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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Treasurer,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF WINTHROP,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 12TH, 1877.

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WINTHROP:  
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1877.

TOWN OFFICERS, ELECTED MARCH, 1876.

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MODERATOR.

WILLIAM H. PARLIN.

TOWN CLERK.

BELA R. REYNOLDS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

FRANCIS H. McINTIRE,  
REUBEN T. JONES,  
A. GORHAM CHANDLER.

TREASURER.

JOHN M. BENJAMIN.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. BOSSERMAN,  
LEROY T. CARLTON, Esq.,  
Rev. JOHN C. PRESCOTT.

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

CHARLES H. GALE.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

A. C. CARR.

CONSTABLES.

A. C. CARR,                   JOSEPHUS STEVENS,  
C. H. GALE,                   CHARLES WEBSTER.

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

## VALUATION AND TAX.

Total amount of real and personal estate,	\$966,250 00
Amount of tax on real and personal estate, the rate being 14½ mills on the dollar,	13,769 06
Number of polls 514, at \$3 each,	1,542 00
Percentage paid for collecting, 9 mills on the dollar.	

## TOWN GRANTS.

Common schools,	\$1,629 76
Poor and other necessary town charges,	1,500 00
Repairing highways,	1,800 00
Discharge of indebtedness,	2,500 00
For enlarging town hall,	1,000 00
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	\$8,429 76
State tax,	\$4,231 40
County tax,	2,143 12
Overlayings,	509 22
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	6,883 74
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	\$15,313 50

## COMMON-SCHOOL FUND.

Amount assessed,	\$1,629 76
Interest on school fund,	170 24
Received from state,	1,207 96
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	\$3,007 96

The amount was duly apportioned to the several districts.  
Number of scholars, 696.

Amount due school districts February 24, 1877 :

Number 1,	\$59 08
“ 2,	
“ 3,	36 38

Number 4,	\$90 78
“ 5,	40 95
“ 6,	8 68
“ 7,	81 48
“ 8,	54 12
“ 9,	4 65
“ 10,	82 70
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	\$458 80

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

### TOWN FARM.

The affairs of the farm have been in charge of Henry Pulsifer and lady the past year, at a salary of \$275. This is their first year at the farm. We were well pleased with the appearance of things, and we think they are entitled to much credit for the manner in which they have conducted the business under their charge, especially for their kind treatment of those under their care.

The number of paupers at the farm at commencement of the year were seven, viz.: Mary Fairbanks, Joseph Cummings, Richard M. Frost, Wm. Dicker, Wm. T. Frost and his wife and child. Wm. Dicker died April 19th, 1876; Joseph Cummings died Sept. 11th, 1876; Richard Frost died Feb. 10th, 1877; Wm. Frost and family left Aug. 14th. Thomas Paine came to the farm Sept. 23d; Theodate Morton came Sept. 25th, 1876, and died Feb. 3d, 1877; Nancy Eastman came Dec. 8th, and left Jan. 5th, 1877. Shepherd Davis and wife have received support at the farm to the amount of \$23.80, which amount we have received from Hallowell, as per Treasurer's report. One hundred and eighteen transient paupers and tramps have also received relief at the farm, varying from one night to twenty-five days.

Expenditures for family supplies, meal for stock, &c.,	\$657 08
Income of farm,	494 56
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Balance against the farm,	\$162 52
Salary of superintendent,	275 00
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	\$437 52

## SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE FARM.

2 oxen,	\$150 00
7 cows,	350 00
2 shoats,	25 00
10 tons hay,	150 00
150 pounds shorts,	2 10
127 pounds bacon,	15 87
20 gallons vinegar,	6 00
1 barrel soap,	4 00
350 pounds salt pork,	49 00
125 pounds beef,	15 00
80 bushels potatoes,	50 00
80 pounds cheese,	10 00
57 pounds lard,	9 00
20 pounds tallow,	1 40
15 pounds butter,	4 20
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel flour,	4 50
6 bushels corn,	4 50
10 bushels oats,	5 50
2 bushels beans,	4 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel peas,	75
35 pounds fresh meat,	2 80
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	\$863 62

Farming tools, household goods, etc., have been considerably improved since last year.

## SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid on account of John Williams, at Insane Hospital,	\$137 65
Mrs. Betsey Friend for support of insane son,	90 00
Town of Ripley for support of Nathan Frost and family,	119 05
Expenses of James Nickles,	135 95
F. H. McIntire for transient paupers,	30 58
Thomas Wing and family,	37 47
R. T. Jones, expenses and pauper bills,	32 95
City of Bath for Packard family,	136 40
City of Portland for Henrietta Irving,	10 50
Town of Hartland for Frost families,	31 70

Paid John Smith and family,	\$3 80
E. Getchell for transient paupers,	7 25
Town of Vienna for support of Aaron Thurston and family,	30 13
C. W. Taggart, medical attendance for Horace Crockett's family,	10 00
C. W. Taggart, medical attendance for John Smith's wife,	2 00
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	\$815 43

## CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid Silas T. Floyd, Selectman,	\$80 00
F. H. McIntire, "	80 00
A. G. Chandler, "	55 00
L. P. Moody, Town Clerk,	20 00
J. M. Benjamin, Treasurer,	60 00
Rev. Stephen Allen, S. S. Committee,	13 00
Rev. A. Bosserman, "	19 50
Leroy T. Carlton, Esq., "	21 50
A. C. Carr, abatement of taxes,	208 57
A. C. Carr, Constable fees,	15 50
A. C. Carr, collecting taxes,	205 10
A. C. Carr, carrying Burgess boy to Reform School,	20 40
Kelly & Wood, supplies for the farm,	66 05
Jones & Bradford, meal, etc., at farm,	82 34
C. C. Chandler, goods furnished town farm,	22 48
F. H. McIntire, wood, stationery, etc.,	4 50
E. O. Kelley, printing voting list,	9 00
Coffins for paupers,	59 00
S. Holden, repairing fence around village cemetery,	4 80
Bela R. Reynolds for stationery,	16 32
S. B. Page, repairing fence around Stanley cemetery,	41 97
Reform School for support of J. B. Crocker,	52 00
Lewis Wood, fare to Skowhegan and back,	4 10
S. L. Webb, funeral expenses,	18 00
Batchelder & Son, settees for town hall,	39 10
Henry Pulsifer, part of salary,	50 00
G. Coy, shingling hearse house,	18 41
Geo. S. Morton, work on farm house,	4 00
Medical attendance for paupers at town farm,	14 00

Paid A. P. Snow, medical attendance for Chas. Winslow,	\$15 00
E. D. Hutchins, remainder of salary at town farm,	214 50
J. R. Nelson, four pigs,	20 00
Enos Bragdon, work in haying,	30 00
S. Morrill, carrying paupers to farm,	3 25
S. G. Davis, hinges for Metcalf burying ground,	3 31
Potter & Otis, services as Attorneys,	4 90
Interest on school fund loan,	170 24
For paupers off the farm,	815 43
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	\$2,578 51

Mrs. Rosanna V. Wentworth's case still pending.

#### REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

Gross receipts,	\$43 06
Expenditures,	3 62
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Net receipts for hall,	39 44

#### HIGHWAYS.—ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Appropriation,	\$1,800 00
Breaking snow, 1875-6,	\$741 71
Summer repairs, snow fence, etc.,	1,986 40
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	\$2,728 11
We have drawn orders on the Treasurer for the payment of snow bills to the amount of	\$741 71
For Summer repairs, snow fence, etc.,	1,986 40
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	\$2,728 11
Overdrawn,	\$928 11

#### GENERAL STATEMENT.

Amount of town grants assessed,	\$8,429 76
School money received from state,	1,207 96
Overlayings,	509 22
Rent of town hall,	39 44
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	\$10,186 38



## EXPENDITURES.

Assigned to common schools,	\$3,007 96
Payment towards indebtedness,	2,500 00
Support of poor and town charges,	2,573 51
Orders drawn for highways,	2,728 11
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	\$10,809 58
Overdrawn,	\$623 20

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Amount of outstanding bonds,	\$20,900 00
Unpaid interest on same, estimated,	500 00
Bills of town officers and farm supt., estimated,	600 00
Unsettled bills, including snow bill,	1,400 00
School money due to districts,	458 80
Outstanding orders,	25 70
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	\$23,884 50

## RESOURCES.

Amount of uncollected taxes,	\$11,547 83
State bonds on hand,	1,500 00
Due from the state,	1,380 04
Cash in treasury,	907 10
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	\$15,334 97
Indebtedness of the town,	\$8,549 53

F. H. McINTIRE,  
R. T. JONES,  
A. G. CHANDLER,  
*Selectmen of Winthrop.*

WINTHROP, FEB. 27, 1877.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Feb. 26, 1877. Cash balance from last account,	\$473 68
Received of Collector,	11,639 76
" for Bonds issued,	5,950 00
" interest on State Bonds,	90 00
" of State for use of Schools, &c.,	1,259 24
" for use of Town Hall,	39 44
" of sundry towns for support of Poor,	38 80
" of A. C. Carr on sale of liquor vessels,	3 00
	\$19,493 92

## EXPENDITURES.

Town Bonds paid,	\$6,900 00
Paid interest on Town Bonds,	1,216 75
" State Pensions,	72 00
" School District No. 4, on loan and interest,	1,546 23
" Highway orders,	3,948 75
" for support of Poor, and Town charges,	2,457 13
" School orders,	2,995 31
" School Districts, on special Tax,	50 66
Balance on hand,	907 10
	\$19,493 92

## LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds due in 1876,	\$100 00
" " 1877,	3,350 00
" " 1878,	5,950 00
" " 1879,	3,800 00
" " 1880,	2,600 00
" " 1881,	2,250 00
" " 1882,	700 00
" " 1884,	2,150 00
6 per cent. Bonds, \$16,450. 5 per cent. Bonds, \$4,450. Total,	\$20,900 00
Due to School Districts for support of Schools,	445 09
Balance due for support of Poor, &c.,	1,261 92
Due School District No. 4, loan account,	1,276 26
Due School Districts on Special Tax,	77 64

## RESOURCES.

Uncollected Taxes,	\$11,541 83
State Bonds on hand,	1,500 00
Due from State,	1,330 04
Overdraft on account of Highways,	1,656 11
Cash on hand,	907 10
Balance against the town,	6,976 83
	\$23,960 91

J. M. BENJAMIN, *Treasurer.*

Winthrop, Feb. 26, 1877.

## ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

*Meeting to be held at Town Hall, Monday, March 12th, 1877, at half past nine o'clock A.M.*

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- 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 a sum of money for Highways; 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 grant a sum of money to discharge present indebtedness of the town, or any portion thereof.
8. To see if the town will hire money to pay indebtedness.
9. To see if town will grant money to repair burying-ground fence, near J. L. Metcalf's.
10. To see if the town will allow Robert Hopkins a sum of money for the support of Isaac King, or act anything thereon.
11. To see if the town will do away the S. S. Committee and choose a Supervisor.
12. To see if the town will vote to pay the Moderator for his services.
13. To see if the town will vote to build an entrance way to the Town Hall, according to a plan herewith presented, or act anything thereon.
14. To see what action the town will take in regard to erecting guide-boards therein.
15. To choose and instruct committees.
16. To allow accounts against the town.

# SCHOOLS.

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The Superintending School Committee of Winthrop submit their report for the year ending March 12th, 1877:

All the schools under the supervision of the Town Committee have been visited twice each term by one or more members of the Committee. Not a single instance of insubordination has occurred.

Mr. A. Bosserman having resigned at the commencement of the year, Mr. D. C. Robbins was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The account of the Committee for services is as follows:

L. T. Carleton,	\$18 25
J. C. Prescott,	24 75
D. C. Robbins,	15 00
Total,	\$58 00

The whole number of scholars in town is 696; the number in districts out of the village is 336; being an increase of 13 in the Village District, and a decrease of 35 in districts out of the village.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

*Summer Term*—10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 43; number in school, 17; average number, 14. Taught by Miss May Norcross, an efficient and experienced teacher. The discipline was excellent, and progress very satisfactory.

*Fall Term*—10 weeks; whole number in school, 16; average number, 12. Taught by Irving Norcross. The order was good. The teacher was thorough; all his explanations were clear and satisfactory. It was a profitable school.

*Winter Term*—10 weeks; number of scholars in school, 13; average number, 12. Taught by Miss May Norcross, with success similar to that of the Summer Term.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

*Summer Term*—14 weeks; whole number of scholars, 69; number in school, 35; average number, 23. Owing to sickness among the scholars, the number present at the close was small. Miss Wheeler governs admirably, with but little effort. The examination was a success.

*Winter Term*—11 weeks; whole number in school, 33; average number, 27. Taught by Mr. Irving Norcross, an experienced and well qualified teacher. The order was good, the instruction was thorough, and the scholars made good progress.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

*Summer Term*—12 weeks: whole number of scholars in district, 63; number in school, 32; average number, 27; taught by Miss Alice T. Bearce. Miss Bearce brought to her work good qualifications. In the discharge of her duties

she was earnest and persevering. Though mild in discipline, she secured the good will of her scholars, and the term was, on the whole, a success.

*Winter Term*—11 weeks; number in school, 36; average number, 31. Taught by Mr. F. A. Smith. Teacher and scholars coöperated harmoniously, with excellent results. The examination at the close was well sustained; reading especially commended. Mr. Smith has proved himself a skillful teacher and a good disciplinarian; his services are highly appreciated.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

*Summer Term*—8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 38; number of scholars in school, 21; average number, 17. Taught by Miss Clara J. Lindsay of Monmouth.

*Fall Term*—8 weeks; number of scholars in school, 20; average number, 17. Taught also by Miss Lindsay, whose patience and perseverance produced fair results, both terms,—although good order was not so well maintained as was desirable.

*Winter Term*—10 weeks; number of scholars in school, 11; average number, 9. Taught by Francis Hoyt, who, notwithstanding his limited experience, did his work well. The scholars were well drilled in all the branches taught, except reading, which did not receive all that attention which its importance demands.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

*Summer Term*—12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 49; number in school, 26; average number, 23. Taught by Miss Emma O. Heath of Hartford, Maine. This was one of the best schools we ever visited. Miss Heath is pre-eminently a first-class teacher. Excellent order was maintained, and the improvement was all that could be desired.

*Winter Term*—12 weeks; whole number of scholars in school, 37; average number, 35. Taught also by Miss Heath, with great success and entire satisfaction.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

*Summer Term*—10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 29; number in school, 15; average number, 10. Taught by Miss Nellie Norcross. This was Miss Norcross's first attempt at teaching, and considering her age she did very well. Her scholars were quite small, and made fair progress.

*Winter Term*—10 weeks; number of scholars in school, 11; average number, 7. Taught by Mr. E. W. Larrabee of Gardiner, Maine, who tried hard to interest and instruct his scholars. Mr. Larrabee never taught school before, and manifested considerable diffidence, but succeeded quite well, and kept a fair school.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

*Summer Term*—8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 9; number of scholars in school, 9; average number  $8\frac{1}{2}$ . Taught by Miss Abbie A. Hoyt, who was faithful and painstaking. The progress was all that could be expected for so small a school.

*Fall Term*—8 weeks; number of scholars in school, 7; average number, 6. Taught also by Miss Hoyt. Condition of the school highly satisfactory; marked improvement in spelling.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

*Summer Term*—5 weeks; whole number of scholars, 36; number of scholars in school, 4; average number, 3. Taught by Miss Abbina Doyle. Owing to considerable dissatisfaction by some members of the district, and on account of the small number attending, this school was discontinued at the end of five weeks. Miss Doyle did all she could, and the school made fair progress.

*Winter Term*—14 weeks; whole number in school, 12; average number, 9. Taught by Mr. Clarence E. Haywood. The absence of several scholars during the last part of the term, marred the examination somewhat. The examination was all that could be expected under the circumstances. We regard Mr. Haywood as a good and faithful teacher.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

*Summer Term*—7 weeks; whole number of scholars, 12; number in school, 7. Taught by Miss Carrie Tinkham, whose success was fair considering this was her first effort in teaching.

*Fall Term*—7 weeks; whole number in school, 7; average number, 6. Taught by Lincoln H. Titus of Monmouth, Me. This was his first school. He entered upon his work with earnestness and a determination to succeed. The results were good for so small a school.

The Committee beg leave to say, in closing, that we think, as a whole, our schools occupy a position considerably in advance of former years. There is evidently an increasing conviction among our people that the true policy is to employ able and well-qualified teachers, and give them a fair compensation for their services. Your Committee are unanimous in the opinion that this conviction is founded in reason, common sense, and the fitness of things, and is in perfect harmony with all observation and experience. We do not mean to insinuate that we have not heretofore had able and competent teachers for our schools; but, possessing the common attributes of our nature, it would be wonderful, in some instances at least, if they had not embraced the popular idea that "men and women should work according to their pay."

The increasing interest of parents of scholars as manifested by their presence in the school room, is a very encouraging omen. Parents cannot expect their children to have an interest in their schools if they have none themselves. Parents should take an interest in the studies which their children pursue, talk with them about their lessons, and encourage them by all possible means. They will thus do them positive and lasting good.

Several of our school houses need repairs. Those in Districts No. 5 and 8 are hardly fit to represent the intelligence of those excellent communities. Your Committee think a change should be made in the reading books now used, as it can be done with slight expense, and the good resulting therefrom will be apparent to all when they consider that those now in use have been used constantly for the last nine or ten years.

L. T. CARLTON,  
J. C. PRESCOTT,  
D. C. ROBBINS,

*Superintending School Committee.*

Winthrop, March 12, 1877.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4.

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The Directors of the Village Schools submit to the town the following abstract of their District Report for the School Year 1876-7.

The whole number of scholars in the district, 360; the largest number in school any term, 202; the average attendance in all the schools, for the year, 178.

The necessity for using the full amount of the school money allowed by law for that purpose, in making extraordinary repairs on the school house, together with the amount required to procure insurance on the building for the next four years, left us without sufficient funds for a Winter term. There have been, therefore, but two terms of school in each grade during the year—a Summer term of ten weeks, and a Fall term of twelve weeks.

Since it became the settled policy of the town and district not to accept the provisions of the "Free High School Act," the Directors have found it necessary to make some other provisions for the more advanced scholars in the district, which they have done by raising the grade of the several schools, thus furnishing a two years' additional course of study in the Grammar School—which, in consequence, they have determined to designate as the High School, and to change the names of the several other grades to Grammar, Intermediate, and Primary.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS JULIET M. STANLEY, Teacher.

Summer Term—Whole number, 58; average attendance, 49.

Fall Term—Whole number, 64; average attendance, 54.

This school has been under the care of the present teacher for several years, and is an excellent school. The scholars get the right kind of care and training, and make rapid progress in the elements of learning. Special commendation is due Miss Stanley for her success in teaching the children to *read*.

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS MARY A. J. BRAGDON, Teacher for Summer Term.

MISS MAY NORCROSS, Teacher for Fall Term.

Summer Term—Whole number, 57; average attendance, 53.

Fall Term—Whole number, 53; average attendance, 47.

Miss Bragdon labored earnestly to make the Summer Term a profitable one, and the scholars, for the most part, made very commendable improvement in their several studies.

Miss Norcross came to the school with considerable experience in teaching, and with the reputation of being a good teacher, and successful in the management and government of her scholars. We think she fully sustained her good reputation in all these respects, in her connection with this school.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS HELENA T. PRESCOTT, Teacher.

Summer Term—Whole number, 40; average attendance, 36.

Fall Term—Whole number, 44; average attendance, 41.

There are some elements in this school which tend to make it less satisfactory than either of the others. Most of the dull, backward scholars get into this school at an age when they should be in the High School, and many of them never get out of it while they continue to attend school, remaining always a drag upon any class with which they are associated. Now a large proportion of these pupils are backward because they are idle and lazy, and such pupils are very apt to be vicious and bad to manage. They are blots on the good conduct and appearance of the school, as well as a drag upon its advancement.

Miss Prescott knows what a good school is, and how to keep one. Her earnest efforts to improve the condition of this school were crowned with marked success. Most of the scholars who continued in the school—and only a very few, unwilling to submit to the spur and bit, left—made excellent improvement in their studies, and in their ideas of becoming deportment.

HIGH SCHOOL.

MISS LUELLE F. BEALE, Teacher.

Summer Term—Whole number, 44; average attendance, 40.

Fall Term—Whole number, 41; average attendance, 36.

Miss Beale has been the teacher in this school for several years, and under her efficient and persevering labors the school has attained to a high degree of excellence. The scholars, almost without exception, are regular and punctual in their attendance, orderly in deportment, and zealous in the pursuit of knowledge.

The parents in the district are manifesting an increasing interest in the schools from year to year, which will surely contribute to their continued advancement.

A. P. SNOW,

C. A. WING,

B. R. REYNOLDS,

*Directors of School District No. 4, Winthrop.*