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The following were the assessments for 1880:

State tax	\$2,311 08
County tax	836 80
Town grant to defray town charges.....	3,000 00
" " for support of schools.....	1,188 00
Overlayings on same.....	238 47
Total assessment	\$7,574 35
Delinquent highway tax	57 96
Total commitment.....	\$7,632 31

NAMES OF PAUPERS.

Samuel Damren	one year-
Dorcas Hawes	"
Cynthia Smith.....	"
Willie Smith.....	"
D. L. Smith.....	"
A. L. Smith.....	"
Alden Smith.....	"
Scott E. Smith.....	10 months
Ann Hawes	2 "
Ada Hawes.....	2 "
Angie Hawes.....	2 "
Stella Hawes	2 "
Elizabeth A. Trask	3 "
Samuel Trask	3 "
Budd Trask	3 "
Belle Trask.....	3 "
Susie Emmons.....	7 "
Edwin Damren	2 "
Percy Smith.....	7 "
James Austin.....	1 "
Alfred Maxwell	1 "

C. H. WYMAN, } Selectmen
S. Y. SPAULDING, } of
J. C. TAYLOR, } Belgrade.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Belgrade in account with L. W. Bachelder, Treasurer, for the Year ending February 23, 1881.

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To paid treasury notes	\$1,950 00
interest.....	477 42
town orders	2,831 34
school orders	1,912 43
Andrew Yeaton, for advertising and selling real estate for taxes.....	10 53
Treasurer's commission	30 00
Cash in treasury	37 70
	\$7,249 42
Total.....	

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By cash in Treasury, March, 1880	\$110 11
Received of Andrew Yeaton, collector of taxes for 1878.....	2,943 51
" " " " " " 1879.....	959 00
" " " " " " 1880.....	1,010 00
Received of State treasurer, school fund and mill tax.....	687 16
" " " for railroad tax.....	3 43
Received for sale of real estate for taxes.....	58 95
for non-resident tax.....	163 01
cash by hands of selectmen.....	230 25
of J. T. Fifield, for tuition in Dist. No. 3.....	4 00
from different persons and gave treasury notes....	1,080 00
	\$7,249 42
Total.....	

L. W. BACHELDER, *Treasurer.*

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1.

J. D. Richardson, Agent. Summer term taught by Laura Gleason of W. Waterville. At the commencement of the school I found everything moving satisfactorily, and a profitable term was predicted. On account of sickness the school was not visited at the close but from what can be learned, I think this teacher gave general satisfaction.

Winter term taught by Herbert L. Taylor of Fairfield. At my first visit to this school, I found it as I thought, moving well. But after a few week some of the large boys became disobedient and your supervisor was called several times, which at last resulted in the expulsion of one scholar. I think if this teacher could have had a chance he would have taught a profitable term of school.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Herman H. Adams, Agent. Summer term taught by Ellusa E. Braley of this town. This teacher entered upon her work with ease and skill and from what I could learn at the close, think she succeeded in teaching a profitable term.

Winter term taught by Eugenie Hobbs of Falmouth. At each of my visits to this school I found it progressing finely. This teacher is very active in the school room and is a good scholar and a strict disciplinarian. At the examination I found a good degree of advancement had been made. Was pleased to notice that reading had received strict attention. I consider Miss Hobbs a first-class teacher.

DISTRICT No. 3.

J. T. Fifield, Agent. Spring term taught by Ida A. Porter of Mt. Vernon. Miss Porter is a teacher of considerable experience, yet at my visits to this school I did not find it as orderly as was desirable. At examination I found that her pupils had been over but little ground, but that was well understood.

Fall term taught by Etta E. Snow of Winthrop, who has labored before in this district.

At my visits to this school I found it moving well and the examination showed that good progress had been made.

Winter term under the instructions of Florence E. Hamlen of New Sharon. This term has been one of profit to the district. At examination I was satisfied that the teacher had been faithful in the discharge of her duties. Miss Hamlen has had wide experience and manifests zeal and aptitude to teach. I consider her a first-class teacher. This school has some good scholars.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Alfred Hall, Agent. No Summer school.

This district has had its money expended in one term with a short vacation. Etta E. Lovejoy of Sidney, has had charge of the school. On account of the big snow storm it received but one visit. Judging from the appearance of this school at the commencement I have no hesitancy in saying that it was alike profitable to the scholars and satisfactory to the district.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Alton Wadleigh, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Hutchinson, but as she did not apply for certificate, and had none, the school was not visited.

Winter term under the direction of Angie Dolloff of Mt. Vernon, who entered upon her labors with ease and skill, and succeeded in teaching a profitable school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Zimie Yeaton, Agent. Alice A. Dunn of this town had charge of summer term, who commenced her work with her usual pleasantness and soon gained the good will of her pupils. Miss Dunn has taught several schools in town and success has followed her. This term was short, yet the scholars showed that they had been thoroughly drilled and good progress made.

Fall and winter terms taught by Wm. O. Rogers of this town. This was Mr. Rogers' first endeavor to teach and I think he labored conscientiously to faithfully discharge his duties. At my first visit I did not find the school prospering as well as was hoped for, there being some whispering and idleness. The teacher did not create that interest among his pupils which bespeaks a profitable school. At the next visit I found the school doing well and

fair progress had been made. The winter term was not visited at its close, so I am unable to report success or failure.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Frank Yeaton, Agent. Both terms taught by Nettie Yeaton of this town. This is a small school but was largely increased in summer by scholars coming from out the district. As I was not notified of the close of this term, it received but one visit. The winter term was very small. At examination I found that fair progress had been made.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Christopher Dunn, Agent. No Summer term.

Winter term taught by Elmer E. Dunn of this district. This school is so very small it received but one visit. At that time it was being conducted to the satisfaction of your supervisor and all concerned.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Geo. Guptill, Agent. Summer term taught by Mary Lord of this district. This teacher is young, yet at my visits to this school it was being conducted in a satisfactory manner. At examination the scholars showed that the school had been one of profit. The reading exercises were commendable.

Winter term taught by Annie B. Crowell of West Waterville. At my first visit to this school I found it quiet and the teacher trying to make it interesting. At examination did not find that interest manifested on the part of the scholars that was desirable, yet some progress had been made. If this teacher had been more firm in her government the scholars would have made more progress and the district would have been better satisfied.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Samuel Chandler, Agent. Summer term taught by Lilla M. Austin of this town. But one visit was made to this school and that was entirely satisfactory. The scholars were studious and the teacher maintained good order. I think she gave general satisfaction.

Winter term taught by Manley H. Blaisdell of Rome, who has had considerable experience in this capacity. I think he tried to make his school one of profit, but the term being short, his pupils could not make so much advancement as would otherwise have

been the case. This district has some good scholars who are thirsting for education, and need the advantages of more schooling.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Thomas Golder, Agent. Both summer and winter terms taught by L. B. Dolloff of Mt. Vernon. In this school Mr. Dolloff made his usual effort to push forward the most brilliant scholars, in mathematics and grammatical definitions,—they receiving a large portion of his time. At examination I found the most advancement among the large scholars.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Leander Clark, Agent. Summer term under the direction of Ellusa E. Braley of this town. This teacher seems to have excellent control over her pupils, and brought them to a good system of order. The scholars, though the term was short, made good proficiency.

Winter term taught by Freeman C. Robinson of this town. This teacher entered this school without experience, yet at my visits I found it doing well. The recitations were thoroughly conducted and the examination showed that teacher and scholars had labored together. This teacher bids fair to become a first-class teacher. The house in this district should be repaired.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Geo. C. Foster, Agent. Both terms taught by Sadie L. Spaulding, of this town, who came to this school without experience. At my several visits I found the order good and the teacher striving to render her services profitable to the school. The examinations showed that good proficiency had been made under her management. This district should have a new house.

DISTRICT No. 14.

A. Spaulding, Agent. Summer term taught by Cora A. Yeaton of this town. This school was commenced by Cora Cummings of West Waterville, but as she entered the school on conditions, at my first visit I deemed it for the interest of the school to have it placed under the charge of a more thorough disciplinarian. At the close of this school I found that fair progress had been made under Miss Yeaton's instructions.

Winter term taught by W. D. Rockwood of this town. This is a large school and is a hard one to manage—the difficulty

arising chiefly outside the school room. If the parents of this district would form a more perfect union, and take more interest in the welfare of their children, the schools would make more visible progress, and would not be so burdensome to teachers. At my last visit I found the school small, yet from what I could learn, think fair progress was made.

DISTRICT No. 15.

J. B. Stevens, Agent. In summer, taught by Mary Downs of West Waterville. This teacher is young and inexperienced, and was not quite firm enough in her government. At examination I found the school very small, but from what I could learn, think fair progress was made.

Winter term taught by Edward S. Phillips of Rome. At the commencement of this school, found it doing well, and a profitable term was predicted. This was Mr. Phillips' first school, in which he succeeded as well, perhaps, as most young teachers. This house should be repaired.

DISTRICT No. 16.

N. G. Lyford, Agent. Laura A. Page of this town has taught both summer and winter terms. This is a very small school. At my several visits I found teacher and scholars working harmoniously. The scholars were orderly and studious. Think this school, for one so small, has done remarkably well.

DISTRICT No. 17.

E. S. Willey, Agent. Summer term taught by Florence M. Lincoln of Waterville. My visits to this school found it being conducted in a very satisfactory manner. The teacher maintained good order and her classes were systematically arranged. At examination I found marked improvement, particularly in reading. I consider Miss Lincoln an excellent teacher.

In winter taught by Willie. M. Ellis of Smithfield. In this school Mr. Ellis strove to make his work profitable. The scholars made good proficiency. The blackboard exercises by the small arithmetic classes, were commendable. From what I have learned, perhaps this teacher was not firm enough in his government.

DISTRICT No. 18.

H. C. White, Agent. The summer term was conducted by Nettie Yeaton of his town. I found this school doing well when

visited. As it closed much sooner than was expected, it was not examined at its close, so I am unable to tell the result.

Fall term taught by Lilla M. Austin of this town. This teacher is very pleasant in the school room and tries to interest her pupils. At my visits I found the scholars orderly and for the most part, studious. Think Miss Austin succeeded in teaching a profitable school.

FELLOW TOWNSMEN: Thus I lay before you the standing of your schools as I have found them. Some have been quite satisfactory while others have been quite as unsatisfactory. I have made no attempt to whitewash failures, for I believe a report should be a guide to agents in selecting teachers. It would be useless in this respect, if praise was bestowed upon all, regardless of merit.

Agents, when procuring teachers, should study well the wants of their school, and guard against employing friends and relatives, thus giving cause for complaint and dissatisfaction. You should not employ a young or inexperienced teacher when your school demands an experienced one.

Again, the success of a school depends largely upon the condition of the district. If there is a division and an agent is elected to please one party at the cost of displeasing the other, it will prove most detrimental to the school, however competent and experienced the teacher may be who is employed.

Upon a review of our schools for the past year, I find that they have met with the best success where the parents manifest an interest in the education of their children. In many districts there is a lack of interest and co-operation on the part of parents, which ought not to be. I believe more effort on the part of parents, to secure punctual attendance, would lessen the burdens of teachers and would greatly add to the prosperity of our schools.

Text Books. For the most part the text books used in town are satisfactory, but our schools demand a change in geography and spellers.

In conclusion, I would recommend: First, that agents be more particular in the selection of teachers; Second, that parents visit their schools oftener; Third, that a change be made in the above named text books.

The following persons have been furnished with school books from the Sanford Fund the past year :

Noah Hersom, to the amount of.....	\$1 28
Jacob Furbush, to the amount of.....	1 90
Ruel Williams, to the amount of.....	75
Paupers, to the amount of.....	5 49
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Total.....	\$9 42

J. F. SPAULDING,

Supervisor of Belgrade