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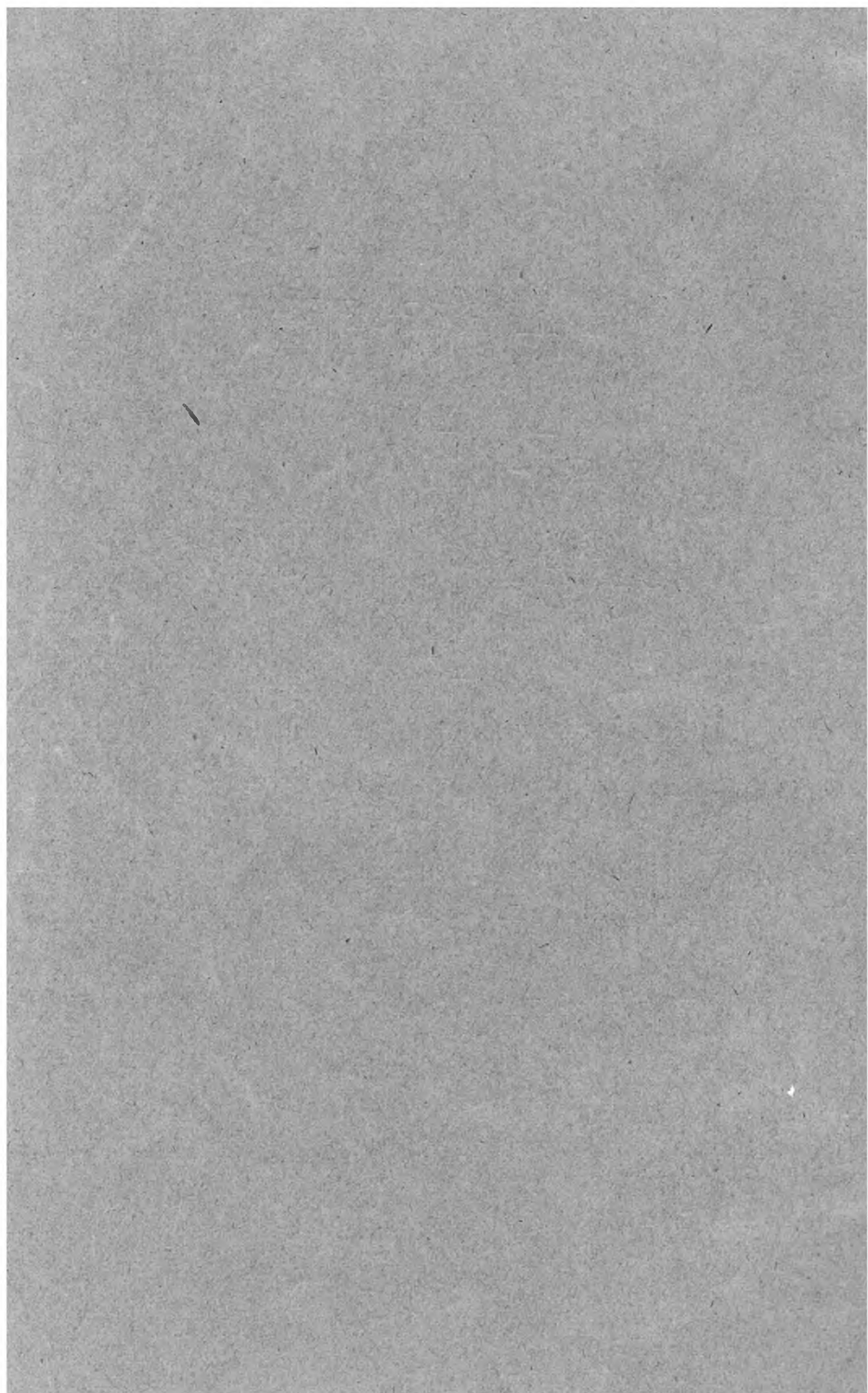
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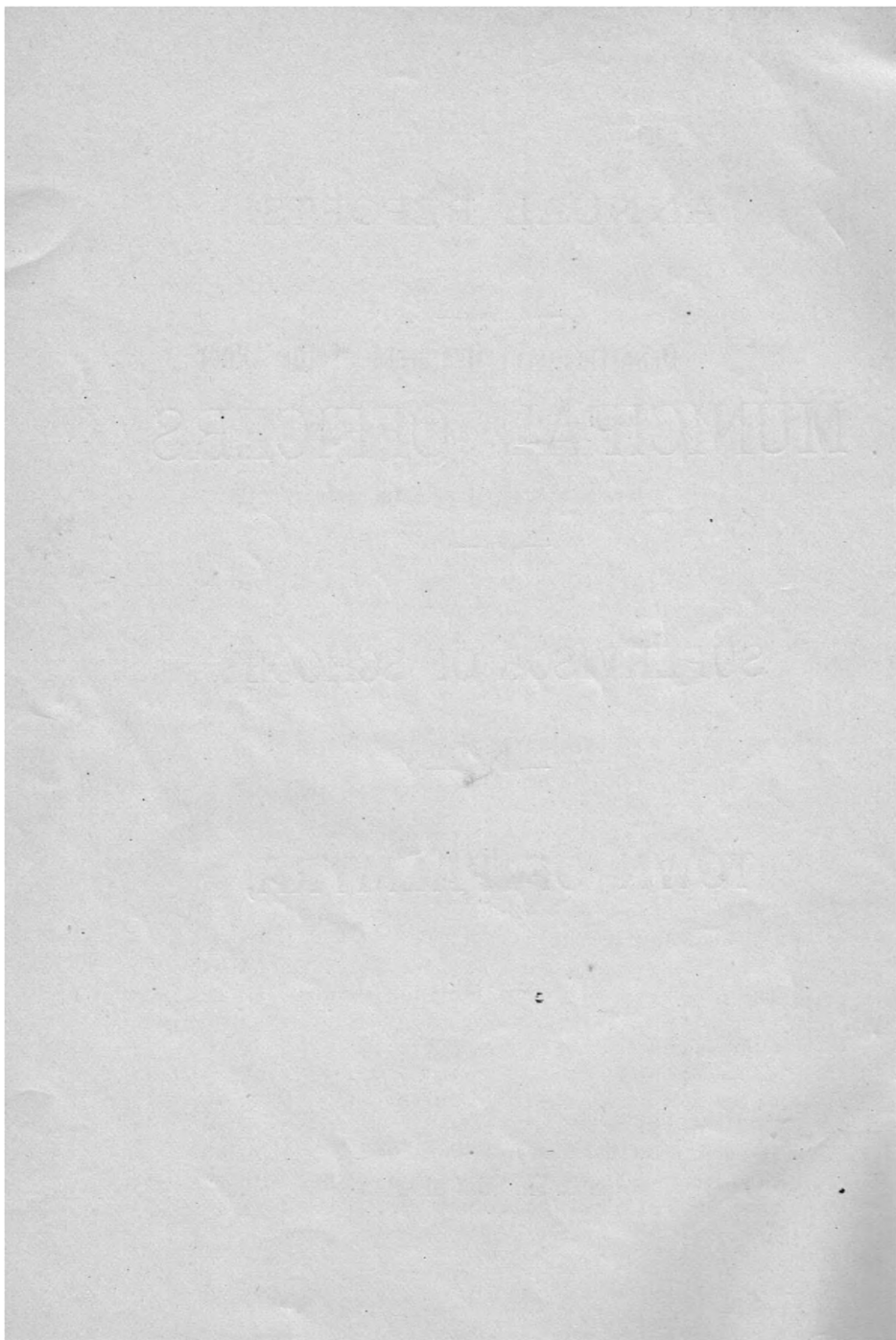
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Department of Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN FARM.

Invoice of Property on Farm February 1890.

1 pair oxen.....	\$100 00	
4 cows.....	120 00	
1 two year old heifer.....	20 00	
25 sheep.....	112 50	
3 swine \$25, 42 hens 50c. each.....	46 00	\$398 50
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Products of Farm and Provisions.

21 tons of hay at \$9 per ton.....	\$189 00	
2 tons of straw and corn fodder.....	8 00	
9½ bu. beans \$26.12, 100 gals. vinegar at \$15.	41 12	
3½ bu. corn and meal \$1.75, 1 bbl. cucumber pickles, at \$4.00.....	5 75	
1 bbl. clear pork \$18.00, ¾ bbl. hams and shoulders at \$9.00.....	27 00	
70 lbs. lard \$7.00, 25 lbs. corned beef \$1.25..	8 25	
75 bu. potatoes \$45, 30bu. beets and turnips 7. 50.....	52 50	
1 bbl. apples \$2.00, 3 bbls. soap \$12.....	14 00	
40 bu. oats \$14, 3 gals. m. meat \$2.25.....	16 25	
14 lbs. sparerib \$1.40, 9 lbs butter \$1.80....	3 20	
Groceries and flour.....	3 10	
16 cider, meat and soap barrels.....	10 00	
2450 feet pine boards 15 per m.....	36 75	
1000 feet bass boards 14 per m.....	14 00	

10 m No. 1 shingles.....	20 00	
	<u>448 92</u>	
Farming tools and household furniture.....	233 90	682 82
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Total		<u>\$1,081 32</u>

Stock and Products sold from Farm, 1889.

1 pair of steers.....	\$ 90 00
2 pair of oxen.....	230 00
1 cow \$22, 14 sheep and lambs \$32.....	54 00
2 shoters and four pigs.....	22 00
118 lbs. wool \$29.50, 936 ft pine boards \$14.04	43 54
50 ft. joist \$.50, 500 lbs. straw \$1.25.....	1 75
300 lbs hay \$1.80, 7 bu. potatoes \$4 20.....	6 00
rolls \$.25, 5 bu. oats \$2.25, 1 cow hide \$1.37.	3 87
10 lbs. pork \$1.00, 330 lbs. beef \$14.46, eggs	
*38.35.....	53 81
2 gals. vinegar \$.40, cream and calves.....	138 62
	<u>643 59</u>

Amount of all Bills of Purchase.

2 pair of oxen.....	199 00
2 cows.....	60 00
Boot between oxen \$15, buck \$4.....	19 00
All other bills for farm and house.....	238 67
	<u>300 00</u>
Salary of overseer.....	816 67
Deduct stock and products sold.....	643 59
	<u>173 08</u>
Decrease of property from last year.....	88 52
	<u>261 60</u>
Balance against farm.....	\$261 60

Pauper Bills Outside of Farm.

Paid on account of Mrs. Berry.....	\$52 00
“ “ “ L. F. Nason.....	35 65
“ “ “ Henry Morton.....	18 00
“ burial expenses of Lucinda McClure....	17 50
	\$123 15

Pauper Bills Belonging to Other Towns.

Paid on acct. of Lorenzo Starbird (Canaan)..	\$14 50
“ “ C. F. Baker and family.....	3 35
“ “ J. H. Baker (Montville)....	95 31
“ “ Seavey Nichols (St Albans)..	167 29
“ “ Wm. Keaten (Greenwood)..	35 87
“ “ Israel Tuttle (Brighton)....	16 00
	\$332 32

The above amount all collected except from Greenwood recently furnished.

Selectmen and Assessors Department.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1889.

Amount of real estate	\$266,025 00	
“ personal estate	61,484 00	
		<u>\$327,509 00</u>

Amount Of Money Assessed

Amt. raised for schools	\$1,016 80	
“ “ “ town charges	800 00	
“ “ “ roads	500 00	
“ “ to repair iron bridge	100 00	
“ “ to purchase road machine	250 00	
“ “ for State tax	986 49	
“ “ County tax	397 73	
“ “ Overlayings	189 15	
		<u>\$4,240 17</u>

Number of Polls, 270; amount assessed on Polls, \$540. supplemental tax. \$5 13; rate per cent., 11 3-10 mills.

High way Tax.

Amount raised	\$1,000 00	
Overlayings	24 83	
		<u>\$1,024 83</u>

Roads and Bridges.

Paid W. B. Mills moving road machine from depot.....	\$ 50
“ S. D. Parkman removing logs in Parkman swamp.....	3 75
“ Freeman Fernald labor on road machine... 164 44	
“ H. W. Davis labor on road machine.....	156 25
“ Dexter & Sampson lumber for iron bridge... 88 28	
“ Bona H. Elkins stone culvert.....	10 00
“ W. H. Miles et als labor on Parkman swamp 14 75	
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ L. M. Gray road 7 00	
“ Geo. Tyler repairs on road machine.....	3 80
“ Geo. W. Applebee cedar culvert.....	5 00
“ Henry Dodge repairing brook bridge.....	4 00
“ C. R. Pratt 2 culverts and cutting bushes... 18 00	
“ F.W. Thompson cutting bushes near spring hill 10 00	
“ E. H. Thompson several jobs.....	66 50
“ John Spaulding taking down fence.....	3 00
“ H. G. Johonnet, repairing culvert.....	4 00
“ G. W. Morse.....	1 00
“ Henry McFarland cedar for culverts.....	5 00

\$565.27

Town Officers Bill.

Paid H. C. Webber Selectman.....	\$72 00
“ E. H. Thompson “	35 34
“ W. H. Miles “	37 67
“ E. Q. Frost Treasurer.....	25 00
“ J. F. Harvey Clerk.....	10 00
“ H. C. Webber Moderator.....	1 50
“ Alvin Howes supervisor of schools.....	71 60

\$253 11

Abatements.

Paid J. P. Longley in his bills of 1887.....	\$11 58
“ J. F. Harvey “ “ “ “ 1888.....	38 20
“ C. R. Pratt and E. C. Littlefield (errors) in '88	4 00
“ J. P. Longley in his bills of 1889.....	36 99
“ F. W. Brooks on oxen that died.....	1 35

\$92 12

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid for town order book, stationery, stamps etc. for town officers.....	\$12 27
Paid for printing town reports for 1888.....	20 00
“ “ insurance on town farm building....	12 80
“ “ road machine and one extra blade..	258 00
“ Oscar Farnum for accident on highway	250 00
“ H. C. Webber expenses incurred on the following trips out of town:	
To Belfast and Montville looking up Baker case.....	12 80
To Bucksport and Orland looking up Fogg case	5 50
To Oakland and Waterville looking up Branch case.....	2 00
To Augusta before Valuation Commission	4 20
Paid expense on account of S. Fernald (insane)	15 00
“ for school books.....	30 89
“ T. F. Homstead, for balance of service on farm for '88	46 67
Paid T.F. Homstead, for services on farm for '89	225 00
“ J. F. Harvey, for collecting tax of '88...	40 33
“ J. P. Longley, “ “ “ “ '89....	59 43
“ for stock for town farm.....	145 00
“ Rev. V.D. Sweetland for Memorial Address	5 00
“ health officer for burying horse on land	

of P. H. and S. Lang.....	4 00
Paid James B. Homstead, taking care of town house, wood and repairs.....	8 00
Paid temporary loans of money to pay for road machine, Oscar Farnum road work etc....	908 00
Paid interest on same.....	22 69
“ H.A. Smith, posting town warrant in '89	1 00
“ cash lost in registered letter by railroad accident at Oakland.....	5 35
Cash paid Peter H. Lang, for money overpaid on his collection for '82.....	3 79
Paid C. M. Jewett services as health officer....	11 54
“ G.W. Hanson, “ “ “ “	6 75
“ N. P. Douglas, “ “ “ “	4 75
“ N. B. Douglas, services with hearse....	23 75
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	\$2,145 21

Summary of Expenditures.

Paid miscellaneous bills.....	\$2,145 21
“ on acc't of roads and bridges.....	565 27
“ town officers' bills.....	253 11
“ pauper bills outside of farm.....	123 15
“ pauper bills charged to other towns....	332 32
“ the several school districts.....	1,850 68
“ abatements.....	92 12
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	\$5,361 86
Amount of orders rec'd from treasurer and cancelled.....	5,361 86

Liabilities of the Town.

Due on school fund order.....	\$1,163 33
“ T. F. Homstead services on farm.....	75 00
“ J. P. Longley posting town warrant.....	1 00
“ the several school districts.....	255 86
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	\$1,495 19

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Resources of the Town

Due from Peter H. Lang collector of '82.....	\$ 24 84
“ “ J. F. Harvey “ “ '88.....	62 03
“ “ Waterville on acc't of E. A. Branch bill of 1888.....	15 00
“ from state school fund and mill tax.....	623 47
“ “ Greenwood on acct of Wm Keaten....	35 87
“ on non resident taxes returned.....	202 34
Cash in hands of overseer of farm.....	100 00
School books on hand (cost).....	54 28
Cash in Treasury.....	232 32
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	\$1, 350 15
Balance against the town.....	\$145 04

We submit the foregoing report as a correct statement of the expenditures of the past year and the present financial standing of the town. There was no money raised to settle the damage case of Mr. Farnham and the report of last year showed balance against the town of \$15, so it will appear by our report that enough has been saved from the regular appropriations to cancel \$120 of this indebtedness leaving \$145 to be hereafter provided for. Our collector has settled with the town in full for this year's collection and it will be seen that but little is due from former collectors which we think is in the right direction. There are now no disputed pauper bills or threatened law suits or claims of any kind against the town which we think justifies us in saying, "We now leave the town in good standing."

Palmyra Feb. 20th., 1890.

H. C. WEBBER,	} Selectmen
E. H. THOMPSON,	
W. W. MILES,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Cash in my hands as Treasurer for the year 1888	\$279 50
Received State school fund and mill tax.....	617 17
" non-resident tax bills returned by Col '88.....	71 59
Received non-resident tax bills returned by Col. '89.....	178 32
Received temporary loan to pay amt. due Os- car Farnum, for road machine, road work etc.....	908 00
Interest on same.....	22 69
Received bal. from sale of town-farm oxen....	40 00
" from sale of town farm oxen.....	120 00
" " town of Brighton.....	16 00
" " " Canaan.....	14 50
" " " Hartland.....	3 35
" " " Montville, bills of '88 and '89.....	155 14
" " " St Albans.....	170 84
" " J. P. Longley on col. '87.....	114 07
" " J. F. Harvey on col. '88.....	268 15
" " J. P. Longley on col. '89.....	2,681 63
" on highway tax.....	14 91
" of selectmen from sale of town farm stock.....	40 71
" of selectmen from sale of old road machine.....	10 00
" from sale of school books.....	38 45
" " rent of town hall.....	8 00
" non resident tax bills returned in '86 and '87, Woodbridge tax.....	23 50
	\$5,796 52

Expenditures.

Paid on town orders.....	\$5,361 86
Non-resident tax not collected.....	202 34
Cash in Treasury.....	232 32
	\$5,796 52

E. Q. FROST, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

Amount of money raised by town.....	\$1,016 80
State school and mill tax.....	623 47
Interest on town school fund.....	69 80

Total.....\$1,710 07

Whole number of scholars 334; number of male teachers employed the past year, 1; number of female teachers, 24; number terms taught in town, 33; number of visits by supervisor, 64; cost of supervision, \$71.60

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Warren Mills, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Mamie F. Miles of Newport. This was Miss Miles first attempt at teaching and she labored earnestly for the good of her scholars, the closing examination was very satisfactory. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of scholars registered, 10; average, 9; wages, \$2.25 per week; board, \$1.50. Fall term taught by Miss Ina L. Bean of Detroit. Whole number scholars attending school, 13; average, 10. Length of term, 10 weeks; wages, \$3.25; board, \$1.50. This was a very successful term of school.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Joseph Sedgwick, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Florence Brackett of Detroit. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars registered, 16; average, 15 17 20; wages, \$3.25; board, \$1.25. Fall term taught by same teacher. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of scholars registered, 17; average, 15; wages, \$5 per week including board. Both of these schools were under the instruction of an able and competent teacher who possesses rare ability as a school teacher. The examinations at the close of the terms were very satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Geo. W. Hanson, Agent. Length of spring term, 7 4-5 weeks; number of scholars registered, 7; average, 7; wages, \$3 per week; board, \$1.30. Length of fall term, 10 weeks; number of scholars registered,— average,— wages, \$3.50 per week; board, \$1.30. Both terms were taught by Miss Effie E. Lord of Detroit. Miss Lord is an earnest, active teacher and the best of results crowned her efforts in this district.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Chas. Homstead, Agent. Summer term taught by Mrs. C. E. Libby of this town. Length of term, 6 weeks; number of scholars registered, 20; average, $18\frac{1}{2}$; wages, \$4 per week; board, 1.70. This was a very successful term as any school must be under Mrs. Libby's care. Length of fall term, 9 weeks; number of scholars registered, 24 average, 22; wages, \$4.50 per week; board \$1.80. Length of winter term, 9 weeks; number of scholars registered, 23; average, 20; wages, \$5 per week; board \$2. Miss Etta Homstead of Hampden taught both terms. The schools under this teacher's care made very commendable progress and the work was thorough.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Benj. Grant, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Theo Jase of Newport. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars registered 9; average, 9; wages, \$2.50 per week; board, \$1.25. The district was very fortunate in securing the services of this teacher who seems to be a natural teacher in every sense of the word, though this was her first attempt at teaching. Fall term taught by Miss Annie Gilman of Newport with very satisfactory results. Miss Gilman is a live energetic teacher and did every thing she could for her pupils who appreciate her kindness by hard work. Length of term, 11 weeks; number of scholars registered, 11; average, 9; wages, \$3 per week; board, \$1.25

DISTRICT No. 6.

Nathan Cole, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Cora M. Pennell of this town. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars registered, 18; average, 16; wages, \$3.50 per week; board, \$0.95. Miss Pennell is a very fine teacher and her services as teacher should be retained in town. The school did excellent work and had good discipline while under her care. Length of fall term, 8 weeks; number of scholars registered, 18; average 17; wages, \$4 per week; board, \$1. Length of winter term, 9 weeks; number of scholars registered, 14; average, 12; wages, \$4 per week; board \$1.15. Both terms were taught by Miss Belle Mains of this town with her usual good success. Progress and order very good.

DISTRICT No. 7.

John R. Emery, Agent. Length of summer term, 10 weeks; number of scholars registered, 37; average, 29; wages \$5 per week; board. \$1.50

Length of fall term, 10 weeks; number of scholars registered, 31 average 27; wages, \$5 per week; board, \$1.50.

Length of winter term will be 12 weeks; number of scholars registered, 35; average,—wages, \$5.50 per week; board, \$2. The schools in this district have been under Miss M. A. Thomas' care for the past two years 6 terms in succession. For amount of work rendered, Miss Thomas has no equal, she having spent 7 hours a day in the school room for the benefit of her pupils and the amount of knowledge imparted, not connected with daily recitations is beyond computation.

DISTRICT No. 8.

A. G. Pollard, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Belle Mains of this town. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars registered, 8; average, 7; wages, \$3.50; board, \$1.40. This was a profitable school.

Winter term taught by Miss Alice E. Libbey of Detroit. Length of term, 10 week; number of scholars registered, 10; average, 9; wages, \$4 per week; board, \$1.50. Miss Libbey is a superior teacher and her pupils made great advancement under her instructions.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Howard Estes, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Georgie yer of this town. Length of term, 7 weeks; number of scholars registered, 8; average, 7; wages, \$3 per week; board, \$1. Miss Dyer worked for the interest of her pupils and the closing examination was very satisfactory.

Winter term taught by Mr. Charles H. Johonnett of this town. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of scholars registered, 20; average 19; wages including board \$30 per month.

This school was well cared for while under Mr. Johonnetts care and the advancement and order were excellent. Money well expended.

DISTRICT No. 10.

W. E. Lord, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Hattie Farnum of this town. Length of term, 7 weeks; number of scholars registered, 10; average, 9; wages, \$3.50 per week; board, \$1.25. Miss Farnum is an experienced and successful teacher and in this school she did credit to herself and to her pupils.

Winter term commenced under the instruction of Mrs. Ada Wilber of St. Albans. Everything connected with this school seemed satisfactory at its commencement, but sickness on the part of both scholars and teacher caused the school to close after a session of 5

weeks. As no register has been returned, and I visited it but once I can report no farther. Miss J. Annette Collamore of this town has been employed to keep out the unexpended money. School commenced Feb. 17th; now in session.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Mathew Daggett, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Lydia Collamore of this town. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of scholars registered, 4; average 4; wages, \$2 per week board, \$1.30. This was Miss Collamore's first attempt at teaching, order was excellent, advancement satisfactory.

Winter term taught by Miss Flora E. Davis of Newburg. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of scholars registered, 7; average, 5; wages, \$2.75 per week; board \$1.40. Miss Davis is a fine teacher and with a good sized school would do excellent work, her school was very successful.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Geo. W. Hubbard, Agent. Summer term taught by Miss Kezzie Hubbard of this town with excellent results. Length of term, 9 weeks; number of scholars registered, 9; average, 8; wages, \$2.50 per week; board, \$1.50.

Length of winter term, 10 weeks; number of scholars registered, 4; average, 4; wages, \$3.50 per week; board, \$1.30. This school commenced under the instruction of Miss Kezzie Hubbard and closed with Mrs. Kezzie Spaulding as teacher. The second teacher was as good as the first and the first was not inferior to the second. Satisfactory results were obtained in this school.

DISTRICT No. 13.

W. J. Thomas, Agent. Length of spring term, 9 weeks; number of scholars registered, 20; average, 17; wages, \$4.00 per week; board, \$1.25.

Length of fall term, 12 weeks; number of scholars registered, 17; average 14; wages, \$5.00 per week; board, —. These schools were both taught by Miss J. Annette Collamore of this town with her usual good success. Miss Collamore is an able teacher and any school agent need not hesitate to secure her services as teacher.

DISTRICT No. 14.

F. B. Goodrich, Agent. This school which has been in session 14 weeks is under the care of Miss Annie M. Morse of this town. Length of term, 14 weeks; number registered, 13; average, —, wages \$4.50 per week; board \$1.25. This was a profitable term: teachers and scholars uniting their efforts with the best results.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Abram Leavett, Agent. Length of summer term, 8 weeks; number of scholars registered, 10; average, $8\frac{1}{2}$; wages, \$2.00 per week; board, \$1.00. Length of fall term, 14 weeks; number scholars registered, —; average, —; wages, \$2.75 per week; board \$1.25. Miss Mazie E. Williams of Newport taught both terms with good success.

CONCLUSION.

In making this report I have heard ringing in my ears the words, "make the reports brief" consequently much that I would like to have said in favor of both schools and teachers, and which they have justly merited, must remain unwritten. On the whole our schools for the past year have been very successful. Great credit is due to the several school agents for hiring teachers especially fitted for the positions which they have filled.

Very truly,

ALVIN HOWES, Supervisor.

