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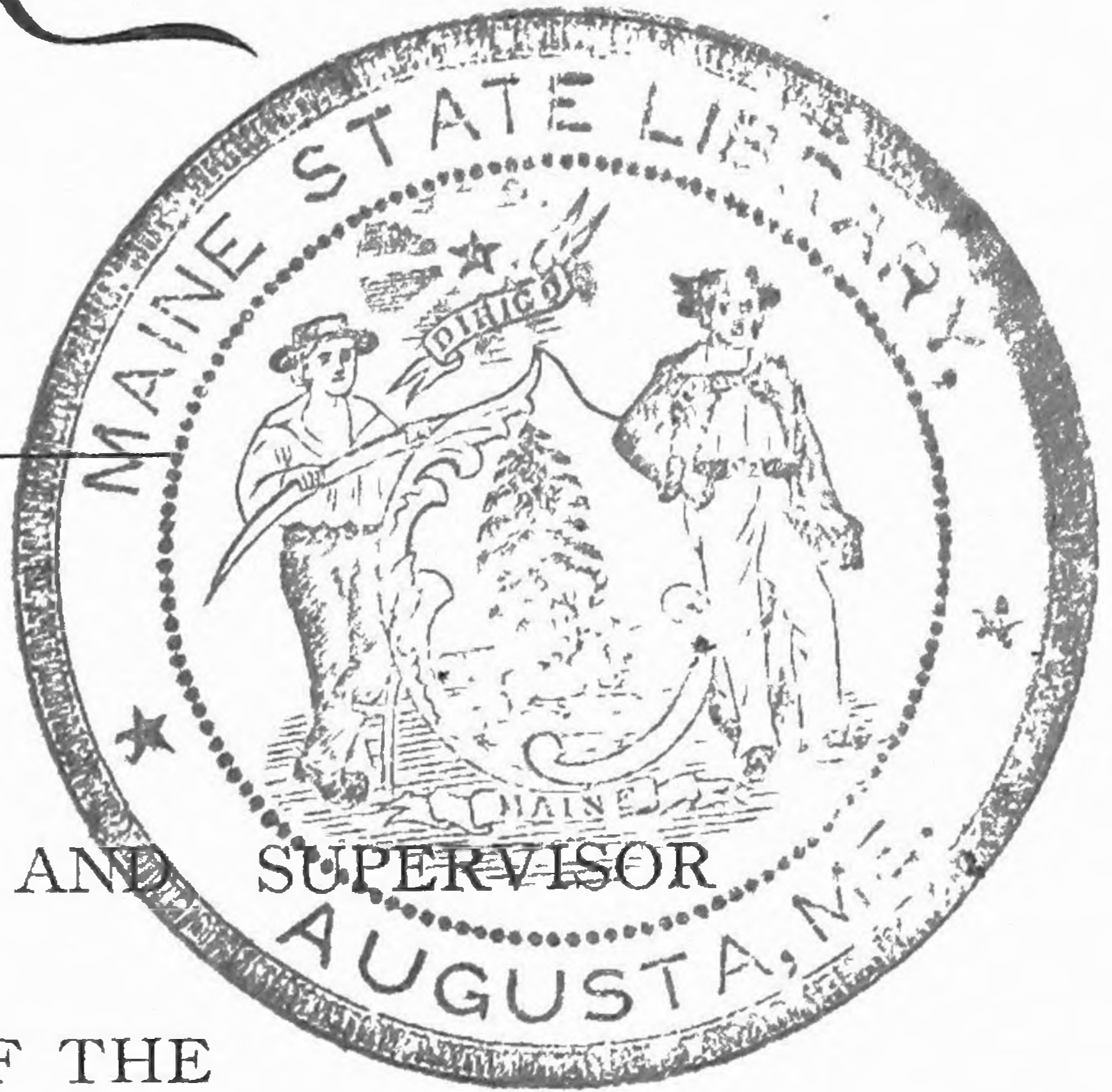
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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AND SUPERVISOR

OF SCHOOLS OF THE



TOWN OF RUMFORD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 9TH,

1891.

NORWAY, MAINE:

PRINTED AT THE OXFORD COUNTY ADVERTISER OFFICE,

1891.

TOWN OFFICERS.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

Amount of resident real estate	\$180,560 00
Amount of non-resident real estate	20,290 00
Amount of resident personal property	80,482 00
Amount of non-resident personal property	2,100 00
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Total valuation (full value)	\$283,432 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State Tax	\$792 99
County Tax	385 67
For schools	804 80
Poor	300 00
Interest	300 00
Current expenses	600 00
Discount on taxes	250 00
Fractional overlay	10 79
Memorial	20 00
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Total committed to collector	\$3,464 25
Amount of highway tax to expend in labor	1,500 00

Whole number of polls, 231.

Rate, money tax 11 mills on a dollar. Polls, \$1. 50 each. Highway tax 4 mills on a dollar. Polls, \$2.00 each.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Whole number of Scholars, 308. Rate per Scholar, \$4.87

Amount raised by town	\$804 80
Interest on School Fund	175 80
From State School Fund	587 98
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	\$1,568 58
Amount taken out for small districts	68 62
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Leaving for apportionment	\$1,499.96
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No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Added.	Total Apportionment for 1890.	Not Drawn in 1889.	Overdrawn in 1889.	Amount to Expend in 1890.
1	23	\$112 01	\$	\$112 01	\$16 09	\$	\$128 09
2	24	116 88	*42 10	158 98	6 25		165 23
3	21	102 27	10 00	112 27		46	111 81
4	20	97 40	10 00	107 40	9 79		117 19
5	23	112 01		112 01	20 54		132 55
6	29	141 23		141 23		21 09	120 14
7	27	131 49		131 49		2 96	128 53
8	42	204 54		204 54		91	203 63
9	30	146 10		146 10		1 30	144 80
10	11	53 57		53 57	34 38		87 96
11	9	43 83	15 00	58 83		3 50	55 33
12	31	150 97		150 97		1 73	149 24
13	9	43 83	18 62	62 45		05	62 40
†	6	29 22		29 22			29 22
‡	3	14 61	15 00	29 61	5 61		35 22
	308	\$1,499 97	\$110 72	\$1,568 58	\$92 66	\$32 00	\$1,671 34

*From Milton Plantation. †Children of L. F. Swain. ‡Children of D. Roberts

PAUPER BILLS.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Salary of S. P. Abbott from Feb. 1, '90 to Feb. 1, '91.....	\$190 00
Groceries and provisions.....	59 90
Phosphate.....	5 70
Meal.....	16 96
Blacksmith's bill, for '89 and '90.....	7 25
Pig, '89.....	3 00
Horse hire on town farm.....	11 00
Repairs.....	1 50
Grafting.....	3 00
Digging grave for W. F. Curtis.....	4 00
Pig.....	2 50
Oxen bought.....	70 00

\$374 81

Cr..... 218 44

Balance against town..... 156 37

Board has been furnished on the town as follows:

For W. F. Curtis.....	8 weeks
Sarah Curtis.....	52 weeks
Fannie Clark.....	25 weeks
Transient paupers.....	3 weeks

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	Cr.
By Oxen sold.....	\$125 00
Planks.....	4 46
Apples.....	8 00
Sweetcorn.....	18 19
Butter and Cheese.....	16 55
Veal Calf.....	4 00
Straw.....	5 00
Beans.....	2 75
Pasturing.....	12 00
Eggs.....	9 84
Poultry.....	11 28
Bark.....	1 37
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	\$218 44

PAUPER BILLS OFF THE FARM.

Alvin Howe.....	\$ 15 00
Hollis Kenniston, medical attendance.....	12 00
Milton Pt. for Chas. Rowe '89 and '90.....	17 27
Norway for support of Joseph Paine.....	13 37
Greenwood for " " " ".....	15 48
Edwin Abbott, digging grave for Bixby child, '89.....	3 00
Mrs. H. M. Abbott, for care of Mrs. Lyman, '89.....	4 50
Medical attendance on Orison Glines.....	3 00
Board of Orison Glines.....	137 50
Medical attendance on W. F. Curtis.....	13 85
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	\$234 97
Due from State on Glines.....	\$140 50
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Balance against town bills off the farm.....	\$ 94 47
Balance against town farm.....	156 37
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Making total pauper bills for year 1890.....	\$250 84
Due from State on Thomas bill.....	\$ 22 17
" " " " Merrill bill.....	13 50
" " " " Glines bill.....	295 80
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	\$331 47
	250 84
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In favor of the town.....	\$ 80 63

 INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ON TOWN FARM.

One yoke oxen.	
Four cows.	
Two 3 years old steers.	
Two 2 years old.	
Twenty-two hens.	
One shoat.	
Twenty tons of hay.	
Straw.	
Twenty-five bushels of oats.	
Beans, five bushels.	
Potatoes, forty bushels.	
Three hundred pounds pork.	
Thirty pounds of lard.	
Butter, twenty-five pounds.	
Flour, three barrels.	
Town Farm, stock and tools.....	\$2,600 00
Expense of roads and bridges.....	\$151 42

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

F. W. Sanborn, printing Town Report.....	\$15 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, stationery.....	16 02
F. H. Bartlett, for cash paid out.....	22 23
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	\$53 25

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS

F. H. Bartlett.....	\$ 51 75
J. E. Elliott.....	46 00
E. F. Elliott.....	43 13
Wm. H. Farnum, collector.....	100 00
F. B. Martin, treasurer.....	25 00
J. S. Hutchins, supervisor of schools.....	75 00
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	\$340 88

STANDING OF TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Due Mrs. Ann Newton, at 5 per cent.....	\$ 135 00
Mrs. Abigail Newton, at 6 per cent.....	100 00
C. H. Kimball, at 4 per cent.....	225 00
Trustees of school fund, at 6 per cent.....	2,930 00
School districts.....	450 83
Town officers.....	340 88
S. P. Abbott, overseer town farm.....	190 00
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	\$4,371 71

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RESOURCES.

In hands of Wm H. Farnum.....	\$ 683 93
Due from State R. R. and telegraph.....	235 50
“ “ “ School fund and mill.....	567 98
“ “ “ State pensions.....	144 00
“ “ “ Bounty on bear.....	5 00
“ “ “ Orison Glines.....	295 80
Town farm, stock and tools.....	2,600 00
Due from State on Thomas bill.....	22 17
“ “ “ “ Merrill bill.....	13 50
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	\$4,567 88

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For schools.....	\$ 804 80
For poor.....	300 00
Interest and debt.....	200 00
Current expenses.....	600 00
Discount on taxes.....	200 00
To be expended in labor repairing roads and bridges.....	2,500 00
To be expended under an agent repairing roads and bridges.	200 00
That the present highway surveyors make returns of all unworked highway tax to the selectmen May 1st, 1891.	

F. H. BARTLETT,	}	<i>Selectmen of Rumford.</i>
J. E. ELLIOTT,		
E. F. ELLIOTT,		

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Feb. 27, 1890.	DR.
To cash Balance in treasury.....	\$ 132 62
From State for R. R. and telegraph tax for 1889....	250 50
" on school fund and mill tax for 1889....	567 61
Coll. for 1887.....	242 36
" " 1888.....	240 96
" " 1889.....	3,261 47
" " 1890.....	1,438 91
Highway tax for 1890.....	68 07
Milton Plantation.....	42 10
Supervisor of Schools for 1889.....	78 06
Interest on school fund note.....	175 80
Cash from State for State pensions.....	144 00
F. H. Bartlett, sweet corn sold....	18 19
" " " cheese sold.....	4 80
" " " balance on oxen	55 00
" " " apples sold.....	5 50
" " " plank sold.....	4 46
Non-resident tax for 1889 returned.....	55 35
	\$6,785 76
March 26, 1890.	CR.
By paying R. W. Needham's note and interest.....	\$ 220 63
Interest on school fund note.....	175 80
C. A. Kimball's note and interest.....	880 09
Two years interest on C. H. Kimball's note.....	18 00
Interest on Mrs. Abigail Newton's note.....	8 50
Bounty on bear.....	5 00
State pensions.....	144 00
Orders taken up and cancelled.....	4,273 08
Cash balance in treasury.....	1,060 66
	\$6,785 76

FREEELON B. MARTIN, Treasurer of Rumford,

Rumford, Feb. 6, 1891.

This certifies that the undersigned have carefully examined the above account and found it correct and the balance in the treasurer's hands is ten hundred and sixty dollars and sixty-six cents, \$1,060.66.

F. H. BARTLETT,	}	Selectmen of Rumford.
J. E. ELLIOTT,		
E. F. ELLIOTT,		

SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting the annual report, we are glad to say that the schools in Rumford have been satisfactory. We think that it is seldom that so little discord takes place in the same number of schools as there has the past year in ours. The success of our schools are not due alone to the teacher but they must be aided by the parent.

I would urge upon parents the necessity of visiting your schools. Visit your schools, at least, twice a term; let the teacher and scholars feel that you take an interest in their work. Above all don't talk and run your school or the teacher *unless* you have visited the school and know whereof you speak.

The town, I am sorry to say, took no action on the "Free Text Book" act. I suppose that you are aware that the State school money can be withheld for that neglect. I trust an appropriation will be made this year according to law. It is not simply a law why it should be obeyed but because it is for the best interests of our schools. It is a great step in advance of the old method. There will be a uniformity of books in our schools and teachers will be no longer bothered with several kinds of arithmetics, grammars, etc., in the same school. Books are to be bought much cheaper because we can buy direct of the publishers. Teachers can do more and better work for all pupils will be furnished such books as they need and do away with so much borrowing.

Owing to the lack of funds I have been *obliged* to buy some books on credit, which I could have bought better for cash. I have made a change in the Readers because I could do it cheaper and get a better book than the old series. The Spellers we have also changed and now have a perfectly graded speller. No other changes have been made though there are some that are desirable. Meservey's Book-keeping has been adopted. Next year we *must* have a new set of Geographies for the series we now have are of the edition of 1870 and 1880, which of course are behind the times. We must have the series

revised up to 1890 in order to get the census returns of '90 and the important state and territorial changes of the past year. I believe that the eye should be trained as well as the brain and four of our largest districts have purchased Ivison, Blakeman & Taylor's New School Chart and I am more than pleased with the result. I am perfectly assured by comparison that more geography, physiology and history—say nothing of the aid to the other six branches—can be learned a pupil in eight weeks than by the text book, alone, in twelve. Every school should have, at least, an unabridged dictionary, a globe and map of the U. S. In order to do this an appropriation must be made for each district cannot afford to take so much from the school money. It does seem that Rumford could have a free high school. It would be only a slight tax and it would come back to us many fold.

Below will be found a report of the condition and work done in each school, according to my best judgment.

DISTRICT NO. 1. M. F. Virgin, Agent.—The spring term taught by Miss Susie Graham was a success in every particular except length. Six weeks is too short a term for a teacher or pupils to do their best work.

The summer term was taught by Miss Lillian Hamlin of Milton Plantation. Thoroughness was a characteristic of her work. The map drawing was of great help to the geography classes.

The winter term is under the instruction of Miss Flossie Howe of Hanover. A very profitable term. Teacher and pupils united in doing their best. They have a fine new school-house here.

DISTRICT NO. 2. M. F. Knights, Agent.—Miss Luna Abbott had charge of the summer and fall terms. She has taught here before and her aim is order, thoroughness and work.

Miss Susie Thompson had charge of the winter term. Miss Thompson's success and experience is enough praise to her. I will simply say for the school it was a grand success.

DISTRICT NO. 3. Dana Elliot, Agent.—Miss Mary C. Elliot labored hard and well in the summer term. The school was large and a good many classes was the result. Order, good; improvement, fair.

The fall term was taught by Miss Isabelle Elliot. A good school in every respect.

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DISTRICT No. 4. Chas. K. Cary, Agent.—Miss Alice Putnam taught a profitable term, the school was small but the teacher made it interesting.

For the winter term, Miss Sadie H. Barker of Bethel, was employed. Order good and with more experience will make a successful teacher.

DISTRICT No. 5. Y. A. Thurston, Agent.—Miss Isabelle Elliot taught an excellent summer term. Composition and writing were especially cultivated in this school. In justice to teacher and pupils we cannot help speaking of the neatness and order of the school-room.

Winter term was taught by Mr. Delmer Bryant of Jay. Mr. Bryant's methods of teaching were good and the advancement fair, but not so good as it might have been if the order had been better.

DISTRICT No. 6. D. G. Glines, Agent.—Miss Jennie Penley was employed for both summer and fall terms, there was no winter term.

The summer term was profitable and satisfactory. The fall term was not. At the commencement of the fall term the school appeared well; at the close the examinations were not quite what I expected.

DISTRICT No. 7. Wm. Abbott, Agent.—Miss Lucy Lufkin was employed for the year in this school. Owing to a misdirected postal, I was not informed of the close of the summer term, but the fall and winter terms proved that the work for the entire year was first-class. The winter term was made small by the moving away of a part of the scholars, but the interest was not allowed to lag.

DISTRICT No. 8. Chas. Graham, Agent.—Miss Susie Graham came direct from District No. 1 to this school. The improvement made in the eight weeks was as much as in any district in town. Order, especially at the close of the term, was much improved. Miss Graham remained through the fall and winter with equally good results.

DISTRICT No. 9. Freeland Knight, Agent.—Miss Etta Howe of Hanover taught the summer term. Miss Howe tries to gain the good will of her pupils. Some of the classes need a little more pushing.

The winter term was under the instruction of Mr. H. P. Gould, a student at the State College. Mr. Gould worked hard in this school, but I am sorry to say some of the scholars did not appreciate his efforts. The school was badly broken by sickness.

DISTRICT NO. 10. C. L. Howard, Agent.—Miss Jennie Martin taught a fine school here. For energy, order and work done, she has not been excelled. At the closing examination I could not puzzle or confound a pupil in the work done.

Sadie Martin taught the fall term with good results.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—Miss Sadie Martin taught the only term in this district. It is too bad to spend so much money in so small a school. Can't this district be united with 10 or 13? It would be much more interesting for teacher and pupil.

DISTRICT NO. 12. E. F. Goddard, Agent.—Miss Sadie Martin, in her home district, taught a good school. She gets the interest of her pupils and then works them.

Jennie Blodgett taught the fall term with good results.

Jennie Martin taught the winter term. Miss Martin did not let her reputation as a teacher suffer in this school, as the scholars and all who visited it can testify.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—The only term for the year was taught by Retha Glover. Owing to impassable roads at the close of the school I was unable to visit it, but from my first visit I know it is perfectly safe to give a favorable report.

Miss Glover also taught a term of 12 weeks in the Roberts' neighborhood. There were only three scholars, but I have seen some large schools that could not answer the questions nearly as well.

REMARKS.

In closing my report I must thank the citizens of Rumford for their kind and generous support the past year, and the scholars and teachers for their courtesy to me. Though the work has been somewhat arduous yet it has been pleasant and I have enjoyed it. We have many boys and girls in town who are striving for an education. Now, why can't we as a town help them and encourage them? Why can't we have a free high school spring and fall and give those a chance whose parents do not feel able to send them away?

Our small back districts ought to be brought in with our larger ones. In Dist. No. 11 it has cost \$64.80 to give one scholar 12 weeks of school.

Extending the best of wishes to my successor, I submit my report.

J. S. HUTCHINS, Supervisor of Rumford.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of District.	No. of Scholars in District.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages per Week.	Price of Board.	Whole No. Terms Taught.	Ave. No. Scholars.	Daily Recitations.	Visits by Citizens.	Visits by Sup'v'or.	Length of Term in Weeks.
1	23	Susie Graham,.....Sp.	\$4 50	giv.	9	16	35		2	6
		Lillian Hamlin,.....S.	3 00	"	1	17	31	4	2	8
		M. Florence Howe,.....W.	5 00	"	5	12	32		2	10
2	24	Luna Abbott,.....S.	3 75	"	13	8	29	11	2	8
		" ".....F.	3 75	"	14	16	22	2	2	7
		Sue Thompson,.....W.	6 25	"	48	19	27	6	2	8
3	21	Mary C. Elliot,.....S.	3 00	\$1 00	4	18	39	9	2	8
		Isabelle Elliot,.....W.	3 50	1 20	5	18	26	4	2	10
4	20	Alice Putnam,.....S.	3 00	giv.	6	8	23	12	2	9
		Sadie Barker,.....W.	3 50	2 25	1	4	19		3	10
5	23	Isabelle Elliot,.....S.	3 25	giv.	3	8	20	3	2	10
		Delmer Bryant,.....W.	7 50	"	3	15	28	8	5	10
6	29	Jennie Penley,.....S.	3 50	"	1	12	26		2	10
		" ".....F.	3 50	"	2	12	23		2	10
7	27	Lucy Lufkin,.....S.	4 00	"	5	17	30	9	1	8
		" ".....F.	4 00	"	6	18	36	8	2	8
		" ".....W.	5 00	"	7	11	21		2	6
8	43	Susie Graham,.....S.	5 00		10	20	34		2	8
		" ".....F.	6 00		11	22	38		2	8
		" ".....W.	7 00		12	23	35		2	10
9	30	Etta Howe,.....S.	4 00	1 50	10	16	32	14	2	10
		Harris P. Gould,.....W.	6 12	2 50	2	19	25	17	3	11
10	13	Jennie Martin,.....S.	4 00	1 15	15	8	19	2	2	6
		Sadie Martin,.....F.	4 00	1 00	6	6	11	10	2	10
11	9	" ".....W.	4 00	1 40	7	1	9		1	12
12	31	" ".....S.	3 50	1 50	5	14	19		2	8
		Jennie Blodgett,.....F.	3 75	1 25	7	13	34	4	2	6
		Jennie Martin,.....W.	5 50	1 50	16	12	19	2	2	9
13	9	Retha Glover,.....W.	3 50	1 50	9	2	19	3	1	12
		" ".....S.	2 00	giv.	7	3	18	4	1	12
	6	Roberts and Swain Districts.								
	308									

Amount of School money,..... \$1,568 58
Deducted to be divided among small districts,..... 68 62
Amount then drawn per Scholar,..... 4 87

We have had 30 terms of schools the past year, showing an average length of 9¹/₃ weeks.

I have been obliged to make seven visits, not recorded here, to carry in Books.

TOWN BOOKS NUMBERED.

In order to prevent mistake and to keep a complete record of each and all books loaned, I have pasted on the inside cover, a book label with the law in regard to the use of the books and schoolroom. Each label is numbered and the book is known only by its number. No writing in, or marking upon is allowed. A good many were crying out against the "Free Text Book" law. The plea was that scholars would not be careful of the books, since the town furnished them. I have loaned 541 books, and out of that number, only one book has been injured and that,—only one-half leaf torn out of a first reader.