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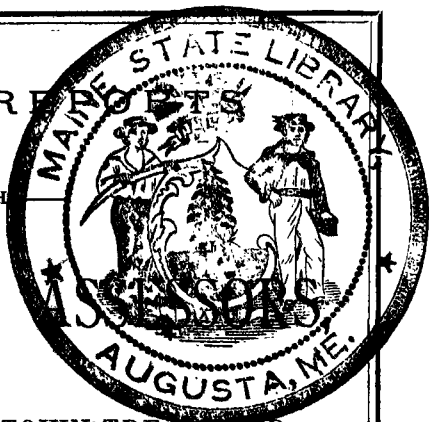
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TOWN OFFICERS.

ELECTED MARCH 8, 1886.

MODERATOR.

ELLIOTT WOOD.

TOWN CLERK.

B. R. REYNOLDS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

J. E. BRAINERD.

LEVI JONES.

H. PENNIMAN.

TREASURER.

JOHN M. BENJAMIN.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. R. CRANE.

L. T. CARLTON.

W. H. KEITH.

CHIEF ENGINEER.

C. A. WING.

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

C. H. GALE.

COLLECTOR.

A. C. CARR.

CONSTABLES.

A. C. CARR,

GEO. W. GLIDDEN,

WALLACE E. BERRY,

S. G. DAVIS,

E. W. WENTWORTH,

AUG. THOMPSON.

THOMAS DEALY, J. L. METCALF,

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

To the Citizens of Winthrop :

In compliance with the custom and the law, we herewith respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending March 14th, 1887.

The case Winthrop vs. Wayne was not carried up to the law court, but the Overseers of the Poor of Wayne have removed Miss Batchelder to their Almshouse and paid all legitimate bills. The town has been sued by the town of Pittston for supplies furnished to Albert W. Whittier's family. We think there is sufficient proof to show that he never had a settlement in Winthrop. The case was to be tried before the February term of the Supreme Court, but as the Counsel for the plaintiff was sick, it goes over to next term. We are still paying 75 cents per week toward the board of Mrs. Williams (or Bowman).

Upon an examination of the Town Hall building it was found that the timbers of the lower floor were in such condition that in order to keep the Lockup and Safe out of the cellar, the old timbers must be replaced by new. F. Tinker did the job in a thorough manner for eighty-nine dollars. The building and finishing of an annex and the repairing of the Town Hall was let to Wm. Wing of Augusta, for \$1,340, who did the job in a thorough and workmanlike manner. In accordance with a vote passed at a special town-meeting Sept. 25th, a wood furnace was placed in the cellar of the Town Hall for the purpose of heating the hall, by the Doran Furnace Co., of Skowhegan for \$150, which answers the purpose very satisfactorily.

VALUATION AND TAX.

Total amount of real and personal estate,	\$1,029,375 00
Amount of tax on same, the rate being 1.56 mills,	16,058 01
Whole number of polls 565, at \$3.00,	1,695 00
Number of dogs 108, at \$1,	108 00
Percentage paid for collecting, 1 per cent.	<hr/>
	\$17,861 01

TOWN GRANTS.

Common Schools,	\$1,800 00
Support of poor and other necessary town charges,	2,500 00
For highways,	3,000 00
Indebtedness,	1,000 00
Memorial day,	50 00
To enlarge and repair town hall,	1,500 00
For sidewalks,	700 00
For street lamps,	200 00
For Payson Tucker Hose Co.,	100 00
For watering trough,	300 00
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	\$11,150 00
State tax,	4,226 13
County tax,	1,546 02
Overlayings,	830 86
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	6,603 01
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	\$17,753 01

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Balance from last year,	188 65
Appropriation by the town,	1,800 00
Appropriation by State,	956 34
Interest on school fund,	170 24
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	3,115 23
Amount expended,	2,807 54
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Unexpended,	307 69

TOWN FARM.

The Town Farm has been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Remick the year past, who have given good satisfaction.

At the beginning of the year there were at the farm, Silas Pettingill, Mrs. Emeline Peterson and Rebecca Lambert. Hope W. Briggs came back to the farm April 26th, and December 4th, Miss Briggs was taken away from the farm and we are now paying one dollar per week for her support. Feb. 1st, 1887, Samuel Torsey and wife were taken to the farm. Emeline Peterson died November 3d. Sixty tramps have been lodged and fed at the farm the year past. There are now at the farm, Silas Pettingill, Rebecca Lambert and Samuel Torsey and wife.

Schedule of personal property at farm March, 1886,	\$905 77	
Paid for family supplies by superintendent,	\$407 58	
Paid salary of superintendent	250 00	
	<hr/>	657 58
Income of the farm	440 97	1563 35
Schedule of personal property at the farm less		
cash in hands of superintendent,	816 34	
	<hr/>	1257 31
Balance against the farm		306 04

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT FARM.

1 horse,	\$175 00
7 cows,	315 00
2 heifers three years old,	60 90
2 shoats,	20 00
7 tons hay,	84 00
8 bushels meal,	4 48
460 lbs. middlings,	5 76
35 bushels oats,	17 50
3 bushels beans,	4 50
30 bushels potatoes,	15 00
5 bushels roots,	2 50
4 bbls. apples,	8 00

300 pounds pork,	\$24 00
75 pounds ham,	9 00
80 pounds lard,	8 00
140 gallons cider or vinegar,	14 00
3 casks,	4 50
Butter fund due from factory (estimated)	45 00
Cash in hands of superintendent,	33 29
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	849 63

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid A. Perry, for wood for W. R. Besse,	\$ 7 00
J. R. Nelson, wood and hay for W. R. Besse,	20 55
E. D. Hutchings, support of Hope W. Briggs,	27 00
Wayne, support of Thomas Wing,	11 98
N. Bishop, supplies for Wm. Frost,	19 00
“ “ Samuel Torsey,	9 78
Edward Tarr, support of Mary Butler,	15 00
Supplies furnished Mary Frost,	20 00
C. W. Taggart, med. attendance Mrs. J. Dearborn,	10 00
“ “ Mrs. H. Raymond,	5 00
“ “ Mrs. Cyrus McCully,	7 50
“ “ W. R. Besse,	2 00
“ “ Emeline Peterson,	6 00
“ “ W. F. Frost family,	14 00
W. F. Frost, support of J. Dearborn wife and child,	16 00
Edwin Maxim, hay for W. R. Besse,	7 70
C. W. Dillingham, funeral charges Emeline Peterson,	15 00
C. W. Dillingham, funeral charges Mrs. Paul Reuel,	11 00
H. B. Bishop, pasturing W. R. Besse's cow,	10 00
A. P. Snow, medical attendance, G. W. Berry,	1 50
“ “ “ Hope W. Briggs,	2 50
B. F. Foster, wood for W. R. Besse,	10 50
City of Hallowell, supplies for Mrs. Z. Wing,	22 50
City of Augusta, supplies for Frost children,	50 00

A. N. Remick, wood furnished Miss Harriett K. Fairbanks,	\$ 6 00
Levi Jones & Co., supplies for Wm. F. Frost,	10 00
“ “ Samuel Torsey,	20 07
C. A. Cochrane, medicine for Hope W. Briggs,	1 00
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Lucy J. Smith,	130 14
“ “ “ Geo. W. Berry,	69 79
Roxy Smith, support of Catherine Batchelder,	26 00
H. Penniman, goods for child of Amos Hammond,	2 69
A. J. Crowell, boots for David Torsey,	2 50
“ “ Samuel Torsey,	1 25
E. D. Hutchings, board of Mary Williams,	39 00
For support of Hope W. Briggs,	1 3 00
Geo. W. King, supplies furnished D. B. Torsey,	54 50
City of Augusta, supplies furnished Mrs. L. Day,	30 75
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	\$728 20

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid L. T. Carlton, attorney fees,	102 20
L. T. Carlton, School Director of District No. 4,	25 00
J. E. Brainerd, Selectman,	100 00
Levi Jones, Selectman,	100 00
H. Penniman, Selectman,	100 00
B. R. Reynolds, clerk,	20 00
H. B. Ingham, Superintendent of Farm,	250 00
A. R. Crane, Supervisor of Schools,	65 00
C. A. Cochrane, School Director,	15 00
W. E. Whitman, “ “	15 00
For wood for office,	2 33
C. A. Wing, repairs of Water Works,	14 35
H. K. Fairbanks, for house rent, etc.,	35 00
Enoch R. Leech, for oxen,	120 00
H. E. Gale, repairing table for H. K. Fairbanks,	75
George O. Shephard, laying drain town farm,	4 00
F. M. Towle, painting almshouse,	52 00
John A. Stanley, printing town reports,	34 00

F. Tinker, sink for town farm,	\$ 5 00
F. Tinker, repairs of town hall fence,	2 00
Elliott Wood, witness fees,	2 70
H. R. Randall, repairs of chandelier,	2 75
Maine Central R. R., for freight,	3 29
R. Alden, rake for town farm,	27 00
M. J. Ward, leak straps for hose,	9 35
O. L. Story, scenery for town hall,	93 00
J. A. Stanley, printing,	2 00
Doran Furnace Co., furnaces for town hall,	150 00
J. Batchelder & Son, settees " " "	95 53
Levi Jones, sundry bills,	43 80
C. A. Wing, two hydrant gates,	20 40
Levi Jones, wagons for town farm,	30 00
J. E. Brainerd, sled " " "	7 00
W. E. Berry, labor and supplies for Water Works,	18 16
L. O. Cobb, lamps and fixtures for town hall,	38 51
C. W. Dillingham, work in town hall,	5 00
C. D. Wood, feed for town farm,	164 30
Levi Jones & Co., supplies for farm,	39 90
B. R. Reynolds, books and stationery for town,	3 35
I. M. Norcross, abatement of town tax, 1883,	3 00
Elliott Wood, abatement of real estate tax, 1885,	2 60
A. C. Carr, " " town taxes,	178 16
A. C. Carr, " " School Dis. No. 4 taxes,	9 30
A. C. Carr, collecting taxes, 1885,	149 85
A. C. Carr, constable fees,	11 00
George E. Lowell, abatement of taxes,	3 12
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	\$2,174 70

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Overdraft 1886,	\$ 24 89,	
Snow bills, 1885-6,	949 73	
Summer repairs,	2,119 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,068 73
Amount appropriated March, 1886,	\$3,000 00	
Amount overdraft,	68 73	
	<hr/>	\$3,068 73

TOWN FARM HOUSE.

Balance on hand March, 1886,		\$35 00
Paid F. Tinker balance of his account,	\$35 00	

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount appropriated,		\$50 00
Paid A. H. Frost Post,	\$50 00	

CEMETERIES.

Amount on hand unexpended,		\$31 01
Paid C. W. Dillingham, for work,	\$11 00	
Geo. W. Bearce, " "	2 00	
W. S. Maxwell, " "	4 50	
H. H. Leavitt, " "	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$19 50
Unexpended,		<hr/> \$11 51

PAYSON TUCKER HOSE CO.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
Paid Payson Tucker Hose Co.,	\$100 00	

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Paid for lighting and care of lamps,	\$200 00	

VILLAGE WATERING TROUGH.

Appropriation,		\$300 00
Paid C. H. Gale,	\$300 00	

VILLAGE SIDEWALK.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Paid F. Tinker,	\$ 3 50	
L. T. Carlton,	36 25	
C. H. Gale,	160 25	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

BAILEYVILLE SIDEWALK.

Appropriated,		\$500 00
Paid Fred A. Jackson,	\$102 00	
Levi Richmond,	255 35	
C. H. Gale,	63 62	
L. O. Cobb,	16 25	
	<hr/>	\$437 22
Unexpended,		\$ 62 78

TOWN HALL.

Appropriation,		\$1,500 00
Paid F. Tinker,	\$ 89 00	
William Wing, contract work,	1,340 00	
William Wing, extra work,	35 00	
William Wing, Geo. O. Shephard,	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,500 00

The Hall was repaired and ready to occupy about the first of September. Since then we have received for the use of the Hall,

	\$88 90
Paid for the care of Hall,	39 55
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Leaving a net income of	\$49 35

which has been paid in to the town treasurer.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of water loan notes,	\$2,900 00
Amount of building loan,	2,000 00
Interest on bonds and notes (estimated),	150 00
Bills of town officers (estimated),	700 00
Snow bills (estimated),	1,200 00
Outstanding orders	543 41
Unsettled bills (estimated),	100 00
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\$7,593 41

RESOURCES.

Due from A. C. Carr, collector,	\$4,079 07
Due from State of Maine,	1,133 81
Cash on hand,	1,984 12
Balance against the town,	396 41
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\$7,593 41

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

J. A. Warren, town tax, 1882, \$3 00

W. B. Brown, Dis. No. 4 tax, 1882, \$1 34

David Cloutier, " " " " 80

Oliver Pickard, " " " " 80

David Cloutier, " 1883, 3 00

John Cuniff, " " 3 00

Frank B. Dale, " " 3 00

Joseph Devine, " " 3 00

Amos Hammond, " " 3 00

Wyman Hanson, " " 3 00

Thomas Jenness, " " 3 00

George Reed, " " 3 00

O. H. Stanley, " " 3 00

Henry R. Wing, " " 3 00

L. B. Wing, " " 3 00

I. M. Norcross, " " 3 00

B. F. Austin, " 1884, 4 75

John Cuniff, " " 3 00 District No. 4 tax, .53

Chas. Clouchey, " " 3 00 " " " .53

Felix Derwin, " " 3 00 " " " .53

Wyman Hanson, " " 3 00 " " " .53

Chas. H. Howard, " " 3 00 " " " .53

H. M. Hannaford, " " 3 00 " " " .53

Alex Lavaley, " " 3 00 " " " .53

Wm. H. Mace, " " 3 00 " " " .53

John I. Morancy, " " 3 00 " " " .53

Offa Philbrook, " " 3 00 " " " .53

Amason Pitcher, " " 3 00 " " " .53

Chas. S. Small, " " 3 00

Wm. C. Thurston, " " 3 00

A. T. Witham, " " 3 00 " " " .53

Chas. H. Welch, " " 3 70

David Cloutier, " " " .53

R. T. Jones, " " 7 00

B. F. Austin, " 1885, 5 08

Elliott Wood,	"	"	\$2 60
J. Fred Lord,	"	"	3 00
Offa Philbrook,	"	"	3 00
Winthrop Fact'y Co.,	"	"	32 50
Chas. H. Welch,	"	"	4 56
Joanna Case,	"	"	65
B. F. Austin,	"	1886,	4 72
Winthrop Fact'y Co.,	"	"	31 20
Geo. L. Lowell,	"	"	3 12

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BRAINERD,	}	<i>Selectmen of Winthrop.</i>
LEVI JONES,		
H. PENNIMAN,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1887

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 28.	Cash balance from last account,	\$ 2,068 07
	Rec'd of A. C. Carr, collector,	11,245 00
	State of Me. school fund etc.,	954 35
	Selectmen, sale of oxen,	130 00
	Town of Wayne, support of C. Batchelder,	124 47
	Town of Wayne, med. attend. wife of H. Raymond,	5 00
	City of Augusta, support of fam- ily of J. Dearborn,	26 00
	Rent of town hall,	49 35
	State pensions, R. R. & Tel. tax,	95 92
		<hr/> \$14,698 16

EXPENDITURES.

Paid town bonds due in 1882,	\$ 700 00
" " 1885,	550 00
Coupons on same,	64 00
Interest on water loan notes,	126 00
Interest on Almshouse loan,	90 00
Orders on account School District No. 4, spe- cial tax,	9 30

Orders on account of Almshouse fund,	\$35 00
Orders on account of support of Poor etc.,	5,694 89
Orders on account of schools,	2,833 51
Orders on account of highways,	2,563 34
State Pensions,	48 00
Balance on hand,	1,984 12
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	\$14,698 16

LIABILITIES.

Water loan notes (outstanding),	\$2,900 00
Almshouse loan note (outstanding),	2,000 00
Due for support of schools,	232 85
School districts on account of special tax,	56 05
Unexpended balance of water works fund,	02
Due on account of support of the poor, etc.,	301 05
Balance in favor of the town,	1,873 87
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	7,363 84

RESOURCES.

Due from A. C. Carr, collector,	\$4,079 07
State of Maine,	1,133 81
School district No. 4, (over draft)	96 67
Cash in Treasury,	1,984 12
Over draft on Highway account,	70 17
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	7,363 84

Above "balance in favor of the town," will be reduced by the payment of outstanding orders and unliquidated claims, and reference is made to the report of the Selectmen for an estimate of the amount required.

J. M. BENJAMIN, *Treasurer.*

Winthrop, Feb. 28, 1887.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

J. E. BRAINERD,	}	<i>Selectmen of Winthrop.</i>
LEVI JONES,		
H. PENNIMAN,		

ABSTRACT OF TOWN WARRANT.

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers.
- Art. 3. To raise a sum of money for support of schools.
- Art. 4. To raise a sum of money for support of poor and other necessary town charges.
- Art. 5. To raise a sum of money for highway.
- Art. 6. To raise a sum of money to discharge indebtedness.
- Art. 7. To raise a sum of money for Payson Tucker Hose Co.
- Art. 8. To raise a sum of money for free high schools.
- Art. 9. To raise a sum of money for Memorial day.
- Art. 10. To raise a sum of money to purchase hose.
- Art. 11. To raise a sum of money for sidewalks.
- Art. 12. To raise a sum of money for street lights.
- Art. 13. To raise a sum of money for Soldier's Monument.
- Art. 14. To raise a sum of money to extend water pipes.
- Art. 15. To raise a sum of money for fence for Village cemetery.
- Art. 16. To raise a sum of money to extend sidewalks.
- Art. 17. To tax dogs.
- Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to put blinds on the town almshouse.
- Art. 19. To assess tax to pay for school property.
- Art. 20. To raise money for water closets for schools in the village.
- Art. 21. To see if the town will pay W. S. Frost for the loss of his horse.
- Art. 22. To hear reports of committees.
- Art. 23. To allow accounts against the town.

APPRAISERS REPORT.

At a special town-meeting holden September 25th, 1886, the undersigned were chosen to appraise the school property of the town, report as follows :—

District No. 1, appraised,	\$ 950 00
“ “ 2, “	850 00
“ “ 3, “	1, 000 00
“ “ 4, “	8, 500 00
“ “ 5, “	1, 000 00
“ “ 6, “	450 00
“ “ 7, “	200 00
“ “ 8, “	400 00
“ “ 9, “	700 00
“ “ 10, “	150 00
Total,	<hr/> \$14,200 00

J. E. BRAINERD,	} <i>Appraisers</i>
LEVI JONES,	
H. PENNIMAN,	
N. R. PIKE,	
THOS. H. WHITE,	} <i>School</i>
	} <i>Property.</i>

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We submit the following report for the year ending March, 1887.

At our first meeting A. R. Crane was selected to serve three years, W. H. Keith two years, and L. T. Carleton one year. Mr. Crane was chosen chairman, and Mr. Carleton secretary.

The census was taken, as required by law, on the first of April, 1886, and it was found that there were 578 school children in the town at the time.

The amount of money placed at our disposal for the maintenance of schools during the year was \$2,926.58, and was derived from the following sources :

From the annual appropriation,	\$1,800 00
“ “ fund,	170 24
“ State,	956 34
Total,	<u>\$2,926 58</u>

The abolition of the “district system” by vote of the town at its last annual meeting, gave to your committee the power, with certain limitations, to make such changes in the management of the schools as they deemed advisable. And after a careful examination of all the facts, and consultation with many living in different parts of the town, we decided

1 To give to all scholars in town the opportunity of attending the Grammar school or the High school, provided they are far enough advanced to pursue the regular courses of study adopted for these schools. And from 15 to 18 scholars living outside the village have attended these schools during the year.

2 To discontinue the schools numbered in the old system 6, 9, and 10, and to allow the scholars living in these neighborhoods to attend the schools nearest to them, or most conven-

ient for them. It was further agreed to allow a certain sum of money for the transportation to and from school of such scholars as would be seriously discommoded by the discontinuance of the schools in their vicinity.

3 To maintain in the village and in the districts formerly numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8, three terms of school during the year, our aim being to give equal school privileges, as far as possible, to all the school children of the town. And, with a single exception, those schools have been maintained three terms, of 9, 10, and 11 weeks each, or 30 weeks during the year.

4 We also decided to have a public examination of all persons who should wish to teach any of our schools. Quite a number presented themselves for examination at the appointed time, though all who had previously applied for schools did not appear before your committee. The examination was made in writing, was thorough, and in the main satisfactory. And from the number of those who obtained the highest rank, and whose record showed that they were successful teachers, or who appeared to possess the requisite tact for teaching, the teachers for the first term were selected.

GRADED SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Miss N. E. Henton, teacher. ~~Number~~ of scholars attending.
 Spring term, whole number, 32; average attendance, 30.
 Fall term, whole number, 32; average attendance, 30.
 Winter term, whole number, 27; average attendance, 26.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Maud M. McIlroy, teacher.
 Spring term, whole number, 41; average attendance, 39.
 Fall term, whole number, 37; average attendance, 36.
 Winter term, whole number, 34; average attendance, 32.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss Emma A. Robbins, teacher.

Spring term, whole number, 37; average attendance, 34.

Fall term, Lizzie F. Hegerty, teacher. Whole number, 40; average attendance, 35.

Winter term, Miss A. A. Partridge, teacher. Whole number, 43; average attendance, 38.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teachers,—Juliet M. Stanley, spring; A. A. Partridge, fall; and M. Alice Robbins, winter term.

Spring term, whole number, 53; average attendance, 49.

Fall term, whole number, 49; average attendance, 39.

Winter term, whole number, 45; average attendance, 39.

Miss Hunton and Miss McIlroy did the same good work as in previous years. Emma Robbins left the Intermediate school at the end of the spring term on account of ill health, and was succeeded in the fall by Miss Hegerty, and in the winter by Miss Partridge, under whose instruction the scholars made marked improvement. At the close of the first term, Miss Juliet M. Stanley retired from the Primary school, in which she had labored with unusual success for a series of years, gaining alike the good will of her pupils and the esteem of the community. Miss Partridge was placed in charge of the school and did excellent work one term, when she was transferred to the Intermediate school, and Miss Alice Robbins, one of our most successful teachers, was engaged in her stead. It is the opinion of the only member of the committee who has heretofore been officially connected with the schools, that they are in a better condition than they have ever been. Yet there is room, as there is in the best of schools, for improvement. We think it is especially desirable to raise the standard of scholarship in the schools, and to provide for them a broader range of study. At our request, the teachers of the Primary, Intermediate, Grammar, and High schools have prepared courses of study for these schools, an outline of which is

printed in connection with this report. Should this plan be adopted, as now seems probable, there will be no promotions from the lower to the higher schools during the year.

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

EAST WINTHROP.

M. Alice Robbins, Lucy Hawkes, and Daniel C. Robbins, teachers. Scholars attending school in Spring, whole number, 19; average attendance, 16. Fall term, whole number, 20; average attendance, 16. Winter term, whole number, 15; average attendance, 13.

WINTHROP CENTER.

Lettie M. Smith, teacher. Spring term, whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 15. Fall term, whole number, 25; average attendance, 22. Winter term, whole number, 18; average attendance, 13.

SNELL SCHOOL.

Annie R. Allen teacher spring and fall terms, and Edwin M. Foster, winter term. Spring term, whole number 37; average attendance, 29. Fall term, whole number 35; average attendance, 32. Winter term, whole number, 34; average attendance, 28.

WEST WINTHROP.

Lizzie A. Hegerty, teacher spring term, Alice H. Longfellow, fall term, and Fred W. Newell, winter term. Spring term, whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 13. Fall term, whole number, 9; average attendance, 7. Winter term, whole number, 12; average attendance, 10.

NORCROSS SCHOOL.

Annie L. Bearce, teacher spring and fall terms, and Susie Bearce, teacher winter term. Spring term, whole number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 16. Fall term, whole number, 21; average attendance, 17. Winter term, whole number, 18; average attendance, 15.

MT. PISGAH SCHOOL.

Alice H. Longfellow, teacher spring term, and Mabel S. Robbins, fall term. Whole number scholars in spring term 9; average attendance 7; fall term, number scholars, 10; average attendance 7.

Quite a number of these teachers were young, and almost, if not altogether, destitute of experience in schoolroom work, when they entered upon the labors of the year. They passed, however, a better examination than some who were older, and had been engaged for years in teaching; and the zeal manifested, and the work done by nearly all of them, satisfied us that they may by steady effort make first-class teachers. Among those who were successful in their first efforts were Fred Newell, Edwin Foster, Susie Bearce, Annie Bearce, Mabel Robbins, and Alice Longfellow. Miss Hegerty is a good scholar, of agreeable manners, and, we believe, capable of doing good work. The remaining teachers have had more or less experience prior to the last year. Mr. Robbins, Miss Robbins, Miss Hawkes maintained the good reputation they had previously earned. Miss Smith remained during the year, and gave general satisfaction. Miss Allen was energetic, and fairly successful.

At our suggestion, an Association, composed of all the teachers in town, was formed early in the season. Several meetings were held, attended both by members of the committee and the teachers, at which papers prepared by the teachers were read, and various questions relating to school government and methods of teaching, were freely discussed. The influence of these meetings was highly beneficial, especially to the younger teachers, and we hope the organization will be maintained, and meetings regularly held in the year to come.

We have been enabled, in addition to maintaining thirty weeks of school, with the single exception mentioned, to purchase an organ for the high school, at a cost of \$65.00 Also a copy of Yagg's Anatomical Chart, a work of rare merit and great usefulness, for the use of all the schools, at a cost of \$35.

It gives us pleasure to record the fact that Miss Hannah Bailey offered a prize of \$2.00 to each school for the best essay on the subject of temperance. Stimulated by this offer, a large number of papers were prepared by the scholars, some of them of rare excellence, considering the age and attainments of the authors.

A prize of \$5.00 was also offered by a member of the committee to the scholars of the high school for excellence in drawing. A decided interest was aroused, and the drawings made by the pupils showed that they had been well instructed, and possess a good degree of artistic skill.

We are of the opinion that it would be wise for the town to appropriate a small sum, in addition to the ordinary appropriation, for the support of the high school. An appropriation of \$250.00 by the town would secure from the State a similar sum, and this would enable us to make many needed improvements, and to purchase books of reference and apparatus for the school.

It is for the town to decide what to do with several of the schoolhouses. It is not probable that there will be any further use for the houses in No. 6 and No. 10. The house in No. 7 is unfit for use. The house on Sturtevant hill is new, and might be moved to a more central location, and accommodate all in that part of the town.

We would observe in closing that the benefits derived from the abolition of the district system are clearly apparent from the foregoing; the work is being systematized, and the good results of this will be still more apparent in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. CRANE,	}	<i>Superintending School Committee.</i>
WILLIAM H. KEITH,		
L. T. CARLETON,		

WINTHROP, Feb. 29, 1887.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR'S WORK.

READING. Words and sentences from board and chart. Appleton's and Munroe's charts used.

SPELLING. Oral, by sound and name.

NUMBER. Counting, with objects, from 1 to 10 inclusive. Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing with objects.

WRITING. Forms of small letters. Copying words and sentences from board and chart.

OBSERVATION. Lessons on direction, place, form, size, color, etc.

SECOND YEAR'S WORK.

READING. First Reader completed at end of this year.

SPELLING. Words from Reader and chart.

NUMBER. Drill on previous work. Writing any number to 50 as a unit, without any notion of units and tens.

LANGUAGE. *Expression*. Stories read or told to pupils and reproduced by them orally.

GEOGRAPHY. Place, direction and distance, cardinal and semi-cardinal points of the compass. Drawing plans of table-top, room, etc.

WRITING. Copying from reading lesson, words and short sentences from dictation.

THIRD YEAR'S WORK.

READING. Completion of Second Reader at end of year.

SPELLING. Oral. Begin "Meleney & Griffin's Selected Words." Take first twenty pages.

ARITHMETIC. Addition and subtraction of simple numbers, with the tables and drills from boards and primary text-book.

WRITING. Begin with lowest book. Use lead pencil.

LANGUAGE. Stories read or told to pupils, reproduced by them orally. Stories written from pictures.

GEOGRAPHY. Oral instruction preparatory to taking text book.

PHYSIOLOGY. Parts of the body. Bones, muscles, etc. Effects of alcohol and tobacco on the same.

FOURTH YEAR'S WORK.

READING. Normal Third Reader. 125 pages.

SPELLING. Oral and written. Use "Meleney and Griffin's Selected Words." From page 20 to page 46.

WRITING. Arm, hand and finger movements. Use No. 2 writing book.

GEOGRAPHY. Use Warren's Primary, 26 pages.

ARITHMETIC. Addition, subtraction and multiplication tables from 2's to 12's inclusive and work in the four rules, mental and written.

PHYSIOLOGY. Bones, muscles, circulation, digestion, effects of alcohol and tobacco on the body.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

READING. Normal Third Reader, first one hundred and twenty pages.

SPELLING. Meleney & Griffin's Selected Words, page 46 to 66.

ARITHMETIC. Review and drill on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

MENTAL ARITHMETIC. In connection with written work.

GEOGRAPHY. Warren's Primary Geography, from page 26 to 62.

LANGUAGE LESSONS. Sentences, capitals, punctuation, etc.

SECOND YEAR.

READING. Normal Third Reader, from page 120 to 238.

SPELLING. Meleney & Griffin's Selected Words, page 66 to 86.

ARITHMETIC. Fractions.

MENTAL ARITHMETIC. In connection with written work.

GEOGRAPHY. Warren's Primary Geography, from page 62 to 85.

LANGUAGE LESSONS. Elementary lessons in English.

THIRD YEAR.

READING. Normal Fourth Reader, from page 27 to 108.

SPELLING. Meleney & Griffin's Selected Words, page 86 to 106.

ARITHMETIC. Review of fractions, denominate numbers.

MENTAL ARITHMETIC. In connection with written work.

GEOGRAPHY. Warren's Brief Course, from page 22 to 47, and page 5 to 13.

LANGUAGE LESSONS. Oral work in parts of speech and analysis of simple sentences.

HISTORY. Oral work in early discoveries and settlements.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

ARITHMETIC. Denominate fractions to percentage.

MENTAL ARITHMETIC. In connection with written work.

GEOGRAPHY. Warren's Brief Course. Completed.

HISTORY OF THE U. S. Thirteen Colonies.

Child's Book of Nature, W. Hooper, M.D. Completed.

GRAMMAR. Oral work in Parts of Speech and Analysis.

SPELLING. Meleney and Griffin's Selected Words.

SECOND YEAR.

ARITHMETIC. Percentage to Equation of Payments.

MENTAL ARITHMETIC. In connection with written work.

GRAMMAR. Patterson's Grammar, 125 pages.

HISTORY OF U. S. Intercolonial and Revolutionary wars.

READING. Normal Fifth Reader, 150 pages.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE. Oral instruction.

SPELLING. Words from Text-book. Definitions.

THIRD YEAR.

ARITHMETIC. Robinson's Arithmetic completed.

MENTAL ARITHMETIC. In connection with written work.

HISTORY OF U. S. Quackenbos' Presidential Administrations.

GRAMMAR. Patterson's Grammar completed and analysis.

READING. Normal Fifth Reader.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

SPELLING. Words from text-books.

Compositions and Declamations.

COURSES OF STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR. — Terms of Twelve Weeks.

SPRING TERM. Greenleaf's Elementary Algebra, to Quadratics; Hooker's Natural History, to Reptiles. Jones' Latin Lessons, the first 24 lessons.

FALL TERM. Elementary Algebra, completed; Natural History, completed; Jones' Latin Lessons, from 25th to 55th lesson.

WINTER TERM. Advanced Algebra, to Quadratics; Guizot's Physical Geography, part first and second; Jones' Latin Lessons, completed.

SECOND YEAR.

SPRING TERM. Advanced Algebra, completed; Physical Geography, parts third and fourth; Cæsar, first book.

FALL TERM. Meservey's Bookkeeping, Single Entry; Wells' Philosophy, to Pneumatics; Cæsar, second and third books.

WINTER TERM. Bookkeeping, Double Entry; Philosophy, to Light; Virgil, first book.

THIRD YEAR.

SPRING TERM. Wentworth's Geometry, first book; Botany; Virgil, second and third books.

FALL TERM. Geometry, second and third books; take up Botany in regard to seeds, the first 6 weeks, and complete Philosophy in the remainder of the term; Virgil, 4th, 5th and 6th books.

WINTER TERM. Geometry, complete; Astronomy; Rhetoric.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Winthrop :

I herewith submit my second annual report of the condition and general efficiency of the Fire Department, with a detailed statement of the work performed for the municipal year, closing March 13th.

I am glad to be able to report that the town has been much more favored in regard to exemption from fires than last year.

The apparatus of the department is the same as last year with the addition of six leather "leak straps" so called, two "hydrant gates," six leather shoulder straps, six hydrant wrenches, one "Siamese" and two $\frac{3}{4}$ inch nozzles — all of which articles were absolutely needed. The department has been worked this year as last, by "Payson Tucker Hose Co.," now numbering 24 good and efficient men — W. E. Whitman, foreman, succeeding E. O. Kelley, who served the company and the public the two previous years, so promptly, efficiently and with general satisfaction, to whom I desire on my part to extend my thanks for his readiness at all times to respond to all reasonable calls.

Wallace E. Berry has had charge of the hose house and all the apparatus connected with the department and to see to it that it is at all times in working order, which trust he has faithfully discharged, to the satisfaction of the department.

The services rendered by the department during the year have been as follows: They have been called out five times, four of which were to test the pipes, hydrants, hose and pump to make sure they were all in working condition.

April 24th a test was made and found to be all right except a leak in the pipe leading from the pump to the hydrant in the hydrant house of the Winthrop Mills Company, which leak the company at once repaired.

May 29th, again tested the water works, the frost being out of the ground and found to be all right.

September 10th. Tested again the same and found them in good working condition.

November 20th. Again tested the water works in all its parts, before winter set in, to be sure all was right and in good working condition, which was found to be all right.

Feb. 5th, 1887, the department was for the first time since my last report, and since Dec. 20, 1885, summoned to a fire, the shop of Wellman & Clark. The Hose Company was promptly at the fire, where they found the building so thoroughly on fire that the flames had burst out through the roof.

They soon had two streams playing on the building, which was a two story wood building used for a blacksmith shop and a carriage factory, and in which was much combustible material. Within half an hour they had the fire under control, and within a reasonable time entirely extinguished. The whole lower story was saved with but very little damage. Considering the hour of night when called out, the Company are entitled to no little credit for their promptness and willingness to do the best in their power. This was another proof of the fact that "Payson Tucker Hose Company" is a hard and strong power for a fire to contend with.

All the members of the company were present but two, who were unable to be. The building was insured for \$600, and the stock for \$1600. Origin of the fire unknown.

The expenses of the department for the year have been as small as practicable, in connection with the necessities of the same, and for a detailed statement of which, I refer you to the report of the Selectmen.

I feel constrained again to call the attention of the town to the necessity of extending the pipe to connect with the pump in the lower mill, for reasons which must appear obvious to every one. I think it obvious to every one who will consider the matter that the pipes should be extended down Mechanic street, Royal street and across the Railroad from hy-

drant No. 8, and it is hoped that some steps to this end may be considered at the next annual meeting.

Relative to obtaining more hose which are liable any day to be needed, and at no very distant time will be absolutely needed, I feel it would be a wise thing for the town to purchase annually a few hundred feet, say three hundred ; in this way the expense would be light and the supply kept up in good condition.

The results of our water works have proved their value to the town and therefore the more reason why they should be kept up to a good working condition.

I think I shall be excused for again bespeaking for the company a reasonable compensation for their services for the ensuing year, liable as they are at any and all times to be called out and ready as they are to promptly respond. I think the results of the company are by this time quite fully appreciated.

And now in closing I wish to thank the officers and members of the company for their faithful and cheerful support, and also the selectmen for their readiness to accede to all reasonable demands to promote the efficiency of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WING, *Chief Engineer.*

Winthrop, Feb. 26, 1887.

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