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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 22, 1880.

PORTLAND:
DAILY PRESS JOB PRINTING HOUSE.
1880.

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 for the municipal year ending March 22, 1880.

The whole amount of taxable property in the town, as shown by the valuation books, is \$403,862. There are 190 polls, taxed for \$2.00 each.

The per centage is \$13.50 on \$1,000.

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1879.

State Tax,	\$2,094 56
County “	376 99
Fire inquest,	109 83
Accounts allowed,	251 07
Bridges, repair of,	400 00
Schools, support of,	800 00
Poor, “	900 00
Contingencies,	300 00
Snow bills,	200 00
Town officers,	250 00
Collectors' commissions,	60 00
Overlayings,	89 69
Gained by fractions,	09
Additional assessments,	64 75
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	\$5,896 98
Unpaid highway tax, 1878,	24 13
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Total amount of commitments,	\$5,921 11

N. S. Jordan, Collector,

DR.

To amount due town, March 24, 1879, \$25 00

N. S. Jordan, Collector,

CR.

By town tax unpaid, March 22, 1880, \$25 00

J. P. Sawyer, Collector,

DR.

To amount due town, March 24, 1879, \$529 77

J. P. Sawyer, Collector,

CR.

By town tax paid, \$502 67
 " " " unpaid, March 22, 1880, 27 10

 \$529 77

N. Porter, Collector,

DR.

To amount due town, March 24, 1879, \$1,274 20

N. Porter, Collector,

CR.

By town tax paid, \$1,080 97
 " " " unpaid, March 22, 1880, 193 23

 \$1,274 20

J. P. Rowe, Collector,

DR.

To State tax for 1879, \$2,094 56
 " County " " " 376 99
 " fire inquest " 109 83
 " town tax, 3,339 73

 \$5,921 11

J. P. Rowe, Collector,

CR.

By State tax paid,		\$500 00
“ county “ “		350 00
“ town “ “		2,490 43
“ State “ unpaid,	\$1,594 56	
“ county “ “	26 99	
“ town “ “	849 30	
“ fire inquest,	109 83	
	<hr/>	2,580 68
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		\$5,921 11

J. P. Rowe, Collector,

DR.

To school house tax in Dist. No. 3, \$132 20

J. P. Rowe, Collector,

CR.

By school house tax paid,	\$118 50
“ “ “ “ unpaid,	13 70
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	\$132 20

William B. Skillin, Treasurer,

DR.

To cash in treasury, March 24, 1879,	\$187 77
“ amount due from State, school fund, 1878,	132 07
“ “ “ mill tax, 1878,	248 17
“ “ “ N. S. Jordan, Col., 1874,	25 00
“ “ “ J. P. Sawyer, “ 1877,	529 77
“ “ “ N. Porter, “ 1878,	1,274 20
“ assessments for 1879, to J. P. Rowe, Col.,	3,339 73
“ cash rec'd of Wm. Osgood, treas. town school fund,	252 84
“ due from State school fund, 1879,	108 42
“ “ “ “ mill tax, 1879,	250 13
“ assessment on School Dist. No. 3, 1879,	132 20
“ cash hired to pay town notes,	955 00
“ “ received from State R. R. Tax for 1878,	19 43
“ “ “ “ S. Hall, U. S. Pension,	72 00
“ “ “ “ C. Mitchell, D. Bosworth property,	20 00
“ “ “ “ Town of Pownal,	5 85
“ due from N. York Granite Co., for taxes 1876, 1877,	140 09
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ costs, “	6 97
“ “ for Tax Deeds N. York Granite Co. and others,	102 00
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	\$7,801 64

William B. Skillin, Treasurer,

CR.

By paid Selectmen's Orders,	\$4,006 38
" " town notes,	1,255 00
" cash due from State school fund, 1879,	108 42
" " " " " mill tax, 1879,	250 13
" " " " N. S. Jordan, Col., 1874,	25 00
" " " " J. P. Sawyer, " 1877,	27 10
" " " " N. Porter, " 1878,	193 23
" " " " J. P. Rowe, " 1879,	849 30
" school house tax, Dist. No. 3, 1879,	13 70
" due from N. York Granite Co. for taxes, 1876, 1877,	140 09
" " " " " " " costs, "	6 97
" " for tax deeds N. Y. Granite Co. and others, '79,	102 00
" cash to balance,	824 32
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	\$7,801 64

MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town,	\$800 00
" from town school fund,	252 84
" " State " "	108 42
" " " mill tax,	250 13
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	\$1,411 39

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

No. of District	No. of Sch'l's.	Amt. of Money.	added. Amt.	money. Back.	Total Amount.
1,	52	\$218 40		\$31 47	\$249 87
2,	62	260 40		6 34	266 74
3,	21	88 20	\$40 00	42 57	170 77
4,	31	130 20	25 00	11 18	166 38
5,	17	71 40	60 00		131 40
6,	37	155 40	25 00		180 40
7,	21	88 20	25 00		113 20
8,	20	84 00	10 00		94 00
9,	18	75 60	42 00	28 86	146 45
Wm. H. Blanchard,	1	4 20	2 00		6 20
S. A. Litchfield,	1	4 20	2 19		6 39

281 \$1180 20 \$231 19 \$120 42 \$1531 80

Being \$4.20 per scholar. \$231.19 divided between Districts Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and Wm. H. Blanchard's and S. A. Litchfield's scholars.

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1, E. D. Loring,	\$10 00	
“ “ Chas. S. Sweetser,	37 65	
“ “ “ “	48 50	
“ “ “ “	138 60	
	<hr/>	\$234 75
Dist. No. 2, A. P. Lufkin,	\$9 00	
“ “ “ “	57 00	
“ “ “ “	68 23	
“ “ “ “	129 37	
	<hr/>	\$263 60
Dist. No. 3, Roscoe Perley,	\$45 00	
“ “ “ “	55 00	
“ “ “ “	70 77	
	<hr/>	\$170 77
Dist. No. 4, A. F. Bennett,	\$9 00	
“ “ Fannie E. Skillin,	30 00	
“ “ “ “	25 00	
“ “ A. F. Bennett,	5 60	
“ “ S. F. Sweetser,	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$165 60
Dist. No. 5, Frank H. Marston,	\$10 00	
“ “ “ “	121 40	
	<hr/>	131 40
Dist. No. 6, Chas. L. Collie,	\$35 00	
“ “ “ “	30 00	
“ “ “ “	115 40	
	<hr/>	\$180 40
Dist. No. 7, David V. Lovell,	\$35 00	
“ “ “ “	78 20	
	<hr/>	\$113 20
Dist. No. 8, James Lawrence,	\$94 00	
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Dist. No. 9, Chas. Mitchell,	\$10 70	
“ “ “ “	14 35	
“ “ “ “	40 00	
“ “ “ “	49 50	
	<hr/>	\$114 55
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Amount of Orders drawn,		\$1,468 27
Frank H. Marston, outstanding,		121 40
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Amount carried forward,		\$1,346 87

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,346 87
Paid outstanding Orders of 1878,	21 56
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	\$1,368 43

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR..

C. B. Lakin,	\$26 50
“ “	30 25
C. B. Herrick,	11 20
George D. Porter,	5 20
“ “	20 00
“ “	5 20
“ “	11 50
“ “	9 00
“ “	39 58
William B. Skillin,	14 20
“ “	75 40
“ “	8 60
William G. Ring,	2 00
John Bowie,	30 00
“ “	30 00
“ “	30 00
“ “	40 00
S. A. W. Allen,	6 50
Charles E. Phillips,	75
Edward R. Hamilton,	27 75
“ “	46 25
“ “	8 25
“ “	4 26
“ “	22 20
Henry M. Hamilton,	25 00
“ “	17 50
“ “	22 50
Mrs. Henry M. Hamilton,	1 50
Isaac S. Stanwood,	41 74
“ “	15 51
Isaac S. Dunn,	78 60
William Marston,	50 00
“ “	51 40
“ “	4 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$812 34

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$812 34
A. P. Lufkin,		12 00
“ “		3 76
Boston & Portland Clothing Co.,		1.00
J. A. Spencer,		12 00
R. T. Hodsdon,		2 50
Christopher Sawyer,		5 00
L. & L. F. Walker,		3 00
A. F. Bennett,		1 95
“ “		1 95
E. S. Skillin,		18 00
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<i>Amount of Orders paid,</i>		\$873 50
Emma C. Thompson, outstanding,	\$141 00	
William Osgood, “	51 75	
	<hr/>	\$192 75
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<i>Amount of Orders drawn,</i>		\$1,066 25

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR ACC'TS ALLOWED.

A. P. Lufkin,	\$79 00
J. W. Clark,	46 50
C. B. Herrick,	42 50
Samuel Skillin,	20 00
E. D. Loring,	12 00
G. M. Seiders,	46 45
E. A. Kelsey,	4 62
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	\$251 07

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR INTEREST.

Lucy J. Shaw,	\$38 28
Rachel G. Hamilton,	27 00
Lucy J. Shaw, outstanding, 1878,	75 30
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	\$140 58
William B. Skillin, outstanding,	67

ORDERS DRAWN FOR ABATEMENTS.

Heirs of Isaac S. Johnson,	\$16 90
N. Porter,	99 98
J. P. Rowe,	7 40
J. P. Sawyer,	49 50
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	\$173 78

ORDERS DRAWN FOR TOWN OFFICERS, 1879.

E. D. Loring,	\$12 00
William B. Skillin,	18 00
A. P. Lufkin,	91 25
C. B. Herrick,	58 74
R. T. Hodsdon,	39 75
Charles R. Loring,	5 00
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	\$224 74

ORDERS DRAWN FOR COLLECTOR'S COMMISSIONS.

J. P. Rowe,	\$53 29
“ “ for school house tax, Dist. No. 3,	1 19
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	\$54 48

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR CONTINGENCIES.

Samuel C. Loring,	\$3 00
J. H. Drummond,	25 00
Heirs of John Staples,	3 00
Charles L. Collie,	1 05
John Mountfort,	80 00
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham,	1 30
John Kelley,	3 00
Portland Publishing Co.,	21 00
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham,	8 07
A. L. Burbank,	2 00
William B. Skillin,	102 00
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	\$249 42

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SNOW BILLS.

Geo. W. Haskell,	\$25 00
A. F. Bennett,	1 50
Roscoe Titcomb,	1 40
A. S. Phillips,	97
C. M. Mitchell,	1 89
Caleb Marston,	9 92
A. P. Lufkin,	4 11
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Amount carried forward, \$44 79

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$44 79
William G. Ring,		1 00
C. B. Herrick,		4 95
William Hayes,		1 69
Arthur Cobb,		1 65
N. S. Jordan,		9 57
William Marston,		1 20
Charles Milliken,		2 70
William Johnson,		3 74
Aaron Haskell,		7 00
John Kelley,		1 50
F. O. Hayes,		6 65
Aaron Haskell,		9 50
John Mountfort,		2 30
James H. Cunningham,		6 00
Chas. Mitchell,		3 51
William B. Skillin,		4 20
A. N. Titcomb,		3 65
O. F. Dolloff,		5 49
Noah Jewett,		3 25
William B. Pierce,		3 50
Tristram D. Pittee,		2 75
Charles S. Sweetser,		3 00
John Bowie,		3 45
Lewis Mitchell,		1 35
E. Beals,		4 85
William H. Paine,		3 65
George H. Baston,		5 00
Fred A. Skillin,		3 00
Isaac E. Hayes,		18 00
L. D. Hicks,		9 50
Henry Cleaves,		4 16
Charles C. Crockett,		67
John W. Johnson,		6 52
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<i>Amount of Orders paid,</i>		\$193 74
E. Hicks, outstanding,	3 90	
J. H. Baston, “	3 00	
Asa Sweetser, “	45	
	<hr/>	7 35
<i>Amount of Orders drawn,</i>		\$201 09

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR BRIDGES
AND CULVERTS.

A. P. Luffkin,		\$16 81
R. T. Hodsdon,		7 15
Fred. A. Skillin,		5 00
Franklin Cleaves,		11 20
Albert Sweetser,		22 00
Isaac S. Dunn,		4 50
David Sweetser,		12 75
Isaac S. Dunn,		1 83
Isaac S. Stanwood,		1 13
William T. Dunn,		8 00
S. M. Prince,		4 50
Roscoe Perley,		50 41
C. B. Herrick,		2 37
Chas. S. Sweetser,		5 70
Charles Mitchell,		22 00
George A. Staples,		2 50
N. Porter,		13 35
J. H. Hamilton,		5 04
Legrow Bros.,		7 60
“ “		6 00
J. L. Craige,		10 51
George F. Loring,		3 00
N. S. Jordan,		16 53
“ “		12 50
David V. Lovell,		14 20
F. H. Marston,		8 05
Charles C. Crockett,		18 75
N. S. Shurtleff,		12 00
		\$305 28
Amount of Orders paid,		
J. B. Luffkin, outstanding,	\$3 22	
O. Mitchell,	1 50	
	4 72	
		\$310 00

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR REPAIR OF ROADS.

George Wilson,		\$9 87
Charles Milliken,		3 50
George W. Haskell,		11 50
A. F. Bennett,		4 50
Elijah Ross,		2 44
Edward R. Hamilton,		4 63
Aaron Haskell,		4 50
John Kelley,		5 62
Melvin Fogg,		5 40
William H. Cunningham,		90
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Amount of Orders paid,		\$52 86
Moses True, outstanding,	\$4 00	
Geo. F. Loring, “	4 25	
	<hr/>	8 25
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		\$61 11

TOWN NOTES PAID AND TAKEN UP.

Lucy J. Shaw,		\$1,255 00
Money hired to pay town notes,		955 00
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Amount paid,		\$300 00

SUMMARY.

Amount raised for accounts allowed,	\$251 07
“ “ “ bridges,	400 00
“ “ “ schools	800 00
“ “ “ poor,	900 00
“ “ “ contingencies,	300 00
“ “ “ snow bills,	200 00
“ “ “ town officers,	250 00
“ “ “ collector’s commissions,	60 00
“ of overlayings,	89 69
Gained by fractions,	09
Additional assessments,	64 75
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	\$3,315 60
Unpaid highway tax, 1878,	24 13
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	\$3,339 73

SUMMARY.

Amount expended for accounts allowed,	\$251 07
“ “ “ schools,	1,368 43
“ “ “ poor,	873 50
“ “ “ interest,	140 58
“ “ “ abatements,	173 78
“ “ “ town officers,	224 74
“ “ “ collector’s commissions,	54 48
“ “ “ contingencies,	249 42
“ “ “ snow bills,	193 74
“ “ “ bridges, etc.,	305 58
“ “ “ roads,	52 86
“ “ “ town notes,	300 00
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	\$4,187 88

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due Lucy J. Shaw's note,		955 00
“ Rachel G. Hamilton's note,		450 00
“ Sarah T. Dunn's note,		50 00
“ interest on town note about		27 00
“ outstanding town orders,		335 14
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		\$1,817 14
Due school district No. 1,	\$15 12	
“ “ “ “ 2,	3 14	
“ “ “ “ 4,	78	
“ “ “ “	31 90	
William H. Blanchard,	6 20	
S. A. Litchfield,	6 39	63 53
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Total liabilities,		\$1,880 67

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,		\$824 32
Due from N. York Granite Co., derrick and taxes,		397 06
“ “ non resident tax deeds, 1878,		102 00
“ “ N. S. Jordan, Col.,		25 00
“ “ J. P. Sawyer, “		27 10
“ “ N. Porter, “		193 23
“ “ J. P. Rowe, “		849 30
“ “ State school fund of 1879,		108 41
“ “ “ mill tax,		250 13
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Total resources,		\$2,776 56
Total resources above indebtedness,		\$895 89

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NORTH YARMOUTH, March 22, 1880.

A. P. LUFKIN,	} Selectmen of No. Yarmouth.
C. B. HERRICK,	
R. T. HODSDON,	

TOWN OF NORTH YARMOUTH in account with

DR.

1879.

March 24.	To cash in treasury,	\$187 77
" "	" " due from State sch'l fund, '78,	132 07
" "	" " " " " mill tax, '78,	248 17
" "	" " " " N. Jordan, Col., '74,	25 00
" "	" " " " J. P. Sawyer, " '77,	529 77
" "	" " " " N. Porter, " '78,	1,274 20
" "	" " " " town of Pownal,	5 85
June 20.	" assessment for 1879, committed to J. P. Rowe, Collector,	3,339 73
" 21.	" cash received of William Osgood, Treas. N. Yarmouth sch'l fund,	252 84
July 24.	" cash due from State sch'l fund, '79,	108 42
" "	" " " " " mill tax, '79,	250 13
" "	" assessment on school dist. No. 3,	132 20
Dec. 22,	" cash received from State railroad tax, '78,	19 43
" "	" " " " Stephen Hall, U. S. Pension,	72 00
Oct.	" cash hired to pay town notes,	955 00
1880.		
March 6,	" " received of C. Mitchell for D. Bosworth, house and land,	20 00
" "	" due from N. York Granite Co., for taxes, 1876, 1877,	140 09
" "	" due from N. Y. Granite Co., for costs,	6 97
" "	" " for tax deeds N. Y. Granite Co. and others,	102 00
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		\$7,801 64

WILLIAM B. SKILLIN, Treasurer.

CR.

1880.

March 22.	By paid Selectmen's orders,	\$4,006 38
" "	" " town notes,	1,255 00
" "	" cash due from State mill tax, 1879,	250 13
" "	" " " " school fund, '79,	108 42
" "	" " " " N. S. Jordan, Col., '74,	25 00
" "	" " " " J. P. Sawyer, " '77,	27 10
" "	" " " " N. Porter, " '78,	193 23
" "	" " " " J. P. Rowe, " '79,	849 30
" "	" " " " " " school district, No 3,	13 70
" "	" due from N. York Granite Co., for taxes, 1876, 1877,	140 09
" "	" due from N. Y. Granite Co., for costs,	6 97
" "	" " for tax deeds N. Y. Granite Co. and others,	102 00
" "	" cash to balance,	824 32
		<hr/>
		\$7,801 64

I ask to be discharged in the sum of \$5,261 38

And stand charged with the further sum of 2,540 26

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Errors excepted.)

WILLIAM B. SKILLIN, TREASURER.

No. YARMOUTH, March 22, 1880.

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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, 1880 :

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

Paid John Bowie, for boarding S. Hall, 52 weeks, at \$2.50 per week,	\$130 00
“ E. R. Hamilton, for Fannie Chase, 52 weeks, at \$1.85 per week,	96 20
“ William Marston, for James H. Marston, 52 weeks, at \$1.95 per week,	101 40
“ George D. Porter, for Henry Fitzgerald, 52 weeks, at \$1.54 per week,	80 08
“ William B. Skillin, for Joseph Clough, 52 weeks, at \$1.45 per week,	75 40
“ H. M. Hamilton, for Henry L. Ryder, 52 weeks, at \$1.25 per week,	65 00
“ Emma A. Thompson, for Mary A. Lufkin, 47 weeks, at \$3.00 per week,	141 00
“ Treas. Insane Hospital, for M. A. Lufkin,	56 75
“ C. B. Herrick, expenses to Augusta for M. A. Lufkin,	11 20
“ William B. Skillin, clothes, etc., for Clough,	22 80
“ William G. Ring, for supplies in 1878,	2 00
“ S. A. W. Allen, for clothes,	6 50
“ Chas. E. Phillips, hauling coal for Frost,	75
“ Mrs. H. M. Hamilton, for Fitzgerald,	1 50
“ Isaac S. Stanwood, for supplies for poor,	57 25
“ Isaac S. Dunn, “ “ “ “	78 60
“ William Marston, making clothes, for J. H. M.,	4 00
“ A. P. Lufkin, cash paid Town of Gray,	12 00
“ “ “ sundries,	3 76
“ Boston & Portland Clothing Co.,	1 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$947 19

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$947 19
Paid	J. A. Spencer, board of M. A. Lufkin's child,		12 00
"	E. S. Skillin, " " " " "		
	9 weeks, at \$2.00 per week,		18 00
"	R. T. Hodsdon, for tramps,		2 50
"	C. Sawyer, for James Brown,		5 00
"	L. & L. F. Walker, coal for Frost,		3 00
"	George D. Porter, for tramps,		10 40
"	E. R. Hamilton, " "		8 25
"	A. F. Bennett, " "		3 90
"	E. R. Hamilton, supplies for F. Chase,		4 26
"	William Osgood, medical attendance for the following persons:		
	Jacob Frost,		7 50
	Emeline Frost,		20 75
	Henry L. Ryder,		17 75
	Mrs. Phillips,		5 75
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			\$1,066 25
We have received from	S. Hall,	\$72 00	
" " " " "	Pownal,	5 85	
		<hr/>	77 85
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			\$988 40
We have paid supplies for	J. Frost,		\$12 47
" " " " "	Mrs Phillips,		2 75
" " " " "	James Paine,		30 00
" " " " "	E. Hawkes,		10 00
" " " " "	L. F. Sherwood,		21 25
			<hr/>
	Making,		\$76 47
Which is included in the above amount.			

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OVERSEERS' OFFICE, North Yarmouth, March 22, 1880.

A. P. LUFKIN,	} Overseers of the Poor of No. Yarmouth.
C. B. HERRICK,	
R. T. HODSDON,	

REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

IN NORTH YARMOUTH.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1880.

Whole number of scholars in town, 281 ; divided in districts, as follows :

No. of Dist.	AGENT.	Average Attend'g School.		Whole No. in Dist.
		Sum.	Wint.	
1	Charles S. Sweetser.	21	24	52
2	Abram P. Lufkin.	29	24	62
3	Roscoe Perley.	10	15	21
4	Alfred H. Bennett.	16		31
5	Frank H. Marston.		7 1-2	17
6	Chas. L. Colley.	12		37
7	David V. Lovell.			21
8	James Lawrence.			20
9	Charles Mitchell.	6	12	18
	Child of Wm. H. Blanchard.			1
	“ S. A. Litchfield.			1

For the financial record, the reader is referred to the report of the Selectmen accompanying.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Addie Soule Dann taught the spring and fall terms of eight weeks each, and gave good satisfaction, notwithstanding this was her first school. Miss Helen Wallace Porter taught the winter term of twelve weeks and gave us a school of which we may all be proud.

Five and one-half days constitute a school week in this district.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss S. E. Gooding taught the spring term of eight, and fall term of six weeks.

I entered this school with considerable prejudice against both teacher and scholars, and must say in justice to both, that the school was a most satisfactory one in all respects. The order was good, the recitations were prompt, and the improvement was marked.

Mr. Frank R. Patten taught the winter term of twelve weeks, and it was evident from the first that he was the right man in the right place. He complains that his pupils were more interested in singing schools, parties, good templars, meetings, etc., than in his school. This is a very common, and no doubt, just complaint, but while the pupils did not make as much improvement as they might, I think they made more than we often see.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Emma F. Whitney taught three terms of nine, eight and twelve weeks, and considering that this is her first experience in teaching, I think she has done herself considerable credit. The order has been good and she seems to have the tact to interest the scholars in their studies. The school generally has done well and some classes have made extra advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Frances E. Skillin taught the spring and fall terms of six and five weeks with her usual success. The school was a profitable one. Mr. Seth G. Sweetser, of New Gloucester, taught the winter term of nine weeks. I was in this school three times but did not know when it closed. The order was good and the scholars seemed interested in their studies. Some of the pupils attending thought the school a most excellent one. Some of the parents who did not attend thought very little of it. An unusual proportion of this winter's term were large scholars, and in my judgment, they were making good use of their time.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Emily T. Leighton commenced Dec. 1st, and closed March 12th. I visited this school four times. The order was all that could be wished and the school room was the perfection of neatness. The lessons were thoroughly digested, and the recitations prompt to a degree that I have seldom seen equalled, and never surpassed. There was some sickness which broke up the school somewhat near its close, a serious misfortune in this case, as the school was doing admirably, and this has been its only term.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Annie Gertrude Hayes taught the spring term of six weeks, Miss Florence L. Gurney the the summer term of six weeks, while Mr. Alexander Wilbur Fiske Waterhouse taught the winter term of ten weeks. The teaching was of the best throughout.

DISTRICT No. 7 is in Pownal. DISTRICT No. 8 is in Yarmouth.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Mabel Star taught the two terms of eight and nine weeks. This was her first school, and I considered the first term as good a school as could be expected with so few scholars, and recommended her for the winter term, and still thought she was doing as well as could be expected of a child of fifteen years. I was in her school some seven or eight times and saw nothing amiss. The order was good and the scholars studious, but they did not work together, and the school came to an abrupt termination Friday, Feb. 13th. Miss Florence Hill opened the school again Monday, March 8th.

GENERAL REMARKS.

My intercourse with the several school agents and teachers in town the past year has, so far as I am aware, been of the most amicable description, and I have made several very pleasant acquaintances. I think the district agents have had the good of their schools at heart and have labored to accomplish it, and the teaching has been more thorough and more successful than I have ever known before ; still there is room for improvement.

Persons aspiring to "teach the young idea how to shoot" in our public schools, should endeavor to be as near perfect in the branches usually taught there as possible. They should not only be able to solve such problems as are in the arithmetic, but they should be able to tell in a reasonable time what per cent of *two* five is, etc. They should know what, and where, the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn are, and whether to look north or south for the sun at noon in May, from latitude of 10° south. Persons who fail on such questions as these are very apt to complain of long, rigid and frequent examinations.

With three Normal schools in our State, it is a great pity some of our would be teachers do not avail themselves of their advantages, as my experience convinces me that a year's study in either of our Normal schools would be of more benefit to a beginner than five years in practical teaching.

We all know that the ability to teach is a God given talent; that those who know most cannot always teach most. But we also know that milk cannot be squeezed out of a stone. That whatever the natural tact may be, good teaching cannot come from ignorance. No matter how much natural teaching tact a person may have, nor how highly educated they may be, if they are not perfectly at home in the rudimentary branches, they are not fit to teach in our common schools.

With the sums that are raised for the support of our schools, tax payers have a right to expect good results, and agents should be as careful and economical in spending the school money as prudent people are in expending their own.

Several of our blackboards have been in bad condition the past year. No teacher can do justice to themselves or their schools with a worn out or greasy blackboard, and when nothing but a piece of chalk, the size of a cat's head and as hard as a rock, is furnished, necessitating several attempts to make a mark, the strain upon their patience is very great. On such occasions I give them a wide birth, and ruminant upon that beautiful passage in Pinafore, "Don't go near her, don't go near her; she is swearing, she is swearing."

Vagrancy is a crying evil. Children who are out of school

slouching around half of their time, lose their own time, are a bother and nuisance to the teacher and the school generally, and are growing up to be the dupes of demagogues, or worse. There is entirely too much of this staying out of school for every little - cause, and often for no cause at all. The worst feature in the case is that the vagrants are mostly children who get little or no instruction at home, and will probably finish their education in the district school.

Since the summer schools closed, three of our lady teachers have gone into the holy state of matrimony, and rumor saith "still there's more to follow," reminding us that young men of good taste are not all dead yet.

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