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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of North Yarmouth,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 21, 1881.



PORTLAND:

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1881.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of North Yarmouth :

We herewith submit this, our annual report of the financial condition of our town, showing receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 21, 1881,

The whole amount of taxable property in town, \$379,597.00.

Number of polls, 187—at \$2.00 each.

The per centage is \$16.10 on \$1,000.00.

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1880.

State tax,	\$2,617 65
County tax,	588 16
Accounts allowed,	10 50
Bridge, repair of,	200 00
Snow bills,	150 00
Railing for dangerous places,	100 00
Cemetery fence, repair of,	60 00
For building pound,	25 00
Poor, support of	1,000 00
Schools, support of,	800 00
Bounty money, Lewis Mitchell,	150 00
“ “ N. Porter,	150 00
Contingencies,	200 00
Town officers,	250 00
Collector's commissions,	75 00
Overlayings,	109 20
Gained by fractions,	65
Highway tax 1879, unpaid,	21 91
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	\$6,508 07

N. S. JORDAN, *Collector*, 1874.

DR.

To amount due town, March 22, 1880,	\$25 00
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CR.

By town tax unpaid, March 21, 1881,	\$25 00
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J. P. SAWYER, *Collector*, 1877.

DR.

To amount due town, March 22, 1880,	\$27 10
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CR.

By town tax paid,	\$14 78	
“ “ “ unpaid, March 21, 1881,	12 32	
	<hr/>	\$27 10

N. PORTER, *Collector*, 1878.

DR.

To amount due town, March 22, 1880,	\$193 23
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CR.

By town tax paid, March 21, 1881,	\$193 23
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J. P. ROWE, *Collector*, 1879.

DR.

To amount due town, March 22, 1880,	\$849 30
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“ “ “ School District No. 3, March 22, 1880,	13 70
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CR.

By town tax paid, March 21, 1881,	\$806 79
“ “ “ unpaid, “ “	\$42 51
“ school “ “ “ “	13 70
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	\$56 21

NEHEMIAH PORTER, *Collector*, 1880.

DR.

To State tax for 1880,	\$2,617 65
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“ county “ “	588 16
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“ town “ “	3,302 26
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	\$6,508 07

CR.

By State tax paid,		\$600 00
" " " unpaid,	\$2,017 65	
" County tax paid,		300 00
" " " unpaid,	288 16	
" town tax paid,		2,376 45
" " " unpaid,	925 81	
	<hr/>	3,231 62
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		\$6,508 07

SAMUEL SKILLIN, *Treasurer.*

DR.

To balance received of former treasurer by selectmen,	\$2,540 26
" cash " " A. P. Lufkin, S. Hall bounty,	24 00
" " " " Wm. Osgood, treas. school fund,	252 84
" " " " C. B. Herrick,	84 00
" due from State, State school fund, 1880,	111 47
" " " " " mill tax, 1881,	280 24
" " " railroad tax,	19 43
" cash received of Chas. Watts, interest on tax deeds,	33
" commitment of tax bills to N. Porter, collector, '80,	3,302 26
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	\$6,614 83

CR.

By paid selectmen's orders,	\$3,610 09
" " town note,	955 00
" due from State, State school fund, 1879,	108 42
" " " " " mill tax, 1880,	250 13
" " " " " school fund, 1880,	111 47
" " " " " mill tax, 1881,	280 24
" " " railroad tax,	19 43
" " " N. S. Jordan, collector,	25 00
" " " J. P. Sawyer, collector,	12 32
" " " J. P. Rowe, " "	56 21
" " " N. Porter, " "	925 81
" " " New York Granite Co.,	140 09
" " " tax deeds delivered,	96 68
" cash to balance,	23 94
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	\$6,614 83

MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1880.

Amount raised by town,	\$800 00
“ from town school fund,	252 84
“ “ State “	111 47
“ “ “ mill tax,	280 24
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	\$1,444 55

No. of District.	No. of Schlo.	Amount of Money.	Added Amount.	Money back.	Total Amount.
1	58	\$255 20		\$18 77	\$273 97
2	53	233 20		3 14	236 34
3	21	92 40	\$46 00	32	138 72
4	32	140 80	25 00	78	166 58
5	16	70 40	65 00		135 40
6	36	158 40	25 00		183 40
7	18	79 20	35 00		114 20
8	16	70 40			70 40
9	18	79 20	60 00	31 90	171 10
Wm. H. Blanchard,	1	4 40	55	6 20	11 15
S. A. Litchfield,	1	4 40		6 39	10 79
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	270	\$1188 00	\$256 55	\$54 91	\$1508 08

Being \$4.40 per scholar. \$256.55 divided between Districts Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and William H. Blanchard's scholars.

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1, O. F. Dolloff, agt., for repairs,	\$23 54
“ “ Lena L. Pittee, “ teaching,	32 00
“ “ O. F. Dolloff, agt., “	22 80
“ “ S. M. Prince, “ wood,	13 61
“ “ Lena L. Pittee, “ teaching,	20 00
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	\$111 95
Dist. No. 2, C. M. Mitchell, for wood,	\$9 12
“ “ A. G. Chase, “ teaching,	56 00
“ “ N. S. Shurtleff, agt., “ repairs,	13 20
“ “ N. S. Shurtleff, “ “ “	11 00
“ “ Isabel Stone,	42 00
“ “ N. S. Shurtleff, agt.,	100 75
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	\$232 07

Dist. No. 3, Roscoe Perley, agt.,	\$60 00	
" " Roscoe Perley, "	35 00	
" " Roscoe Perley, "	43 25	
	<hr/>	\$138 25
Dist. No. 4, Ermina Reed,	\$39 50	
" " John F. Merrill,	19 50	
" " A. N. Titcomb, agt.,	102 82	
	<hr/>	\$161 82
Dist. No. 5, Orrin B. Young, agt.,	\$ 30 00	
" " Orrin B. Young, "	105 40	
	<hr/>	\$135 40
Dist. No. 6, Albert Sweetser, agt.,	\$40 00	
" " Albert Sweetser,	30 00	
" " Albert Sweetser,	113 40	
	<hr/>	\$183 40
Dist. No. 7, A. J. Greely, agt.,		\$114 20
Dist. No. 8, J. W. Clark, agt.,	\$50 00	
" " J. W. Clark, "	20 40	
	<hr/>	\$70 40
Dist. No. 9, Charles Mitchell,	\$30 50	
" " John E. Lowe, agt.,	49 67	
	<hr/>	\$80 17
Wm. H. Blanchard, for 1879,		\$6 20
S. A. Litchfield, for 1879,	\$6 39	
S. A. Litchfield, for 1880,	4 40	
	<hr/>	\$10 79
Amount of orders drawn,		\$1,244 65
Albert Sweetser, outstanding,		113 40
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		\$1,131 25
Frank H. Marston, for 1879,		121 40
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Total amount paid,		\$1,252 65

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR ACCOUNTS ALLOWED.

A. P. Lufkin,	\$6 50
Samuel Skillin,	2 00
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	\$8 50

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR INTEREST.

Wm. B. Skillin, on Lucy J. Shaw's note, 1879,	\$24 48
Wm. B. Skillin, on town note, 1879,	67
Rachel G. Hamilton, town note, 1880,	27 00
Sarah T. Dunn, town note, 1880,	3 00
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	\$55 15

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

E. D. Loring, town clerk,	\$12 00
Charles R. Loring, town constable,	5 00
F. O. Hayes,	38 25
C. B. Herrick,	77 00
Albert Sweetser, town agent,	11 70
A. S. Perley,	40 00
Samuel Skillin, town treasurer,	18 00
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	\$201 95

ORDERS DRAWN FOR ABATEMENTS.

N. Porter, on taxes, 1878,	\$12 03
J. P. Rowe, " 1879,	55 85
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	\$67 88

ORDERS DRAWN FOR COLLECTOR'S COM'S.

N. Porter,	\$75 00
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ORDERS DRAWN FOR CONTINGENCIES.

Hoyt, Fogg & Donham,	\$7 67
Portland Publishing Co.,	23 00
Charles C. Crockett, water privilege,	3 00
Charles L. Collie, work on town house,	3 00
W. R. Sawyer, " "	7 50
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham,	4 48
E. D. Loring, express on books,	2 00
J. H. Brackett, water privilege,	3 00
J. H. Brackett, " 1879,	3 00
Samuel C. Loring, " "	3 00
Heirs of John Staples, water privilege,	3 00
John Kelley, " "	3 00
C. B. Herrick, expense to Augusta,	8 00
C. B. Herrick, work on town house,	3 50
Albert Sweetser, " "	2 00
Nathaniel True, work on roads,	1 50
A. S. Perley, expenses to Augusta,	8 00
J. H. Drummond,	20 00
Taxes paid by town,	62 40
Costs on tax deeds returned by treasurer,	7 97
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Amount paid,	\$178 02

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SNOW BILLS.

David V. Lovell,	\$5 27
Henry Cleaves,	2 27
J. W. Johnson,	3 00
Alvin S. Phillips,	1 57
S. M. Prince,	4 05
A. P. Lufkin,	2 55
N. Porter,	3 30
C. B. Herrick,	2 70
Charles L. Collie,	4 10
W. R. Sawyer,	3 30
E. Hicks,	2 85
John Mountfort,	2 40
Wm. H. Paine,	4 17
Wm. B. Pierce,	4 20
F. O. Hayes,	2 10
John Rowe,	1 65
C. S. Sweetser,	1 80
J. H. Brackett,	2 94
Charles Mitchell,	4 20
Wm. B. Skillin,	4 17
Albert Sweetser,	2 70
Samuel Skillin,	2 85

Amount of orders drawn,	\$68 14
J. W. Johnson, outstanding,	3 00

\$65 14

Asa Sweetser, for 1879,	\$ 45	
E. Hicks, "	3 90	
J. H. Baston, "	3 00	
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Amount of orders paid,	\$72 49
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ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

C. B. Herrick, bridge plank,		\$14 65
E. D. Loring, work and stone for culvert,		21 50
F. O. Hayes, " " on bridge,		10 25
N. Porter, " " "		7 50
Roscoe Perley, plank for "		24 47
Amount drawn,		<hr/> \$78 37
Moses True, for 1879,	\$4 00	
Geo. F. Loring, "	4 25	
J. B. Lufkin, "	3 22	
O. Mitchell, "	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$12 97
Amount paid,		<hr/> \$91 34

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR RAILING CULVERTS.

Legrow Bros., cedar posts,		\$35 36
John E. Lowe, labor,		4 15
A. N. Titcomb, hauling posts,		5 00
Wm. P. Johnson, " "		3 25
E. G. Hayes, " "		7 25
Wm. B. Pierce, labor,		9 65
C. B. Herrick, "		11 00
Lewis Mitchell, "		2 50
I. S. Dunn, nails,		2 70
Roscoe Perley, lumber,		21 86
Amount drawn,		<hr/> \$102 72
Lewis Mitchell, unpaid,		2 50
Amount paid,		<hr/> \$100 22

ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR POUND.

Charles Mitchell, building pound,	\$33 81
Roscoe Perley, shingles for “	11 72
Charles Mitchell, lumber “ “.	5 19
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Amount paid,	\$50 72
“ unpaid,	11 00
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Total cost of pound,	\$61 72

ORDERS DRAWN FOR BOUNTY MONEY.

Lewis Mitchell,	\$160 00
Nehemiah Porter,	160 00
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Amount drawn,	\$320 00
Lewis Mitchell, unpaid,	160 00
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Amount paid,	\$160 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR CEMETERY FENCE.

Geo. F. Loring, for labor,	\$6 75
Roscoe Perley, for lumber,	37 00
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	\$43 75
Lumber for pound,	5 19
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Amount paid,	\$38 56

TOWN NOTES PAID AND TAKEN UP.

Lucy J. Shaw,	\$955 00
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ORDERS DRAWN AND PAID FOR SUPPORT
OF POOR.

Albert Sweetser, care of James Brown,	\$11 25
A. F. Bennett, feeding tramps,	1 95
G. D. Porter, boarding Fitzgerald,	15 00
G. D. Porter, “ “	60 00
G. D. Porter, “ “	26 79
G. D. Porter, “ “	80 21

Mrs. E. S. Skillin, one week's board, clothing M. A. Lufkin's child,	5 00
G. W. Rich, clothing for Stephen Hall,	8 50
John Rowe, boarding " "	30 00
John Rowe, " " "	30 00
John Rowe, " " "	30 00
John Rowe, " " " clothes,	40 50
C. B. Herrick, clothing for Joseph Clough,	11 50
Mrs. Asa Sweetser, clothing and board for Joseph Clough,	19 60
Mrs. Asa Sweetser, " " " " "	17 00
Mrs. Asa Sweetser, " " " " "	16 00
Mrs. Asa Sweetser, " " " " "	20 95
Mrs. Asa Sweetser, " " " " "	1 80
H. M. Hamilton, board, Harry L. Ryder,	13 00
H. M. Hamilton, " " "	39 00
Mrs. H. M. Hamilton, making clothing and board, Harry L. Ryder,	3 00
E. T. Andrews, medical attendance Harry L. Ryder,	15 00
Boston and Portland Clothing Co., clothing Fitzgerald,	2 00
Wm. Marston, boarding J. H. Marston,	50 00
Wm. Marston, clothing " "	2 50
Wm. Marston, boarding " "	41 00
Mrs. Wm. B. Skillin, boarding M. A. Lufkin's child,	14 57
Mrs. Wm. B. Skillin, " " " "	75 00
Mrs. Wm. B. Skillin, " " " "	27 00
Mrs. A. D. Morgan, " M. A. Lufkin,	104 00
Warren Phillips, " Fannie Chase,	70 20
I. S. Stanwood, supplies for poor,	72 11
I. S. Stanwood, " "	4 02
I. S. Dunn, " "	54 24
Wm. Osgood, medical attendance, Fitzgerald,	23 00
Wm. Osgood, " " Mrs. Phillips,	13 50
Wm. Osgood, " " Harry L. Ryder,	8 00
Wm. Osgood, " " Emeline Frost,	3 25
C. B. Herrick, justice fees, cash,	4 06

Amount drawn,	\$1,064 50
Emma C. Thompson, outstanding,	\$141 00
William Osgood, outstanding,	51 75
	<hr/> \$192 75
Total amount paid,	<hr/> \$1,257 25

SUMMARY.

Amount raised for accounts allowed,	\$10 50
“ “ bridges,	200 00
“ “ snow bills,	150 00
“ “ railing culverts,	100 00
“ “ repair cemetery fence,	60 00
“ “ building pound,	25 00
“ “ poor,	1,000 00
“ “ schools,	800 00
“ “ bounty,	300 00
“ “ contingencies,	200 00
“ “ town officers,	250 00
“ “ collector's com.,	75 00
“ of overlayings,	109 02
Gained by fractions,	65
Unpaid highway tax 1879,	21 91
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	\$3,302 26

SUMMARY.

Amount expended for accounts allowed,	\$8 50
“ “ bridges,	91 34
“ “ snow bills,	72 49
“ “ railing culverts,	100 22
“ “ cemetery fence,	43 75
“ “ pound,	45 53
“ “ poor,	1,257 25
“ “ schools,	1,252 65
“ “ bounty,	160 00
“ “ contingencies,	178 02
“ “ town officers,	201 95
“ “ collector's com.,	75 00
“ “ interest,	55 51
“ “ abatements,	67 88
“ “ town notes,	955 00
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	\$4,645 09

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due Rachel G. Hamilton's, note,		\$450 00
" Sarah T. Dunn,	"	50 00
" Sarah T. Dunn,	" interest,	3 00
" Outstanding town orders,		289 90
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		\$792 90
" School District No. 1,	\$162 02	
" " " 2,	4 27	
" " " 3,	47	
" " " 4,	4 76	
" " " 9,	90 93	
" Wm. H. Blanchard,	4 40	
	<hr/>	\$266 85
Total liabilities,		<hr/>
		\$1,059 75

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,	\$ 23 94
Due from New York Granite Co.,	463 82
" " non-residents tax deeds, 1878,	96 68
" " N. S. Jordan, collector, 1874,	25 00
" " J. P. Sawyer, " 1877,	12 32
" " J. P. Rowe, " 1879,	56 21
" " N. Porter, " 1880,	925 81
" " State, State school fund, 1879,	108 42
" " " mill tax, 1880,	250 13
" " " school fund, 1880,	111 47
" " " mill tax, 1881,	280 24
" " State railroad, tax,	19 43
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Total resources,	\$2,373 47
" " above indebtedness,	\$1,313 72

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. B. HERRICK, } *Selectmen*
 A. S. PERLEY, } *of*
 F. O. HAYES, } *No. Yarmouth.*

No. YARMOUTH, March 21, 1881.

Treasurer's Report,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 21, 1881.

1880.

Mar. 30.	To balance received of former treasurers, by the hands of selectmen,	\$2,540 26
	“ cash received of A. P. Lufkin, United States bounty, Stephen I. Hall,	24 00
	“ cash received of Wm. Osgood, treasurer, school fund,	252 84
	“ cash received of C. B. Herrick,	84 00
	“ due from State, State school fund, 1880,	111 47
	“ “ “ “ mill tax, 1881,	280 24
	“ “ “ “ railroad tax,	19 43
	“ cash rec'd of Chas. Watts, int. on tax deed,	33
	“ commitment of tax bills to N. Porter, col., 1880,	3,302 26
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		\$6,614 83

1881.

CONTRA CREDIT.

Mar.	By paid selectmen's orders,	\$3,610 09
	“ “ paid town notes,	955 00
	“ due from State, State school fund, 1879,	108 42
	“ “ “ “ mill tax, 1880,	250 13
	“ “ “ “ school fund, 1880,	111 47
	“ “ “ “ mill tax, 1881,	280 24
	“ “ “ “ railroad tax,	19 43
	“ due from N. P. Jordan, collector, 1874,	25 00
	“ “ J. P. Sawyer, “ 1877,	12 32
	“ “ J. P. Rowe, “ 1879,	56 21
	“ “ N. Porter, “ 1880,	925 81
	“ “ New York Granite Co.,	140 09
	“ tax deeds delivered,	96 68
	“ cash in treasury, March 21, 1881,	23 94
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		\$6,614 83

SAMUEL SKILLIN, *Treasurer.*

NORTH YARMOUTH, March 21, 1881.

Report of Overseers of the Poor, 1880,

YEAR ENDING APRIL 1.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of North Yarmouth :

There has been eight persons supported by the town the entire year, viz. : S. Hall, Fannie Chase, J. H. Marston, Henry Fitzgerald, Joseph Clough, Henry L. Ryder, M. A. Lufkin, M. A. Lufkin's child.

Paid John Rowe, for S. Hall, board, 52 weeks, at \$2.50 per week,	\$130 00
“ Wm. Marston, for J. H. Marston, board, 52 weeks, at \$1.75 per week,	91 00
“ Geo. D. Porter, for Henry Fitzgerald, board, 52 weeks, at \$3.50 per week,	182 00
“ Henry M. Hamilton, for H. L. Ryder, board, 52 weeks, at \$1.00 per week,	52 00
“ Mrs. Asa. Sweetser, for Joseph Clough, board, 52 weeks, at \$1.40 per week,	72 80
“ Warren Phillips, for Fannie Chase, board, 52 weeks, at \$1.35 per week,	70 20
“ Mrs. A. D. Morgan, for Mary A. Lufkin, board, 52 weeks, at \$2.00 per week,	104 00
“ Wm. B. Skillin, for M. A. Lufkin's child, 51 weeks, at \$2.00 per week,	102 00
“ E. S. Skillin, for M. A. Lufkin's child, 1 week, at \$2.00 per week,	2 00
Total amount paid for board,	<hr/> \$806 00
Albert Sweetser,	11 12
A. F. Bennett,	1 95
C. B. Herrick,	4 06
	<hr/> \$823 13

C. B. Herrick,	\$11 50	
Geo. W. Rich,	8 50	
Asa Sweetser,	1 80	
Mrs. H. M. Hamilton,	3 00	
Boston and Portland Clothing Co.,	2 00	
Wm. Marston,	2 50	
Mrs. Wm. B. Skillin,	14 57	
Mrs. E. S. Skillin,	3 00	
I. S. Stanwood,	72 11	
I. S. Stanwood,	4 02	
I. S. Dunn,	54 24	
Sundries for clothes,	2 18	
Amount paid for clothing,	—	\$178 62
Wm. Osgood,	\$47 75	
E. T. Andrews,	15 00	
Amount paid for medical attendance,	—	62 75
Total amount drawn,		<u>\$1,064 50</u>
We have received, S. Hall,	\$96 00	
“ “ town of Pownal,	10 00	
		<u>106 00</u>
Total cost of poor,		958 50
Emma C. Thompson, outstanding,	\$141 00	
Wm. Osgood, “	51 75	192 75
Total amount paid,		<u>\$1,257 25</u>
We have paid supplies for James Parn,	\$25 00	
“ “ “ L. S. Sherwood,	3 00	
“ “ “ Jacob Frost,	15 00	
Included in the above amount,		<u>\$43 00</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. B. HERRICK, { *Overseers of the*
A. S. PERLEY, { *Poor of*
F. O. HAYES, { *North Yarmouth.*

OVERSEERS' OFFICE, NO. YARMOUTH, March 21, 1881.

REPORT

OF

Public Schools in North Yarmouth,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1881.

Whole number of scholars in town, 269; divided in districts, as follows:

No. of District.	AGENT.	Whole No. in Dist.	Whole No. attending School in Summer.	Whole No. attending School in Winter.	Average attendance in Summer.	Average attendance in Winter.
1	O. A. Dolloff.....	58	36	31	28	25
2	N. S. Shurtleff.....	54	30	33	20	24
3	Roscoe Perley.....	21	14	19	12	13
4	Alfred W. Titcomb.....	32	11	25	9½	22
5	Orrin B. Young.....	16	13	9	11	7.5
6	Albert Sweetser.....	36	23	28	20	22
7	A. J. Greeley.....	18	Sch. Hse. in Pownal.			
8	J. W. Clarke.....	16	Sch. Hse. in Yarm'th.			
9	John E. Lowe.....	18	4	8	3½	5

Two children of Wm. H. Blanchard are counted in No. 1.

S. A. Litchfield's child is counted in No. 4.

Whole amount of money for support of schools, \$1,444 50

Apportioned to each scholar, 4 40

Leaving a balance of, 256 55

Which was divided among the smaller districts.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Lena Pittie taught the summer term of 8 weeks, and four weeks of the fall term, wages and board \$4.00 per week in summer and \$6.00 in fall.

This school was a disappointment to me as I considered Miss Pittie had all the qualifications requisite for a successful teacher, and I attribute her lack of success entirely to her bad health. The school throughout made fair progress in their studies, and was by no means so much of a failure as the cheap outside gossip would lead one to suppose.

Miss Emily F. Leighton, taught the remaining four weeks of the fall term and accomplished all that could reasonably be expected.

Mr. Gardner Leighton is teaching the winter term, beginning December 6th and to close March 18th, wages and board of teacher \$36.00 per month. There has been a good degree of interest especially among the larger classes. Some of the smaller and more backward pupils have made very gratifying progress. The school seems to give general satisfaction.

"He makes 'em stan' round."

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Mrs. Annie G. Chase taught the summer term of eight weeks, wages and board of teacher \$7.00 per week. Miss Isabel S. Stone taught the fall term of seven weeks, wages and board of teacher \$6.00 per week. Mrs. Chase is a good teacher particularly fine for some branches, but she allows more noise than is safe in this district; it was an injury to her own school and left her successor, who had less experience and perhaps not so good natural government, with a most unruly rabble which she managed as she could. The improvement was considerable. Some classes in both terms did good work.

The winter term of thirteen weeks was taught by Miss Hattie B. Gurney, wages and board of teacher, \$7.50. Teaching, order and improvement good. "Here to-day and gone to-morrow" plays the mischief with this school. No teacher can do themselves or the school justice where so large a portion of the pupils are so spasmodic in their attendance.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Helen W. Porter, teacher for the year, eight weeks in summer and nine weeks in winter.

Wages and board of teacher, \$5.00 in summer and \$7.25 in winter. Miss Porter always has a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Ermina J. Reed taught the summer term of eight weeks. Wages and board of teacher \$5.50 per week. Miss Reed's examination was among the best, and the school at its close showed that she had worked hard and I think successfully. There are children enough in the district to have made this school considerably larger. The order was good.

John F. Merrill taught three weeks, and George W. Titcomb finished the term with seven weeks.

I visited Mr. Merrill's school at its commencement and Mr. L. D. Hicks examined Mr. Titcomb, and visited his school as I was off duty at the time.

I found the school at its close all that could be desired. Wages and board of teacher, \$42.00 per month.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Emily F. Leighton taught a term of six weeks ending October 1, wages and board of teacher \$5.00 per week. The school was quiet and the lessons were thoroughly mastered.

Miss Emma F. Whitney taught the winter term (still in session) commencing December 6. Wages and board of teacher \$6.35 per week. The order is good and there seems a good degree of interest on the part of both teacher and pupils, but there is not that thorough mastery of the lessons that has characterized this school for the last two terms.

The recitations, and especially the readings, are in a tone whose quantity and quality are very disagreeable to me.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Addie S. Dunn has taught for the entire school year.

Wages and board of teacher, \$5.00 per week in summer and \$6.00 in winter.

This school has ranked among the very best from first to last in all respects.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Is under the supervision of Pownal.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Is under the supervision of Yarmouth.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Florence Hill finished a term of four weeks, April 3. This school was orderly, and I think the time was profitably spent. Wages and board of teacher \$7.00 per week.

Miss Etta M. Baker taught a term of 8 weeks, from August 30, to October 22.

This was Miss Baker's first term, and her examination was a pleasant contrast to some we have seen, *quick, prompt, correct*. So ambitious and business like a teacher should have a much larger school, inasmuch as she was faithful over these four infants. Wages and board \$4.50 per week.

Miss Ida. F. Sweetser teaches the winter term commencing Nov. 29, and still in session, sixteen weeks or more. For the number of scholars the school is a good one.

Wages and board of teacher, \$6.50 per week.

The schools in town for the year past, have been a general success. Some pupils in some classes, and some classes in some schools, have been dull and listless. But there has been a good degree of interest in the school work throughout each and every district. One noticeably pleasing feature this year has been the improvement made by the dull and backward pupils, whose brains seem little adapted to book learning. These have been specially cared for, and in many instances the results have been most gratifying.

The schools in several districts have been broken up somewhat by sickness.

I am happy to report that several of our would be teachers are fitting themselves for their duties, by a term at one of the Normal

Schools. If more of them would try it we should have better examinations, and it would be a blessed thing for the schools.

Some of the blackboards, that at the beginning of the year were entirely unfit for use, have been put in good condition. There are still some that need renovation.

Each and every school agent, upon being chosen, lifts his hand heavenward and calls God to witness that he assumes the responsibilities, and will perform the duties of the office to the best of his knowledge and ability.

About the first duty that devolves upon him is to take the census of all the children in his district between the ages of four and twenty-one. To make out fair lists of the names and ages on blanks furnished him with the law plainly printed thereon. Which lists he is to take before a justice of the peace and swear to the truth of, and send one copy to the selectmen, and one to the supervisor in the month of April. Some agents take their census in the first of April, make out, and swear to their lists, and pass them in immediately, like good boys and christians as they are.

Others leave the business hanging along into May, or later, and then send their returns in half made up, and half sworn to, or perhaps not sworn to at all. Although, if they can read, they have sworn to pass them in, in April.

This dilatory slovenish action of the agents is perjury, a knowing violation of a voluntarily taken oath. And how they expect to explain this in the "Sweet-by-and-by," when they go to be forever with the Lord, is what your humble servant would like to know.

In 1873, the agents in Districts 8 and 9 made no returns at all, and I took the census of those districts myself in *September*. I have forgotten who the agents were.

Perjury has been considered by honest men in all ages as a crime of monstrous villany: and writers of the olden times, have characterized it as a noisome wickedness foul and sticky, exceedingly, as the pitch of Sodom.

Theologians and legislatures have ever agreed in placing perjury among the first-class sins. Will gentlemen presume to tell us that it is the right and proper thing to attempt to enter the heavenly

world with the soul besmeared from clew to earring with perjury, whose loathsome stains even the dark waters of the river of death won't wash out without much rubbing and plenty of soap.

It is to be feared before such soul is properly cleansed and the traditionally indispensable wedding garment is finally adjusted, it will receive some rough treatment from St. Peter and his corps of enrobing angels. For plead as you may that St. Peter is a saint of high renown (and I know him for no less), he certainly was not placed at the head of the meek and patient ones in our catechism.

On the contrary he, on several occasions used profane language and edge tools with such enthusiastic prodigality as caused both the ears of those who heard it to tingle, and with much less provocation then he would have in the case now under consideration, with four of our schools still in session and the miserable weather of the past week it is hardly possible to give more than a general report of their condition and progress. They all appear to be doing well.

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