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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 24, 1879.



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1879.

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 24, 1879.

The whole amount of taxable property in the town, as shown by the valuation books, is \$418,317.00. There are 190 polls, taxed for \$2.00 each.

The percentage is \$14.50 on \$1,000.

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

State Tax,	\$2,094 56
County “	731 67
Accounts allowed,	306 77
Support of Poor,	1,000 00
“ Schools,	800 00
Contingencies,	300 00
Repair of bridges,	200 00
War debt and interest,	500 00
Railing bridges, culverts, etc.,	100 00
Snow bills,	100 00
Collectors' commissions,	85 00
Overlayings,	226 60
Gained by fractions,	50
Additional assessments,	11 08
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	\$6,457 18
Unpaid highway tax,	35 81
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Total amount of commitments,	\$6,492 99

N. S. Jordan, Collector,

DR.

To amount due Town March 18, 1878, \$47 35

N. S. Jordan, Collector,

CR.

By Town tax paid, \$22 35
 " " " unpaid, 25 00

 \$47 35

J. P. Sawyer, Collector,

DR.

To amount due Town March 18, 1878, \$1,743 12

J. P. Sawyer, Collector,

CR.

By Town tax paid, \$1,213 35
 " " " unpaid, 529 77

 \$1,743 12

Nehemiah Porter, Collector,

DR.

To State tax for 1878, \$2,094 56
 " County " " 732 67
 " Town " " 3,665 76

 \$6,492 99

Nehemiah Porter, Collector,

CR.

By State tax paid, \$500 00
 " County " " 510 00
 " Town " " 2,391 56
 " State " unpaid, \$1,594 56
 " County " " 222 67
 " Town " " 1,274 20

 3,091 43

 \$6,492 99

Samuel Skillin, Treasurer, .

DR.

To cash in Treasury March 18, 1879,	\$ 1 19
“ amount due from N. S. Jordan, Col., Mar. 18, '78,	47 35
“ “ “ J. P. Sawyer, “ “ “	1,743 12
“ “ “ State School Fund, 1877,	176 92
“ “ “ State Mill Tax, 1878,	282 71
“ assessment in bills of N. Porter, Col., for 1878,	3,665 76
“ cash from Town of Cumberland,	6 13
“ “ “ “ Lubec,	35 00
“ “ “ “ New Gloucester,	15 00
“ “ “ Mrs. Osgood, Treasurer Town School Fund,	266 44
“ “ “ Stephen Hall,	84 67
“ “ “ Roscoe Titcomb, Agent Dist. No. 9,	10 05
“ “ “ John E. Lowe, for stone,	2 00
“ due “ State School Fund, 1878,	132 07
“ “ “ “ Mill Tax, 1879,	248 17
“ “ “ Town of Pownal,	5 85
“ cash in treasury received for dog tax,	2 00
“ “ received of J. P. Sawyer, int. on bills for 1877,	33 77
“ “ “ “ O. Mitchell, road tax for 1878,	99

Samuel Skillin, Treasurer,

\$6,759 19

CR.

By paid Selectmen's Orders,	\$3,303 95
“ “ Town Notes,	1,052 41
“ cash due from State School Fund, 1878,	132 07
“ “ “ “ “ Mill Tax, 1879,	248 17
“ “ “ “ N. S. Jordan, Col. for 1875,	25 00
“ “ “ “ J. P. Sawyer, “ “ 1877,	529 77
“ “ “ “ N. Porter, “ “ 1878,	1,274 20
“ “ “ “ Town of Pownal,	5 85
“ “ Dog tax in treasury,	2 00
“ “ in treasury to balance,	185 77

\$6,759 19

MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by Town,	\$800 00
“ from Town School Fund,	266 44
“ “ State “ “	132 07
“ “ “ Mill Tax,	248 17

\$1,446 68

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

No of District	No. of Schl's	Amt. of money.	Amt. added.	Back money.	Total amt. of money.
1,	54	\$227 34		\$25 39	\$252 73
2,	59	248 39			248 39
3,	17	71 57	\$60 00		131 57
4,	32	134 72	27 00		161 72
5,	21	88 41	55 00		143 41
6,	35	147 35	30 00		177 35
7,	19	79 99	30 00		109 99
8,	18	75 78	18 00		93 78
9,	17	71 57	60 00	18 79	150 36
Wm. H. Blanchard,	1	4 21	2 93		7 14
S. Y. Pierce,	2	8 42	6 00		14 42
		275 \$1157 75	\$288 93	\$44 18	\$1490 86

\$4.21 per scholar. \$288.93 divided between Districts Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and Wm. H. Blanchard's and S. Y. Pierce's scholars.

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Edward C. Chase,	\$ 20 00
Chas. L. Collie,	36 00
Chas. S. Sweetser,	12 00
L. W. Sawyer,	56 00
Edward C. Chase,	54 00
G. A. Hayes,	47 30
John W. Johnson,	10 40
Roscoe Titcomb,	10 00
Chas. L. Collie,	36 00
Azor Mitchell,	35 00
Edward C. Chase,	48 00
L. W. Sawyer,	70 00
Roscoe Titcomb,	50 00
Chas. L. Collie,	105 35
L. D. Hicks,	103 24
Azor Mitchell,	74 99
L. W. Sawyer,	105 65
Ida E. Sweetser,	45 50
Wm. B. Skillin,	26 00
E. W. Ross,	93 78
Henry M. Hamilton,	34 00
Edward C. Chase,	87 26
Frank H. Marston,	143 41
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Amount of Orders paid,	\$1,358 88
Wm H. Blanchard, outstanding,	7 14
Levi P. Cushman, “	14 42
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	\$1,380 44

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

A. F. Bennett,	\$ 5 00
C. J. & F. R. Farrington,	7 50
C. B. Lakin,	31 63
John Bowie,	25 00
Geo. W. Haskell,	25 40
A. F. Bennett,	3 00
Edward R. Hamilton,	20 00
F. E. Libby,	16 25
Chas. Mitchell,	50 00
Wm. Osgood,	31 00
Wm. G. Ring,	1 00
I. S. Stanwood,	2 87
John Bowie,	32 00

Geo. W. Haskell,	24 70
F. E. Libby,	16 25
Edw'd R. Hamilton,	40 00
D. M. Lawrence,	7 09
E. A. Marr,	10 00
Geo. W. Haskell,	24 70
John Bowie,	30 00
H. C. Stimson,	2 42
F. E. Libby,	16 25
A. F. Bennett,	3 00
C. B. Larkin,	94 69
Joseph Woods,	3 50
Edw'd R. Hamilton,	39 84
Mrs. H. M. Hamilton,	1 00
Town of Gray,	2 50
F. E. Libby,	16 25
D. M. Lawrence,	3 08
Chas. Mitchell,	80 75
A. P. Lufkin,	3 16
Geo. D. Porter,	52 00
John Bowie,	30 00
P. S. Stanwood,	37 50
Geo. W. Haskell,	24 70
I. S. Dunn,	81 34
Wm. Osgood,	15 00
“ “	7 25
“ “	3 50
“ “	11 25
Total am't paid for poor,	<u>\$932 42</u>

Amount received from other towns for support
of poor for 1878,

Received of Stephen Hall,	\$50 00
Due from town of Pownal,	84 67
Total cost of poor,	5 85
	<u>\$140 52</u>
Total cost of poor of this town,	<u>\$791 90</u>

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR ACC'TS ALLOWED.

Albert Sweetser,	\$96 25
M. L. Whitney,	61 90
E. D. Loring,	60 09
“ “	12 00
G. M. Seiders,	46 90
“ “	5 00
Samuel Skillin,	22 10
Enos True,	2 53
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	\$306 77

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR INTEREST.

Rachel G. Hamilton,	\$54 00
Sarah T. Dunn,	3 00
Ammi Loring,	33 00
Samuel Skillin,	26 91
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Total amount paid,	\$116 91
Lucy J. Shaw, outstanding,	75 30
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	\$192 21

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR BRIDGES.

James Doten,	3 30
A. P. Lufkin,	23 64
L. W. Sawyer,	60
Roscoe Perley,	38 70
Chas. L. Collic,	1 00
E. S. Skillin,	19 00
Jacob B. Lufkin,	5 62
H. M. Hamilton,	6 00
C. B. Herrick,	28 23
B. F. Hamilton,	7 50
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	\$133 59

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR CONTINGENCIES.

M. L. Whitney,	\$2 65
E. D. Loring,	2 75
Albert Sweetser,	5 15
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham,	8 77

Mm. M. Marks,	25 00
John Kelley,	3 00
Chas. W. Allen,	12 00
A. P. Lufkin,	18 70
E. H. Bennett,	50 00
Howard & Cleaves,	3 00
James Sawyer,	14 30
G. M. Seiders,	43 50
S. C. Loring,	3 00
J. H. Brackett,	3 00
Heirs of John Staples,	3 00
A. P. Lufkin,	2 56
J. S. Barstow,	5 00
Josiah H. Drummond,	5 00
N. S. Jordan,	4 00
P. S. Dunn,	41
Samuel Skillin,	6 97
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	\$221 76

ORDERS DRAWN FOR ABATEMENTS.

Nehemiah Porter,	\$20 70
J. P. Sawyer,	7 13
P. H. Blanchard,	3 00
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	\$30 83

ORDERS DRAWN FOR COLLECTOR'S COMMISSIONS.

Nehemiah Porter,	\$84 41
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ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR REPAIR OF ROADS.

Wm. Johnson,	\$8 45
Henry Cleaves,	4 58
Nathaniel Sweetser,	2 00
M. A. Fogg,	4 55
J. W. Clark,	13 50
Geo. D. Porter,	9 00
N. S. Jordan,	10 00
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Total orders drawn,	\$52 33
Lewis N. True, outstanding,	8 00
John Kelley, " "	1 60
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Total am't paid,	\$61 93

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SNOW BILLS.

John Kelley,	\$5 00
C. S. Sweetser,	1 75
A. P. Lufkin,	1 20
Seward M. Prince,	4 00
Wm. B. Pierce,	2 60
E. Beals,	1 60
J. W. Hicks,	1 00
David Sweetser,	3 60
A. M. Titcomb,	4 15
Noah Jewett,	1 75
Henry Cleaves,	4 00
John Mountfort,	3 10
Albert Sweetser,	3 00
John W. Johnson,	2 80
Wm. H. Paine,	1 30
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	\$40 85
Aaron Haskell, outstanding,	15 60
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Total amount paid,	\$56 45

TOWN NOTES PAID AND TAKEN UP.

Amos Osgood, trustee to Morse heirs,	\$ 52 41
Ammi Loring,	550 00
Rachel Hayes,	800 00
“ “	100 00
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	\$1,502 41
Money hired to pay town notes,	450 00
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	\$1,052 41

SUMMARY.

Amount raised for accounts allowed,	\$306 77
“ “ “ poor,	1,000 00
“ “ “ contingencies,	300 00
“ “ “ schools,	800 00
“ “ “ bridges,	200 00
“ “ “ war debt and interest,	500 00
“ “ “ railing bridges, culverts, &c.,	100 00
“ “ “ snow bills,	100 00
“ “ “ collector’s commissions,	85 00
“ “ of overlayings,	226 60
Gained by fractions,	50
Additional assessments,	11 08
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Total assessments,	\$3,629 95
Unpaid highway tax, 1877,	35 81
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	\$3,665 76

SUMMARY.

Amount expended for acc’ts allowed,	\$306 77
“ “ “ poor,	791 90
“ “ “ schools,	1,358 88
“ “ “ contingencies,	221 76
“ “ “ abatements,	30 83
“ “ “ collectors’ commissions,	84 41
“ “ “ bridges,	133.59
“ “ “ war debt and interest,	1,169 32
“ “ “ snow bills,	56 45
“ “ “ roads,	61 93
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	\$4,215 84

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Outstanding town notes.

Due to Lucy J. Shaw,		\$1,255	00
“ “ Rachel G. Hamilton,		450	00
“ “ Sarah T. Dunn,		50	00
Outstanding town orders,		96	86
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		\$1,851	86
Due school district No. 1,	\$31	47	
“ “ “ “ 2,	6	34	
“ “ “ “ 3,	42	57	
“ “ “ “ 4,	11	18	
“ “ “ “ 9,	28	91	\$120 47
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		\$1,972	33

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,	\$185	77
Due from New York Granite Co.,	250	00
“ “ N. S. Jordan, collector,	25	00
“ “ J. P. Sawyer, “	529	77
“ “ N. Porter,	1,274	20
“ “ town of Pownal,	5	85
“ “ State school fund of 1878,	132	07
“ “ “ mill tax, 1879,	248	17
“ “ N. Y. Granite Co. for taxes for 1876-7,	140	09
“ for advertising, &c.,	6	97
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Total resources,	\$2,797	89
Total resources above indebtedness,	\$825	56

All of which is respectfully submitted.

North Yarmouth, March 24, 1879.

A. P. LUFKIN,	}	Selectmen
J. W. CLARK,		of
C. B. HERRICK,		No. Yarmouth.

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, 1879 :

There has been six persons supported by the town the entire year, namely : Stephen Hall, Fannie Chase, James H. Marston, Henry Fitzgerald, Joseph Clough and Henry L. Ryder.

Paid John Bowie, boarding Stephen Hall 52 weeks, at \$2.25 per week,	\$117 00
“ E. R. Hamilton, for Fannie Chase, 52 weeks, at \$1.92 per week,	99 84
“ Chas. Mitchell, for James H. Marston, 52 weeks, at \$2.45 per week,	127 40
“ Geo. D. Porter, for Henry Fitzgerald, 52 weeks, at \$1.00 per week,	52 00
“ Geo. W. Haskell, for Joseph Clough, 52 weeks, at \$1.90 per week,	98 80
“ F. E. Libby, for Harry L. Ryder, 52 weeks, at \$1.25 per week,	\$65 00
“ Geo. W. Haskell, 1 hat for Clough,	75
“ for clothes for H. L. Ryder,	14 92
“ “ “ J. Clough,	7 50
“ Mrs. Hamilton, sewing for Fitzgerald,	1 00
“ Chas. Mitchell, making clothes for Marston,	3 35
“ D. M. Lawrence, coal for J. Frost,	10 17
“ A. F. Bennett, feeding and lodging tramps,	11 00
“ Treasurer Insane Hospital, for Mary A. Luf- kin's board and clothes,	126 32
“ I. S. Stanwood, supplies furnished Poor,	40 37
“ I. S. Dunn, “ “ “	81 34
“ Joseph Woods, coffin for Tuttle child, 1877,	3 50
“ A. P. Lufkin, for sundries,	3 16
“ Wm. G. Ring, “ “	1 00
“ Dr. Wm. Osgood, medical attendance for the following persons :	
Melvin Ramsdell and wife, of Lubec,	\$31 00
J. M. Sawyer's child, of New Gloucester,	15 00
Jacob Frost and daughter,	11 25
Henrietta Skillin,	7 25
Henry Fitzgerald,	3 50
Total amount paid for poor,	\$932 42

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$932 42
We have rec'd from town of Lubec,	\$35 00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ New Gloucester,	15 00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ Stephen Hall,	84 67	
Due “ “ Pownal,	5 85	
	<hr/>	\$140 52
Total cost for poor of this town,		\$791 90
We have paid for Jacob Frost,	\$30 25	
“ “ “ “ James Paine,	32 23	
“ “ “ “ Eben Hawkes,	8 83	
	<hr/>	\$71 31
Making,		\$71 31
Which is included in the above amount.		

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OVERSEERS' OFFICE, North Yarmouth, March 24, 1879.

A. P. LUFKIN,	} Overseers of the poor of No. Yarmouth.
J. W. CLARK,	
C. B. HERRICK,	

*SAMUEL SKILLIN, Treasurer, in acc't with the Town of
North Yarmouth,* DR.

1878.

March 18	To cash balance,	\$	1	19
"	"	"	2	00
"	"	"	47	35
"	"	"	1,743	12
"	"	"	176	92
"	"	"	282	71
"	"	"	6	13
"	"	"	266	44
June 1,	"	"	132	07
"	"	"	248	17
"	"	"		
"	"	"	3,665	76
"	"	"		99
Aug.	"	"	35	00
1879.				
March 7,	"	"	10	05
" 10,	"	"	84	67
"	"	"	2	00
"	"	"	15	00
"	"	"		
"	"	"	33	77
"	"	"	5	85
			\$6,759	19

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1879.

March 24.	By paid Selectmen's Orders,	\$3,303	95
"	"	1,052	41
"	"	25	00
"	"	529	77
"	"	1,274	20
"	"	132	07
"	"	248	17
"	"	5	85
"	"	2	00
"	"	185	77
		\$6,759	19

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL SKILLIN, TREASURER.

March 24, 1879.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Mr. Moderator and Gentlemen :

It devolves upon me to report the condition of your schools for the past year, and to suggest any change which may be for their improvement in the future. In most respects the task is a pleasant one, though the year has not passed without its unpleasant features. I should prove sadly recreant to my duties were I to present only the bright side of our schools in my report, for if the difficulties in their management and advancement were to be passed over in silence, we could never look for improvements; therefore I shall endeavor to present impartially the merits and demerits of our schools, looking only to a full understanding of their condition the past year and to their advancement in the future.

My experience for the past two years has fully convinced me that the Supervisor of schools should exercise the full power which the laws of the State give him, the town concurring, in relation to employing teachers, to wit: "That the Supervisor shall employ the teachers;" and for these reasons: that the whole management and responsibility of the schools will rest on one person, the Supervisor, to whom it belongs, and not upon the several district agents; that the teachers can be employed so long, and only so long, as they teach a profitable school; that the teachers will devote themselves more assiduously to their labors, knowing that their success or failure will receive the strictest cognizance of the Supervisor, and their chances for employment will depend almost

wholly on their success as teachers. Even when the most care is taken in the selection of teachers, there may be mistakes made, as in all other business,—as has been shown the past year. Teachers in whom I had the utmost confidence, both as to their ability to discipline a school and their power of imparting knowledge, have not had that degree of success which was expected of them, and I find myself at loss where to place the blame.

I have not found it necessary during the past year to introduce any new books into the schools, and I doubt if any changes will be necessary for some time to come. A change in grammars was made some three or four years ago which I have found to work disastrously in all the schools, and for that reason I have suggested to the teachers that they should permit the pupils to use Green's grammar, the one formerly in use. I have no hesitation in saying that the frequent introduction of new books into our schools has, in a majority of the cases, at first proved detrimental to the interests of the schools. A change of school books is sometimes very desirable, but if a Supervisor were to give ear to the thousand and one book agents that beset him to introduce their new books into the schools, he would scarcely find time for anything else. I am fully convinced that the sacred writer was being bored by book agents, who wished to show him an improved speller or geography gotten up on scientific principles, when he exclaimed—"Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of flesh."

I wish here to urge upon the attention of all those who have been or ever expect to be teachers, the importance of the strictest enforcement of discipline in the school room, not only as to orderly deportment during school hours, but as to the mannerly conduct of the pupils toward their teacher and toward one another. No teacher should for a moment tolerate the noise and confusion so often displayed during the hours of intermission, nor at dismissal permit the pupils to seize their garments and rush from the room as though the longer existence of the world depended on their getting out of doors in the quickest possible time. In other words, demand and have, at all hazards, the same degree of good behavior from your pupils that parents of a well regulated family expect from their children.

During the past year none of the school buildings have received repairs except so far as was absolutely necessary to make

them comfortable; but I am glad to learn that repairs are seriously contemplated in districts Nos. 2 and 3.

It is very desirable when repairs are made that the interests of all should be considered, and I hope to see the repairs in the above named districts of such a nature that the town will have reason to be proud of the convenience and beauty of her school buildings. It is also very desirable that the school buildings in districts Nos. 4 and 6 should receive thorough repairs.

I have visited all the schools two or more times, except the fall terms in Nos. 1 and 2, which I visited but once. At the close of these two terms I was in a distant part of the State and unable to be present, which I have regretted very much since.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Agent, Edward A. Chase; teacher, Miss Emily F. Leighton for spring and fall terms, and Miss Lena L. Pittee for winter term.

Wages per week for spring and fall terms, \$6.00; price of board per week, \$2.00; wages per week for winter term, \$6.75; price of board per week, —.

This district had three full terms, the spring and fall terms opening April 29th and September 2d, and continuing nine and eight weeks respectively. The winter term opened December 9th and continued thirteen weeks.

My visit to the spring and fall terms were in the main satisfactory to me, though the discipline was not what I could wish. Miss Leighton is a hard working teacher and devotes all her energies to her pupils.

The examination at the close of the spring term was very satisfactory, and I have no reason to doubt that the fall term was equally successful. I was not able to visit the fall term at its close.

The winter term at its opening was not satisfactory to me. A want of thoroughness and dependence upon themselves was very marked among the pupils. The term was somewhat broken up by sickness, but at its close I was perfectly satisfied with the apparent improvement made during the term. The discipline was excellent and the recitations very satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO 2.

Agent, L. W. Sawyer; teachers, Miss Fannie E. Skillin for spring and fall terms, Miss Emily F. Leighton for winter term.

Wages of teacher per week for spring and fall terms, \$7.00; price of board per week, \$2.00; wages of teacher per week for winter term, \$8.00; price of board per week, \$2.00.

The spring and fall terms opened April 29th and Aug. 29th, continuing respectively eight and ten weeks.

The winter term opened Dec. 2d and continued twelve weeks.

At the opening and close of the spring term I was well pleased with the appearance of the school. The examination was very satisfactory, and Miss Skillin appeared to be having her usual success as a teacher. The fall term I was able to visit only at the opening, as I was out of town at its close. I regret to state that the discipline at the opening was not so good as Miss Skillin had usually maintained, and during the latter portion of the term I heard some complaint on the part of some of the parents, while others spoke highly of the school; however, I judge that the discipline was not so good as would have been for the best interests of the school.

The winter term opened with forty pupils. The school appeared very well at my first visit, though the pupils were not so orderly as they should have been. The winter term was too large and difficult, evidently, for a female teacher, although Miss Leighton met with marked success in the same school last winter. I visited the school at its close, but the results were not satisfactory, either in the discipline of the pupils or in the recitations.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Agent, Henry M. Hamilton; teacher, Miss Annie M. Leighton.

Wages of teacher per week—summer, \$5.00, winter, \$6.00; price of board per week—summer, \$2.50, winter, \$3.00.

There were but two terms in this district, commencing June 3d and March 9th, and continuing ten weeks each.

This was Miss Leighton's first experience in teaching, and

while her opportunities were not so good for an inexperienced teacher as they might have been, yet she met with very good success, and won the esteem of her pupils. If the school lacked in any one particular, it was in energetic effort, which is always essential to make teaching a success.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Agent, Lorenzo D. Hicks; teachers, Miss Gertrude A. Hayes for spring term and Alvan Leighton for winter term.

Wages per week for spring term, \$5.50; price of board per week, \$2.00; wages per month for winter term, \$32.00; price of board per week, \$3.00.

There were but two terms in this district. The spring term commenced May 6th, and the winter term Dec. 2d, continuing eight and ten weeks respectively.

Miss Hayes has taught a number of terms before this in this town, all of which have been more or less successful. This term was one of the best she has ever taught, and it stands among the fiast schools in town, and I find that the district also was highly pleased with her efforts. The examination was very satisfactory and spoke well for the work that had been done during the term.

The winter term, taught by Mr. Leighton, while it was a good school, did not show that degree of energy and positive work on the part of the teacher that I desired to see. Many of the pupils who were studiously disposed learned well and made good advancement, while those who were not so inclined made very little improvement; however, this was Mr. Leighton's first school, and we have no right to expect so marked results from inexperienced as from experienced teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Agent, J. R. Young; teacher, Wilbur F. Waterhouse.

Wages per month, \$34.00; price of board per week, \$3.00.

Owing to the small amount of school money, this district had

but one term of school, opening Dec. 2d and continuing fifteen weeks. Mr. Waterhouse is an experienced teacher and has an excellent faculty for interesting his pupils, so that the school was successful from the first. I visited the school both at its opening and at its close, and on both occasions the utmost good will and confidence seemed to exist between the teacher and pupils. The examination was good in all the classes, with the exception perhaps of geography, which I should have been pleased to see more prompt.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Agent, Charles L. Colley; teachers, Miss Lena L. Pittee for the spring and fall terms and Henry L. Merrill for the winter term.

Wages of teacher per week for spring term, \$6.00; price of board per week, \$2.00; wages of teacher per month for winter term, \$42.00; price of board per week, \$3.00.

This district had three full terms of school, the spring and fall terms opening May 12th and Sept. 2d, and continuing nine weeks each. The spring and fall terms were not entirely satisfactory to me. There was a want of that prompt and close attention on the part of the pupils which is always noticeable in a well disciplined school, and the recitations at the close of the term were not so satisfactory as I wished to see. Miss Pittee has the elements of a first class teacher, and will prove a success as such when she brings those elements into requisition.

The winter term, taught by Mr. Merrill, was equal, if not superior, to his previous efforts in this town, and it is only necessary to remark that the whole deportment of his school was admirable and entirely satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 7

Is under the supervision of Pownal.

DISTRICT NO. 8

Is under the supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Agent, Roscoe Titcomb; teacher, Miss Ida E. Sweetser.

Wages of teacher per week—summer, \$5.00, winter, \$5.50; price of board per week—summer, \$2.00, winter, \$2.00.

This district had but two terms of school, opening Sept. 2d and Dec. 2d, and continuing eight and thirteen weeks respectively. The school was very small, numbering only seven pupils, which was scarcely enough to make it interesting; however, Miss Sweetser displayed excellent qualities in her management as a teacher, and the district was fortunate in securing her services.

G. M. SEIDERS, SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

North Yarmouth, March 24, 1879.