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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Paid bills accrued prior to February 15, 1891.

Paid C. H. Wyman, services as selectman.....	\$	60 00
C. H. Hallett " " .....		41 75
C. A. Yeaton " " .....		31 75
H. F. D. Wyman " supervisor.....		81 00
J. C. Mosher " clerk .....		5 00
F. E. Bunker " constable.....		7 50
M. S. Treworgy bal. on salary and cash paid out.....		74 12
Plaisted & Son for printing reports.....		16 50
Augusta on account of M. J. Mignault.....		16 75
Avery Ellis abatement poll tax (70 years old).....		2 50
Ira B. Tracy breaking Narrows road.....		12 81
J. A. Bickford plank for highway.....		2 00
N. W. Copp " " ".....		2 65
L. K. Stevens " and labor for highway.....		10 00
E. C. Taylor cask cement.....		4 27
C. M. Weston plank for highway.....		4 13
Elmer E. Dunn breaking Dunn road.....		2 66
Camden on account of W. O. Kahearl.....		95 00
G. E. Minot abatement on taxes (over valuation).....		2 19
James Tibbetts " " " for 1888.....		11 54
B. P. Stuart " " " " 1889.....		26 98
B. P. Stuart " delinquent highway taxes.....		101 49
Total.....		\$612 59
Paid for repairs of roads and bridges the past year.....	\$1266	63
for overwork taxes for 1890.....		301 79
Total.....		\$1568 42
Amount appropriated.....	\$1500	00
overdrawn.....		68 42
This does not include snow bills for the winter 1892.		
Paid for support of poor at almshouse the past year.		
Paid I. J. Pray for wagon.....	\$	38 00
C. M. Weston for fertilizer.....		17 00
M. S. Treworgy one-half year's salary.....		125 00
J. H. Dunlap, sexton.....		3 00
W. H. Wheeler for coffins and robes.....		33 00
F. E. Bunker " blacksmithing.....		3 55
Mowing machine sections.....		1 00
L. E. Reynolds, medical attendance.....		7 50
F. A. Page, two pigs.....		4 00
C. Richardson for supplies.....		6 80
A. Hammond " ".....		33 51
R. K. Stuart " ".....		28 97

Paid L. A. Bartlett " ".....	26 39
C. H. Kelley " ".....	44 37
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$372 08</b>

Of the above bills the farm has paid.....	\$129 35
Cost for support of poor on farm above income from farm exclusive of overseer's salary.....	\$117 73

**Amount sold from farm the past year.**

Received from sale of potatoes.....	\$ 27 67
" " " eggs.....	33 24
" " " butter.....	25 56
" " " seed corn.....	85
" " " dried apples.....	6 87
" " " green ".....	2 80
" " " oats.....	5 25
" " " carrots.....	60
" " " chickens.....	2 90
" " " cheese.....	1 10
" " " lard.....	1 24
" " " peas.....	1 92
" " " beans.....	12 68
" " " pasturing colt.....	3 00
" " " horse hire.....	2 25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$127 93</b>

**Paid for support of poor not at almshouse the past year.**

Paid on account of C. A. Hunt .....	\$ 51 79
" " " W. O. Kahearl.....	24 17
" " " tramps.....	5 33

**MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.**

Paid for blanks, books, stationary and postage.....	\$ 26 80
traveling and other expenses.....	43 01
school books and express on same.....	44 71
J. H. Dunlap, mowing cemeteries.....	14 00
H. W. Knowles for printing.....	3 00
F. E. Bunker for repairs on hearse.....	1 50
E. C. Taylor discount on taxes.....	165 00
L. E. Reynolds for reporting births and deaths.....	1 00
for rent of land for tramp house.....	2 00
" " " hall.....	10 00
C. M. Weston for making deeds.....	1 00
G. E. Minot " " ".....	2 25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$314 27</b>

**LIABILITIES.**

Whole amount outstanding treasury notes.....	\$3810 00
" " town orders.....	88 12
" " school orders.....	6 55
" " interest due March 1st, 1892 .....	66 70
" " due the several school districts .....	644 51

Due B. P. Stuart commission as collector of taxes 1889.....	77 53
"        "        "        "        1890.....	89 19
E. C. Taylor        "        "        "        1891.....	81 00
M. S. Treworgy on salary.....	125 00
C. H. Wyman services as selectman.....	56 00
C. H. Hallett        "        "        ".....	38 75
E. F. Yeaton        "        "        ".....	48 00
H. F. D. Wyman        "        "        supervisor.....	80 00
J. C. Mosher        "        "        clerk.....	5 00
F. E. Bunker        "        "        constable.....	5 00
J. H. Dunlap        "        "        sexton.....	6 00
from printing reports.....	16 50
Augusta on account of Mary J. Mignault.....	38 75
on state tax.....	1181 30
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Total.....	\$6463 90

## RESOURCES.

Due from B. P. Stuart, collector 1889.....	\$ 268 14
"        "        "        1890.....	1324 07
"    E. C. Taylor        "        1891.....	2299 94
"    Martha Staples on notes.....	127 82
"    school fund and mill tax.....	713 60
"    non-resident taxes.....	66 58
"    land sold for taxes.....	157 80
"    T. J. Palmer mortgage.....	102 85
Inventory of stock and provisions at town farm.....	458 15
Cash in treasury.....	535 63
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Total.....	\$6054 58
Total liabilities.....	\$6425 15
"    resources.....	6054 58
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Liabilities above resources....	\$ 370 57
Treasury notes bearing interest less than last year.....	400 00

## STOCK AND PROVISIONS ON HAND AT TOWN FARM FEB. 16, 1892

One horse, three cows, one two year old heifer, one one year old heifer, two one year old steers, two shotes, thirty-five hens, seven tons hay, one ton straw, sixty-five bushels potatoes, thirty bushel oats, eight bushels shelled corn, five bushel beets, four bushel carrots, three bushel beans, one bushel peas, one hundred and thirty-three lbs. pork, one-half bbl. flour, fourteen lbs. sugar, twenty-five lbs. lard, eight lbs. cheese, one lb. tea, thirty pounds dried apple, three gallons oil, one bbl. pickles, three bushel apples, fifteen cords wood.

## LIST OF PAUPERS AT FARM THE PAST YEAR.

Josiah Rollins, one year.  
 Charlott Tibbetts, " "  
 Charlie Frost, " "  
 Theodate Rollins, nine months.  
 Simeon Branch, 1½ "  
 Mary J. Mignault 1½ "  
 James Frost, 1 month, 20 days.



## THE FOLLOWING WERE THE ASSESSMENTS FOR 1891.

State tax.....	\$1301 30
County tax.....	473 24
Town grant to defray town charges.....	1200 00
“ “ for support of schools.....	1500 00
“ “ “ repairs of roads and bridges.....	1500 00
Overlayings on the same.....	220 05
<b>Total commitment.....</b>	<b>\$6190 59</b>

Rate .015 on a dollar.

C. H. Wyman, } Selectmen  
C. H. Hallett, } of  
E. F. Yeaton, } Belgrade.

BELGRADE, Me., Feb. 18, 1892.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF BELGRADE IN ACCOUNT WITH L. W. BACHELDER, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 1892.

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To paid treasury notes.....	\$1,270 00
“ interest.....	143 22
“ town orders.....	2,778 05
“ school orders.....	2,093 48
“ Geo. L. Beal, State Treasurer, on State tax for 1891.	120 00
“ J. E. Blanchard, County Treasurer, county tax for 1891.....	473 24
“ State pensions.....	120 00
“ Treasurer's commission.....	30 00
Cash in treasury.....	535 63
Total.....	\$7,563 62

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Cash in treasury March 2, 1891.....	\$1,007 48
Received of James Tibbetts, collector of taxes for 1888.....	62 77
“ B. P. Stuart, “ “ “ “ 1889.....	510 00
“ E. C. Taylor, “ “ “ “ 1891.....	3,900 00
“ State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax.....	607 22
“ “ “ railroad and telegraph tax.....	2 95
“ “ “ for bounty paid on crows in 1890	16 80
“ “ “ on account of State pensions....	120 00
“ for non-resident taxes.....	181 23
“ “ redeemed land sold for taxes.....	117 96
“ from hands of selectmen.....	30 40
“ “ J. H. Dunlap for sale of burial lots in cemetary	70 00
“ “ Martha Staples on note.....	66 81
Cash received and gave treasury notes.....	870 00
Total.....	\$7,563 62

L. W. BACHELDER, Treasurer.

# REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

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*To the Citizens of Belgrade :*

Having discharged the duties incumbent upon us, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The financial statement herewith subjoined shows the standing of the text-book account.

Unexpended balance in the Treasury, Feb. 20, 1891,	\$120 68
Received and due from books sold this year,	6 38
	\$127 06
Total resources,	\$127 06
Cash paid for books this year,	43 97
	\$83 09
Unexpended balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1892,	\$83 09
Value of books on hand, and not distributed,	90 91

The above figures show there is no need of an appropriation for books the coming year.

The following comparative table may be of interest.

	1891-2	1890-1
Average price of teacher's wages per week,	\$4 39	\$4 09
" " " " board " "	1 79	1 82
Total number weeks schools for the years,	314.6	303
Average length of spring terms in weeks,	7.75	7.60
" " fall and winter terms,	9.64	9.08
Whole number of pupils registered,	470	485
Average " " " in attendance,	400	417
Per cent. of average attendance,	85	85

The most notable changes indicated in above statistics, are the increase of teachers' wages, total number weeks of school and average length of the terms which in fall and winter has been very material. While in the whole number registered and average attendance, there has been a slight falling off the per cent. of average attendance remains the same. Had it not been for the unusual prevalence of sickness there would have been, undoubtedly, a substantial gain. With one exception, the total number registered, the above exhibit is encouraging.

Our schools for the past year have been characterized by unusual harmony and good will. Much has been done to raise the standard, but we can do more. Inasmuch as the question of the town versus the district system has been agitated in our State for a long time, a question all are interested in, perhaps a brief summary of some of the reasons given by State Superintendent Luce in favor of the former may not be out of place.

- 1st—Equal school privileges for all children in the town.
- 2d—Equal school burdens for all citizens.
- 3d—Better school houses, in the rural sections of the town especially.
- 4th—Supply of necessary school appliances.
- 5th—A less number of small and poor schools.
- 6th—Better teachers and more continuously employed.
- 7th—More effective supervision because of undivided responsibility.
- 8th—More economical and more profitable use of school money.

That this will require labor and expense in the beginning is very true, but the fact that more than a quarter of the towns in the State have adopted the town system, and continue it, is a strong argument in its favor. That it will come, sooner or later voluntarily or by State legislation, is evident.

We have found in all the schools studious, earnest, self-respecting pupils, striving to fit themselves for higher schools and the active duties of life.

While better work has been done in the majority of studies, others have failed to reach our expectations. More attention has been given to the teaching of the diacritical marks, vocals and phonetic spelling. This is important in giving the key to the use of the dictionary and proper pronunciation. It is hoped this will be the rule rather than the exception.

In some schools the question-box has been introduced with good results. Information gained is the primary object, but forming the habit of investigation is far more important.

The following in addition to the regular common studies will show the range of work done in our schools. Number of classes in United States History, 14—Book-keeping, 13—Algebra, 12—Physiology, 8—Geometry, 1—Rhetoric, 1. This indicates that the range covers the work of the Primary and Grammar grades and takes in many of the High School studies. We are aware this condition of things has worked to the disadvantage of a few schools, dividing the teachers' efforts, allowing too little time for recitations and seriously impairing the efficiency of her work. But this large latitude seems almost imperative in the absence of a High School in town.

More than two hundred and twenty-five towns in this State are now taking advantage of the Free High School Law. It is for you to seriously consider if it is not time to cast your lot with these progressive towns and reap some of the benefit of the State aid to which you are contributing. A High School would relieve this congested course of study by drawing the most advanced pupils to it, thus making it possible to do more effective work in all.

For the first time in the history of our schools, our corps of teachers for the year has been composed entirely of females; nor in our opinion has this been detrimental. All have striven to the best of their ability to accomplish good results. Unequal advantages of education and training have much to do with equal success. It has been said that "experience is the best teacher" an aphorism universally admitted in the common affairs of life, but it requires a combination of many different qualities to constitute a perfect teacher. We often see in very young children a bias or turn, as it is some times called, for music, drawing, mathematics or mechanics, and we are more and more convinced of the theory, allowing something, of course, for circumstances, that all the special elements, and predilections of youth find their development in after life. In nothing is this more true than in teaching. To reach the acme, the teacher needs this special bias or natural talent cultivated and improved by training.

We note with pleasure, there is a greater demand for trained teachers, from our agents, which shows our citizens are awakening to the fact that progression in school work, as in every thing else, is making rapid strides.

The work of the teacher as well as of every other individual who influences mind and heart, is characterized by durability; it is not obliterated by time or change, therefore it behooves us to be painstaking in all that pertains to our school work.

Only five local teachers have been employed this year, teaching twelve terms. It is gratifying however to report that six of our young ladies

are at Farmington Normal School perfecting themselves in the theory and art of school management.

It will be noticed a place has been given in the tabulated statement for the number of visits made by citizens. These are taken from registers kept by teachers as required by law, and are presumed to be correct. While some terms report quite a commendable number, others report none. The exhibit is not flattering. We almost feel like asking your pardon for again recurring to this time-worn subject, but we are much interested in the matter. Parents are vitally concerned in the education of their children, therefore every means which tends to effect that object should secure their support.

You freely tax yourselves to maintain your schools, but the responsibility does not end there, you can do no greater good, gratify your children in no better way, encourage your teachers by no pleasanter course, than by adopting a systematic visitation of your school.

In resigning this trust again into your hands permit me to thank you sincerely for your generous sympathy and support.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. D. WYMAN, Supervisor.

Belgrade, Feb. 22, 1892.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

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For four terms. Nos. 15 and 16—Ralph C. Bickford, Harold D. Bickford, Emily L. Bickford.

For three terms. No. 1—Emma M. Mills. Nos. 1 and 2—Reuel S. P. Adams. No. 6—Mertie B. Whitehouse. No. 14—Millard E. Gleason. Nos. 14 and 15—Clinton H. Stevens.

For two terms. No. 1—Ralph B. Wyman, Willie E. Taylor, Mary A. Wyman, Edna L. Judkins. No. 3—Sadie Clough, Addie Butterfield, Ezma Springer, John Braley, Raymond Hammond. Nos. 3 and 10—Pearl Tibbetts. No. 6—Guy Cummings, Manley Haskell, Berton Haskell. Nos. 3 and 7—Rosa Minot. No. 9—Howard Gowell, George Gowell. No. 10—Charley Chandler. No. 11—Carroll Blaisdell, Dean Farnham. No. 12—Johnnie Chandler, Charley Frost, Herbert Scribner. No. 14—Herbert A. Bickford, Arthur Branch, Florence E. Merrow, Katie M. Branch, Belle M. Willey. No. 15—Millard H. Stevens. No. 16—Carrol Weymouth. No. 17—Effie M. Willey.

For one term. No. 1—Sadie B. Judkins, Fannie L. Taylor, Nina A. Judkins. No. 2—Lillie M. Moore, Robbie Damren, Alton Bearce, Bertie Damren, Annie Page. No. 3—Frances Farnham, Martie Bachelder, Clara Williams, Lutie Perkins, Erla Yeaton, Lester Perkins, Bertie Farnham, Johnnie Stevens, Lee Simonds, Lillie Penney, Aimee Thing. No. 5—Edwin Wadleigh, Walter J. Hanson, Grace E. Wadleigh, Angie E. Wadleigh, Joseph A. Wadleigh. No. 6—Era M. Yeaton, Rosa S. Yeaton, Mabel A. Yeaton, Annie Yeaton, Guy Yeaton, Leon Yeaton, Allie Fletcher. No. 7—Millie Tibbetts, Sammie Spaulding. No. 9—Annie Yeaton, Lewis Yeaton, Arthur Cottle. No. 10—Minnie Chandler, Philip Chandler. No. 11—Ralph Hersom, Delmer Blaisdell, Hortie Hersom, Edna Pray, Maude Tracy. No. 12—Vesta Clark, Taber Hersom, Dana Clark, Edwin Kelley, Willey Treworgy. Elmer Chandler, Charley Treworgy. No. 14—Alvah Watson, Fannie J. Merrow, Mary E. Hickey, Charley Branch. No. 15—Willis Stevens, Elias Stevens. No. 16—Alvin Boynton, Helen Wallace, Annie Merrill, Ethel M. Cobb. No. 17—Percy Larkin, Jessie C. Brann.

## TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of Dist.	Name of Teacher.	Term.	Length of Term in Weeks	No of Pupils in District Apr. 1, 1891.	No. of Pupils Registered this Term	Average Attendance	Wages of Teacher per Week.	Price of Board per Week.	No. of Visits by Citizens.
No. 1	Caro E. Wyman. . .	Spring	8	21	20	17.5	4 50	1 50	7
	" " " ..	Fall	8	21	16	13.5	4 50	1 50	9
	Vira H. Barker. . . .	Winter	9	21	15	13.3	4 50	2 00	1
2	Mertie N. Kenney .	Fall	9	15	9	6	4 50	2 25	3
	Alice A. Dunn. . . . .	Winter	8.6	15	11	7.5	5 00	2 25	
3	Ida S. Cowan. . . . .	Spring	8	45	28	25	5 00	1 80	20
	" " " . . . . .	Fall	8	45	20	17	5 00	1 75	
	Josie Barker. . . . .	Winter	12	45	30	24	6 00	1 90	7
4	H Lillian Sherburn	Spring	6	17	15	11	3 25	1 75	
	" " " ..	Fall	12	17	8	7	3 75	1 75	2
5	Izetta Royal. . . . .	Fall	7	8	8	7	3 75	1 50	
	" " . . . . .	Winter	9	8	10	9.1	3 75	1 50	
6	Elmina Royal. . . . .	Spring	7	27	15	14	5 00	1 90	2
	Effie C. Dascomb. . .	Fall	8	27	19	13.3	5 00	1 95	6
	Elmina Royal. . . . .	Winter	10	27	17	14.9	5 00	1 95	
7	Lutie B. Hunt. . . . .	Spring	8	6	3	2.6	3 00	1 25	
	Annie Butterfield. . .	Fall	9	6	6	5	3 00	1 25	2
9	M. Belle Clough. . . .	Fall	6	21	11	10	3 75	2 00	9
	Hedessa L. Sharp. . .	Winter	13	21	13	11.4	5 00	2 00	3
10	Mae B. Farnham. . . .	Spring	9	15	7	6.5	3 50	1 90	2
	" " " ..	Winter	12	15	10	9	4 50	2 20	12
11	Annie L. Weston. . . .	Spring	10	28	19	17	5 00	2 00	18
	" " " ..	Fall	10	28	20	17.6	5 00	2 00	18
	" " " ..	Winter	10	28	18	16.9	5 00	2 00	23
12	Lizzie W. Crowell. . .	Spring	6	19	14	12.7	3 50	2 00	
	Fannie M. Frost. . . .	Winter	14	19	15	13	5 00	2 20	20
14	Ria P. Gordon. . . . .	Spring	8	34	17	15	5 00	1 25	20
	Hattie A. Smith. . . .	Fall	7	34	17	14	5 00	1 35	2
	Ria P. Gordon. . . . .	Winter	9	34	13	11.5	6 00	1 50	7
15	Marcia E Bickford	Fall	8	12	8	7.8	3 00	2 00	
	" " " ..	Winter	10	12	11	10.3	3 00	2 00	10
16	" " " ..	Spring	7	6	8	7.5	3 00	2 00	
	" " " ..	Winter	7	6	8	7.9	3 00	2 00	5
17	Stella H. Holmes. . .	Spring	8	10	5	4	3 00	1 35	
	" " " ..	Winter	13	10	7	6	3 00	1 00	4

# WARRANT.

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*To F. 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 in Masonic Hall in said town on Monday the seventh 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 continue the method adopted at their last annual meeting whereby they voted to raise a sum of money for the repairs of roads and bridges, the same to be paid in money under the direction of the selectmen. If so, what sum will you vote to grant and raise; If not, what method will you vote to adopt, and what sum of money will you vote to grant and raise for the same.

**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 nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1892.

C. H. WYMAN. }  
C. H. HALLETT, } Selectmen  
E. F. YEATON. } of  
Belgrade.