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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF HOLDEN,

AND THE

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

For the Year 1876-1877.

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TOWN OF HOLDEN.

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

For A. Judson Clark, $139 54
" David Day, 103 75
" William Austin, 139 63
" Gustavus Blake, 7 62
" Peter Labree, 6 50
" Charles W. Rider and family, 21 74
" Wm. Treadwell, 25 00
" John Burton, 8 25
" Russel B. Thompson and family, 42 69
" Jophanus H. Barns and family, 52 44
" George A. Coleman, 15 00
" Hiram L. Burton and family, 57 21
" Charles F. Harriman and family, 21 98
" Octave Belongé " " 51 70
" George E. Billington " " 22 23
" Wm. R. Rowe " " 76 75
" Henry A. Green " " 59 82
" Wm. S. Willia " " 15 00

$866 95
PAID IN MONEY FOR REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 2, $27.78
`` No. 3, 28.63
`` No. 5, 25.57
`` No. 6, 68.78
`` No. 7, 2.00
`` No. 9, 7.50
`` No. 11, 14.39
`` No. 12, 34.81

$209.46

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

A. B. Farrington, selectman, assessor & overseer, $70.26
Thomas J. Hart, " " " 18.00
Charles Burr, " " " 12.00
Thos. J. Winchester, auditor of accounts, 1.50
F. K. Hart, constable, 4.00
" collector and treasurer, 57.32
A. B. Farrington, town clerk, 6.00
Geo. W. Clark, supervisor of schools, 1875, 45.00
Dr. J. H. Pendleton, part of year 1876, 15.00

$229.08

EXPENSE IN EACH HIGHWAY DISTRICT, FOR BREAKING OUT ROADS.

District No. 2, 1876-77, $5.85
`` No. 4, " 16.90
`` No. 7, " 4.80 ($5.00 of this for removing and replacing fence.)
`` No. 8, " 9.83 ($2.50 of this for removing and replacing fence.)
`` No. 9, 35.48
`` No. 11, 4.20
`` No. 12, 1.95
`` No. 13, for removing and replacing fence, 3.00

$82.01
SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount raised by vote of town, $758.80
Interest on town school fund, 19.67
Received from State school fund, 199.68
Mill tax from State, 283.83

— $1,261.98

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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Abatement of taxes, $55.89
Paid note to P. M. Blake, 40.00
  " for printing reports, 10.50
  " for washing hearse, 75
  " Clerk for recording births and deaths, 4.16
  " blank books, stationery, postage, &c, 14.35
  " land for gravel, (½ acre, Dis. No. 2.) 50.00
  " interest on temporary loans and town orders, 13.25
  " discount on taxes, 119.26
  " County tax, 426.39
  " dipper for town pump, 45

— $1095.00
RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Amount raised by votes of the town, as follows—

For schools, $758.80
   " support of poor, 250.00
   " repair of roads and bridges, 200.00
   " pay of town officers, 200.00
   " incidental expenses, 50.00
   " discount on taxes, 175.00
----------- $1,633.80

For State tax, $727.70
   " county tax, 426.39
   " deficiency highway taxes for 1875, 61.14
   " overlaying, and fractional gains, 67.92
----------- $1,283.15

Amount committed to collector, June 8, 1876, $2,916.95
   " of school fund and mill tax from State, 483.51
   " cash from town of Tremont for Staples family, 517.37
   " of cash from town of Dedham for Wm. P. Burton and family, 4.75
   " of Geo. E. Billington, and Dedham for Geo. E. Billington, and family, 10.00
   " town of Bucksport, for Chas. F. Harriman and family, 3.79
   " of town of Hermon, for Henry A. Green and family, 76.62
   " of city of Rockland, for Jophanus H. Barnes, and family, 52.44
   " received for rent of townhouse, 63.50
   " for interest on money loaned, 4.50
Balance due from Collector March 5th, 1876, 994.16
Total receipts, $5,127.59
EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

Paid for support of poor, $866.95
" in money for repair of roads and bridges, 209.46
" town officers, 229.08
" for breaking roads, and removing and replacing road fences in part for this, and part for last winter, 82.04
" for support of schools, 1,216.17
" miscellaneous expenses, 1,095.00

Total amount of town orders, $3,698.67
Paid outstanding orders for 1875-6, 265.65
Deduct orders unpaid March 5th, 1877, 402.52
Paid by treasurer for the year, $3,561.80
Balance due from Collector and Treasurer, March, 5, 1877, 1,565.79

$5,127.59

HIGHWAY TAX COMMITTED TO SURVEYORS.

District No. 1, Charles Wiswell, $100.82
" 2, Benj. F. Farrington, 138.53
" 3, Thos. J. Hart, 99.95
" 4, Sam'l S. Torrance, 35.68
" 5, F. K. Hart, 122.63
" 6, Chas. H. Pond, 87.45
" 7, Chas. F. Clark, 54.34
" 8, Wm. G. Field, 67.25
" 9, Peter Chadwick, 84.34
" 10, H. C. Levensaler, 90.30
" 11, Nathan G. Kingsbury, 43.70
" 12, Walter K. Spofford, 40.02
" 13, Chas. F. Hart, 80.56

$1,045.57

FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

Am't due from town of Franklin, for expense of Badger boy, $25.54
Am't due from city of Ellsworth, for Mayo boy $5.50, Susan Smith, 9.61
Am't due from town of Burnham, for Geo. A. Coleman, 15.00
Am't due from town of Bucksport, for C. F. Harriman and family, 18.19
Balance due from Collector and Treasurer, 1,565.79

$1,634.13
LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due the several school districts. $371 61
State tax for 1876. 727 70
Note to Dr. J. Fogg, (on demand,) 600 00
Interest on same to Mar. 4th, 1877, 79 45
Unpaid orders for 1876-7, 402 52
Balance to S. Winchester, for board of Wm. Austin, 8 47
Balance due A. P. Levensaler, for board, etc., of David Day, 34 50

$2,224 25

Amount claimed by A. P. Levensaler, for extra expense for David Day, for the collection of which suit has been commenced, $176 00.

Assets deducted, $1,634 13

Balance against town, $590 12

TOWN VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1876.

Real estate of residents, $97,518 00
Real estate of non-residents, 18,929 00

$116,447 00

Personal estate of Residents, $40,803 00
non-residents, 425 00

$41,228 00

$157,675 00

Rate of tax, 1 cent 5 mills on the dollar,

Am't of tax, assessed on real estate of residents, $1,463 06
non-residents, 284 04
personal estate of residents 612 32
of non-residents 6 39

Number of poll taxes at $2.50 each (196) 490 00
Deficiency of highway taxes for 1875, 61 14

Committed to collector, June 8th, 1876, $2,916 95

A. B. FARRINGTON,  Selectmen
THOMAS J. HART,  of Holden.

I hereby certify, that I have examined the bills and receipts for the town of Holden, as presented by the Selectmen, and find them to be correct.

T. J. WINCHESTER,
Auditor.

Holden, March 5th, 1877.
REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

In compliance with a provision of law, we have the honor herewith to submit the following document as our annual report.

Before proceeding to speak of the schools that our attention has been called to, perhaps we may be allowed to state that Dr. Pendleton was chosen Supervisor of schools for this term, at our last municipal meeting. He served in his official capacity, and as a highly respected physician, much to the acceptance of the citizens of the town, until the time of his death, which occurred in November. His vacancy was then filled by your present Supervisor, as his successor. Not having the ability and experience that he had, it is with a feeling of reluctance that I have obtruded myself upon the attention of the schools for the third time. Dr. Pendleton visited the summer and fall terms, and as he left no record of them that we have received, the report will be somewhat deficient; as we shall not be able to say anything more than what we have had from the teachers' register.

WISWELL DISTRICT.

Summer Term—Miss Agnes M. Gould, Teacher.
Length of term, eight weeks. Whole number attending school twenty-three; average number, eighteen. Wages of teacher, $3.75 per week. Price of board, $2 per week.

Fall Term—Miss Addie M. Parsons, Teacher.
Length of term, ten weeks. Whole number attending school thirty-one; average number, twenty-six. Wages of teacher, $3.75 per week. Price of board $2 per week.

The Winter Term—was taught by Miss Addie M. Parsons.
The teacher evidently appeared anxious to make this a profitable school. In some of the branches, however, the scholars passed over a great deal of ground. The low manner in which most of the scholars recited, detracted somewhat from the brilliancy of the examination. The final separation between the teacher and scholars, was very impressive.
Length of term, ten weeks. Whole number attending school twenty-three; average number, nineteen. Wages of teacher, $4 per week. Price of board, $2 per week.
CENTER DISTRICT.

Summer Term—Mrs. F. A. Rowe, Teacher.
Length of term, ten weeks. Whole number attending school, twenty-four; average number twenty. Wages of teacher, $4.00 per week; price of board, $1.71 per week.

Winter Term—Mr. William E. Merrill, Teacher.
At the commencement of the school, we found a large number of scholars present. The scholars were well classed, and good order prevailed. On visiting it at its close we found some noise, and not quite so much care on the part of scholars for improvement. The school was interrupted by the teacher's illness during the term. We think that the extra number of classes in the higher English and Latin branches were too many for one teacher in a mixed school like this. In some of the branches the school appeared well. Mr. Merrill did the best he could under the circumstances. Length of term, ten weeks. Whole number attending school, thirty-nine; average number, thirty-two. Wages of teacher, $35.00 per month; price of board, $3.00 per week.

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Summer Term—Miss Lizzie S. Farrington, Teacher.
Length of term, eight weeks. Whole number attending school, sixteen; average number, thirteen. Wages of teacher, $4.00 per week; price of board, $2.00 per week.

Fall Term—Miss Ada M. L. Buswell, Teacher.
Length of term, ten weeks. Whole number attending school, twenty-eight; average number, twenty-six. Wages of teacher, $7.50 per week; price of board, $1.50 per week.

ROLLINS DISTRICT.

Summer Term—Miss Sadie E. Gilmore, Teacher.
Length of term, nine weeks. Whole number attending school, twelve; average number, ten. Wages of teacher, $3.00 per week; price of board, $2.25 per week.

Winter Term—Miss Josie A. Wilson, Teacher.
The teacher has for six terms been highly approved in this school; and fully sustained her former reputation as one of the best teachers in town. The examination showed thorough instruction and good improvement. Length of term, ten weeks. Whole number attending school, nineteen; average number, sixteen. Wages of teacher, $5.00 per week; price of board, $2.25 per week.

MANN DISTRICT.

Summer Term—Miss Eva B. CopeLAND, Teacher.
Length of term, eight weeks. Whole number attending school, nineteen; average number, fifteen. Wages of teacher, $5.00 per week; price of board, $1.50 per week.
Winter term—Miss Ella F. Ring, Teacher.

Miss Ring came very highly recommended to us by Miss Buswell, from Newport. The teacher in some respects failed to govern, and interest the scholars. The school was increased by the accession of boys from Bangor, which we think was no advantage to the district. The scholars were chargeable with serious indecorum of manners, both in respect to billet writing and general confusion. We hope that Bangor, in the future, will be able to make all necessary appropriations for her scholars, and not annoy our little town of Holden.

After the seventh week of school, we advised the teacher to discontinue, which advice she gladly accepted. Length of term, seven weeks, whole number of scholars attending school, twenty-eight; average number twenty-two; wages of teacher $6.00 per week, price of board $2.00 per week. The school was then continued by Mr. A. C. Martin; and is in progress at the time of preparing our report.

The school appeared well when visited. Wages of teacher, $30.00 per month, price of board $2.00 per week.

CLEWLEY DISTRICT.

Summer Term—Miss Frances A. Abbott, Teacher.

Length of term, nine weeks. Whole number of scholars attending school, thirty-one; average number, twenty-six. Wages of teacher, $3.00 per week; price of board, $1.40 per week.

Fall Term—Miss T. W. Gregg, Teacher.

Length of term, eight weeks. Whole number attending school, twenty-seven; average number twenty-three. Wages of teacher $3.00 per week. Price of board $1.70 per week.

Winter Term—Mr. A. C. Martin, Teacher.

The teacher has had many years of experience; we cannot speak too highly of him. There was admirable arrangement. The scholars were interested; the lessons well committed, and the ground that they passed over in all the branches was clearly and distinctly understood. Your Supervisor expresses his unqualified approbation of this school. Mr. Martin seemed more anxious to keep a good school than to win temporary popularity.

Length of term, 9 weeks, 3½ days. Whole number attending school, 33; average number, 28; wages of teacher, $33.00 per month; price of board, $2.00 per week.

ROWE DISTRICT.

Summer Term—Miss Alice E. Levenseller, Teacher.

Length of term, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars attending school, 20; average number, 20; wages of teacher, $4.50 per week; price of board, $1.50 per week.
Fall or Winter Term—Miss Alice E. Levenseller, Teacher.

The school commenced under the supervision of Dr. Pendleton, and was visited by him in October. We visited the school soon after the death of Dr. Pendleton. The classes in reading and arithmetic made good improvement. The impassable condition of the roads rendered it impossible for us to visit the school at the close; consequently cannot give a full account of the improvement made in all the branches. Miss Levenseller, we think, is a good teacher. Length of term, 11 weeks; whole number of scholars attending school, 27; average number, 25. Wages of teacher, including board, $5.50 per week.

BURTON DISTRICT,

Summer Term—Miss A. L. Pinkham, Teacher.

Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number attending school, 11; average number, 10; wages of teacher, $3.00 per week; price of board, $2.00 per week.

Fall Term—Miss A. L. Pinkham, Teacher.

Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number attending school, 10; average number, 10; wages of teacher, $4.00 per week; price of board, $2.00 per week.

In reviewing our schools for the last winter, we think we can safely say that they have made a commendable improvement. But one failure has occurred during that time, that we have any knowledge of; and as this was only the first part of the term, we think that the loss the school sustained will be nearly made up in the continuation of the school under the charge of Mr. Martin. At the closing examinations, we have been pleased to meet the parents and friends, and to see them take an interest in visiting the schools. It requires teacher, scholars, and parents to make a good school.

We think that it is important for agents to procure the best teachers within their reach and means; and if mistakes are made in doing this, to correct them as soon as possible.

It must be confessed, however, that much which might be hoped for in attempts to secure that better class of teachers, cannot always be attained, since it is often impossible to find or procure for teachers the persons to whom nature has given the quality of special fitness and aptitude to which we allude.

The true school teacher is like the true poet, or genius in any line of elegant or practical art. They are not made by education alone, or procured by contract. The excellent gift must be born within them.

G. W. CLARK, Supervisor.

Holden, March 6, 1877.