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# Report of Selectmen.

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## VALUATION OF 1887.

|                       |             |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Real Estate,...       | \$1,610,310 |                   |
| Personal Estate,..... | 1,602,625   |                   |
|                       |             | <hr/> \$3,212,935 |

## TAX.

|                              |             |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Rate \$7.60 per \$1000,..... | \$24,418 31 |                   |
| 1300 Polls at \$2 50,.....   | 3,250 00    |                   |
| 173 Dogs at \$1 00,.....     | 173 00      |                   |
| Supplemental,.....           | 80 50       |                   |
|                              |             | <hr/> \$27,921 81 |

## ASSESSMENTS.

|   |            |                   |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| State Tax,.....                         | \$5,658 15 |                   |
| County Tax,.....                        | 3,131 51   |                   |
| Highways,.....                          | 5,000 00   |                   |
| Culverts and Bridges,.....              | 1,500 00   |                   |
| Snow Roads,.....                        | 2,000 00   |                   |
| Schools,.....                           | 4,000 00   |                   |
| School Books,.....                      | 800 00     |                   |
| Support of Poor and Town Expenses,..... | 2,500 00   |                   |
| Sewers,.....                            | 2,000 00   |                   |
| Notch Road,.....                        | 1,200 00   |                   |
| Overlaysings,.....                      | 132 15     |                   |
|   |            | <hr/> \$27,921 81 |

## RECEIPTS:

|  |           |             |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| Cash on hand.....                                  |           | \$6,499.09  |
| Town Farm.....                                     | \$191 45  |             |
| E. C. Heselton, Auctioneers License.....           | 3 00      |             |
| Haley & Co ... ..                                  | 5 00      |             |
| W. H. Ward.....                                    | 3 00      |             |
| Town of Corinna.....                               | 71 14     |             |
| “ “ Thorndike .....                                | 69 10     |             |
| “ “ Wellington.....                                | 25 25     |             |
| “ “ Palmyra .....                                  | 12 00     |             |
| Sam'l E. Morrill for son.....                      | 20 00     |             |
| State Treasurer, Pensions.....                     | 60 00     |             |
| “ “ Free High School.....                          | 250 00    |             |
| Adj. General, Rent of Armory.....                  | 100 00    |             |
| Lyman Grant, Deputy Sheriff.....                   | 75        |             |
| Zenas Vaughan.....                                 | 18,308 98 |             |
| M. H. Hilton.....                                  | 385 00    |             |
| Zenas Vaughan.....                                 | 40        |             |
| R. R. and Telephone Tax.....                       | 776 32    |             |
| J. Russell, Schooling.....                         | 8 47      |             |
| Town of Norridgewock, Schooling.....               | 21 15     |             |
| John A. Hill, Use of Cemetery lot near Parkman's.. | 6 00      |             |
| Sewer Account.....                                 | 395 00    |             |
| School Fund and Mill Tax.....                      | 2224 37   |             |
| R. R. Bonds, Coupons.....                          | 14 00     | 22,950 38   |
|  |           | <hr/>       |
|  |           | \$29,449 47 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Electric Light,—South Bridge.....                   | \$ 48 45    |
| G. A. Flye,—care of Hall.....                       | 6 00        |
| Bixby & Buck's Bill.....                            | 58 46       |
| O. R. Bachelder,—referee on N. Smith's Fence case.. | 2 00        |
| Rent of Armory,.....                                | 137 50      |
| "    " Target Ground.....                           | 8 00        |
| B. F. Clark, personal damages,.....                 | 10 00       |
| John McCrillis, "    ".....                         | 12 00       |
| H. S. Steward, damage, Snow road to barn,.....      | 6 00        |
| Lorenzo York, "    " to horse, Dist. No. 11, North, | 15 00       |
| S. A. Bickford, posting Warrant,.....               | 2 00        |
| J. O. Smith, printing,.....                         | 16 00       |
| Selectmen's bill of sundries,.....                  | 13 20       |
| Painting and Repairing Hearse,.....                 | 12 00       |
| Repairing Cemetary Fence, North Side,.....          | 1 00        |
| Recording Births and Deaths,.....                   | 8 23        |
| Examining Records,.....                             | 20 00       |
| Unsettled Accounts, 1886-87,.....                   | 548 08      |
| Town Poor,.....                                     | 2,321 78    |
| Town Officers Bills,.....                           | 1,579 34    |
| Tramps,.....  | 71 00       |
| Highways,.....                                      | 6,385 03    |
| Bridges and Culverts,.....                          | 1,478 28    |
| Snow Roads,.....                                    | 3,252 15    |
| Memorial Day,.....                                  | 100 00      |
| Somerset Central Agricultural Society,.....         | 30 00       |
| M. H. Hilton, Liquor Agent,.....                    | 185 00      |
| Schools,.....                                       | 5,987 74    |
| School Books,.....                                  | 662 45      |
| Sewers,.....  | 2,548 66    |
| State Reform School,.....                           | 100 57      |
| Pensions,.....                                      | 60 00       |
| Stephen Steward, Note and Interest,.....            | 2,142 25    |
|   | \$27,828 18 |
| Cash on hand,.....                                  | 1,621 29    |
|   | \$29,449 47 |

## UNSETTLED ACCOUNTS 1886-87.

|   |         |          |
|---|---------|----------|
| Paid Rose Forty. Personal Damages,..... | \$50 00 |          |
| Greenleaf Pennell,.....                 | 188 58  |          |
| Abel H. Patten, Bill,.....              | 3 00    |          |
| Fred Chapman, ".....                    | 2 47    |          |
| J. W. Foster, ".....                    | 6 15    |          |
| J. W. Hobart, ".....                    | 35 67   |          |
| C. C. Reynolds, ".....                  | 2 00    |          |
| Geo. Cushing, ".....                    | 41 72   |          |
| Skowhegan Broom Co., Bill,.....         | 2 50    |          |
| N L. Smith, Damages,.....               | 75 00   |          |
| Insane Hospital,.....                   | 140 99  |          |
|   | <hr/>   | \$548 08 |
| Received from Town of Corinna,.....     | 32 14   |          |
| "    "    Palmyra,.....                 | 12 00   |          |
| "    "    Thorndike,.....               | 33 53   |          |
| "    "    Wellington,.....              | 25 25   |          |
| Samuel E. Morrill,.....                 | 20 00   | \$122 92 |
|   | <hr/>   | \$425 16 |

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

|   |               |            |
|---|---------------|------------|
| DR.   | FARM ACCOUNT. |            |
| Stock and Supplies on hand March 1st, 1887.....                 | \$ 1063 15    |            |
| Paid Overseer's Salary.....                                     | 250 00        |            |
| "    Supplies.....  | 401 60        |            |
| "    Insurance.....   | 22 50         |            |
|   |               | \$1737 25  |
| CR.   |               |            |
| Overvaluation of stock in 1887.....                             | 190 00        |            |
| Sales from Farm.....  | 191 45        |            |
| Stock and Supplies on hand Feb. 20th, 1888.....                 | 814 00        |            |
| 567 weeks board of Inmates and Overseer's Family<br>at .96..... | 541 80        |            |
|   | <hr/>         | \$1737 25  |
| Cost of Poor on Farm.....                                       | 541 80        |            |
| "    "    Persons helped by Town.....                           | 1922 65       |            |
|   | <hr/>         | \$2,464 45 |

LIQUOR AGENCY.

|   |            |                   |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| Received from Sales of Liquors, . . . . . | \$1,848.72 |                   |
| Stock on hand, . . . . .                  | 394 46     |                   |
|   |            | <u>\$2,243 18</u> |
| <br>                                      |            |                   |
| Paid State Agent, . . . . .               | \$1,164 39 |                   |
| “ M. H. Hilton, Salary, . . . . .         | 208 32     |                   |
| “ Freight, Pkgs and Wood, . . . . .       | 87 75      |                   |
| “ Rent, . . . . .                         | 25 00      |                   |
|   |            | <u>1,485 46</u>   |
| Due State Agent, . . . . .                | \$333 81   |                   |
| “ for Rent, . . . . .                     | 24 30      | \$1,843 57        |
|   |            | <u>\$399 61</u>   |
| Net Gain, . . . . .                       |            | \$399 61          |

SEWERS,

|                                |            |                   |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Unexpended last year . . . . . | \$ 694 97  |                   |
| Cash from Abutters, . . . . .  | 395 00     |                   |
| Amount Assessed, . . . . .     | 2,000 00   |                   |
|                                |            | <u>\$3,089 97</u> |
| <br>                           |            |                   |
| Amount Expended, . . . . .     | \$2,548 66 |                   |
| Balance Unexpended, . . . . .  | 541 31     |                   |
|                                |            | <u>\$3,089 97</u> |

SNOW ROADS.

|   |            |                   |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| Amount Assessed, . . . . .                    | \$2,000 00 |                   |
| “ Overdrawn, . . . . .                        | 1,022 85   |                   |
|   |            | <u>\$3,022 85</u> |
| Amount Expended, . . . . .                    | \$3,022 85 |                   |
| Amount Expended for Winter 1887-88, . . . . . | 229 30     |                   |

HIGHWAYS.

|                               |            |                   |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Amount Assessed, . . . . .    | \$5,000 00 |                   |
| “ “ for Notch Road, . . . . . | 1,200 00   |                   |
| “ Overdrawn, . . . . .        | 185 03     |                   |
|                               |            | <u>\$6,385 03</u> |

|                                    |            |           |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Amount Expended,.....              | \$3,577 75 |           |
| Cost of running Road Machine,..... | 1,006 19   |           |
| Notch Road,.....                   | 1,240 97   |           |
| Varney Road,.....                  | 291 87     |           |
| Trask Road,.....                   | 267 25     | \$6385 03 |

## BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

|                       |           |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Amount assessed,..... |           | \$1500 00 |
| “ expended,.....      | \$1478 28 |           |
| “ unexpended,.....    | 21 72     | \$1500 00 |

## ROAD MACHINE.

|                              |          |           |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| DR.                          |          |           |
| John Turner,.....            | \$135 00 |           |
| “ “ use of his machine,..... | 13 50    |           |
| F. I. Estes,.....            | 368 50   |           |
| B. F. Ford,.....             | 496 50   |           |
| Repairs,.....                | 37 69    |           |
|                              |          | \$1051 19 |
| CR.                          |          |           |
| Varney Road,.....            | \$20 00  |           |
| Trask Road,.....             | 25 00    |           |
| Bal. to Highways,.....       | 1006 19  |           |
|                              |          | \$1051 19 |

## SCHOOLS.

|  |           |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Unexpended balance from last year..... | \$ 976 96 |            |
| Omission by Error in last year.....    | 375 00    |            |
| Amount Assessed.....                   | 4 000 00  |            |
| School Fund and Mill Tax.....          | 2,224 37  |            |
| Free High School Fund,.....            | 250 00    |            |
|  |           | \$7,826 33 |

|                                |          |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount paid teachers.....      | 5,036 39 |          |
| Fuel and general expenses..... | 951 35   |          |
| Unexpended balance.....        | 1,838 59 |          |
|                                |          | 7,826 33 |

SCHOOL BOOKS.

|   |        |           |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Amount Assessed.....                      |        | \$ 800 00 |
| Amount Expended.....                      | 662 45 |           |
| "    Unexpended.....                      | 137 55 |           |
|   | <hr/>  | 800 00    |
| Books on hand at 75 per cent of cost..... | 496 84 |           |
| Loss and Gain at 25 per cent of cost..... | 165 61 |           |
|   | <hr/>  | 662 45    |
| Amount Expended.....                      |        | 662 45    |

LABOR ON HIGHWAYS 1887.

|                     |                        |            |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Dist. No. 1, North, | H. H. Gilman,.....     | \$2,635 16 |
| 2,                  | Wm. Parkman,....       | 12 35      |
| 3,                  | C. B. White,.....      | 12 10      |
| 4,                  | A. K. Perkins,.....    | 5 25       |
| 5,                  | Wm. Tolman, Jr.,.....  | 34 20      |
| 6,                  | J. P. Adams,.....      | 58 38      |
| 7,                  | Willie Hill,.....      | 8 33       |
| 8,                  | S. F. Steward,.....    | 65 62      |
| 9,                  | R. F. Homestead,.....  | 6 30       |
| 10,                 | Perley Ames,.....      | 12 79      |
| 11,                 | J. P. Whittemore,..... | 44 75      |
| 12,                 | F. R. Gower,.....      | 187 10     |
| 13,                 | F. R. Moody,.....      | 11 92      |
| 14,                 | J. F. Loomis,.....     | 15 00      |
| 15,                 | Willie Malbon,.....    | 17 70      |
| 16,                 | J. M. Ireland,.....    | 13 50      |
| 17,                 | B. S. Eaton,.....      | 24 75      |
| 18,                 | H. A. Frye,.....       | 27 14      |
| 19,                 | J. M. Lally,.....      | 5 00       |
| 20,                 | Milton Goodrich,.....  | 6 90       |
| 21,                 | Augustus Crowell,..... | 8 35       |
| 22,                 | A. Richardson,.....    | 3 82       |
| 23,                 | E. E. Bigelow,.....    | 0          |
| 24,                 | Isaac Ames,.....       | 9 50       |
| 25,                 | G. F. Jewell,.....     | 15 04      |
| 26,                 | Chandler Church,.....  | 33 95      |
| 27,                 | Norris Cleveland,..... | 49 09      |
| 28,                 | Horace Jewett,.....    | 25 87      |
| Dist. No. 1, South, | A. F. Leighton,.....   | 61 41      |
| 2,                  | Wm. H. White,.....     | 14 25      |
| 3,                  | H. A. Varney,.....     | 10 50      |
| 4,                  | Ansel Holway,.....     | 7 10       |
| 5,                  | P. Fletcher,.....      | 17 00      |

|     |                        |           |
|-----|------------------------|-----------|
| 6,  | Wm. B. Fletcher,.....  | 4 50      |
| 7,  | Samuel Bicknell,.....  | 20 25     |
| 8,  | Samuel Morrill,.....   | 15 00     |
| 9,  | Maxie Jewett, .....    | 6 00      |
| 10, | Nathan Antil,.....     | 15 73     |
| 11, | Ansel Allen,.....      | 14 96     |
| 12, | W. H. Weston,.....     | 17 11     |
| 13, | Samuel Oak, .....      | 6 00      |
| 14, | Geo. M. Buzzell, ..... | 5 70      |
| 15, | E. D. Packard,.....    | 12 38     |
| 16, | E. G. Osborn,.....     | 0         |
|     |                        | \$3577 75 |

## BREAKING SNOW ROADS 1886-7.

|              |                             |           |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Dist. No. 1. | North, Hiram Gilman,.....   | \$ 443 14 |
| 2,           | Wm. Parkman,.....           | 76 92     |
| 3,           | A. K. Perkins,.....         | 90 00     |
| 4,           | T. Bo-worth,.....           | 14 12     |
| 5,           | R. N. Malbon,.....          | 110 58    |
| 6,           | Nathan Fowler,.....         | 82 92     |
| 7,           | Willie Hill,.....           | 29 54     |
| 8,           | Francis Low,.....           | 29 27     |
| 9,           | A. H. Patten,.....          | 46 40     |
| 10,          | Perley Ames,.....           | 28 34     |
| 11,          | J. P. Whittemore,.....      | 184 60    |
| 12,          | F. R. Gower,.....           | 40 95     |
| 13,          | A. Kimball,.....            | 66 58     |
| 14,          | Chas French,.....           | 44 99     |
| 15,          | A. Strickland,.....         | 82 60     |
| 16,          | R. F. Holt,.....            | 19 35     |
| 17,          | Horace Eaton,.....          | 62 24     |
| 18,          | Moses Cain,.....            | 50 60     |
| 19,          | R. F. Parker,.....          | 92 75     |
| 20,          | S. L. Pooler,.....          | 27 75     |
| 21,          | F. R. Hill,.....            | 65 03     |
| 22,          | J. I. Burrill,.....         | 24 00     |
| 23,          | T. A. Richardson,.....      | 42 92     |
| 24,          | John W. Ross,.....          | 26 25     |
| 25,          | E. Richardson,.....         | 43 00     |
| 26,          | Silas Richardson,.....      | 30 17     |
| 27,          | H. A Archer,.....           | 59 83     |
| 28,          | Chas. Smith,.....           | 46 44     |
| 1,           | South, C. A. Leighton,..... | 58 72     |
| 2,           | John R. Webb,.....          | 56 20     |
| 3,           | Geo H. Weston,.....         | 55 60     |
| 4,           | Ansel Holway,.....          | 28 45     |

|     |                            |           |
|-----|----------------------------|-----------|
| 5,  | David Horn, . . . . .      | 54 20     |
| 6,  | Wm. B Fletcher, . . . . .  | 38 79     |
| 7,  | John H. Wyman, . . . . .   | 135 80    |
| 8,  | J A. Swain, . . . . .      | 90 63     |
| 9,  | John Kendall, . . . . .    | 35 58     |
| 10, | P. C. Steward, . . . . .   | 40 07     |
| 11, | B. M Steward, . . . . .    | 113 78    |
| 12, | W. H. Weston, . . . . .    | 62 40     |
| 13, | Geo. E Morrill, . . . . .  | 110 15    |
| 14, | Geo. M. Buzzell, . . . . . | 36 75     |
| 15, | E. D. Packard, . . . . .   | 82 55     |
| 16, | E. O. Harris, . . . . .    | 61 90     |
|     |                            | \$3022 85 |

1887-8.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| District No. 1, H. H. Gilman, . . . . . | \$220 80  |
| 7, Willie Hill, . . . . .               | 6 25      |
| 14, Chas. French, . . . . .             | 2 25      |
|   | \$3252 15 |

PERSONS HELPED BY THE TOWN.

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Austin, Mrs. . . . . .              | 34 61  |
| Basket, Peter . . . . .             | 6 00   |
| Carey, Moses . . . . .              | 33 09  |
| Chandler, Geo. F. . . . .           | 5 00   |
| Clair, Joseph . . . . .             | 2 00   |
| " Frank, children of . . . . .      | 9 00   |
| Clark, Dan'l. . . . .               | 4.16   |
| " Horace . . . . .                  | 6 25   |
| " James, Madison . . . . .          | 52 00  |
| Clukey, John . . . . .              | 31 60  |
| Davis Ann, Insane . . . . .         | 185 64 |
| Doloff Geo., Norridgewock . . . . . | 52 00  |
| Dore, Mrs. John Jr. . . . .         | 1 75   |
| " " Jos. . . . .                    | 60     |
| Dulac, Hiram . . . . .              | 4 52   |
| Eddy Frank L, Insane . . . . .      | 26 07  |
| Gage, Mrs. Isaac . . . . .          | 50 00  |
| Getchell, Mrs Simeon . . . . .      | 26 50  |
| Goldburg, B . . . . .               | 30 24  |
| Groder, Chas. . . . .               | 11 06  |
| Hall, Almira, Insane . . . . .      | 9 09   |
| Haywood, Eunice . . . . .           | 24 00  |
| Ireland, Hannah . . . . .           | 30 00  |
| Johnson, D. C. . . . .              | 3 00   |
| Kendall, Clarissa . . . . .         | 25 00  |
| Lambert, Frank . . . . .            | 10 00  |
| Lashon, Louis . . . . .             | 11 11  |
| Loomis, Mrs . . . . .               | 43 67  |

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Lovely, Wm.....                | 5 00       |
| Louis, Joseph, son of.....     | 42 25      |
| McMann, John.....              | 37 50      |
| Mitchell, J. W. ....           | 55 50      |
| Morrill, Edwin P. Insane.....  | 135 49     |
| O'Neal, Mrs., daughter of..... | 17 50      |
| Page, John.....                | 12 48      |
| Pennell, Archie.....           | 75 00      |
| "    Greenleaf.....            | 33 80      |
| Priest, Deborah.....           | 64 60      |
| "    Mrs. P.....               | 5 00       |
| Rennie N.,.....                | 20 85      |
| Rowe—.....                     | 8 70       |
| Sands, Margaret.....           | 3 00       |
| Sawtelle, Addie, Bingham.....  | 75 00      |
| Spaulding, Miss.....           | 24 00      |
| "    Humprey.....              | 3 00       |
| Steward, H.....                | 34 56      |
| "    Thomas, Embden.....       | 23 65      |
| "    Sumner, Insane.....       | 135 09     |
| Taylor, Walter F.....          | 3 35       |
| Toulouse, Mary.....            | 13 50      |
| Tucotte, Thos., Insane.....    | 140 14     |
| "    Mrs. ..                   | 107 00     |
| Varney, Mrs.....               | 64 62      |
| Vigue, Geo.....                | 25 74      |
| "    John.....                 | 4 87       |
| Willey, .....                  | 3 13       |
| Young, J. W.....               | 18 02      |
|                                | <hr/>      |
|                                | \$1,922 65 |

## TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| George Cushing, } Board of Health,.....   | { \$ 15 00 |
| S. A. Patten, } .....                     | { 10 00    |
| S. A. Bickford, } .....                   | { 10 00    |
| G. A. Wilbur, Town Physician,.....        | 40 00      |
| Lizzie D. Miller, } S. S. Committee,..... | { 69 50    |
| E. F. Danforth, } .....                   | { 101 25   |
| S. A. Patten, } .....                     | { 84 57    |
| A. G. Emery, Treasurer.....               | 40 00      |
| Zenas Vaughan, Collector.....             | 349 02     |
| W. H. Pearson, Assessor.....              | 50 00      |
| L. C. Emery, ".....                       | 50 00      |
| Jas. P. Blunt, " and 1st Selectmen.....   | 450 00     |
| J. W. Packard, " " 2d ".....              | 150 00     |
| Horace Eaton, " " 3d ".....               | 160 00     |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$1,579 34 |

Abatement on Zenas Vaughan's bills for the year 1887-8,.....\$525 45

RESOURCES.

|   |         |           |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Due from Town of Corinna,.....                                  | \$26 00 |           |
| “ “ “ “ Thorndike,.....   | 26 00   |           |
| “ “ Vosmus' Estate for grass on Park,.....                      | 23 71   |           |
| Non-resident Taxes in Collector's hands, according to law,..... | 300 00  |           |
| Cash in Treasury,.....  | 1621 29 |           |
|   |         | \$1997 00 |

LIABILITIES.

|   |         |           |
|---|---------|-----------|
| Due State Reform School,.....               | \$26 00 |           |
| “ Maine Insane Hospital, estimated,....     | 162 47  |           |
| “ for support of Geo. Doloff,.....          | 26 00   |           |
| “ “ “ “ Jas. Clark,.....                    | 13 00   |           |
| “ “ “ “ Rent of house for John McMann,..... | 8 00    |           |
| “ “ “ “ Armory,.....                        | 37 50   |           |
| “ John Weston, Snow Bill,.....              | 42 00   |           |
| Balance, favor of Town,.....                | 1682 03 |           |
|   |         | \$1997 00 |

ESTIMATES FOR ASSESSMENTS THE COMING YEAR.

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Highways,.....             | \$5,000 00 |
| Culverts and Bridges,..... | 1,500 00   |
| Snow Roads,.....           | 2,900 00   |

|                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| JAS. P. BLUNT, | } Selectmen<br>of<br>Skowhegan. |
| J W. PACKARD,  |                                 |
| HORACE EATON,  |                                 |

This certifies that I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them correct.

I would recommend some uniform system of keeping the Town Books, and a standard arrangement for filing the papers of the Town.

S. W. GOULD, AUDITOR.

# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

# SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

### FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, '88.

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The Committee on Schools submit the following as their report for the past year :

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| Amount designated by vote of Town for Support of Schools, ... | \$4,000 00 |
| Amount received from School Fund and Mill Tax, .....          | 2,224 37   |
| Amount received from the State for High School .....          | 250 00     |

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| Total for Support of Schools, ..... | \$6,474 37 |
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| Number of Scholars in Town April 1st, 1887, ..... | 1305 |
| Number of Scholars attending Schools, .....       | 929  |

It is the wish of your Committee to give to the citizens a complete knowledge of the condition of our public schools, but we feel that to do so is not an easy task. If parents and friends would more frequently visit our schools, they could from personal observation, form a more correct estimate of their condition and of the work being done by both teachers and pupils than it is possible for them to receive from us.

The action of the town at its last annual meeting, in abolishing the District and adopting the Town System of Schools, by a large majority, was quite a surprise to us, because we had not supposed our people had given sufficient thought to the subject to feel themselves prepared to vote understandingly upon the question. However, the matter was quite thoroughly discussed, and the decision was emphatic in favor of the measure. And now having made the change, it should have a thorough trial; and we believe that time and experience will satisfy the most skeptical among us that it was a move in the right direction and will prove highly promotive of our educational interests. We beg our friends not to criticise too closely the work of the year just closed, but rather to withhold judgment until the three full years have expired. Your Committee have had many obstacles to meet and remove, and have tried to exercise all needed patience and forbearance. The school houses are not all properly located for the best good to the largest number of pupils, but it would not be advisable to make any changes in these at present.

We feel like congratulating the Town upon its adoption of free textbooks, whereby uniformity of school books is secured, a thing most desirable, and a large saving made in the cost of the same; yet this has very much increased the work of your Committee. While we have kept within the limits of your appropriation for this object, we recommend that the same amount be granted another year.

We desire especially to call your attention to the fact, that some of the schools in the village have so many pupils in attendance that they can receive very little benefit from the instructions of the teachers, and on account of the crowded condition of these schools, pupils are advanced more rapidly than they otherwise would be. Before these teachers can satisfactorily perform the work expected of them and the pupils receive the good intended for them, we must have additional school buildings; and this, of course, will necessitate an increased number of teachers.

During one of the terms of the past year, one of the teachers registered 112 names, with an average attendance of 84. Another teacher registered 84 names, average attendance 72. What can one teacher do with so many children crowded into a room which has seating capacity for but 56 pupils? There are also many reasons which make it seem desirable to abolish, as soon as possible, the school now occupying the third story of the High School Building. This cannot be done with our present accommodations. We ask that you will consider these matters carefully and decide at once to erect the much needed buildings.

Although the District System is not now in use, yet for convenience the schools will be referred to under the numbers of the Districts as they have existed in previous years.

We have had in the town the past year 65 terms of school, 32 in the Rural Districts and 33 in the Village District. For these schools we have had 37 different teachers, 4 male and 33 female teachers. All but two of these have had previous experience in teaching, and several have held their positions for many terms. In the most of our schools good and satisfactory work has been done by teachers who have shown themselves well fitted for their positions, and much might be said in commendation of such work. In a few schools, while there has been much to commend and little to complain of, yet they have not reached that standard which we have desired to see. On the whole, we feel that we have had a faithful and efficient corps of teachers who have made honest efforts to accomplish the work required of them.

At the close of the school year, having served us faithfully and efficiently for fourteen years, Mr Taylor withdrew from the position of Principal of our High School to accept a similar position in Waterville. The Trustees of the Academy selected four from their number to act with your Committee in filling this vacancy. Mr. Walter H. Davis, who is a graduate from Bates College, and who had had an experience of several years in teaching, was chosen to this position. As Miss Belle Allen resigned at the same time, the position of Assistant was given to Miss Bertha L. Soule, a graduate from Colby University. There have also been a few changes in the lower grades of the village schools, caused by the withdrawal of some of the teachers. These vacancies have been filled by teachers of experience and whose record had been satisfactory. At present the schools and teachers of the Village District are as follows:

High School—Principal, Mr. Walter H. Davis. Assistant, Miss Bertha L. Soule.

First Grammar School—Principal, Miss Dora P. Cleveland. Assistant, Miss Annie B. Ward.

Second Grammar School—Miss Alice S. Emery.

Intermediate School—North side, Miss May Pollard. South side, Miss Alice M. Fletcher.

Primary Schools—North side, Miss Zetta A. Pierce, Miss Annie L. Russell, Miss Annie E. Barbeau. South side, Miss Stella M. Foster, Miss Mae Smith, Miss Helen M. Hoxie.

## DISTRICT SCHOOLS—NORTH.

### DISTRICT No. 2.

Spring term of 8 weeks were taught by Miss Georgia M. Atwood. Whole number of pupils attending school 17; average 13.

The Fall and Winter terms was under the instruction of Mr. A. W.

Drew. Both terms of 8 weeks. Number in attendance in Fall term 17; average 14. Attendance in Winter term 17; average 12.

DISTRICT No. 3.

There were, in this district, 2 terms of 8 weeks and 1 of 9, and all taught by Miss Della Ames. Number in attendance in Spring term 21; average 17. In Fall term 15; average 13. In Winter term 13; average 11.

There were no schools during the year in Districts 4, 5 and 6.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Spring term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Cora N. Greenwood. Number in attendance 19; average 14.

The Fall and Winter terms of 8 weeks each were taught by Miss Sadie A. Tobey. Fall term, number in attendance 14; average 12. Winter term, number in attendance 19; average 10.

DISTRICT No. 8.

There was only one term of school in this District during the year. It was taught by Miss Nellie H. Moody, and was 10 weeks in length. Number in attendance 8; average 6.

DISTRICT No. 9.

The three terms for the year were all under the care of Miss Eva B. Judkins. Length of terms 8 weeks. Attendance in Spring term 17; average 14. In Fall term 15; average 14. In Winter term 18; average 13.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Spring term was taught by Miss Lula B. Churchill. Whole number in attendance 10; average 9.

The Fall and Winter terms were under the instruction of Miss Georgia M. Atwood. Fall term of 8 weeks; number in attendance 11; average 10. Winter term of 8 weeks; number in attendance 11; average 10.

DISTRICT No. 12

Spring and Summer terms were under the supervision of Miss Lillian C. Smith. Length of terms 8 weeks each. Number in attendance in Spring term 13; average 11. In the Fall term 10; average 7.

Winter term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Hannah E. Leavitt. Number in attendance 17; average 14.

## DISTRICT SCHOOLS—SOUTH.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

The Spring term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Martha Wentworth. Attendance 10.

Fall term of 9 weeks was taught by Miss Flora S. Pease. Attendance 11; average 9.

Winter term was begun by Miss Mary F. Palmer, but near the end of the third week she was called away. Attendance 18. Miss Annie Hoxie undertook to finish the term, but at the close of the second week she was taken sick and obliged to go home. As there have been some 20 cases of measles in this neighborhood during the winter, it was not thought advisable after Miss Hoxie regained her health, to begin school till all were well enough to attend.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

The Spring term of 5 weeks was taught by Miss Belle C. Carpenter. Attendance 5

Fall term was taught by Miss Alice M. Bray. Attendance 7. Length of term 10 weeks. Although the school at this house is very small yet we could not convey the scholars to another school at the price it cost to run this school.

## DISTRICTS NOS. 4 AND 8.

The Spring term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Cora Leavitt. Attendance 11; average 10.

Fall term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Martha Wentworth. Attendance 11.

Winter term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Olive Harris.

## DISTRICTS NOS. 5 AND 9.

Spring term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Annie Barbeau. Attendance 16; average 13.

Fall term of 9 weeks was taught by Miss Lillian Gould. Average attendance 14.

Winter term of 9 weeks was taught by Miss Martha Wentworth. Attendance 16; average 13.

## DISTRICTS NOS. 6 AND 7.

Spring term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss May Allen. Attendance 9; average 8.4

Fall term of 10 weeks taught by Miss May Allen. Attendance 15; average 13.

Winter term of 8 weeks was taught by Mr. Thomas G. Lord. Attendance 18; average 13.5

Respectfully submitted,

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