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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Thomas Baker, Clerk,	\$ 2 63
Seth H. Faunce, Selectman, etc.,	10 25
Sam'l B. Waterman, "	6 00
Silas N. Wright, "	8 25
Seth T. Holbrook, "	89 25
Sebastian S. Smith, "	105 75
Fayette Bicknell, "	79 00
George E. Hawkes, Treasurer,	35 00
George P. Whitney, Agent,	27 10
Sullivan Fuller, Collector,	102 95
Sullivan Fuller, Constable,	4 50
A. L. Hersey, Supervisor,	83 25
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	\$553 93

POOR ON TOWN FARM, FEB. 15, 1876.

Abigail Leavitt, aged	91 years.
Mary Moore, "	51 "
David Cates, "	76 "
George W. Peabody, "	71 "
Harriet Maddox, "	28 "

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Stock, Hay, Furniture, Tools, etc. :—

2 oxen,	\$180 00
3 cows,	120 00
1 three-year-old heifer,	38 00
1 two-year-old heifer,	30 00
2 one-year-old heifers,	20 00
4 three-year-old steers,	160 00
4 two-year-old steers,	115 00
2 one-year-old steers,	20 00
4 sheep,	12 00
2 swine,	30 00
21 hens,	8 40
14 tons hay, first quality,	168 00

1 ton straw,	5 00
Furniture,	124 27
Farming tools,	161 40
Provisions,	250 19
Total Personal Property,	<u>\$1442 26</u>

OVERSEERS OF TOWN FARM.

Amount paid C. A. Records and Family to Feb. 15, 1876,	\$375 00
Amount paid for Labor on Farm,	28 50
Interest on Farm, Stock and Tools,	30 00
Cash paid for sundries on Town Farm,	67 77
Balance on store bill to S. E. King,	214 07
Cash paid E. T. Lee for Bull,	18 00
Difference between Steers to S. T. Holbrook,	8 00
“ “ Cow and Heifer “	8 00
“ “ Bull and Steers “	15 00
“ “ Heifers “	4 00
2 two-year-old Steers, bought of “	50 00
2 five-year-old oxen, “ “	177 50
1 four-year-old cow, “ “	40 00
1 seven-year-old cow, “ “	35 00
	<u>\$1070 84</u>

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2 oxen sold,	\$200 00
1 cow,	35 00
1 “	30 00
1 “	25 00
1 heifer,	32 50
Difference between calves,	2 50
Sundries sold from Farm,	91 92
Property on Farm more than last year,	8 10
	<u>425 02</u>
	<u>\$645 82</u>

COST OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

John Hyer,	\$123 40
Charles E. Strout,	15 75
Charles E. Morey, from Jan. 15, 1875 to May 25, 1875,	39 22
Due Charles E. Morey supplies and house rent from Dec. 15, 1875, to Feb. 15, 1876,	9 58
John Ordway,	24 72
Crowell Boy,	12 25
Keeping Tramps,	2 00
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	\$226 92

NOTE—Amount claimed by Poland for Hyer
Family, \$77 76

ANNUAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1875.

Total amount of Assessments,	\$6,434 40
State Tax,	2,059 60
County Tax,	575 73
Money raised for Schools,	1,325 00
Money raised for Free High School,	350 00
Discount on sums paid before Sept, 15.'75,	137 73
“ “ “ “ “ Jan. 1, 1876,	39 18
Abatement on Bills of 1875,	40 68
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	\$4,527 92
Available amount from Cash Taxes	\$1,906 48

RECEIPTS OUTSIDE OF TAXATION.

Received of A. C. Denison, for wood, \$	138 36
Joseph Farris, for Non- Resident Tax,	24 95
Joseph Farris, for Non- Resident Tax, 1872,	2 05
Thomas & Perry, note,	1000 00
“ “ Interest,	252 38
Franklin Sargent, note and interest,	88 08

Non-Resident Taxes, 1873,	20 38
Highway Taxes paid to Treas.,	72 89
	<hr/> \$1,599 09

Total Receipts during year, \$3,505 57

ANNUAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1875.

Town Officers' Bills,	\$553 93
Expense of poor on farm,	645 82
Expense of poor not on farm,	226 92
Medical attendance on poor,	26 75
Paid interest on Debt,	891 99
Expended on Highways and Bridges,	368 24
Blank Books and Stationery,	13 58
Incidental expenses,	22 00
Repairs on Town Farm Buildings,	316 42
Repairs on Town House,	125 00
	<hr/> \$3,190 65

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN FEB. 15, 1876.

Outstanding orders,	\$10,091 93
Interest now due on orders,	352 16
Due School Districts,	1034 18
Due John J. Perry, about	100 00
Other bills,	10 75
	<hr/> \$11,589 02

AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO MEET THE SAME.

Money in Treasury,	\$ 122 75
Due from Collector Fuller,	2,888 18
“ “ “ Faunce,	60 59
Turned in Taxes of 1874,	41 18
Due from Poland on account of Jos. Tripp,	26 64
Due from Madison on account of Chas.	
T. Young,	3 50
Due from Woodstock on account of	
Isabella Thurlow,	4 50

Due from Gray on account of D. H. Blake, 33 37

————— \$3,180 71

Debt above resources,

\$8,408 31

Schedule of Property on and not credited to Farm.

33 M. Shingles.

1125 Clapboards, fitted.

150 " poor.

900 Lathes.

30 Pounds Nails.

We have engaged Mr. Records for another year on the farm. His management during the past year has been very satisfactory to us.

The repairs on the farm buildings have added much to the comfort and convenience of the inmates.

Sixty dollars of the expense of the Hyer family, was for fitting out and sending two of the boys to the Little Wanderer's Home, Boston, Mass.

We have not recorded Lumber on the Town Farm, to the credit of the farm, as has been practiced heretofore.

Having paid more than Fourteen Hundred Dollars for the Hackett road, which sum has not been taken into account in former reports, accounts in part, for the increase of the indebtedness.

The Blake case has been decided against us, and carried up. Verdict *vs.* town, \$700 00.

The bridge near W. L. Stanton's, we think should be repaired the coming season.

S. T. HOLBROOK,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
S. S. SMITH,	
FAYETTE BICKNALL,	

LIST OF TOWN ORDERS DRAWN,

From February 15th, 1875, to February 15th, 1876.

No.		
188	J. D. Holt, services as teacher and assistant	\$172 50
189	L. A. Edwards, building fires, dis. No. 3,	10 00
190	F. B. Andrews, services school committee,	67 30
191	John J. Perry, cash paid for advertising,	28 00
192	N. Lord, digging grave &c.,	4 72
193	William F. Caldwell, repairs on school house, dist. No. 6, 1874,	4 65
194	S. T. Holbrook, use of piano for school, dis. No. 3,	5 00
195	S. T. Holbrook, wood and repairs of school room,	39 51
196	S. H. Faunce, wood and potatoes for Mrs. Holt,	9 45
197	John J. Perry, committee on posting accounts,	5 00
198	Robert Wardwell, abatement of tax,	1 00
199	Jacob S. Martin, building culvert,	7 50
200	Roscoe Brown, note taken up, dated Jan. 6, 1871,	328 64
201	Luther Maxim, teaching dis. No. 10,	42 00
202	Luther Maxim, cash paid for board, dis. No. 10,	20 00
203	Luther Maxim, cash paid for building fires, dis. 10,	2 00
204	Sullivan Fuller, abatement of taxes, 1874,	3 63
205	Thomas Robinson, abatement on tax,	2 50
206	John J. Perry, services in Andrews case, in full,	100 00
207	S. H. Faunce, stationery and postage,	2 00
208	George E. Hawkes, abatement delinquent High- way tax, 1872,	5 18
1	S. S. Smith, services as auditor,	7 50
2	Silas N. Wright, services as selectman, &c.,	8 25
3	Seth H. Faunce, note dated April 18, 1870, prin- cipal \$50.00,	50 00
4	Seth H. Faunce, int. on note dated April 18, 1870,	16 43
5	Edward P. Faunce, note dated April 6, 1870,	100 00
6	Edward P. Faunce, note dated May 12, 1870,	96 00
7	S. H. Faunce, interest on notes and orders,	73 97
8	S. H. Faunce, services as selectman, 1874,	10 25
9	Charles A. Records, services on town farm, 1874,	275 00
10	Abner R. Paine, wood furnished Dis. No. 7,	8 75
11	Fred E. Shaw, printing and advertising non-resident tax, 1871-2,	10 00

12	Nelson Dingley jr. & Co., printing town reports 1872 and 3,	60 00
13	Amos J. Wardwell, part payment on note given June 25, 1870,	25 00
14	Emma C. Barrows, teaching dis. No. 8, 1874,	48 00
15	J. D. Holt, teaching free high school, spring term, part payment, 1875,	100 00
16	S. E. King, supplies furnished Chas. Morey, 1875	21 87
17	S. T. Holbrook, difference in steers on town farm,	8 00
18	Abigail Wardwell, cash for taxes from 1869 to 1873, inclusive,	23 20
19	S. T. Holbrook, wood furnished dis. No. 3 1875,	12 50
20	S. T. Holbrook, wood furnished John Ordway,	3 00
21	L. Augusta Nelson, interest on town order to date	73 90
22	Mary A. Nelson, interest on town order to date,	84 85
23	Abigail Wardwell, boarding and clothing Abigail Lovering from Feb. 14, 1873 to J'y 21, 1874.	254 49
24	French & Holbrook, brown ash timber for Hebron bridge,	2 66
25	Orin Stevens, medical attendance on poor from April 1st, 1874 to April 1st, 1875,	30 00
26	S. T. Holbrook, wood furnished Sarah J. Irving and family,	5 63
27	Amos J. Wardwell, interest on two notes given 1870,	18 15
28	Amos J. Wardwell, two town notes given 1870,	325 00
29	J. T. Washburn, wood furnished district No. 10 1874 and 1875,	15 75
30	Samuel B. Waterman, repairs on school house, district No. 10,	9 20
31	Samuel B. Waterman, services as selectman 1874,	6 00
32	Samuel B. Waterman, going to New Gloucester looking after C. E. Morey,	3 00
33	J. J. Perry, making warrants for school meeting and copies of the same, district No. 3,	2 00
34	Orin Stevens, medical services, Azariah Jackson family,	1 00
35	Eugene T. Lee, bull for town farm,	18 00
36	N. J. Frost, repairing school house, district No. 5,	5 50

37	William Edwards, services looking up scholars, district No. 3,	1 50
38	J. A. Caldwell, moving John Hyer from West Poland to Oxford,	6 00
39	Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holt, teaching Free High School, Spring term,	199 00
40	J. D. Holt, lamp chimneys and crayon, Dist. No. 3,	1 84
41	J. D. Holt, balance for teaching Free High School, Fall term,	4 90
42	Louis Edwards, building fires and taking care of school house, Dist. No. 3, Spring term High School,	7 50
43	William Edwards, cleaning school house, Dist. No. 3,	4 50
44	S. E. King, goods and apparatus for district No. 10,	\$11 30
45	Ann Dean, interest on town order given in 1872,	169 57
46	Ann Dean, principal on order given in 1872,	865 72
47	Hiram Gilbert, taking care of town house,	5 00
48	S. Fuller, abatement on tax bills, 1874,	39 80
49	Silas Scribner, town order given June 12th, 1869,	666 67
50	Silas Scribner, town order given 1869 to Addison Nelson—taken up,	388 71
51	Silas Scribner, interest on town order given 1869 to Silas Scribner and Addison Nelson,	61 58
52	S. S. Smith, wood furnished district No. 5,	10 00
53	Joseph Tripp, digging grave &c., for Chas. E. Strout,	3 50
54	A. J. Wardwell, money expended on roads, district No. 3,	14 00
55	Ella J. Winslow, teaching in district No. 4,	28 00
56	Ella J. Winslow, board while teaching in district No. 4,	14 96
57	Sarah E. Brown, teaching in district No. 12,	24 00
58	John L. Woodsom, wood furnished district No. 4,	4 70
59	A. T. Stone, boarding teacher, district No. 12,	7 50
60	Thomas L. Robinson, saw bill for town farm,	5 46
61	Benjamin Sanborn, town note given up May 9th, 1872,	168 00

62	Benjamin Sanborn, interest on town note given in 1872,	34 00
63	Benjamin Sanborn, town note given May 9, 1872,	200 00
64	Benjamin Sanborn, interest on town note given 1872,	14 00
65	Benjamin Sanborn, shoveling snow,	7 50
66	Julia Hall, teaching and board included in district No. 10,	75 00
67	Addie J. Hammond, teaching, district No. 3,	50 00
68	Nellie F. King, teaching, district No. 3,	50 00
69	George Edwards, building fires and sweeping, district No. 3,	5 00
70	A. G. Hinds, boarding teachers, ten weeks each, district No. 3,	55 00
71	Ada A Russell, teaching, district No. 5,	16 50
72	Thomas Baker, coffin and robe for Chas. Strout,	12 25
73	Thomas Baker, coffin and robe for Azariah Jackson's boy,	6 90
74	Cora E. Young, teaching, district No. 2,	32 00
75	Benjamin Sanborn, boarding teacher, dist. No. 2,	14 00
76	W. W. Denning, clock for district No. 10,	5 45
77	E. S. Wolcott, shoveling snow on road near Oxford station,	2 17
78	Samuel Dudley, breaking stone one day near Hebron line, for bridge,	2 20
79	Belle Merrill, teaching, district No. 6	35 00
80	Frank Young, digging grave for A. Jackson's child,	1 25
81	S. S. Smith, boarding teacher, district No. 5,	11 40
82	S. T. Holbrook, office-table for schoolhouse, district No. 3,	10 00
83	S. T. Holbrook, supplies furnished Mrs. Irving,	16 25
84	Frank Young, boarding Isabella Thurlow,	4 50
85	S. T. Holbrook, supplies furnished John Hyer and family,	2 88
86	Thomas Baker, supplies furnished Azariah Jackson's family,	55 80
87	Durell & Hawkes, supplies furnished Azariah Jackson's family,	26 80

88	Whitney & Clark, wood furnished Azariah Jackson's family,	3 00
89	Orin Stevens, medical services, Azariah Jackson's family,	38 75
90	H. K. Pratt, town orders given H. K. Pratt, 1872—No. 41 and 42,	1128 31
91	H. K. Pratt, interest on town orders given H. K. Pratt, 1872—No. 41 and 42,	223 60
92	Mary W. Robinson, town order given Washington Dean 1872—No. 44,	550 30
93	Mary W. Robinson, interest on town order to Washington Dean, 1872—No. 44,	108 80
94	Solon Rawson & Co., sawing shingles and sawing and fitting clapboards for town farm,	57 15
95	S. T. Holbrook, books, stationary blanks, etc.,	10 53
96	H. D. Smith, H. S. bills and blank book,	2 40
97	S. Fuller, discount on \$2295.46, tax collected prior to Sept. 16th, at 6 per cent.,	137 73
98	S. Fuller, notifying on town meeting for 1874,	1 50
99	Charlotte Dudley, teaching district No. 8,	22 00
100	S. P. Stuart, labor on town farm house,	12 00
101	Solon Downing, labor on town farm buildings,	1 50
102	George Paine, labor on town farm buildings,	1 50
103	Herman Poland, labor on town farm buildings,	2 00
104	Samuel Dudley, labor on town farm buildings,	7 00
105	Seth Ames, labor on town farm buildings,	3 00
106	E. S. Wolcott, labor on town farm buildings,	3 75
107	Inhabitants New Gloucester, supplies furnished Charles E. Morey,	39 22
108	C. F. Work, labor on Bridgton road, so called,	8 25
109	John P. Jordan, labor on highway near M. Chesleys, district No. 6,	13 37
110	A. L. Hersey, tending court at Paris, Crooker case, and medical services,	16 00
111	Mrs. Sylvia Burns, wood furnished dist. No. 10,	9 50
113	Emma Eastman, teaching dist. No. 8,	3 00
114	Joseph French, cash paid Town Treasurer for highway taxes, dist. No. 4 on discount	17 92
115	C. F. King, cash paid Town Treasurer for highway taxes, dist. No. 17,	15 05

116	J. P. Jordan, repairs on Chesley Hill, dist. No. 6,	7 50
117	Abram Dean, repairs on highway, dist. No. 16,	2 50
118	A. R. Paine, repairs on highway, dist. No. 16,	10 00
119	Hollis Nelson, repairs on highway, dist. No. 16,	5 00
120	Fred Rowe, repairs on highway, district No. 16,	6 25
121	William Davis, repairs on highway, district No. 16,	3 12
122	H. K. Pratt, repairs on highway, district No. 16,	5 50
123	Austin Nelson, repairs on highway, district No. 16,	30 75
124	W. L. Stanton, repairs on highway, district No. 16,	15 00
125	W. L. Stanton, brick for town farm,	13 50
126	Berlin Mills Co., shingles for town farm,	102 38
127	Geo. P. Whitney, cash paid on execution in Joel Crooker case,	78 30
128	J. D. Holt, services of self and assistant teacher, free high school,	300 00
129	Geo. H. Watkins, advertising non resident tax,	9 00
130	Emily L. Bucknam, teaching district No. 7,	35 00
131	A. M. Paine, boarding teacher, district No. 7,	15 00
132	J. H. Sawyer & Co., stove funnel, school-house district No. 3,	11 12
133	H. K. Pratt, labor on town farm,	2 00
134	Abner Haven, labor on town house, shingling,	25 00
135	Lucy A. Hobart, teaching district No. 10, and board,	55 00
136	J. E. Keen, building fires and sweeping school- room, free high school, dist. No. 3,	6 50
137	S. Richardson & Co., pump and boiler, town farm,	29 94
138	Jacob S. Martin, labor on highway, dist. No. 20,	12 00
139	Loyd Andrews, attendance Paris court, Ha- ney Blake case,	1 50
140	Silas Downing, attendance Paris court, Ha- ney Blake case,	1 50
141	S. Richardson & Co., stove funnels &c., dis- trict No. 3,	13 11
142	H. H. Bryant, teaching, district No. 2,	69 61
143	W. L. Stanton, brick for town farm buildings,	4 00
144	S. P. Stuart, labor on highway, district No. 22,	10 00
145	John S. French, labor on highway, dist. No. 22,	10 00
146	G. W. Johnson, labor on highway, dist. No. 22,	7 14

147	Fayette Bicknell, labor on highway, dist. No. 22,	3 00
148	S. B. Waterman, labor on highway, dist. No. 22,	2 69
149	A. W. Morey, labor on town farm buildings,	25 75
150	Orin Stevens, damages to carriage, defect in highway, district No. 7,	2 50
151	Mrs. H. H. Hersey, teaching music. Free high school, fall term,	50 00
152	Timothy Rowe, labor on highway, dist. No. 9,	4 00
153	S. T. Holbrook, neat stock for town farm,	72 96
154	J. B. Haley, labor on town farm buildings,	38 63
155	S. H. Faunce, Agt., use of Methodist vestry, free high school, fall term, dist. No. 3,	15 00
156	T. L. Robinson, bridge plank,	97 94
157	T. L. Robinson, lumber for town farm buildings,	16 10
158	A. E. Records, labor on town farm buildings,	45 00
159	W. F. Caldwell, repairs on school-house, dis- trict No. 6,	11 00
160	Hannah Caldwell, order given Dec. 4, 1867, No. 129,	200 00
161	Hannah Caldwell, interest on Hannah Cald- well's order, given Dec. 4, 1869, No. 129,	12 66
162	E. V. Walker, supplies furnished Emerson Thurlow,	10 53
163	S. B. Libby, labor on highway, dist. No. 12,	3 71
164	Abner Thayer, labor on highway, dist. No. 12,	10 80
165	Abner Thayer, wood furnished district No. 2,	5 01
166	J. L. Hayes, labor on highway, district No. 13,	17 33
167	Cyrus S. Hayes, wood furnished district No. 3,	21 20
168	Sullivan Fuller, discounts allowed on money collected to Jan. 1, 1876,	39 18
169	S. H. Faunce, services in Haney Blake case,	13 14
170	Robert C. Thomas, repairs on school-house, district No. 6	7 00
171	Ada A. Russell, teaching district No. 4,	56 50
172	Isaac Prince, labor on highway, dist. No. 13,	16 62
173	Samuel Dudley, labor on town farm buildings,	2 00
174	Geo. W. Farrington, labor on highway, district No. 13,	20 00
175	Cyrus S. Hayes, wood furnished dist. No. 3,	28 50

176	S. C. Wardwell, wood furnished dist. No. 3,	28 50
177	F. B. Andrews, teaching district No. 12,	88 50
178	D. P. Horr, blank books for district No. 3,	1 87
179	S. Richardson & Co., stove and hard-ware for town farm,	28 10
180	S. F. Waterman, engineering, and witness fee in court in Thurston case,	8 96
181	John L. Woodsome, repairs on highways,	2 00
182	Whitcomb & Oxnard, two suits for Hyer boys,	22 50
183	Thomas J. Everett, boarding teacher dist. No. 4,	22 67
184	A. G. Hinds, keeping tramps and A. L. Crowell,	9 00
185	S. T. Holbrook, cash paid out for taking John Hyer's boys to Baldwin Place Boston,	44 85
186	S. T. Holbrook, supplies furnished John Hyer and house rent,	27 84
187	Rose Burns, teaching district No. 11 and board,	110 50
188	J. E. Keen, teaching district No. 6,	40 50
189	Geo. E. Hawkes, cash paid for building Hackett road so called,	1,416 76
190	Joel T. Crooker, cash paid on execution in favor Joel T. Crooker,	56 02
191	Nathan Decker, damages on highway,	6 00
192	J. H. Drummond, advice on Harper case,	20 00
193	J. F. Fuller, wood and repairs on school house district No. 6,	7 37
194	S. Fuller, abatement on tax bills 1874,	64 06
195	S. Fuller, collecting taxes in full 1874,	54 28
196	S. Fuller, collecting taxes in part for 1875.	60 00
197	Durell & Hawkes, journal for treasurer,	1 50
198	Durell & Hawkes, supplies furnished John Ordway,	20 22
199	Durell & Hawkes, supplies furnished John Hyer and family,	15 54
200	George E. Hawkes, services as treasurer,	35 00
201	Thomas Baker, services as clerk,	2 63
202	Thomas Baker, supplies furnished John Hyer,	3 79
203	Thomas Baker lime and hair for town farm,	9 63
204	Thomas Baker, supplies furnished Azariah Jack- son family,	57 67

205	S. S. Smith, wood furnished district No. 5,	4 50
206	Orin Stevens, medical services to Azariah Jackson,	17 90
207	Orin Stevens, medical services for town's poor,	26 75
208	T. L. Robinson, supplies furnished W. E. Thurlow,	13 66
209	T. L. Robinson, supplies furnished Joseph Tripp,	21 56
210	T. L. Robinson, supplies furnished Chas. T. Young,	3 50
211	S. E. King, nails and hardware for town farm,	16 42
212	S. E. King, supplies furnished Joseph Tripp,	3 00
213	S. S. Smith, house rent for Mrs. Azariah Jackson,	2 25
214	S. S. Smith, supplies furnished Joseph Tripp,	2 08
215	Seth H. Faunce, abatement on Tax Bills 1873,	98 50
216	S. E. King, supplies furnished town farm,	214 07
217	John Harper, sheathing paper for town farm,	2 00
218	Whitney & Clark, wood furnished Mrs. A. Jackson,	3 25
219	Whitney & Clark, wood furnished Mrs. Irving,	2 90
220	Whitney & Clark, corn meal for town farm,	8 30
221	Proprietors Lewiston Journal, printing town reports 1875,	32 00
222	John J. Perry, legal advice in part pay,	23 46
223	S. T. Holbrook, services as selectman & overseer of the poor 1875,	89 25
224	S. S. Smith, services as selectman & overseer of poor 1875,	105 75
225	Adda S. Brackett, teaching district No. 1,	115 00
226	A. H. Dunn, wood furnished district No. 1,	4 77
227	G. P. Whitney, cash paid out in Crooker case and D. H. Blake case,	20 57
228	G. P. Whitney, services as committee on town books,	1 50
229	G. P. Whitney, services as town agent,	27 10
230	S. T. Holbrook, supplies furnished town farm,	8 75
231	J. A. Bucknam, doors, windows and lumber for town farm,	36 10
232	Charles A. Records, services of self and family on town farm,	343 75
233	Fayette Bicknell, self and team to New Gloucester for C. E. Morey family,	4 50

234	Fayette Bicknell, keeping Albert Crowell,	5 25
235	Fayette Bicknell, labor on highway and repairs on tools,	13 50
236	Fayette Bicknell, labor on town farm buildings,	15 00
237	Fayette Bicknell, services as selectman and over- seer of the poor,	79 00
238	George H. Jones, medicines for John Ordway,	1 50
239	A. L. Hersey, services as supervisor,	83 25
240	S. S. Smith, horse to Poland, cash paid for blank books,	2 90
241	A. T. Stone, use of plow district No. 13,	3 00
242	Solon Rawson, planing&sawing lumber for town house,	1 80
243	Sullivan Fuller, services as constable 1875,	4 50
244	S. T. Holbrook, stationery,	3 00
245	S. Fuller, abatement on tax bills 1875,	40 68

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

—O— APPROPRIATION.

Amount raised by the town,	\$1,325 00
Amount unappropriated last year,	
Amount received from State—bank tax and interest on permanent school fund,	424 00
Amount from mill tax,	566 26

DISTRICT No. 1.

No agent chosen by the district, as the agent of last year let the matter of calling the annual meeting go by default. Mrs. A. H. DUNN was appointed by the municipal authorities to serve in that capacity. But one term of school taught by Miss ADDIE S. BRACKETT with fair success. Number of scholars in district 23, number attending school 18, average 11. Wages of teacher excluding board \$5.00 per week.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—C. P. FULLER, Agent.

Summer term, Miss CORA E. YOUNG teacher. Visited near the commencement, when the indications were favorable for a profitable school. Miss Young has both the natural elements and acquired abilities for a successful teacher. Not being notified in season I failed to make the examination at the close. Length of the school eight weeks. Whole number of scholars 21, whole number registered 15, average attendance 12. Wages of teacher excluding board \$4.00 per week.

Winter term, Mr. H. H. BRYANT teacher. Visited but once, as it closed unexpectedly, the agent finding the money expended. The school gave good promise at my visit. Number of scholars in district 21, number registered 16, average 11. Wages of teacher excluding board \$30.00 per month.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—SETH T. HOLBROOK, Agent.

Summer term, Primary department, teacher Miss ADDIE J. HAMMOND. Rare energy and tact are required for the successful management of this school, made up of small scholars, many of them total strangers to the first principles of obedience or reverence for anybody in or out of the school room. The results of this neglect of family discipline are apparent on all occasions whenever and wherever these children are present. Thus the work belonging to parents falls upon the teacher under circumstances that make it extremely difficult if not impossible. If parents could fully comprehend the injury they are inflicting upon their children, upon society, upon themselves even, reform would certainly follow. Miss Hammond was hardly equal to the great demand made upon her by this state of affairs and although she labored hard to maintain discipline, she was only partially successful, I have no doubt she would succeed in a school involving less difficulties. Length of school 10 weeks. Number of scholars registered 40, average attendance 32 1-2. Wages of teacher excluding board \$5.00 per week.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term, Intermediate department Miss NELLIE F. KING teacher. Ill health on the part of the teacher very materially interfered with the success of this school. Miss King was obliged to leave it for a few days in consequence, she has done good service for this district heretofore and doubtless would have succeeded as well this time but for this circumstance. Whole number of scholars in the district 222, whole number attending school 34, average attendance 27 1-2, whole number attending this term 74, average 61 1-2. Wages of teacher excluding board \$5.00 per week.

The unfortunate complications in this district resulting from the policy pursued by the Building Committee, in involving the district in a lawsuit as to the title to the land on which the school house was erected, have wrought great disaster to the school interests not only in this district, but through its effect on the High School located here, to the whole town. The decision of the Law Court has left this district without a school house lot, and consequently without an available school house. The owner of the land took formal possession of his

property immediately after the promulgation of the courts decision, but promptly offered the district the use of the same for the scholars, that they might not be interrupted for a nominal sum as rent, waiving all legal points which might result to the disadvantage of the district as tenants, the rent to continue until such time as the district should provide a suitable place for the accommodation of the schools, this with the offer by Mr. Norton of the property for less than half its original cost has been rejected by the district committee, and the Winter term of school was delayed, and all sorts of diplomacy resorted to with a view *probably* of getting possession of the property in some other way than by compromise. Finally and suddenly Jan. 27th, a school was announced to commence in the vestry of the M. E. church, with about twelve hours notice and these the hours of night, and I was called upon by one of the teachers Mrs. Holt, to grade the school, but as there was but one school inaugurated with no intimation to me that another would be set up, I know nothing in law or justice that would warrant my turning any scholars into the street and the result was about one hundred scholars attended the school, forcing the establishment of a primary department which is under the instruction of Miss ANNA E. JORDAN, with about 60 scholars in attendance. This school is located in the Engine Hall, with all the inconvenience that can be imagined.

The Intermediate department is under the instruction of Mrs. J. D. HOLT, assisted by Miss E. A. DAVIS, who are both successful teachers. I sincerely hope wiser counsels may prevail in this district and that the citizens will see it for their advantage to *think* and *act* for themselves, and no longer entrust their God-given functions to those who possibly may be governed more by private personal animosities than the public welfare.

DISTRICT No. 4.—S. A. WEBBER, Agent.

Summer term, Miss ELLA J. WINSLOW teacher. Visited near the commencement and promised fairly, but for want of notice of time of closing not visited the second time. Length of school 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars in district 21, number registered 18, average attendance 16. Wages of teacher excluding board \$3.50.

Winter term, Miss ADA A. RUSSELL teacher. Miss Russell has the requisites for a good teacher, and this school is the better for her services.

DISTRICT No. 5.—TIMOTHY FROST, Agent.

Summer term, Miss ADA A. RUSSELL teacher. Miss Russell is a thorough systematic, and faithful teacher, and should be secured again in town. Length of school 6 weeks. Whole number of scholars in the district 34, number registered 7, average attendance 6. Wages of teacher excluding board \$3.25. The meagre attendance in this district looks as though the compulsory law should be enforced, but the difficulty in this seems to be to find scholars, within the age limiting its enforcement by the enactment.

Winter term, now in session with Miss ——— CROSS teacher, whose appearance at my visit indicated her thorough adaptation for the work.

DISTRICT No. 6.—WILLIAM F. CALDWELL, Agent.

Summer term, Miss BELLE MERRILL, teacher. The school made commend-

able progress. Length of school 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars in the district 19, whole number registered 11, average attendance 9. Wages of teacher \$3.50 per week.

Winter term, Mr. JOSIAH E. KEEN, teacher. This was Mr. Keen's first term and although he has much to learn by experience his school was reasonably successful. Length of term 9 weeks. Whole number in attendance 17, average 16. Wages of teacher \$18 per month.

DISTRICT No. 7.—A. K. PAINE, Agent.

Summer term, Miss EMILY L. BUCKNAM, teacher. Visited near the commencement when I noticed a good interest on the part of the scholars with a little lack of energy on the part of the teacher. At my second visit I found a school house with neither teacher or scholars, they having escaped to the woods as I learned, I did not pursue. Length of term not reported in register. Whole number of scholars in district 61, number registered 25, average as reported 25. Wages of teacher \$3.50.

Winter term, BENNIE M. PRATT, teacher. Now in session, promising well.

DISTRICT No. 8.—ALBERT WITHAM, Agent.

After one false start this school came under the instruction of Miss CHARLOTTE DUDLEY, who has taught several terms of school and who needs a thorough discipline in a Normal School to fit her for a good teacher. She is not however alone in this need, knowing how to teach is only second in importance to knowing what to teach. Length of school 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars in the district 9, number registered 12, average 11. Wages of teacher \$2.75 per week.

Winter term, same teacher, with nothing notable to distinguish it from the Summer term.

DISTRICT No. 10.—W. W. DENNIN, Agent.

Summer term, Miss JULIA HALL, teacher. Miss Hall in a literary point of view was a thoroughly qualified teacher, and her system of teaching was such as met my approval, I am sorry to say her success was not such as these qualities would lead us to anticipate. Her failure was the result of want of energy, or the power to command and fix the attention of her classes. The fault is a natural one and I fear will be hard to overcome. Whole number of scholars in the district 83, whole number registered at this term 41, average attendance 33. Wages of teacher excluding board \$5.00 per week.

A term of school in the Autumn, was taught by Miss LUCY A. HOBERT, and although her first effort at teaching was a marked success. No better work has been done in town than was manifest here. Good discipline and thoroughness were the characteristics. Length of school 10 weeks. Whole number registered 36, average attendance 25 1-2. Wages of teacher \$3.00.

Winter term, now in session with Mr. H. H. BRYANT, teacher, giving fair promise at my visit.

DISTRICT No. 11.—SMITH J. MARTIN, Agent.

But one term of school for the year commencing Oct. 4th, under the instruc-

tion of Miss ROSE S. BURNS, who was untiring in her zeal for the progress of the school. It is needless to say her school was a success, I think however the term was entirely too long becoming wearisome to both scholars and teacher. Length of school 17 weeks. Whole number of scholars in district 18, number registered 12, average attendance 81-6. Wages of teacher excluding board \$5.00 per week.

DISTRICT No. 12.—A. T. STONE, Agent.

Summer term, Miss SARAH L. BROWN, teacher. If Miss Brown has many of the qualities of a first class teacher I failed to discover them. A little more care in the selection of teachers by the Agents, would make the position of Supervisor easier and the schools more profitable. Length of school 6 weeks. Whole number of scholars in the district 25, whole number registered 15, average 121-2. Wages of teacher per week \$4.00.

Winter term, F. B. ANDREWS Esq., teacher. Mr. Andrews devoted his whole energies to the advancement of this school and the result was satisfactory. Length of school 6 weeks. Whole number of scholars in the district 25, whole number registered 13, average attendance 11. Wages of teacher including board \$1.50 per day.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount of appropriation unexpended in Town Treasury	
March 1st, 1875,	\$274 74
Amount received for tuition Spring term,	24 70
Total,	<hr/> \$299 44
Expended for High School Spring term, 1875, teachers	
and incidental expenses &c.,	\$299 00
Remaining unexpended,	<hr/> -44
1875-6 Amount appropriated by the Town for Free High	
School,	\$350 00
Due for tuition Fall term,	14 00
Unexpended from last year,	-44
Total,	<hr/> \$364 44
Paid J. D. Holt for instruction, to furnish assistant, and	
pay all incidentals,	\$300 00
Paid Mr. H. H. Hersey for instruction in vocal music	
twenty lessons \$1.50,	30 00
Paid for singing books for the school,	20 00
	<hr/> \$350 00
Balance unexpended,	14 44
Due from the State,	350 00
Unexpended for the Year.	<hr/> \$364 44

The Spring term was commenced with very favorable auspices with an attendance of nearly ninety scholars, under the instruction of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. HOLT, who were most faithful in their efforts to make the school a success, but the school was invaded by an epidemic of measles, which soon reduced the number attending to less than forty. Those who were able to remain however, made marked improvement, as was manifest to all who attended the closing examination. The Fall term was holden in the Vestry of the Methodist Church, and was under Mr. HOLT's instruction, assisted by Miss EMILY A. DAVIS, an accomplished teacher; and the school under this management showed better results than have before been attained since its inauguration. The number in attendance was doubtless much smaller than it would have been under more favorable circumstances in the matter of accommodations.

I am thoroughly convinced of the wisdom of the High School plan. It brings the means of a good business education within the reach of all, whether rich or poor. Time will be required to systematically organize and arrange the course of study to render it what its name implies. Already its influence is manifest in every school in town, and the desire to share its advantages is an inspiration to much better efforts on the part of a large number of scholars in the several districts. If parents would use the most powerful incentive to their children to a better standard of education, let them foster this High School, and if district No. 3 is so oblivious to its own interest as to make no provision for its accommodation, let some other district come to the front and furnish suitable quarters for it, but see to it that nothing shall be left undone on the part of the town for its proper support, and five years will convince any who may now be skeptical as to its value. Instruction in vocal music was a new feature, introduced last term; nearly all the scholars taking part in the exercise. It contributed much to the interest, and the improvement in this department was a noticable feature at the closing examination.

THE OUTLOOK.

With the fact still existing that only about 46 per cent. of our scholars attend any term of school, there are many noticable improvements in the system within the past year.

I am confident better and more conscientious work has been done as a whole, than has characterized the schools for a few years past. The average of attendance has advanced; the recitations have approximated nearer to the perfect standard, and a general anxiety to attain a higher standard of scholarship has been manifested by more or less scholars in every district. That the High School has had a powerful influence in arousing this enthusiasm, I have no doubt, and when this shall be established on a sure and solid foundation, it will be largely patronized by every portion of the town.

The State provisions for the support of schools in the way of appropriations, leaves little to be desired, and the recent decision of the Law Court, confirming the constitutionality of the mill tax, is a source of gratification to the friends of popular education. It only remains for the towns to second the doings of the Legislature by liberal contributions, to place ample means in the several districts, to make our school system what it claims to be, the best in the world.

The annual district meeting is of vast consequence in its bearing on the welfare of the individual schools. The office of School Agent should be entrusted to no man who is not willing to sacrifice time and money in the interest of schools in his district, and he should be morally accountable to the inhabitants of his district for the use he makes of the means placed at his disposal. Nepotism or favoritism on grounds other than those of the best interest of the school in his district, should be a crime, the penalty for which should be disqualification for re-election. If agents would secure good teachers they must look for them, and not wait for them to drift around; the best teachers are not pedestrians who roam about the country seeking employment.

The reputation of a teacher is not a thing to be hidden, and when once established as "first class," will release him or her of all efforts to secure employment at fair wages.

The employment of such a teacher is the sure guarantee of a good school, and a succession of good schools results in the certain and marked elevation of the whole status of the school. Is not the matter of the careful training of our children and their mental and moral cultivation of sufficient importance to enlist the interest and co-operation of every citizen in town, and do we not owe it to the State which has made such liberal provisions for the education of every child within its borders, and to society, which is to be blessed or cursed by the presence of our children as a part of itself in the future, that we make the best use of the means at our disposal for their proper training, as the richest legacy we can leave them?

TEXT BOOKS.

There is great need of a thorough revision of the text books used in town, as those we have are worn out and antiquated, to say nothing of the unfitness of some of them ever to have had a place in the schools. I would recommend a vote of the town upon this question, as the penalty for interference in this matter by the supervisor, is greater than they are willing to incur.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The remarks in former reports upon the condition of the School House property in town, leaves nothing to be said by me. I would however suggest the removal of the time honored teacher's desk from all the houses, and the substitution of an appropriate table and chairs on an ample and slightly raised platform. Many of the buildings have too much *stove funnel* and too little *ventilation*. The seeds of disease are as freely sown in many of our school houses as those of knowledge and are rather more sure to flourish in the altogether congenial atmosphere.

In conclusion I would say that the schools are by far the most important trust imposed upon us as a town, and the education of all the children, a duty we owe to them and to society. Let us see to it that we discharge this duty faithfully to both.

A. L. HERSEY, *Supervisor.*

