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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

**SELECTMEN**

AND

**Superintending School Committee**

OF THE

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON,**

FOR THE

**Year Ending February 21, 1876.**



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## SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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*To the Citizens of Farmington:*

Your Selectmen would respectfully submit the following Report in relation to the financial condition of the Town, together with the amount of receipts and expenditures from February 20th, 1875, to February 21st, 1876.

After taking an Inventory of the real and personal estate, we found the valuation of the Town to be Nine Hundred Fifty-four Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-two Dollars (\$954,522.00), and the number of Polls to be Eight Hundred and Sixty-four (864).

Upon the polls and estates we have assessed the following named sums; to wit:

For State Tax,	\$ 5802 47
County Tax,	507 06
Support of Schools,	2610 00
Support of the Poor,	1500 00
Repairs of Roads and Bridges,	6000 00
Defraying Town Charges,	1500 00
Paying Indebtedness of Town,	500 00
Paying Interest on Indebtedness,	600 00
Free High School,	400 00
Overlays,	542 35
	\$19,961 88
Assessed 127 Dogs at \$1,00 each,	127 00
	\$20,088 88

On the 21st day of August, 1875, we committed lists of said assessments unto Andrew T. Tuck, Collector of said Town.

We subsequently committed a supplemental assessment to said Collector, amounting to the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Dollars and Seventy-seven Cents (\$260.77), making the total committed to the Collector, Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-nine Dollars, Sixty-five Cents (\$20,349.65).

## Treasurer's Statement

*For the Year commencing February 20, 1875, and ending February 19, 1876.*

### CR.

By cash in the Treasury, Feb. 20, 1875,	\$ 207 92
received of A. T. Tuck,	16,207 95
"    State School Mill Tax and School Fund,	1,788 60
"    "    for High School (in part),	97 50
"    "    Pension Certificates,	72 00
"    William Tarbox, Note and Interest,	461 75
"    Clerk of Courts, (fines collected),	10 00
"    J. T. Taylor,	42 99
"    for Non-resident Taxes returned,	153 88
"    of Selectmen,	24 00
"    "    "    Profits on Liquor sold,	325 45
"    "    "    for City of Portland,	41 50
"    for cost on Non-resident Taxes,	6 00
"    of A. Currier, Interest on School Fund,	123 75
"    for Order No. 161, sold,	700 00
	\$ 20,263 29

### DR.

To paid Orders,	\$ 19,230 22
"    Coupons on Town Bonds,	498 00
"    Interest on Town Orders,	175 25
"    Pensions to A. F. Hardy and T. R. Bragg,	72 00
Non-resident Taxes not collected,	89 00
Cash in Treasury,	198 82
	\$ 20,263 29

PETER P. TUFTS, *Treasurer.*

\$ 20,263 29

## *Liquor Agency.*

February 17th, 1876. <i>Dr.</i>	February 17th, 1876, <i>Cr.</i>
To stock on hand June 10th, 1875,	By amount of sales of
\$ 250 30	Liquors from Jan. 10, 1875, to Feb. 17, 1876,
Liquors bought of E. P. Chase from June 22, 1875, to Feb. 17, 1876,	\$ 2,614 60
2,010 87	Sales of empty casks, 24 50
Freight on Liquors,	Liquors on hand Feb. 17, 1876.
46 10	291 50
Agent's salary up to Feb. 10, 1876,	\$ 2,930 60
133 33	
Profits up to Feb. 17, 1876,	
490 60	
\$ 2,930 60	

ELBRIDGE GERRY. *Agent.*

## *Expenditures.*

Paid School Orders by Peter P. Tufts, Treasurer,	\$4,623 74
Interest on Town Bonds,	498 00
"    "    "    Orders,	175 25
Alvan T. Hardy, pension,	36 00
Timothy R. Bragg,    "	36 00
Peter P. Tufts, services as Treasurer for 1875,	50 00
F. C. Perkins,    "    "    Selectman for 1874,	149 62
Geo. Gower,    "    "    "    "    "    "	150 00
C. B. Russell,    "    "    "    "    "    "	134 75
I. Warren Merrill,    "    "    Town Clerk,    "	10 00
John R. Voter,    "    "    Sup. School Com,    "	109 00
Hiram Titcomb,    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	5 00
D. H. Knowlton,    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	25 00
Joseph S. Craig, for rent of Town House,	50 00
Franklin County, for rent of Office from Oct. 15,	
1873, to July 1, 1874,	28 30
F. C. Perkins, for rent of Office one year,	30 00
R. B. Jennings, taking charge Town House,	3 00
James Bailey,    "    "    "    "    "	3 00
Maine Insane Hospital, for support of Maria Norris,	
Phebe Hiscock and Martha Bailey,	429 48
Collector, for abatement on Taxes for 1874,	196 43
"    "    "    "    "    "    1873,	336 44
"    "    "    "    "    "    1872,	46 18
"    "    Discount    "    "    "    1875,	471 31
A. T. Tuck, for collecting Taxes in full for 1874,	187 62
"    "    "    "    "    "    1873,	68 93
"    Discount on partial payments on	
Taxes, &c., of 1872,	106 47
Abatements on sundry Taxes,	69 59
to the Estate of N. W. Backus, for Town Order	
and interest on same, (Order No. 264, given 1870),	667 45
for support of Edwin E. Cook,	44 00
"    "    "    Dolly Ross,	133 59
Town of Oldtown, for support of A. E. Odell,	13 00
George Grounder for clothing furnished for Mrs.	
George Dennis,	2 00
Drs. Blake and Linscott, for medical attendance	
on Jasper Wendall and family for the year 1874,	7 00
Dr. John A. Richards, for medical attendance on	
Amos Ranger,	12 25
Dr. John A. Richards, on execution for medical	
attendance on Mariah Buzzell, pauper of Temple,	107 50
Geo. M. Hovey, for Lumber furnished Enoch Avery	
to build a Barn,	12 00

Paid Town Treasurer, balance due on settlement,	23 04
S. C. Belcher, for services as Attorney from 1872 to April 11, 1875,	82 10
Jonathan Wright, for moving French family to Canada,	20 00
D. H. Knowlton, for Blank Books, Printing, &c.,	47 27
Sylvester Stanley, for damage sustained on Highway,	22 50
Moses Fogg, for damage to Sleigh, " "	5 00
T. F. Holbrook, " a Horse, " in 1874,	25 00
Road Bills,	7,086 30
for labor and material on Perham Hill Road,	401 57
Merchant Holley for plank furnished for Bridge near Gilbert Hillman's,	10 68
Nelson Hutchins, for plank and hauling same to District No. 12,	5 04
John M. Stevens, for plank for Bridge near the mill of H. W. Priest,	23 07
Elias H. Yeaton, for plank furnished for District No. 6, South,	12 91
A. P. Russell and Geo. A. Savage, for plank for Centre Bridge,	141 00
Josiah Cutler, for hauling plank for Centre Bridge,	6 03
Hiram Gay, for plank furnished for District No. 5,	26 10
Josiah Prescott, for plank for Center Bridge,	56 00
Elias Yeaton, for plank for Fairbanks Bridge,	3 74
Henry McKeen and A. J. Dodge, for work plank- ing Centre Bridge.	47 00
Atwood & Lowell, for lumber and material, and labor, furnished for side-walk in front of their store,	19 84
E. Searles, for lumber, labor and material fur- nished for side-walk front of store, and spikes for Centre Bridge,	59 79
Leonard Morrison, for building new Road, com- mencing near A. Turner's and ending near Wil- liam Marvill's,	215 00
Nathan Crowell, for stone,	8 76
Simon Collins, for work on side-walk near Depot,	18 30
Willard Stoddard, for putting in pier under bridge near N. A. Voter's,	10 00
John M. Morrill, for snowing bridge at the Falls,	2 50
Joseph Wendall, for lighting Centre Bridge,	8 50
Benj. Goodwin, for wood for Office,	5 15
F. C. Perkins, for expenses to Worcester, and cash paid for Blanks,	12 00
E. N. Stevens, for cable chain, &c.,	7 64
E. I. Merrill, for postage and stamps,	8 69

Paid County of Franklin, for cost and land damage on petition of Isaac Edwards and others, for increase of land damage on "Dugway Hill," so called,	81 80
A. T. Tuck, for Jeremiah Parsons' homestead sold for Taxes, in 1872,	24 53
A. T. Tuck, for Jeremiah Parsons' homestead sold for Taxes in 1874,	24 46
A. T. Tuck, land of B. C. Clayton, (assessed 1873), sold for Taxes,	10 71
A. T. Tuck, for Sidney Doble farm sold for taxes, (assessed 1873),	17 55
A. R. C. Turner, as witness in trial of H. Stoyells and Annis Ames,	4 00
F. G. Butler, for taking deposition of Elizabeth Crocker (at Presque Isle), and cash paid for witnesses, also for his services in the Crocker Case,	98 61
William H. Mosher, witness in Crocker Case,	5 10
J. S. Gould, for copies of two Deeds,	1 00
for Free High School,	175 00
Henry T. Knowlton, for balance due on contract ending April 1, 1875,	311 24
Sylvanus Knowlton, in part on contract from April 1, 1875, to April 1, 1876,	633 00
for support of Aaron Hannaford and family (same charged to City of Portland),	118 31
for support of Albert Blabon (same charged to Chesterville),	92 47
T. McL. Davis, for repairs on Centre Bridge,	16 47
J. H. Allen, for wood for Office,	2 75
P. P. Tufts, for recording Deed,	1 50
L. B. Pillsbury, for balance due on acct., Liquor Agency,	32 77
C. H. Bangs & Co., axe, nails, &c.,	1 82
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	\$ 19,054 15

## *Expense for Support of Paupers,*

*For the Pauper Year ending April 1, 1876.*

<p>Your Overseers contracted with Sylvanus Knowlton for the support of the following named paupers, from April 1, 1875, to April 1, 1876, to wit: Annie Moores, Daniel Witham, Olive Ann Richardson, Jerusha Howes, James Foot and wife, Mrs. Thomas Daggett and family, Robert Hannaford and wife, Elias Bailey, William H. Day, his wife and children, Mrs. Crocker and children, and all other paupers that supplies have been furnished to for the last two years, or all that he has received notice from the Selectmen, or Overseers of the Poor, together with all that may become chargeable thereafter to the Town, after notices from the Overseers of the Poor of said Town, excepting insane paupers, for the sum of One Thousand dollars, to be paid semi-annually,</p>	\$1,000 00
<p>Paid Maine Insane Hospital, for the support of Maria Norris, Phebe Hiscock, and Martha Bailey.</p>	429 48
<p>other pauper bills not included in the contract,</p>	34 00
	\$1,463 48

### *Resources of the Town.*

Amount in the hands of Collector, for 1873,	\$512 65
" " " " " 1874,	290 71
" " " " " 1875,	4,950 12
due from the Town of Chesterville,	123 97
" " " " " Avon,	54 54
" " City of Portland,	167 81
" " Miss Dolly Ross,	133 50
" " State (mill tax),	1,013 00
" " " (school fund),	758 37
" " " estimated bal. for High School,	302 50
" " D. H. Knowlton, for tuition,	39 75
" " the Town (school fund),	112 00
in the hands of Peter P. Tufts, Treasurer, non-resident taxes,	89 00
on real estate, sold for taxes,	121 20
cash in the Treasury, Feb. 22, 1876,	198 82
interest on taxes in the hands of Collector,	150 00
due from D. H. and Joel Hobart,	107 00
	\$9,124 90



*Liabilities.*

Interest bearing Town Orders, and accrued interest,	\$ 950 00
Bonded Debt, with accrued interest,	8,050 00
Town Orders awaiting payment by the Treasurer,	114 59
School " " " " " "	440 40
Amount due the several School Districts, being bal- ance undrawn,	2,457 74
due the Free High School,	625 00
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	\$ 12,637 73
Deduct resources of the Town,	9,124 90
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Present indebtedness of the Town,	\$ 3,512 83

We would state, as a reason for our increased indebtedness, that we have apportioned \$926.85 of back mill-tax to the several School Districts; also that the extra bills for breaking roads for 1875, and for making new roads, amounted to \$1,700.00 for which there was no direct appropriation.

*Estimates for the Ensuing Year.*

For support of Schools,	\$ 2,610 00
" " Poor,	1,500 00
defraying Town charges,	1,500 00
paying interest on Town Bonds,	500 00
" " " " Debt,	100 00
roads and small bridges,	6,000 00
contingent fund (for large bridges),	1,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. GOWER,	}	Selectmen of the Town of Farmington.
C. B. RUSSELL,		
BENJ. GOODWIN,		

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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CITIZENS OF FARMINGTON:

In reporting the condition and progress of the public schools, we are in doubt as to *just what* the most appropriate things for consideration at the present time may be, not however because we see no chance for improvement. We content ourselves by reporting such things as appear most expedient.

In general it may be said that the schools of Farmington have made very material progress within the past two years, but we shall expect greater improvement when the necessity of so frequently changing teachers shall be removed.

It is certain that during the past year our schools as a whole have been successful. There have been no entire failures, but on account of some disadvantages a few have not accomplished as much as could be desired. Some of the teachers have not been all we could have wished, and yet it is safe to say that the schools in town have accomplished more than any previous year.

We are pleased to notice within the past year an increased interest manifested by parents and friends in our public schools, not by all, but by very many. This is encouraging, and we sincerely hope that this interest may increase until all take that stand in behalf of public schools which the best interests of society require. Parents, visit the schools and see for yourselves what is being done; it will do you good and stimulate both teachers and pupils to new endeavors. No school can be a perfect success without the hearty cooperation of both parents and friends, no matter how efficient the teacher may be. We do not claim that our teachers are above criticism, but we do think they have worked conscientiously and faithfully.

Most of the schools have been visited twice, once at the commencement of the term, and once near its close. The first visit, it was our aim to make such suggestions and criticisms as the condition of the schools seemed to require. In most cases the suggestions were carried out with gratifying results. The second visit, the pupils were examined for the purpose of ascertaining the progress made. At all times we have urged teachers and pupils to spend the time upon the practical parts of the studies pursued—that which will be of special use to our scholars when they become men and women.

## COURSES OF STUDY.

Last year in our annual report we urged the importance of the best primary instruction, and we would again call attention to this subject. Let the elementary studies be well mastered by pupils before advancing. Only in this way can the most substantial progress be made. A great need in our schools is thoroughness in all departments of study. In reading, most pupils are at least one grade too far advanced. In the study of arithmetic much valuable time is lost, because parents allow their children to jump from the Primary Arithmetic before completing it to the Practical,—a book altogether too high and hard for them. They get through the multiplication table and then try to grapple the problems of an advanced course.—We would here not only recommend, but *urge* upon parents, the importance of requiring their children to study the Elementary Arithmetic, before allowing them to use the Practical. The Elementary Arithmetic is just the book to come between the Primary and the Practical. By using the Elementary, the pupil does not get discouraged,—he finds his work progressive, satisfactory, and profitable. Examine the book for yourselves and you will be convinced.

Book keeping by single entry, the correct form of notes, bills, receipts, &c., should be taught in all our schools.

Physiology is now one of the studies required by law in the public schools of the State, and certainly there is the best of reasons why every boy and girl should be required to know something of himself.

The elements of music and drawing should also be taught in our schools. In some cases both have been taught with satisfactory results during the year, and more is to be expected in the future.

More written work should be required of pupils. They should do written work every day in some department of study. Let them write compositions upon the subjects they are studying, and thereby, directed by the teacher, let him learn the correct use of language, the proper punctuation, and at the same time develop the power of expressing themselves accurately and intelligibly.

## VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

By a recent arrangement made with the Trustees of the Normal Schools, the primary schools of the village have been run jointly by the State and village district since the last of August. The patrons of the schools are well pleased with the new plan. The average attendance in these two schools has more than doubled in two years, which is a practical test of the appreciation of the schools. It now remains with the district whether such a plan shall be continued in force,—inasmuch as it is their part of the contract, to provide suitable school rooms, and we do not question but the district will approve the action of the school officers thus far by making every provision necessary to meet the wants of the schools.

The higher schools of the village require better and larger school rooms, and until we have sufficient room for a high school, we can not expect very

much of a grammar school, embracing, as it now does, all grades above the third reader, and with less than one half the required school room.

In 1873 the average school attendance was 73, the present year 135; an increase of nearly 100 per cent. This indicates to us that there is a better school sentiment in the village, and with the same increase the next two years there would not be room to seat the pupils, and even with that increase there would be some scholars left out.

At the present time the high school occupies the primary school building. About 50 of its pupils belong in the village district, and in order to hold the primary schools the district has been obliged to accept, by offer of the Trustees of the Normal Schools, the use of the Model School Room, and at the same time at least 50 pupils are unable to attend for want of sufficient school rooms. What will the district do in this emergency?

#### FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee have attended to the establishing and running of a free high school, as contemplated by the vote of the Town at the last annual meeting—\$400 being raised by the town for that object. The Committee arranged for the school and secured the services of Mr. A. G. Ladd as principal, and such assistants as were necessary to carry forward the school work. Two terms have already been held—one at the Falls, one at Fairbanks Mills, and the third is now in session in the Centre Village. While everything has not been just as we could wish in the high school thus far, we do regard the instruction as satisfactory, and know from the examination of the pupils who have attended the high school that great progress has been made and that the district schools in town have received an impetus from this source that has never before reached them. It is not necessary here to enter into further details, but in conclusion we will allude to the dollars and cents involved in the running of such a school in town.

Suppose the whole cost of the school to the town is \$500 (it is really less), it appears that it has cost on every \$1000 of taxable property in the town, 52½ cents,—200 of your sons and daughters will have had the advantage of the school before its close.

While we most heartily recommend a free high school, it remains for the town to say whether the advantage thus far received from so small an expenditure will warrant its continuance in future.

For expense of high school reference is made to the statement of School Finances.

#### SCHOOL HOUSES AND DISTRICTS.

If public school buildings are any index of the enterprise and intelligence of a people, what can be said of Farmington, a town that is obliged by law to expend annually for public schools a sum greater than the value of all her school property? With few exceptions, all the good, attractive, and really substantial school buildings in town, are private or State institutions. Many of our school houses will, if let alone for a few years, return to the dust from whence they came.

Last year "the school house in district No. 12" was reported as "unsafe." In case the district should take no action previous to the next (1877) town meeting, we recommend that the town take action upon the matter.

On the east side of the river there are 11 whole districts, 10 of these, leaving out the village districts, contain 313 scholars, giving an average of 31 scholars per district,—of these more than one third do not attend school, leaving the average of actual attendance less than 20 scholars per district.

Again, from these 10 districts let us take out No. 1 (Falls), No. 3 (Norton's Plains), and No. 5 (Fairbanks Mills), and we have 7 districts with 135 scholars, where only 85 attend school, giving an average of 12 attending school. Is it economy to run 7 schools with only scholars enough for 2? We think not, and therefore earnestly recommend that No. 3 be annexed to 2 and 4, and that No. 2 move its school house to some convenient point near half way between the Falls and the Village, and that the lower end of No. 2 be permitted to unite with the Falls district. We again recommend 5, 6, and 21 to unite and form a graded school. We also recommend that 18 and 23 unite with 19 and build a school house so as to accommodate the three districts. Not one of these districts has a suitable school house. It is only a few years at most before these school houses will be past use, so that in reality the only thing to be considered is whether the consequent increase in the length of school, and the lessened cost of building fewer school houses will not pay for the extra exertion a few will have to make in order to get their scholars to school.

#### SCHOOL AGENTS.

We are indebted to the school agents for their promptness in furnishing us the returns containing the names of the scholars in town. This is just what the law contemplates, and only one agent was delinquent, and returns from that district were taken by a member of the Committee. We think this is the first time full returns have ever been made in Farmington. We think the most of our agents have attended to their duties faithfully, and have tried to secure good teachers. We would take this opportunity to thank them for their cooperation with us the past year. There is a great responsibility resting on an agent. For this reason we would urge upon all interested in public schools the importance of attending the annual school meeting, and of having a suitable man chosen agent. Let him who stays away from school meeting forever hold his peace.

It is not the duty of the Committee to see that the money is fully and faithfully expended, but it is their duty to note a failure to do so, and let those to whom it properly belongs attend to it.

And here in this connection, we would press upon agents the importance of expending all the school money; and as much of it as can be profitably used before the first of April. There are good reasons for calling the attention of agents to this subject, since in the event of the moneys not being used before the 1st of April the State school funds may be withheld from us. Anticipating this, from the first we have advised the expenditure of all

the money, and in some cases agents have done so. Having done all we could to accomplish this we hereby disclaim all responsibility in the event of its being withheld by the State. At the same time it will be our endeavor to secure all that is apportioned to the town.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

That the town take some action with reference to back money in small districts. In several instances there is money which should be expended.— With the assent of the parties interested in two districts, the authorities assumed the right to locate the money in the adjoining districts this year.

Inasmuch as the town will be called upon to act upon articles relating to setting off J. E. Stewart from No. 21, and annexing him to Fairbanks Mills district; also in favor of annexing a portion of Lord's Hill district (so called) to Union district No. 25; also in regard to annexing a portion of No. 3 to No. 4, we hereby recommend that the town make such changes as are contemplated in those articles.

Whenever any district shall furnish school apparatus, it is recommended that they furnish the best,— the best is cheapest.

Every school room should be well furnished with apparatus,— teachers can do more and better work in less time,— it is not economy for a district to do without it.

If you would have your child ready and correct in the use of words, furnish him with a school dictionary of some kind and let it be his companion at school, and in his reading and study at home.

#### IMPROVEMENTS.

District No. 5 has partially supplied school-room with outline maps, and has one new black board. District No. 3 has furnished some outline maps and globe. No. 9 has fitted up a recitation room and employed an assistant teacher for winter term. Nos. 1 and 22 have furnished a new blackboard. Outside of the village we think these are the only improvements made. All utensils necessary for school work have been furnished in the village district.

#### SCHOOL FUNDS.

From Judge Parker's History of Farmington it appears that "In 1811, agreeably to a petition of the town, Oliver Bailey, Elijah Norton, Nathan Cutler and Timothy Johnson were incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Trustees of the Farmington Ministerial and School Funds, with power to sell and convey the ministerial and school lands belonging to the town, and to put at use the moneys arising from the sale of the same, as soon as might be: the interest arising from the money due for the ministerial lands to be annually appropriated to the support of the gospel ministry in said town, in the same way and manner as the income and profit of said ministerial land would by law be appropriated if this law had not been passed. And the interest arising on the money due for school lands to be annually appropriated for the use of the public free schools in the town, it

never being in the power of the Trustees or Town to alter or alienate the appropriation of the funds aforesaid. This Act passed Feb. 5, 1811. At the first meeting of the Trustees Oliver Bailey was chosen President of the Board, Nathan Cutler, Treasurer, and Timothy Johnson, Clerk. The Board was then filled up by the choice of Moses Chandler, Jabez Gay and Jesse Gould, making seven in the whole, any four of whom were to form a quorum for doing business, agreeable to the act of incorporation. The whole of the lands have been sold at different periods. The total amount of sales amounted to,— Ministerial Fund \$ 1,297.88, interest \$ 77,87,— School Fund \$ 1,449.25, interest \$ 86,95. The income arising from the School Fund has been annually applied to the support of free schools in the town, agreeably to the original design of the appropriation made by the State."

Capt. Alvan Currier, Treasurer for the past 16 years, and the present Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, has kindly furnished us with the facts from which we are able to make the following report of the present condition of the School Funds. The Trustees of the Funds at present, who have power to fill all vacancies occurring from death or resignation, are Hon. Hannibal Belcher, President; James H. Bonney, Clerk; Alvan Currier, Treasurer; Joseph Butterfield, Elijah Norton, John Titcomb, Peter R. Tufts, (deceased). The annual meeting of the Board occurs the first Monday of March.

At the time the fund came into the hands of the present Treasurer it amounted to \$1,449.25. The Treasurer was directed by the Trustees to take from the interest of the fund so much as would be necessary to make it \$1,450, and add it thereto. So that now the present par value of the School Fund is \$1,450. It is invested as follows: \$ 600 in Sandy River National Bank Stock at par, now worth \$ 780,—\$300 in State of Maine Bonds at par, now worth \$ 321. Balance in Notes secured on Real Estate—\$ 450 at 6 per cent, and \$ 100 at 7 per cent. Present value of the school fund \$ 1,657. The annual interest arising from this fund is \$112.

#### SCHOOL ITEMS.

Highest wages paid	male teachers, excluding board,	per month,	\$ 45.
Lowest	" " " "	" " "	\$ 22 00.
Highest	" " female teachers	" " "	per week, \$ 8,50.
Lowest	" " " "	" " "	" " \$ 2,50.

Number of male teachers employed, 12.

Number of female teachers employed 32.

Number of teachers employed for more than 1 term for the same school 4.

Number of school districts in town 23.

Number of parts of districts (union districts) 8.

Number of children in town between 4 and 21 years of age (see table) 1009.

Several of the schools are now in session, and many of the school registers have not been returned to the committee. Hence the incompleteness of the statistics. By referring to the record of school orders it appears that the teachers whose schools have finished have been paid. We again quote from the School Laws of the State: "*No teacher shall be entitled to pay for his services, until the register of his school, properly filled up, completed, and*

signed, is deposited with the school committee, or with a person designated by them to receive it.

#### SCHOOL FINANCES.

Amount of money raised by the town,	\$ 2,610 00
Town School Fund,	123 75
State School Fund, Bank and Mill Taxes,	1,788 60
Balance from last year's account,	926 85
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Total School Money,	\$ 5,449 20

The amount apportioned to the several school districts was \$ 5,401 90.

The balance unapportioned of this year's money to be carried to next year's account is \$47,30.

The amount of school money this year undrawn as per table is \$ 2,457 74.

A large part of this balance will be expended before the expiration of the present school year.

The High School account appears to be as follows:

Amount raised by town,	\$ 400 00
"    received from State,	97 50
"    "    for tuition,	89 75
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	\$ 587 25

Amount now due from State is about \$ 300.

Amount paid out for teaching thus far, \$ 214 75.

Balance due teachers to complete the year \$ 601 25.

There will be a few dollars unexpended of the amount raised by the town in consequence of the tuition received from other towns.

HIRAM TITCOMB,	}	Superintending
D. H. KNOWLTON,		School
J. R. VOTER,		Committee.

FARMINGTON, February 21, 1876.

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**ERRATA.** On 6th page of Selectmen's report, "paid for support of Aaron Hannaford and family," should read, paid for support of *Robert Hannaford* and family.



## STATISTICAL VIEW OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL WORK IN TOWN.

DISTRICTS.	Balance in treasury 1874.	Proportion of school money.	Am't given to small districts.	Total am't of school money.	Cost teach. ing, includ ing board.	Cost of fuel repairs, &c.	Am't actu ally ex- pended.	Overdrawn 1875.	Balance undrawn.	Whole No. Scholars	Whole No. attending	Average at- tendance	Length in Weeks.
1 Farmington Falls,	\$55 87	\$188 00	\$2 72	\$246 59	\$57 20	38 11	\$95 31		\$151 28	40	34	24	21
2 Gower district,	18 18	84 60	40 80	143 58	138 00	3 50	141 50		2 08	18	14	12	21
3 Norton's Plains,	180 23	385 40		565 63	260 00	47 07	307 07		258 56	82			
4 Village district,	643 67	1621 50		2265 17	1275 29	464 55	1739 84		525 33	345	205	135	20
5 Fairbanks' Mills,	71 08	267 90		338 98	236 00	79 35	315 35		23 63	57	41	32	18
6 Gay district,	98 87	65 80	47 60	212 27	86 37	21 30	107 67		104 60	14			
7 Stanley district,	11 10	75 20	44 20	130 50	105 00	28 19	133 19	\$2 69		16			
8 Carrier district,	21 21	61 10	49 30	131 61	86 00	13 50	99 50		32 11	13	13	11	20
9 West Farmington,	172 57	418 30		590 87	217 50	104 77	322 27		268 60	89	79	42	20
10 Chandler district,	112 84	94 00	37 40	244 24	150 00	20 38	170 38		73 86	20	9	7	12
11 Gilman district,	80 14	94 00	37 40	211 54	100 75	11 50	112 25		99 29	29	18	14	19
12 Knowlton's Corner,	44 56	145 70	18 70	208 96	77 50		77 50		131 46	31			
13 Union with Wilton,	17 34	*		17 34	5 75		5 75		11 59	*			
14 Butterfield district,	86 25	131 60	23 80	241 65	194 75	28 08	222 83		18 82	28	18	15	19
15 Russells' Mills,	90 16	164 50	11 90	266 56	173 25	15 97	189 22		77 34	35	23	19	15
16 Porter's Hill,		98 70	35 70	134 40	113 00	1 60	114 60		19 80	21	17	14	19
17 Bailey district,	39	108 10	32 30	140 70	33 00		33 00		107 79	23	20	17	23
18 Titcomb district,	99 82	98 70	35 70	234 22	227 90	95	228 85		5 37	21	14	12	22
19 Mosher district,	18 67	131 60	23 80	174 07	114 90	8 00	122 90		51 17	28			
20 Holley district,	25 41	103 40	34 00	162 81	33 75	6 30	40 05		122 76	22			
21 M. Holley district,	86 29	37 60	57 80	181 69	67 73	20 77	88 50		93 19	8			
22 Walton's Mills,	26 79	150 40	17 00	194 19	115 60	18 40	134 00		60 19	32			
23 Union dist., N. Ches.	18 55	98 70	28 56	145 81	63 55	20 00	83 55		62 26	21			
24 Union district,	16 70	18 80	5 44	40 94	30 00	7 30	37 30		3 64	4			
25 " "		32 90	9 52	42 42	32 90		32 90		9 52	7			
26 " "	7 40	9 40	2 72	19 52					19 52	2			
28 " "	11 10	9 40	2 72	23 22					23 22	2			
29 " "	3 70	+		3 70					3 70	+			
30 Hillman district,	52 24	37 68	57 80	147 64	45 00	3 00	48 00		99 64	8			
31 Union "	5 39	9 40	2 72	17 51	17 40		17 40		11	2			
	\$2076 52	\$4742 80	\$650 60	\$7478 42	\$1058 00	\$902 59	\$5020 68	\$2 69	\$2457 74	1009			