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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS,

OF THE
Town of North Yarmouth,

FOR THE
Year ending March 18, 1878.



PORTLAND, ME. :
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1878.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Citizens of North Yarmouth:

We herewith submit this, our annual report of the financial condition of our town, showing the receipts and expenditures during the municipal year ending March 18, 1878.

The whole amount of taxable property in the town as shown by the valuation books is \$420,516.00. There are also 182 polls, taxed for \$2.00 each.

The per centage is \$16.50 on \$1000.00.

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| State Tax, | \$1,571 48 |
| County " | 883 53 |
| Accounts allowed, | 231 40 |
| Repair of bridges, | 400 00 |
| Support of poor, | 1,200 00 |
| " " schools, | 800 00 |
| War debt and interest, | 1,000 00 |
| Contingencies, | 400 00 |
| Snow bills, | 500 00 |
| Collectors' commissions, | 89 25 |
| Overlayings, | 226 85 |
| Gained by fractions, | 38 |
| Additional assessments, | 99 27 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount of assessments, | \$7,350 13 |
| Unpaid highway tax, | 52 03 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount of commitments, | \$7,402 16 |

N. S. JORDAN, COLLECTOR, DR.

To amount due town March 19, 1877, \$47 35

N. S. JORDAN, COLLECTOR, CR.

By town tax unpaid, 47 35

J. P. SAWYER, COLLECTOR, DR.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| To: amount due town March 19, 1877, | \$1,190 33 |
| “ State tax, | 1,571 48 |
| “ County tax, | 883 53 |
| “ Town tax, | 4,899 91 |
| “ additional assessments, | 99 27 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$8,644 52 |

J. P. SAWYER, COLLECTOR, CR.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| By State tax paid, | \$1,000 00 |
| “ County “ “ | 500 00 |
| “ Town “ “ | 4,446 40 |
| “ State tax unpaid, | \$571 48 |
| “ County “ “ | 383 53 |
| “ Town “ “ | 1,743 11 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 2,698 12 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$8,644 52 |

SAMUEL SKILLIN, TREASURER, DR.

| | |
|---|------------|
| To Cash in Treasury, | \$ 463 67 |
| “ Amount due from N. S. Jordan, Mar. 19, '77, | 47 35 |
| “ “ “ “ J. P. Sawyer, “ “ | 1,190 32 |
| “ “ “ “ M. C. R. R. Co., | 18 00 |
| “ “ “ “ Town of Cumberland, | 6 13 |
| “ “ “ “ State school fund, 1876, | 194 69 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Mill tax, 1877, | 276 74 |
| “ Commitment of tax bills to J. P. Sawyer, for '77, | 4,899 91 |
| “ Additional assessments, 1877, | 99 27 |
| “ Cash from town of Yarmouth, | 13 00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Freeport, | 36 37 |
| “ “ “ “ Asa A. Lufkin, | 56 63 |
| “ “ “ “ City of Portland, | 25 50 |
| “ “ “ “ Town of Freeport, | 44 25 |
| “ “ “ “ Wm. Osgood, Treas. of town school fund, | 266 54 |
| “ Due from State school fund for 1877, | 176 92 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Mill tax for 1878, | 286 71 |
| “ Selectmen's conditional order to J. W. Clark for sheep killed by dogs, | 6 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$8,104 00 |

SAMUEL SKILLIN, TREASURER, CR.

| | |
|--|------------|
| By paid Selectmen's orders, | \$4,671 59 |
| “ “ Town note of Sally Loring, dated March 9, 1876, | 550 00 |
| “ “ Town note of Joseph Cleaves, dated Mar. 9, 1878, | 525 00 |
| “ “ Town note of Mary E. Johnson's, dated January 8, 1878, | 100 00 |
| “ Cash due from N. S. Jordan, Coll., | 47 35 |
| “ “ “ “ J. P. Sawyer, “ | 1,743 11 |
| “ “ “ “ State school fund for 1877, | 176 92 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Mill tax, “ 1878, | 282 71 |
| “ “ “ “ Town of Cumberland, | 6 13 |
| “ “ in Treasury to bal., | 1 19 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$8,104 00 |

MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Amount raised by town, | \$800 00 |
| “ from State school fund, | 176 92 |
| “ “ “ Mill tax, | 282 71 |
| “ “ “ Town school fund, | 266 54 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount raised for Schools, | \$1,526 17 |

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

| No. of District. | No. of Scholars. | Amt. of Money. | Am't Added. | Amt. of Back Mon'y. | Tot. Amt. of Money. |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 56 | \$244 72 | \$ | | \$244 72 |
| 2 | 53 | 231 61 | | | 231 61 |
| 3 | 21 | 91 77 | 55 00 | | 146 77 |
| 4 | 33 | 144 21 | 30 00 | | 174 21 |
| 5 | 23 | 100 51 | 60 00 | | 160 51 |
| 6 | 37 | 161 69 | 45 00 | | 206 69 |
| 7 | 20 | 87 40 | 20 00 | | 107 40 |
| 8 | 18 | 78 66 | 15 00 | | 93 66 |
| 9 | 17 | 74 29 | 75 00 | | 149 29 |
| S. Y. Pierce, | 1 | 4 37 | 2 57 | | 6 94 |
| W. H. Blanchard, | 1 | 4 37 | | | 4 37 |
| | 280 | \$1,223 60 | \$302 57 | | \$1,526 17 |

\$4.37 per scholar; \$302.57 divided between Districts No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and S. Y. Pierce scholar.

ORDERS DRAWN & PAID FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| I. S. Dunn, | \$ 35 00 |
| D. H. Cole, | 75 00 |
| Wm. B. Pierce, | 44 00 |
| Wm. B. Skillin, | 10 50 |
| Gertrude A. Hayes, | 48 25 |
| John R. Young, | 12 50 |
| James Sawyer, | 6 75 |
| Emery B. Royal, | 40 00 |
| Augustus Humphrey, | 25 35 |
| D. H. Cole, | 70 00 |
| Henry M. Hamilton, | 52 00 |
| I. S. Dunn, | 35 00 |
| Moses Plummer, | 6 94 |
| Augustus Humphrey, | 68 31 |
| I. S. Dunn, | 136 69 |
| Emery B. Royal, | 67 40 |
| D. H. Cole, | 86 61 |
| George H. Baston, | 9 75 |
| John R. Young, | 139 01 |
| John R. Young, | 9 00 |
| James Sawyer, | 84 60 |
| James Sawyer, | 21 98 |
| Henry M. Hamilton, | 94 77 |
| John E. Lone, | 120 00 |
| Wm. B. Pierce, | 130 21 |
| Wm. H. Blanchard, | 4 37 |
| Gertrude A. Hayes, | 48 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,481 99 |

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| David V. Lovell, | \$11 25 |
| A. F. Bennett, | 11 50 |
| Wm. Osgood, | 7 50 |
| E. A. Marr, | 10 00 |
| Mary J. Skillin, | 15 00 |
| E. D. Loring, | 26 30 |
| Albert Sweetser, | 26 30 |
| John Bowie, | 25 00 |
| E. F. Rider, | 2 00 |
| R. B. Richards, | 22 75 |
| Mary J. Skillin, | 20 00 |
| W. Doten, | 3 00 |
| G. D. Porter, | 50 32 |

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Mary J. Skillin, | 27 50 |
| Freeland E. Libby, | 19 50 |
| John Bowie, | 27 00 |
| John Staples, | 8 50 |
| G. D. Porter, | 34 62 |
| E. F. Rider, | 2 00 |
| A. F. Bennett, | 7 50 |
| Mary J. Skillin, | 15 00 |
| George D. Porter, | 34 73 |
| Insane Hospital, | 33 59 |
| Wm. Marston, | 100 00 |
| Wm. Doten, | 3 00 |
| J. P. Sawyer, | 12 55 |
| Mary J. Skillin, | 20 00 |
| A. F. Bennett, | 15 00 |
| A. F. Bennett, | 10 00 |
| Freeland E. Libby, | 19 50 |
| R. B. Richards, | 30 00 |
| John Bowie, | 26 00 |
| I. S. Stanwood, | 64 94 |
| Gad Hitchcock, | 13 00 |
| A. F. Bennett, | 17 50 |
| Wm. Doten, | 3 00 |
| Insane Hospital, | 34 86 |
| E. F. Rider, | 2 00 |
| I. S. Dunn, | 5 11 |
| R. B. Richards, | 38 25 |
| John Bowie, | 28 00 |
| Wm. Osgood, | 5 00 |
| Wm. Osgood, | 7 00 |
| I. S. Dunn, | 9 99 |
| A. F. Bennett, | 5 50 |
| A. F. Bennett, | 15 71 |
| Wm. Marston, | 59 00 |
| Wm. Osgood, | 43 25 |
| Mary J. Skillin, | 7 50 |
| Wm. Osgood, | 7 25 |
| Geo. D. Porter, | 62 33 |
| Freeland E. Libby, | 19 50 |
| H. M. Chase, | 2 75 |
| J. M. Bates, | 5 00 |
| Town of Gray, | 50 89 |
| Insane Hospital, | 68 88 |

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| Total amount paid for poor, | 81,253 12 |
| Amount received from other towns for support of poor for the year 1877, | 58 87 |

Tot. cost of poor of town of No. Yarmouth, \$1,194 25

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR ACCOUNTS
ALLOWED.

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Silas Skillin, | \$ 4 40 |
| George H. Barbor, | 34 00 |
| E. D. Loring, | 47 50 |
| E. D. Loring, | 12 00 |
| M. L. Whitney, | 37 50 |
| Albert Sweetser, | 74 00 |
| Samuel Skillin, | 20 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$229 40 |

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR INTEREST.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Rachel G. Hamilton, | \$54 00 |
| Ammi Loring, | 33 00 |
| Mary E. Johnson, | 6 00 |
| Lucy J. Shaw, | 75 30 |
| Joseph Cleaves, | 30 87 |
| Samuel Skillin, int. paid on Sally Loring's note, | 31 90 |
| Sarah T. Dunn, | 3 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total paid for interest, | \$234 07 |

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR BRIDGES.

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| George W. Haskell, | \$ 2 00 |
| Alvah Morse, | 11 25 |
| Edward Clements & Co., | 63 25 |
| Moses True, | 18 00 |
| Wm. T. Dunn, | 13 50 |
| Lewis Mitchell, | 19 00 |
| Lewis N. True, | 20 00 |
| E. D. Loring, | 7 00 |
| Othenial Mitchell, | 2 00 |
| Wm. H. Paine, | 16 00 |
| John Kelley, | 1 00 |
| Wm. Hayes, | 4 00 |
| Albert Sweetser, | 47 00 |
| J. V. R. Coombs, | 2 40 |
| M. L. Whiting, | 24 25 |
| John Mountford, | 4 00 |
| George L. Sawyer, | 4 00 |

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|---------------------|----------|
| Hutchins & Stubbs, | 75 35 |
| Roscoe Perley, | 17 39 |
| Charles H. Hodsdon, | 7 28 |
| Charles Mitchell, | 28 50 |
| E. A. Kelsey, | 4 00 |
| John R. Young, | 2 00 |
| I. S. Dunn, | 9 08 |
| N. S. Jordan, | 14 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$416 75 |

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR REPAIRS OF
ROADS.

| | | |
|--|--------|---------|
| Ezekiel Hodsdon, | | \$ 2 50 |
| John Mountford, | | 3 50 |
| Charles H. Harris, | | 4 02 |
| Albert Sweetser, | | 8 00 |
| N. S. Jordan, | | 8 50 |
| Melvin Fogg, | | 11 00 |
| Charles L. Collie, | | 6 00 |
| Henry Cleaves, | | 15 32 |
| David Sweetser, | | 10 00 |
| George H. Wilson, | | 2 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total amount paid for road repairs, | | \$70 84 |
| Lewis N. True, outstanding, | \$8 00 | |
| John Kelley, " | 1 60 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 9 60 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total cost of road repairs for 1877, | | \$80 44 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Deficient road tax paid into treasury, | | \$52 03 |
| Cost of repairing roads above deficient tax, | | 28 41 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$80 44 |

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SNOW BILLS.

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Jeremiah Rider, | \$ 2 00 |
| A. P. Lufkin, | 10 20 |
| Wm. B. Pierce, | 24 60 |
| Ezekiel Hodsdon, | 12 60 |
| John W. Johnson, | 5 20 |
| L. D. Hicks, | 20 00 |
| I. E. Hayes, | 21 00 |
| E. S. Skillin, | 7 10 |
| Charles B. Herrick, | 20 00 |
| J. P. Rowe, | 6 60 |
| Charles S. Sweetser, | 5 75 |
| R. A. Chase, | 10 30 |
| James Paine, | 1 50 |
| Moses True, | 3 00 |
| Francis Titcomb, | 2 80 |
| Charles E. Phillips, | 1 40 |
| Wm. H. Blanchard, | 3 05 |
| Alvin S. Phillips, | 80 |
| John Bowie, | 12 00 |
| T. D. Pettie, | 90 |
| Seward M. Prince, | 5 58 |
| Alfred N. Titcomb, | 2 40 |
| Charles H. Young, | 4 20 |
| O. F. Dolloff, | 5 40 |
| Edward Beals, | 10 00 |
| J. S. Barston, | 16 80 |
| Ammi Loring, | 2 00 |
| I. S. Johnson, | 1 60 |
| N. S. Jordan, | 1 65 |
| R. T. Hodsdon, | 2 17 |
| Othenial Mitchell, | 90 |
| Gardiner Leighton, | 1 70 |
| Charles R. Loring, | 6 00 |
| William G. Ring, | 11 00 |
| Noah Jewett, | 15 75 |
| J. H. Brackett, | 2 55 |
| Charles Milliken, | 13 50 |
| John Kelley, | 45 00 |
| William H. Paine, | 9 96 |
| John Mountford, | 1 40 |
| Rufus Titcomb, | 20 95 |
| George L. Sawyer, | 14 58 |
| David G. Loring, | 17 80 |

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|--------------------|-------|
| F. O. Hayes, | 11 75 |
| Charles H. Harris, | 2 00 |
| R. A. Staples, | 1 20 |
| Albert Sweetser, | 6 15 |
| N. S. Jordan, | 3 33 |
| Judson Sweetser, | 90 |
| Charles L. Collie, | 60 |
| Henry Cleaves, | 11 80 |
| Samuel Skillin, | 10 30 |

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Amount of snow bills paid, | \$431 72 |
| Aaron Haskell, outstanding, | 15 60 |

Total amount of snow bills, \$447 32

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR CONTINGENCIES.

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, | \$16 61 |
| William Doten, | 1 00 |
| John Kelley, | 3 00 |
| F. B. Barter, | 25 00 |
| R. A. Staples, | 7 00 |
| M. L. Whiting, | 3 00 |
| Harriet Crockett, | 3 00 |
| Samuel C. Loring, | 3 00 |
| Fred Hamilton, | 5 00 |
| N. W. F. Sweetser, | 1 40 |
| John W. Clark, | 6 00 |
| Albert Sweetser, | 21 60 |
| J. H. Brackett, | 3 00 |
| Estate of John Staples, | 3 00 |
| Joseph P. Sawyer, | 8 00 |
| Charles S. Sweetser, | 1 50 |
| M. L. Whiting, | 10 35 |
| Drummond & Winship, | 18 00 |

Total amount paid, \$139 46

ORDERS DRAWN FOR ABATEMENTS.

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| J. P. Sawyer, | \$95 11 |
|---------------|---------|

TOWN NOTES PAID AND TAKEN UP.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Sally Loring's note, dated March 9, 1876, | \$550 00 |
| Joseph Cleaves' note, " " " 1878, | 525 00 |
| Mary E. Johnson's, " Jan. 8, 1878, | 100 00 |

Total amount town notes paid, and taken up, \$1,175 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR COLLECTORS' COMMISSIONS.

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| J. P. Sawyer, | \$88 30 |
|---------------|---------|

ORDERS DRAWN FOR TAXES ON PROPERTY BID
IN BY THE TOWN.

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Samuel Skillin, | \$64 40 |
| Samuel Skillin, | 75 69 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$140 09 |

SUMMARY.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Amount raised for accounts allowed, | \$ 231 40 |
| “ “ “ bridges, | 400 00 |
| “ “ “ poor, | 1,200 00 |
| “ “ “ schools, | 800 00 |
| “ “ “ war debt and interest, | 1,000 00 |
| “ “ “ contingencies, | 400 00 |
| “ “ “ snow bills, | 500 00 |
| “ “ “ collector's commissions, | 89 25 |
| “ “ of overlayings, | 226 85 |
| “ “ “ gained by fractions, | 38 |
| “ “ “ additional assessments, | 99 27 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount of assessments for town tax, | \$4,947 15 |
| Unpaid highway tax of 1876, | 52 03 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount of commitments for town tax, | \$4,999 18 |

SUMMARY.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Amount expended for account allowed, | \$ 229 40 |
| “ “ “ bridges, | 416 75 |
| “ “ “ poor, | 1,194 25 |
| “ “ “ schools, | 1,481 99 |
| “ “ “ war debt and interest, | 1,409 07 |
| “ “ “ contingencies, | 139 46 |
| “ “ “ snow bills, | 431 72 |
| “ “ “ collectors' commissions, | 88 30 |
| “ “ “ roads, | 70 84 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount expended, | \$5,461 78 |

TOWN LIABILITIES.

OUTSTANDING TOWN NOTES.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Due to Lucy J. Shaw, | \$1,255 00 | |
| “ Ammi Loring, | 550 00 | |
| “ Sarah T. Dunn, | 50 00 | |
| “ Rachel G. Hamilton, | 900 00 | |
| “ Amos Osgood, trustee Morse heirs, | 52 41 | |
| “ Interest on same about | 16 35 | |
| “ outstanding town orders, | 25 20 | |
| | | 2,848 96 |
| Due school district No. 1, | | 25 39 |
| “ “ “ “ 9, | | 18 79 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total amount of liabilities, | | \$2,893 14 |

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Cash in treasury, | \$ 1 19 |
| Due from N. Y. Granite Co., | 250 00 |
| “ “ N. S. Jordan, collector, | 47 35 |
| “ “ J. P. Sawyer, “ | 1,743 12 |
| “ “ Town of Cumberland, | 6 13 |
| “ “ State school fund, for 1877, | 176 92 |
| “ “ “ Mill tax, for 1878, | 282 71 |
| “ “ N. Y. Granite Co., for taxes for 1876 and 1877, paid to treasurer and collector, | 140 09 |
| “ “ David Bosworth, house and land, valued, | 30 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount of resources, | \$2,677 51 |
| Total amount of indebtedness above resources, | 215 63 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

| | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| ALBERT SWEETSER, | } <i>Selectmen</i> |
| M. L. WHITNEY, | |
| E. D. LORING, | |
| | } <i>of</i> |
| | } <i>No. Yarmouth.</i> |

Auditor's Report.

Having carefully examined the records and vouchers from which the foregoing reports were made, I certify that they are correctly cast and properly vouched.

G. M. SEIDERS, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

SAMUEL SKILLIN, *Treasurer, in account with the town of North Yarmouth.*

| 1877. | | DR. | |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|------------|
| March 19. | To cash balance, | | \$ 463 67 |
| | “ due from N. S. Jordan, collector, | | 47 35 |
| | “ “ “ Joseph P. Sawyer, | | 1,190 32 |
| | “ “ “ Me. C. R. R., | | 18 00 |
| | “ “ “ Town of Cumberland, | | 8 13 |
| | “ “ “ State, State school fund, | | 194 69 |
| | “ “ “ “ “ mill tax, | | 276 74 |
| June | “ commitment of tax bill, '77, J. P. Sawyer, | | 4,899 91 |
| | “ additions to tax bills, '77, J. P. Sawyer, | | 99 27 |
| | “ rec'd of Wm. Osgood, treas. school fund, | | 266 54 |
| | “ due from State, State school fund, | | 176 92 |
| | “ “ “ mill tax, 1878, | | 282 71 |
| March | “ received from the town of Yarmouth, | | 13 00 |
| | “ “ “ Asa Lufkin, | | 56 63 |
| | | | |
| 1878. | | | |
| Jan. 14. | “ “ “ town of Freeport, | | 36 37 |
| Feb. 8. | “ “ “ city of Portland, | | 25 50. |
| March 12. | “ “ “ town of Freeport, | | 44 25 |
| | “ “ selectmen's order on dog tax acct., | | 6 00 |
| | | | \$8,104 00 |
| | | | |
| | | CR. | |
| 1878. | March 18. | By paid selectmen's orders, | \$4,671 59 |
| | | “ “ town note, | 1,175 00 |
| | | “ due from N. S. Jordan, collector, | 47 35 |
| | | “ “ “ Joseph P. Sawyer, “ | 1,743 11 |
| | | “ “ “ State, State school fund, | 176 92 |
| | | “ “ “ “ “ mill tax, | 282 71 |
| | | “ “ “ town of Cumberland, | 6 13 |
| | | “ cash to balance, | 1 19 |
| | | | \$8,104 00 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL SKILLIN, *Treasurer.*

March 18, 1878.

| | |
|--|------------|
| I ask to be discharged of the sums paid, | \$5,846 59 |
| And stand charged with the further sum of, | 2,257 42 |

I have received on account of dog tax as follows:

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| William T. Dunn, | \$1 00 |
| I. S. Dunn, | 1 00 |
| George A. Mitchell, | 1 00 |
| Willie H. Paine, | 1 00 |
| W. B. True, | 1 00 |
| W. B. Skillin, | 1 00 |
| Albert Sweetsir, | 1 00 |
| F. M. Ross, | 1 00 |

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|---------------|---------------|
| Total amount, | <u>\$8 00</u> |
|---------------|---------------|

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|---|-------------|
| And I have paid out by order of selectmen to John Clark, | <u>6 00</u> |
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|-----------------------------|------|
| Amount in my hands to date, | 2 00 |
|-----------------------------|------|

SAMUEL SKILLIN, *Treasurer.*

NORTH YARMOUTH, March 18, 1878.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

To the Inhabitants of the town of North Yarmouth in town meeting assembled:

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report of the expenses of the poor for the year ending April 1, 1878:

There has been five persons supported by the town for the entire year, namely: Stephen Hall, Fannie Chase, James H. Marston, Henry Fitzgerald and Nathan Johnson.

The following is an account of the money paid by the town for the support of the poor for the year ending April 1, 1878.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Paid John Bowie, boarding Stephen Hall, 52 weeks, at \$2.00 per week, | \$104 00 |
| John Bowie, making clothes for Stephen Hall, | 2 00 |
| R. B. Richards, boarding Fannie Chase, 52 weeks, at \$1.75 per week, | 91 00 |
| Wm. Marston, boarding James H. Marston, 52 weeks, at \$3.00 per week, | 156 00 |
| Wm. Marston, making clothes for James H. Marston, | 3 00 |
| George D. Porter, boarding Henry Fitzgerald, 52 weeks, at \$1.50 per week, | 78 00 |
| George D. Porter, boarding Nathan Johnson, 52 weeks, at \$2.00, | 104 00 |
| Mary J. Skillin, boarding Mrs. Reuben Skillin, 42 weeks, at \$2.50 per week, | 105 00 |
| For coffin, etc., for Mrs. Reuben Skillin, | 18 00 |
| For the support of wife and children of Chas. D. Rider, | 119 39 |
| A. F. Bennett, feeding and lodging 69 tramps, | 34 50 |
| David B. Lovell, feeding and lodging 15 tramps, | 11 25 |
| A. F. Bennett, boarding Joseph Clough, | 48 21 |
| Clothes for Joseph Clough, | 12 55 |

Dr. Wm. Osgood, medical attendance for the following persons :

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Henry Fitzgerald, | 75 |
| Jane Phillips, | 2 50 |
| Jacob Frost, | 29 75 |
| Mrs. Reuben Skillin, | 17 50 |
| The Tuttle family, | 19 50 |
| I. S. Stanwood, supplies furnished poor, | 64 94 |
| I. S. Dunn, supplies furnished poor, | 15 10 |
| H. M. Chase, services in the John Johnson case, | 2 75 |
| Treasurer of Insane Hospital, for Mary A. Lufkin's board, | 137 33 |
| Expenses for looking up the case of Thomas Greeley's wife and children, | 52 60 |
| Dr. James M. Bates, medical attendance, Henrietta Skillin, | 2 50 |
| Dr. James M. Bates, medical attendance on Mrs. Reuben Skillin, | 2 50 |
| John Staples, jr., coffin for Abner Tuttle, | 8 50 |
| Wm. Doten, sexton at the funeral of Mrs. R. Skillin, | 3 00 |
| Wm. Doten, sexton at the funeral of Abner Tuttle, | 3 00 |
| Enoch Rider, digging grave for Mrs. R. Skillin, | 2 00 |
| Enoch Rider, digging grave for Abner Tuttle, | 2 00 |
| Making total amount paid out for poor, | <hr/> \$1,253 12 |
| We have received from the town of Freeport, for supplies furnished their poor, | 58 87 |
| Making total cost of poor for this town, | <hr/> \$1,194 25 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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| ALBERT SWEETSER, | } Overseers of the Poor of No. Yarmouth. |
| M. L. WHITNEY, | |
| E. D. LORING, | |

School Report.

Your supervisor of schools asks leave to submit the following report for the year ending March 18th, 1878:

Mr. Moderator and Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I come before you to report the condition of our schools for the past year. I congratulate you on the general good results that have attended the efforts of the several teachers employed. So far as I have been able to learn not the least disturbance has occurred during the year to mar the harmony of the school work, and a majority of our teachers have done themselves great credit by the thorough and faithful manner in which they have performed their labors.

The several agents have it in their power to furnish our schools with well qualified and experienced teachers, but it will sometimes happen, although he may have the highest interest of his school at heart, that a school agent employs a teacher, who, as a teacher, disappoints his reasonable expectations, and thereby the school suffers to a greater or less degree; hence great care should be taken to employ those teachers, who have made a good record, or who exhibit qualifications warranting them a reasonable degree of success.

While I congratulate you on the general good results which have attended the labors of our teachers the past years, do not understand me to express the opinion that those results are the highest and best that might have been obtained. I am discouraged when I visit schools and see to what a disadvantage many teachers labor.

They have not only never learned their trade, but persist in not learning it, and go on in the old "hum-drum" way, killing out every particle of enthusiasm for study that might venture to show itself in the school-room.

It is the teacher's privilege to introduce new and varied ways of teaching, and of interesting their pupils in their studies; and when you learn of a teacher, who takes so little interest in his school work as to be content with just jogging along, or in other words, of getting through with the work, regardless of the result, I say don't employ him. It is no disgrace to fail in carrying through even our smallest schools, from the fact that some men and women are by nature particularly adapted to teaching and are successful from the first start, while others can become acceptable teachers only by a long and tedious drill in the business, and in the end are but mechanical teachers.

One man with a single blow of the hammer will drive a nail home, while another man, who is just as powerful, will break the nail, pound his fingers and give the job up in disgust. The latter is not adapted to be a carpenter, while the former is a natural born one. It is evident then why many, who profess to be teachers, do not succeed in the business.

There is no branch of the public service of more importance than that of our common schools, and yet, taken as a whole, it is an absolute fact, that there is no branch where the public money is more carelessly expended. If the same degree of mismanagement were practiced in the other branches of our public service as exists in the general management of our schools, the people would come forward as one man and rectify the evil.

The annual expenditure in this State, for the support of public schools, amounts to \$1,053,000, strong.

I do not claim that this sum is too large to be expended for the education of the youth, but I do claim that the results obtained are small when compared with the large amount of money expended.

I find on visiting the several schools a great variety of school books in use. Not only do the several districts vary in their text books, but the same school in some cases contains at least two or three different publications on Arithmetic, Grammar

Geography, Reading and Spelling. I do not believe in introducing a new series of books into our schools before those in use have hardly had the new worn off. I claim that the books in use are good enough for some years to come. The trouble is not so much with the books as with the teacher. A thorough teacher will teach almost if not quite as well without books as with them; therefore I have repeatedly refused to exchange books now in use for a new series, although urged to do so; however there should be but one author in any one branch in use in all of the schools of the town, and so far as convenient with the interests of the people, I have urged the procuring of the last publication introduced by previous supervisors.

I would also bring to your notice the fact that some of our school buildings stand greatly in need of repairs. In District No. 1, the exterior of the school-house has received careful attention from the agent, and the improved looks, to say nothing as regards the benefit a good coat of paint will do the building, will amply repay for the small outlay. It would be still more pleasing could the old, wooden shutters be replaced by durable green blinds with which every school room should be provided. The interior of the building should now be carefully repaired and the straight-back benches be replaced by comfortable modern seats. The school buildings in Dists. No. 2, 4, and 6, although they may be very comfortable, should undergo careful repairs. In Dist. No. 3, the school building is not suitable for school purposes and should be replaced by a new one.

I have visited many of the schools three times, and all of them twice, with the exception of the spring term in Dist. No. 6, which, on account of a misunderstanding as to the closing of the term, I visited but once. I have made in all thirty-five visits and in doing so have traveled one hundred and thirty-four miles.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Agent, Capt. James Sawyer; teacher, Miss Anna G. Hayes, for the year.

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| School money, | \$244 72 |
| Wages of teacher per week, for spring and fall terms, | 6 00 |
| Wages per week for winter term, | 7 00 |
| Price of board per week, | 2 00 |

The spring and fall terms commenced respectively May 14, and Sept. 11, and continued eight weeks each.

The winter term opened December 3rd, and continued twelve weeks, amounting to twenty-eight weeks schooling for the year.

At every visit to this school, particularly at the examinations at the close of each term I have found the recitations well prepared and good advancement made.

The spring term was broken up somewhat by the appearance of the measles in the school, so that the average attendance was much lower than it otherwise would have been. If Miss Hayes failed in any respect it was in a lack of the minute particulars of her discipline; however, taking the year's work into consideration I think the school ranked well.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Agent, Daniel Cole; teachers, Miss P. E. Gooding, for spring and fall terms; Miss E. F. Leighton, for winter term.

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| School money, | \$231 61 |
| Wages of teachers per week for spring and fall terms, | 7 00 |
| Price of board per week, | 2 50 |
| Wages of teacher per week for winter term, | 8 00 |
| Price of board per week, | 2 00 |

The spring and fall terms opened respectively May 7th, and September 19th, and continued eight weeks each.

The winter term opened December 3d, and continued ten weeks, amounting in all to twenty-six weeks schooling for the year.

The spring and fall terms under Miss Gooding, so far as I could learn, were very satisfactory. At my first visit the

school manifested a fair degree of interest in the studies and recitations, but the order was not what I could have desired to see. At my second visit the recitations were improved very much as well as the discipline. The fall term opened much better than the spring.

My visit at the close of the fall term was by far the most satisfactory of the four that I made. Miss Gooding would have found her labors much easier had she been less lenient in her discipline. However the school made good progress and the pupils were strongly attached to their teacher.

The winter term, taught by Miss Leighton, exceed in some respects my anticipations. Without a doubt it was the most difficult of the winter schools, having as it did not only a larger number, but more large pupils than any of the other schools.

Miss Leighton started the term with a good interest, and so far as I was able to judge, it continued to the last day of the term. The examination at the close of the term was one of the most interesting I have had during the year. The discipline was good.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Agent, Henry Hamilton; teachers, Miss Anna E. Grant, for spring and fall terms; and Miss Lorette C. Bennett, for the winter term.

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| School money, | \$146 79 |
| Wages of teacher per week for spring term, | 5 50 |
| Price of board per week, | 2 50 |
| Wages of teacher per week for fall term, | 6 50 |
| Price of board per week, | 3 00 |
| Wages of teacher per week for winter term, | |
| Price of board per week, | |

The spring and fall terms opened May 7th, and September 10th, and continued seven and eight weeks respectively.

The winter term opened December 10th, and continued twelve weeks, amounting in all to twenty-seven weeks schooling.

This is a very small school, numbering but ten pupils in summer and sixteen in winter. I can't say that the advancement made during the spring and fall terms was entirely satisfactory. The order of the school appeared good and the pupils were evidently very kindly disposed toward their teacher, but there appeared to be a lack of thoroughness and enthusiasm, which are so requisite in making a school profitable.

The winter term, taught by Miss Bennett, had some of the characteristics of the spring and fall terms.

Miss Bennett is a teacher of large experience having taught twenty-four terms before this. I wish her large experience might have made her a more thorough, critical, and enthusiastic teacher. The order was fair and the general appearance of the school was good, but was lacking in thorough work and enthusiasm.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Agent, Wm. B Pierce; teachers, Miss Fannie E. Skillin, for the spring term, and Charles Mountfort for the winter term.

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| School money, | \$174 21 |
| Wages of teacher per month for winter term, | 32 00 |
| Price of board per week, | 3 00 |

The spring and winter terms opened May 7th, and December 4th, and continued eight and fifteen weeks, amounting in all to twenty-three weeks of schooling.

Miss Skillin met with her usual success in this school and gave general satisfaction. The discipline was firm, but not severe and the recitations were prompt and interesting. The examination at the close of the term was very gratifying to listen to. I wish all our schools might be supplied with such teachers.

The winter term, taught by Mr. Mountfort proved no less a success than the spring term. This was Mr. Mountfort's first term, yet he proved himself a first class teacher. The discipline was good and the work well done.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Agent, John R. Young; teacher, E. H. Lander.

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| School money, | \$160 50 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | |
| Price of board per week, | |

This district has had but one term of school the past year, commencing November 19th and continuing seventeen weeks. The appearance of the school at my first visit was very pleasing and gave promise of a very successful term, but my second visit at the close of the term did not in all respects verify my anticipations. This was Mr. Lander's first attempt at teaching, and so far as I could judge from the recitation which I heard at the close of the term, I should say that he made the same mistake that inexperienced teachers generally make, viz: a lack of thoroughness in their work. Part of the classes passed very satisfactory examinations, while the remainder did very poorly.

The order during my two visits was good and Mr. Lander appeared to have the good will of all his pupils, which in teaching is always an important element of success.

The term was too long, as well as the winter terms in Dists. 4 and 9.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Agent, I. S. Dunn; teachers, Miss Maria O. Lawrence for spring and fall terms, and Mr. H. S. Merrill for winter term.

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| School money, | \$206 69 |
| Wages of Miss Lawrence for spring and fall terms, | 5 00 |
| Price of board per week, | 2 00 |
| Wages of Mr. Merrill per month for winter term, | 37 00 |
| Price of board per week, | 3 00 |

This school has had three full terms. The spring and fall terms opened respectively May 7th, and September 17th and continued respectively seven and six weeks. The winter term opened December 3d, and continued thirteen weeks, amounting in all to twenty-six weeks of schooling.

The spring and fall terms were not satisfactory to me. Although Miss Lawrence seemed to be anxious to do all she could for the school, yet she lacked in that vital point discipline, without which a school must to a greater or less degree prove a failure. On my second and third visit the school had improved somewhat in order, but the recitations were not thorough and prompt as we had a right to expect in so small a school. The winter term, taught by Mr. Merrill, was, in all respects, a success. His firm, gentlemanly conduct commanded the respect of his pupils, and his work was thoroughly done. The district was fortunate in obtaining his services.

DISTRICT No. 7,

is under the supervision of Pownal, and

DISTRICT No. 8,

Is under the supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Agent, John E. Low; teacher, Alma M. Brackett.

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| School money, | \$149 29 |
| Wages of teacher per week, | 7 00 |
| Price of board per week, | 2 00 |

This district has had but one term of school the past year. The term opened December 3, and will have continued sixteen weeks when it closes. This is one of the best schools taught the past winter. At my first visit I felt confident that the district had a first-class teacher, and my second visit verified my anticipations. The order was good and the work thoroughly done. The only objection I have to make is in regard to the length of the term. From experience I have learned that twelve weeks or thereabouts is the most profitable period a district school can be continued, for beyond that length of time, the pupils becomes wearied of study, and restless from confinement.

G. M. SEIDERS,

Supervisor of Schools.