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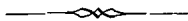
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

PAID BILLS ACCRUED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 15, 1890.

Paid C. H. Wyman, services as selectman	\$ 49 75
G. A. Yeaton, " " "	65 00
C. H. Hallett, " " "	33 75
Henry J. Page, " " supervisor of schools.....	80 00
J. C. Mosher, " " town clerk.....	5 00
Plaisted & Son for printing reports.....	16 50
Sanborn Brann, overseer of town farm.....	225 00
A. Kimball on account of Frost boy	12 71
Byron G. Sawtelle, labor on highway.....	4 25
Nath'l Towle, for filing saws for town farm.....	45
L. L. Clark, labor on highway.....	1 25
C. M. Weston, for labor and plank for highway.....	5 30
G. R. Gleason, " plank for highway.....	4 45
N. J. Stevens " repairing cemetery fence.....	2 00
James Tebbetts, abatements on taxes of 1887 & 1888.....	38 39
" " " " delinquent highway taxes	34 40
" " real estate sold for taxes	73 68
" " collection on taxes for 1888.....	133 52
B. P. Stuart, abatements on taxes for 1889.....	11 80
J. S. Cummings, " " " " 1886.....	8 99
Total.....	\$806 19

PAID FOR THE REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES THE PAST YEAR.

Paid for the repairs of bridges.....	\$252 89
" " " " highway.....	124 55
Sam'l Whitehouse, Jr., for labor on road machine.....	63 00
For repairs on road machine.....	14 35
Total.....	\$454 79

PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE THE PAST YEAR.

Paid A. Hammond for supplies.....	\$44 96
T. S. Golder " "	27 36
R. K. Stuart " "	29 96
C. Richardson " "	27 31
C. H. Kelley " "	23 41
Bartlett & Wadleigh, for supplies.....	31 29
for stove.....	10 00
" pigs.....	7 00
M. S. Treworgy on salary, overseer of farm.....	130 00
J. H. Dunlap, sexton.....	6 00
F. E. Bunker for blacksmithing	7 25
I. W. Stevens " "	30
F. C. Foster " threshing grain	1 52
H. A. Morrill, " sawing timber.....	4 46
W. H. Wheeler for coffin, &c.....	15 00
L. E. Reynolds for medical attendance.....	3 75
G. E. Damren for service of bull.....	1 00
.....	
.....	\$370 57

Of the above bills the following have been paid from farm:

Paid A. Hammond.....	33 58
T. S. Golder.....	6 42
R. K. Stuart.....	21 13
C. Richardson	9 36
C. H. Kelley.....	23 41
Bartlett & Wadleigh.....	31 29
Cash paid by M. S. Treworgy	11 23
" in hands of "	2 34
Total.....	\$139 76

Cost for support of poor above income from farm exclusive of overseer's salary.....	110 81
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AMOUNT SOLD FROM FARM THE PAST YEAR.

Received from sale of pork.....	15 52
" " " " veal	8 50
" " " " chickens	8 35
" " " " cider apples.....	10 79
" " " " cheese.....	10 27
" " " " green peas.....	2 00
" " " " beans.....	11 90
" " " " carrots and beets.....	3 60

Received from sale of potatoes.....	12 00
“ “ “ “ eggs.....	31 04
“ “ “ “ butter.....	21 79
“ “ letting horse	4 00
Total.....	<u>\$139 76</u>

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

Paid Skowhegan on account of Angie Hawes... ..	\$45 00
Washburn “ “ “ C. A. Hunt.....	71 19
Camden “ “ “ W. O. Kaheel.....	16 32
Industrial school “ “ Laura Frost.....	3 00
	<u>\$135 51</u>
Paid on account of tramps.....	\$8 25

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for blanks, books, stationery and postage....	\$21 11
traveling and other expenses.....	19 65
W. H. Harvey for varnishing hearse.....	7 00
H. F. D. Wyman, freight on school books.....	2 91
J. H. Dunlap for mowing cemeteries.....	14 00
“ “ “ “ repairs on hearse.....	75
B. P. Stuart discount on taxes.....	95 00
Cash paid for school books.....	285 81
for rent of land for tramp house.....	2 00
“ “ “ hall.....	10 00
R. K. Stuart for administering oath.....	25
Geo. E. Lowden damage on highway.....	13 30
Total.....	<u>\$471 78</u>
Paid from Sanford fund.....	38

LIABILITIES.

Whole amount of outstanding treasury notes.....	\$4,210 00
“ “ “ “ town orders.....	85 25
“ “ “ “ school “	8 41
“ “ due the several school districts.....	543 85
“ “ of interest due March 1st, 1891.....	55 70

Due B. P. Stuart, col. of taxes for 1889.....	77 53
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1890.....	89 19
“ M. S. Treworgy on salary.....	70 00
“ on account of paupers, estimated.....	15 00
“ C. H. Wyman, services as selectman.....	60 00
“ C. A. Yeaton.....	25 75
“ C. H. Hallett.....	41 75
“ H. F. D. Wyman, services as supervisor of schools.....	80 00
“ J. C. Mosher, “ “ town clerk.....	5 00
“ F. E. Bunker, “ “ constable.....	7 50
“ for printing reports.....	16 50
Total.....	<u>\$5,391 43</u>

RESOURCES.

Due from James Tebbetts, col. for 1888.....	\$ 62 77
“ “ B. P. Stuart, “ “ 1889.....	778 14
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1890.....	1,502 41
“ Martha Staples on notes.....	184 42
“ school fund and mill tax.....	607 22
“ non-resident taxes.....	73 20
“ land sold for taxes.....	271 58
“ State on crow bounty.....	16 80
“ mortgage on T. J. Palmer's farm.....	102 85
“ New Sharon on account of Newell.....	4 87
Inventory of stock and provisions at town farm.....	422 14
Cash in treasury.....	1,007 48
Total.....	<u>\$5,033 88</u>
Total amount of liabilities.....	\$5,391 43
“ “ “ resources.....	5,033 88
Liabilities above resources.....	\$357 55
Treasury notes bearing interest less than last year.....	\$650 00

STOCK AND PROVISIONS ON HAND AT TOWN FARM, FEB. 10, 1891.

One horse, three cows, one year old, one shoar, thirty hens, eight tons hay, one ton straw, sixteen cords wood, sixty-five bush. potatoes, four bush. turnips, two bush. beets, three bbl. apples, one and one-half bbl. pork, forty-five lbs. cheese, two bush. carrots, forty pounds butter, twenty-five lbs. lard, seventy-four lbs. dried apples, one and one-fourth bbl. flour, three pecks peas, two and one-fourth bush. beans, one and one-half bush. meal, seven bush. shelled corn, twenty bush. oats, fifty

lbs. shorts, ten lbs. sugar, two gals. molasses, one-half bbl. pickles, one gallon vinegar.

LIST OF PAUPERS AT FARM THE PAST YEAR.

Charlotte Tibbetts, one year.
 Theodate Rollins, " "
 Josiah Rollins, " "
 Charles Frost, " "
 Simeon Branch, seven months.
 Orinda Q. Page, 1½ "
 Mary J. Mignault, three days.

THE FOLLOWING WERE THE ASSESSMENTS FOR 1890.

State tax.....	\$1,114 08
County tax.....	529 83
Town grant to defray town charges.....	1,500 00
" " for support of schools.....	1,500 00
" " " school books.....	400 00
Overlayings on same.....	202 41
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Total commitment.....	\$5,246 32

Rate .0123 on a dollar.

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

BELGRADE, ME., Feb. 13, 1891.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF BELGRADE IN ACCOUNT WITH L. W. BACHELDER, TREASURER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 11th, 1891.

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To paid treasury notes.....		\$5,790 00
“ “ interest		281 14
“ “ town orders.....		2,272 92
“ “ school orders.....		2,199 57
“ “ State pensions.....		72 00
“ “ bounty on crows.....		16 80
“ “ for making deeds of real estate sold for taxes.....		2 00
“ “ Treasurer's commission.....		30 00
“ “ cash in treasury.....		1,007 48
Total.....		11,671 91

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Cash in treasury March 10th, 1890.....		\$116 44
Received of J. S. Cummings, col. of taxes for 1886.....		12 83
“ “ James Tebbets “ “ “ 1887.....		30 12
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1888.....		1,140 59
“ “ B. P. Stuart “ “ “ “ 1889.....		2,192 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1890.....		2,100 00
“ “ State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax.....		567 61
“ “ “ “ railroad and telegraph tax.....		3 00
“ “ “ “ on account of State pension.....		72 00
“ for non-resident taxes.....		179 82
“ redeemed land sold for taxes.....		43 51
“ from J. H. Dunlap, for sale of burial lot in cemetery		10 00
“ “ Albert Austin for license to peddle.....		6 00
“ “ H. F. D. Wyman, for sale of school books....		6 49
“ “ James Tibbetts for sale of jugs that contained seized liquor.....		1 50
“ “ Martha Staples on note.....		50 00
Cash received and gave treasury notes.....		5,140 00
Total.....		\$11,671 91

L. W. BACHELDER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

To the Citizens of Belgrade:

State legislation having made it obligatory upon the town to furnish text-books, we could say with one formerly, "It is a condition, not a theory. that confronts us." How best to meet this condition was the problem. It seemed desirable to make some changes, particularly readers, spellers, and grammars.

Every teacher knows that after a pupil has read through a book several times his interest flags; no matter how excellent a series of readers in use may be, they need to be changed or supplemented oftener than any other text-book.

The spellers in use were out of date and out of print.

To learn to write and speak the English language correctly one must use it.

We have had too much technical grammar and too little practice in the use of language. Scholars will give rules and definitions, analyze and parse readily, but the difficulty has been they were not required to apply them in actual written work.

It is as true of this as of everything else, the pupil learns to do, by doing.

Authors of modern works recognize this fact and have given us books embodying these principles. A majority of our pupils as soon as they complete the primary Arithmetic, sometimes from ambition, oftener by advice, skip the intermediate and take the Practical. They are not old enough for such work, their reasoning powers are not sufficiently developed and they are soon beyond their depth. The pupil has to receive too much aid; he learns to perform the examples mechanically; the desired end, mental growth, has not been attained. Greenleaf's old series were so popular, we were aware it

was hazardous to displace them. The new complete book combines the oral with the written work and still retains all the valuable features of the old.

After examining many series of books, getting the publishers' best prices, and taking everything into consideration, we thought it better and more economical in the end, to purchase new books entire.

In making selections, the points we had in view were mechanical make-up, durability, cost, and to have them conform, as far as possible, to modern methods of instruction.

The following is the list of books introduced :

Swinton's Readers,
 Metcalf's Speller,
 Greenleaf's New Arithmetic,
 " Elementary Algebra,
 Steele's Hygienic Physiology,
 Southworth and Goddard's Grammar,
 Miss Hyde's Practical Lessons in the Use of English—First
 book,
 Harper's Geographies,
 Barnes' Brief History,
 Meservey's Book-keeping and Blanks,
 Webster's Academic Dictionary.

The cost for future supply is marked in each book.

The new law imposes much additional labor. The teachers have heartily cooperated and the pupils, with rare exceptions, have been careful in the preservation of the books.

COST OF BOOKS.

The cost of the books at introductory prices, which is below former wholesale prices, would have been	\$505.58
Special discounts received	219.77
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Balance	285.81
Received for sale of books	6.49
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Total cost	\$279.32
Appropriation	\$400.00
Less cost of books	279.32
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Balance in the Treasury	\$120.68
Value of books on hand, not distributed, at contract prices	\$103.97

It will readily be seen that the books on hand, with the money in

the Treasury will obviate the necessity of another appropriation for one year—possibly two or more:

In the absence of proper places in our school-rooms for the books during vacation, the pupils have been allowed to retain those they have used through the term.

In Massachusetts inexpensive book-cases are provided. It may be necessary for us to follow this example.

It is the custom of many towns to give a general summary of their schools instead of special reports of each term. One reason assigned is that injustice may be done some teachers while undue praise is bestowed upon others.

This may be a sufficient motive but not the one that influences us in the present instance, for we still hold to the belief that individual reports, in many cases, serve as a stimulus for better work.

Our limited space, more than usual being required for other matter, must be our apology, if one is necessary.

In a few of our schools, the order could have been improved, but the parents must share the responsibility with the teacher, for children well disciplined at home need very little governing in the school-room.

The majority of our schools have been under the instruction of tried and efficient teachers. Seven districts have retained the same teachers throughout the year, thus securing uninterrupted work. This is a favorable tendency.

Sixteen terms have been taught by teachers living in town, one of these had never taught before, but gives much promise for the future. Encouragement, as far as possible should be given home talent.

The schools in districts Nos. 12 and 13 were run together. This seemed the only reasonable method to pursue, as there were but two or three scholars to attend from the latter district. It is very desirable to secure the best possible advantages for these small schools.

We have endeavored to have the work in grammar more practical, and in many schools an advancement on the right lines was noticeable; in a few, excellent results have been accomplished. Geography and history classes have been superior.

That all have not brought forth equally good results is no mystery when it is considered that simply taking the prescribed course of study required to be taught in our schools, is but one of the many requisites of a successful teacher.

Do they embrace every opportunity to acquire special preparation? Are they subscribers to and interested readers of any work devoted to the theory and practice of teaching? Do they attend teachers' meetings, held expressly for their benefit? Do they visit other schools, not for the purpose of making public, adverse criticism, for no honorable teacher will do this, but to sift carefully the wheat from the tares and to retain the good seed to be sown in their own field of labor? Do they realize that inventive genius and enthusiasm are indispensable to continued interest? And finally, have they tact and executive ability?

The teacher who can answer these questions in the affirmative is the most likely to attain the greatest success.

The primary principle of education is teaching the pupil self-activity, encouraging him to gain knowledge for himself by exercise of his own motive powers.

This is a progressive age. Our energetic, wide-awake teachers are constantly gleaning; subjects are brought up for discussion, the pupil catches the spirit, soon becomes interested, and searches for himself.

IN MEMORIAM.

SADIE L. SPAULDING.

The ranks of our teachers were suddenly invaded, and a conscientious laborer was cut down in the midst of the duties she strove so cheerfully and faithfully to perform.

The instructor became the pupil of the Great Master.

“As a cloud of the sunset, slow melting in Heaven,
As a star that is lost when the daylight is given,
As a glad dream of slumber, which wakens in bliss,
She hath passed to the world of the holy from this.”

With thanks for uniform courtesy and kindness shown us, this report is respectfully submitted.

H. F. D. WYMAN, SUPERVISOR.

Belgrade, Feb. 15, 1891.

ROLL OF HONOR.

For three terms. No. 1—Mury A. Wyman, Emma Mills. No. 11—Hortie Hersom, Hattie Foster, Ralph Hersom, Dean Farnham. No. 14—Katie Branch, Millard Gleason. No. 16—Emily Bickford.

For Two Terms. Ralph B. Wyman, Fannie L. Taylor. No. 2—Arnie Page, Bertie Damren. No. 3—Raymond Hammond. No. 4—Willie Penney, Eva Penney. No. 6—Annie Yeaton, Rosa Yeaton, Guy Yeaton, Leon Yeaton. No. 9—Arthur Cottle. No. 11—Edna Pray, Lilla Tracy, Maude Tracy, Delmar Blaisdell, Nellie Towle. No. 14—Florence Merrow, Bertha Watson, Arthur Branch, Alva Watson, Belle Willey. No. 15—Clinton H. Stevens. No. 16—Harold Bickford, Alvin Boynton. No. 17—Willis P. Sawtelle.

For One Term. Edna L. Judkins, Sadie B. Judkins, Clinton H. Wyman, Willie E. Taylor, Percy H. Williams. No. 2—Ruel S. P. Adams, May Damren, Alla Page, Lutie Perkins, Alton Bearce. No. 3—Lilla Penney, Addie Butterfield, Clair Yeaton, Mabel Riley, Clara Williams, Erla Yeaton, John Stevens. No. 4—Elwin Knowles, Fred Knowles, Harry Penney, Bertha Knowles. No. 5—Percy Hanson, Grace Wadleigh. No. 6—Guy Cummings, Ida Stillson, Eva Yeaton, Eddie Loudon, Mertie Whitehouse. No. 9—Ina Yeaton, Florence Yeaton, Lewis Yeaton, Howard Gowell. No. 10—Phillip Chandler, Pearle Tebbetts, Oral Littlefield, Nannie Chandler, Norman Damren. No. 11—Bertha Farnham, Eddie Fletcher, Millie Fletcher, Russell Morrill, Clyde Hersom, Roland Farnham, Rilla Hersom, Jennie Morrill, Gertrude Farnham, Delia Pray. No. 12—Herbert Scribner, Jay Scribner, Willie Truwerger, Fred Rowe. No. 14—Charley Branch, Fannie Merrow, Mary Hickey, Earnest Merrow. No. 15—Millard Stevens. No. 16—Caroll Bickford, Ralph Bickford. No. 17—Percy Larken, Effie Willey.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of Dist.	Name of Teacher.	Term.	Length of term in weeks.	No of pupils in District Apr. 1, 1890.	No. of pupils registered this term.	Average Attendance.	Wages of teacher per week	Price of board per week.
No. 1	Caro E. Wyman.....	Spring	8	20	19	17	4 50	1 50
	" " "	Fall	8	20	14	13	4 50	1 50
	" " "	Winter	8	20	11	10	4 50	1 50
2	Alice H. Hodgkins..	Fall	8	18	12	10	4 50	2 00
	" " "	Winter	11	18	10	†9.5	4 50	2 30
3	Sada C. Tebbetts....	Spring	8	42	31	27	5 00	2 00
	Josie Barker.....	Fall	8	42	27	23	5 00	2 75
	Charles L. Clough...	Winter	9	42	27	19	7 00	2 75
4	M. Belle Clough....	Fall	6	17	16	14.	3 25	1 60
	" " "	Winter	11	17	8	7	3 25	2 00
5	Izetta Royal.....	Spring	6	6	7	5.4	3 50	2 00
	" "	Winter	9	6	8	7.3	3 75	1 65
6	Mary M. Fogg.....	Spring	8	30	13	10.3	3 50	1 90
	Lizzie S. Hodgkins..	Fall	10	30	16	†5.+	4 00	1 90
	Lutie Hunt.....	Winter	9	30	19	17	4 00	1 90
7	Sadie Spaulding....	Spring		15				
	Blanche Minot.....	Fall	10	15	6	4	2 25	1 00
9	Izetta Royal.....	Fall	6	22	12	10.5	3 50	2 00
	Carrie A. Wade....	Winter	16	22	14	*13.2	4 00	2 00
10	May B. Farnham....	Spring	7	14	9	8	3 50	1 85
	Dora T. Hersom	Fall	10	14	10	7	4 50	1 85
11	Maude E. Golder....	Spring	8	34	27	24.4	5 00	2 00
	" " "	Fall	10	34	21	19	5 00	2 00
	Annie L. Weston	Winter	9	34	22	†20.4	5 00	2 00
12	Edward A. Crowwell..	Fall	12	13	16	11	5 25	2 00
	" " "	Winter	6	13	12	10	5 25	2 00
14	Alice Hodgkins.....	Spring	8	30	16	14.5	4 50	1 35
	Ida S. Cowan.....	Fall	8	30	20	18	4 00	1 20
	" " "	Winter	9	30	18	14	5 00	1 40
15	Fattie M. Strickland.	Fall	9	11	4	2	3 00	1 55
	Marcia E. Bickford..	Winter	8.4	11	8	7.6	3 25	1 55
16	" " "	Spring	7	7	7	6.8	2 50	2 00
	" " "	Fall	7	7	7	6.7	3 00	2 00
	Della H. Alexander..	Spring	8	13	6	5.3	3 00	1 45
17	" " "	Winter	9.6	13	6	5.5	3 50	2 00

† Average for nine weeks.

* Average for fourteen weeks.

‡ Average for five weeks.

WARRANT.

To *Frank E. Bunker*, Constable of the town of *Belgrade*, in the County of *Kennebec*. 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 *Monday* the second 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 year ensuing.

THIRD, To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to defray town charges the ensuing year.

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

FIFTH, To see if the town will vote to grant and raise a sum of money for the repairs of roads and bridges, the same to be paid in money ; If so what amount ; To be expended under the direction of the selectmen.

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

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

GIVEN under our hands, at *Belgrade*, this thirteenth day of *February*, A. D. 1891.

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