

1881

Annual Reports of the Board of Selectmen and Superintending School Committee of the Town of Farmington, for the Year Ending February 20th, 1881

Farmington (Me.).

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs>

Repository Citation

Farmington (Me.), "Annual Reports of the Board of Selectmen and Superintending School Committee of the Town of Farmington, for the Year Ending February 20th, 1881" (1881). *Maine Town Documents*. 1932.
<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs/1932>

This Report is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Town Documents by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact um.library.technical.services@maine.edu.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF FARMINGTON,

For the Year Ending February 20th,

1881.



FARMINGTON :

PRESS OF KNOWLTON & McLEARY,

Nos. 2 & 3 Knowlton's Block.

1881.

Selectmen's Annual Report.

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, 1880, to February 20th, 1881.

After taking an inventory of the real and personal estate, we found the valuation of the Town to be fifteen hundred and twenty-three thousand and eighty dollars (\$1,523,080.00), and the number of polls to be eight hundred and seventy-three (873).

Upon the Polls and Estates we have assessed the following named sums, to wit.:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| For State Tax, | \$7251 20 |
| County Tax, | 1810 91 |
| Support of Schools, | 2610 00 |
| Support of the Poor, | 2000 00 |
| Repairs of Roads and Bridges, | 4500 00 |
| Defraying Town Charges, | 1800 00 |
| The payment of Orders on Interest, | 2500 00 |
| Paying Interest on Indebtedness, | 1200 00 |
| Repairing large Bridges, | 500 00 |
| Covering Center Bridge, | 250 00 |
| Overlays, | 1043 09 |

\$25,465 20

On the 17th day of August, A. D. 1880, we committed lists of said assessments unto R. Hanly Smith, Esq., collector of said town.

We subsequently committed a supplemental assessment to said collector, amounting to the sum of two hundred and fifty-five dollars and sixty cents (\$255.60), making the total amount committed to the collector, twenty-five thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars and eighty cents (\$25,720.80), and the number of Polls, fifty-one, making the total number of Polls, nine hundred and twenty-four (924).

TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year Ending February 21, 1881.

DR.

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| To Paid for Town orders, | \$16248 18 |
| Paid for School orders, | 4395 10 |
| Paid for coupons, | 652 25 |
| Paid for interest on town orders, | 352 75 |
| Paid for State pension, | 120 00 |
| Due on four notes of W. F. Gordon, | 200 00 |
| Due on note of R. L. Welch, | 20 00 |
| Due on non-resident taxes, | 65 84 |
| Balance in Treasury, | 64 24 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$22118 36 |

CR.

| | |
|---|----------|
| By Cash in treasury Feb. 20 1880, | \$537 00 |
| Received of State the school fund for 1879, | 463 93 |
| Received of State the school fund for 1880, | 429 34 |
| Received of State the mill tax for 1879, | 1070 22 |
| Received of State the mill tax for 1880, | 1079 30 |
| Received of State the railroad tax for 1879, | 5 18 |
| Received of State the railroad tax for 1880, | 3 24 |
| Received of State for pensions paid in 1879, | 24 00 |
| Received of State for pensions paid in 1880, | 120 00 |
| Received for two town orders sold (since paid), | 700 00 |
| Received of A. T. Tuck, collector for 1876, in full, | 20 00 |
| Received of Daniel Beal, collector for 1877, in full, | 794 30 |
| Received of R. Hanly Smith, collector for '78, in full, | 1777 38 |
| Received of R. Hanly Smith, collector for '79, in part, | 5584 13 |
| Received of R. Hanly Smith, collector for '80, in part, | 8325 38 |
| Received of Liquor Agents (profits of sale), | 372 65 |
| Received of Selectmen, for old timber and iron sold, | 13 10 |
| Received of R. Hanly Smith, non-resident taxes, | 144 44 |
| Received for license, by selectmen, | 22 00 |
| Received of A. Carrier, interest on school fund, | 97 10 |
| Due on Smellidge stand, | 200 00 |
| Due on R. L. Welch note, | 20 00 |
| Received of J. S. Collins, to pay Hospital bill, | 76 89 |
| Received of S. C. Burnham, by G. W. Cothren, | 16 78 |
| Received for tax deed, | 34 19 |
| Received interest collected, | 5 69 |
| Received of the town of Strong, | 23 57 |
| Received of the town of Avon, | 10 00 |
| Received of the town of Chesterville, | 2 75 |

| | |
|--|-------|
| By Received of the town of Starks, | 5 00 |
| Received of the town of New Sharon, | 50 00 |
| Received of the town of Orrington, | 10 65 |
| Received of the town of West Waterville, | 71 00 |
| Received of the town of Temple, | 8 00 |

\$22118 36

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. P. TUFTS, *Treasurer.*

EXPENDITURES.

PAID BY ORDERS.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Paid School orders, by P. P. Tufts, treasurer, | \$3978 09 |
| C. B. Russell for services as selectman, 1879, | 100 00 |
| F. C. Perkins " " | 100 00 |
| W. B. Gilman " " | 100 00 |
| P. P. Tufts " Treasurer | 50 00 |
| I. W. Merrill " Town Clerk | 10 00 |
| J. R. Voter " S. S. Committee | 20 66 |
| P. E. Norton " " | 60 22 |
| D. H. Knowlton " " | 19 12 |
| E. K. Hitchcock for rent of Selectmen's Office | 40 00 |
| Joseph S. Craig " Town Hall and wood, | 55 15 |
| R. B. Jennings for care of Town Hall, | 8 00 |
| Insane Hospital for support of Phebe Hiscock, Martha Bailey, and Olive Ann Richardson, &c., | 408 57 |
| Support of Reuben Hosmer and family, | 222 84 |
| Support of Mrs. Daggett and daughter, | 131 82 |
| Support of Mrs. George Hamlin and children | 123 86 |
| Support of Daniel Witham and Jerusha Howes, | 160 00 |
| Support of William Stewart, | 12 71 |
| Support of A. M. Welch's children, | 60 00 |
| Support of R. L. Welch and family, | 28 61 |
| Support of Enoch Avery and son, | 29 75 |
| Support of Isaiah Tibbetts, | 41 12 |
| Support of George Bragg and family, | 15 50 |
| Support of R. B. Avery and charged to Fairfield, | 30 00 |
| Support of Julia E. Packard, | 103 00 |
| Support of H. T. Allen, | 94 54 |
| Support of Jesse Hiscock and family, | 8 75 |
| Support of Jasper Wendell, | 19 70 |
| Support of A. J. Bemis and charged to Levant, | 206 01 |
| Support of Augustine Day, and charged to Kingfield, | 8 00 |
| Support of Mrs. Robert Hanniford, and charged to city of Portland, | 10 50 |

| | |
|---|--------|
| Paid Support of Sally Ranger, and paid by Temple, | 8 00 |
| Support of Hiram Crocker, | 12 70 |
| Support of Ward Parlin, and charged to New Vineyard, | 26 28 |
| Support of Priscilla Bean, paid by Avon, | 10 00 |
| Support of Mrs. Banfield Huff, | 47 33 |
| Support of Daniel Perkins' family, | 30 00 |
| Support of John Smellage, | 31 49 |
| Support of Emma Young, and paid by W. Waterville, | 71 00 |
| Support of Mrs. Mellen Farmer, and charged to Phillips, | 21 00 |
| Support of Mrs. Rebecca Parish, | 13 30 |
| Support of Porter Dodge, and charged to New Viney'd, | 10 00 |
| Support of Isa Nutting, at Industrial School, | 32 25 |
| Support of R. B. Durrell, | 10 00 |
| Support of Mrs. J. S. Fish, and charged to New Vineyard, | 39 50 |
| Support of Jerry Nason, | 17 50 |
| Support of Mrs. Newell, and charged to New Sharon, | 20 00 |
| Support of Betsey Nichols, and paid by Stark, | 5 25 |
| Support of William Tracy, and charged to Wilton, | 15 25 |
| Support of Freeman Cates, and paid by Strong, | 13 57 |
| Support of Alonzo Stevens, | 10 00 |
| Support of Lyman Harmon, and charged to Salem, | 5 36 |
| Support of Mrs. William Lake, | 3 53 |
| Support of Ayer child, and paid by S. Orrington, | 5 65 |
| Support of H. M. Bragg, | 94 25 |
| Support of A. B. Crocker, | 94 59 |
| Support of miscellaneous paupers, | 125 49 |
| C. W. Keyes for printing town reports, &c., '77 to '80, | 84 60 |
| E. N. Stevens for spikes, shovels, &c., | 2 55 |
| Alvan Currier for services as trustee and treasurer of school fund four years, | 14 00 |
| John Titcomb for services as trustee of school fund four years, | 2 00 |
| T. H. Adams, rope used in town hall, | 40 |
| D. H. Knowlton, printing town reports, blanks, books and stationery from Oct. 22, 1878, to Feb. 23, 1880, | 47 83 |
| P. P. Tufts, advertising non-resident taxes for 1879, | 6 50 |
| N. C. Greenwood, fencing Riverside Cemetery, | 1 50 |
| Sundry abatements on taxes, | 118 86 |
| C. H. Barden, lighting Falls bridge, | 9 00 |
| H. A. Ford, snowing Falls bridge, | 2 50 |
| R. B. Jennings, repairs on town hall, | 3 00 |
| Fred S. Lynes and others, removing snow from Center bridge, | 8 50 |

| | |
|--|--------|
| Paid Sewall C. Whittier, for injuries received by defect in | |
| F. Falls bridge, | 75 00 |
| J. N. Houghton, for damage to carriage, | 5 00 |
| J. P. Thwing, for labor and material on highway, | 17 95 |
| J. F. Prescott, for lumber, | 4 19 |
| Josiah Cutler, stone and building culvert, | 20 00 |
| Seth C. Burnham, for 48 3-4 feet of granite for highway, | 8 12 |
| Daniel Hoyt, for labor and material for sidewalk, | 14 06 |
| Samuel Walton, for damage to land for road, | 10 00 |
| E. Sprague Swift, damage for crossing land, | 5 00 |
| Stillman Tarbox, for land taken to widen East High st., | 215 00 |
| Geo. Wheeler and others, for appraising land of Stillman Tarbox, taken for road, | 3 00 |
| Hannibal Belcher, for services as trustee of school fund, | 2 00 |
| Elijah Norton, for services as trustee of school fund, | 2 00 |
| James H. Bonney, for services as trustee of school fund, | 4 00 |
| LaForest Tufts, for services as trustee of school fund, | 2 00 |
| Stephen Pease, for cash to pay outstanding orders, | 400 00 |
| C. W. Keyes, for advertising non-resident taxes, | 13 00 |
| David Cargill, for Maine State Register, | 1 25 |
| D. H. Chandler, for drawing road petition, | 1 00 |
| Walter Nichols, surveying road and writing location, | 3 00 |
| D. H. Knowlton, books furnished poor children, | 4 86 |
| C. W. Stoddard, for breaking road to H. Belcher's, | 5 00 |
| Edwin Spear, for wood furnished selectmen's office, | 4 37 |
| Samuel Mann, " " " " | 1 50 |
| Daniel Beale, for posting notices, &c., | 4 75 |
| Daniel Beale, for cash to take up outstanding orders, | 300 00 |
| A. T. Tuck, for abatement of taxes for 1875 and '76, | 28 75 |
| E. H. Greenwood, labor, lumber, &c., for large bridges, | 68 94 |
| E. H. Greenwood, covering Center bridge, new part, per contract, | 365 00 |
| Edwin Thurston, lumber for large bridges, | 265 31 |
| W. S. Viles, timber and labor on Center bridge, | 12 14 |
| J. B. Peterson, repairing Alder brook bridge, | 60 00 |
| P. A. Thompson, labor and material on Fairbanks bridge, | 17 62 |
| H. T. Knowlton, labor and material on Williams bridge, | 53 09 |
| G. W. Ranger, plank for Williams bridge, | 15 08 |
| H. Russ, labor and material on Taylor bridge, | 24 97 |
| Miscellaneous, for large bridges, | 22 89 |
| Interest on indebtedness, | 245 51 |
| D. Beale, road orders for 1877, | 24 01 |
| D. Beale, abatement on taxes of 1877, | 457 68 |
| D. Beale, salary for collecting taxes, year 1877, | 268 90 |

| | |
|--|---------|
| Paid R. H. Smith, for road orders taken, years 1878, 1879 and 1880, | 5831 95 |
| R. H. Smith, for discount on taxes, | 390 29 |
| R. H. Smith, for abatement on taxes, year 1878, in full, | 453 84 |
| R. H. Smith, for salary for collecting taxes, year 1878, | 213 26 |
| D. M. Bonney, for curb stone, drain pipe and building culvert, | 84 37 |

EXPENSES FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Your Overseers of the Poor contracted with Sylvanus Knowlton for the support of Daniel Witham from April 1, 1880, to April 1, 1881, for | 125 00 |
| Contracted with Ivory Welch for the support of A. M. Welch's children, | 55 00 |
| Contracted with Susan Daggett for the support of Mrs. Daggett and daughter, | 80 00 |
| Contracted with James McClain for the support of George Hamlin's children, | 100 00 |
| Paid Insane Hospital for support of Martha Bailey, Phebe Hiscock, and Olive Ann Richardson, | 331 18 |
| Miscellaneous pauper bills, | 1606 53 |
| Estimated cost of pauper bills not contracted for, from Feb. 20, 1881 to April 1, 1881, | 100 00 |
| | <u>\$2397 71</u> |

FARMINGTON LIQUOR AGENCY.

| | <i>Dr.</i> | <i>Cr.</i> |
|---|------------------|---|
| To Liquors on hand, May 19, 1880, | \$188 51 | By Amount received on sales of Liquors from May 19, 1880, to Feb. 20, 1881, |
| Liquor from State Agency From May 19, 1880, to Feb. 20, 1881, | 1385 83 | \$1670 03 |
| Express and Freight, | 18 04 | Sales of barrels and casks, |
| Salary for nine months, | 112 50 | 25 40 |
| Profits, | 296 89 | Liquors on hand, Feb. 20, 1881, |
| | <u>\$2001 77</u> | 306 34 |
| | | <u>\$2001 77</u> |

We received of Dolbier & Pillsbury for profits on Liquors sold
from Feb. 20, 1880, to May 19, 1881,

\$82 65

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

| | | | |
|---|--------|----|-----------|
| The town appropriated, March 1, A. D. 1880 : | | | |
| For support of schools, | \$2610 | 00 | |
| Town school fund, | 95 | 75 | |
| State mill tax, | 1079 | 30 | |
| State school fund, | 429 | 34 | |
| | | | \$4214 39 |
| Expended, paid school orders, | 3978 | 09 | |
| School orders drawn awaiting payment by Treasurer, | 94 | 94 | |
| | | | 4073 03 |
| For support of the poor, | | | 2000 00 |
| Expended, paid Insane Hospital, | 331 | 18 | |
| Expended, paid for all other paupers, | 1966 | 53 | |
| | | | 2297 71 |
| For payment of orders on interest, | | | 2500 00 |
| Expended, paid for orders taken up, | | | 1261 00 |
| For paying interest on indebtedness, | | | 1200 00 |
| Expended, cash to pay interest on orders, | 352 | 75 | |
| Expended cash to pay coupons on bonds, | 652 | 25 | |
| | | | 1005 00 |
| For large bridges, | | | 500 00 |
| Expended for large bridges, | | | 540 00 |
| For covering Center Bridge (new part), | | | 250 00 |
| Expended for covering Center Bridge, | | | 365 00 |
| For repairs of roads and bridges, | | | 4500 00 |
| Expended for repairing roads and bridges, D. Beale, | 24 | 01 | |
| Expended for repairing roads and bridges, R. H. Smith, | 5831 | 95 | 5855 96 |
| For defraying town charges, | | | 1800 00 |
| Expended for town officers for 1879, | 460 | 00 | |
| Expended for rent Town Hall, Selectmen's Office, wood, &c., | 103 | 15 | |
| Expended for cash to pay sundry orders, | 1174 | 96 | 1738 11 |
| For abatements, | | | 000 00 |
| Expended for abatements, years 1876, '77 and '78, | 940 | 27 | |
| Expended for sundry abatements, | 118 | 86 | 1059 13 |
| For discount on taxes, | | | 000 00 |
| Expended for discount on taxes, | | | 390 29 |

BONDED DEBT — WHEN DUE.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|----|-----------|
| Bonds due April 1, A.D. 1882, | \$1750 | 00 | |
| “ October 1, A.D. 1884, | 700 | 00 | |
| “ April 1, A.D. 1887, | 5550 | 00 | |
| [Drawing 5 per cent interest,] | | | \$8000 00 |

BONDED DEBT—WHEN DUE.—CONTINUED.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Bonds due April 1, A.D. 1884, | \$1350 00 | |
| “ April 1, A.D. 1885, | 600 00 | |
| “ April 1, A.D. 1889, | 4050 00 | |
| [Drawing 4 per cent interest,] | | \$6000 00 |
| | | <u> </u> |
| | | \$14000 00 |

TOWN ORDERS—WHEN DUE.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Due 1879, | 270 00 | |
| Due 1880, | 1000 00 | |
| [Drawing 4 per cent interest,] | | \$1270 00 |
| Due 1880, | 105 00 | |
| Due 1881, | 2520 25 | |
| Due 1882, | 4401 00 | |
| Due 1884, | 1000 00 | |
| Due 1883, | 500 00 | |
| [Drawing 5 per cent interest,] | | \$8526 25 |
| | | <u> </u> |
| | | \$9796 25 |

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Amount of cash in the treasury Feb. 20, 1881, | \$64 24 |
| In hands of Collector, 1879, | 1776 44 |
| In hands of Collector, 1880, | 8332 50 |
| Due from the town of Salem, | 5 32 |
| Due from Phillips, | 35 00 |
| Due from New Sharon, | 10 00 |
| Due from City of Portland, | 8 79 |
| Due from Castine, | 9 00 |
| Due from Kingfield, | 30 72 |
| Due from Fairfield, | 58 50 |
| Due from New Vineyard, | 83 28 |
| Due from Levant, | 206 01 |
| Due from Wilton, | 15 25 |
| Due on W. F. Gordon note, | 200 00 |
| Tax titles | 66 70 |
| Due on non-resident taxes, | 65 84 |
| Due for interest on school fund, | 95 75 |
| Cash in the hands of S. C. Belcher, | 176 56 |
| Due on D. H. and Joel Hobert's note | 107 00 |
| Due on R. L. Welch's note, | 20 00 |
| | <u> </u> |
| | \$11366 90 |

LIABILITIES.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Bonded debt drawing 5 per cent interest, | \$8000 00 |
| “ “ “ 4 “ “ “ | 6000 00 |
| | \$14000 00 |
| Interest bearing town orders drawing 5 per cent, | 8526 25 |
| “ “ “ - “ “ 4 “ “ | 1270 00 9796 25 |
| | <u>\$23796 25</u> |
| Town orders not on interest awaiting payment by treasurer, | 337 45 |
| Amount due the several school districts, balance undrawn, | 1374 61 |
| School orders not on interest awaiting payment by treasurer, | 79 69 1791 75 |
| | <u>\$25588 00</u> |
| Deduct resources of the town, | 11366 90 |
| | <u>\$14221 10</u> |

ESTIMATES FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, | \$300 00 |
| Treasurer, | 50 00 |
| Town Clerk, | 10 00 |
| Superintending School Committee, | 100 00 |

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| For Support of schools, | \$2692 00 |
| Support of poor, | 2200 00 |
| Defraying town charges, | 1800 00 |
| Paying interest on town indebtedness, | 1000 00 |
| Paying outstanding town indebtedness, in part, | 3890 00 |
| Roads and small bridges, | 4500 00 |
| Large bridges, | 500 00 |
| Abatements, | 100 00 |
| Discount on taxes, | 300 00 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

| | |
|------------------|---|
| SETH C. BURNHAM, | } <i>Selectmen of the Town of Farmington.</i> |
| ROBERT McCLEERY, | |
| G. W. COTHREN, | |

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee.

Citizens of Farmington:—

Having attended to the duties of the office, your Superintending School Committee herewith present their Annual Report for your consideration.

WORK OF VISITATION.

Your committee have visited all the schools in town at least once each term, and in most cases twice or more. Our object in these visits has been to examine the course of instruction, the work of the teacher, and make such suggestions as in our opinion were necessary for the interest of the school.

In so doing the teachers have invariably complied with the suggestions, and in many cases have consulted the committee with reference to their work, as opportunity presented. In only two instances have the committee been called upon to visit schools for the purpose of investigating the discipline therein. In the first instance no one appeared to support charges against the teacher, and after examination of the work of the teacher and the method of government we saw no cause to interfere, but dismissed the case at once. In the second instance we found a case of actual insubordination and considerable excitement in the district, but after a few days' consideration and two half day's attendance on the part of many of the parents, the affair was adjusted, amicably as we believe, and the school continued till the close of the term with good success. And here we would say that if parents would visit their schools more,—at least twice in each term,—and see and hear for themselves the school work, there would in our opinion be less trouble and more interest in schools on the part of pupils generally.

SCHOOL AGENTS.

Much of the efficiency of our schools depends upon the agents, as to them belongs the employment of the several teachers, and we are pleased to say that the agents in the town generally have manifested a good degree of interest, and good judgment, in the selections they have made.

The statute of the State requires that the school agents shall give notice *in writing*, to the committee, of the time when their schools will commence, also the time of closing. In very few cases have the agents complied with this requirement, and some of the schools in town have been visited but once in consequence. If agents would give at least *verbal* notice to the committee it would very materially assist them in their labors, and it is hoped agents will in future bear this in mind.

THE TOWN GENERALLY.

Of the schools in general your committee are of opinion that they have been fully equal to the average of former years. The relation of teacher and scholar has generally been pleasant. There have been some poor schools, but this was to be expected, for the agents employed poor teachers. To some extent the old policy, supposed to be in the interest of economy, of prolonging schools by employing inexperienced teachers, who will work at low wages, has wrought its logical result in a very undesirable quality of school. Your committee, however, gladly attest the evident desire of agents to secure good teachers as shown by the fact that they have frequently conferred with your committee about teachers before engaging them.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Your attention is invited to the following figures :

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| State School Fund, | \$429 34 |
| State Mill Tax, | 1079 30 |
| Town School Fund | 95 75 |
| Town School Tax, | 2610 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total School Money, 1880, | \$4214 39 |

April 1st, 1880, there were 1036 scholars in town according to agents' returns.

We apportioned of the total school money, \$3.60 per scholar, the sum of \$3729.60, leaving \$484.79, which we divided among the smaller districts as follows :

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| District No. 2, | \$22 00 | District No. 16, | \$36 13 |
| 7, | 36 45 | 17, | 38 25 |
| 8, | 35 10 | 18, | 42 75 |
| 10, | 32 75 | 19, | 29 18 |
| 11, | 25 00 | 20, | 25 00 |
| 12, | 30 72 | 21, | 33 59 |
| 14, | 22 00 | 22, | 15 60 |
| 15, | 30 00 | 30, | 19 50 |

Last year several changes were made by which the members of small districts were annexed to larger ones.

This year we would recommend that Mr. John E. Stewart be set off from District No. 21 and be annexed to District No. 5, at Fairbanks Mills.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

The Free High School Law has given the people of the Falls District a term of excellent school at small expense. Ought not the people of this town to avail themselves of the full benefits of this law? A good education is a better legacy to bequeath than the money it costs, and the State generously proposes, to a limited amount, to pay half the expense of affording a higher education to our children. The town of Farmington, with a wide reputation as an educational center, should not be slow to avail itself of the aid proffered in the High School Law.

THE VILLAGE SCHOOLS. — GRADED.

It is to be regretted that the school in Room No. 4 has been obliged to have a change of teachers every term; which has been very discouraging to the pupils. Many have left our district not to return again but to cast their influence in another direction. The work under the several teachers has been varied. Mr. P. L. Paine, of Portland, who was a very efficient teacher, gave good satisfaction in his school work during the spring term.

The fall term was under the management of D. L. Morrill, of Auburn. This being his first attempt at teaching he was not as successful as we could wish.

The fall term was under the direction of Mr. F. F. Whittier, of Colby University, who has given good satisfaction, also a favorite among the pupils.

The teachers in the other departments have fully sustained their former reputation as teachers.

In connection with this subject we with pleasure express our acknowledgment to the agent for his interest manifested in the work, and his cordial co-operation with your committee in their efforts for the advancement of the school.

FALLS DISTRICT.—GRADED.

At the time of the last annual town meeting the winter term of school was in session ; the upper school in charge of Mr. L. M. Perkins, and the lower in charge of Miss Alde L. Tuck. These were the first schools held in the new school house, and both were eminently successful. The rapid progress of the scholars was due to the superior quality of the teachers, the improved facilities of the new house, and the better classification of the scholars afforded by having them divided into two schools. In the summer term the two grades of scholars were consolidated into one school under Miss Tuck, where the inability of classifying as advantageously as in two schools rendered the progress of the scholars far less satisfactory.

With a subscription of upwards of \$60.00, by individuals in the district, a term of twelve weeks of Free High School was had in the fall. Mr. Perkins had charge of this, and also of the upper school the past winter. In connection with the high school there was a term of primary school under Miss C. Maria Hunt, and the same grade of school was successfully taught in the winter by Miss Mae E. Norton. The people of this district are to be congratulated upon the success of their first year of maintaining graded schools. The advancement is in marked contrast with the best that was ever witnessed there before. And the enterprise and liberality shown in opening a Free High School deserve large praise.

CHANGE OF TEXT-BOOKS.

During the year the text-books in arithmetic have been changed. In place of Greenleaf's we introduced the Fish-Robinson arithmetics, and it gives us pleasure to report that these books are giving most excellent satisfaction. By this change of books we have secured vastly better work from our teachers, and we are of the opinion that our pupils have never done as good work in mathematics as in the past six months. This we ascribe to the new text-books placed in their hands. We also introduced Swinton's geographies, and have been able to gain similar results. The National series of readers has been exchanged for the Independent, which has enabled our scholars throughout the town to take more of an interest in this important subject.

We think the town has been greatly benefitted in such a change, and are of the opinion that all are fully satisfied,

SCHOOL STATISTICS, &c.

We present the following outline of the year's work. This is of special interest to the town and we hope they receive the careful attention of all. April 1st, 1880, there were in town 1036 scholars, in

1879, 1027, in 1878, 1009. The total money for 1880 is \$4214.39, which was apportioned to the several districts in town by the municipal officers and committee.

No. 1.—FALLS (Union with Chesterville). S. P. Morrill, Agent. 53 scholars in Farmington; money appropriated, \$190.80. Summer term, entire school taught by Alde L. Tuck; length of school, ten weeks; attendance, 26; average, 78 per cent; wages, \$4.00 per week; board, \$2.25.

Fall and winter terms of High school taught by L. M. Perkins; length of fall term, 11 weeks; winter term, 8 weeks; wages, fall, \$40.00; board \$3.00; winter, \$50.00, including board.

No. 1. Continued. Fall term, attendance, 20; average, 83 per cent; winter term, attendance, 23; average, 95 per cent. Primary, fall term, C. Maria Hunt, teacher; length of school, 9 weeks; attendance, 30; average, 85 per cent; wages, \$3.50 per week; board, \$2.50 per week. Primary, winter term, Mae E. Norton, teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; attendance, 23; average, 92 per cent; wages, \$3.50 per week; board, \$2.25.

No. 2.—GOWER DISTRICT. J. F. Gower, Agent. Number of scholars, 26; money appropriated, \$115.60. Summer term, Lizzie A. Greenwood, teacher; length of school, 10 weeks; attendance, 11 average, 84 per cent; wages, \$2.00 per week; board, \$1.60 per week. Fall term, S. Belle Whittier, teacher; length of school, 7 weeks; attendance, 11; average, 79 per cent; wages, \$1.80; board, \$1.90; winter term, Carrie E. Graves, teacher; length of school, 12 weeks; attendance, 14; average, 78 per cent; wages, \$2.50; board, \$1.90.

No. 3.—NORTON FLAT. Chas. E. Stewart, Agent. Number of scholars, 73; money appropriated, \$262.80. Summer term, Stella B. Collins, teacher; length of school, 5 1-2 weeks; attendance, 19; average, 87 per cent; wages, \$4.00 per week; board, \$1.65. Fall term, same teacher; length of term, 10 weeks; attendance, 20; average, 85 per cent; wages, \$5.00; board, \$1.65. Winter term taught by Melvin Hayes, now in session.

No. 4.—VILLAGE SCHOOL. Dr. P. Dyer, Agent. Number of scholars, 380; money appropriated, \$1368.00. Teachers, spring term, Phillip L. Paine, principal; Grammar school, Emma S. Wyman; Intermediate school, Georgia A. Brown; Primary, Lizzie M. Brown. Fall term, Donald L. Morrill, principal; Grammar school, Emma S. Wyman; Intermediate, Georgia A. Brown; Primary, Lizzie M. Brown. Winter term, F. F. Whittier, principal; Grammar school, Emma S. Wyman; Intermediate, Georgia A. Brown; Primary, Lizzie M. Brown. In the statements below, the first figures are the number registered; the second the percentage of attendance.

| | Spring Term. | Fall Term. | Winter Term. |
|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| High School, | 34 882. | 24 807. | 36 955. |
| Grammar, | 40 930. | 34 911. | 30 933. |
| Intermediate, | 43 907. | 41 853. | 47 744. |
| Primary, | 57 789. | 47 915. | 44 886. |

Length of school, 30 weeks; wages of teachers, including board, principal, spring term, \$55.00; fall term, \$50.00; winter term, \$51.00; Grammar, spring, fall and winter, \$8.00; Intermediate, spring, fall and winter, \$7.00; Primary, spring, fall and winter, \$7.00.

No. 5.—FAIRBANKS MILLS. Geo. W. Ranger, Agent. Number of scholars, 71; money appropriated, \$255.60. Summer term, May Thompson, teacher; length of school, 7 weeks; attendance, 25; average, 83 1-3 per cent; wages, \$4.00; board, \$1.00. Fall term, same teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; attendance, 23; average, 82 per cent; wages, \$5.50, including board. Winter term now in operation under the instruction of Mr. A. W. Parker.

No. 7.—SPRAGUE DISTRICT. R. Hanly Smith, Agent. Number of scholars, 26; money appropriated, \$130.05. Summer term, Mary C. Spaulding, teacher; length of school, 7 3-5 weeks; attendance, 13; average, 87 per cent; wages, \$3.50 per week; board not stated. Fall and winter terms, Ruth A. Norton, teacher; length of both terms, 16 weeks; attendance, 22; average, 86 per cent; wages, \$3.50 per week; board, \$1.50.

No. 8.—CURRIER DISTRICT. David Chandler, Agent. Number of scholars, 13; money appropriated, \$81.90; no summer school; winter school, taught by John J. Hunt, now in operation.

No. 9.—WEST FARMINGTON. Walter Farmer, Agent. 72 scholars; money appropriated, \$259.20. Spring term taught by Rena H. Rogers; length of term, 9 weeks; attendance, 28; average, 68 per cent; wages, \$4.50; board, \$2.00.

No. 10.—SEWALL DISTRICT. C. D. Sewall, Agent. 16 scholars; money apportioned, \$90.32. Winter term taught by Hortense Merrill; length of term, 13 weeks; attendance, 10; average, 86 per cent; wages, \$4.00 per week; board, \$2.00.

No. 11.—GREENWOOD DISTRICT. John H. Goodwin, Agent. 25 scholars; money appropriated, \$115.00. Summer term taught by Emilie Greenwood; length of school, 6 weeks; attendance, 7; average, 93 per cent; wages, \$1.35; board, \$1.15. Winter term commenced by A. M. Smith, closed on account of sickness of teacher, now in operation, Louis M. Perkins, teacher.

No. 12.—KNOWLTON'S CORNER. S. D. Knowlton, Agent. Number of scholars, 24; money appropriated, \$127.12. Summer term taught by Cora M. Sewall; length of term, 8 weeks; attendance,

3; average, 59 per cent; wages, \$2.50 per week; board, \$1.00. Winter term taught by Mr. Hodgkins, now in session.

No. 14.—BRIGGS DISTRICT. J. W. Young, Agent. Number of scholars, 23; money appropriated, \$104.80. Summer term, Rose B. Collins, teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; attendance, 10; average, 83 per cent; wages, \$3.00 per week; board, \$1.50. Winter term taught by Lizzie S. Hodgkins; length of term, 10 weeks; attendance, 18; average, 88 per cent; wages, \$4.00 per week, board, \$2.00.

No. 15.—RUSSELL'S MILLS. J. M. Stevens, Agent. 34 scholars; money appropriated, \$152.40. Summer term, Jennie Stickney, teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; attendance, 15; average, 71 per cent; wages, \$3.00 per week; board, \$1.50 per week. Fall term taught by Rose B. Collins; length of school, 8 weeks; attendance, 19; average, 90 per cent; wages, \$3.00 per week; board, \$1.50. Winter term, Adelia J. Webber, teacher; length of term, 12 weeks; attendance, 13; average, 65 per cent; wages, \$4.50 per week; board, \$1.50.

No. 16.—PORTER HILL. Charles Woodman, Agent. Number of scholars, 13; money appropriated, \$82.93. Summer term, Mittie L. Stanley, teacher; length of term, 6 weeks; attendance, 8; average, 65 per cent; wages, \$2.00 per week; board, \$1.20. Fall term, same teacher; length of school, 11 weeks; attendance, 9; average, 75 per cent; wages, \$3.00; board \$1.20. We are informed that a winter and spring term is to commence Feb. 21st under the instruction of Arthur L. Collins.

No. 17.—BAILEY HILL. Joseph H. Perham, Agent, Number of scholars, 24; money, \$124.65. Summer term, Nellie M. Swift, teacher; length of school, 10 weeks; attendance, 13; average, 65 per cent; wages, \$2.00; board, \$1.50. Fall term, Lizzie N. Eaton, teacher; length of school, 6 weeks; attendance, 9; average, 71 per cent; wages, \$3.00; board, \$1.50. Winter term, Lizzie N. Eaton, teacher; length of school, 11 weeks; attendance, 15; average, 82 per cent; wages, \$3.00; board, \$2.00

No. 18.—TITCOMB DISTRICT. J. W. Norton, Agent. Number of scholars, 24; money appropriated, \$129.15. Summer term, Mary E. Longley, teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; attendance, 9; average, 81 per cent; wages, \$3.00 per week; board, \$1.50. Fall term, Fannie A. Voter, teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; attendance, 12; average, 79 per cent; wages, \$2.50 per week, board, \$1.50. The winter term is under the instruction of Rose B. Collins.

No. 19.—MOSHER HILL. Hosea P. Bump, Agent. 25 scholars; money appropriated, \$119.18. Summer, Ella S. Barker, teacher;

length of school, 8 weeks ; attendance, 12 ; average, 92. per cent ; wages, \$3.00 ; board, \$1.15. Fall term, Ella M. Holley, teacher ; length of school, 14 weeks ; attendance, 21 ; average, 88 per cent ; wages, \$5.00 including board.

No. 20.—HOLLEY DISTRICT. George Holley, Agent. 27 scholars ; money appropriated, \$122.20. Summer term, Mary Whitcomb, teacher ; length of school, 8 weeks ; attendance, 11 ; average, 89 per cent ; wages, \$2.50 per week ; board, \$.95. Winter term, Z. V. Carville, teacher ; length of school, 12 weeks ; attendance, 13 ; average, 80 per cent ; wages, \$22.00 per month ; board \$1.50.

No. 21.—MARCHANT HOLLEY DISTRICT. David Spaulding, Agent. Number of scholars, 9 ; money appropriated, \$65.99. Summer term taught by Carrie E. Butler ; length of school, 8 weeks ; attendance, 10 ; average, 83 per cent ; wages, \$2.50 ; board, \$1.50. Fall term, same teacher. No register returned.

No. 22.—WALTON'S MILLS. Chas. W. Lawrence, Agent. 37 scholars ; money, \$148.80. Summer term, Lizzie N. Eaton, teacher ; length of school, 12 weeks ; attendance 12 ; average, 85 per cent ; wages, \$3.00 per week ; board, \$1.25. Winter term now in operation, Etta K. Currier, teacher.

No. 23.—N. CHESTERVILLE. 17 scholars ; money, \$61.20.

No. 25.—FURBUSH DISTRICT. 8 scholars ; money, \$28.80.

No. 26.—D. H. SMITH. 2 scholars ; money, \$7.20.

No. 28.—ALLEN'S MILLS. 2 scholars ; money, \$7.20.

No. 30.—HILLMAN DISTRICT. Ira V. Cutler, Agent. 6 scholars ; money \$41.10. Fall term taught by Ella L. Barker ; length of school, 12 weeks ; attendance, 5 ; average, 71 per cent ; wages, \$2.25 per week ; board, \$1.25.

No. 31.—MCINTOSH DISTRICT. 6 scholars ; money, \$21.60.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. O. LYFORD,
 PETER E. NORTON, } *S. S. Committee of*
 J. W. H. BAKER, } *Farmington.*

FARMINGTON, February 28, 1881.