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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor,

TOWN TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

TOWN OF WINTHROP,

For the Year ending March 13th, 1876.



AUGUSTA :
PRESS OF HOMAN AND BADGER,
1876.

TOWN OFFICERS,

Elected March, 1875.

MODERATOR,
WILLIAM H. PARLIN.

TOWN CLERK,
LUGAN P. MOODY.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,
SILAS T. FLOYD,
FRANCIS H. MCINTIRE,
A. GORHAM CHANDLER.

TREASURER,
JOHN M. BENJAMIN.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
REV. STEPHEN ALLEN,
REV. A. BOSSERMAN,
LEROY T. CARLTON.

ROAD COMMISSIONER,
CHARLES H. GALE.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
ALBERT C. CARR.

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION AND TAX.

Total amount of real and personal estate.....	\$957,040 00
Amount of tax on real and personal estate, the rate being 15 1-2 mills on the dollar,.....	\$14,834 12
Number of polls 501, at \$3.00 each,	1,503 00
Number of dogs 69, at \$1.00 each,.....	69 00

Percentage paid for collecting, 12 1-2 mills on the dollar.	

TOWN GRANTS.

Common schools,	\$1,629 76
Poor and other necessary town charges,.....	1,500 00
Repairing highways,	4,000 00
Discharge of indebtedness,.....	2,500 00

	\$9,629 76
State tax,	\$4,513 14
County tax,	1,650 47
Overlayings,.....	526 70
Dog tax,	69 00
Supplemental tax,.....	17 05

	\$6,776 36

	\$16,406 12

COMMON SCHOOL FUND.

Amount assessed,	\$1,629 76
Interest on School fund,.....	170 24
Received from State,.....	1,257 73

	\$3,057 73

The amount was duly apportioned to the several districts and parts of districts. Number of scholars, 718.

Amount due school districts March 4, 1876:

No. 1,.....	\$120 68	No. 7,.....	43 88
No. 2,.....	34 05	No. 8,.....	10 06
No. 3,.....	18 33	No. 9,.....	124 37
No. 4,.....	1 00	No. 10,.....	20 35
No. 5,.....	73 42		
No. 6,.....	\$13 36		<u>\$459 50</u>

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

TOWN FARM.

The affairs at the farm have continued under the superintendence of Elbridge Hutchins and wife, who have given, in addition to their care and labor, the benefit of their long experience in the management of the unfortunate class there.

Mary Fairbanks, Joseph Cummings, Richard M. Frost and William Dicker, all very old persons, have been supported at the Farm during the year. Hope W. Briggs, belonging to the city of Augusta, was at the Farm till Aug. 15.

Wm. T. Frost and wife, belonging to this town, fell into distress in the town of Lebanon, and we moved them to the Farm March 2d, 1876.

Sixty-two transient paupers and tramps have also received relief at the Farm, varying in time from one night to five days.

Expenditures for family supplies, meal for stock, &c.	\$664 33
Income of Farm,.....	<u>435 09</u>

Balance against the Farm,.....	\$229 24
Salary of Superintendent,.....	<u>275 00</u>

·\$504 24

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE FARM.

2 oxen,.....	\$210 00	70 lbs. lard,.....	11 66
8 cows,.....	400 00	40 lbs. dried apples,....	4 80
11 tons hay,.....	165 00	50 gallons vinegar,.....	17 50
1 1-2 bushels beans,	3 00	2-3 bbl. flour,.....	6 00
75 bushels potatoes, ...	30 00	1 bbl. soap,.....	4 00
10 bushels roots,.....	4 00	16 cords wood,.....	72 00
350 lbs. pork,.....	56 00	1 bushel meal,.....	75
165 lbs. bacon,.....	21 45	2 bushels corn,.....	1 50
30 lbs. cheese,.....	3 90	2 bbls. apples,.....	6 00
30 lbs. butter,.....	9 00		

\$1,026 56

Farming tools, household goods and other articles 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 Joseph Senter and wife,	\$10 00
City of Augusta for Thomas Frost,	23 68
" " John Frost,	13 99
" " William T. Frost,	33 09
Insane Hospital for John Williams,	151 22
Mrs. Betsey Friend, support of insane son,	75 00
City of Bath for Edwin Packard and family,	118 47
Medical attendance on Joseph Jackson,	23 00
Mrs. Elias Armstrong,	33 75
Town of Wayne for Allen House, Jr.,	26 50
" " Thomas L. Wing and family,	76 60,
" Lisbon for Wm. Gaslin,	35 83
For support of Fabyer Gumash,	8 22
" J. E. Watson and family,	1 75
" Transient paupers,	5 05
Town of Vienna for Aaron Thurston,	3 57
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	\$642 72

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid F. H. McIntire, Selectman, &c.,	\$80 00
A. G. Chandler, "	65 00
S. T. Floyd, "	70 00
L. P. Moody, Town Clerk,	20 00
John M. Benjamin, Town Treasurer,	75 00
Rev. Stephen Allen, S. S. Committee,	12 90
Rev. A. Bosserman, "	17 00
Wallace White, Esq., "	12 00
Homan & Badger, printing Town Reports,	28 00
Luther Whitman, abatement of tax,	9 00
Z. A. Marrow, damage to sleigh,	15 00
David Cargill, Insurance,	10 50
E. O. Bean, service on Sedgly road,	10 00
County indictment on Craig's Bridge, so called,	9 20
F. H. McIntire for building lock-up,	98 02
Support of Crocker boys at Reform School,	124 50
Geo. A. Jewett for repairs on town house,	20 06
F. H. McIntire for wood, stationery, &c.,	3 78
L. Whitman for ladders,	28 54
A. C. Carr, collecting taxes of 1874,	207 92
A. C. Carr, Constable fees,	18 00
A. C. Carr, abatement of taxes,	118 20
S. T. Floyd, stationery and postage,	1 16
F. Tinker, shingling and repairing Town Farm buildings	83 24
Jones C. Bradford for meal, &c.,	184 64

Paid Cyrus Bishop, supplies for the Farm,	125 85
Interest on school fund loan,,	170 24
For paupers off the Farm,	642 72
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	\$2,260 47

Mrs. Rosana V. Wentworth presented to us a claim of seventy-five dollars for damage alleged to have been sustained to a horse on Bolles' Meadow bridge, so called. After investigating the matter we came to the conclusion that the town is not justly liable, and declined to pay it. She has since sued the town for one hundred and fifty dollars, and it remains for the courts to decide.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

Gross receipts,	55 25
Expenditures,	10 10
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Net receipts for Hall,	\$45 15

HIGHWAYS.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Appropriation,	\$4,000 00
Breaking snow, winter of 1874-5,	\$2,073 73
Summer repairs, snow fences, &c.,	1,558 54
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	\$3,632 27
We have drawn orders on the Treasurer for the payment of snow bills to the amount of,	\$2,073 73
For summer repairs, snow fence, &c.,	1,558 54
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	\$3,632 27
Balance of appropriation,	\$367 73
The oxen are sold and no returns yet received.	

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Amount of Town Grants assessed,	\$9,629 76
School money received from State,	1,257 73
Overlays,	526 70
Dog tax,	69 00
Supplemental tax,	17 05
Rent of Town Hall,	45 15
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	\$11,545 39

EXPENDITURES.

Assigned to Common Schools,	\$3,057 73
Payment toward indebtedness,	2,500 00
Support of Poor and town charges,	2,260 47
Orders drawn for Highway,	3,632 27
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	\$11,450 47
Unexpended,	\$94 92

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Amount of outstanding Bonds,	\$21,250 00
Unpaid interest on same, estimated,	500 00
Bills of Town Officers and Farm Supt., estimated,	700 00
Unsettled bills, including snow bills,	300 00
Due to School Districts, special tax,	884 45
School money due to districts,	459 50
Outstanding orders,	1,237 73
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	\$25,331 68

RESOURCES.

Amount of uncollected taxes,	\$12,162 74
State Bonds on hand,	1,500 00
Due from State,	1,379 24
Cash in Treasury,	473 68
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	\$15,515 66
Indebtedness of the town,	\$9,816 02

S. T. FLOYD, } *Selectmen*
 F. H. MCINTIRE, } *of*
 A. G. CHANDLER, } *Winthrop.*

WINTHROP, March 6, 1876.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

March, 1875.	Cash balance from last account,	\$331 41
	“ received of Collector,	13,721 20
	“ town bonds issued,	6,400 00
	“ interest,	45 00
	“ of State for use of schools, &c.,	1,342 96
	“ for use of Town Hall,	45 15
	“ town of Lisbon,	6 75
	“ of F. Bonney,	6 00
		\$21,898 47

EXPENDITURES.

Town Bonds paid,		\$6,700 00
Interest on town bonds,		1,250 00
Highway orders paid,		3,574 09
Support of Poor and town charges,		2,409 32
School orders paid,		3,373 83
State Pensions,		36 00
School District No. 4, on loan and interest,		2,583 85
“ “ 2, on special tax,		419 67
“ “ 1, “ “		914 39
“ “ 8, “ “		163 64
Cash balance,		473 68
		\$21,898 47

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds due in 1876,		5,850
“ “ 1877,		3,150
“ “ 1878,		2,800
“ “ 1879,		3,600
“ “ 1880,		2,400
“ “ 1881,		2,100
“ “ 1882,		700
“ “ 1884,		650
		\$21,250 00
Due to school districts for support of schools,		452 36
“ balance of appropriation for highways,		492 64
“ “ for support of poor, &c.,		695 29

" school district No. 4, loan account,.....	742 62
" " on special tax,	141 83
	<u>\$23,774 74</u>

RESOURCES.

Uncollected taxes,.....	\$12,162 74
State Bonds on hand,.....	1,500 00
Due from State,	1,379 24
Cash on hand,	473 68
Balance against the town,.....	8,259 08
	<u>\$23,774 74</u>

J. M. BENJAMIN, *Treasurer.*

WINTHROP, March 4, 1876.

ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

Meeting to be held at Town Hall, Monday, March 13th, 1876, 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 grant a sum of money for support of Poor, &c.
 5. To grant money for Highways and how pay and expend the same.
 6. To see if the town will choose one or more Road Commissioners.
 7. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs.
 8. To see if the town will grant a sum of money to discharge present indebtedness of the town, or any portion thereof.
 9. To see if the town will hire money to pay indebtedness.
 10. To see if the town will grant money to repair burying-ground fence, near F. R. Haskell's.
 11. To see if the town will allow M. B. Wentworth to draw school money from District No. 9 to expend in District No. 6.
 12. To see if the town will grant money to build an entrance way to, and enlarge Town Hall.
 13. To see what course the town will take to expedite the collection of taxes, or if they will take any action thereon.
 14. To see if the town will vote to buy a safe.
 15. To choose and instruct committees.
 16. To allow accounts against the town.

SCHOOLS.

The Superintending School Committee of Winthrop, submit their report for the year ending March 13th, 1876 :

There are nine districts outside of the village, under the supervision of the town Committee. All the schools in these districts have been visited by one or more of the Committee, twice each term, with one exception.

The Committee are happy to report that the schools, on the whole, have been more than usually successful and satisfactory. Only one instance of insubordination has occurred, requiring interference on the part of the Committee; one disorderly boy was removed from school.

The account of the Committee for services and expenses is as follows :

S. Allen,	6 days visiting schools,	\$9.00;	horse hire,	\$4.00,	\$13.00
A. Bosserman,	9 " " "	13.50;	" "	6.00,	19.50
L. T. Carlton,	6 1-2 " "	9.75;	" "	8.50,	18.25
Cash for printing and postage,					2.25
Total,					\$53.00

The whole number of scholars in town is,	760
The number in districts out of the village is,	371

being an increase from last year's report of 50 in the Village District, and 15 in districts out of the village.

DISTRICT NO. 1. *Fall Term*—11 weeks; whole number of scholars, 46; number in school, 21; average number, 18; taught by Miss Nellie Rogers, a well educated and experienced teacher. The school was well managed, and the improvement satisfactory. A new school house has been built during the year, at a cost of about \$800.00. A well finished and convenient building, highly creditable to the district.

Winter Term—12 weeks; number of scholars in school, 21; average number, 18; taught also by Miss Nellie Rogers, with success similar to that of the Fall term.

DISTRICT NO. 2. *Summer Term*—15 weeks; whole number of scholars, 71; number in school, 40; average number, 29; taught by Miss

Martha Wheeler. Miss Wheeler is an experienced teacher, thorough and faithful in her work. Good order was maintained, and the improvement was satisfactory.

Winter Term—14 weeks; number in school, 29; average number, 22; taught by Mr. A. Smith, an experienced teacher, thorough in discipline and faithful in his work. A complaint came to the Committee in advance, from several persons in the district, on account of alleged undue severity of the teacher, in discipline during the winter term last year. The Committee saw no just grounds for the complaint, and the school was allowed to commence. A considerable number of the scholars were withdrawn from the school in consequence of this difficulty. About twenty-five remained, and the school went on successfully to its close. Excellent order was maintained, and the improvement of the scholars was all that could be reasonably expected. The Committee consider Mr. Smith a first-class teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 3. *Summer Term*—15 weeks; whole number of scholars, 75; number in school, 36; average number, 29; taught by Miss Josie E. Gammon. Miss Gammon is a well qualified and thorough teacher. She was considerably embarrassed by poor health, and on this account, left the school at close of the 11th week. Her place was taken by Miss Abbie E. Wheeler, who performed her work faithfully.

Winter Term—12 weeks; Charles E. Owen, teacher. Mr. Owen taught this school the preceding year with success, as also the present year. The school was well managed. The scholars were thoroughly drilled, and their proficiency was highly satisfactory. Mr. Owen is an excellent teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 5. *Summer Term*—10 weeks; number of scholars in the district, 45; number in school, 20; average number, 14. The school was commenced by Miss Laura L. Howard, who left on account of ill health after four weeks, and her place was taken by Miss Ramsdell. The school was disturbed at first by insubordination, but quiet was restored by the removal of one of the older boys from the school. Under both teachers the scholars made fair proficiency.

Winter Term—12 weeks; number of scholars in school, 15; average number, 12; taught by Elden Bosserman. This was his first school, and a decided success. Good order was maintained. The good will of the scholars was secured by the teacher, and their improvement was satisfactory. Mr. Bosserman has all the qualities of a first-rate teacher. The school house is in bad condition, and is in sad contrast with the well finished farm houses and stables in the vicinity. It is now the poorest school house in town, and a discredit to the district.

DISTRICT NO. 6. *Summer Term*—8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 41; number in school, 30; average number, 26; taught by Miss May

Norcross, with her usual success. The school was orderly, and the proficiency of the scholars was highly satisfactory. Miss Norcross is a superior teacher. Any school in town will be fortunate that secures her services.

Winter Term—14 weeks; number of scholars in school, 33; average number, 30; taught by Miss Emma O. Heath. Miss Heath succeeded well both in governing and teaching; the scholars were thoroughly drilled in their studies, and made excellent proficiency. For orderly deportment, proficiency in studies, and large proportion of scholars in the district that attend school, the district ranks higher than any other in town.

DISTRICT NO. 7. *Fall Term*—6 weeks; number of scholars in the district, 27; number in school, 18; average number, 14; taught by Miss Isabel A. Coffin.

Winter Term—12 weeks; number of scholars in school, 14; average number, 10; taught also by Miss Coffin. The school, though small, has some scholars well advanced in their studies. The teacher did her work faithfully and successfully.

DISTRICT NO. 8. *Summer Term*—8 weeks; number of scholars in the district, 10; number attending school, 9; average number, 8; taught by Miss Clara J. Lindsay, who did her work well.

Winter Term—8 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average number 5. The success of the school both summer and winter was as good as could be expected, with so small an attendance. The Committee consider Miss Lindsay a good teacher. The school house has been repaired at a cost of about \$300, and is now in good condition.

DISTRICT NO. 9. *No Summer Term.*

Winter Term—15 weeks; number of scholars, 26; number in school, 9; average number, 7; taught by Miss May Norcross, with her usual success. The scholars were orderly and studious, and gave evidence of thorough instruction and faithful attendance.

DISTRICT NO. 10. *Summer Term*—9 weeks; number of scholars in the district, 13; number in school, 8; average, 7; taught by Miss Etta E. Snow. Miss Snow is well qualified for her work, and succeeded well with the school. The examination at the close was highly satisfactory.

Winter Term—8 weeks; number of scholars in school, 5; average number, 4 1-2; taught by Clarence E. Haywood. This was Mr. Haywood's first experience in teaching. He gave evidence of thoroughness and efficiency; and succeeded well, considering the small number of scholars.

The school houses, with one or two exceptions, are in good condition, and are highly creditable to the town.

The schools are still embarrassed by want of uniformity in text-books, though the evil is growing less.

The Committee have not deemed it expedient to exercise much authority in this matter, believing that the embarrassment may be gradually removed, by advising the schools from time to time, to lay aside unsuitable books and substituting others in their place.

S. ALLEN,
A. BOSSERMAN, } *Superintending*
L. T. CARLTON, } *School Committee.*

WINTHROP, March 13th, 1876.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4.

The Directors of the village schools submit to the town the following abstract of their Annual Report for the school year 1875-76.

The whole number of scholars in the district,..... 347

The largest number in school any term,..... 203

There have been, during the year, three terms of school in each grade, of ten weeks each term.

SUB-PRIMARY SCHOOL.—Miss Juliet M. Stanley, Teacher.

Summer Term—Whole number, 36; average attendance, 32.

Fall “ “ “ 43; “ “ 40.

Winter “ “ “ 44; “ “ 33.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.—Miss Martha W. Jackson, Teacher.

Summer Term—Whole number, 60; average attendance, 55.

Fall “ “ “ 54; “ “ 51.

Winter “ “ “ 54; “ “ 49.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.—Miss Ella A. White, Teacher.

Summer Term—Whole number, 49; average attendance, 42.

Fall “ “ “ 53; “ “ 48.

Winter “ “ “ 50; “ “ 45.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Miss Luella F. Beals, Teacher.

Summer Term—Whole number, 55; average attendance, 50.

Fall “ “ “ 53; “ “ 48.

Winter “ “ “ 49; “ “ 45.

The Directors are glad to be able to say that the schools, on the whole, have been successful.

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