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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,

TOWN TREASURER,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

FOR THE

TOWN OF WINTHROP.

For the Year ending March 9, 1874.

HALLOWELL.
MASTERS & LIVERMORE.

1874.

TOWN OFFICERS,

Elected March, 1873.

**MODERATOR,
WILLIAM H. PARLIN.**

**TOWN CLERK,
LUGAN P. MOODY.**

**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,
EDWIN S. BRIGGS,
FRANCIS H. McINTIRE,
A. GORHAM CHANDLER.**

**TREASURER,
JOHN M. BENJAMIN.**

**SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,
AMASA BRYANT.**

**COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
A. C. CARR.**

CONSTABLES,
A. C. CARR, **GEORGE O. SHEPARD,**
C. H. GALE, **ALFRED JEWELL.**

SELC TMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION AND TAX.

Total amount of real and personal estate,		\$937,765 00
Amount of taxes on real and personal estate,		
the rate being 17 mills on the dollar,	\$15,942 00	
Number of Polls, 517, at \$3,00 each,	1,551 00	
" Dogs, 77, at \$1,00 each,	77 00	
		17,570 00
Percentage paid for collecting, 9 1-2 on the dollar.		

TOWN GRANTS.

Common Schools,	\$1,629 76	
Free High School,	500 00	
Poor and other necessary town charges,	1,600 00	
Repairing Highways,	4,500 00	
Discharge of indebtedness,	1,500 00	
		9,729 76
State Tax,	5,629 95	
County Tax,	1,567 24	
Overlaying,	553 53	
Dog Tax,	77 00	
Supplemental Tax,	12 52	
		7,840 24
		17,570 00

COMMON SCHOOL FUNDS.

Amount assessed,	\$1,629 76	
Interest on School Fund.	170 24	
Received from State,	1,162 62	
		2,962 62

The amount was duly apportioned to the several districts and parts of districts.
Number of Scholars, 698.

Amount due school districts, Feb. 28, 1874, as follows :

No. 1,	\$90 51 No. 6,	\$61 68
" 2,	93 53 " 7,	08
" 3,	78 78 " 8,	9 85
" 4,	80 25 " 9, overdrawn, 99 cts.	
" 5,	71 76 " 10,	23 50

Numbers 8 in Wayne, and 3 in Monmouth have received their apportionment.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL FUNDS.

Appropriated by the town	\$500 00	
Received from State,	123 75	
Due from State,	135 00	
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching,	\$517 50	
Fuel, care of school-room and repairs,	148 89	
Unexpended,	92 36	
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TOWN FARM.

William Dicker, Richard M. Frost, Joseph Cummings and Mary Fairbanks, all old and feeble, needing and receiving much care and attention, have been supported at the Farm during the year. A few transient paupers have also received temporary relief. Superintendent HUTCHINS and wife, have performed their duties with their accustomed fidelity. The expenditures for family supplies, meal for stock, &c., amount to \$515 26

The income, mostly for dairy products,	\$445 58	
Increased value of personal property,	48 57	
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Balance against Farm,		21 11
Salary of Superintendent,		275 00
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		296 11

Schedule of Personal Property at the Farm.

2 Oxen,	\$230 00	20 lbs. Butter,	\$7 00
8 Cows,	400 00	60 " Lard,	9 00
2 Shoats,	30 00	34 " Tallow,	2 72
13 tons Hay,	195 00	65 bush'ls Potatoes,	40 00
2 bushels Corn,	2 00	10 " other roots,	2 50
6 " Oats,	4 50	1 1-2 bbls. Cider,	9 00
3 1-2 " Beans,	12 00	2 " Apples,	8 00
1 " Peas,	2 00	1-2 " Vinegar,	5 00
300 lbs. Pork,	36 00	60 lbs. Dried Apples,	7 20
100 " Beef,	10 00	10 cords Wood,	30 00
100 " Ham,	14 00		
25 " Cheese,	4 00		120 42
1 bbl. Flour,	9 00		948 50
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	948 50		1068 92

Farming tools, household goods and other articles of property that have not been enumerated from year to year in reports, remain about the same as last year.

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid on account of Seth Hammond and family, including medical attendance, funeral expenses, &c.,	\$75 80	
“ Sarah A. and Albert T. Wharton,	53 48	
“ Insane Hospital, for John Williams,	130 75	
“ “ “ R. I. Lambert,	39 04	
“ for support of D. McGrath and family,	45 72	
“ “ “ Jack,” (a Frenchman,)	29 55	
“ W. F. Lovejoy, for feeding and lodging transient paupers,	12 25	
		386 59

RECEIPTS.

From City of Bangor, for S. A. and A. T. Wharton,	\$53 48	
“ Levi Jones, for R. I. Lambert,	39 04	
“ West Waterville, for D. McGrath,	45 72	
		138 24
Total cost to the town,		248 35

We received notice, the 25th inst., from the town of Palmyra, that John Frost and family, of this town, had fallen into distress in that town. Steps have been taken to have them removed to our Town Farm.

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,		\$4,500 00
We have drawn orders on the Treas., for the payment of the snow bills of last winter, to the amount of	\$2,056 11	
Of the winter before,	12 00	
Of the present winter,	21 84	
	2,089 95	
For the expense of summer repairs,	2,092 96	
		4,182 91
The oxen purchased to work on the highways are still on hand. The expense of keeping them is included in the above.		

CURRENT EXPENSES.

R. E. Fuller, Selectman, &c.,	\$100 00
E. S. Briggs, “ “	85 00
F. H. McIntire, “ “	45 00
L. P. Moody, Town Clerk,	20 00
A. Bryant, Supervisor of Schools,	50 00
J. M. Benjamin, Treasurer,	75 00
Masters & Livermore, for printing Reports,	28 00
Interest on School Fund Loan,	170 24
Books, Stationery and Stamps,	20 33
T. W. Stevens for damage to teams.	75 00

CURRENT EXPENSES, *Continued.*

E. S. Case, for running town line and surveying,	3 50	
H. A. Stanley, for repairs on Hearse,	2 75	
A. C. Carr, damage to sleigh,	15 00	
Jones & Bradford, meal for town farm,	25 33	
Cyrus Bishop, supplies,	46 49	
A. C. Carr, abatement of taxes,	230 68	
A. C. Carr, percentage for collecting taxes of 1872,	237 72	
A. C. Carr, constable fees,	17 50	
F. H. McIntire, sundry expenses,	16 12	
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		1263 66

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Amount of Town Grants assessed,	\$9,729 76	
Bank tax, and School mill tax from State,	1,162 62	
Received from State on Free High School account,	123 75	
Due from State on Free High School account,	135 00	
Overlayings,	554 16	
Dog tax,	77 00	
Received of city of Bangor for Wharton family,	53 48	
" West Waterville for McGrath family,	45 72	
" L. Jones, for R. I. Lambert,	39 04	
" for Licenses,	21 00	
" Rent of Town Hall,	18 80	
Supplemental tax,	12 52	
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		11,972 85

EXPENDITURES.

Assigned to Common Schools,	\$2,962 62	
Payment towards indebtedness,	1,500 00	
Orders drawn for Free High School,	666 39	
" " Support of Poor and town charges,	1,756 01	
" " Highways,	4,182 91	
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		11,067 93
Unexpended,		<hr/>
		904 92

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Amount of outstanding Bonds,	\$21,500 00	
Unpaid interest on same, estimated	600 00	
Bills of Town Officers and Farm Sup., estimated	700 00	
Unsettled bills, including Snow bills, "	1,000 00	
Due to School District No. 4, special tax,	590 79	
" " " " 9, " "	25 46	
School money due to districts,	508 43	
Interest on School Fund Loan,	170 24	
Outstanding orders,	656 27	
	<hr/>	\$25,751 19

RESOURCES.

Amount of uncollected taxes,	\$10,106 00	
State Bonds on hand,	1,500 00	
Due from State,	1,297 62	
Cash in Treasury,	163 64	
Value of oxen.	225 00	
	<hr/>	13,292,26
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Indebtedness of the town,		12,458 93

E. S. BRIGGS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Winthrop.</i>
F. H. McINTIRE,		
A  CHANDLER,		

WINTHROP, March 2, 1874.

TREASURER'S REPORT, MARCH, 1874.

RECEIPTS OF TREASURER.

March, 1873.	Cash balance from last account,	\$1,179 18	
	“ received of A. C. Carr, Coll'r,	11,477 79	
	“ for Town Bonds issued,	3,350 00	
	“ for State Bonds sold,	2,100 00	
	“ interest on State Bonds,	197 33	
	“ of State on account of State Pensions paid,	96 00	
	“ of State on Bank tax and School mill tax,	918 67	
	“ of School District No. 4, on Loan account,	1,530 00	
	“ of State on Free High School account,	123 75	
	“ of Bangor, for support of Mrs. Wharton,	53 48	
	“ of Levi Jones, for support of Miss Lambert,	39 04	
	“ of West Waterville, for support of McGrath family,	45 72	
	“ of Selectmen, for Licences,	21 00	
	“ of Town Hall Committee for rent of Hall,	18 80	
		<hr/>	21,150 76

EXPENDITURES.

Town Bonds paid,	\$5,100 00	
Interest on Town Bonds paid,	1,257 00	
Highway orders paid,	4,507 71	
Support of Poor and town charges,	1,797 33	
School Orders paid,	4,392 63	
State Pensions paid,	48 00	
School Dist. No. 4, — Orders paid,	1,940 18	
School Dist. No. 4, — paid on Loan,	1,100 00	
School Dist. No. 4, — paid interest on Loan,	844 27	
Cash on hand,	163 64	
	<hr/>	21,150 76

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds due in 1874,	\$7,300 00	
“ “ “ 1875,	4,100 00	
“ “ “ 1876,	3,650 00	
“ “ “ 1877,	2,550 00	
“ “ “ 1878,	2,800 00	
“ “ “ 1879,	1,100 00	
	<hr/>	21,500 00
Due to School District No. 4, special tax,		590 79
“ “ “ “ 9, “ “		37 90
“ appropriation for Highways,		589 33
“ “ “ Support of Poor, &c.,		1,087 65
“ School Districts for support of schools,		329 67
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		<u>24,135 34</u>

RESOURCES.

Uncollected taxes,	10,106 00
State Bonds on hand,	1,500 00
Due from State,	1,162 62
Cash in Treasury,	163 64
Balance against the town,	11,203 98
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	<u>24,135 34</u>

J. M. BENJAMIN, *Treasurer.*

WINTHROP, March 2, 1874.

ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

*Meeting to be held at Town Hall, Monday, March 9, 1874, at
half past 9 o'clock A. M.*

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.
- “ 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers.
- “ 3. To grant a sum of money for support of Schools.
- “ 4. To see if the town will vote to *establish* a Free High School.
- “ 5. To see if the town will grant money for support of a Free High School the year ensuing.
- “ 6. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to discharge present indebtedness of the town or any portion thereof.
- “ 7. To see if the town will hire money to pay indebtedness.
- “ 8. To grant money for Highways and how pay and expend the same.
- “ 9. To see if the town will choose one or more Road Commissioners.
- “ 10. To grant a sum of money for support of Poor, &c.
- “ 11. To see if the town will sell our two Fire Engines and buy a good one.
- “ 12. To see if the town will accept Sedgley road as laid out.
- “ 13. To see if the town will accept a road laid out east of Cemetery.
- “ 14. To see if the town will accept Clark street as a town way.
- “ 15. To see if the town will discontinue the road laid out from Green street to Bowdoin street.
- “ 16. To see if the town will vote to tax Dogs.
- “ 17. To choose and instruct Committees.
- “ 18. To allow accounts against the town.

SCHOOLS.

CITIZENS OF WINTHROP:—

A pressure in time obliges me this year to make a summary report of the schools that have been under my supervision. There have been two terms of school in every district within the limits of my jurisdiction, kept as follows:—

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| No. 1, | { | <i>Summer Term</i> ,—NELLIE M. MANK. |
| | { | <i>Winter Term</i> ,—NELLIE M. MANK. |
| No. 2, | { | <i>Summer Term</i> ,—MARTHA WHEELER. |
| | { | <i>Winter Term</i> ,—A. A. SAWYER. |
| No. 3, | { | <i>Summer Term</i> ,—EMAGENE WHITE. |
| | { | <i>Winter Term</i> ,—W. S. THOMPSON. |
| No. 5, | { | <i>Summer Term</i> ,—ABBIE E. WHEELER, |
| | { | <i>Winter Term</i> ,—F. H. TINKHAM. |
| No. 6, | { | <i>Summer Term</i> ,—MAY NORCROSS. |
| | { | <i>Winter Term</i> ,—NELLIE F. JACKSON. |
| No. 7, | { | <i>Summer Term</i> ,—E. ALVINA HAINES. |
| | { | <i>Winter Term</i> ,—LEWIS J. FRINK. |
| No. 8, | { | <i>Summer Term</i> ,—ABBIE C. HOWARD. |
| | { | <i>Winter Term</i> ,—MAY NORCROSS. |
| No. 9, | { | <i>Summer Term</i> ,—ADA E. JACOBS. |
| | { | <i>Winter Term</i> ,—ADA E. JACOBS. |
| No. 10, | { | <i>Summer Term</i> ,—ALICE F. BEARCE. |
| | { | <i>Winter Term</i> ,—FRED G. COFFIN. |

These schools will compare favorably with former years. The teachers, as a whole, will rank among the best. Quite a number of them, such as May Norcross, Martha and Abbie E. Wheeler, Alice F. Bearce, Nellie F. Jackson, Nellie M. Mank and Abbie C. Howard, are our own teachers, the tried of the past. Of these I have no reason to speak other than in the highest terms. There is one other of this corps of teachers that must be enrolled among the tried of the past, Emagene White. She has kept the school at East Winthrop two summers in succession, with great acceptance. But I have no reason to speak other than well of all the teachers, some of them have been beginners, but they have taken hold of the work as though they had a capacity for it, and, with experience, would make teachers having no reason to be ashamed.

The deportment of the schools has been commendable. I am especially glad to be able to state that there has been no serious friction in the schools, nothing that has called for any extra visits of the supervisor.

all the schools the scholars have made very good proficiency in their studies. The interest that has been manifested by the scholars in their studies has been above the average. This, of course, is in a very great measure due to the teachers. Unless teachers, as a general thing, have the faculty of awakening an interest in their scholars in their studies, that interest will be more or less wanting. And, I need not say, that without such an interest, very little will be accomplished. And, with such an interest, there cannot fail to be advancement. Such advancement there has been. The examinations at the close of the schools have been such as to elicit my warmest approbation and praise.

There have been two terms of the Free High School, under the charge of EDWIN J. CRAM, A. B. The first term was eleven weeks, the second term twelve weeks. In the first, or Fall term, there were forty-six scholars. In the second, or Winter term, there were thirty-two scholars. Of the scholars attending the Fall term, twenty were from the village district, and twenty-six from the other districts of the town, every district being represented but one, No. 8. Of the scholars attending the Winter term, a majority of them were from the village district, a thing that might be expected, considering that the Winter terms of schools, in many of the districts, commenced at the same time of the High School. But, notwithstanding this, there were six of the districts, outside of the village, that were represented in the Winter term,—No. 1, No. 2, No. 5, No. 6, No. 9, and No. 10.

Of this school I cannot but speak in the highest terms, and most emphatically and warmly commend it to the noble sense, good judgment, and the enlightened and generous patronage of the good people of Winthrop. The Free High School Act is, in my opinion, a step in advance. It is also, in my opinion, a fixed thing; there will be no going back on it. It will stand connected from this time as a grand part of our common school system, opening up for our young men and young women a way to a knowledge of those branches of learning that is so necessary for the enlightened ways and business of life at the present time. No man can be unconscious of the fact, that something more is necessary at the present time, to fit one for the business of life, than a knowledge of the branches of learning that are usually studied in our common schools. These we must have, but we want something more with them. The public mind has long felt this need, and it has been looking to see how it could be supplied. At last the way has been discovered. It is in the Free High School Act. This school connects our common schools with our colleges, making one continuous grade from the Primary school to the University. The young

man or young woman now, who wishes to fit for college, is not der the necessity of going away from home to some Academy so. Such being the fact, it seems to me that it is easy to see that school system is now perfected. Perfected, of course, I mean, as system, as a theory. There may, and of course will be, improvements made in its practicability, in its *modus operandi*, but in theory it is perfect; that is, there is now no break in it, it is one continuous rise from the foot to the top of the hill of education.

There have been one hundred and thirty of the Free High Schools in the State during the year, giving instruction to nine thousand of our young men and women. Who can estimate the benefit here to the State at large? Can it be measured by dollars and cents? Never. In no other way could the money that these schools have cost the State have been expended, that it would have been so great a benefit to the State as it has been. It is true, many towns have not had a Free High School. Nevertheless they have been benefited, for what benefits me benefits my neighbor also. What is for the common good cannot fail to be for individual good also. But I forbear to press further the claims of this school upon the good judgment of the men of Winthrop. Trusting that it will receive your hearty favor and patronage, I leave it in your hands.

In regard to the High School in our town, I have but one opinion, and that is, it has been a grand success. Of the teacher, Mr. Cram, I would speak in the language of President Chamberlain, of Bowdoin College, — "He is an entirely good man, worthy of confidence and favor." If the voters of Winthrop, generally, could have witnessed the examination at the close of the Winter term of this school, I am pretty sanguine in the belief that they would endorse most heartily the Free High School Act, and would be settled into the conviction that they should vote for the continuance of the school in this town at the coming annual meeting.

I paid Mr. Cram ninety dollars per month. The Fall term of eleven weeks cost, for teaching, two hundred and forty-seven and a half dollars. The Winter term of twelve weeks cost, for teaching, two hundred and seventy dollars; amounting in all to five hundred and seventeen and a half dollars. Of this amount one half is paid by the State.

A. BRYANT, *Supervisor of Winthrop.*

Winthrop, Feb. 27, 1874.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4.

THE Directors of the village shools submit to the town the following abstract of their ANNUAL REPORT to the District, for the school year 1873—74.

The whole number of scholars in the district, at the commencement of the year, was 357.

The largest number attending school was during the Fall term, when there were registered in the several schools 238, of whom 20 were in attendance at the Town Free High School.

The attendance upon the schools under our jurisdiction was as follows :—

SUB-PRIMARY SCHOOL.

<i>Summer Term.</i>	—	Whole number	58,	—	Average attendance	50.
<i>Fall</i>	"	"	"	70,	"	62.
<i>Winter</i>	"	"	"	66,	"	49.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

<i>Summer Term.</i>	—	Whole number	51,	—	Average attendance	48.
<i>Fall</i>	"	"	"	49,	"	46.
<i>Winter</i>	"	"	"	48,	"	41.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

<i>Summer Term.</i>	—	Whole number	49,	—	Average attendance	45.
<i>Fall</i>	"	"	"	55,	"	54.
<i>Winter</i>	"	"	"	59,	"	55.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

<i>Summer Term.</i>	—	Whole number	46,	—	Average attendance	43.
<i>Fall</i>	"	"	"	44,	"	40.
<i>Winter</i>	"	"	"	42,	"	38.

It will be seen that the *attendance* has been remarkably regular, during the whole year; and, indeed, when we remember that *Scarlatina* has prevailed to a considerable extent during the winter, it will be apparent that more punctual and regular attendance is hardly attainable. There are 21 scholars who have not been *absent, tardy* or *dismissed*, a single time, for the whole thirty-three weeks of school.

For several years past there has been a steady improvement going on in the *deportment* of the scholars attending the schools in this vil-

lage; and this has been especially marked since the occupation of the new school-house. Comfortable and beautiful school-rooms, to increase the attendance upon our schools, to refine the taste, strengthen the intellect, and improve the manners of those who attend; and they in many ways contribute something to the general welfare of the communities in which they are located.

The *proficiency* of the scholars of the several schools in their respective studies, has been, for the most part, very creditable to them and satisfactory to us. They appear not only to have learned the lessons of the books, but to have acquired correct habits of thought, improved methods of observation and study, a larger command of their faculties and more self-reliance.

The examinations just closed, have shown that all of the schools, without exception, have accomplished a good year's work, and are in excellent condition for further progress in the future.

The following teachers were in charge of their respective schools during each of the three terms composing the school year, viz.; Miss JULIET M. STANLEY, in the Sub-Primary; Miss MARTHA W. JACKSON, in the Primary; Miss HELEN M. MOODY, in the Intermediate; and Miss LUELLA F. BEAL, in the Grammar School. It is not too much to say, that however largely other agencies may have contributed to the success of our schools, we are mainly indebted to the ability, skill and persevering efforts put forth by these teachers, for whatever has been accomplished. Without good teachers it is impossible to have good schools; and with them, whatever else may be wanting, there will always be something of success.

We are sure that our teachers have rendered a full equivalent for their wages; and that no school money has been wasted during the past year in School District No. 4.

A. P. SNOW,	}	<i>Directors of School Dis. No. 4 in Winthrop.</i>
C. A. WING,		
B. R. REYNOLDS,		

Winthrop, Feb. 28th, 1874.