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Department of Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN FARM.

Invoice of Property on Farm February 21st, 1887.

1 pair oxen.....	\$130 00
3 cows.....	90 00
1 pair yearlings.....	30 00
21 sheep.....	84 00
3 swine, \$23.00; 44 hens, \$22.00.....	45 00
	\$379 00

Products of Farm and Provisions.

9 1-2 tons of hay, \$104.50; 1 ton straw, 5.00.....	\$109 50
14 bush. oats, 5.60; 16 bush. mixed grain, 8.00	13 60
13 " corn, 8.45; 9 3-4 bush. beans, 12.19.	20 64
1 pk. peas, 25c.; 3-4 barrel flour, 4.00.....	4 25
23 lbs. dried apple, 1.15; 7 gals. pickles, 2.10,	3 25
325 lbs. clear pork, 32.50; 150 lbs. hams and shoulders, 12.00.....	44 50
29 lbs. sparerib, 2.90; 67 lbs. corned beef, 4.00,	6 90
84 " lard, 9.29; tallow, 25c.; 40 bush. po- tatoes, 18.75.....	28 29
30 bush. vegetables, 7.50; 160 gals. vinegar, 19.20; boiled cider, 50c.....	27 20

2 gals. m. meat, 1.50; butter, 2.91; molasses and groceries, 5.15	\$ 9 56
3 bbls. apples, 4.50; 3 1-2 barrels soap, 14.00; canned fruit, 1.50	20 00
17 vinegar, meat and soap barrels	14 00
10 3-4 m. cedar shingles.....	21 50
3,600 feet hemlock and bass lumber, 10	36 00
	\$359 19
Farming tools and household furniture.....	386 25
Whole amount of property on farm, Feb. 21, 1887...	\$1,124 44
“ “ “ “ “ Feb. 15, 1886...	1,137 28
Decrease of property.....	12 84

Stock and Products Sold.

1 pair of oxen	\$130 00
1 cow.....	40 00
1 calf, \$5.50; 24 lambs, 60.00	65 50
8 old sheep, 15.25; 133 lbs. wool, 31.92.....	47 17
107 1-4 lbs. hams and shoulders, 8.58; pork, 3.66	12 24
201 1-2 lbs. beef, 11.48; 13 1-2 bush. potatoes, 4.88.....	16 46
10 3-4 bushel oats and peas, 5.91; 1-2 bushel peas, 36c.....	6 27
40 gals. vinegar, 5.50; 11 1-4 bush. beans, 14.21	19 71
Cow-hide, 3.99; pelt, 50c.....	4 49
Poultry, 13.68; eggs, 24.39; cream, 71.63 ...	109 70
Lumber and bark.....	33 99
Received for board of B. Stewart.....	94 00
“ “ labor of overseer off the farm....	5 00
	\$584 53

Amount of all Bills of Purchase.

1 pair oxen.....	\$130 00
1 cow.....	26 00

1 calf, \$6.00; 1 swine and 1 buck, 8.50.....	\$ 14 50
All other bills of purchase for farm and house.	337 59
Salary of overseer.....	280 00
	—————\$788 09
Add decrease of property.....	12 84
	—————\$800 93
Deduct stock and products sold.....	584 53
	—————
Balance against the farm.....	\$216 40
Number of paupers on farm, 6.	

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Pauper Bills Outside of Farm.

Paid on acct. of L. F. Nason	\$ 42 75
" " " " Mrs. Berry.....	55 00
" for clothing for Fred Fogg.....	7 20
" Town of Thorndike on acct. of Charles Maxim, bills of 1885 and 1886.....	40 50
Paid on acct. of Hart family.....	33 54
" " " " Jas. H. Fairbrother and family,	25 00
Due " " " Geo. H. Spaulding (town of Caribou).....	50 00
	—————\$253 99

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Paid Pauper Bills Belonging to Other Towns.

Paid on acct. of Israel Tuttle (Brighton).....	\$15 17
" " " " T. A. Wentworth (Athens)....	4 16
" " " " W. C. Campbell (Pittsfield) ...	5 50
" " " " Mrs. C. Martin (Canaan).....	31 50
	—————\$56 33
Received from Brighton.....	5 00
	—————
Due	\$51 33

Selectmen and Assessors' Department.

ASSESSMENTS.

Valuation of Property, 1886.

Amount of Real Estate	\$266,975 00	
Amount of Personal Estate.....	64,859 00	
		\$331,834 00

Amount of Money Assessed.

Amount raised for schools.....	\$1,016 80	
“ “ “ town charges.....	900 00	
“ “ to expend on roads.....	300 00	
“ “ to purchase road machine..	225 00	
“ “ “ land and fence,		
Warren Hill cemetery.....	50 00	
Amount raised for State tax.....	1,343 94	
“ “ “ County tax	412 61	
“ of overlayings.....	210 89	
“ “ supplemental tax.....	13 80	
Whole amount assessed.....		\$4,473 04

Number of Polls, 272; amount assessed on Polls, \$544; rate per cent., 11 8-10 mills.

Abatements.

Paid Joseph B. Chase (by vote of town).....	\$11 84
“ J. B. Homstead “ “ “ “	6 94
“ Gardiner Dyer “ “ “ “	15 36
“ John Crawford “ “ “ “	16 28
“ John Q. Adams, Collector for 1885.....	5 62
“ H. G. Johonnett, “ “ 1886.....	16 89
	—————\$72 93

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Orin Willey.....	\$ 1 50
“ Fred Thompson	6 00
“ Eben Marsh.....	3 25
“ J. H. Baker.....	12 00
“ C. A. Farnham.....	17 88
“ R. W. Parkman.....	80
“ N. B. Furbush, plank.....	2 00
“ C. W. Homstead, cedar stringers	7 00
“ J. B. Homstead	14 50
“ J. J. Emery.....	7 70
“ S. S. Goodrich, repairing bridge.....	35 53
“ T. F. Homstead.....	25 50
“ T. F. and C. W. Homstead	42 00
“ Leonard Foley.....	92 75
“ A. B. Taylor.....	4 00
“ A. P. McMaster, plank and timber.....	26 16
“ E. Q. Frost	6 00
“ Ransom Davis.....	10 00
“ H. R. Nichols.....	3 00
“ Joseph Patten.....	6 50
“ Howard Estes.....	3 50
“ J. H. Mahoney, plank.....	4 22
“ John Spaulding, taking down fence	3 00
“ A. J. Moor, plank.....	20 00
“ R. E. Latty, iron for bridge.....	1 80

Paid M. Dyer.....	\$ 9 13
“ G. W. Hubbard	2 20
“ Eben S. Brooks	3 00
	—————\$370 92

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid H. C. Webber, services as Selectman, etc.,	\$71 25
“ W. H. Miles, “ “ “ “	43 50
“ M. Dyer, “ “ “ “	30 00
“ John Q. Adams, Treasurer.....	25 00
“ J. F. Harvey, Clerk.....	10 00
“ F. B. Goodrich, Supervisor.....	65 00
“ Lewis Wyman, Moderator.....	1 50
“ George W. Stuart, Auditor.....	3 00
	—————\$249 25

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid J. Q. Adams, for auditing town accounts for 1885	\$ 3 00
Paid J. Q. Adams, for collecting tax of 1885.	47 36
“ “ “ “ warning town meeting and recording deed	1 50
Paid C. H. Morrill for printing town reports for 1885.....	20 00
Paid for books, stationery, stamps, express, etc., for town officers	13 53
Paid for school-books	67 45
“ “ oxen for town farm, \$130; cow, 26..	156 00
“ N. B. Douglass, 22 trips with hearse . . .	27 50
“ Joseph Patten, building cemetery fence..	50 50
“ F. B. Marsh, last qr. services on farm for 1885	70 00
Paid C. R. McCrillis, for three quarters service on farm for 1886.....	210 00

Paid J. B. Homstead, cleaning and taking care of town house.....	\$ 5 00
Paid Judkins & Murch, insurance on farm build- ings.....	13 50
Paid H. C. Webber, use of team to Thorndike,	1 50
“ Dustin & Co. for road machine.....	125 00
“ for repairs and express on repairs.....	88
“ H. E. Adams for moving road machine from Ripley	2 50
Paid M. J. Raymond for addition to Warren Hill cemetery	6 00
Paid Henry Dodge for cremating N. Hanson's dead cows.....	5 75
Paid F. E. Parks, damage to carriage on highway	10 00
“ Henry Shaw for mowing and cleaning up Spring Hill cemetery.....	2 00
	<hr/> \$838 97
Paid the several school districts	1,580 41

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Recapitulation of Expenditures.

Paid pauper bills outside of farm.....	\$ 260 32
“ Abatements	72 93
“ Town Officers' bills	249 25
“ Roads and bridges.....	370 92
“ Miscellaneous bills.....	838 97
“ the several school districts.....	1,580 41
	<hr/> \$3,372 80
Amount of orders turned over from Treasurer and cancelled	\$3,372 80

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Balance in my hands as Treas. of 1885...	\$	229	81
Received from sale of products of town farm		156	00
“ “ town of Brighton.....		5	00
“ “ W. D. Mitchell, on col., '84,		36	00
“ “ J. Q. Adams, “ “ '85,		877	64
“ “ H. G. Johonnett, “ “ '86,		2,329	30
“ “ sale of school-books		37	62
“ “ rent of Town Hall.....		12	00
			—————\$3,683 37

Expenditures.

Town orders returned.....	\$3,372	80
Cash on hand.....	310	57
		—————\$3,683 37

J. Q. ADAMS, Treasurer of Palmyra.

Assets of the Town.

Due from Peter H. Lang, Collector of 1882..	\$ 29 37
“ “ H. G. Johonnett, “ “ 1886..	216 49
“ “ Brighton.....	10 17
“ “ Athens.....	4 16
“ “ Pittsfield.....	5 50
“ “ Canaan.....	31 50
“ on tax deed.....	8 71
Amount of school-books on hand (cost)....	87 60
Cash in hands of overseer of town farm....	85 15
Due from B. Stewart, for board.....	23 00
Due on non-resident taxes returned.....	170 70
Cash in treasury.....	310 57
Due from State (school fund and mill tax)..	544 35
	<u>\$1,527 27</u>

Liabilities of the Town.

Due on School Fund Order.....	\$1,163 33
“ C. R. McCrillis, last qr. services on fm.	70 00
“ H. G. Johonnett for col. tax of 1886..	31 31
“ “ “ “ posting warrants.	2 00
“ the several school districts.....	228 32
“ Town of Caribou on acct. of George H. Spaulding.....	50 00
	<u>\$1,544 96</u>
Deduct funds.....	1,527 27
	<u>\$17 69</u>
Balance against town.....	\$17 69
Balance against town last year, \$200.69.	

The undersigned herewith submit the foregoing report of the expenditures of this town for the municipal year, and its present financial standing.

H. C. WEBBER, } Selectmen
W. H. MILES, } of
M. DYER, } Palmyra.

G. W. STUART, Auditor.

Report of Supervisor of Schools.

Amount of money raised by the town.....	\$1,016 80
State school fund and mill tax	544 35
Interest on town school fund.....	69 80
Total	<u>\$1,630 95</u>

Whole number of scholars in town, 338. Number of male teachers employed the past year, 1. Number of female teachers, 17. Number of terms taught in town, 32. Cost of Supervision, \$65.00.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

C. L. HUBBARD, Agent. Length of summer term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 15; average number, 14. Wages of teacher, \$3.00 per week; board, \$1.00. Length of fall term, 12 weeks. Number attending school, 16; average number, 12. Wages of teacher, \$3.00; board, \$1.00. Miss Nellie F. Edgerly, of Newport, taught both terms. She is a very successful teacher, and the examination of the several classes at the close of each term, showed that the teacher and scholars had been united in their efforts, in making them a success.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

WINFIELD S. CARR, Agent. Length of summer term, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 23. Number attending school, 14 ; average, 12. Wages of teacher, \$2.75 per week ; board, \$1.50.

Length of fall term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 13 ; average, 10. Wages of teacher, \$3.00 ; board, \$1.50. Miss Addie F. Foster, of this town, taught both terms. At the end of the first term I did not receive notice of its close, and consequently cannot report its progress. The examination of the several classes at the close of the second term did not show the advancement that should have been made in that number of weeks. Miss Foster did not manifest that interest and energy characteristic of a successful teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

G. W. HANSON, Agent. Length of summer term, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 12 ; number attending school, 7 ; average number, 5. Wages of teacher, \$2.25 ; board, \$1.35.

Length of fall term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 9 ; average, 8. Wages of teacher, \$2.75 ; board, \$1.35. Miss Emma Johonnett, of this town, taught both terms. She is a thorough disciplinarian and the pupils under her instruction made rapid advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

H. M. JOHONNETT, Agent. Length of summer term, 6 weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 40 ; number attending school, 29 ; average number, 27. Wages of teacher, including board, \$6.00 per week.

Length of fall term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 37 ; average, 33. Wages of teacher, including board, \$8.00.

Length of winter term, 7 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 28 ; average, 24. Wages of teacher, including board,

\$8.00. This District has been very fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Libby for the past year. Her reputation as a teacher is well established.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

J. C. MILLETT, Agent. Length of summer term, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 9; number attending school, 6; average, 5. Wages of teacher, \$2.25 per week; board, \$1.25.

Length of fall term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 8; average number, 6. Wages of teacher, \$2.50; board, \$1.25. Miss Etta M. Parkman, of this town, taught both terms. Did not receive notice of the close of the first term. The examination at the close of the second showed that her services had been profitable to the District.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

B. F. MILLER, Agent. Length of summer term, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 35; number attending school, 21; average number, 15. Wages of teacher, \$3.00 per week; board, 98 cents. This term was taught by Annie L. Fuller, of St. Albans. It was an average term of school.

Length of winter term, 11 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 21; average number, 17. Wages of teacher, \$28.00 per month; board, \$1.24. Mr. William A. Soule, of Hartland, taught this term. Mr. Soule is a thorough scholar. He labored hard for the interest of his school and was successful in maintaining good order. The examination at the close of the term was very satisfactory. Had Mr. Soule maintained a little less reserve with scholars and parents they would have appreciated his endeavors very much better.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

W. PRATT, Agent. Length of summer term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars in District, 52; number attending school, 30; average, 22. Wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week; board, \$1.50. This term was taught by Miss Alice M. Tibbetts, of this town, with her usual success.

Length of fall term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 37; average number, 32. Wages of teacher, \$4.00; board, \$1.50.

Length of winter term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 23; average, 19. Wages of teacher, \$5.00; board, \$2.00.

The fall term was taught by Miss M. A. Thomas, of this town. Miss Thomas is one of our best teachers and in this school fully sustained her former reputation. She also commenced the winter term, but on account of poor health was obliged to leave the school and Miss Emma Johonnett was engaged for the remainder of the term. I visited the school during the second week and noticed a disposition on the part of some of the larger scholars to take advantage of the teacher; with that and other influences which were brought to bear upon the school, it placed Miss Johonnett in rather an unpleasant position for a time, but at the close of the term I found the school quiet and orderly, and the examinations showed good advancement and thoroughness of work.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

W. M. SINCLAIR, Agent. Length of summer term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars in District, 25; number attending school, 17; average number, 15. Wages of teacher, \$3.00; board, \$1.25.

Length of winter term, 13 3-5 weeks. Number attending school, 16; average number, 14. Wages of teacher, \$4.00; board, \$1.50. Miss Maggie Bachelder, of this town, taught both terms. She gave the best of satisfaction.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

HOWARD ESTES, Agent. Length of summer term, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 24; number attending school, 15; average number, 12. Wages of teacher, \$2.25; board, 98 cents. Taught by Miss Annie Sinclair, of this town. She is young and, this being her first attempt at teaching, was hardly qualified for such an advanced school.

Length of winter term, 11 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, —; average number, —. Wages of teacher, including board, \$5.00. This term was taught by Mrs. A. J. Goodrich, of this town, with excellent success.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

EMERY LORD, Agent. Length of summer term, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 23; number attending school, 15; average number, 12. Wages of teacher, \$3.00; board, \$1.16. Miss Hattie Farnham, of this town, teacher. Miss Farnham labored very energetically for the interest of her school, which proved a success in every respect.

Length of winter term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 14; average number, 12. Wages of teacher, \$3.75; board, \$1.25. Taught by Miss Nettie J. Collamore, of this town. This was her second school and she met with equally as good success as in her first.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

HARVEY MAHONEY, Agent. Length of fall term, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 15; number attending school, 7; average number, —. Wages of teacher, \$4.00; board, \$1.90. Miss Belle Mains, of this town, taught this term. On my visit at the close I found the advancement in the several branches fully an average with the summer terms, but that the teacher had lost control, to a certain extent, over some of the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

GEORGE HUBBARD, Agent. Length of summer term, 6 weeks. Number of scholars in District, 16; number attending school, 12; average number, 8. Wages of teacher, \$2.00; board, 99c. Taught by Miss Lilla McFarland, of this town. Miss McFarland has had some experience in teaching and with considerable success, as reports indicate, but in this school she did not manifest that interest and zeal that one should to guarantee success. The scholars lost their interest and quite a number left. The examination of the remaining scholars showed but little progress.

Length of winter term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 10; average number, 9. Wages of teacher, \$3.50; board, \$1.10. Taught by Miss Ada Sinclair, of this town. This was a successful term in every respect. The scholars seemed to appreciate her labors, and by united effort on the part of teacher and pupils a good work was accomplished.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

CHARLES GETCHELL, Agent. Length of summer term, — weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 18; number attending school, 18; average number, 16. Wages of teacher, \$3.00; board, \$1.00. Taught by Nettie J. Collamore, of this town. This was her first attempt at teaching, yet she succeeded in making this a very profitable term. The review showed a large amount of work completed.

Length of winter term, 11 1-2 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 21; average, 18. Wages of teacher, \$5.00; board, \$1.50. Taught by Miss Hattie Farnham, of this town, with her usual success.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

CHARLES GIFFORD, Agent. Length of fall term, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 25; number attending school, —; average number, —. Wages of teacher, \$4.00; board, \$1.40.

Length of winter term, 7 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, —; average number, —. Wages of teacher, \$5.00; board, \$1.40. Miss Alice M. Tibbetts, of this town, taught both terms.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Length of summer term, 6 weeks. Whole number of scholars in District, 10. Number attending school, 6; average number, 5. Wages of teacher, \$2.50; board, \$1.00. This term was taught by Miss Ada Sinclair, of this town.

Length of winter term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars attending school, 8; average number, 6. Wages of teacher, \$3.50; board, \$1.40. Taught by Miss Lena Fisher, of Corinna. This

District has been very fortunate in the selection of teachers during the past year.

In conclusion I would say that the most of our schools, during the past year, have been very successful and profitable. The several agents and supervisor should be united in their efforts in securing the services of the best teachers possible.

I wish to call the attention of the town to the Readers now in use. They have been used a number of years and in nearly every school the scholars are becoming disinterested in this important branch. Let all those who are interested give the subject careful consideration.

For the past year there has been an effort made to awaken an interest in penmanship. This has been greatly neglected in our schools for the past few years and I hope in the future every parent will give this subject their cordial support.

Hoping that the interest in the education of the young in our town may not diminish, I remain,

Yours truly,

F. B. GOODRICH, Supervisor.

