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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN AND S. S. COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION OF 1884.

Real Estate,	\$1,346,700.	
Personal Estate,	672,275	
		\$2,018,975
No. Polls 989 at \$2.00. Rate per cent.		
.94 \$100.00.		

ASSESSMENTS.

For State Tax,	\$8,225 43	
“ County	2,370 66	
“ Schools,	3,700 00	
“ Poor and Town Expenses,	2,500 00	
“ Bridges and Culverts,	500 00	
“ Road Machine Work,	1,000 00	
“ Land Damages on Roads,	510 00	
“ New Road to Madison,	1,200 00	
“ Supplemental Tax,	123 80	
“ Overlayings,	961 21	
“ Tax on 99 dogs,	99 00	
		\$21,195 10

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

License of Circus,	\$ 20 00	
Railroad Tax from State,	1,013 10	
Interest on Railroad bonds,	14 00	
Rent of Cemetery Lot,	6 00	
Use of Road Machine,	1 00	
		\$1,054 10

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Assessed for State and County Taxes,	\$10,596 09	
Paid S. A. Holbrook, State Treasurer,	\$8,225 43	
“ A. O. Frederic, County Treasurer,	2,370 66	
		\$10,596 09

SCHOOLS.

Amount assessed for schools	\$3,700 00	
School Fund and Mill Tax from State,	1,933 78	
Balance due Districts last year,	604 20	
		\$6,257 98

Amount paid the several Districts,	\$5,750 85	
Balance due " " "	507 13	
	<hr/>	\$6,257 98

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Amount assessed for Bridges and Culverts.		\$500 00
Paid for Culverts in Village District,	\$200 00	
" " " near Dr. Mann's,	25 00	
" " " " W. H. Weston's,	16 00	
" " " " George Weld's,	8 75	
" " " " C. A. Marston's,	25 70	
Repairs Weserrunsett Bridge,	91 59	
Bridge on East Front Street,	65 39	
Flanks and sundry small repairs,	52 42	
Balance unexpended,	15 15	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

ROAD MACHINE WORK.

Amount Assessed for,		\$1000 00
Amount expended,	\$819 20	
Balance unexpended,	108 80	
	<hr/>	\$1000 00

LAND DAMAGES ON ROADS.

Amount assessed for,		\$510 00
Paid Wm. Philbrick,	\$200 00	
" John W. Gage,	200 00	
" John Vosmus,	50 00	
" Mrs. W. R. Eddy,	35 00	
" Louis Dupee,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$510 00

NEW ROADS.

Assessed for New Road to Madison,		\$1,200 00
Overdrawn,		300 00
		<hr/>
		\$1,500 00
Paid Amos C. Tobey, on contract,	\$975 00	
Due him upon Completion of Contract,	175 00	
Building road at Eddy Hill,	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,500 00

The town voted in June last to build this last Road and authorized the Selectmen to borrow \$600 for that purpose. The Selectmen presuming that there would be funds enough to do the job have not borrowed the money, but it will of course lessen the amount of assets in the Treasury by that amount.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

DR.	FARM ACCOUNT.	
Paid for labor and supplies,		\$472 16
Insurance one year,		22 50
Stock and supplies on hand March 1st, 1884, based on reduced valuation of this year on Sheep and Hay,		912 00
		<hr/> \$1,406 66
CR. By Sales from Farm,		\$244 93
Stock and supplies on hand March 1, 1885,		1006 57
Balance against Farm,		155 16
		<hr/> \$1,406 66

Number of week board of Poor 341, or including Overseer and family 549, at a cost exclusive of investment in Farm of 45½ cents per week, or including overseer and family 26½ cents per week.

Expense of Poor off the Farm,	\$1,751 93
“ “ “ on the Farm,	155 16
	<hr/> \$1,917 09
Expense of Poor last year,	2,501 40

A list of persons aided with the amount paid for each, is on file for the inspection of anyone desiring it.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

George Cushing, Clerk 1883,	\$ 15 00
Expense of Memorial day,	50 00
Road Machine and freight,	271 04
Repairing and Painting Hearse	23 00
Asa S. Emery damages and costs of suit	75 00
D. D. Stewart, Atty in same case	10 00
Lewis Lacroix, personal damages,	80 00
F. A. Dore., damage to carriage,	3 00
James Harmon, same	3 25
———Longfellow, same,	2 50
Rent of Target grounds,	8 00
Rent of Receiving Tomb,	15 00
Rent of water tub near depot,	10 00
Surveying Roads,	6 00
Keeping Tramps,	34 90
Books and Stationery,	22 15
School Books for Poor,	7 47
Care of Hall 2 years,	6 00
Printing, Blanks and Advertising,	22 50
Postages and Telegrams,	4 50
	<hr/> \$669 31

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abated on S. A. Bickford Col. 1884, \$103 37

TOWN OFFICERS.

George S. Webb, Treasurer,	\$40 00
E. F. Danforth, S. School Committee,	54 00
Lizzie D. Miller, S. School Committee,	57 75
Sumner A. Patten S. School Committee,	54 50
S. A. Bickford, Collector,	424 09
J. B. Dascomb, Selectman and Assessor,	250 00
S. F. Steward, " "	115 00
John Weston, " "	115 00
	\$1,110 34

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due the several School Districts,	\$507 13
“ Dist. No. 1, High School Fund,	125 00
“ A. C. Tobey on road contract,	175 00
“ Insane Hospital estimated,	75 00
On Pauper bills estimated,	40 00
Balance in favor of Town,	3,272 80
	\$4,195 04

RESOURCES.

Due from Town of St. Albans,	\$22 05
“ “ Wilton or Farmington,	54 10
Me. Cen. Railroad bonds,	200 00
Cash in Treasury,	3,918 80
	\$4,195 04

A suit against the town for loss of horse has been commenced by Charles Rolfe. The Selectmen upon investigation have concluded that the town is not liable.

ESTIMATE FOR THE COMING YEAR TO BE RAISED.

Support of Poor and Town expenses,	\$2,000
Repairs of Skowhegan Bridge,	700
Breaking Snow Roads,	900
Other Bridges and Culverts,	500
Land Damages on Summer street,	625

Together with such other sums as the town may vote under the specific articles in the warrant.

JAMES B. DASCOMB,	}	Selectmen
S. F. STEWARD,		of
JOHN WESTON.		Skowhegan

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Superint'g School Committee

For the year Ending March 1, 1885.

As required by law, we respectfully submit the report of our Schools for the year ending March 1st, 1885.

FINANCIAL.

Amount designated by vote of town for support	
Schools,	\$3 700 00
Amount received from School Fund and Mill Tax, ...	1,953 78
Amount received from the State for High Schools, ...	125 00
	\$5,778 78

STATISTICAL.

Number of Scholars in town April 1st, 1884,	1,251
Number in Village District,	911
Number of different Scholars attending School in	
Village District,	553
In all other Districts,	245
	798
Number of different Teachers employed,	38
Male teachers employed,	2
Female Teachers employed,	36
Number of School Districts,	18
Number of different terms of school in town the past year,	65

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

District, No. 1.

Mr. Taylor has been at the head of the High School for twelve years, a record speaking volumes in his praise.

The position of Assistant continues to be ably filled by Mrs. Caro M. Palmer.

The First Grammar School continues under the care and faithful instruction of Miss L. Maria Knight.

At the close of the School year, Miss Cora Elliott, much to the regret of all, resigned the position of Assistant in this school which she had held for so long a time. This vacancy has been satisfactorily filled by the promotion of Miss Dora Cleveland.

Your Committee cannot speak too highly of the work being done by Miss Annie Ward, who continues with the Second Grammar School.

Miss Mae Elliott also resigned at the close of the School year, the position which she had occupied in the Intermediate School on Leavitt Street, for more than five years. Miss Mae Pollard was transferred from a Primary School to this position, where she seems to be doing good work.

The Intermediate School, on Main Street continues to be taught by Miss Dora Pollard, under whose instructions the pupils are making satisfactory advancement.

Miss Helen Blackden remains with the Second Primary on Leavitt Street and is showing faithful and painstaking work.

On account of the crowded condition of the school on Mechanic Street, another school has been formed, which holds its sessions in the upper room of what is known as the old Academy. Miss Alice Emery, who is a graduate from our High School and who has had marked success as a teacher in the rural schools, is doing satisfactory work here.

Miss Addie Swain continues with the First Primary on North Street, where by patient and persistent labor, she is accomplishing much good.

Miss Zetta Pierce fills the vacancy in the Primary on Pleasant Street caused by the transfer of Miss Pollard. Miss Pierce is a teacher of large experience and universal success and has already gained the respect and affection of pupils and friends.

Miss Annie B. Hoxie, also a teacher well known and highly esteemed in the rural districts, is with the school on Mechanic Street and is doing excellent work.

Miss Mae Smith remains with the Primary on Front Street. She is a patient and thorough teacher.

NORTH—District Schools.

District No. 2.

Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Clara A. Drew. Whole number attending school, 18. Average, 15. Miss Drew is a teacher of considerable experience, and entered upon her work here with the best intentions, and would have made the term quite profitable, if proper order had been maintained.

Fall term was taught by Miss Lizzie M. Dinsmore. Length of term, 7 weeks. Whole number attending school, 18. Average, 15. This was Miss Dinsmore's third school, and would have been fairly satisfactory, except for want of discipline, for which certainly, the teacher was not wholly to blame.

Winter term was taught by Miss L. May Knight, and was 7 weeks in length. Whole number attending school, 14. Average, 12. We judge Miss Knight a good teacher; but she did not and could not keep order in the school-room, and therefore the school was far from being a success.

There is a condition of things existing in this district, unfavorable to having profitable schools; and whoever may teach here, as things are now, will hardly be able to satisfy himself, or do justice to his pupils. It is hoped that a change for the better may soon occur.

District No. 3.

Spring term, 8 weeks. Whole number attending school, 11. Average, 9. School under the direction of Miss Ella G. Nash; and although this was her first school, yet she made it profitable and worthy of much commendation.

Fall term was taught by Miss Mattie J. Friend. This was her first school. Under the circumstances she did well, and promises to make an excellent teacher.

Winter term was kept by Miss. Cora A. Cain, and was every way a success. Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number attending, 14. Average, 12.

District No. 4.

Summer term, 6 weeks. Whole number attending school, 12. Average 9. Miss Flay Dilla Berwise teacher. Miss Berwise is not an experienced teacher, but she brought to her

work honest intentions, and a laudable ambition and met with more than average success

Winter term is being taught by Miss Cora A. Cain, who is giving entire satisfaction.

District Nos. 5 & 6.

Summer term was under the direction of Miss Nettie L. Herrin. Whole number attending school, 9. Average, 6. Length of School, 6 weeks. We were quite favorably impressed with this school at the time of our visits.

The fall term was taught by Clara J. Weymouth. Length of term, 8 weeks. Whole number attending school, 10. Average 7. This was a profitable school.

District No. 7.

Summer term; Miss Annie Russell, teacher. At our first visit there were present 10 Scholars; at the second 9. For a teacher so young and inexperienced, Miss Russell did well. She was interested in her work, and made her school a success.

The winter term is now in operation under the management of Miss Alice E. Chase, who is giving excellent satisfaction.

District No. 8.

The Fall term was under the management of Miss Lizzie M. Allen. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number attending 12, average, 8. Miss Allen had kept but one term of school before this, and therefore had but little experience to draw from; but she brought to her work an earnest desire to keep a good school; and although suffering some drawbacks from circumstances apparently beyond her control, yet she succeeded fairly in her efforts.

District No. 9.

Summer term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Zetta Pierce. Whole number attending school, 16, average, 14. Miss Pierce is a teacher of large experience, and in the management of this school, exhibited good judgment, tact, and ability; and therefore it was a success.

Winter term taught by Miss Sadie E. Hight. Length of school 10 weeks. Whole number attending 17, average, 15. This was emphatically a good school. The order was all that could reasonably be expected, and the methods of teaching were fully up to modern requirements, and therefore the pupils made rapid advancement.

District No. 11.

Spring term of 8 weeks taught by Miss Flay Dilla Berwise. Whole number attending school, 12, average, 10. We think this school gave general satisfaction.

Winter term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Rosie A. Whitten. Whole number attending school, 20, average, 18. Miss Whitten is a teacher of large experience, and in the management of this school exhibited excellent qualities. Her pupils were interested and enthusiastic and the term was one of great profit to those attending.

District No. 12.

Spring term of 8 weeks was under the supervision of Miss Cora A. Cain. Whole number attending school, 14, average, 12. Fall term of 6. weeks, taught by same teacher. Whole number attending school, 13, average, 11. These schools were very profitable; and the district has reason to congratulate itself upon securing the services of so good a teacher.

Length of winter term, 10 weeks. Teacher, G. L. Morse. Whole number attending school, 24, average, 17. Mr. Morse came to this school with no experience as a teacher. He however, was ambitious, and maintained an earnestness of effort which was highly commendable. He seemed to have an aptness to teach, and those who came to learn, made good progress. If there was a failure anywhere, it was in discipline, and a want of ability to interest and get work out of his smaller scholars.

SOUTH—District No. 2.

The spring term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Annie B. Hoxie. Attendance 13. Average 12. Miss Hoxie maintained her former reputation of teaching an excellent school. Its general appearance improved wonderfully and the school that had formerly been known as noisy, became quiet and studious, each scholar seeming to try to help make the school what it should be. We were particularly well pleased with the results of this term's work.

The fall and winter term are under the care of —iss Helen Hoxie; as the school has not closed, we are unable to report fully upon it, but judging from one visit the first of the term, we are well satisfied that the school can not be anything but a success.

District No. 3.

Summer term 8 weeks. Attendance 5. Average 5. This school was taught by Miss Belle Hutchinson. The numbers were too small for the best of results. Money can not be expended as profitably in a school of this size, as in larger

propriations. The terms have been shortened; but in a part of the schools, the teachers, feeling that the pupils needed the full time in which to accomplish the work of the year, have given their services for one and two weeks. It is to be hoped, that this may be provided against another year, and that our children may have all the advantages needful to make them intelligent and worthy citizens.

LIZZIE D. MILLER, }
E. F. DANFORTH, } S. S. Committee.
S. A. PATTEN. }