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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

PAID BILLS ACCRUED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 1886.

Paid Chas. H. Wyman, services as selectman.....	\$57 25
E. F. Yeaton, " " "	40 50
C. A. Yeaton, " " "	44 50
H. F. D. Wyman, " " supervisor of schools.....	78 25
J. C. Mosher, " " clerk.....	5 00
F. G. Yeaton, " " constable.....	2 50
R. G. Cram, " " overseer of poor farm.....	200 00
Chas. H. Davis, " " constable, July 4, 1844.....	1 50
B. F. Neal, medical attendance for Mrs. Chas. Smith.....	9 50
M. S. Downs, breaking Dunn road.	2 12
Gardiner on account of Robert Foss	2 25
on account of tomb.....	4 00
J. C. Mosher for blank books.....	2 60
B. Alexander for use of bull.....	50
T. S. Wyman, taking care of tramp house, 1883 & 4.....	3 00
Plaisted & Morton for printing reports.....	15 00
H. W. Golder, abatement of tax as per vote of town.....	82 20
Sam'l Kimball, grading for cemetery fence, 1884.....	1 00
Jones Tebbetts, abatement on taxes, 1883.....	8 22
J. S. Cummings, " " " 1884.....	11 46
" " " " " 1885.....	67 60
James Tebbitts, com. for collecting taxes, 1883.....	107 45
J. S. Cummings " " " " 1884.....	112 51
Total.....	\$859 91
Paid for repairs of roads and bridges.....	\$149 96

PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF POOR NOT AT POOR HOUSE THE PAST YEAR.

Paid on account of Chas. A. Hinckley.....	\$24 50
" " " " B. Butterfield.....	14 90
" " " " W. K. Frost.....	37 83
" " " " David Jewett.....	83 68

" " " " Josiah Rollins.	4 50
" " " " Chas. A. Hunt.....	15 50
" " " " Willie Smith.....	8 77
" " " " Tramps.....	3 50
Total.....	<u>\$193 18</u>

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS THE PAST YEAR.

Paid on account of Mehitable Bowen of Starks.....	\$102 00
" " " " C. F. Newell and family of N. Sharon.....	27 53
" " " " Fred Mulliken's children.....	75 00
Total.....	<u>\$204 53</u>

RECEIVED FOR THE SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS THE PAST YEAR.

Received from Greenbush on account of C. W. Stoddard.....	\$17 00
" " Starks " " " Mehitable Bowen.....	102 00
Total.....	<u>\$119 00</u>

Due from other towns for support of poor:

" " Greenbush on account of C. W. Stoddard.....	1 99
" " Augusta on account of Mulliken children....	\$75 00
" " N. Sharon " " Newell family.....	27 53
Total.....	<u>\$104 52</u>

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR AT POOR HOUSE THE PAST YEAR:

Paid Charles Richardson for supplies.....	19 00
Eldred & Stuart " "	15 73
A. Hammond " "	15 42
J. Merrow " "	10 69
E. Bickford " "	5 25
A E. Faught for wood.....	8 50
Chas. H. Whitehouse for pigs.....	4 00
for phosphate.....	3 80
F. A. Page for tallow....	45
Fred Robinson, Overseer Poor Farm.....	5 00
Thomas Crowley for oxen.....	105 00
Total.....	<u>\$192 84</u>
Received from sale of oxen.....	117 07
Total cost of poor at poor house, exclusive of overseer's salary.....	<u>\$75 77</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for blanks, books, stationery and postage.....	\$13 16
R. K. Stuart for making deed.....	50
J. H. Dunlap for labor on cemetery	14 00
expenses to Georgetown.....	9 95
travelling expenses of selectmen and town agent.....	17 10
for moving Frost and Rollins families.....	11 50
“ rent of hall.....	10 00
L. W. Bachelder for rent of land for tramp house.....	2 00
Total	<u>\$78 21</u>
Expended the past year on account of Sanford fund.....	\$7 06

RESOURCES.

Due from J. S. Cumming's collection for 1885.....	\$ 133 50
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1886.....	3163 70
“ “ school fund and mill taxes.....	564 20
“ “ non-resident taxes	157 89
“ “ land sold for taxes.....	118 75
“ on mortgage on T. J. Palmer's farm.....	102 85
“ from Greenbush on account C. A. Stoddard.....	1 99
“ “ Augusta “ “ Mulliken children.....	75 00
“ “ N. Sharon “ “ Newell family.....	27 53
Liquor kegs and jugs on hand.....	5 00
Inventory of stock and provisions at poor farm	384 20
Cash in treasury Feb. 18th, 1887	994 56
Total	<u>\$5729 17</u>

LIABILITIES.

Whole amount of outstanding treasury notes.....	\$3257 00
“ “ “ “ town orders.....	9 25
“ “ due the several school districts.....	834 37
“ “ interest due March 1st, 1887	62 98
Due J. S. Cummings, com. for collecting taxes for 1885.....	115 84
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1886.....	104 23
“ Sewell Spaulding for services as selectman.....	50 00
“ Geo. E. Minot “ “ “ “	53 00
“ E. H. Mosher “ “ “ “	41 50
“ Chas. H. Wyman “ “ town agent.....	3 00
“ J. F. Spaulding “ “ supervisor.....	75 00
“ J. C. Mosher “ “ town clerk	5 00
“ F. G. Yeaton “ “ constable.....	5 00
“ E. Bickford overseer poor farm to March 20, 1887.....	195 00

“ for printing reports.....	15 00
“ Baker, Baker and Cornish, att'ys.....	250 00
Total	<u>\$5076 17</u>
Total resources.....	\$5729 17
“ liabilities.....	<u>\$5076 17</u>
Resources above liabilities.....	\$653 00
Treasury notes bearing interest less than last year	\$1602 00

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES THE PAST YEAR:

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for town charges.....	\$1500 00
Overlayings	274 17
Supplementary Tax.	34 16
Delinquent highway tax.....	15 37
Received from sale burial lot in cemetery.....	10 00
“ “ railroad tax.....	3 00
“ “ wire sold.....	7 21
Total	<u>\$1843 91</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for repairs of roads and bridges.....	\$149 96
“ “ support of poor not at poor house.....	193 18
“ “ “ “ on the farm.....	75 77
“ “ miscellaneous expenses.....	78 21
“ “ interest on treasury notes.....	174 56
“ “ treasurer's commission.....	30 00
Due E. Bickford, overseer of poor farm.....	195 00
“ J. S. Cummings, com. as collector 1886.....	104 23
“ selectmen, supervisor, clerk, agent and constable	232 50
“ printing reports.....	15 00
Total	<u>\$1,248 41</u>

Balance in favor of the town for the year \$595 08

Every bill known to exist against the town to date has been paid or reported.

The following were the assessments for 1886:

State tax.....	\$1,874 53
County tax	678 18
Town grant to defray town charges.....	1,500 00
“ “ for support of schools.....	1,600 00
Overlayings on the same.....	274 17
Supplementary tax.....	34 16
Total assessment.....	<u>\$5,941 04</u>

Delinquent highway tax.....	15 37
Total commitment.....	\$5,956 41

Names of Paupers and length of time at Poor House the past year.

Dorcas Hawes.....	1 year
Laura Frost.....	3 1-2 months
Charles Frost.....	3 1-2 "
Willard K. Frost.....	1 "
James Frost.....	1 "
Josiah Rollins.....	1 3-4 "
Theodate Rollins.....	1 3-4 "
B. Butterfield.....	1 "

SEWELL SPAULDING,	}	Selectmen of Belgrade
GEO. E. MINOT,		
E. H. MOSHER.		

BELGRADE, Feb. 19th, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF BELGRADE IN ACCOUNT WITH L. W. BACHELDER, TREASURER, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 18th, 1887.

DR.

To paid treasury notes.....	\$1,602 00
“ “ interest.....	313 44
“ “ town orders.....	1,702 96
“ “ school orders.....	1,676 98
“ Treasurer's commission.....	30 00
“ Cash in Treasury	994 56
Total	\$6,319 94

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Cash in Treasury, March 1886.....	\$1,113 76
Received of James Tebbetts, collector of taxes for 1883.....	217 93
“ “ J. S. Cummings “ “ “ “ 1884.....	500 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1885.....	3,260 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1886.....	260 00
“ “ State treasurer school fund and mill tax.....	631 44
“ “ “ “ railroad and telegraph tax.....	3 00
“ for non-resident taxes.....	185 53
“ from hands of selectmen.....	138 28
“ of J. H. Dunlap, sexton, for sale of one burial lot in cemetery.....	10 00
Total	\$6,319 94

L. W. BACHELDER, Treasurer.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1. .

C. H. Wyman, Agent.—Summer, taught by Caro E. Wyman of this district. This teacher is young but manifests an interest in her work. School composed mostly of small scholars. Much attention was given to punctuation and inflection. Reviews at examination, fair. Geography taken orally by the small pupils, in which good work was done.

Winter term under the direction of Chas. S. Gleason of Oakland. This is a hard school and needs a teacher of much "pluck." When visited, found order good, yet it could be plainly seen that there was lack of interest. Had this teacher governed the larger scholars with a firmer hand, the school might have been much more profitable.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Frank Farnham, Agent.—Summer term taught by Alice A. Dunn of this town, who is too well known to need special mention. In this school as usual, she made her work practicable and profitable. This school has some good scholars.

Winter term by F. L. Hutchins, of Oakland, who came to this school without experience. At first visit, school appeared well and a profitable term was hoped for. The classes were well arranged and general deportment good; but after a few weeks trouble arose between teacher and some of the boys, which lessened the interest to some extent and made the teacher's duties more perplexing. Examination showed that fair progress had been made. What was said of school in No. 1, will apply to this district.

DISTRICT No. 3.

L. W. Bachelder, Agent.—Year's school divided into three terms taught by Mrs. Sara C. Tebbetts of this district. A large school of small scholars who are wide awake and earnest, and inspired with a desire to learn. At our several visits, found teacher and scholars working in harmony, and the best of feeling prevailing. Each branch of study received proper attention. Reviews taken up methodically. These district has wisely expended its money the past year.

DISTRICTS No. 12 and 13.

These districts united as in the past two years. A fall term in No. 13 and a winter in No. 12, both taught by Eugene A. Whitcomb of Mercer. At our several visits, scholars were interested and hard at work; classes systematically arranged and order good. The large scholars of these districts are wisely improving their school days. At final examination scholars acquitted themselves finely. History taken as a reading book, and here we find the finest history class in town. These were successful schools.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Seth Bickford, Agent.—Alice A. Kimball of Vienna had charge of the summer term. At our first visit we had doubts as to her success; were fearful she would be too closely confined to the text book. When visited near its close, we were gratified to find a decided change had taken place. A wide field of labor had been explored and the scholars gave evidence of good work. We were forcibly struck with the extremely orderly appearance of the school and could not refrain from making some congratulatory remarks.

Winter term yet in session by Lincoln Gleason of Oakland. This teacher entered this school with a firm determination to succeed. He clearly understands the requirements of the school-room and is looking after the interest of the pupils under his care. We think his services are acceptable to the district.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Jacob Furbush, Agent.—No summer school. Winter, taught by Elton L. Blaisdell of Rome. As this school has been in session but a few weeks it has been visited but once, so cannot report success or failure, but we have no doubt he will succeed in teaching and governing a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Thomas Warren, Agent.—Both summer and winter terms taught by Georgie Higgins of Oakland, who has previously labored in this district. When visited, school appeared well, scholars attentive and studious. This teacher, by her agreeable manners, held the good will and respect of her pupils. This is a very small school yet. The reviews at the close of the winter term were surpassed by none in town.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Orrison Ellis, Agent.—Summer, by Mary A. Holmes of Smithfield, who came to this school without experience. Miss Holmes manifests much interest in her work. With more fitting and practice this teacher can make herself useful in this capacity. Thoroughness is her object, rather than go over much ground and have it imperfectly understood. Had she worked her pupils harder and stimulated them to greater activity, her labors might have been more profitable in this school.

Winter, by H. F. Tibbetts of Mercer. This young man is a good scholar and possesses some natural gift, but can make himself far more useful at some other calling than teaching. In this school he did not adapt himself to school work and lacked the faculty to govern. Examination showed that but little had been done. This was an unfortunate term.

DISTRICT No. 18.

M. Cram, Agent.—Spring term taught by Maria P. Gorden of Readfield, and a graduate of Kent's Mill. She has had but little experience, and lacks that force and energy which are essential to stimulate scholars to do the greatest amount of work. At examination, found that fair advancement had been made.

Fall, by Nettie Yeaton who is spoken of in No. 9, and what is said of her there may be repeated here. This school has some good scholars and in this term some of them made rapid strides to reach the goal. This term, we think, was appreciated by the district.

REMARKS.

Fellow-Townsmen :—In compliance with law and custom I herewith submit the annual report of our schools which have been under my supervision during the past year. Statistics are of most importance which give the public a correct idea of the extent to which the schools have been attended by those for whom they are maintained. A tabular statement is appended to this report, but a summary is given below :—

Amount of money voted by town,	\$1600 00
“ “ “ received from State,	564 20
“ paid for wages of teachers,	1399 25
“ “ “ board “ “	424 69
No. of pupils registered,	4 17
Average attendance,	3 43
Percentage of average attendance,	80

In comparing these figures with those of previous reports it will be seen that the number of scholars are dropping off year by year. Many districts are far too small to profitably maintain schools. The question will naturally suggest itself,—How can it be helped? It cannot be under the present system. Then why not abolish it and adopt a better? Many districts might be united were there suitable buildings but it would be hard to get them under the present system. There should be two graded schools in town,—one at the depot, by uniting districts Nos. 3, 7 and 18, and at the Mills by uniting Nos. 11, 12, and parts of 10 and 13. In the former, it could be done with little expense. I am anxiously looking to see this arrangement entered into.

On entering upon my duties, I found that the text book used as a reader was inadequate for the welfare of our schools as had been previously reported. In one school I found three different series, in several two series. The same was true of geography as is well known. I decided at once to make a change and after examining several series I decided upon those which have been introduced the past year.

Many suggestions and recommendations have been handed you through reports of past years, and I can only corroborate them by repeating the same.

In preparing the foregoing report I have endeavored to do so in an impartial manner,—doing justice by all, and in this I solicit your sympathy.

Your humble servant,

JOHN F. SPAULDING.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FOR THREE TERMS:—Maudie Bunker, Ada Clough, Rosie Yeaton.

FOR TWO TERMS.—May Yeaton, Lillian Bunker, Lilla Moshua, Lillie Penney, Arthur Stevens, Clair Yeaton, Ernest Bachelder, Ray Hammond, Winnie Bunker, Clinton H. Wyman, Mary A. Wyman, Stella Yeaton, Fred Guptill, Hattie Foster, Rilla Hersum, Lillian Tracy, Pamela Stevens, Delia Stevens, Allie Page, Georgie Ham, Bert Guptill, Marcia Minot, Rosa Dell Minot, Clarence Cram, Ina Cram.

FOR ONE TERM.—Linna Bunker, Clara Braley, Grace Yeaton, Lillie Herreck, Clair Minot, Gertie Braley, Sadie Clough, Charlie Bragg, Harry Damren, Bert Brann, Robbie Brann, Emma Mills, Edna Judkins, Angie Weaver, Emma Reynolds, Mertie Whitehouse, Prescott Wyman, Medie Tibbetts, Ina Yeaton, Louis Yeaton, Charlie Lord, Arthur Guptill, Edna Pray, Hortie Hersum, Maud Tracy, Mellie Fletcher, Joseph Littlefield, Bertie Morrill, Bertie Farnham, Rolfe Fletcher, Frank Johnson, Dellie Kelley, Arnie Page, Ruie Adams, Bertie Damren, May Damren, Willie Brann, Edwin Stevens, Arthur L. Hersum, Lizzie Hersum, Freddie Brown, Ned Foster, Roscoe Farnham, Edwin Hersum, Frank Hersum, Bert Hersum, Warren Knowles, Bertha Knowles, Johnnie Wellman, Carrie Farnham, Francis Farnham, Abram Brooks, Lesley Davis, Rosie Green, Cora Bickford, Addie Collier, Daniel Perkins, Annie Merrill, Jesse Brann, Willis Sawtell, Alice Faught, Della Alexander, Kate M. Branch, Florence Merrow, Mellie Gleason, Herbert Bickford, Ernest Merrow, Charlie Branch, James Oliver, Nellie Chandler, Philip Chandler.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of Dist.	Name of Teacher.	Term.	Length of term in weeks.	No. of pupils in District Apr. 1, 1886.	No. of pupils registered this term.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of average attendance.	Wages of teacher per week.	Price of board per week.	
1	Caro E. Wyman.....	Summer	8	33	17	15.5	91	3 50	1 50	
		Winter	12	33	18	14.3	79	7 25	1 50	
2	Alice A. Dunn.....	Summer	8	25	15	13	87	4 00	1 85	
		Winter	10	25	19	17	90	5 00	*2 00	
3	Sara C. Harling.....	Spring	8	42	36	30	83	4 50	1 50	
		Fall	8	42	32	27	84	4 50	1 50	
4	Beatrice L. Braley.....	Winter	12	42	35	†	5	5 50	1 50	
		Fall	6	16	9	8	89	3 50	1 70	
5	" " ".....	Winter	8	16	7	5	71	4 00	2 00	
		Summer	14	7	5	4	80	3 50	1 75	
6	Della V. Neal.....	Winter	6	31	18	16	89	3 50	1 40	
		Spring	12	31	23	19	83	5 00	1 40	
7	Alice A. Dunn.....	Fall	5	31	13	11	85	5 00	1 40	
		Winter	5	31	13	11	85	5 00	1 40	
8	ArLettie Holt.....	Summer	6	12	4	3	75	2 50	1 50	
		Winter	13.6	12	3	3	100	3 90	1 40	
9	Elgora Farnham.....	Summer	6	22	15	14.5	90	4 00	1 90	
		Winter	12	22	15	12	80	4 25	2 90	
10	Nettie Yeaton.....	Summer	16	14	11	7	64	3 50	15 25	
		Winter	8	35	31	28	90	5 00	1 15	
11	Alice H. Hodgkins....	Spring	12	35	31	27	87	5 00	2 00	
		Fall	8	35	34	†	6	25	2 00	
12	Victoria A. St. Clair....	Winter	10.6	17	21	19	90.5	6 25	2 50	
		Summer	11.6	13	27	22	82	6 25	2 50	
13	" " ".....	Fall	10	33	16	13	81	3 00	1 05	
		Summer	14	33	19	18†	95	6 50	1 40	
14	Alice A. Kimball.....	Winter	11	10	9	†	6	25	1 25	
		Summer	9	8	4	3	75	2 50	1 25	
15	Elton L. Blaisdell.....	Winter	9	8	8	6	75	2 50	1 25	
		Summer	8	16	6	5.5	92	2 00	1 40	
16	Georgie Higgins.....	Winter		7	16	9	8.5	94.5	3 00	2 00
		Summer	11	16	7	6.8	97	3 50	2 00	

* Estimated.

† School not closed.

‡ Average for nine weeks.

|| No register returned.