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REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 18, 1868.

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State Tax,	\$1,713 00	
County Tax,	327 38	
Support of Schools,	1,200 00	
Current expenses of Town, payment of Town Debt and Interest,	5,000 00	
Building Road,	125 00	
Overlayings,	338 67	
Delinquent Highway Tax,	11 25	
Total committed for collection		\$8,715 30
Whole number of Polls, 296.		
Amount of Real and Personal Estate, Resident and Non-resident,		\$186,095 00
Poll Tax, \$3.00. Rate of Tax, .42.		

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by vote of Town,	\$1,200 00
Interest of Town School Fund,	180 00
	\$1,380 00

Apportioned as follows: Per scholar, \$2.80.5.

DIST.	NO. SCHOLARS.	APPORTION'T
No. 1	31	\$ 86 95
No. 2	34	95 27
No. 3	39	109 40
No. 4	44	123 42
No. 5	42	117 81
No. 6	26	72 93
No. 7	37	103 78
No. 8	60	168 30
No. 9	56	157 08
No. 10	21	58 90
No. 11	33	92 57
No. 12	39	109 40
No. 13	30	84 15
	<u>492</u>	<u>\$1,380 00</u>

TOWN FARM.

NAMES OF PAUPERS SUPPORTED ON THE FARM.

John Abbott,	aged 89	Hains Stevens,	aged 62
Abial Delano, (d. Aug. 12)	" 78	David Silver,	" 37
Mrs. Abial Delano,	" 78	Elvira Eastman,	" 11
Esther Abbott,	" 69	Cora Taylor,	" 11

Average number for the year, 7.

SCHEDULE OF STOCK, PROVISIONS, &C., ON THE FARM.

Oxen,	2	Pork, clear, lbs.,	100
Cows,	2	Hams, lbs.,	50
Yearlings,	2	Beef, lbs.,	50
Shoats,	2	Dried Apples, lbs.,	100
Sheep,	13	Soap, brl,	$\frac{1}{2}$
Horse,	1	Butter, lbs.,	60
Potatoes, bushels,	225	Flour, brl,	1
Wheat, bushels,	25	Corn Meal, brl,	1
Oats, bushels,	20	Rye Meal, brl,	$\frac{1}{2}$

18 yards Soldier's Cloth.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Apples sold,	\$9 00	
Pigs sold,	9 75	
Pasturing,	5 00	
	<u> </u>	\$23 75

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of Town Farm,	\$1062 00	
Overseers' Salary,	225 00	
Additional labor hired,	31 50	
Stock bought,	533 00	
Household Furniture and Farming Tools,	421 10	
Hay, grain, provisions, groceries and clothing,	479 41	
Blacksmith's bills,	14 36	
Coffin and digging grave for Abial Delano,	10 50	
Medical attendance,	4 50	
	<u> </u>	\$2,781 37

PAUPER BILLS OFF THE FARM.

Paid city of Bath for Hains Stevens,	\$10 50
“ Expenses in moving Hains Stevens,	11 45
“ John Thomas for boarding “	11 23
“ Silas Door for keeping Sarah Door,	40 00
“ Emily E. M'Crillis,	15 00
“ Lois E. Brown,	12 25
“ Town of Auburn, for Orin Godwin's wife,	55 50
“ H. F. Abbott for the Hill boy,	33 40
“ Lorenzo McAlister,	5 00
	<u> </u>
	\$194 43

ESTIMATE OF SUPPORT OF PAUPERS AT TOWN
FARM, ONE YEAR.

Money paid out,	\$2,781 37	
Interest on money paid out,	127 80	
Total,		\$2,909 17
Estimate value of stock,	\$517 00	
" " " Farm,	1,062 00	
" " " produce,	248 95	
" " " furniture & farming tools,	400 00	
Receipts,	23 75	
		\$2251 70
		\$657 47
Estimated cost,		194 43
Cost of Poor off the farm,		\$851 90

As this is the first year the town has had a farm for the poor, the expenses have been necessarily and unavoidably large, owing to the fact that all the provisions for the first part of the year had to be bought, and also that most of the paupers came to the farm poorly clothed; but all are well clothed now.

It is believed that the same number of paupers can be maintained at the farm, the ensuing year, for a sum of money considerably less than it has taken the past year. There is a marked difference between the expenses of the first five and last five months of the past year, being less for the last five months.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

J. F. Martin,	-	-	-	-	\$59 50
G. W. Perry,	-	-	-	-	39 00
P. M. Putnam,	-	-	-	-	47 75
Collecting taxes,	-	-	-	-	80 00

TREASURER.

Calvin Howe,	-	-	-	-	26 00
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CLERK AND CONSTABLE.

Henry M. Colby,	-	-	-	-	11 00
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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

F. P. Putnam,	-	-	-	-	25 00
Waldo Pettengill,	-	-	-	-	14 25
J. N. Irish,	-	-	-	-	14 00
					<u>\$316 50</u>

TREASURY.

Receipts during the year, \$7,651 72

Expenditures:

Interest paid on town notes,	\$762 97
Principal paid on town notes,	2,500 00
Town business, town farm, } Support of schools and poor, }	4,247 49
	<u>\$7,510 46</u>

Balance in Treasury, \$141 27

As a part of the receipts is the sum of \$918 01, taken from School Fund.

Amount of Town's Treasury Notes, \$10,032 27

No interest due on above notes.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

In annual town meeting, 1867,

Voted, To raise \$3,500 for the repair of Roads and Bridges.

In addition to the above means for repairing the highways,

we have been obliged to draw on the treasury for repairing the Isthmus Road, so called, \$29 00, and for repairing Bridge near R. N. Lufkin's, \$10 50. The new road across the Atkins' farm has been built and accepted, and the sum of \$113 43 paid in full.

RECAPITULATION.

RESOURCES.

In the Treasury,	\$141 27	
Due on H. B. Abbott's bills, as collector,	67 49	
" " H. M. Colby's " " "	4,761 19	
	<hr/>	\$4,969 95
Balance against the town,		7,093 89
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		\$12,063 84

LIABILITIES.

Town Notes,	\$10,032 27	
Old Orders,	108 25	
New Orders,	1,052 01	
Due School Districts,	485 31	
Due on Town officers' Bills,	291 50	
Due Silas Door,	40 00	
Due for Medical attendance on Farm,	4 50	
Town Committees' Bills, estimated,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$12,063 84

In addition to the above balance against the town, the Trustees of the Primary School Fund hold notes against the town to the amount of \$1,332 20.

We find that \$3,800 of the Town Notes are now and will become due in 1868. We suggest the following appropriations :

Support of Schools,	\$1200
Current Expenses, Support of Poor, and pay- ment of Debt and Interest,	5000

J. K. MARTIN,	} <i>Selectmen, Assessors,</i>	
G. W. PERRY,		<i>and</i>
P. M. PUTNAM,		<i>Overseers of Poor.</i>

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The report of the public schools of Rumford is hereby presented.

DISTRICT No. 1.

KIMBALL MARTIN, Agent.

Summer Term, Miss Susie Walker, teacher. This was Miss Walker's first attempt at teaching. The school was visited the second week. At this visit the teacher seemed interested, and the school orderly, The agent neglected his duty to notify, consequently the school closed without an examination. Registered, 22; average attendance, 14. Length of term, ten weeks.

The Winter term is being taught by Mr. J. D. Holt. On the first visit of the committee, the appearance of the school was very creditable. At the time of making this report the school is still in session and has not been visited by the committee the second time, but we understand the school is to be lengthened by the parents, which speaks well for the success of the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

JOHN MOODY, Agent.

Summer.—Hattie C. Ray, teacher. Registered 20; average attendance 14. Length of term eight weeks three days. Wages of teacher, \$2.00 per week.

Miss Ray is very diffident, and this being her first school, she had not that confidence in herself which a teacher should have. Still she gave very general satisfaction to parents, and was much beloved by her pupils.

Winter term is now in charge of E. C. Cole. The want of books seems to be a hindrance to the advancement of this school. At our first visit the school lacked regulation and order. Yet we hope Mr. Cole will make this term one of profit.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

IVORY HEZELTON, Agent.

Summer.—Miss Nellie Abbott, teacher. Registered 19; average attendance 15. Length of term, 11 weeks. Wages of teacher \$2.15 per week.

The good reputation of this teacher for discipline and thoroughness previously secured, was fully sustained by the examination of this school.

Winter.—Miss Jennie Richardson, teacher. Miss R. is an experienced teacher. The examination of her classes was very satisfactory to the committee. The District will do well to secure her services for the next term. It is a wise policy to keep teachers who have proved themselves worthy and efficient. Registered 27; Average attendance 26. Wages of teacher, \$3.50 per week. Length of term 10 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

D. FILMORE PUTNAM, Agent.

Summer.—Miss Myra Knight, teacher. Length of term, 11 weeks. Wages per week, \$2.00. Registered 26; average attendance, 19. Miss K. won the affection of all by her uniform kindness. Her school appeared well. We saw nothing to condemn. Her larger pupils were prompt and correct in the main, and the little ones somewhat so.

Winter.—This was the second term Mr. J. N. Irish has taught in this district, which speaks well for his success. This was a profitable term; the order was good and the instruction thorough.

Length of Term, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board \$28.00 per month.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

GEORGE SILVER, Agent.

The Summer term of 11 weeks was taught by Miss Zilla Howe. This was Miss Howe's second term in this district, which is the best recommendation of her success as a teacher. Order good, improvement, excellent. Whole number attending school, 23; average attendance, 18.

The Winter term is being taught by Mr. H. B. Smith. On the first visit of the committee, there was every indication of having a profitable term. The school has not been visited the second time at the making out of this report.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

B. F. FORD, Agent.

There was no Summer term in this district. The Winter term of 12 weeks, was taught by Miss Abbie Morse. The School appeared well at the time of each visit. Order and improvement, good.—Whole number registered, 28; average attendance, 23. This district has built a new school house the past season, and now have the most convenient and comfortable one in town.

DISTRICT NO 7.

J. M. BROWN, Agent.

The Summer term was commenced by Miss Ella Greenleaf, but sickness compelled her to leave the school after teaching one week. Miss Hattie Martin was employed to complete the school, but after teaching three weeks she, also, was compelled by sickness to give up the task. It was her first attempt at teaching. On the first visit of the committee there was every indication of a successful term. The method of instruction was thorough, and order, good.

Winter term.—Mr. Waldo Pettingill, teacher. Registered 38; average attendance 30. Length of term 11 weeks. Wages of teacher \$30 per month. This is Mr. P.'s second term in this District, which is sufficient guaranty to his success.

DISTRICT NO. 8—CENTER DISTRICT.

WM. D. ABBOTT, Agent.

Summer term, Mary E. Howe, teacher. Registered 31; average attendance 25. Length of school 12 weeks. Wages of teacher \$3,00 per week.

This school was well taught and under good discipline. Miss H. is one of our best teachers, "worthy and well qualified." The closing examination proved that the instruction had been thorough.

Winter.—Miss Susie Woodbury, teacher. Registered 45; average attendance 39. Length of school 10 weeks. Wages, excluding board, \$5 50 per week:

Miss W. is a very successful teacher. Fortunate is the district that secures her services at almost any price. When parents, scholars and teachers all work together, success is certain.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

P. M. PUTNAM, Agent.

Summer term.—Miss Addie Lovejoy, teacher. Miss Lovejoy is an energetic teacher, and appeared to be interested. At our visit the order was good, and correct recitations exacted. Sickness of the teacher prevented her from finishing the school. We understand she gave good satisfaction. Registered 32; average attendance 29. Wages of teacher \$3 per week. Length of term 10 weeks.

Winter.—G. L. Farnum, teacher. Mr. F. ranks high as a teacher. The public examination at the close of the term was thorough, and evinced attainments which are reached only by effort on the part of scholars, directed by the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

ENOCH KNAPP, Agent.

Miss Marcella Putnam taught the summer term, a contracted one of six weeks only. Miss P. is a good teacher, or will be; she is young yet; no *blame* is attached, however, on that account. Like wine, will grow better by keeping. Her pupils were quiet and orderly, showing evidences of a judicious management. Improvement good.

Winter.—Abner B. Powers, teacher. Registered 17; average attendance 14. Length of term 8 weeks. Wages of teacher \$20 per month. This was the first school taught by Mr. Powers, and proved very satisfactory to the committee; also, we understand, the parents in the district were all well satisfied.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

SAMUEL STEVENS, Agent.

Summer.—Miss Ella Kilgore, teacher; length of school, nine weeks; wages, \$3.00; names registered, 24; average, 20. There was not that degree of proficiency we had reason to expect at the time of our first visit. Her heart was not in the work, but doubtless, the sickness that came upon her soon after, had begun its work upon her and destroyed all relish for school-room duties.—The parents however, were well satisfied, we learn.

Winter.—Mr. Lewis A. Thomas presided satisfactorily to all concerned. This was his third term in District 11 which speaks *well* for his abilities as teacher, or *ill* for the judgement of those interested in the matter. Order, good enough, and improvement fully up to the average. The term continued nine weeks at \$28.00 per month.

DISTRICT No. 12.

J. R. HALL, Agent.

The Summer Term, of eight weeks, was taught by Miss Esther A. Elliott. This was Miss Elliott's first attempt in the school room as teacher. At the time of the first visit there appeared to be a lack of order. At the time of the second visit, however, the order was much better. The improvement was very fair. Whole number, 26; average, 20.

The Winter Term, of nine weeks, was taught by Mr. J. F. Elliott, his second term in this District, and we think the District very fortunate in securing him for the second term. On both visits of the Committee the order was excellent, likewise the improvement. We consider Mr. E. one of our best teachers. Whole number attending, 29; average, 26.

DISTRICT No. 13.

CHARLES K. LOVEJOY, Agent.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Nancy Wyman. We have no particular fault to find with Miss W.'s manner of giving instruction. She is pleasant and cheerful among the little ones, and we think she was interested for them. Improvement from "fair to middling." We are sorry to learn that the daughter of one fond father should have lost her schooling by imbibing the father's mistaken idea of the disqualification of Miss W. to impart knowledge to "our girl." Will parents never learn what is for the interest of their own, and perform their petty and contemptible grumbling out in the "back pasture?"

Winter. This school has been in charge of Wm. P. Brackett. No register returned. This school closed without an examination. Reports represent it favorably. School agents should learn their duty, and liability in not performing it.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The schools have been generally, if not entirely, successful during the past year. Scarcely a complaint from either parents, or scholars, or teachers, has come to the ears of the Committee. All have seemed to work together for the best results, following the recommendations and suggestions of the Committee.

Nearly all the schools were visited twice each term, and a full record kept of the progress of each class. In several Districts parents were present at the closing examination. We hope to see more interest in this direction during the coming year. Parents can do a great deal toward the education of their children by their presence in the school room on examination days.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Most of these need repair; some of them are decidedly shabby and uncomfortable. Several are deficient in black board. Neat and comfortable school houses are the pride of New England, and the strength of our Republican institutions.

TO PARENTS.

Experience teaches that however great an influence the school teacher may exert over the mind of scholars, that of the parent is far superior. How essential then it is that the teacher's labors should be made effectual by the aid of this transcendent influence. But alas, how rare it is that the influence of parents is given to act in harmony with the teachers. This is of so frequent an occurrence that we are constrained to say that it is a general fault with the parents of our scholars. Your children are under the care of the teacher but a small part of the time, and during that time he may labor most faithfully for their instruction, but unless you labor earnestly and faithfully with the teacher, much that is important in the education of your children will be neglected.

WANTS.

The school houses want to be made warm and comfortable, by securing the floor against wind and frost, that they may be kept warm during the hours of study. Here is the source of your children's colds and coughs.

It is the earnest wish of the Committee to improve the schools and raise the standard of education in the town. We ask the co-operation of parents, and especially of agents, in this direction.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. P. PUTNAM,	} <i>Superintending</i>	
J. N. IRISH,		} <i>School Committee</i>
W. PETTINGILL.		