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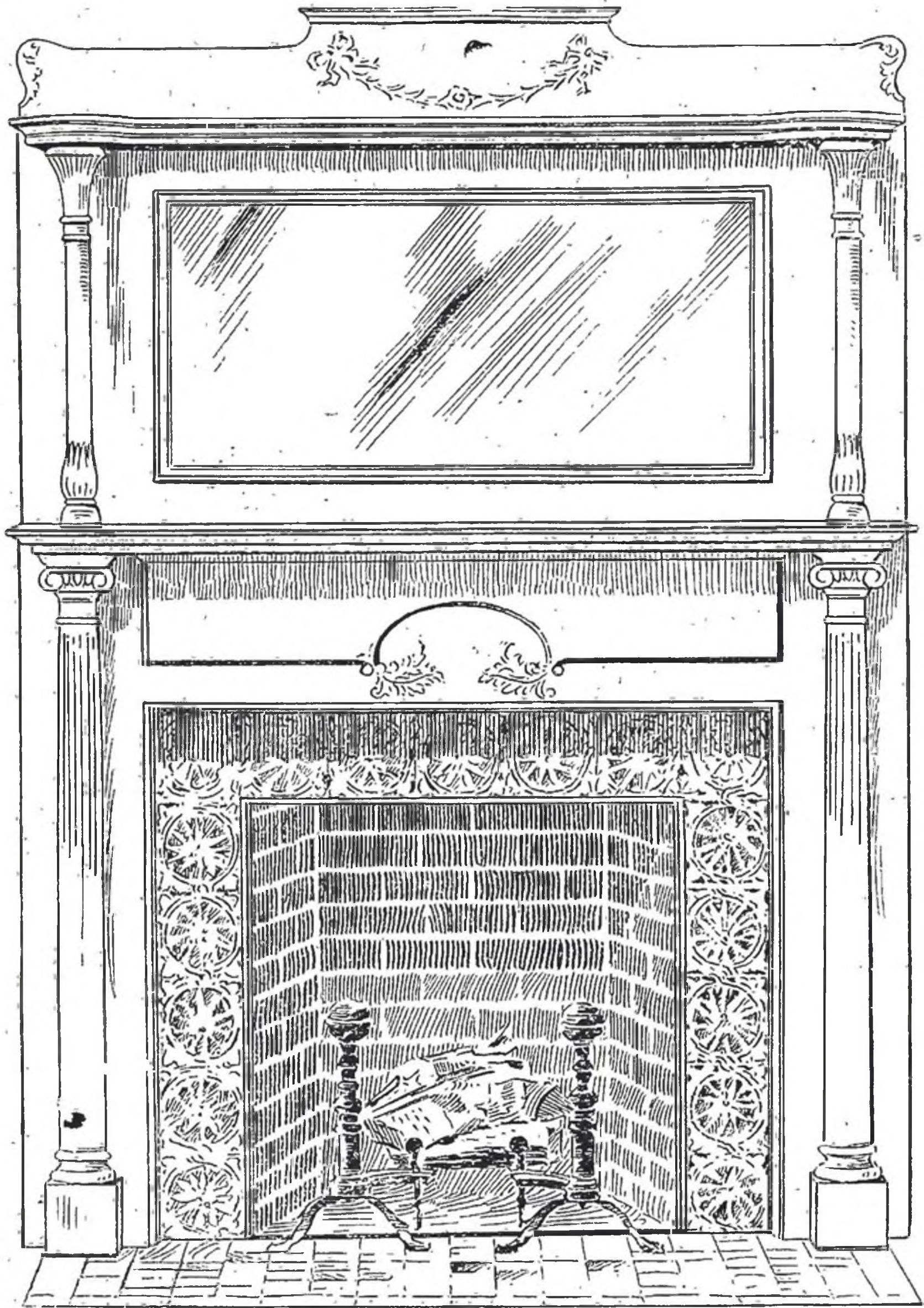
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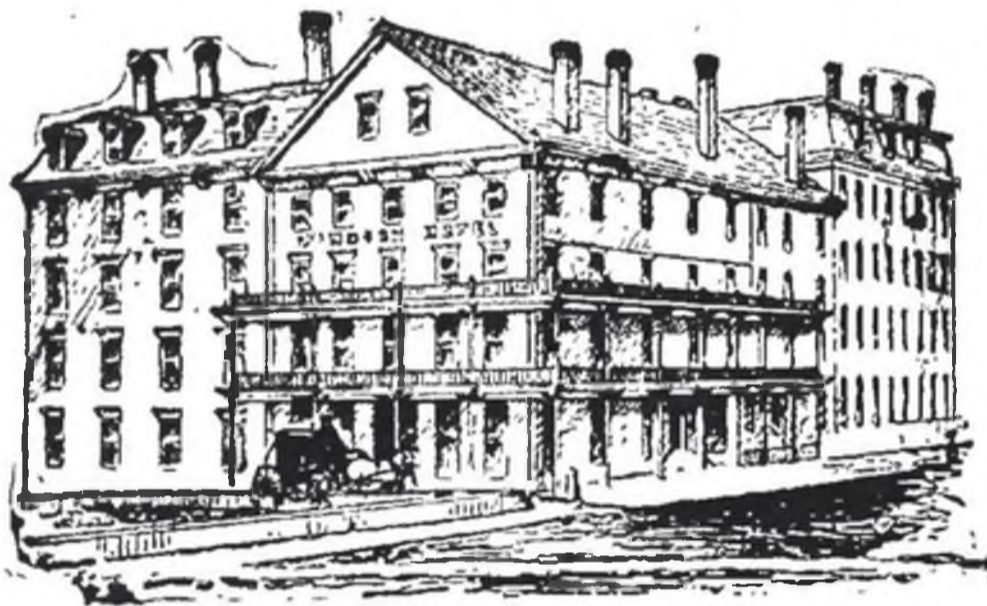
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Selectmen's Report.

Gentlemen: In compliance with the statutes of our State we make the following report:

The following is the valuation of the taxable property as found by us on the first day of April, 1898:

Valuation of resident real estate	\$ 170,815 00
Valuation of non-resident real estate	11,676 00
Valuation of personal estate	22,355 00
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Total valuation	\$204,846 00

Following are the items on which we made an assessment. Town voted March 14-21 to raise the following sums:

Town voted for schools	\$800 00
Support of poor	300 00
Contingent expenses	600 00
Highway purposes	800 00
Repairing school houses	200 00
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Total	\$2,700 00
Add State tax	728 74
County tax	335 43
Overlayings	61 14
Highway deficiencies	31 81
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	\$3,857 12

SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION.

Resident real estate	\$1,050 00
Non-resident real estate	100 00
No. of poles 6 at \$1.50 each.	
Assessment	31 15
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Total commitment	\$3,888 27

ASSETS FOR THE YEAR 1898.

Cash in the treasury March, 1898.....	\$2,082	96
Assessment for 1898.....	3,825	31
Supplementary assessment.....	31	15
Highway deficiency.....	31	81
Mill tax from State.....	594	49
Sundries on 137 day book.....	115	92
Cash from Mrs. Barton's highway deficiency for 1887.....	4	04
Collected for book destroyed.....	2	25
Order No. 157.....	27	83
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	\$6,800	49
Whole amount of disbursements.....	6,800	49

Orders drawn :

No.		
1,	To Thomas W. Burr, for printing town report of 1897.....	\$ 10 00
2,	I. W. Tibbetts, for certificates of deaths and births.....	2 00
3,	A. F. Leighton for boarding paupers on town farm.....	38 00
4,	Town of Unity for supplies and medical attendance on family A. J. Pomroy.....	39 50
5,	Charles V. Call for carrying scholars to school.....	10 00
6,	C. G. Fernald, cash paid Sarah Farrar for board of Amand Pat- terson, two weeks.....	3 00
7,	J. W. Sewell for groceries for town farm.....	2 99
8,	D. E. Clement, road commissioner, to be expended on roads.....	100 00
9,	Town of Hampden, for supplies furnished family of R. P. Curtis	11 90
10,	Fred L. Griffin for labor and material repairing school buildings in dist No. 5.....	9 13
11,	F. Long for cleaning school house in dist. No. 8.....	5 00
12,	S. K. Long for labor and material on out house in dist. No. 8....	75
13,	C. E. Rose for ton hay.....	6 00
14,	C. G. Niles for cash paid out and sundries for farm.....	3 93
15,	C. G. Fernald for shingles for town farm buildings.....	15 00
16,	D. E. Clement for services as road commissioner.....	16 00
17,	D. E. Clement road commission to pay for labor and material used in repairing roads.....	100 00
18,	C. G. Niles for memorial purposes.....	15 00
19,	P. H. Gillin for services in the prosecution of Norton, Lufkin and Watson in Municipal Court.....	10 00
20,	O. F. Dore for services as moderator the years 1892—1898 inclusive.....	15 00
21,	O. T. Dore for labor on highway in the year 1897.....	4 00
22,	C. N. Brickett for labor on town farm buildings 5 days.....	7 50
23,	R. B. Dunning for steel road scraper.....	6 00
24,	S. G. Jerrard for services as auditor of accounts for 1897.....	2 00
25,	Parks Brothers for insurance policy on town farm buildings.....	18 00
26,	Wm. Small for services doing mason work on farm house.....	6 37
27,	L. S. & C. L. Ferrin for labor on road in winter of 1897 & 1898	19 27
28,	Morse & Co for timber for bridge.....	21 38
29,	G. W. Read for services as town clerk and money paid for col- lecting and recording vital statistics.....	8 96
30,	C. N. Brickett for labor on town farm buildings.....	7 50
31,	D. E. Clement road commissioner for labor and material expend- ed on highway.....	234 29
32,	D. E. Clement for services as road commissioner.....	51 22

33.	Frank White for money paid out for over work on the road	472 06
34.	C. G. Niles for shingles furnished for town farm buildings.....	4 50
35.	Winfred Lufkin for teaching school in district No. 6, ten weeks	50 00
36.	S. M. Herrick for teaching school in district No. 7, ten weeks ...	50 00
37.	J. W. Sewell for services on town farm	37 50
38.	Nellie M. Rogers for teaching in district No. 8.....	70
39.	S. C. Titcomb for carrying scholars in district No. 5	20 00
40.	Helen Pomroy for teaching in district No. 9, and conveyance of scholars	60 00
41.	W. W. Goss for wood furnished district No. 7.....	8 25
42.	Jessie Megguire for teaching in district No. 11.....	80 00
43.	Charles Bragg for building fires in district No. 11	1 50
44.	Hattie Baston for teaching in district No. 5	50 00
45.	C. W. Fernald for lumber for repairs of farm buildings.....	2 75
46.	L. N. Bemis for wood furnished district No. 11.....	18 50
47.	R. B. Dunning for repairs for road machine.....	8 00
48.	C. W. Fernald for wood furnished district No. 8	16 25
49.	C. E. Edminister for preparing wood for district No. 7.....	3 00
50.	A. T. Leighton for conveyance of scholars in district No. 5.....	36 50
51.	D. D. Roberts for labor and repairs of conductor and pump at town farm house	4 85
52.	R. E. Long for labor in haying	9 00
53.	Town of Dexter for medical and other supplies furnished family of Joseph Card	28 00
54.	D. Bugbee & Co. for book and stationary	4 72
55.	Charles Hawes for conveyance of scholars to district No. 11.....	10 00
56.	J. M. Hodgdon for labor on school house in district No. 11.....	21 00
57.	A. J. Wing for labor and stock and painting school houses.....	83 36
58.	D. E. Clement for labor expended on roads.....	96 81
59.	D. E. Clement for services as road commissioner.....	16 53
60.	F. W. Turner for lumber for the highway.....	48 00
61.	F. W. Turner for lumber for repairs of farm buildings.....	11 92
62.	J. W. Sewall for services on town farm.....	37 50
63.	Geo. F. King for school room supplies.....	1 50
64.	Leach Shewell & Co. for school books	4 90
65.	L. N. Bemis for labor and material on school house in district No. 11	59 32
66.	H. C. Hicks for plan of school house in district No. 11.....	3 00
67.	C. C. Simpson for services as ballot clerk at September election	2 00
68.	J. L. Linnell for wood for dists. No. 7 and 9.....	\$ 22 75
69.	W. W. Wilkins for teaching in dist. No. 8, care of school house \$1.00, crayons, 25 cents.....	66 25
70.	S. M. Herrick for teaching in district No. 7.....	40 00
71.	E. F. Waugh for boards for schoolhouse in district No. 11.....	27 00
72.	E. T. Hawes for labor and material on school house dist. No. 11	265 48
73.	Mark Batchelder for money paid out in Etna law suit... ..	25 76
74.	S. C. Titcomb for conveyance of scholars in dist. No. 5.....	16 00
75.	A. T. Leighton for conveyance of scholars to dist. No. 5.....	30 00
76.	Town of Dexter for pauper supplies furnished Jos. B. Card...	74 00
77.	Helen Pomroy for teaching in dist. No. 9.....	40 00
78.	Helen Pomroy for conveyance of scholars to dist. No. 9.....	12 00
79.	Town of Etna for judgment rendered.....	391 70
80.	H. W. Weston for boarding teacher in dist. No. 8.....	16 00
81.	A. J. Wing for labor and stock used painting old part school house in district No. 11.....	23 24
82.	Frank White treasurer of school fund for interest.....	84 73
83.	T. W. Vose for services in the Etna law suit.....	46 10
84.	John White for witness fee and travel.....	4 32
85.	C. F. Wilson for services as ballot clerk.....	2 00
86.	Frank White for one day's witness fee.....	1 50
87.	John White, money paid P. H. Gillin attorney's fee in Etna suit,	25 00

88,	R. E. Hodgdon for labor on school house in district No. 11....	37 00
89,	F. B. McLaughlin " " " " " "	33 00
90,	A. D. McLaughlin " " " " " "	30 00
91,	D. E. Clement, Road Commissioner, labor expended on roads..	14 75
92,	Earnest F. Read for conveyance of scholars to district No. 8..	7 00
93,	W. N. Batchelder for money loaned to pay for labor and material expended on school house in district No. 11.....	120 96
94,	J. W. Sewell for services of self and wife on town farm.....	37 50
95,	C. G. Fernald, expense carrying A. J. Willey to Insane hospital,	16 75
96,	C. W. Fernald for damage to sheep by dogs.....	16 17
97,	A. F. Leighton for conveyance of scholars to district No. 5....	37 50
98,	Loring Fitz for teaching in district No. 8.....	102 50
99,	Myra E. Eddy, teaching in district No. 9.....	40 00
100,	Cyrus Waugh, use of bull on two cows.....	1 00
101,	R. B. Dunning, bolts and differences road scrapers.....	1 50
102,	G. J. Sanborn, damage to carriage caused by defect in road....	4 00
103,	Wilbur W. Wilkins for teaching in dist. No. 11, winter term...	126 00
104,	W. M. Oakman for teaching in district No. 5, winter term.....	80 00
105,	W. M. Oakman for conveyance of scholars to district No. 5....	20 00
106,	W. M. Oakman for care of school house in district No. 5.....	2 50
107,	W. M. Oakman for teaching in district No. 5, fall term.....	60 00
108,	W. M. Oakman for conveyance of scholars to dist. No. 5.....	10 00
109,	E. F. Briggs for teaching in dist. No. 8.....	75 00
110,	E. Fred Briggs for conveyance to dist. No. 7.....	12 50
111,	E. Fred Briggs for care of school house in dist. No. 7.....	2 50
112,	Mark Batchelder for services as town agent.....	12 75
113,	Mark Batchelder for expenses paid while investigating the Etina law suit.....	7 55
114,	L. N. Bemis for supplies furnished W. H. Houston.....	15 00
115,	L. N. Bemis for material furnished for repairing town farm buildings.....	11 65
116,	L. N. Bemis for school room supplies	6 38
117,	L. N. Bemis for supplies furnished town farm.....	106 70
118,	D. E. Clement, road commissioner for labor expended on roads	211 51
119,	D. E. Clement for services as road commissioner.....	16 85
120,	Frank Burnette for conveyance of scholars to district No. 11..	20 00
121,	D. W. Parkhurst for boarding teacher in district No. 11.....	30 00
122,	Mrs. J. M. Goss for board teacher in district No. 9.....	17 50
123,	M. J. Megguire for teaching in district No. 11.....	63 00
124,	Frank Sylvester for caarrying scholars to dist. No. 11 fall and winter terms.....	33 00
125,	C. C. Simpson for school room supplies.....	1 40
126,	W. H. Houston for conveyance of scholars to district No. 9....	10 00
127,	N. C. Moore for conveyance of scholars to district No. 5.....	17 50
128,	W. M. Batchelder for shoeing town farm horses.....	2 25
129,	Mark Batchelder, cash paid for postage and stationery.....	3 90
130,	Mark Batchelder, seed for town farm and money paid for pigs and plow point.....	9 25
131,	G. W. Read, services as town clerk.....	19 46
132,	F. G. Church, maintaining watering tub.....	3 00
133,	E. Fred Briggs, school room supplies.....	1 25
134,	D. H. Knowlton, maps for schoolroom.....	8 35
135,	S. G. Jerrard, overwork on road tax for municipal year 1897...	4 50
136,	S. G. Jerrard, abatement of tax assessed on three hundred dol- lars bank stock in 1897.....	6 30
137,	E. Fred Briggs, services as superintendent of schools.....	54 50
138,	Frank White, Constable, posting warrants for the year 1898...	10 00
139,	Frank White, collecting and treasuring supplementary tax 1898,	62
140,	Frank White, abatement of taxes for the years 1897-98 and error in commitment.....	29 00
141,	C. G. Fernald, sundries for town farm.....	13 80
142,	C. G. Niles, supplies furnished town farm.....	10 12
143,	C. G. Niles, windows, boards and nails for town farm.....	2 86

144,	O. J. Emerson, care of school house in district No. 9.....	2 75
145,	Mark Batchelder, labor expended in filling excavation and repairing roadway in front of Mrs. L. M. McKeney's house	4 00
146,	Mark Batchelder for services rendered as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor.....	75 00
147,	C. G. Fernald for services as selectman, etc.....	33 50
148,	C. G. Niles for services as selectman, etc.....	37 34
149,	Frank White for collecting and treasuring \$3,857.12 for the municipal year ending March 1st 1899.....	77 14
150,	Frank White for looking after unlicensed dogs.....	4 50
151,	Frank White for settling overwork on highway.....	5 00
152,	Mark Batchelder for bills paid for labor and material expended on school house in district No. 11.....	394 97
153,	Charles Bragg for care of school in district No. 11, winter term	6 00
154,	C. F. S. Whitcomb for medical attendance upon paupers.....	10 00
155,	C. F. S. Whitcomb for certificates of births and deaths.....	2 75
156,	A. J. Wing for abatement of taxes.....	3 90
157,	Frank White, town treasurer not paid.....	27 83

STANDING OF TOWN AS FAR AS KNOWN MARCH 1, 1899.—ASSETS.

OLD TAX DEEDS UNESTIMATED.

Dog license in hands of State treasurer,	\$ 47 00
Due fr'm State for damages done to sheep by dogs,	16 77
There is due from William and Myron E. Manley for treatment and support of said Myron E. Manley at the Insane Hospital,	182 82
There is due from George W. Tibbetts,	35 00
There is due from Mark Batchelder for money received for use of road machine,	2 62
Estimated value of produce now on town farm.	
9 tons of hay,	45 00
10 bu. of mixed grain,	3 50
20 bu. of potatoes,	10 00
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Amount of Assets,	\$342 71

LIABILITIES.

Due the town of Hampden,	\$103 64	
to T. W. Burr for this year's report,		
to Insane Hospital for the treatment and support of A. J. Willey for six weeks about	15 00	
J. W. Sewell, about	25 00	
Frank White, town treasurer on order No. 157,	27 83	
the school fund,	155 94	219.47
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Amount of Liabilities,	\$327 41	390.94
Assets over Liabilities, <i>over Assets</i>	\$15 30	48.23

REPORT OF THE TOWN FARM.

The farm has been carried on by J. W. Sewell. His term expires April 4, 1899.

We found the buildings very destitute of tools and utensils for necessary use in carrying on such a farm, and consequently we have been to quite an expense in procuring the bare necessities. Amanda Patterson is the only pauper that has been on the farm for the past year.

We have paid out for the above necessities and supplies, \$275.99.

We have sold from farm \$65.02 and there remains produce estimated at 58.50. We have expended on the buildings \$74.90.

The entire cost of reconstructing and furnishing school house in Dist. No. 11, \$970.75.

When we entered upon the duties of the office of Selectmen at the beginning of the year, we found ourselves confronted with a lawsuit with the town of Etna, which had been pending several months. The instructions of the town at the annual meeting was to fight or settle the suit as we might think for the interest of the town, and taking the advice of counsel employed by our predecessors we allowed the case to come to trial, with the result that judgment was rendered against the town for \$496.76, including cost. This amount was paid from money reported in the treasury at the close of the municipal year 1897. There has also been expended from such money for overwork on the highway in 1897 and in payment of other outstanding bills, the sum \$625.46, and in addition to the foregoing, the town by vote appropriated from such money, for various purposes, \$1217.88, making a total sum paid out by us not embraced in the assessments, \$2346.06, an amount exceeding the money reported in the treasury by the sum of \$257.10.

Very respectfully,

MARK BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor of Levant.
C. G. NILES,	
C. G. FERNALD,	

Levant, March, 1st, 1899.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT March 1, 1899.

Town of Levant to D. E. CLEMENT, Dr.

1898.	To whom given.		
May 3.	Frank Tibbetts.....	\$	20
3.	J. A. Wiggin.....	1	70
3.	C. F. Perkins.....		25
3.	W. E. Clark.....		20
3.	Geo. A. Hewes.....	2	10
3.	C. N. Brickett.....		80
3.	W. E. Hughey.....	1	05
3.	A. M. McLaughlin.....	2	20
3.	I. L. McCobb.....		20
5.	S. R. Griffin.....	4	70
5.	E. H. Waugh.....	2	90
5.	W. M. Shaw.....	2	65
5.	G. E. Reed.....	6	10
5.	J. C. Simpson.....	3	90
5.	C. F. Reed.....		95
5.	H. W. Weston.....	1	00
5.	A. O. McLaughlin.....		60
5.	P. R. Norton.....	2	15
5.	C. C. Eldridge.....		50
5.	A. D. Emerson.....		75
5.	G. M. Emerson.....		75
5.	C. C. Simpson.....	1	05
5.	R. A. Preble.....	1	00
5.	W. W. Storer.....	2	40
5.	Geo. W. Worthing.....		40
5.	P. H. Waugh.....	1	75
5.	V. E. Waugh.....	2	25
5.	E. F. Waugh.....	3	15
5.	M. C. Mills.....	2	00
11.	E. I. Batchelder.....	4	70
11.	Mark Batchelder.....		50
11.	C. C. Cloudman.....	4	00
11.	G. M. Hodgdon.....	3	30
11.	W. H. Hoyt.....		65
11.	R. H. Leach.....	1	20
11.	S. D. Call.....	1	20
11.	J. G. Brickett.....	1	40
19.	T. N. Morrison.....	7	30
19.	A. H. Corson.....	6	00
19.	R. E. Berry.....	1	60
19.	F. R. Burnett.....	7	48
19.	D. E. Clement.....	7	13
26.	R. S. Clement.....	14	95

	28.	Arthur Wing.....	4	37
June	8.	G. N. Carter.....	2	00
	8.	D. F. Carter.....	6	90
	14.	R. S. Clement.....	18	75
	17.	Will Stein.....	1	00
	29.	Frank White.....	9	90
	29.	Frank Tibbets.....	54	00
	29.	C. W. Fernald.....	18	64
	29.	F. R. Burnett.....	15	75
June	29.	Oren Houston.....	1	25
	29.	E. I. Batchelder.....	36	00
	29.	Lester Barnes.....	11	25
	29.	C. E. Edminister.....	25	00
	29.	W. B. Smith.....	15	07
	29.	A. O. Wing.....	18	15
	29.	W. E. Stover.....	3	00
	29.	L. N. Bemis.....		81
	30.	B. H. Moyhen.....	25	18
	30.	W. Goss.....	6	90
	30.	D. E. Clement.....	49	12
July	2.	R. W. McLaughlin.....	1	00
Sept.	17.	Frank White.....	6	00
	17.	Wm. Ross.....	1	70
	19.	B. H. Moyhen.....	2	50
	20.	A. O. Wing.....	2	40
	22.	Arthur Wing.....	3	12
	22.	C. E. Edminister.....	3	75
	24.	F. R. Burnett.....	6	75
	24.	E. I. Batchelder.....	12	50
	24.	C. F. Wiggin.....	6	00
	25.	Frank Tibbetts.....	6	00
	25.	D. E. Clement.....	18	50
Dec.	27.	Frank White.....	1	25
	28.	J. A. Wiggin.....	3	75
	26.	Walter Shaw.....	1	00
	30.	Bert Moyhen.....	1	25
1899.				
Jan.	5.	W. Goss.....	6	75
	5.	T. N. Morrison.....		75
Feb.	28.	R. S. Clement..... Dist. No. 1.....	8	15
	28.	O. W. Griffn..... " " 2.....	7	80
	28.	R. E. Berry..... " " 12.....	3	15
	28.	W. E. Fay..... " " 26.....	5	25
	28.	C. C. Simpson..... " " 3, 20.....	10	50
	28.	D. F. Carter..... " " 21.....	5	85
	28.	C. C. Cloudman..... " " 11.....	4	30
	28.	J. W. Keys..... " " 26.....	5	10
	28.	Dana Emerson..... " " 24.....	8	80
	28.	E. I. Batchelder..... " " 23.....	11	65

28.	E. F. Waugh.....	"	"	9.....	5 70
28.	C. B. Dore.....	"	"	13.....	7 45
28.	G. W. Reed.....	"	"	18.....	7 85
28.	M. P. Simpson.....	"	"	4.....	11 45
28.	A. H. Corson.....	"	"	15.....	18 30
28.	G. M. Hodgdon.....	"	"	6.....	9 30
28.	Frank White.....	"	"	14.....	7 85
28.	C. C. Eldridge.....	"	"	22.....	3 25
28.	H. W. Weston.....	"	"	8.....	6 80
28.	P. R. Norton.....	"	"	5.....	7 30
28.	W. H. Stein.....	"	"	17.....	10 90
28.	A. Carter.....	"	"	28.....	4 40
28.	C. G. Fernald.....	"	"	25.....	4 15
28.	S. R. Griffin.....	"	"	10.....	13 10
28.	D. E. Clement.....	"	"	7, 16, 19.....	18 10
28.	C. W. Fernald, lumber.....				2 82
28.	C. H. Brickett, building culvert.....				2 24
	Morse & Co., lumber, order 28.....				21 38
	F. W. Turner, lumber, order 60.....				48 00
					\$799 74

Total amount paid out for all purposes.....\$799 74

D. E. CLEMENT, to Town of Levant, Dr.

1898.

April 26.	To cash by order to	8.....	\$100 00
May 21.	" " "	17.....	100 00
June 18.	" " "	28.....	21 38
" 29.	" " "	31.....	234 29
Sept. 16.	" " "	58.....	69 81
Dec. 27.	" " "	91.....	14 75
Sept. 16.	" " "	60.....	48 00
Feb. 27.	" " "	118.....	211 51

Amount received from the town.....\$799 74

SUMMARY.

Amount expended in opening roads in spring of 1898.....	\$110 00
" " for labor of men and teams in summer.....	399 21
" " in opening roads in winter of 1898-99.....	211 51
" " for lumber.....	79 02

Whole amount expended.....\$799 74

D. E. CLEMENT, Road Commissioner.

I have examined the foregoing statement of receipts and expenditures, and find it correct and hereby approve the same.

S. G. JERRARD, Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

FRANK WHITE, Treasurer, in account with the TOWN OF LEVANT.
1899.

DR.

Mar. 4.	To cash in treasury, March, 1898.....	\$2082	96
	Commitment for 1898.....	3857	12
	Supplementary assessment.....	31	15
	Interest on local school fund orders.....	84	73
	Cash from State for mill tax.....	594	49
	Cash from State for dog license.....	34	90
	“ of Mrs. W. B. Baston, highway tax..	4	04
	“ “ C. B. Mills, peddler's license.....	3	00
	“ “ Watson, Lufkin and Norton, fees paid P.H.Gillin, prosecuting their boys for breaking into school house and des- troying books.....	10	00
	“ “ Mark Batchelder, farm produce sold	35	28
	“ “ C. G. Niles, town “ “ “	16	24
	“ “ C. G. Fernald, “ “ “ “	13	50
	“ “ E. F. Briggs, Supt. of schools, for books destroyed by scholars.....	2	25
	“ “ S. G. Jerrard, highway deficit, 1897.	3	00
	Town order to balance account.....	27	83
		\$6800 49	
Total amount.....			

1899

CR.

Mar. 4.	By State tax paid for 1898	\$ 729	74
	County tax paid for 1898	335	43
	Interest paid on orders No. 72, 79, for 1898,	9	05
	Interest paid on order No. 93 for 1898.....	1	18
	Town orders paid for 1898.....	5725	09
		\$6800 49	
Total amount			

At my final settlement with the town, we found that there was no money in the treasury and that there was due me for money overdrawn \$27.83, for which the above order was drawn to balance.

Which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK WHITE, Treasurer of Levant.

March 4, 1899.

Auditor's Report.

As Auditor of the town of Levant for the municipal year, 1898, I submit the following report :

I have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the selectmen with the following result. I find that the available cash assets from all sources have been \$6772.66, and that the disbursements during the year amount to \$6800.40, the amount paid out being in excess of the assets in the sum of \$27.84. I further find that each order has been drawn on a proper voucher, for a lawful purpose, and that all orders paid by the treasurer have been returned to and receipted for by the selectmen and by them duly cancelled. As the selectmen's report has given the items of assets and disbursements, I omit them in this report.

I further report that I have examined the books of the town treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1899, and find all entries therein correct and properly vouched for and I hereby approve the same. The efforts of the treasurer to collect in, and pay all orders drawn before final settlement, should be highly commended, although in doing so he was obliged to use \$27.84 of his own money, the assets for the year being insufficient in that sum, and the order given him by the selectmen to reimburse the money thus paid out is the only outstanding order at this date.

S. G. JERRARD, Auditor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN :

As required by law, your school committee at its first meeting designated by lot members to serve for one, two and three years respectively, as follows: Walter B. Smith, for one year; F. L. Griffin, for two years; E. F. Waugh, for three years.

At this meeting E. Fred Briggs was elected superintendent of schools.

Following the usual custom in this town the committee delegated to the superintendent many of the powers and duties which are given it by the statutes; duties which could not be so delegated have been faithfully performed.

Considerable money generously appropriated by vote of the town, has been expended in much needed repairs of school buildings. In districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11, the schoolhouses have been thoroughly painted outside, two coats each, with the best white lead and oil procurable. Clapboards needing it have been renailed, broken glass replaced and the houses generally put in good repair outside. Inside all blackboards have been repainted and some minor repairs made. All the painting was done by A. J. Wing & Sons whom we were fortunate to secure for the work at a price considerably less than would ordinarily be charged.

At the first joint meeting of the building and school committees, regarding the reconstruction of the schoolhouse in District No. 11, two members of the latter committee opposed the plan presented, but at a subsequent meeting another plan was approved by a majority of said committee.

Mr. Briggs, the superintendent, was hired and certificated by us to teach the winter school in District No. 7. The report of this school is made by the member of the committee who visited it.

Near the end of the winter school at South Levant, the committee was called in to investigate charges of excessive corporal punishment, said to have been inflicted by the schoolmaster upon two of his scholars. A full examination into these charges against the teacher was made, and the teacher and his witnesses were fully heard. The punishment in both cases was severe,—apparently too severe and hasty for the provocation immediately preceding it, but we gathered from the evidence that it was the culmination of many acts of disobedience on the parts of the scholars punished. The case appeared to us to be simply a matter of allowing the teacher to keep school, or of upholding a decidedly bad element among the scholars. The teacher was accordingly sustained.

As the old district system has been abolished and the numbers of such districts are now used only to designate schoolhouses, and as the application of such numbers is difficult to remember we urge that our school buildings be named, as recommended by our state superintendent of schools, for distinguished Americans. We would suggest that the names Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Daniel Webster, Emerson and Longfellow be respectively used in districts number 11, 8, 5, 7, 6 and 10. Thus

the school at the village would be known as the Washington school, that at South Levant as the Lincoln school, etc. A modest sign with the name of the particular school painted thereon, if attached to the building would serve to fix the name more quickly and effectually in the memory.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER B. SMITH, Chairman.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To W. B. Smith, chairman, F. L. Griffin and E. F. Waugh, S. S. Committee of Levant, I submit the following report to your consideration.

Balance due from last year	. . . . .	\$ 242 50	
Amount raised for schools	800 00	
Interest on town school fund	84 73	
State school fund and mill tax	594 49	
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Total amount for support of schools		\$1721 72
EXPENDED.			
For teachers' wages and board	\$1102 50	
conveyance of scholars	302 00	
fuel	68 75	
janitors' services	18 75	
tuition due town of Corinth	10 99	
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Total amount expended		\$1502 99
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$218 73
Amount appropriated for books and apparatus	\$ 50 00	
“ due from last year	2 36	
“ received for books destroyed	2 25	
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Total amount for books and apparatus		\$54 61
EXPENDED.			
For writing books	\$ 4 90	
erasers	1 55	
maps	8 35	
chalk and other supplies	9 60	
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Total amount for books and apparatus		\$24 40
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$30 21
Amount raised for repairs		\$200 00

EXPENDED.

For repairs in No. 5	\$ 9 13	
" " 8	5 75	
" " 11	21 00	
painting and material	106 60	
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Total for repairs		\$142 48
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Balance unexpended		\$57 52

The following bills have been paid for conveyance of scholars.

To Helen Pomroy,	District No. 9	.	.	.	.	\$ 10 00	
S. C. Titcomb,	" 5	.	.	.	.	20 00	
A. T. Leighton,	" 5	.	.	.	.	36 50	
Chas. Hawes,	" 11	.	.	.	.	10 00	
A. T. Leighton,	" 5	.	.	.	.	30 00	
S. C. Titcomb,	" 5	.	.	.	.	16 00	
Helen Pomeroy,	" 9	.	.	.	.	12 00	
W. M. Oakman,	" 5	.	.	.	.	10 00	
Ernest Read,	" 8	.	.	.	.	7 00	
N. C. Moore,	" 5	.	.	.	.	17 50	
A. T. Leighton,	" 5	.	.	.	.	37 50	
W. E. Houston,	" 9	.	.	.	.	10 00	
W. M. Oakman,	" 5	20 00	
E. Fred Briggs,	" 7	12 50	
Frank Sylvester,	" 11	33 00	
Frank Burnett,	" 7 and 11	20 00	
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							\$302 00

FOR WOOD.

To C. W. Fernald,	District No. 8	\$16 25	
L. N. Bemis,	" 11	11 50	
C. G. Niles,	" 11	7 00	
W. W. Goss,	" 7	.	.	.	.	8 25	
C. E. Edminister for sawing and putting wood in shed, District No. 7	3 00	
J. L. Linnell, Districts No. 5 and 9	22 75	
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							\$68 75

FOR JANITORS' SERVICES.

To Charles Bragg,	District No. 11	\$7 50	
W. W. Wilkins,	" 8	1 00	
Loring Fitz,	" 8	2 50	
E. Fred Briggs,	" 7	2 50	
O. J. Emerson,	" 9	2 75	
W. M. Oakman,	" 5	2 50	
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							\$18 75

List of teachers employed, whole number of scholars in district, whole number attending school, average number, length of school in weeks, wages of teachers per week including board, and price of board per week.

No. of School	Names of Teachers	Whole No. scholars in district	Whole No. attending school	Aver. No. attending school	Length of school in weeks	Wages of teachers per week including board	Price of board per week
No. 5	Hattie Baston	51	17	14	10	\$5	\$1.50
	W. M. Oakman		28	25	8	7½	2.00
	W. M. Oakman		30	20	10	8	2.00
No. 6	Winifred Lufkin	14	9	6	10	5	1.50
No. 7	Susie M. Herrick	23	15	14	10	5	1.50
	Susie M. Herrick		19	17	8	5	1.50
	E. Fred Briggs		19	15	10	7½	2.00
No. 8	Nellie M. Rogers	62	25	21	10	7	1.75
	W. W. Wilkins		33	29	8	10½	2.00
	Loring Fitz		40	35	10	10	
No. 9	Helen Pomroy	16	13	11	10	5	1.50
	Helen Pomroy		14	11	8	5	1.50
	Myra E. Eddy		11	8	10	5¾	1.75
No. 11							
Spring	M. J. Megquier	76	43	33	10	8	2.00
Winter	M. J. Megquier		20	15	9	7	2.00
	W. W. Wilkins		28	23	12	13	2.50

Whole number scholars in town 242. Whole number of different scholars attending school 173.

The schools for the past year, except in a few instances have been both pleasing to the parents and profitable to the scholars.

I find a great mistake that has been made in this town, is in placing incompetent teachers in charge of our smaller scholars. It is the first years of a child's school life that decide whether he is to become a scholar or form a dislike for study; and if the school to him is dull and uninteresting, he is very apt to form a dislike for study which may never be overcome.

Our first duty is to look after the welfare of our scholars. It is too often the case that we look to the interest of the teacher, employing them without regard to their capability for the work, for the sake of preserving the policy of hiring home talent. This is a good policy, if we have the talent, but if we do not, it becomes our duty to procure our teachers elsewhere, and in doing this we should endeavor to secure better teachers than we have at home.

With the text-books that we have in our schools today it is just as necessary that teachers to be successful, should prepare for their work, as a person to prepare for any other profession; and I think the day is not far

distant when a teacher will be obliged to hold a State certificate or a diploma of a Normal school, to enable them to teach in the schools of our State; and the sooner it becomes a law, the better it will be for the welfare of our schools.

There have been a few instances in town where the teachers have had outside influences to contend with. Parents should bear in mind that they are injuring their children more than they are the teachers by trying to make it unpleasant for them.

It was thought best by the committee to suspend the school in District No. 10 during the year, also the school in No. 6 for the fall and winter, and provide conveyance for the scholars to No. 5. This has proved very satisfactory.

The school in No. 11 was suspended during the fall on account of work which was being done on the house, but I think the scholars have done enough better work to amply repay them for the time lost in the fall.

The work done in these schools during the winter terms gives great credit to the teachers, and I would recommend that their services be procured for the coming year if it is possible to do so.

The school library and portrait of Washington which the teacher of the primary grade procured for her scholars, is evidence of the interest she took in her school.

Our books, with the exception of a few which are rather the worse for wear, are in very good condition. I think it will not be necessary to purchase any the coming year.

In conclusion I would again urge that we all work together for the interest of our scholars and lay all matters not connected with our schools aside.

Respectfully submitted,

E. FRED BRIGGS,

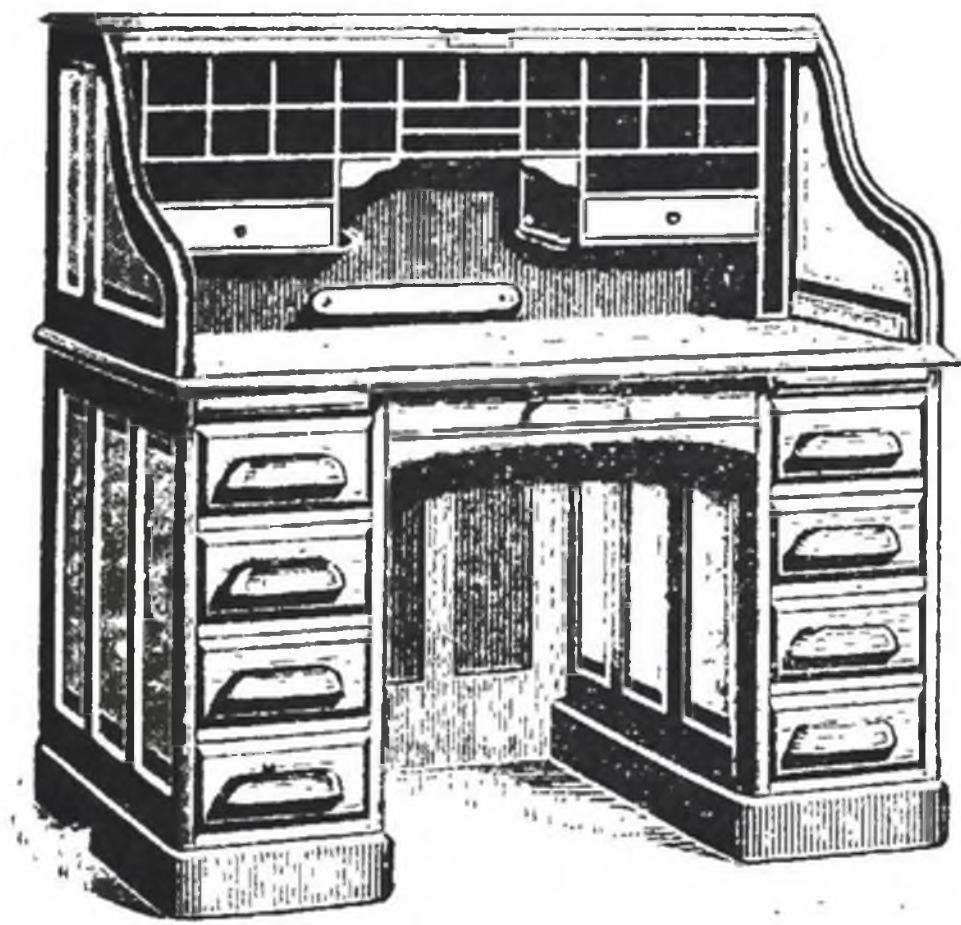
Superintendent of Schools.

The winter term in No. 7 was under the instruction of E. Fred Briggs and continued 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars attending school 19, average 15. Wages of teacher including board \$30 per month. At our first visit we found the school well classified and doing very thorough work. At the close of the term we found that good advancement had been made in all branches, and the same degree of thoroughness had been maintained throughout the term. We pronounce this to have been a profitable term of school.

W. B. SMITH,	}	S. S. Committee of Levant.
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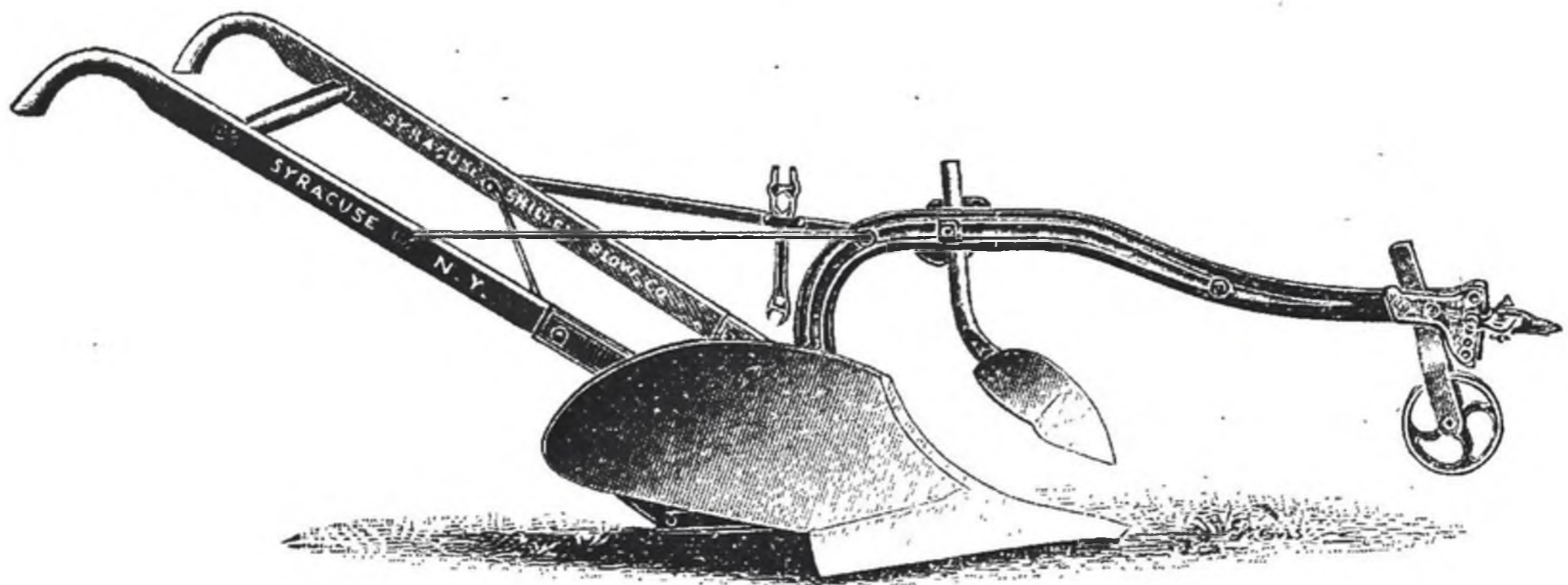
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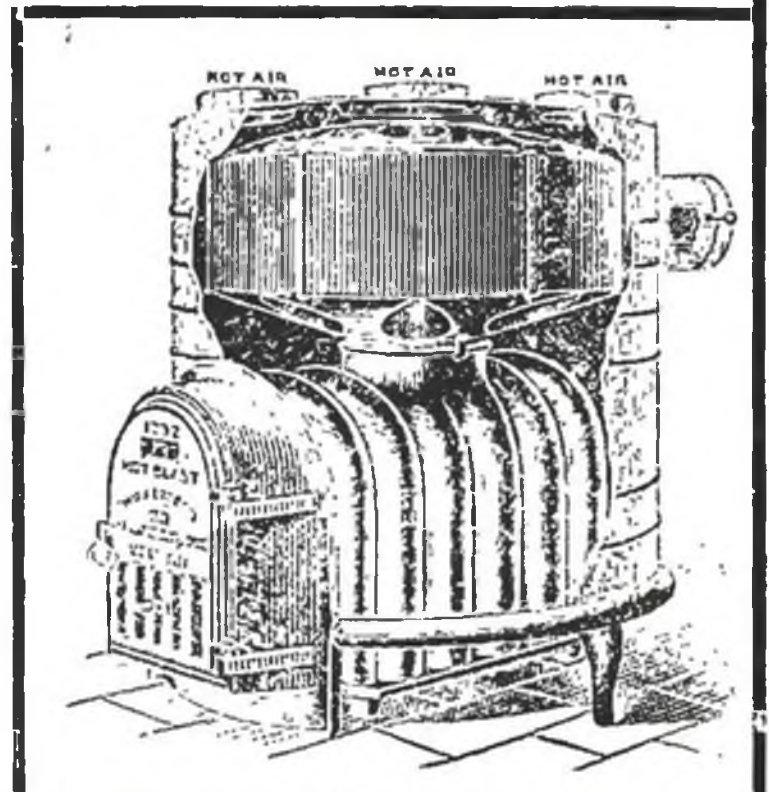
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