

1882

# Annual Report of the Selectmen and Supervisor of Schools of the Town of Palmyra for the Year 1882

Palmyra (Me.)

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs>

---

## Repository Citation

Palmyra (Me.), "Annual Report of the Selectmen and Supervisor of Schools of the Town of Palmyra for the Year 1882" (1882). *Maine Town Documents*. 4057.

<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs/4057>

This Report is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Maine Town Documents by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact [um.library.technical.services@maine.edu](mailto:um.library.technical.services@maine.edu).

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —



— AND —

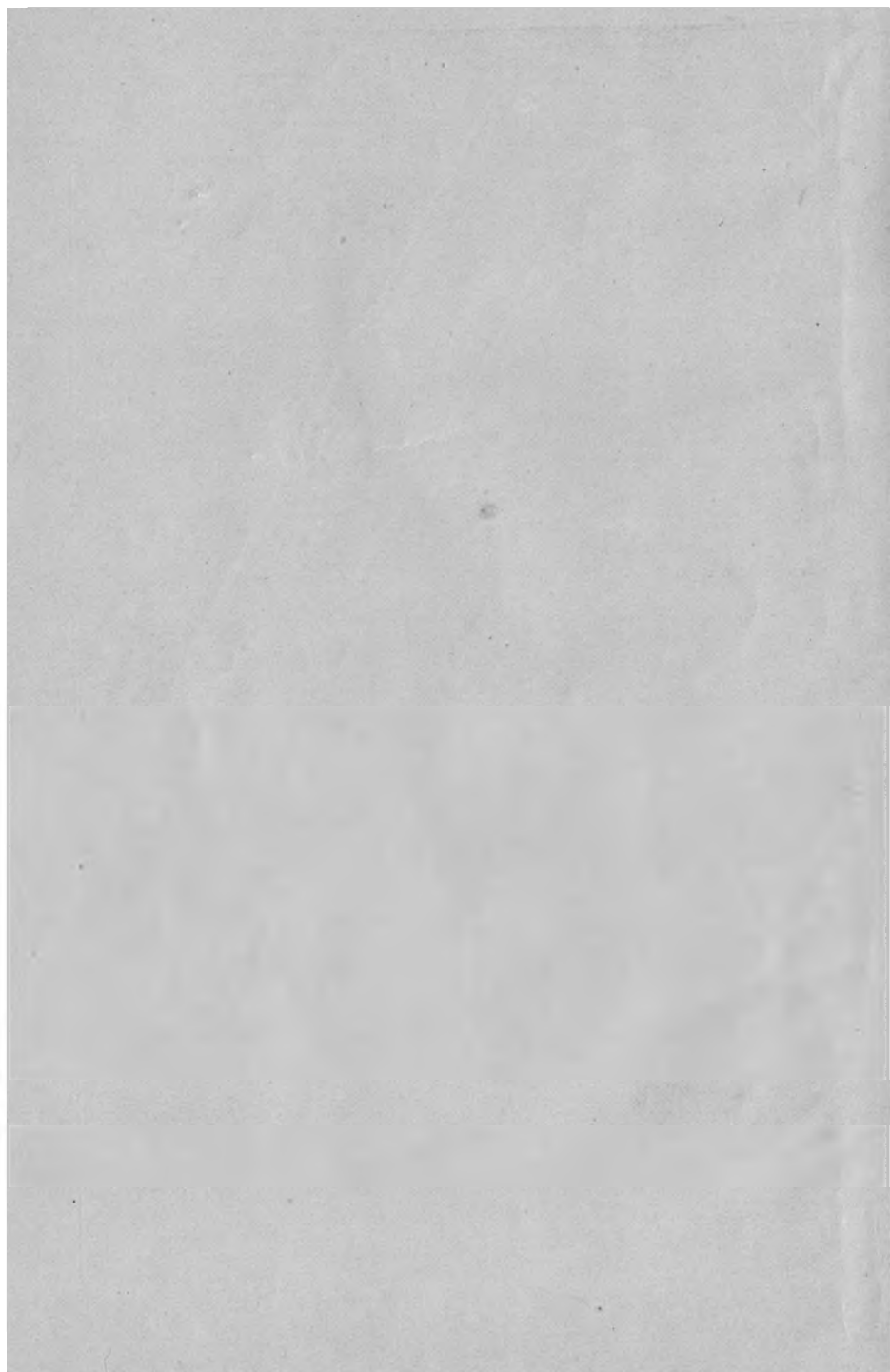
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

— OF THE —

TOWN OF PALMYRA.

**For the Year 1882.**

NEWPORT ME  
JUDKINS & MORRILL PRINTERS  
1882





## Department of Overseers of the Poor.

### TOWN FARM.

Invoice of property on the farm Feb. 17th. 1883.

One pair of oxen.....	\$120.00
One " three-year-old steers.....	80.00
Four cows and one calf.....	124.50
Forty sheep.....	220.00
Three swine and twenty-seven hens, .....	35.50
	————— \$580.00

### PRODUCTS OF FARM, AND PROVISIONS.

Twenty-one tons of hay and 1-4 ton of straw, ..	\$211.50
18 bush. corn 15.30; 7 bush. beans 18.00, .....	33.50
2 1-4 bush. peas, 2.25; 17 bush. barley, 14.45..	16.70
6 bush. buckwheat, 4.50; 37 lbs. dried apple, 2.59	7.09
65 bush. potatoes, 42.25; 78 bush.	
turnips and beets, 18.75 .....	61.00
27 galls. cider, 375 galls. vinegar, .....	49.03
2 1-2 bbls. soap, 10.00; 5 galls. cider	
apple sauce, 2 25, .....	12.25
Butter, pickles and mince meat, .....	3.20

2 bbls. clear pork, 50.00	1 bbl hams, 18.00	.....	\$68.00
43 lbs. lard, 6.02	1-3 barrel flour	.....	8.45
Molasses, shorts, spices &c.		.....	5.17
17 cider, meat and soap barrels		.....	17.75
15 lbs. spare-rib, 1.50	500 feet		
	bass boards 5.00	.....	6.50
			<hr/> \$500.14
			<hr/> \$1080.14
Farming tools and house hold furniture,		.....	394.00
Whole amount of property on farm Feb. 17th, 1883.		.....	\$1474.14
Whole amount of property on farm Feb. 20th, 1882.		.....	1421.92
Increase of property		.....	\$52.22

## STOCK AND PRODUCE SOLD.

1 pair of oxen, \$130.	1 pair steers, \$115.00.	.....	\$245.00
1 cow, \$35.	4 calves, \$34.50.	.....	69.50
31 lambs, 100.00;	6 old sheep, 10.00	.....	110.00
Wool, 47.98;	3 pigs, 8.00	.....	55.98
2100 lbs. hay, 12.60;	53 galls. cider, 4.24	.....	16.84
17 1-3 bush. beans, 52.08;	Vinegar, .60.	.....	52.68
154 lbs. round hog and spare-rib.		.....	19.10
Pork and barley, 1.29;	shovel handles, 23.18	.....	24.47
Butter, 72.91;	eggs, 34.83;	labor, .25	..... 107.99
Board of horse.		.....	10.00
			<hr/> \$711.56

## AMOUNT OF ALL BILLS OF PURCHASE.

1 pair of oxen, 105.	1 pair of steers, 78.75	.....	\$183.75
1 cow, 30.00;	18 sheep, 52.00.	.....	82.00

Materials to finish sheep shed, .....	\$10.03
All other bills of purchase for farm and house, ..	275.86
Salary of Overseer, .....	290.00
	<hr/>
Whole expense of farm, .....	\$841.64
Deduct stock and produce sold, .....	711.56
	<hr/>
	\$130.08
Deduct increase of property, .....	52.22
	<hr/>
Balance against farm, .....	\$77.86
Number of paupers on the farm, 5.	
Interest on the money in farm and property at 4 per cent, .....	\$138.96
	<hr/>
Whole cost of 5 paupers to town, .....	\$216.82
For each, .....	43.36

#### PAUPER BILLS OUTSIDE OF FARM.

Paid on acc't of L. F. Nason, .....	\$103.28
"    Mrs. Chas. Brown, .....	1.90
"    Lizzie Sherwood, .....	25.00
Montville, on acc't of Thomas Myrick, .....	61.75
Est. due town of Blue Hill, on acc't of Chas. Hart, .....	35.00
	<hr/>
	\$226.93

#### PAID FOR PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid on acc't of Reuben Burrill, .....	31.90
"    J. W. Carr family, .....	61.87
"    Israel Tuttle, .....	11.69
"    Martha Nichols, .....	17.00
	<hr/>
Amount all collected, .....	\$122.46

## SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT.

### ASSESSMENTS.

Valuation of property 1882.	
Amount of real estate .....	\$267,120.00
Amount of personal estate .....	62,189.00
	<hr/>
	\$329,309.00

### AMOUNT OF MONEY ASSESSED.

Amount raised for schools .....	\$1057.60
Amount raised for town charges .....	800.00
Amount raised to expend on roads .....	200.00
Amount of state tax .....	1612.04
Amount of county tax .....	383.14
Amount overlays .....	167.35
	<hr/>
Whole amount assessed .....	\$4220.13
No. of polls 279.	
Amount assessed on polls .....	558.00
Rate per cent. 11 1-10 mills.	
Delinquent highway tax of 1881 .....	15.05
Supplemental tax .....	15.61

### ABATEMENTS.

Paid Elisha H. Tibbetts by vote of town .....	21.00
Eben H. Brooks " .....	5.00
W. E. Lord " .....	7.95
A. Morrill, bills of 1881 .....	27.05
Peter H. Lang bills of 1882 .....	21.37
J. P. Longley bills of 1880 .....	1.87
	<hr/>
	\$84.24



## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

R. McCrillis, .....	26.46
Daniel Whitten, .....	10.00
H. G. Jouhnett, .....	77.00
H. B. Allen, .....	25.00
G. W. Morse, .....	9.60
J. R. Leathers, .....	2.00
B. A. Damon, .....	15.00
Phillip Hubbard, .....	4.00
Lowell B. Hanson, .....	7.35
Joseph Sedgwick, .....	50
Howard Estes, .....	9.67
D. H. Pooler, .....	9.67
Eben Marsh, .....	3.00
Fred Flanders, .....	2.30
Orin L. Soule, .....	2.00
John Spaulding, taking down fence, .....	3.00
Samuel Farham, .....	4.85
	<hr/>
	\$211.40

## TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS.

Paid H. C. Webber, Selectman &c., .....	66.75
Randall McCrillis,     " .....	27.50
J. E. Smith,     " .....	26.50
Lewis Wyman, Treasurer, .....	15.00
G. M. Burleigh, Clerk, .....	10.00
R. J. Goodrich, Supervisor, .....	36.61
Due Mrs. Belle Maddocks, Supervisor, .....	30.00
	<hr/>
	\$212.36

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid outstanding order for H. B. Allen, mortgage .....	\$265.42
Judkins and Morrill, printing town reports 1882, .....	18.50
Horace Lord, cleaning town house, .....	.69
C. B. Hilton, bal. of services on farm for 1881, .....	116.67
C. B. Hilton, for 3 qr. services on farm for 1882, .....	217.50

Paid Thomas Sherwood, bill of 1881, .....	25.00
Expense of Wm E. Lord, in hospital &c. ....	45.30
"    in Mrs Chas. Brown case, .....	2.00
L. Wyman, services as moderator '81 and '82, .....	2.00
Peter H. Lang, warning town meetings, .....	3.00
R. J. Goodrich, for services as Supervisor 1881, .....	53.84
For school books, .....	31.00
For land to enlarge village cemetery, appraisal of same and recording deed, .....	26.75
A. Morrill, for collecting tax of 1881, .....	25.85
For steers for town farm, .....	78.75
For school books, furnished J. W. Carr, .....	62
L. Crocker, for guide boards, .....	3.00
For making bond for H. B. Allen, .....	1.00
For painting Goodwin cemetery fence, .....	13.40
H. C. Webber, expense to Orland in Hart case, .....	6.00
G. W. Morse, for erecting monument on town car, .....	2.50
Town of Pittsfield, tax on Wyman land .....	1.80
For new assessment book, .....	7.50
For other blank books, postage, stationery &c. ....	13.27
For board of town officers, .....	15.50
	<hr/>
	\$976.86
Paid the several school districts, .....	\$1797.00

#### RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid pauper bills outside of farm, .....	\$314.39
The several school districts, .....	1797.00
On roads and bridges, .....	211.40
Town Officers bills, .....	182.36
Miscellaneous bills, .....	976.86
Abatements, .....	84.24
	<hr/>
	\$3566.25
Amount of orders turned over from Treasurer and cancelled, .....	\$3566.25

### Treasurer's Report.

March 8th. 1882.	DR.	
To cash in treasury, .....		\$890.73
Col. of town of Pittsfield, bill of 1881-2, .....		87.56
"    Skowhegan, " '82, .....		31.90
"    Ripley, " '81, .....		13.91
"    Brighton, " '82, .....		11.69
"    Lebanon, " '81-2, .....		65.55
"    Monmouth, " '81-2, .....		27.00
"    Detroit, " '82, .....		8.00
Cash from sale of products of town farm, .....		202.50
"    school books, .....		32.29
"    rent of town hall, .....		5.28
"    hired money to take up Allen order, .....		200.00
"    non-resident taxes col. of 1881, .....		208.06
received from State R. Road tax 1882, .....		1.11
"    of A. Morrill and Peter H. Lang, on col- lections of 1881 more than paid over to State treasurer to pay tax of '81, .....		8.45
Peter H. Lang, collector of '82, .....		1227.41
State school fund collected of 1881, .....		620.56
		\$3642.00

CR.

By Selectmen's receipt for orders turned over .....		
and canceled, .....		\$3566.25
Cash in treasury, .....		\$75.75
		\$3642.00

LEWIS WYMAN,

Treasurer.

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

School fund order, .....	\$1163.33
Order for H. B. Allen mortgage, .....	200.00
One other order outstanding, .....	4.38
Due C. B. Hilton, last qr. on farm, .....	72.50
Peter H. Lang Col. 1882, .....	26.40
The several school districts, .....	353.54
Blue Hill on acc't of Charles Hart, Est'd, .....	35.00
Mrs. B. M. Maddocks, Supervisor, .....	30.00
	<hr/>
	\$1885.15

## FUNDS OF TOWN.

Due from Peter H. Lang, Col. of 1882, .....	\$799.90
Non-resident taxes returned, .....	317.25
State school fund and mill tax, .....	578.22
Amount of H. B. Allen, mortgage, .....	265.45
School books on hand, cost, .....	81.12
Cash in hands of overseer of town farm, .....	59.95
Cash in treasury, .....	75.75
	<hr/>
	\$2177.64
Deduct amount of liabilities, .....	1885.15
	<hr/>
Balance in favor of the town, .....	\$292.49
Amount unexpended of the appropriations for this year, .....	\$167.15

The Selectmen submit the foregoing as the financial standing of the town and the expenditures for the year commencing Mar. 4th. 1882. and ending Mar. 5th. 1883.

H. C. WEBBER,	} Selectmen of Palmyra.
R. McCrillis,	
J. E. Smith	

Palmyra, Me. Feb. 23rd. 1883.



ANNUAL REPORT  
 — OF THE —  
*SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,*  
 OF THE TOWN OF PALMYRA

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING APR. 1, '83

Amount of money raised by the town. ....	\$1057.60
State school fund and mill tax. ....	578.22
Interest on town school fund. ....	69.80
Received from Detroit for schooling	
Joseph Phinney's children. ....	8.00
	Total. .... \$1713.62

Whole number of scholars 374.

District No. 1.

Summer term; Miss Achsa Martin of Detroit had charge of this school. The school was under excellent discipline and the pupils made good progress during the term. Fall term; Achsa Martin teacher; not reported. Winter term was taught by Achsa Martin of Detroit. The parents and children are deeply interested in education; the latter governing themselves in the school-room, and grasping eagerly the illustrations of their teacher. Though young, they are well advanced.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

School taught by Laura Hodgkins, of Pittsfield. This was her first school; she worked well and the pupils made good progress in their studies. Many things of a general character were taught in the school. Fall term instructed by same. I visited this school only at its close. She seemed to be a good scholar, but confined her teaching wholly to books. A thorough examination clearly showed the instruction of the older scholars was not practical enough to be memorized; the younger portion made good progress.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

Taught by Flora B. McLuer, of this town, and was her first school. She labored hard for the good of the school and gave general satisfaction. With experience, I think she will make a successful teacher. Winter Term taught by Lizzie Clark of St. Albans. The closing examination showed good advancement, from thorough drilling in the branches taught.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Taught by Hattie A. Robinson, of this town. She is a thorough and competent teacher and did good work in the school. Winter term taught by F. L. Stinson, of W. Pittsfield. He gained to a large extent, the good will of his pupils and is an excellent disciplinarian. This was a hard place for a teacher of his years to follow his predecessors, who were teachers of experience. Some of the larger scholars soon detected this, who are always ready to follow where an experienced teacher leads. The quantity of work done was sufficient and could the quality have been sufficient, the satisfaction throughout the district would have been more general.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

This school was taught by Miss Etta Parkman, of this town. She has successfully taught the school two terms previous, and she sustained fully during this term her former reputation. Fall term, Etta Parkman, teacher—Not reported.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Taught by Mabel Philbrick, of St. Albans. She is a good teacher and did quite good work. Winter term commenced by Arthur Smith, of St. Albans. This was his first attempt at teaching; he is a good scholar and came well recommended. There was not the least necessity of a failure in this district, the agent was proffered the services of experienced teachers, but postponed hiring one until a few days before the school was to commence. I ascertained on visiting the school at its second session he was discharged by the agent for reasons which cannot be justified. Every parent or scholar of whom I gained any information spoke well of Mr. Smith's instruction with one exception. Second session under the discipline of F. L. Stinson. Order excellent; thoroughness much in advance of village school.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer term taught by Lottie McLuer, of this town. At the commencement of the school it was well organized and bid fair for a successful term. Did not visit it at the close so cannot report anything definite. Fall term was instructed and disciplined by M. A. Thomas, of this town. Being a teacher of more than fifty terms experience, her services were of unquestionable value. Compiling many of her questions she gave them an unsurpassed amount of practice which was the result of an energetic worker with marked ability. Winter term taught by L. M. Rand, of Pittsfield. He is stern in discipline, without being severe, and thorough in instruction. The examination showed lessons well committed and practiced.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Taught by Alice Tibbetts, of this town. She gave general satisfaction, and the school made good progress. Winter term continued by the same teacher. She gave good evidence of fine qualifications as a teacher, is very systematic in the discharge of her various classes, and gains the good will of her scholars with readiness.



## DISTRICT No. 9.

Taught by Etta E. Parks, of Pittsfield. She is an experienced teacher and gave general satisfaction. She is entirely at home in the school-room and her instruction is thorough. Winter term taught by C. M. Nye, of Dixmont. The agent engaged the services of a first-class teacher to instruct this term; failing to fulfill his engagement the agent was obliged to make another selection after the best teachers were all secured. The one finally secured was not first-class in his examination, neither was he in his school. He dwelt at length on simple explanations, but when they became intricate and needed to assist his pupils through difficult places they were omitted.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

Taught by Miss Emma Smith, of this town. She was successful in imparting instruction and her classes compared well with others in town. Winter term was under the instruction of Anna Patten, also a resident of the district. The scholars composing this school were young, but showed good advancement, much beyond their years.

## DISTRICT No. 11.

Taught by Miss Mabel Cook, of this town. This was her first school; she gave general satisfaction; yet a little sterner discipline would have improved the school. Winter term taught by Lottie McLuer, of this town. She takes a delight in this vocation and labored with successful results. The examination rendered by herself and pupils was praiseworthy and the order an average with other small schools.

## DISTRICT No. 12.

Taught by Mae E. Farham, of this town. As a whole the school made average improvement. Winter term continued by the same teacher. Her scholars were retained in the school-room by that kindness which has characterized her in previous terms. She was pleasing and instructive, and at each visit the school was orderly.

## DISTRICT No. 13.

Taught by Luna E. Vickery, of Pittsfield This was Miss Vickery's first attempt at teaching; yet she showed good qualifications for a successful teacher. Winter term commenced by Wm. M. Getchell, of this town. He taught five and four-elevenths weeks, then considering his services unsatisfactory to some of the parents and scholars, retired. He does not possess firmness enough to discipline this school. It was continued by C. W. Atkins, of Pittsfield who is well worthy of the name of teacher of youth. He gave his scholars full explanations, then applications to be carried into practice by them in a free, easy, and concise manner, thus overcoming a vast amount of diffidence on the part of his pupils and riveting principles and illustrations firmly in their memories.

## DISTRICT No 14.

Taught by Miss Linette Libbey, of Detroit. She has the natural qualifications for a teacher and did good work in her school. She secured the respect of her pupils at the commencement of the term and kept up good interest throughout. Winter term taught by George H. Tibbetts, of this town. He is young, but insists upon firmness in government as a very important assistance to success. At the time of making this report there are a number of weeks yet unexpired. Judging from the good attendance at the second visit, his success is meritorious.

## DISTRICT No. 15.

Taught by Adah E. Sinclair, of this town and was her first school. The instruction as a whole was practical and the scholars were enabled to express their thoughts without being confined to the words of the text book. Winter term taught by the same; the residents of this district were fortunate in securing her services; her manner is pleasant with her pupils and her interest in their behalf unfaltering. This school has been considered, heretofore, a hard school for a female to govern, many of the larger ones were young gentlemen who did justice to themselves by being studious and profiting by the instructions of a teacher thus interested for them.

## CONCLUSION.

In presenting these reports to be read in each home, I am glad to say your schools have been very prosperous where experienced teachers have been secured, and as prosperous as we can expect where young teachers are just beginning to follow this arduous vocation. A teacher of years experience is of the greatest importance in our schools of to-day, and as your children are found in various pursuits in life they will unhesitatingly refer to some district school and thorough instruction gained thereby, that has been of inestimable value to them. One motto in securing teachers should be—a good teacher is cheap at any price and a poor teacher is of but little value. In no one thing do we err more than in not securing the best teachers the market affords.

Your former Supervisor supervised the Summer terms and Fall terms not reported, and all the Summer terms were reported by him. I would advise a change of nearly all the books used in the different schools and procure a uniformity of books and the best that can be found by any person who in your judgment is competent to dictate this. There are better books, I am satisfied than we are now using, of which our school children are wholly uninformed. We have talent manifested in the children of the different schools, with perfect utencils in the school-room and good teachers to utilize them, that you will feel well rewarded for this change.

BELLE M. MADDOCKS,

Supervisor.

## STATISTICS FOR TEACHER'S REGISTERS.

No. of Dis.	AGENT.	Whole No. of scholars in district.	Whole No. Registered.	Average No.	Length of school	Price per week	Board per week	Am't. of money apportioned
1	S. E. Smith, Summer, Fall, Winter,	11	5 * *	4	8	\$2.25	\$1.20	\$82.68
2	L. S. Smith, Summer, Fall,	16	10 *	8	8	2.25	1.50	100.08
3	C. A. Leavitt, Summer, Winter,	13	7 *	5	8	2.00	1.70	88.44
4	G. E. Seavey, Summer, Winter,	35	24 26	21	9	6.25	1.75	135.80
5	J. C. Millett, Summer, Fall,	11	4 5	4	6 9	2.00 2.00	1.20 1.20	82.68
6	A. Morrill, Summer, W. A. Blaisdell, Winter,	33	16 *	12	8	2.50	.98	128.04
7	J. P. Burleigh, Summer, Fall,	66	33 27	27 23	10 10	4.00 5.00	1.22 1.22	256.08
8	J. S. Wright, Summer, Winter,	23	* 23	20	14	3.50	1.50	100.74
9	D. H. Pooler, Summer, Winter,	31	* 22	19	9	6.50	1.24	120.28
10	Perry Furbush, Summer, Winter,	27	19	15	10	4.25	Inc. 63.	104.76
11	C. B. Cowan, S. W.	15	10 *	8.9	8	1.75	1.50	90.20
12	J. S. Spaulding, S. W.	14	10 *	9	10	2.50	1.00	87.32
13	W. J. Thomas, S. W.	35 1st.	22 2	18 17	10 5.4	2.50 5.50	1.50 1.50	135.80
14	Wm. Soule, S. W.	25	25 *	21	10	2.90	1.20	97.00
15	D. T. Farnham, S. Fall,	16	5 16	4 11	9 9	2.00 3.50	1.35 1.50	92.08

\*Reg. not returned to Supervisor.

Abbreviations ; S. Summer W. Winter.



