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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

PAID BILLS ACCRUED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 15, 1889.

Paid C. H. Wyman, services as selectman.....	\$71 50
Sewell Spaulding, " " "	61 00
Joseph Hersum, " " "	46 35
H. F. D. Wyman, " " supervisor of schools.....	83 25
J. C. Mosher, " " town clerk.....	5 00
Ira B. Tracey, " " constable.	10 00
I. W. Stevens for caring for tramps and blacksmithing.....	8 81
Plaisted & Morton for printing reports.....	16 50
W. H. Hersom for use of wagon on town farm.....	2 00
J. P. Wyman for plank for highway.....	3 25
I. H. Huckins, balance due on salary.....	129 00
F. E. Bunker for blacksmithing.....	8 40
Insane Hospital on account of Angie Hawes.....	78 37
" " " Frost children	16 65
" " " T. J. Palmer.....	109 00
J. N. Penney for threshing grain.....	1 96
A. J. Hersum for plowing on town farm.....	5 00
" " " " breaking Narrows Road.....	2 00
Georgetown on account of David Jewett.....	29 69
for halter for town farm	1 00
Washburn on account of C. A. Hunt.....	28 87
James Tebbetts, abatements for 1887.....	29 52
" " " " 1888	42 12
" " " " on farm bought for town farm ..	15 39
" " " com. f r the collection of taxes for 1887....	89 17
Baker, Baker & Cornish, bal. due as attorneys,	200 00
Total.....	\$1,093 80

PAID FOR REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES THE PAST YEAR.

Paid for labor and materials	\$253 77
Samuel Whitehouse, on road machine.....	96 25
for oil and repairs.....	12 89
Total.....	\$362 91

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE THE PAST YEAR.

Paid Chas. Richardson for supplies.....	\$16 69
C. H. Kelley " "	46 81
T. S. Golder " "	36 71
A. Hammond " "	22 02
R. K. Stuart " "	22 36
I. W. Stevens " blacksmithing	50
F. E. Bunker " "	4 60
Bartlett & Wadleigh for supplies	11 00
Ward Safford " hens	6 00
I. H. Huckins " "	2 80
Nicholas Weaver " seed beans	4 50
C. H. Wyman " harrow.....	17 00
Francis Farnham " labor	1 75
Mrs. I. H. Huckins " "	2 20
Frank Ham " use of bull	4 00
L. E. Reynolds " medical attendance.....	3 50
for coffin, robe &c. for Dorcas Hawes..	13 25
for underclothing for O. Q. Page.....	87
Total.....	<u>\$216 56</u>

THE AMOUNT SOLD FROM FARM THE PAST YEAR.

Received from sale of veal	\$15 50
" " " " poultry.....	12 10
" " " " cucumbers.....	70
" " " " sweet corn.....	3 15
" " " " beans.....	33 35
Total.....	<u>\$64 80</u>
Total cost of poor at farm including sales from farm.....	\$281 36
Received from sale of cow.....	25 00

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

Paid Insane Hospital on account of Angie Hawes.....	\$135 33
" " " " " tramps.....	6 29
Total	<u>\$141 62</u>

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid on account of C. F. Newell of New Sharon.....	4 87
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for blanks, books, stationery and postage	\$22 91
“ travelling and other expenses.....	16 00
J. H. Dunlap for mowing cemetery and removing bodies....	19 00
for rent of land for tramp house.....	2 00
“ “ “ hall.....	10 00
“ repairing hearse.....	3 00
“ “ cemetery fence....	1 50
Total.....	\$74 41
Paid out on account of Sanford fund.....	\$3 35

LIABILITIES.

Whole amount of outstanding treasury notes.....	\$4,860 00
“ “ “ “ town orders.....	109 68
“ “ “ “ school “	67 78
“ “ due the several school districts.....	567 75
“ “ of interest due March 1st, 1890.....	122 59
Due James Tebbetts, col. of taxes for 1888.....	133 52
“ B. P. Stuart “ “ “ “ 1889.....	77 53
“ Washburn on acct of C. A. Hunt.....	14 00
“ Alfred A. Kimball on account of Frost boy Est.....	9 00
“ Sanborn Bran, overseer of town farm.....	225 00
“ Byron G. Sawtelle for labor on highway.....	4 25
“ C. H. Wyman, services as selectman.....	48 25
“ C. A. Yeaton, “ “ “	65 00
“ C. H. Hallett, “ “ “	33 75
“ Henry J. Page, “ “ supervisor of schools.....	80 00
“ J. C. Mosher, “ “ town clerk.....	5 00
“ F. E. Bunker, “ “ constable.....	2 50
“ for printing reports.....	16 50
Total.....	\$6,442 10

RESOURCES.

Due from J. S. Cummings, col. for 1886.....	\$12 83
“ “ James Tebbetts, “ “ 1887.....	30 12
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1888.....	1,203 36
“ “ Bert P. Stuart, “ “ 1889.....	3,098 14
“ “ Martha Staples, on notes and interest.....	226 92
“ “ school fund and mill tax.....	567 61
“ “ land sold for taxes.....	274 12
“ “ non-resident taxes.....	118 01

Due from mortgage on T. J. Palmer's farm	102 85
“ “ New Sharon, on account of C. F. Newell	4 87
Liquor kegs and jugs on hand	3 00
Inventory of stock and provisions at Town Farm	343 95
Cash in treasury	116 44
Total	<u>\$6,102 22</u>
Total amount of liabilities	\$6,442 10
“ “ “ resources	6,102 22
Liabilities above resources	\$339 88

THE NAMES OF PAUPERS ON THE FARM THE PAST YEAR.

Charlotte Tibbetts, one year.
 Josiah Rollins, “ “
 Theodate Rollins, “ “
 Orinda Q. Hawes, “ “
 Dorcas Hawes, 8 1-2 months.
 Charles Frost, 6 1-2 “
 Angie Hawes, 23 days.

THE FOLLOWING WERE THE ASSESSMENTS FOR 1889.

State tax	\$1,360 90
County tax	529 83
Town grant to defray town charges	1,500 00
“ “ for support of schools	1,500 00
Overlaysings	185 88
Total	<u>\$5,076 61</u>
Delinquent highway taxes	\$112 26
Total commitment	\$5,188 87

Rate 12 mills on a dollar.

C. H. WYMAN,	} Selectmen	
C. A. YEATON,		of
C. H. HALLETT.		Belgrade

BELGRADE, Me., Feb. 14, 1890.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1.

William J. Foster, Agent.—Schools for the year taught by Miss Angie E. Robinson of Oakland. This school is composed wholly of small but enthusiastic, and for the most part, well advanced scholars. Miss R. endeavors to have her scholars thorough in what they go over. Mental arithmetic class did excellent work during the spring term, beginning the practical arithmetic at the first of the winter term. Definitions well recited in all the studies. This is the best school in town to classify. Some of the scholars could easily carry more studies.

DISTRICT No. 2.

H. H. Adams, Agent.—Fall and winter terms under the management of Miss Alice H. Hodgkins of No. Chesterville. Miss H. has not only taught three successive but successful terms in this district, giving general satisfaction. This teacher does not confine herself to what studies her pupils think of starting in with, but takes other exercises, which we think will be for their benefit. Extra pains taken with reading. Map questions well recited by all the small scholars from wall maps. Other studies received due attention.

DISTRICT No. 3.

James Tibbetts, Agent.—Spring term taught by Miss Etta B. Gordon, New Sharon, a teacher of twenty-nine terms' experience. We regret that we were unable to visit this school at the close, Miss G. being obliged to leave at the end of the seventh week on account of sickness. Miss G. is an energetic, wide awake teacher, losing but little time between recitations; just the teacher for a large school. At our first and only visit we found every thing moving along smoothly, and judging from this visit and all reports we think this was a very profitable term of school.

Fall term taught by Miss Winnie L. Kent, Mt. Vernon. There being so many small scholars in this school about the right age to be mischievous, at our first visit we were a little doubtful as to Miss K's ability to keep them orderly but at close of term that doubt was

removed. Miss K. took particular pains with the pronunciation of common words so often mispronounced by both scholars and teacher. Examination of all the classes good. Small scholars in geography did finely.

Winter term under the management of C. Sherman Gleason, Oakland. This teacher believes in being thorough in his studies, consequently we found the reviews good. Special care was taken with the explanation of square and cube root; a very good explanation was given. First class in arithmetic and grammar well drilled. We shall have to give to this school the credit of passing the third best examination of the winter schools, as we promised to report the three best examinations passed at the close of the winter terms.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Nathan Knowles, Agent.—Fall and winter terms taught by Mrs. Ellen M. Knowles. Mrs. K. is an old teacher in experience and has taught a number of terms in this district. Definitions in all the studies were well recited and classes in geography passed a good examination. Definitions of words, so often neglected by our teachers, were required. Beginners in arithmetic received considerable drill.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Alton Wadleigh, Agent.—School for the year under the instruction of Miss Izetta Royal, Readfield. Miss R. is an earnest worker in the school-room and inspires her scholars with some of her zeal. General improvement was made. Miss R. has taught four successive terms in this district; and we think the money for the past year in No. 5 has been well expended.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Joseph Tillson, Agent.—Spring term taught by Miss Lutie Hunt of Readfield. This is a small school but is not an easy one for a teacher inexperienced as Miss H. was. This teacher was self-possessed in the school-room and we think, with experience, would make a good teacher.

Fall term by Miss May B. Farnham. At our first visit we noticed that this teacher held the attention of her scholars while reciting, a requisite not possessed by all teachers. Definitions of words were required. General improvement was made in all the studies taken.

Winter term by Miss Sadie Spaulding, who commenced her duties in earnest. Miss Spaulding has taught a number of terms with good success. At close of term we found order good and Miss S. still endeavoring to do her best, the scholars passing a good examination in all their studies. Definitions and abbreviations well recited.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Edwin O. Tibbetts, Agent.—This district was again fortunate in securing their old teacher, Miss Elnora Farnham, for the spring and fall terms. Although this school was small, Miss F. made good use of her time, requiring classes in reading to give substance of the reading lessons, definitions of words and commit appropriate pieces to speak. Classes in Geography and Arithmetic received proper attention. The whole school took physiology without the aid of a text book. None of the studies were slighted.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Orrin Gowell, Agent.—Fall term under the management of Miss Annie L. Weston. Miss W. has been teaching during the past two years in N. J. The scholars passed a good examination in all their studies. Classes in Geography and Mental arithmetic did nicely. This is a pleasant school and has some smart scholars who we think would like the chance to attend High School, if we could have one in town.

Winter term taught by your Supervisor.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Samuel Chandler, Agent.—Spring term instructed by Miss May M. Robinson of Oakland. This teacher commenced her work with a will. First class in Arithmetic quite thorough. Definitions in all studies well recited.

Winter term taught by Miss Dora T. Hersom. In taking up a new subject Miss H. endeavors by explanations and illustrations to make it plain so as to be easily understood by her pupils. An illustration on the physical divisions of land and water was very good. Examinations in all the studies were good. We feel safe in saying in our opinion this was the second best examination of the winter terms.

DISTRICT No. 11.

M. N. Libby, Agent.—The spring term taught by Miss Caro E. Wyman. Although this is not an easy school to teach, Miss Wyman proved herself equal to any emergency which might arise. Miss Wyman is at home in the school-room and takes an interest in all studies; inspiring her scholars with animation. Classes in algebra, arithmetic and geography were specially good. Small scholars took physiology without the use of the text book. Oral music taken by the whole school.

Fall term under the instruction of Miss Maude E. Golder. Although this was Miss G's first school she succeeded beyond our expectations. This teacher is self-possessed in the school-room and we think had the good will of her scholars before her school com-

menced. Second-class in geography passed an excellent examination. Algebra and natural philosophy classes did good work. Due attention paid to studies in general.

Winter term by Elton L. Blaisdell of Rome. Mr. B. is a teacher of fifteen terms experience and is well spoken of where he has taught. Considerable attention was paid to reading. Mental arithmetic class did well. This school has a number of smart scholars, some of whom contemplate leaving town to attend school.

DISTRICT No. 12.

William Hersom, Agent.—This district has had but thirteen weeks schooling during the past year, a fall term, taught by Elton L. Blaisdell. Special attention was given to a small class in mental arithmetic, who did credit to themselves as well as the teacher. Classes in reading well drilled, reviews in other studies good.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Frank Ham, Agent.—Spring and winter terms taught by Miss Mabel Kelley of Readfield. At our first visit but four of Miss K's scholars were present. At the close of the spring term the scholars did not show that degree of improvement we had hoped to find. This was Miss K's first term. As Miss Kelley has a fair education and was engaged for the winter term, with a little help and advice we thought she might keep a profitable school, but the school was too small to bring out her teaching qualities.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Mrs. H. M. Merrow, Agent.—Spring term taught by Mrs. Marcia E. Bickford. This was Mrs. B.'s twenty-third term, in which she worked hard and we think gave general satisfaction. There was general improvement made in the studies taken.

Fall and winter terms taught by Miss Caro E. Wyman. What was said of Miss W. in No. 11 can well be applied here. Although the scholars of this district did not pass as good an examination as at the close of the fall term we feel justified in giving this school the credit of passing the best examination of the winter terms.

DISTRICT No. 15.

I. K. Stevens, Agent.—No summer term.

Guy A. Hubbard of Oakland was engaged to teach the winter school; but at the end of six weeks was obliged to leave on account of sickness, the school receiving but one visit from the Supervisor. Mr. Hubbard has a good education for one of his age, and we think started in well for an inexperienced teacher. Your Supervisor has been engaged to finish the school which has been keeping six days.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Edwin Willey, Agent.—Spring and winter terms taught by Miss Della Alexander. Although this was Miss A's first attempt at teaching, the scholars passed a good examination at the close of both terms. For the greater part of the time Miss A. had only four scholars but her time was well taken up. Two of the pupils of this school are well advanced for their age and would make fine schools if given a suitable chance. We think with more schooling and experience Miss A. will become a first-class teacher.

 REMARKS.

FELLOW-TOWNSMEN:—In making the report for the year 1889-90 we have endeavored, as far as our knowledge goes, to present such information as will show the present condition and progress of our schools; and will add a few facts learned from observation, and comparing the progress made under our present School System with the progress made by other towns run under the Town System.

As a whole the schools for the past year have been good; while a few schools were not what they should have been. Others did credit to themselves and teacher. Now for that old subject, the Town System, again There should be something done about our schools. As it is now we are not exactly throwing the money away in our small districts but for the same number of schools it costs much more than it need to if some of the schools were united. If our eighteen school districts were reduced to six or seven, every district could have at least thirty weeks' schooling during the year, with the amount of money we expend annually for school purposes, and then have more than enough left to support a High School.

Scholars in our common town schools generally go about so far when they lose interest in the school. If at this period they could be put into a High school the chances would be that many of them would become good scholars. Of the twenty-two teachers employed during the past year, only eleven belong in town, while but two of our teachers have taught out of town. The most of our teachers have been obliged to leave town to fit themselves for teaching. Why not educate our teachers in our own town? There are a number of scholars in our town who would go away to a higher school if they had the means.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. PAGE, Supervisor.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FOR THREE TERMS. Dist. No. 6.—Rose Yeaton, Mertie B. Whitehouse, Annie S. Yeaton. No. 11.—Hattie J. Foster, Johnnie Morrill. No. 14.—Williard Gleason.

FOR TWO TERMS. Dist. No. 3—Addie Butterfield, Sadie Clough. No. 4.—Elvin E. Knowles. No. 7.—Rosa Minot. No. 9.—Lewis A. Yeaton. No. 10—Philip Chandler. No. 11.—Fronia E. Bean. No. 14.—Katie Branch, Emily Bickford, Herbert Bickford, Bertha H. Watson. No. 17.—Jessie Brann.

FOR ONE TERM. Dist. No. 1.—Robbie A. Brann, Edna L. Judkins, Sadie B. Judkins, Lester F. Judkins, Emma Mills, Fannie L. Taylor, Willie E. Taylor, Mary A. Wyman. No. 2.—Renie S. P. Adams, Alton J. Bearce, Arnie E. Page. No. 3.—Freddie Bragg, Johnnie Bragg, Gertrude Braley, Maud Bunker, Lillie Humphrey, Ray Hammond, Irvin Mosher, Arthur Whitehouse, Clara Williams. No. 4.—Nellie M. Brown, Bertha Knowles, Fred Knowles. No. 5.—Angie Wadleigh, Edwin E. Wadleigh, Grace D. Wadleigh. No. 6.—Eddie M. Francis, Ida Tillson, Eva M. Yeaton, Guy A. Yeaton, Leon Yeaton, Mabel A. Yeaton. No. 7.—Marcia Minot, Millie Tibbetts. No. 9.—Alice Lord, Charlie Lord, Thomas Webb, Elmedie Tibbetts, Ina Yeaton. No. 10.—Charlie Chandler, Norman Damren, Ralph Dolloff, Nellie Chandler, Nannie Chandler, Oral Littlefield. No. 11.—Dellie Pray, Vesta M. Clark, Edna M. Pray, Hortense L. Hersom, Taber G. Hersom, Maud S. Tracy, Nellie Towle. No. 13.—J. Henry Scribner. No. 14.—Arthur Branch, Charlie Branch, Harold Bickford, Jennie M. Damren, Leslie Damren, Florence Merrow, Fannie J. Merrow, Lewis W. Stuart. No. 15.—Clinton Stevens. No. 17.—Percy R. Larkin, Willig Sawtelle.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of Dist.	Name of Teacher.	Term.	Length of term in weeks.	No of pupils in District Apr. 1, 1889.	No. of pupils registered this term.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of average Attendance	Wages of teacher per week	Price of board per week.
1	Angie E. Robinson...	Spring	8	25	12	11.5	96.4	4 50	1 75
	" " " " ..	Winter	11	25	11	9.2	84.3	6 00	2 35
2	Alice H. Hodgkins. . .	Fall	10	18	7	6	86.4	4 50	2 50
	" " " " ..	Winter	8	18	11	8.7	79.1	4 50	2 50
3	Etta B. Gordon.....	Spring	7	40	33	28.4	86.1	5 00	2 00
	Minnie L. Kent.....	Fall	8	40	23	17.2	74.7	6 50	2 00
4	C. Sherman Gleason..	Winter	10	40	27	22.4	83	7 50	2 85
	Ellen M. Knowles....	Fall	8	16	14	12.4	89.1	3 00	1 65
5	" " " " ..	Winter	10	16	10	9	90	3 90	1 95
	Izetta Royal.....	Fall	9	7	11	6.9	63.2	3 50	1 75
6	" " " " ..	Winter	7	7	9	7.9	88.2	3 50	1 75
	Lutie Hunt.....	Spring	8	29	13	12.4	95.7	3 00	1 75
7	May B. Farnham....	Fall	8	29	13	12.1	93.4	3 50	1 85
	Sadie Spaulding.	Winter	10	29	14	12.3	88	4 50	1 90
9	Elnora Farnham.	Spring	8	11	6	5.6	94.3	2 50	1 25
	" " " " ..	Fall	12	11	9	7.9	88.5	3 00	1 25
10	Annie L. Weston	Fall	8	21	16	13.2	82.9	4 50	1 50
	Henry J. Page.....	Winter	9	21	16	13	81.8	6 25	2 00
11	May M. Robinson. . .	Spring	8	16	10	9.3	93.8	3 50	1 65
	Dora T. Herson	Winter	9½	16	8	7.2	90.3	4 00	1 75
12	Caro E. Wyman.....	Spring	8	30	24	19.3	80.5	4 50	2 00
	Maude L. Golder....	Fall	10	30	25	21.9	87.6	4 50	2 00
13	Elton L. Blaisdell....	Winter	10	30	29	22.1	76.3	6 25	2 50
	" " " " ..	Fall	13	12	16	10.4	65	6 25	1 90
14	Mabel Kelley.....	Spring	6	6	13	9	69.2	2 50	1 50
	" " " " ..	Winter	10	6	4	2.5	62.5	3 50	2 00
15	Marcia E. Bickford..	Spring	8	33	19	17.7	93.4	4 00	1 00
	Caro E. Wyman.	Fall	9 2-5	33	20	16	80.3	4 50	1 00
16	" " " " ..	Winter	12	33	19	16.2	85.6	5 00	1 50
	Guy A. Hubbard.....	Winter	8	16	6	4.1	68.7	5 00	1 50
17	Della Alexander.....	Spring	8	11	4	3.9	99.3	2 65	1 10
	" " " " ..	Winter	15	11	6	4.9	82.4	3 10	1 40

* School not yet finished

WARRANT FOR MARCH MEETING, 1890.

To Frank E. Bunker, Constable of the town of Belgrade, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Belgrade qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Masonic Hall in said town on the third day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

FIRST, To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

SECOND, To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

THIRD, To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant for the support of poor, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

FOURTH, To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

FIFTH, To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school books.

SIXTH, To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of roads and bridges, and determine in what manner the same shall be expended.

SEVENTH, To see if the town will vote to buy another road machine, and raise money therefor.

EIGHTH, To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at Masonic Hall, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

GIVEN under our hands, at Belgrade, this fourteenth day of
February, A. D. 1890.

C. H. WYMAN,	}	Selectmen of Belgrade.
C. A. YEATON,		
C. H. HALLETT.		