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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

To the Citizens of Fryeburg :

The close of the fiscal year ending February 24, 1887, brings your Selectmen to the duty of reporting to you what has been done in town business the past year. We do not propose to waste time and space in getting at it, but shall try to give you well explained accounts of the expenditures of your money. We cannot manage everything just to our liking, and we doubt not many things will not suit you.

TOWN VALUATION.

Real Estate.....	\$543,265
Personal Estate.....	123,419
Total.....	<u>\$666,684</u>

Number of taxable polls, 445.

SUMS THAT WERE ASSESSED.

State Tax.....	\$2,990 61
County Tax.....	807 47
For payment on town debt	3,000 00
For support of poor, bridges and current expenses.....	1,500 00
For support of schools.....	1,400 00
For purchase of road machine	200 00
For repairs of roads.....	1,200 00
For Grover Post, G. A. R., to decorate soldier's graves...	50 00
Overlaying	88 26

Total assessment.....\$11,236 34

Now we add tax on dogs, '84.....	84 00
Returned highway taxes	129 69
Supplementary poll taxes.....	18 00

Total am't of commitment to Collector for 1886..\$11,468 03

As the State, county and public school sums, which amount to \$5,198 08, and are for specific purposes and cannot be used for any

other, we will deduct this sum from the total, which leaves \$6,268 95, and we should make a further deduction from this latter sum of \$3000 that was raised to reduce the town debt, and we have, provided it is all collected, \$3,268 95, out of which we could legitimately draw orders on the Treasurer to pay current expenses, support of poor, road machine, road repairs, repair of bridges, and in fact all bills. Now the accounts under the several headings will show you whether the amount raised was sufficient or insufficient for their payment.

POOR FARM.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR EXPENSES.

Dexter Wiley, master, salary for 1885.....	\$300 00
J. & W. Locke, for salt, for 1885.....	1 00
E. P. Weston, supplies, for 1886.....	238 94
Charles Wiley, labor at haying, 1886.....	27 00
Charles Chandler, plowing, 1886.....	4 50
A. W. Cook, carpenter labor, 1886.....	10 30
Mary Fife, sewing for inmates.....	5 00
Howard Hurd, blacksmith work, 1885.....	8 35
Wm. C. Towle, medical attendance, 1886.....	20 00
S. A. Page, crockery, tinware, &c.....	8 41
Charles Chandler, pasturing stock.....	3 00
C. H. Walker, for sawing 13 1-2 M shingles.....	13 50
C. H. Walker, for grain.....	14 57
N. & L. R. Charles, for bedstead, paints, &c.....	7 05
James V. Emerson, carpenter work.....	2 50
Howard Hurd, for blacksmith work, 1886.....	6 50
J. A. James, for two pigs and one ox yoke.....	8 00
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	\$678 62

By cash received from exchange of stock, \$154 00.

There are six inmates of poor house that have been supported the entire year, and Winthrop Smart's supposed wife 12 weeks, making in all 324 weeks support at a cost of very nearly \$1 65 per week, as reckoned from cost of supplies, repairs of buildings, &c., and credit of stock exchanged. There is due from the town of Hiram, for expense of Mrs. Smart at the farm, \$30 00.

Stock, hay, grain and provisions on hand.

4 oxen.....	\$210 00
4 cows	120 00
2 two year olds	25 00
2 one year olds.....	18 00
2 swine.....	15 00
12 tons hay.....	120 00
20 bushess corn.....	15 00
25 bushels oats	12 00
4 bushels beans.....	5 00
100 bushels potatoes.....	25 00
300 pounds pork.....	30 00
100 pounds bacon.....	10 00
175 pounds beef.....	10 00
60 pounds lard.....	8 00
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	\$623 00

In justice to Mr. and Mrs. Wiley, in their management of affairs at the poor house, we would state that they have been satisfactory to us.

ORDERS DRAWN.

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR AWAY FROM FARM.

John Locke, house rent for Jas. Ela for 1885, (outstanding bill).....	\$36 00
Marsh Walker, board of Mrs. D. Smith's boy for year of 1885, (outstanding bill)	52 00
Dr. Geo. Shedd, medical attendance.....	5 00
Eli Johnson, keeping Mrs. W. Smart.....	6 00
William Ela, carrying Mrs. W. Smart to poor house.....	1 50
John Locke, house rent for James Ela to Sept. 1, 1886.....	24 00
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	\$124 50

The cost for 1886 for aiding the poor, including the outstanding bill of Marshall Walker of \$52 00, and deducting \$8 00 from the above account that is due from the town of Hiram, will be \$80 50. The town has not paid rent for James Ela since September last.

GENERAL ORDERS DRAWN.

FOR REPAIR OF BRIDGES AND CURRENT EXPENSES.

F. W. Powers, balance of salary as Supervisor of Schools for 1885.....	\$ 40 00
John Locke, cash paid for printing Town Reports.....	20 00
John Locke, services as Treasurer, 1885.....	35 00
W. R. Tarbox, office rent, 1885.....	10 00
Thomas S. McIntire, services as Town Clerk, Constable, &c.	17 00
Wm. Ela, moving road machine.....	1 25
B. B. Woodward, abatement of tax on land not owned, 1883 and 1884.....	3 09
James M. Gordou, abatement of poll tax.....	1 75
D. D. Carlton, services as Selectman.....	75 00
John Locke, error in tax.....	40
J. A. Jones, services as Selectman.....	75 00
C. H. Walker, services as Selectman.....	85 00
Eben T. Nutter, abatement on tax.....	3 60
Abatement on eight cottages on camp ground.....	4 95
Eva D. Walker, recording valuation and tax.....	12 00
To Grover Post, G. A. R., for decorating soldier's graves..	25 00
David Maston, stone culvert, new.....	35 50
Fryeburg Water Co., water for public watering fountain..	10 00
A. R. Jenners, labor and piping in moving watering trough.	5 00
George Leavett, for stone and work on watering trough..	12 00
Randall Hastings, for abatement on collection of 1885....	33 41
F. A. Wiley, poundage on collections of 1884.....	99 03
F. A. Wiley, abatements of 1884.....	14 54
John Locke, cash paid for postage to notify owners of land of his intention to sell tax deeds.....	3 00
James E. Hutchins, abatement.....	1 20
Wilson Webb, making and lettering eight guide boards....	8 00
C. H. Walker, cash paid for freight on drain pipe, outstanding bill of 1884.....	3 80
C. H. Walker, cash paid for town order blanks.....	2 25
George H. Moore, bridge plank.....	11 65
Randall Hastings, abatements.....	5 88
Randall Hastings, poundage on collections of 1885.....	166 02
James Walker, repairing Saco river bridge.....	17 00
Mary L. Chandler, abatement on tax on bank stock.....	6 97
Clarence H. Day, abatement of poll tax, having been taxed in Stowe.....	2 00
John Locke, for advertising non-resident taxes.....	10 50
John Locke, cash paid for town books.....	12 71
Estate of Isaiah Warren, abatement on highway tax.....	6 25

S. A. Page, keeping sidewalk to academy open winter of 1885 and 1886.....	6 00
Lewis Howe, drawing bridge plank and work on Hasting's bridge.....	5 00
J. A. Jones, railing Canal bridge.....	2 00
E. P. Weston, stationery for two years.....	6 30
Eben Fessenden, for oxen and yoke	159 00
Total,.....	<u>\$1,054 55</u>

ROAD MACHINE ACCOUNT.

There was raised for purchase.....\$200 00

ORDERS FOR SAME AND REPAIRS.

Wm. Fessenden.....	\$175 00
C. H. Walker, for new sections and express charges.....	9 85
J. H. Kimball, drawing machine from Brownfield to Fryeburg.....	2 00
	<u>\$186 85</u>

List of tools bought and paid for in the bill of road repairs :

1 ox yoke complete.....	\$ 4 00
1 bar.....	1 25
2 shovels	1 70
2 hoes.....	60
4 ox tie chains.....	1 00
1 rock hook.....	50
2 chains.....	4 00
	<u>\$13 05</u>

The machine and tools are in good repair.

Report of repairing roads with road machine under cash system. As before stated there was \$1,200 00 raised to repair roads ; this sum was for summer and winter work. We give you here the cost of repairs with machine and labor employed for summer and fall work,

ACCOUNT.

Fred Heath, teamster.....	\$ 29 65
Oren Osgood, to handle machine.....	62 70
Dean Ballard, repair of culvert.....	10 30
William G. Walker, board of men and team, use of one pair of oxen one week and labor of Algernon.....	42 15

Norris Pillsbury, labor.	2 10
Amos Maxwell, repair of culvert.	4 50
David Morton, repair of bank wall on main street.	14 00
Gilbert Dorloff, labor.	4 75
John C. Harriman, board and labor.	12 80
Albert Benton, labor.	3 00
Charles Chandler, board	17 73
Wm. H. Abbott, shoeing oxen, making chains and repairs.	16 68
Henry Walker, labor and board.	21 50
Thomas Pike, board and labor.	8 20
John J. Pike, board	9 13
Benjamin Seavey, labor.	1 50
Wm. Pingree, board.	13 25
A. R. Jenness, labor of men and team, fall work.	27 25
Ed. L. Brown, cutting bushes by road side and other work.	7 12
Mark Booth, labor.	2 25
Ward B. Hutchins. labor.	1 50
Asa Charles, cutting bushes.	15 00
Joseph Chadborne, cutting bushes.	4 50
James I. Lovice, labor on water drain	5 25
Barnard Ela, labor on water drain.	5 25
William Ela, drawing gravel to repair streets.	25 00
George Booth, cutting bushes and other work.	15 00
A. E. Bemis, labor	1 50
James O. Smith, labor.	3 00
William Wiswell, board and labor.	16 25
Walter Bradley, labor	1 50
John Locke, cash for drain pipe.	30 53
B. B. Woodward, labor.	1 00
Frank Day labor.	2 25
J. B. Fellows.	3 50
Shirley & Cousins, grain for team.	5 03
M. M. Smart, board and labor.	11 20
Frank Eastman, labor.	75
John Webster, labor.	1 50
Frank Haley, board and labor.	2 40
David Martin, curbing stone for water drain.	4 00
J. S. Barrows, labor on streets, sidewalks, &c.	10 50
Wm. F. Bennett, labor.	75
H. R. Hobbs, labor.	3 00
N. W. Bennett, board.	3 30
Albion Wyman, board and labor.	4 00
C. H. Osgood, cutting bushes on Porter road.	3 00
Caleb Pillsbury, labor	1 50
James Ela, labor.	1 50
Hazen Wiley, labor.	1 50

Moses Smart, labor	1 50
Isaac Davis, board and labor	4 57
Marshall Walker, board	2 20
Wm. B. Bradley, labor of man and team	5 50
Samuel Quint, labor	75
L. H. Andrews, setting shoes on one pair oxen	1 00
James Osgood, labor	9 00
Amos McIntire, board and labor	2 80
Wyman Hamden, board	2 20
C. W. Pike, Hay	50
Shermam Hapgood, board	80
T. S. McIntire, board	75
A. P. Gordon, board	10 30
Benjamin Heath, labor	3 00
Abel Smith, labor	1 50
J. S. Irish, labor of boy	1 30
F. W. Powers, board	2 20
T. J. Haley, board	1 10
J. C. Smith, labor	6 25
Amaziah Sands, labor	1 50
Randall Hastings, board	2 20
John Hastings, board	6 12
Lewis Howe, board	4 30
James Walker, board and labor on island	15 32
J. A. Jones, board and labor	9 60
Charles Chandler, board, (fall)	2 13
James Hardy, labor	2 25
Samuel Evans, labor	3 45
Stephen Irish, labor	1 50
Chandler Heath, board and labor	16 65
Wyman Jones, board	2 00
Eckley Ballard, labor	3 00
N. J. Penpexter, labor	3 25
F. L. Mark, cement for laying drain pipe	2 00
David Benson, cutting bushes	3 00
Andrew Evans, beard and cutting bushes	7 65
A. V. Stevens, repairing with cart	18 50
Daniel Irish, labor	1 50
Frederic Kennerson, labor	1 50
Levi Johnson, labor	1 50
A. P. Charles, labor	1 00
Reuben Hamden, repairing culverts	5 00
Samuel Ridlon, labor	1 50
D. D. Carlton, labor	4 50
J. A. Jones, labor	1 00
C. H. Walker, labor	84 75

C. H. Walker, grain for team	23 65
John Stanley, labor	4 50
John Weston, for labor cutting sod to repair road by camp ground, and carting gravel	125 00
Total	<u>\$912 56</u>

It must be borne in mind that this was an experimental year with a road machine. We were not experienced in the operation, yet you can see at once that the cost of road repairs, notwithstanding the bad condition our roads were in, caused partly by the great water-spout of August 1885, and partly by neglect, is much less than in years past. Why, the first year, it costs more to repair roads with a machine is, to remove the great amount of stone by the way side, that you bring the road up in proper shape, and once removed they are out of the way for all time. Again, by most of the road sides there is a heavy sod that a machine turns on to the road; this cannot be smoothed down by a machine as pulverized earth can, and it requires extra help to do it.

There are some pieces of road that cannot be repaired with a machine, but four-fifths of the number of miles of roads can be, the only exceptions are repairs of culverts, sandy places, where a road crosses low intervale land and cutting bushes by the road sides.

We have been obliged to repair many culverts and make some new ones; have put in a water drain on Main street near Caleb Atwood's place, the utility of which remains to be proved—we feel sure they were needed. These expenses swell the account for road repairs, but they are permanent. Now it is for you, by your votes, to say whether you will continue this system of repairing roads. In our opinion it is a business, common sense like way; \$1000 for the coming year will do more than \$1200 did last.

For winter you have left out of the \$1200 appropriated, including \$8 00 gain on team, \$295 70, and ordinarily \$300 will pay for breaking out our roads.

We will now give you the expense of repairing your roads under the highway system of 1885. There was raised as labor tax \$2500.

Admitting that the damaging shower of August made it necessary for Surveyors to lay out extra work in the fall of 1885, leaving an insufficient sum on their lists for winter work, yet the Town Reports will show that for twenty years past more or less money has been paid for repairs of highwys in excess of highway taxes.

ORDERS DRAWN.

TO PAY CERTIFIED BILLS.

Daniel Willey	\$ 4 37
Charles Osgood	8 12
Amaziah Sauds	3 84
Almon Haley	2 68
C. T. Shortridge	5 15
Frank Haley	14 88
W. S. Hobbs	1 75
Abel Sawyer	62
William A. Douglass	2 75
Amos McIntire	14 75
Elmer Knight	5 78
M. M. Smart	5 87
Fred. Holt, snowing Toll and Hemlock bridges, and other labor,	20 40
T. S. McIntire	2 50
Austin E. Bemis	7 00
John Weston	135 50
H. F. Hurd,	5 40
Henry Walker,	11 25
Asa Charles,	6 00
Wm. G. Walker	2 13
Dean Ballard,	6 00
Amos Maxwell	3 75
Charles Evans,	13 50
Charles Chandler,	2 00
B. G. Seavey,	2 75
O. F. Emery	2 18
E. W. Barker	10 00
Fred N. Frye	7 50
Frank Day	2 00
Frank Knox	1 75
Adelbert Wiley	1 25
Eckley Ballard	12 00
A. P. Charles	1 00
James E. Hutchins,	1 75
N. W. Bennett	2 75
B. F. Buzzell	6 00

Wm. H. Wiswell	2 50
Eben Fessenden	11 00
Orren Charles.....	4 13
H. K. Hobbs,.....	3 25
Levi Johnson,.....	2 50
Lewis Howe.....	6 00
Total,.....	\$366 30

These bills amount to \$366 30. There was returned by highway surveyors May 1, 1886, \$129 69; should this all be collected, which never was done without abatement orders to settle some portion of it, the money cost will be \$236 69, and there are two outstanding bills—John Pike's and T. M. Johnson's.

SCHOOL BOOK MATTERS.

There had been expended in orders drawn, up to Feb. 20, 1886, \$349 10. There was an outstanding bill of \$30 00, leaving but \$20 90 for the purchase of text books for the past year. More books were absolutely needed, and though Supervisor McKean economized in the matter, yet there has been expended \$88 76.

ORDERS DRAWN.

John Locke, outstanding bill	\$ 30 00
John Locke, cash for bill of 1886.....	88 76
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	\$118 76

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Due master of poor farm.....	\$300 00
C. H. Walker, Selectman.....	85 00
J. A. Jones, Selectman,.....	75 00
D. D. Cariton, Selectman.....	75 00
John Locke, Treasurer.....	35 00
B. W. McKean, Supervisor.....	75 00
Printing Reports.....	20 00
Frank Locke, for lumber.....	8 27
John Batchelor, Collector, 1886.....	160 55
Estimated abatements	50 00
Thomas S. McIntire, Clerk.....	17 00
Outstanding highway bills, (estimated).....	20 00
D. R. Hastings.....	21 00
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	\$841 82

The outstanding bill of \$50 00, in favor of Ward B. Hutchins, is transferred to D. R. Hastings and in settlement with him we find that there is due Hastings \$21 00.

There may be some other outstanding bills, but we have made great efforts to get them all in. There are none for road repairs for the last year.

RECAPITULATION.

General orders,.....	\$1,054 55
Support of poor at farm,.....	678 62
Support of poor away from farm,.....	124 50
School books.....	118 76
Road machine and repairs.....	186 85
Expended for road repairs, summer,.....	912 56
Highway deficiencies of 1885.....	366 30
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	\$3,441 64

In concluding our report we still adhere to a statement made in a former report, that could all collections be made a little prior to the closing up of town reports, the Collector settled with the Treasurer, and the Treasurer with the Selectmen, a Report would be clear.

Annual Town Meeting, Monday, March 7, at 10 o'clock,
A. M. Articles inserted in the warrant :

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To choose a Town Clerk.
3. To choose three Selectmen and Assessors.
4. To choose a Town Treasurer.
5. To choose a Superintending School Committee or Supervisor.
6. To choose all other Town Officers.
7. To see what sum of money the town will raise for support of public schools.
8. To see what sums of money the town will raise for support of poor, bridges and current expenses of the town.
9. To see if the town will vote to repair their public roads with money or by labor tax, and what sum of money they will raise.
10. To see what sum of money the town will raise towards paying the town debt.
11. To see what action the town will take in regard to certain sums of money that have been raised and assessed for free high school purposes and for a town history.
12. To see if the town will vote to build a bridge across Saco River at Swan's Falls, and raise money for same.
13. To see if the town will vote to enforce the law against fast driving teams over covered bridges.
14. To see what sum they will raise for the purchase of text books for public schools.

Our estimates for the coming year, we will prepare and give you if called upon at the Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Feb. 24, 1887.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$ 394 63
F. A. Wiley, Collector, 1884	960 35
Randall Hastings, Collector, 1885	3,260 71
Randall Hastings, Collector, in orders	1,020 81
John Bachelder, Collector, 1886	1,600 00
John Bachelder, Collector, in orders	395 79
Resident and non-resident taxes	545 31
State Treasurer, school money	765 27
Selectmen, oxen sold	163 00
License circus	10 00
Drain pipe sold	10 00
Derrick iron sold	20 00
Selectmen, stock sold from farm	154 00
Selectmen, from estate of Betsey Lovis	34 00
Total	\$9,333 87

PAYMENTS.

Paid orders	\$4,430 66
Paid coupons, five per cent.	425 00
Paid coupons, four per cent.	448 00
Paid bonds,	1,200 00
Paid accrued interest	38 92
Paid Mrs. Olive P. Warren, note	135 32
Paid R. Hastings, orders	1,020 81
Paid John Bachelder, orders	395 79
Total	\$8,094 50

Balance, \$1,239 37.

STANDING OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

Due from Collector for year 1885	\$ 62 87
Due from Collector for year 1886	5,672 16

Due from resident tax deeds.....	248 27
Due from non-resident tax deeds.....	206 09
Due from State, over and above amount due school districts.	219 00
Cash in treasury... ..	1,239 37
Total,.....	<u>\$7,647 76</u>

LIABILITIES.

Orders drawn and not presented.....\$	261 60
Coupons, five per cent.....	20 00
Coupons, four per cent.....	32 00
Bonded debt, five per cent.....	7,600 00
Interest to March 1st, 1887.....	253 33
Bonded debt, four per cent... ..	12,000 00
Interest to March 1st, 1887.....	240 00
Outstanding bills, see Selectmen's schedule,.....	841 82
Total,.....	<u>\$21,248 75</u>

Balance town debt.....\$13,600 99.

JOHN LOCKE, TREASURER.

Fryeburg, Feb. 26, 1887.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

M. C. Powers, Agent. Summer and Fall terms taught by Miss Cynthia E. Pingree. Length of Summer term, 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 50; average attendance, 42; wages of teacher, \$5.00.

Length of Fall term, 11 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 45; average attendance, 38; wages of teacher, \$5.00.

Miss Pingree is one of our best teachers. Having had much experience as a teacher, and being a Normal graduate, she is well prepared to do good work in the school-room. Both terms in this district were very successful.

Winter term taught by Mr. Fred. W. Powers. Appeared finely on first visit. In session.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Geo. F. Hammons, Agent. Summer, Fall and Winter terms taught by Miss Hattie Abbott.

Length of Summer term, 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 27; average attendance, 21; wages of teacher, \$4.00.

Length of Fall term, 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 27; average attendance, 21; wages of teacher, \$4 00.

Length of Winter term, 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 19; average attendance, 15; wages of teacher, \$4.00. Miss Abbott has had much experience as a teacher, and was very successful in this school. The scholars were kept interested and made good progress in all branches. Noted marked improvement in several reading classes, particularly the sixth class.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Eben Fessenden, Agent. Fall term taught by Miss Mary Abbott. Appeared well on first visit. In session.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

C. H. Walker, Agent. Spring term taught by Miss Cynthia Warren. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 1; average attendance, 1; wages of teacher, \$3.00. Miss Warren is an experienced teacher, and this pupil made good progress, especially in reading.

Fall term taught by Miss Eva D. Walker. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 1; average attendance, 1; wages of teacher, \$3.00. From Miss Walker's success in District No. 13, I have no doubt this school was very profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Harmon Hamden, Agent. Spring term taught by Miss Ida M. Smith. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 9; average attendance, 8; wages of teacher, \$3.25. This was Miss Smith's first school, and she was very successful. Noted good progress in all branches. Being a fine scholar, all she needs is experience to make her one of our best teachers.

Fall term taught by Miss Nellie G. Smart. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 12; average attendance, 10; wages of teacher, \$4.00. Miss Smart has taught quite a number of schools in town, and always with marked success. This town was no exception. Good progress in all branches.

Winter term taught by Miss Hattie Walker. Appeared well on first visit. In session.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Andrew Evans, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Alice M. Evans. Length of term, 9 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 2; average attendance, 2; wages of teacher, \$3.00. Appeared finely on first visit. Did not visit it but once, but have no doubt it was a profitable school.

Fall term taught by Miss Mary E. Buzzell. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 2; average attendance, 2; wages of teacher, \$3.50. I visited this school but once. From my own oversight it closed before I was aware. But, from its appearance on first visit, from Miss Buzzell's reputation as a teacher, and her experience I believe it was a highly profitable term.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Dean A. Ballard, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Cora A. Southard. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance 26; average attendance, 20; wages of teacher, \$4.00. Miss Southard tried hard to instruct and interest her scholars and the result was very satisfactory. Good progress in nearly all branches.

Winter term taught by Mr. John J. Shedd. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 34; average attendance, 26; wages of teachers, \$20.00. This was Mr. Shedd's first school. He is a fine scholar, a hard worker in the school room, has very practical ideas of teaching, and only lacks experience to be one of our best teachers. Fair progress in all branches: good in geography, book-keeping and arithmetic. The average attendance was reduced by pupils leaving before the close of the term to attend the academy.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

J. W. Towle, Agent. Spring term taught by Miss Emma A. Southard. Length of term 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 12; average attendance, 11; wages of teacher, \$3.00. Miss Southard's first school. She tried hard to interest her scholars. Noted fair progress in all the branches; good in arithmetic and physiology.

Fall term taught by Miss Mary F. Towle. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 13; average attendance, 12; wages of teacher, \$4.00. Miss Towle has taught before in this district and has always been very successful. This term was no exception. Noted good progress in all branches.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Woodman Charles, Agent. Summer term taught by Mr. George B. Chandler. Length of term, 14 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 38; average attendance, 35; wages of teacher, \$20.00 per month. Mr. Chandler is a live, active teacher, interests his scholars and does good work. Would like to see a little more analysis in arithmetic. A very fine class in grammar and parsing.

Winter term taught by Miss Mary F. Towle. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 51; average attendance, 43; wages of teacher, \$6.00. Too much cannot be said in praise of this school. Good progress in all branches, particularly arithmetic, physiology and grammar. Teacher and scholars seemed to work together in perfect harmony, making a fine appearing and profitable school.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Samuel Dearborn, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Alice G. Hutchins. Length of term, 13 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 15; average attendance 12; wages of teacher \$5.00. Miss Hutchings did well in this school. Noted good progress in all branches, particularly arithmetic.

Winter term taught by Mr. E. E. Russell. Length of term, 11 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 15; average attendance, 13; wages of teacher, \$25.00 per month. I consider this one of our most successful terms of school. The scholars made good progress in all branches, were kept well at their work and seemed to thoroughly understand the work gone over.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

S. B. Knox, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Bertha Wiley. Length of term, 7 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 2; average attendance, 2; wages of teacher, \$2.75. School was short on account of sickness in the district. The scholars seemed to have made good progress, especially in reading.

Fall term taught by Miss Lizzie Wiley. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 3; average attendance, 3; wages of teacher, \$2.50. Scholars seemed interested and made fair progress in all branches.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

David Meserve, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Nellie G. Smart. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 13; average attendance, 12; wages of teacher, \$3.50. Miss Smart has taught several terms in this district, and always with the best results; this term was no exception. The teacher worked hard for the school, the scholars seemed interested and willing to work for themselves, consequently good progress was made in all branches.

Winter term taught by Miss Eva D. Walker. Length of term 12 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 22; average attendance, 15; wages of teacher, \$3.75. Miss Walker did excellent work in this school. Good progress in all branches, particularly book-keeping, arithmetic and reading.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Frank Haley, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Mary Abbott. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 16; average attendance, 15; wages of teacher, \$3.25. Visited this school but once, on account of delay in getting my mail. In good condition on first visit, and from the supplementary register and the appearance of the

school at the beginning of the next term. I judge it was a profitable school.

Winter term begun by Miss Lizzie Shirley; closed on account of sickness of teacher. Appeared well on first visit. Finished by Miss Annie B. Marston. Length of term 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 17; average attendance, 16; wages of teacher, \$3.50. Miss Marston is one of our best teachers. labors diligently for the good of her scholars. Noted good progress in all branches.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

C. F. Waterhouse, Agent. Summer, Fall and Winter terms taught by Miss Sadie M. Towle. Length of Summer term 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 16; average attendance, 15. wages of teacher \$5.00.

Length of Fall term 9 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 28; average attendance, 24; wages of teacher, \$5.00.

Winter term in session.

Miss Towle is one of our most successful teachers. Her being employed in this District for the whole school year shows that her efforts are appreciated. School appeared well at each visit and made good progress each term.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Moses Smart, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Lizzie S. Wiley. Length of term 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 5; average attendance, 5; wages of teacher, \$2.70. Miss Wiley's first school. The scholars seemed interested and made fair progress.

Winter term taught by Miss Lizzie E. Stearns. Length of term 12 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 8; average attendance, 6; wages of teacher, \$3.00. Good progress was made in all branches, especially reading and arithmetic.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Hazen B. Walker, Agent. Summer term taught by Mrs. Ada L. Harnden. Length of term 10 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 13; average attendance, 11; wages of teacher, \$3.25. Mrs. Harnden has taught quite a large number of terms in this District, and always gives good satisfaction. Good progress was made in all branches.

Winter term taught by Miss Hulda Hobbs. Length of term 8 weeks; number of pupils in attendance, 15; average attendance, 14; wages of teacher, \$4.00. Miss Hobbs has taught several terms in this District. she is an experienced and practical teacher. This was a profitable term. Noted good progress in reading, arithmetic and physiology.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of pupils not absent one day during any term:

District No. 2.—Summer term. Lena Hammons, William Keefe, Henry Weston.

Fall term.—Lena Hammons, Willie Keete, Henry Weston, Arthur Wellington.

District No. 5.—Summer term. Sadie Walker.

Fall term.—Sadie Walker.

District No. 6.—Summer term. Kate A. Douglass, Ethel M. Douglass.

Fall term.—Ethel M. Douglass.

District No. 8.—Summer term. Charles Ballard, Henry B. Burbank, Willis M. Farrington, Edgar C. Webster, Fannie Ballard, Kate M. Hutchins, Bessie M. Page, Mary B. Page, Mabel H. Perkins.

Winter term.—Mabel H. Perkins, Bessie M. Page, Katie B. Hill.

District No. 9.—Spring term. Jennie Charles, Marion B. Jones, Martha Charles, Howard W. Jones, Seth Charles, Loyd Stevens, Charles Stevens.

Fall term.—Jennie E. Charles, Mattie Charles, Seth W. Charles, Abbie W. Towle, Loyd Stevens, Charles Stevens.

District No. 10.—Fall term. Charlie Barrows, Walter Pinkham, Bert Webb, Eben Pitman, Frank Wiley, Jessie Mansfield.

Winter term.—Charlie Barrows, Walter Pinkham, Bert Webb, Dora A. Mitchell, Frank Wiley, Ellen C. Wiley, Carrie Isham, Charles Seavey, Will Chase, Willie Farrington, Bertie Smith.

District No. 11.—Summer term. Louie Hutchins, Abbie Hutchins.

Winter term.—Not reported.

District No. 12.—Summer term. Olive Knox, Minnie Day.

District No. 13.—Summer term. Alice M. McIntire, Harold W. Meserve, J. Wilson Barker.

District No. 14.—Summer term. David Haley, Gertrude Haley, Lowe Haley, Earnest Smith, Lyle L. Sands, Lula Sands.

Winter term.—Wallace J. Haley, David Haley, Jessie M. Osgood, Lowe Haley, Lyle L. Sands.

District No. 15.—Summer term. May Thompson, Byron McKeen, Roscoe Thompson.

Fall term.—Lizzie Charles, May Thomson, Addie Holmes, Lottie Bemis, Lyda Johnson, Byron McKeen, Charlie Buzzell, Roscoe Thompson.

District No. 16.—Summer term. Eddie M. Davis.

Winter term.—Ethel M. Smart, Emma W. Wiley, Almon S. Smart.

District No. 17.—Summer term. Emma J. Seavey, Lillian F. McIntire, Percy Walker, George Walker, Reed Hatch, Randall Hatch, Charlie Walker.

Winter term.—Emma Seavey, Hulda McIntire, Lillie McIntire, Jennie Hutchins, Percy Walker, George Walker, Charlie Walker, Reed Hatch.

Average weekly wages of teachers :—Females, \$4.13; males, \$5.41; average length of schools in days, 49; average attendance in all schools, 175; average school year in weeks, 23.75.

REMARKS.

I believe that the schools in town for the past year have been very successful, except in a very few cases, all that could be desired. Credit is due the Agents of the several districts, who have taken much pains to secure the best teachers their means would allow. Teachers have been retained for the school year in several districts, a practice which cannot be too highly commended. Parents have also, I think, interested themselves more than usual. A fact that has added much to the interest of the schools. It has been my earnest endeavor to impress upon the minds of teachers and scholars, the benefit to be derived from thoroughness in all their studies. The practice of slipping over lessons and having them only half committed, is one of the greatest evils in our common schools. "Slow and sure," has been my motto, and I have been well sustained in my efforts in this direction by the teachers. Our best schools have been where teachers of most experience have been secured. The practice of having three terms, instead of two, is growing in favor. It adds to the duties of the Supervisor, but is a good idea. The books belonging to the town, have been well kept. There are but very few that have become unfit for use. Those are mostly small readers and spellers. It has been the practice to carry books from districts

where schools were not in session, to others where they were. On account of a large number of schools being in session at one time, and also that many of the scholars kept their books during vacation, I was obliged to purchase quite a number of books, but I think the town is amply supplied for the coming year. I very much wished to introduce Warren Colburn's Arithmetic, for its oral work and excellent analytic treatment of practical examples, but was prevented from doing so by the lack of money at my disposal. I think there is a great need of some such book in our schools, as under the present system of teaching arithmetic, the scholar is apt to depend too much upon the slate and to feel satisfied if his answer comes right, even if the reasons for following every process are not understood by him. The young mathematician should be first taught to solve problems in his head and explain each process step by step during the progress. We have a very good series of readers, although I would like fewer books in the series. There are seven with the primer. There is no need of more than five. This town uses the best speller that can be obtained. Our geographies, histories, physiologies and book-keeping are very good, but I would like to see a change in the arithmetic and grammar. They are both unnecessarily large and contain rules and principles not necessary for our school. In fact, they carry the subject too far to be practical. Our school houses are mostly in very good condition, but many of them lack maps and charts, for practical class instruction. Every school house should be supplied with a good thermometer, to be hung about where the average of the temperature is. This should be constantly under the teacher's eye and uniform temperature kept. No one should be allowed to open or close a window, except by directions of the teacher, and the house should be aired as much as possible during recess. These may seem small matters to some, but if they can be followed, there will be less complaint of colds during schools and much better general health among the scholars.

Respectfully submitted,

B. WALKER McKEEN, SUPERVISOR.