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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR
AND
Supervisor of Schools,
OF THE
TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

For the Municipal year ending February 20, 1886.

AUGUSTA:
PRESS OF CHARLES. E. NASH.
1886.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, for the municipal year ending February 20, 1886, present the following report giving the sums received and from what sources to meet the payments of the town; also showing for what purposes and to whom payments have been made.

VALUATION.

Resident Real Estate, - - -	\$294,920 00
Non Resident Real Estate, - - -	39,540 00
Resident Personal Estate, - - -	45,045 00
Non Resident Personal Estate, - - -	265 00
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	\$379,770 00

Number of Polls, 303. Amount assessed on each Poll, \$2.50.
 Rate of taxation on a dollar, .013.
 Amount of money tax assessed for 1885, - \$5693 64

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885.

State Tax for 1885, - - -	\$1707 56
County Tax for 1885, - - -	624 18
Incidental Town Expenses, - - -	1400 00
Support of Poor, - - -	600 00
Support of Schools, - - -	1048 00
To pay interest on town debt, - - -	200 00
Fractional overlay, - - -	113 90
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	\$5693 64

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, February 20, 1885,	\$3120 13
Assessed and committed to Collector and Treasurer,	5693 64
Error in commitment of Highway Tax for 1883 and committed to Collector and Treasurer.	- 23 51
Cash received for old lumber, &c., sold and committed to Treasurer, - - - - -	3 86
Cash received from M. S. H. Rogers, license as Auctioneer, 1884, and license for Skating Rink Association for 1885, and committed, to treasurer - - -	4 00
Committed to Treasurer for oxen sold off Town Farm,	170 64
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	\$9015 78

Resources for State and County Taxes.

Assessed and committed to Collector and State Treasurer, - - - - -	\$1707 56
Assessed and committed to Collector and County Treasurer, - - - - -	624 18

Resources for Schools.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, Feb. 20, 1885,	\$204 04
Amount apportioned for 1885, - - -	1789 63
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	\$1993 67
Paid for support of Schools, - - -	\$1499 12
School Fund undrawn February 20, 1886,	494 55
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	\$1993 67

INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

Sum raised by town for 1885,	-	-	\$1400	00
Fractional overlay,	-	-	113	90
Error in Highway Tax for 1883 not committed,	23	51		
Cash received for old lumber, &c., sold,	-		3	86
Cash received from M. S. H. Rogers for license, 1884, and Skating Rink Association, 1885,	-	-	-	4 00
				—————\$1545 27

Orders drawn on the Treasury for
Incidental Town Expenses.

Thomas Holmes, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	\$73	00
R. W. Cunningham, for same service,	-	54 00
Geo. A. Emerson, for same service,	-	57 00
D. S. Springer, Town Treasurer,	-	24 75
Gardner Roberts, Jr., Town Clerk,	-	13 51
Prescott Keyes, Jr., Supervisor of Schools,	'	60 75
Chas. A. Metcalf, Town Auditor,	-	2 00
C. E. Nash, printing Town Reports, 1883-1884,	20	00
I. G. Vannah, nails for Oxford Bridge,	-	40
Thomas Holmes, for services and expenses as Selectman, &c., from Feb. 20, to March 3, 1885,	-	6 00
Geo. A. Emerson, for services and expenses as Selectman, &c., from Feb. 20 to March 3, 1885,	-	5 85
R. W. Cunningham, for services as Selectman from Feb. 20 to March 3, 1885,	-	1 50
W. S. Snow, services as Constable, 1884 and 1885,	8	00

Amount brought forward, - - - \$1545 27

E. Metcalf, labor in Road District No. 17.	7	12
W. W. Ellis, for Stationery, - -	2	32
W. R. Godfrey, labor in Road District No. 37, 1883 and 1884, - - -	6	59
J. G. Preble, do. No. 37, 1883 and 1884,	2	23
E. W. Rich, do. No. 35, 1884 and 1885,	5	87
Chas. A. Edgecomb, do. No. 17, 1884 and 1885,	4	75
Joseph Welch, nails for "Jaquith" Bridge,	1	00
E. N. Baker, labor in Road District No. 2, 1884,	12	91
S. Powers, do. No. 13, 1884 and 1885, -	3	75
S. P. Roberts, do. No. 13, 1884 and 1885,	5	65
T. C. McCausland, do. No. 13, 1884 and 1885,	1	00
D. D. Williams, do. No. 17, 1884 and 1885,	4	44
Solomon Weston, do. No. 17, 1883, -	11	29
O. C. Googins, do. No. 13, 1884 and 1885,	2	17
A. E. Googins, do. No. 13, 1884 and 1885,	1	58
A. Earle, do. No. 2, 1883 and 1884, -	17	44
A. Earle, hauling Road Machine to Lewiston,	4	00
J. A. Hutchinson, labor in Road District No. 24, 1885, - - - -	5	00
C. T. Hall, do. No. 32, 1885, - -	5	00
Josiah D. Powers, do. No. 38, 1885, -	13	75
Ensign Danforth, do. No. 38, 1885, -	6	56
Daniel I. Larrabee, do. No. 38, 1885, -	10	00
H. M. Bubier, do. No. 38, 1885, -	1	25
W. R. Godfrey, do. No. 38, 1885, -	26	12
G. N. Thurlow, do. No. 38, 1885, -	25	24
Dexter Danforth, do. No. 38, 1885, -	2	75
Frank Danforth, do. No. 38, 1885, -	2	58
Sumner Clark, do. No. 38, 1885, -	24	15

Amount brought forward, - - ——— \$1545 27

Wm. M. Cunningham, labor and materials in Road District No. 31, - -	4 55
Fred M. Babcock, labor in Road District No. 40, 1884, - - - -	5 00
G. A. Beal, Books and Stationery, -	8 23
E. L. Allen, Plank furnished for Road District No. 26, - - - -	2 25
S. Clark, labor in Road Dist. No. 37, '84 '85,	3 50
Wm. H. Frost, do. No. 34, 1883 and 1884,	9 15
D. W. Danforth, do. No. 34, 1883 and 1884,	6 82
L. Williams, use of Plow, Road District No. 38, 1885, - - - -	3 53
R. W. Cunningham and others, labor and materials furnished Crooker Bridge,	15 50
S. H. Tarr, lumber for Patten Mill Bridge,	5 00
Wm. Maxwell, labor in Road Dist. No. 24, '85,	3 12
A. B. Andrews, do. No. 16, 1885, -	2 50
A. S. Gowell, labor and lumber for Buffee Bridge, - - - -	28 38
Augustus Gowell, labor on Buffee Bridge,	6 56
Laura M. Crane, plank for Crooker Bridge and Districts No. 5 and 7, - -	27 28
J. F. Small, labor on Buffee Bridge, -	6 31
H. A. True, do. - - - -	5 56
Wm. M. Cunningham, do. - -	1 25
J. Gray & Son, lumber for Road Dist. No. 20, Buffee and Oxford Bridges, -	81 93
I.annah and others, iron, washers and spikes for Buffee Bridge, - -	1 57
J. G. Preble and others, labor, stone and powder for Road District No. 2, 1885, -	4 50
A. E. Googins & Son, labor on Oxford Bridge,	8 87

Amount brought forward, - - -	\$1545 27
F. M. Babcock, labor and hauling lumber for Oxford Bridge, - - -	7 90
E. L. Smith, do. - - -	19 22
E. N. Baker, self and oxen labor in Road District No. 2, 1885, - - -	14 10
P. M. Robinson, plank furnished for Road District No. 39, - - -	3 43
J. Rieker, labor, splitting and laying Stone Bridge for Road District No. 26, -	14 00
A. Bubier, do. No. 26, - - -	10 50
J. Rieker, do. No. 1, - - -	4 50
A. Bubier, do. No. 1, - - -	3 00
Geo. L. Brownell, for Hearse, - - -	454 11
J. L. and E. L. Allen, labor hauling and lay- ing stone Road District No. 26, -	45 40
S. Danforth, Railing Bridge in Road District No. 39, 1885, - - -	1 00
A. Douglass, labor in Road District No. 11, 1884, 1885, - - -	12 00
R. J. Campbell, do. No. 24, - - -	3 50
Clark & Milliken, plank for Patten Mill Bridge,	5 40
R. J. Campbell, labor on Buffee Bridge and blasting stone on Lunt Hill Road,	6 82
W. R. Godfrey and others, building stone Bridge Road District No. 38, - - -	15 00
C. T. Hall, plank and building bridge in Road District No. 32, - - -	11 20
Geo. H. Jack, hauling lumber Road District No. 24, 1881, - - -	3 50
J. Gray & Son, plank for Road District No. 21,	4 26
T. Holmes and others, expenses paid out for Hearse, - - -	25 90

Amount brought forward, - - -	\$1545 27
C. E. Nash, printing Town Reports for 1885,	20 00
John Purinton, plank furnished Road District No. 26, - - - -	11 42
J. W. Tucker, hauling plank for Sloman Bridge,	3 00
M. Tibbetts, plank and nails furnished Road District No. 20, - - -	2 02
West Gardiner, 1-2 expense company pier Buffee Bridge, - - -	10 53
G. N. Thurlow, labor self and oxen Road District No. 2, - - -	4 00
W. F. Adams, hauling hearse from Richmond, &c.	2 00
Rufus Polly, labor in Road District No. 39,	4 55
S. H. Ring, comms. on highway taxes for 1883,	47 29
J. E. Chase, rope for Hearse, - -	50
D. S. Springer, expenses as Treasurer, -	5 90
T. Holmes, expenses as Selectman, &c.	10 05
Geo. A. Emerson, do. - - -	6 40
R. W. Cunningham, do. - - -	5 60
Abated in Samuel Smith's Tax Bills for the year 1882, - - -	18 69
Abated in S. H. Ring's Tax Bills for the year '83,	3 24
Abated do. 1884, - - -	3 24
Abated do. 1885, - - -	3 80
	<hr/> \$1611 60
Balance against the town,	<hr/> \$66 33
Balance unexpended as per highway commitment 1883, - -	\$561 18
Error in highway commitment 1883, -	23 51
	<hr/> \$584 69

Amount brought forward, - - ——— \$584 69

Money expended in labor for repairs
on highways in the several dis-
tricts for the years 1883 & 1884.

H. F. Woodard and others,	Dist. No. 3,	\$16 42
Henry Huntington and others,	4,	27 64
G. H. Palmer and others,	5,	15 38
Jesse T. True and others,	6,	9 84
F. E. Baker and others,	7,	88 45
A. C. Goodwin and others,	8,	3 70
H. A. Blackwell and others,	9,	16 20
Simeon Goodwin and others,	10,	3 88
A. Douglass and others,	11,	4 70
E. P. and A. C. True and others,	12,	38 48
O. C. Googins and others,	13,	15 25
R. J. Campbell and others,	14,	4 70
H. M. Hunkins and others,	15,	8 65
F. T. Bailey and others,	16,	9 69
F. T. Harriman and others,	17,	4 39
L. Metcalf and others,	18,	11 14
W. C. Bowley and others,	19,	2 60
B. W. Berry and others,	20,	54 43
F. C. Wyman and others,	21,	14 87
J. Weymouth and others,	22,	8 51
H. S. Payne and others,	23,	16 66
E. Toothaker and others,	24,	37 13
M. W. Adams and others,	25,	22 10
Chas. Jack, and others,	26,	13 12
L. E. Dennison and others,	28,	29 72
D. Campbell and others,	29,	7 05
W. S. Jordan and others,	30,	4 67
W. C. Knight and others,	31,	3 50
C. T. Hall and others,	32,	2 61
C. T. Frost and others,	33,	7 04
P. Larrabee and others,	34,	70

Amount brought forward,	-	-	—————	\$584 69
H. N. Jordan and others,	35,	24	56	
Geo. N. Thurlow and others,	36,	3	47	
D. Godfrey and others,	38,	4	76	
Cash to balance collected,		48	68	
			—————	\$584 69

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sum raised by town for support of poor,	\$600 00
Oxen sold off Town Farm,	170 64
	————— \$770 64

Support of Poor on Town Farm.

A. P. Nutting, services as Supt. Town Farm to April 1, 1885, - - -	\$60 00
A. P. Nutting, supplies over receipts from Jan. 1, to April 1, 1885, - -	82 62
Wm. M. Cunningham, use of wagon for 1884,	4 00
F. O. Sylvester, do. - - -	2 75
John Hinkley, oxen bought for Town Farm,	129 00
Phillip Allen, Heirs of, wagon for Town Farm,	13 00
A. P. Nutting, services as Supt. Town Farm to July 1, 1885, - - -	60 00
A. P. Nutting, supplies over receipts from April 1, to July 1, 1885, - -	72 60
Wm. F. Merryman, use of horse, -	10 00
A. P. Nutting, services as Supt. Town Farm to Oct. 1, 1885, - - -	60 00
A. P. Nutting, supplies over receipts from July 1, to Oct. 1, 1885, - -	85 93

I. W. Gilbert, medical attendance on Rosilla Curtis, - - - -	8 00
A. P. Nutting, services as Supt. Town Farm to January 1, 1886, - -	60 00
A. P. Nutting, supplies over receipts from Oct. 1, to Jan. 1, 1886, - -	46 46
	<hr/> \$694 36

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF TOWN FARM.

Edith Merrill, for support of Mrs. Kendall from February 7, 1885 to February 7, 1886, - - -	\$30 00
J. W. Starbird, for supplies furnished J. Ridley's family, - -	24 49
I. W. Gilbert, medical attendance on C. Ridley's family - -	22 65
C. Bosworth, coffin for J. Ridley's son,	9 00
Town of Wales, supplies furnished C. Ridley's family, - - -	4 35
Eli Merriman, clothing furnished Johnny Potter,	6 70
D. E. Marston, medical attendance on C. Ridley's family, - -	45 00
E. Adams, medical attendance on Levi D. Blackwell, - -	36 25
Mary A. Gray, for nursing and boarding Levi D. Blackwell, from September 1, to November 10, 1885,	30 00
	<hr/> \$208 44
Due from Town of Leeds, for medical attendance, care and supplies furnished Levi D. Blackwell, - -	\$66 25
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Cost of Poor off Town Farm, - - -	\$142 19
Balance against the town, - - -	\$65 91

Value of Town Farm, Stock and Property thereon,
February 20, 1886.

Value of Town Farm,	-	-	-	\$1800 00
Live Stock,				
1 Horse	-	-	-	\$75 00
1 Colt	-	-	-	65 00
1 Pair Oxen	-	-	-	140 00
3 Cows	-	-	-	90 00
1 Two year old heifer	-	-	-	18 00
1 One year old heifer	-	-	-	10 00
2 Swine	-	-	-	7 00
40 Hens	-	-	-	15 00
				<hr/> \$420 00
Hay.				
10 Tons hay	-	-	-	\$120 00
1 Ton of swale hay	-	-	-	6 00
				<hr/> \$126 00
Provisions.				
½ Bushel meal	-	-	-	\$0 30
5 Bushels oats	-	-	-	2 25
100 lbs. Shorts	-	-	-	1 20
1 Bushel shelled corn	-	-	-	75
25 lbs. fresh pork	-	-	-	2 00
12½ Bushels beans	-	-	-	21 88
45 lbs. butter	-	-	-	9 00
35 lbs. lard	-	-	-	3 15
3 Gallons preserves	-	-	-	1 75
200 lbs. pork	-	-	-	16 00
50 Bushels potatoes	-	-	-	25 00
8 Bushels beets	-	-	-	2 40
2 Bushels carrots	-	-	-	1 00
1 Bushel turnips	-	-	-	40
1½ Bushel onions	-	-	-	1 50
18 Bushels 2nd quality apples	-	-	-	4 00

1½ Bushels russets apples	-	-	-	75
4 Gallons soft soap	-	-	-	50
½ Barrel flour	-	-	-	3 00
1 lb. coffee	-	-	-	20
¾ lb. tea	-	-	-	45
1 lb. sugar	-	-	-	08
2 Gallons Molasses	-	-	-	90
2 lbs. soda	-	-	-	10
3 lbs. rolls	-	-	-	1 50
½ Bushel Liverpool salt	-	-	-	25
				<hr/> \$100 31

Farming Tools.

Ox cart	-	-	-	-	12 00
2 Plows	-	-	-	-	10 00
1 Harrow	-	-	-	-	2 00
3 Ox chains	-	-	-	-	3 00
1 Cultivator	-	-	-	-	6 00
1 Ox sled	-	-	-	-	1 00
1 Horse sled	-	-	-	-	10 00
1 Horse cart	-	-	-	-	8 00
1 Mowing machine	-	-	-	-	35 00
1 Drag	-	-	-	-	1 00
1 Yoke bows, ring and staple	-	-	-	-	2 50
1 Harness	-	-	-	-	14 00
1 Grindstone	-	-	-	-	1 00
1 Express wagon	-	-	-	-	13 00
Saw, axes &c.	-	-	-	-	2 50
					<hr/> \$121 00

Names and Ages of Paupers on Town Farm.

Mary Nevens,	-	-	-	-	aged 83 years.
Julia Tibetts,	-	-	-	-	aged 64 years.
Anna Whitten,	-	-	-	-	aged 86 years.

Benjamin Huntington,	- -	aged 83 years.
Sanford Goodwin,	- - -	aged 61 years.
Charles Curtis, from May 5, 1885,		aged 83 years.
Johnny Potter, from January 26, 1886,		aged 65 years.
Rosilla Curtis, from June 3, 1885,		aged 38 years.
Infant, from August 29, 1885,	-	aged 5½ mon.

Asa P. Nutting and wife were hired to superintend the Town Farm for the year ending April 1, 1886, at two hundred and forty dollars per year.

RESOURCES FOR TOWN DEBT.

Sum raised by town to pay interest on		
town debt,	- - - -	\$200 00
Paid interest on town debt,	- -	60 00
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Balance in favor of town,		\$140 00

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of resources,	- -	\$9961 45
Incidental Town Expenses,	- - -	\$1611 60
Paid for Support of Poor,	- - -	902 80
" interest on town debt,	- - -	60 00
State and County Taxes,	- - -	2331 74
Paid for Support of Schools,	- -	1499 12
School fund undrawn,	- - -	494 55
Paid for repairs on Highways,	- -	536 01
Balance on Selectmen's Book February		
20, 1886,	- - - -	2525 63
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		\$9961 45

THOMAS HOLMES,	}	Selectmen
R. W. CUNNINGHAM,		of
GEO. A. EMERSON.		Litchfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year, ending February 20, 1886, also a statement of the town debt and the amount due from the Collector, etc. :

Cash in Treasury, February 20, 1885,	\$387 12
Received from Samuel Smith, Collector of 1882, - - - - -	20 00
Received from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1883, - - - - -	375 00
Received from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1884, - - - - -	1650 00
Received from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1885, - . - - -	1150 00
Received from Stillman H. Ring on highway tax of 1883, - - -	584 69
Received from Overseers of Poor for oxen sold from town farm, - - -	170 64
Received from Selectmen for licences, -	4 00
Received from Selectmen for lumber sold,	3 86
Received from State Treasurer, school funds,	565 36
	\$4910 67
Paid out as follows :	
For support of schools, - - -	\$1489 12
For incidentals, - - - - -	1606 18
For support of poor, - - - - -	902 80
For town debt, - - - - -	60 00
For highway tax of 1883, - - -	536 01
Cash in Treasury, February 20, 1886,	316 56
	\$4910 67

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Due from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1883, - - - - -	\$43 16	
Due from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1884, - - - - -	409 29	
Due from Stillman H. Ring, Collector of 1885, - - - - -	2211 90	
Cash in Treasury February 20, 1886, -	316 56	
	<u> </u>	\$2980 91
 Outstanding notes and interest on the same, - - - - -	 \$1541 50	
Balance in favor of town, - - - - -	1439 41	
	<u> </u>	\$2980 91
 All of which is respectfully submitted.		

D. S. SPRINGER, TREASURER.

Litchfield, February 20, 1886.



AUDITOR'S REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF LITCHFIELD:

Your Auditor having carefully examined and compared the Selectmen's and Treasurer's accounts, would respectfully submit the following report:

I find the accounts kept in a plain and business-like manner, and they exactly agree. For all orders calling for cash from the treasury there are bills of items on file for like amounts, showing for what the money had been expended.

Orders on file in the hands of the Treasurer exactly correspond with the amount of cash charged as paid out by him.

The Treasurer's accounts show that he had

cash on hand February 20, 1885,	-	-	\$387 12
Received during the year,	-	-	3987 54
			\$4374 66
He has paid out during the same time,	-	-	\$4058 10
			\$316 56

I have examined the accounts of the several town officers for the municipal year ending February 20, 1886, and allowed them as follows:

Thomas Holmes, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor,	-	-	\$80 75
R. W. Cunningham, for same service,	-	-	70 25
George A. Emerson, for same service,	-	-	63 75
A. C. True, Supervisor of Schools,	-	-	59 25
D. S. Springer, Town Treasurer,	-	-	24 75
Wm. F. Adams, Town Clerk,	-	-	3 70

CHARLES A. METCALF, AUDITOR.

Litchfield, February 20, 1886.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Supervisor presents the following report as to the character and condition of your schools for the year ending March 1, 1886.

Amount of money raised by the town,	-	\$1048 00
Amount of State School Fund and Mill Tax,		604 26

District No. 1. William S. Snow, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Flora E. Rogers, teacher. Whole number attending 39 ; average number attending 36 ; length of term 45 days ; wages of teacher \$4 per week.

This is the largest school in town and is made up of an exceedingly interesting class of scholars. As we glanced over the school, the first time for several terms, we realized that the parents might well be proud of its members ; for there were displayed in every feature unmistakable evidences of rare intellectual endowments.

The superior scholarship and varied experience of the teacher, well fitted her to become the leader and guide of this young and promising family. At our first visit we found perfect harmony existing among all, which remained until the close of the term.

All branches were thoroughly taught and practically exemplified. Oral classes were formed and made very commendable progress. Also a class in Book-keeping, composed of young ladies, showed a complete pattern of neatness and accuracy. The remaining work was more than well done.

Fall term, same teacher. Whole number attending 48; average number attending 38; length of term 37 days; wages of teacher \$5 per week.

We were much pleased when asked to allow Miss Rogers to renew her labors in this district. At the commencement of the term the same degree of interest was manifested as in the summer term,—the scholars as bright, active, and industrious. The teacher as devoted and energetic as previously. The measles prostrating the teacher and several pupils, the school was prematurely closed during the eighth week. Reports from those interested in the district give evidence of the same good results that attended the labors of the previous term.

Winter term, C. E. Stevens, Bates College, teacher. Whole number attending 45; average number attending 40; length of term 60 days; wages of teacher \$50 per month, including board.

Mr. Stevens, although pursuing a collegiate course of education, brought to his work a mind well stored with those principles of study that are needed in rural schools; also a capacity to govern and a power to win the love and respect of his pupils. With the number of classes here found, no teacher could render strict justice to all; but by arduous labor, and strict observance of time, no neglect was received. Such a spirit of readiness was shown that alone would have assured a successful term. We were obliged to sanction all, and desire to particularly mention the written exercises in spelling, which were not excelled by any in the town. This closes, we believe, three as profitable terms as were ever in this district in one year.

District No. 2.

Mrs. Mary N. Stockford (*nee* Mitchell), teacher. Whole number attending 12; average number attending 10 1-2; length of term 33 days; wages of teacher \$3 per week.

We found this school somewhat backward, but it was brightened by a few very excellent scholars. The teacher, having a good education, and previous experience in this school, was

enabled to commence the work with every hope of success — which was verified at the close. Every scholar between seven and fifteen years attended. Not one was dismissed, and five were not absent one-half day.

These facts we consider abundant proof of the efficiency of the term. It was a good school.

Winter term, William Nickerson, Richmond, teacher. Whole number attending 18 ; average number attending 15 ; length of term 45 days ; wages of teacher \$20 per month.

Mr. Nickerson came to us without experience as a teacher, but well versed in the texts to be taught. At our first visit we found all apparantly well applied to their vocation. The order was a little lenient, but we thought through our advice and a bit more energy on the part of the teacher, it would be brought up to the standard. Not receiving the notice of the closing until after it had closed, we did not make a final visit.

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District No. 3. Edgar Briery, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Mary P. Lancaster, Richmond, teacher. Whole number attending 19 ; average number attending 15 ; length of term 40 days ; wages of teacher \$3.25 per week.

This, for many years, has been a very pleasant school ; its members being always *wide awake* and ready to assist their teacher and one another in all ways ; but like all smart pupils they are likely to wander away from the path of perfect respect and obedience unless guided by a kind and watchful hand.

Nearly all the classes appeared well and showed a fair degree of improvement. The order was not quite what we like to see.

Winter term, Prescott Keyes, Jr., teacher. Whole number attending 21 ; average number attending 19 ; length of term 40 days ; wages of teacher \$30 per month.

This term the school was composed of all the summer scholars supplemented by a class of older and more advanced scholars.

With Mr. Keyes' experience as a teacher and his practical knowledge gained by contact with truths in the different walks and phases of every day life, we prophesied that a bountiful harvest would be the fruits of his labors. This was fully realized at the closing examination.

Thoroughness was inculcated in every branch of study. Knowledge rather than show held supremacy in the recitations. Classes in Algebra, Arithmetic and Grammar were very interesting and showed much careful instruction followed by patient and hard study. First class in reading stands in the very first rank in points of tone and inflection.

We congratulate all in your good work. Mr. Keyes is keeping a private school in this district.

District No. 4. Charles Hall, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Mabel Witherell, Month, teacher. Whole number attending 18; average number attending 15; length of term 45 days; wages of teacher \$3 per week.

Most of the scholars in this school were young and were, we think suffering from the effect of short and perhaps poor schools in former years, therefore they needed good, plain, precise instruction imparted by an instructor bearing their esteem and respect. Miss Witherell succeeded in all these and although the children were not urged to do their uttermost we consider the term a profitable one.

Winter term, Mr. Fred Buker, teacher.

Mr. Buker has the reputation of being a prime teacher. At our visit we found everything quite to our satisfaction. Order excellent, scholars studious, the teacher very active in his work, and we bespoke much benefit to the laborers. A disease *breaking out*, the term suddenly stopped without our knowledge, hence of its quantity and quality we cannot speak.

Mr. Buker failing to return to his labors, the agent by unanimous request of the parents, employed the teacher of the summer term. The school commenced under favorable auspices and is still in session.

District No. 5. Joseph Woodbury, Agent.

Summer term, Carrie L. Hinton, West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending 11; average number attending 10; length of term 60 days; wages of teacher \$3.50 per week.

The fact that this teacher has had charge of this school for six consecutive terms without receiving a shadow of fault or distrust from any person, would seem to ensure a highly profitable term. This is one of the best schools in town in points of industry, punctuality, ability and readiness. No hesitation in their recitations, no wavering in their answers to questions given by their teacher, supervisor or strangers.

A deal of useful instruction was given and retained outside the text books, which will truly be invaluable in coming days. A class of young pupils did extra well. In the fullest sense this was a superior school.

Fall and winter term, same teacher. Whole number attending 12; average number attending 9; length of term 60 days; wages of teacher \$3.50 per week.

At our first visit we found the same scholars as in summer term with an addition of two (2) girls. We also found the same degree of unison that characterized the former term, the same display of industry on the part of all was visible. Some slight variations in mode of instruction such as every first class teacher must adopt, added to the appearance and improvement of the school. Literary exercises at the close were much enjoyed and were very beneficial to those taking part. Several parents were present. Sickness and death in the school lowered the average attendance. We hope future agents will appreciate Miss Hinton's worth and keep her in their schools.

 District No. 6. Albert C. True, Agent.

Summer term, Etta F. Jackson, West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending 14; average number attending 13; length of term 40 days; wages of teacher \$3 per week.

Miss Jackson is a fine scholar and has had some experience as a teacher; she entered upon her duties here with a spirit highly praiseworthy.

Most of the scholars in this district are able to recite throughout the term without a single error. The school was very quiet and orderly and the closing examination was quite satisfactory although not hardly the amount of work was performed that we hoped for at commencement of the term. Classes in History and Physiology deserved praise.

Fall term, Miss Daisy B. Peabody, Lewiston, teacher.

Miss Peabody is a young lady of sterling moral and Christian character and possesses a high mental development. She entered into her work with a determination to give to her scholars the whole benefit of her energy and talents and had she completed the term in full we believe all would have felt the power of her influence. The measles entering the school it was suspended at the close of the second week and other engagements prevented the teacher's return to her work here.

Winter term, Fannie W. True, teacher. Still in session.

Miss True being a resident of the district, knowing the disposition, acquirements and requirements of the scholars and having previous experience of six (6) terms in school, is able to do much more and better labor than a stranger. At our last visit the ninth (9th) week we were much pleased with the appearance of the entire school. Classes in Mathematics were exceedingly well versed. The teacher introduced the principle of regular written examinations which had the desired good effect. Those in Geography, History and Physiology ranked 9 7-8 on a basis of 10. A class in oral History was the best we ever saw in town at the ages of its members. We have no fears for the end.

District No. 7. Henry Lunt, Agent.

Summer term, Augusta H. Edgecomb, teacher. Whole number attending 16; average number attending 15; length of term 50 days; wages of teacher \$5 per week including board.

We wish every parent in town could have been present at the close of this term that they with us might have learned the difference between a poor or even a *good* school and this one, for the amount of attention given and the worth of thoughts received were truly wonderful. In all the classes this was manifest. Rules and analysis were alike carefully inculcated. The little ones were formed in classes and recited orally and were equal to any to be found in a district school; also one in written Physiology bore the same degree of rank. Too much praise could not be given to the work here done.

Fall term, same teacher. Whole number attending 18; average number attending 16; length of term 60 days; wages of teacher \$6 per week including board.

We believe that this was Miss Edgecomb's eleventh (11th) term in this school and need perhaps only to add that she *in every respect* sustained her past reputation. All the classes showed the same diligent study and careful recitations that mark their course in the past.

One scholar of thirteen years we think has no superior within a radius of many miles.

Parents were present and the school-room was tastefully decorated with leaves and mottoes.

We should be recreant to our duty were we to close this report without a mention of the school-house, which is certainly no honor to the parents, town or teacher. Please allow me to remind you that you take much pride in your children and your success in giving them the very best of instructors. Now why not add another gem to the jewel and give them a good, neat, light and well ventilated school-room, one that they will take equal pride in keeping it perfectly homelike. A few dollars thus spent will only be lent to return to you with ten-fold income. Miss Edgecomb is now teaching a private term here.

District No. 8. John Purington, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Lettie A. Stinson, Richmond, teacher. Whole number attending 14; average number attending 11; length of term 40 days; wages of teacher \$3 per week.

This school is made up of scholars from several districts which was necessarily detrimental to the classification of the school and detracted something from its progress. Notwithstanding this we are pleased to report it profitable. The teacher took especial pains with the small scholars, of which the school is chiefly composed. The Reading classes showed excellent improvement.

District No. 9. Solomon Weston, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Fannie W. True, teacher. Whole number attending 17; average number attending 16; length of term 30 days; wages of teacher \$3.50 per week.

We place Miss True among our best and most thorough scholars and in the front rank as a teacher. This school was quite backward at the commencement but during this term it took a long step toward the lead. The teacher put her full force of energy, power and tact into her work and the pupils in return did their best to be kind and respectful to their teacher and proficient in their studies. We were glad to notice two young ladies of whom we had lost sight for several years, had returned to their books and were delving as enthusiastically as in by gone days. We hope this example will be followed by many others. "Verily we are never too old to learn." Without particularizing the classes we would report all very pleasing to us. The term was too short.

Winter term, Mr. W. E. Tarr, Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number attending 16; average number attending 15; length of term 40 days; wages of teacher \$25 per month.

This teacher was well informed in books, and came with an experience of five terms and would have been successful in a larger or more difficult school. He labored hard for his charge with good results considering the age of the scholars and length of the term; we could not expect greater returns than were here given.

District No. 10. Abel Purinton, Agent.

Summer term, Annie A. Hartford, Richmond, teacher. Whole

number attending 17 ; average number attending 15 ; length of term 40 days ; wages of teacher \$3 per week.

The majority of this school are young, but at our first visit appeared desirous of making rapid improvement. Miss H. had the interests of the scholars at heart and carried considerable energy into her work, which was faithfully discharged. The classes made fair advancement in the right direction. The order was up to the average. With more experience Miss Hartford may become a first class teacher.

Winter term, H. J. Carville, teacher. Whole number attending 16 ; average number attending 15 ; length of term 34 days ; wages of teacher \$30 per month, including board.

This teacher is too well known to need any words of praise or comment from us. With him there is no fail.

The examination of the several classes at the close, disclosed that a vast amount of study and patience had been accomplished in a short time. That the training was such as every youth should and must receive in order to stand erect in the busy thoroughfares of practical life. Great credit is due to all for applying themselves so faithfully. Your reward is sure to come.

District No. 11. Fred E. Baker, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Mary A. True, teacher. Whole number attending 31 ; average number attending 28 ; length of term 45 days ; wages of teacher \$3 per week.

We had many fears when we consented for a young and inexperienced person to assume the control of this school. Knowing, however, that Miss True held the unprejudiced good will of the entire district we tried the experiment, and in our judgment no teacher laboring under these disadvantages could have done better. At the very first we found the order good. Classification and modes of recitation well systematized. All these are very necessary in this school. We also observed that the best of feeling existed between the teacher and the pupils. At the close we found the classes quite well versed in the principles studied. The lower reading classes especially meritorious.

Winter term, Daniel Brown, Richmond, teacher. Whole number attending 39; average number attending 36; length of term 55 days; wages of teacher \$31 per month.

Mr. Brown had charge of this school last winter, and we are informed gave universal satisfaction, hence he was placed in favorable relations to the school this term. At the commencement of the term we found every influence, both inside and outside of schoolroom, tending to an extraordinary profitable term. The teacher affable and pleasant, thereby inspiring confidence and respect in the members of his school. This being pursued throughout the term gave the school a fine appearance at the close.

Our examination was not critical enough to enable us to select those classes, or individuals who did the best, but critical enough to believe they all did very finely. The class in written spelling should, however, be noticed for its rank was very high.

Our home being near we had many opportunities for enquiring concerning the school and the feelings of those interested in it, and the invariable answer was, "I have not a word of fault to find." Nor has your supervisor, but we have with the blackboards, and sincerely hope they will be seen to before another term.

District No. 12. F. W. Jordon, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Clara A. Waterman teacher. Whole number attending —; average number attending —; length of term —; wages of teacher per week.

This was Miss Waterman's first attempt at teaching, and her lot could hardly have been placed in a more easy and pleasant school than this. She was genial, but energetic and careful in her discipline and methods. The scholars showed the utmost confidence in their teacher and yielded at once to her influence. All the scholars were young and few in numbers. Examination showed a good degree of advancement. A good little school.

Winter term, Miss Emily Adams, teacher. Whole number attending 13; average number attending 9; length of term 85 days; wages of teacher \$2 per week.

This is one of the exceptions where a term of four months will be advantageous, but here we found no appearance of abatement of interest or fatigue on part of the pupils. Although small this school was quite interesting. Classes in Arithmetic made marked improvement, also classes in Reading and Geography deserved notice and approval. Miss Adams is a conscientious worker, and is fully competent for a broader field of labor.

District No. 13. Eben Morrill, Agent.

Summer term, Mabel Witherell, Monmouth, teacher. Whole number attending 11; average number attending 10; length of term 35 days; wages of teacher \$3 per week.

Duties in other schools rendered it impossible for us to visit this school until the second week, when we found the school in good working condition. This school is quite backward, and with ever so hard and diligent labor great show could not be made. At closing visit we found commendable improvement had been made, especially in reading.

Winter term, same teacher. Whole number attending 13; average number attending 11; length of term 40 days; wages of teacher \$4 per week.

We supposed this school began under prospects favorable to success, as we considered the summer term pleasing to all the parents. At our first visit we found the general character of the school was the same as the summer term except the presence of an advanced scholar.

The order appeared good, and we were quite well pleased with the school. About the fourth week we learned that the school was not satisfactory to some and had not been from the commencement. The seventh week we were notified to visit the school and investigate, which we did, many of the parents being present. Although we could not call the workings of the school first class the sustained charges were not sufficient to dismiss the teacher, but by her own free will she closed the same day. We hope the future will be brighter for this district. Be careful in the selection of your teacher.

District No. 14. Geo. N. Thurlow, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Ella A. Towle, West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending 15; average number attending 13; length of term 40 days; wages of teacher \$3 per week.

Although having but little experience we thought from our acquaintance both in and out of the school-room, Miss Towle would succeed in a measure creditable to herself and district and we were not disappointed. At our first visit we found every prospect of a good ending unless the teacher was too reserved. At the close we found the discipline good and the progress in all branches fair and some, extra good. With experience Miss Towle will succeed in any school.

Winter term, Henry Taylor teacher. Whole number attending 20; average number attending 17; length of term 44 days; wages of teacher \$31.11 per month including board.

We find by consulting register this to be Mr. Taylor's forty-fourth (44th) term. Surely if "practice makes perfect," his practice alone would render him a peer among teachers. Having had charge of this school before he knew precisely what was needed in the school.

Whenever this teacher enters a schoolroom good order, hard work, and thorough drill are sure to follow. In this school these characteristics were predominate. We spent nearly the entire day in closing examination, and must attest to the fact that more work was performed and more knowledge imparted than in many terms of twice the number of days. Much credit is due to the large scholars for the great persistency with which they strove to overcome the barriers that lay in the pathway of studies.

 District No. 15. A. L. Small, Agent.

Summer term, Miss Emily Adams, teacher. Whole number attending 9; average number attending 6; length of term 35 days; wages of teacher \$3 per week.

At our first visit we thought the teacher's health would not allow her to complete the term. But we were happily disappointed. At the last visit we found only seven present. All of

these gave evidence that they had received training in those elements that make up the foundation of true knowledge. Analysis in all branches was required. This was the smallest school in town.

Fall term, Miss Annie M. Peaslee, West Gardiner, teacher. Whole number attending 18; average number attending 13; length of term 50 days; wages of teacher \$4 per week.

Miss Peaslee passed a very good examination in the several branches, and we were highly pleased with her appearance in the schoolroom. A portion of her education having been received at a city High school, some of her methods were a slight variation from those that meet our warmest approval still these did not effect the good work of the school. At the close classes in Algebra, Arithmetic and Grammer, though small in numbers were large in ideas. Reading also received good attention, and gave evidences of improvement. Discipline good.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT ONE-HALF DAY.

District No. 1.

Summer term, Edith Stewart, Flora Brown, Lottie Curtis, Angie S. Starbird, Gertie Lydston, Nelson Elwell, Wallace Stewart.

Fall term, Gertie Lydston, Lena Gilbert, Rosa Waterman, Gracie Higgins, Wallace Stewart, Walter Earl.

Winter term, Nelson L. Elwell, Wallace M. Stewart, Hallett Gilbert, Harry W. Taylor, Wallace S. Purinton, Howard Penney, Walter T. Earle, Fred Ricker, Edith E. Stewart, Lena M. Gilbert, Mina M. Perry, Lettie Bubier, Abbie M. Earle.

District No. 2.

Summer term, Jennie Mitchell, Eva Thornton, Frank Danforth, Woodbury Danforth, Walter Mitchell.

Winter term, Jennie Mitchell, Eva Thornton, Walter Mitchell, Nelson Danforth, Frank Danforth, Woodbury Danforth.

District No. 3.

Summer term, Charlie Douglass, Essie Fogg, Lizzie E. Douglass, Lena M. Allard.

Winter term, Sidney Buker, Lena Allard, Lizzie Douglass, Oscar Douglass.

District No. 4.

Summer term, Mary Merrill, Lucy Merrill, Cora Huntington, Lettie Huntington.

District No. 5.

Summer term, Mertie B. Howard, Hattie M. Woodbury, Eliza J. Cummings, Carrie A. Howard, Ollie L. Cummings.

Fall term, Hattie M. Woodbury, Bertie E. Packard, Mamie E. Packard.

District No. 6.

Summer term, Cora E. True, Joseph K. True, Nathan C. True, Roscoe Pinkham, Harry Pinkham, Neddie D. True, Lewis P. True.

District No. 7.

Summer term, Mary A. Berry, Alice M. Tibbetts, Mary E. Colby, Rose B. Merrill, Radie E. Hodgkins, Elmer C. Hodgkins, Ernest T. Small, C. Lester Berry, Bennie D. Small,

Fall term, Alice M. Tibbetts, Rose B. Merrill, Radie E. Hodgkins, Percy T. Lunt, Ernest T. Small, Bennie D. Small, C. Lester Berry.

District No. 8.

Summer term, Edwin O. Tarr, Eugene E. Purinton, Oscar M. Douglass, Bertie M. Briery, Elmer J. Purinton, Frank Purinton, Martha M. Douglass.

District No. 9.

Summer term, Nettie A. Harriman, Clara E. Harriman, Grace E. Gatchell, Jennie L. Newell, Addie F. Newell, Henry S. Williams, Perlee Robinson, Fred T. Harriman.

Winter term, Grace E. Gatchell, Alice Williams, Jennie Newell, Addie F. Newell, Sarah B. Robinson, Eugene L. Harriman, Edgar M. Blanchard, Joseph P. Robinson.

District No. 10.

Summer term, Jennie A. Jordan, Eddie L. Libby, Mabel D. Rose.

Winter term, Hiram Morrill, Mabel D. Rose, Grace M. Hurd, E. May Rose, Jennie A. Jordan, Lettie P. Alexander.

District No. 11.

Summer term, F. Harlie Bartlett, H. C. Glidden, Genie Bartlett, Lena Adams, Maud Bartlett, Neva Hall, Mary Crane, Mary Allen, Ruth Glidden.

Winter term, George E. Plimpton, David Allen, Allen Smith, Harlie Bartlett, Willie E. Preble, Homer Glidden, Neva M. Hall, Maud Bartlett, Enna M. Hopkins, Mary Crane, Abbie Merriman, M. Lena Adams, Susie L. Davis, Carrie Shepard, Genie Bartlett.

District No. 12. Winter term, Jessie Libby, May Hutchinson.
 District No. 13. Summer term, Myra A. Carver. Winter term,
 Gertie A. Frost. District No. 14. Winter term, Lulie Ray,
 Myra E. Bubier, Willie Ray, Charlie Bubier, Harry Thurlow.

The foregoing is a brief statement of the standing of the several schools as we found them, and reviewed them with an impartial eye. We have not favored friends, and have given strangers all the merits their talents deserved. We have striven not to over-rate the good, nor under-rate the poor, for one teacher may give excellent satisfaction in one school and not in another, and *vice versa* with the same amount of labor performed. Some scholars need urging, others need restraining. In nearly every school are the extremes. An inexperienced or incompetent teacher, does not understand these and adopts one method or theory for all, and receives the flattery of his friends, who wonder why those who "know whereof they speak" do not do likewise; but the experienced and first-class teacher, will adopt a score of methods if necessary, looking for no reward except the approval of his own conscience, and the advancement of those under his charge,—doing thrice the good work, and giving less satisfaction than the other to those who do not understand or appreciate his good works.

No time during our official connection with your schools, have the schools been more profitable than this year. No failures and only a few but that met our warmest approval. Let all be careful in the future. We hope that in some way or by some means we may all be as one in the great work of education. No country, state, town, society or family, dares rest its hope of future prosperity in the hands of the wilful ignorant. Ten can tear down where one can build up.

Thanking you for your generous support, sympathy and assistance through out the year, we hope the fruits, will be of the choicest sweetness.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALBERT C. TRUE, Supervisor.