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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

To the Citizens of Fryeburg.

In submitting our annual report, it seems to us and may to you, somewhat "Loaded;" but we have endeavored to scrutinize all bills and have ordered payment on none that the town was not liable for. There have been several outstanding bills presented for settlement. In the pauper suit, Fryeburg vs. Brownfield, Attornys Walker and Foster who managed these suits, with Dr. Hill's bill, for medical attendance to the pauper, have been paid; the amounts of each you will see in the list of orders. Fryeburg will, without doubt, get decisions from the Law Court in her favor and several hundred dollars will be received from Brownfield. It has required more to support the poor than usual. In the case of Mrs. Charles Howe and family (three children) in her long term of sickness, we provided subsistance and necessary help without stint. We have furnished Sewell M. Richardson supplies to the amount of two dollars per week, for the year past, and Mrs. Daniel Smith's child one dollar per week. Again. You will recollect that at the March meeting of 1882, it was voted to raise \$2,000, for repairs of roads; individual taxpayers to work out their assessed proportion. As the winter proved, this sum was insufficient. Highway surveyers notified the selectmen that they had not money enough on their tax lists to keep the roads "broken out," consequently your selectmen must order your public ways to be put in a passable condition. Mr. Ballard, chairman of the board of 1883, called the attention of the town, at the last annual meeting, to these bills and estimated that it would cost over \$300 to pay for the winter and spring highway work.

Here is the list of Orders to pay certified bills, by your Highway Surveyors :—

Dist. No. 1 and 16, John Weston.....	\$125 00
Unpaid highway taxes, and returned in No. 1.....	75 00
Dist. No. 2, Oren Osgood.....	11 50
2, Henry Walker.....	11 63
3, Nothing.....	
5, Abiel F. Smith.....	6 87
5, Ivory F. Snow.....	2 50
5, Charles Harriman.....	75
5, John C. Harriman.....	3 75
5,	
6, Abel F. Sanborn.....	14 38
6, William Douglass.....	10 00
6, Thomas S. Pike.....	8 00
7, Paul Perkins.....	2 00
7, Samuel Gordon.....	80
7, N. R. Hardy.....	8 34
7, Stephen G. Hardy.....	7 62
7, Dean A. Ballard.....	1 25
8,	0 00
9,	0 00
10, Dexter H. Charles.....	5 25
10, Melborne Thomas.....	1 25
10, Edwin R. Charles.....	6 90
10, P. C. Guptill.....	3 75
10, Osgood Charles.....	4 34
10, Hollis Mansfield.....	65
10, J. S. Irish.....	5 00
11, James E. Hutchins.....	4 50
11, Isaac Abbott.....	8 62
11, James Emerson.....	2 50
11, Charles Chandler.....	6 00
11, Howard Hurd ..	19 50
11, F. W. Day.....	1 87
11, John W. Walker..	3 00
11, Amos Maxwell.....	3 75
11,	
12, E. W. Barker.....	8 00
12, Wm. H. Wiswell.....	4 50
12, A. V. Stevens.....	16 00
12, Adelbert Wiley.....	15 00
12,	
13, Thomas K. Holt.....	13 33
13, Benj. F. Buzzell.....	5 00

13, W. S. Hobbs.....	9 00
13,	
14, George W. Thompson.....	12 40
14, John N Coffin.....	2 90
14, O. F. Emery.....	1 52
15,	
17, James O. Smith.....	14 25
17, B. C. Chadburn.....	5 65
17, W. H. Quincy.....	7 00
18, J. E. Emerson.....	1 45
Alvin McKeen.....	4 00
B. & N. Knight.....	2 77
Charles Evans.....	4 80

We find the money cost of highway repairs for 1883 amount to \$418 84, less \$75 00 returned highway taxes. Actual cost, \$343 84. Our roads are not in good condition for summer travel, and it is our opinion that \$1,200 00 in money will, for a series of years, put our roads in better repair than \$2,500 00 under the old highway system.

The real estate valuation is.....	\$531,870 00
Personal estate.....	155,083 00
Total	<u>\$686,953 00</u>

Number of Polls, 454.

The assessments upon Polls and Estates were :

For State tax.....	\$3,189 69
For County tax.....	875 95
For support of Schools.....	1,400 00
For support of poor and current expenses of Town.....	1,800 00
For repair of bridges.....	300 00
For text books.....	10 00
For Sinking Fund.....	900 00
For interest on Town indebtedness.....	1,200 00
Besides an overlay of.....	338 11
Total.....	<u>\$10,013 75</u>

It was voted that a discount of ten per cent. should be allowed on taxes paid on or before Oct. 1, 1883, and five per cent. on taxes paid between Oct 1, 1883, and Jan. 1, 1884. Of the former there was collected \$6,829 65, and of the latter \$787 72. These discounts amount to \$787 72.

ACCOUNTS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The record book will not show the same on the first Monday of March as appears here, as schools are in session and soon to close, and bills will be paid that will materially change the accounts as they stand Feb. 20.

District.	Apportioned.	Expended.	Unexpended.
1	\$380 61	\$214 65	\$165 96
2	193 82	142 80	51 02
3	54 68	53 50	1 18
4	77 01	56 00	11 01
5	69 50	68 75	75
6	165 00	132 95	32 05
7	78 77	70 00	8 77
8	155 00	137 12	17 88
9	84 72	82 50	2 22
10	197 46	134 25	63 21
11	132 91	54 80	78 11
12	86 47	87 45	
13	110 87	104 00	6 87
14	110 00	109 68	32
15	193 90	115 10	78 80
16	80 00	2 75	77 90
17	112 90	81 87	31 03
7 in Denm'k	57 41	56 00	1 41

TOWN FARM

Upon examination we find the premises in good order and are as well and economically managed by Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Wiley as the circumstances will admit; rather more additional women help has been required than in the average of years past. The master is paid \$300 per year. The inmates are—

John Ingraham.....	52 weeks
Daniel Sargent.....	52 weeks
Fred Johnson.....	52 weeks
Willie McKeen.....	17 weeks
Susan Smart.....	52 weeks
Betsey Lovice.....	45 weeks
Johnson's children.....	21 weeks
Total.....	291 weeks

ORDERS FOR SUPPLY BILLS.

Charles Chandler.....	\$ 7 75
Additional women's help.....	23 05
E. P. Weston & Co., 1883 and 1884.....	162 49
Tarbox & Walker, grain.....	40 14
C. H. Walker, grain.....	24 40
C. H. Tibbetts.....	13 64
F. W. Powers, pasturing stock.....	19 50
Marshall Walker, 2 pigs.....	6 00
Albert Wiley, 4 months' labor at \$12.00.....	48 00
For 3 days' extra labor.....	3 00
Dexter Wiley, part salary.....	100 00
Due on master's salary.....	200 00
Total expense.....	\$647 97

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL EFFECTS.

STOCK.

2 oxen.....	\$145 00
3 cows.....	100 00
3 3 years old.....	85 00
7 2 years old.....	100 00
2 1 years old.....	20 00
2 swine.....	18 00
Total.....	\$468 00

HAY AND GRAIN.

9 tons hay.....	\$100 00
6 tons mixed hay.....	48 00
1 ton straw.....	6 00
10 bushels corn..	9 00
40 bushels oats.....	20 00
Total.....	\$183 00

PROVISIONS.

6 bushels beans.....	\$ 16 50
100 bushels potatoes.....	20 00
185 pounds beef.....	13 00
300 pounds Pork.....	30 00
65 pounds Lard.....	7 00
100 pounds bacon....	10 00
Total,	\$96 50
	\$747 50

MASTER'S ACCOUNT.

Received for labor, produce, exchange of stock,	\$69 42
Paid out for store and sundry expenses	\$44 42
Cash paid in treasury	25 00
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	\$69 42

Cost per week of support of poor, each \$2 14.

Orders drawn for help to the poor in their homes, and other expenses away from farm :

E. P. Weston & Co., supplies for S. M. Richardson, for one year and eight weeks	\$121 74
Orren Charles, for board of Mrs. Smith's child, one year at \$1 00 per week	52 00
Minnie Ricker, for work in Mrs. Charles Howe's family	2 50
Mrs. Libby, for work in Mrs. Charles Howe's family	18 50
Orren Charles, board of Mrs. Smith's child 19 1-2 weeks	19 50
E. P. Weston & Co., for cloths for Mrs. Smith's child	3 35
J. & W. Locke, for supplies furnished Mrs. Charles Howe's family 1883	\$68 88
D. D. Carlton, cash paid town of Lovell. expenses of McKeen boy, a pauper we were obliged to assume	10 50
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Total expense	\$296 97

LIST OF GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE PAST YEAR.

1883.

Feb.	22, D. A. Ballard, Recording valuation	\$ 12 00
	24, Town of Lovell, keeping Mrs. Smith's child	25 00
	27, Thomas Bragdon, shingling Harbor bridge	12 25
March	1, Oren Charles, snowing bridge, 1881 and 1882	3 00
	3, D. L. Samson medical attendance to Mrs. James Ela	5 00
	8, Samuel Dearborn, highway labor, 1881	1 00
	14, B. W. McKeen, Supervisor of Schools	70 00
	15, Dean Ballard, services as Selectman	80 00
	17, Samuel Frye, highway labor, year 1881	1 25
	17, John Locke, cash paid for printing Town Reports and express bill on same	17 50
	17, T. S. McIntire, services as Clerk and Constable	15 45
	17, John Locke, services as Treasurer	35 00
	17, J. A. Jones, services as Selectman	65 00
	17, C. H. Walker, services as Selectman	75 00
April	2, Dexter Wiley, balance of salary for 1882	25 00
	22, C. H. Walker, for cash paid for Town books, blanks for orders and pauper expenses	21 91

	24, G. W. Thompson, boards for Charles river bridge	2 00
June	12, Jas. V. Emerson, work on Canal bridge.	6 00
July	19, Thomas M. Johnson, balance on bridge repairs..	1 16
Aug.	3, A. R. Jenness, for cash paid for Temperance text books... ..	10 00
Sept.	8, Henry Crosbie, for Recording valuation.....	12 00
	8, David Martin, rebuilding Frye bridge and repairing a culvert	100 00
	14, F. C. Lord, abatement on tax.....	1 34
	14, Levi Johnson, for burying a horse left by some unknown person.....	3 00
	22, Dr. Wm. C. Towle, for medical services.....	56 50
Oct.	1, F. A. Wiley, poundage for 1882.....	88 45
	24, E. W. Barker, repairing culvert.....	6 00
	24, John S. Atwood, mistake in returning highway tax.....	1 50
Dec.	8, James Walker, repairing Island bridge.....	17 00
	24, D. D. Carlton, for cash paid Town of Lovell charges for Willie McKeen.....	10 00
1884.		
Jan.	23, Enoch Foster, for legal services in pauper suit..	45 00
Feb.	4, A. H. Walker for legal services in pauper suit..	92 62
	9, Dr. D. L. Samson, medical attendance to Mrs. Charles Howe.....	21 00
	14, Dr. Charles Hill, for medical attendance to Mrs. Georgianna Booth, years of 1879 and 1880... ..	71 25
	15, O. F. Emery, bridge repairs and cash paid for iron in railing....	4 50
	15, Henry Batchelder, abatement of tax in part....	2 62
	20, F. A. Wiley, discount on collected taxes to Oct. 1,	682 96
	20, F. A. Wiley, discount on collected taxes from Oct. 1 to Jan. 1.....	39 38

BRIDGES.

Expended on Bridges.....	\$134.41
There are one or two small bills for bridge work that have not been presented, probably will not amount to over.....	20.00

We have not repaired Weston's Bridge, as we were unable to get suitable lumber. Lumber has been contracted for and will be delivered when wanted.

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

C. H. Walker,)	Selectmen, {	\$80.00
J. A. Jones,)		75.00
D. D. Carlton,)		70.00

CLERK AND CONSTABLE.

T. S. McIntire.....	\$12.00
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SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

Fred W. Powers.....	\$75.00
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TREASURER.

John Locke.....	\$35.00
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\$347.00

C. H. WALKER.	} Selectmen of Fryeburg.
J. A. JONES,	
D. D. CARLTON.	

Treasurer's Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$2,309.21
F. A. Wiley, Collector, 1882 and 1883.....	6,228.14
Resident and non-resident taxes.....	111.69
State Treasurer, Telegraph and R. Road tax.....	82.82
State Pension advanced.....	72.00
Selectmen from Poor Farm	25.00
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	8,828.86

PAYMENTS.

Advertising Non-resident taxes.....	\$ 6.00
Printing Reports	17.00
State Pension advanced.....	36.00
Coupons, old bonds,	108.00
Coupons, new bonds.....	1,000.00
Called bonds.....	500.00
Uncalled bonds.....	1,500.00
Accrued interest.....	10.00
Safe, Town Clerk.....	150.00
Bounty on wolf.....	5.00
Orders.....	3,134.15
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	\$6,466.10

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

Due from Collector for year 1883.....	\$1,736.99
Resident tax deeds.....	500.59
Non-resident tax deeds.....	165.64
Due from Town of Stowe.....	21.00
Cash on hand.....	2,312.00
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	\$4,806.98

LIABILITIES.

Orders drawn and not presented.....	\$ 20.53
Due School Districts.....	628.49
Collections and abatements, estimated.....	200.00
Due master Poor Farm.....	200.00
Old bonds bearing no interest.....	200.00
Town officers bills.....	337.00
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	\$1,586.02

Bonds, July 1, 1880, \$20,000.00.

JOHN LOCKE, TREASURER.

Fryeburg, Feb. 22, 1884.

TABULATED EXHIBIT OF THE SCHOOLS OF FRYEBURG.

No. of District.	AGENT.	TEACHER.	TERM.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.	Length in Days.	Weekly Wages, Exclud'g Board.
1	Wm. Gordon.	Cynthia E. Pingree.	Summer	60	51	50	\$5 00
		"	Fall	50	36	50	5 00
		Fred. W. Powers.	Winter	60	48	60	9 00
2	A. R. Jenness.	Anna Barrows.	Summer	25	18	50	6 00
		"	Fall	26	19	60	6 00
3	Merrill Fellows.	Anna M. Dore.	Summer	7	6	60	3 00
4	James D. Meserve.	Mary Abbott.	Winter	6	4	65	2 50
5	C. H. Walker.	Hattie B. Frost.	Spring	2	2	25	2 50
		Eva D. Walker.	Fall	2	2	25	2 00
		"	Winter	2	2	30	2 00
6	Harmon Berry.	Hulda Hobbs.	Summer	22	19	50	3 00
		"	Winter	21	19	60	3 50
7	Oren Osgood.	Julia Whitehouse.	Summer	10	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	5 00
		Ida M. Hutchins.	Fall			30	5 00
8	Stephen Hardy.	"	Summer	27	24	45	5 00
		Olive Eaton.	Winter	32	27	60	5 00
9	J. Alvin Jones.	Lizzie C. Shirley.	Summer	8	8	50	2 25
		"	Fall	11	9	70	2 25
10	John Mitchell.	Maria C. Hamblen.	Summer	35	25	55	5 25
		"	Winter	45	36	50	6 00
11	Howard Hurd.	Olive Eaton.	Summer	15	12	40	4 00
		James Hobbs.	Winter	17	15	65	4 50
12	Enoch W. Barker.	Mary E. Buzzell.	Summer	6	5	40	2 75
		Myra Bennett.	Winter	7	5	40	5 00
13	Jacob Smith.	Ida M. Hutchins.	Spring	21	18	35	4 50
		Mary F. Towle.	Summer	12	9	40	3 00
		J. W. Warren.	Winter	19	16	45	6 00
14	Daniel Willey.	Myra J. Bean.	Summer	14	12	40	3 25
		Sara M. Towle.	Winter	16	12	75	3 00
15	Austin Bemis.	Flora B. Davis.	Summer	30	22	45	5 00
		Cynthia E. Pingree.	Winter	29	25	65	6 00
16	Moses Smart.	Cora M. Barker.	Summer	7	6	25	2 00
		Hannah Pike.	Winter				
17	B. J. Seavey.	Carrie Chadbourne.	Summer	9	6	40	2 75
		Alice G. Hutchins.	Fall	9	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	3 25

Average weekly wages—Females.....\$3.90
 Average weekly wages—Males..... 6.50
 Average length of school in days..... 48.5
 Average attendance in all schools..... 16.1

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

Most of our schools have done good and satisfactory work, in which the teachers have shown themselves competent to make a school a success. Two things are requisite for a good school. First, the teacher should be well qualified, and especially fitted for school work. Second, there should be a union of feeling and effort between teacher, scholars and parents. I think if the teachers would give more oral instruction, especially to the younger scholars, independent of text-books, it would be a great aid in making a school a success. Small scholars take in more readily, and with more interest, what is told them by their teacher than they do when they take it from a text-book which is often beyond their comprehension. Agents should exercise a great deal of carefulness in the selection of teachers. There are three Normal Schools in this State, established for the purpose of training teachers, and all young teachers should make an effort to attend one of them. They would get, in a comparatively short time, that experience which is gotten only by many terms work in the schoolroom. Of course scholars suffer more or less by the inexperience of teachers. The books on Alcohol and Hygiene, by Julia Colman, which have been introduced into our schools the past year, are well adapted to the purpose for which they were intended. I recommended two exercises a week, spending about an hour with each. With but one or two exceptions, the results have been very gratifying. I would like to see this book in the hands of every scholar in town, and daily exercises. I have adopted the Duplex Writing Books.

The Western Oxford Educational Association held its annual meeting at Hiram, last December. There was a large attendance of teachers and others. The papers which were presented were very instructive, and followed by animated discussions. Every teacher in this section should attend these meetings. One gets the ideas and experiences of others, which are very helpful. The next annual meeting will be held at Lovell, in September.

I give the following brief comment upon the several schools.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer and Fall Terms taught by Miss Cynthia E. Pingree. Miss Pingree has had the advantage of a Normal School training and is well fitted to do first class work in the school-room. The school in this District is large, and being so mixed, makes a large number of classes necessary. consequently the results are not so satisfactory as they would otherwise be. The progress during the two terms, was all that could be expected.

Winter Term taught by Fred W. Powers. In session.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer and Fall Terms taught by Miss Anna Barrows. Miss Barrows worked hard for the interest of her scholars, teaching them many practical lessons outside of the ordinary school work. Scholars seemed to understand thoroughly what they went over.

DISTRICT NO. 3,

Summer Term taught by Miss Annie M. Dore. The scholars in this District get about ten weeks of school in a year, consequently are rather backward, Miss Dore worked untiringly, and the school was as profitable as an earnest worker could make it.

DISTRICT NO. 4,

Fall Term taught by Miss May Abbott. Visited this school near the first of the term, and found everything in good shape for a profitable school. Found a class about to take up the study of Colburn's Arithmetic. Would like to see this book, or a similar one, in general use in our schools.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Spring Term taught by Miss Hattie B. Frost. Scholars made good progress.

Summer and Winter Terms taught by Miss Eva Walker, Progress and discipline good. Profitable school.

DISTRICT NO. 6,

Summer and Winter Terms taught by Miss Hilda Hobbs. Miss Hobbs has taught several terms in this District, which is a very good indication that she is a good teacher. She works hard for her scholars, and makes thoroughness the principal point.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term taught by Miss Julia Whitehouse. Scholars seemed very much interested in their work, and made excellent progress.

Fall Term taught by Miss Julia Hutchins. Miss Hutchins has, heretofore, sustained a good reputation as teacher in this town, but this Term was not a successful one. The scholars, with the exception of two, all left the school, and after an investigation, I could only say that there were good reasons for doing so, I therefore decided the services of Miss Hutchins unprofitable to the school and dismissed her.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer Term taught by Miss Hutchins. Scholars appeared interested, and made good progress.

Winter Term taught by Miss Olive Eaton. Miss Eaton has had considerable experience in teaching, and can be reckoned among our best teachers. She enjoyed the work and never fails to interest her scholars. Progress and discipline excellent.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer and Fall Terms taught by Miss Lizzie Shirley. Both Terms were very successful. This was Miss Shirley's first experience in teaching, and she is entitled to much credit for the earnestness with which she worked for the interest of her scholars. Miss Shirley is a thorough scholar, and will make a first class teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer and Fall Terms taught by Miss Maria C. Hamblen. Visited the Summer Term but once. Found the school well organized, and scholars apparently interested. Judging from the appearance of the school, on this visit, and subsequent inquiry, I think it a very profitable one.

Quite a number of large scholars attended the Winter Term, and I do not hesitate to say that some of them were very disorderly. There was also a decided lack of discipline on the part of the teacher. On my first visit the school presented a very good appearance, but there was a gradual drifting away from this. Miss Hamblen is a Normal School Graduate, and understands the meth-

od of practical teaching, and in a school where order is easily maintained, would be a good teacher. I noticed, however, a marked improvement in Geography, also fair work in Arithmetic.

DISTRICT NO. 11,

Summer Term taught by Miss Olive Eaton. Scholars made excellent progress.

Winter Term taught by James Hobbs. In Session. Although this is Mr. Hobbs' first experience, he is teaching a good school. Scholars, therefore, have made good progress and seem interested.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer Term taught by Miss Mary E. Buzzell. Miss Buzzell made a good beginning in this District. She is a fine scholar, and experience will make her a first class teacher,

Winter Term taught by Miss Myra Bennett. As this Term was short, did not visit it but once. Every indication of a profitable school.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Spring Term taught by Miss Ida Hutchins. A profitable school.
Summer by Miss Mary F. Towle. Scholars made good progress. Excellent discipline.

Winter Term taught by J. W. Warren. Mr. Warren is a fine scholar, energetic and practical. The work done in this school was excellent. A fine class in book-keeping.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Summer Term taught by Myra J. Bean. Scholars did not seem to very much interested. I think there was a lack of energy on the part of the teacher. Unless a teacher is interested and earnest in the work, it can hardly be expected that the scholars will be.

Winter Term taught by Sara F. Towle. Visited the school but once. Found the teacher trying hard to get the scholars interested in their studies, and feel satisfied that good results were accomplished. I advise a short vacation where a school is to be fifteen or sixteen weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Summer Term taught by Miss Flora B. Davis. Miss Davis is a fine scholar, and readily imparts knowledge to others. Excellent discipline and progress. A fine class in Physiology.

Winter Term taught by Miss Cynthia Pingree. This was an excellent school in every respect. Scholars appeared highly interested, and made excellent progress.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Summer Term taught by Miss Cora Barker. This school was small, and the term short—only five weeks. Visited it but once. Appeared to be getting along well.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Summer Term taught by Miss Cassie M. Chadbourne. The progress was retarded somewhat, by a lack of order. This was Miss Chadbourne's first experience, and I think this lack of discipline will not occur in her schools hereafter.

Fall Term taught by Miss Alice G. Hutchins. The school was orderly, and good progress was made.

A Spring Term is in session by the same teacher.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. POWERS, SUPERVISOR.

