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ANNUAL REPORT

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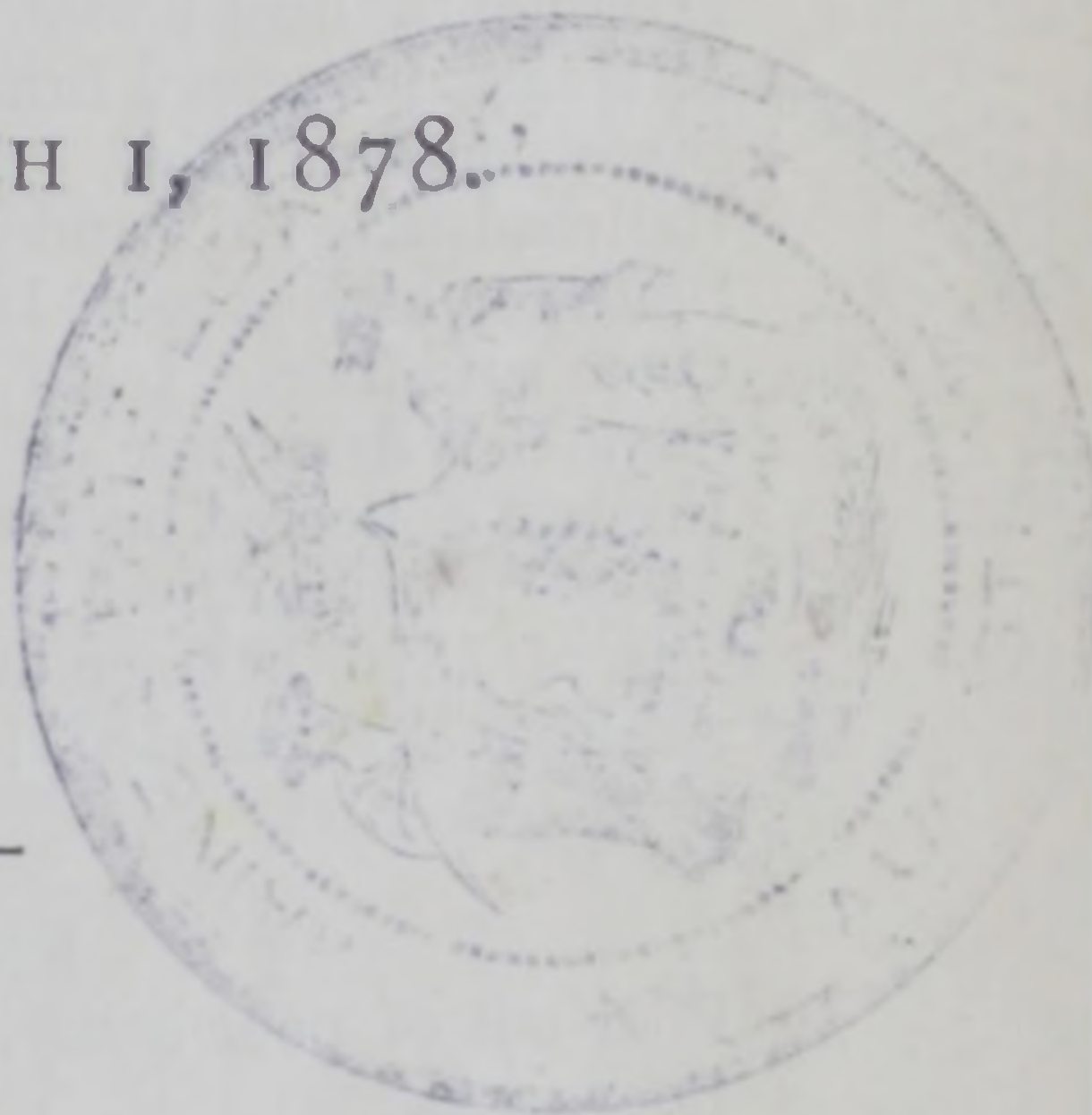
TOWN OFFICERS,

OF THE

TOWN OF FREEPORT,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.



PORTLAND, ME. :

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Selectmen's Report.

Report of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor from March 1, 1877, to March 1, 1878.

RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Support of poor,	\$1,200 00
High school,	1,000 00
" " from State,	500 00
" " " J. A. Briggs,	100 00
Common schools,	3,000 00
Roads and bridges,	2,000 00
School houses,	1,500 00
Contingent,	1,000 00
Overlays,	684 11
Non-resident taxes, 1876,	155 32
From Portland, McKacknie,	2 46
" J. O. Ward, Blaney Carver,	30 00
" Schools, Burr,	1 00
" Yarmouth,	2 25
Road money collected,	330 08
Error in Hospital bill,	1 00
License,	2 00
Litchfield school house,	32 00
Mill tax and school fund, 1876,	1125 89
State pensions paid,	132 00
Railroad tax, 1876 and 1875,	12 79
State for high school, 1877,	500 00
Oxen and horse, town farm,	80 00
Samuel Wilson, fine on dog,	10 00
Interest collected on tax, 1876, and returned to treasurer by J. H Banks,	37 00
Tax of 1876, balance due town,	704 00
Additional taxes, 1877,	66 68
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	14,208 58

EXPENDITURES.

Poor out of poor house,	\$ 926 08
Poor farm,	1,140 64
Roads and bridges,	1,643 83
Contingent,	1,375 27
High school,	1,149 42
Common schools,	3,629 60
Rogers school house,	676 00
Litchfield " "	803 07
Notes and interest,	2,700 67
Amount unexpended,	164 00
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	\$14,208 58

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

By appropriation,	\$2,000 00
By road tax collected,	330 08

\$2,330 08

1877.

April 14.	Paid S. V. Litchfield,	No. 38,	\$21 77
May 1.	Corydon Walker,	" 46,	18 85
	John M. Davis,	" 18,	20 65
	5. Everett Morton,	" 15,	19 00
	Nath'l Green,	" 36,	3 50
	Alex. Taylor,	" 24,	47 93
	Constant Converse,	" 32,	8 83
	12. E. E. Payson,	" 29,	5 35
	Enos Fogg,	" 26,	5 80
	John Fogg,	" 26,	13 70
	Nelson Curtis,	" 13,	6 00
	D. S. Ward,	" 14,	16 65
	J. C. Rogers,	" 36,	18 80
	19. Henry Curtis,	" 36,	2 80
	26. Geo. W. Sweetsir,	" 30,	11 87
	E. A. Davis,	" 27,	15 05
	Wm. H. Litchfield,	" 16,	17 00
	Jos. A. Brewer,	" 20,	4 75
June 2.	Samuel Fitts,	" 21,	17 60
	Wm. A. Wade,	" 21,	1 59
	9. Andrew Gould,	" 27,	6 23
	S. A. Holbrook, plank,		38 68
	James M. Durgin,	" 1,	6 71
	16. Calvin C. Farr,	" 33,	1 16
	S. V. Litchfield,	" 38,	15 00
	23. Reuben S. Coffin,	" 26,	2 78
	Stephen Curit,	" 26,	8 77
	Jos. A. Brewer,	" 20,	6 58
	30. Henry Allen,	" 11,	3 00
	A. K. P. Grant,	" 11,	3 60
	Sidney Rogers,	" 1,	7 34
	John M. Noyes,	" 46,	5 00
July 21.	E. Y. Gould,	" 29,	3 45
	28. John Grant, E. Mitchell road,		10 91
	J. C. Soule, " " "		10 32
	E. Mitchell, " " "		19 15
	S. J. Staples, " " "		16 56
	Alex. Taylor, " " "		10 12

Aug.	4.	John Curtis,	Dist. No. 5,	10 77
		J. R. Gould,	33,	20 80
	25.	Horace Philbrook,		4 00
		Geo. R. Stanwood,	33,	14 03
	31.	Fred Dillingham, new street,		10 00
		Albion Ward,	13,	9 00
Sept.	1.	W. H. Bailey, plank,		14 88
		Enoch Y. Gould,	29,	9 70
	8.	Harry Soule, new street,		14 25
		Chas. O. Blake, new street,		13 50
		A. L. Oxnard,	17,	12 75
		I. S. Ells,	"	3 70
		W. H. Webber,	"	1 00
		John T. Oxnard,	"	5 00
		D. S. Ward,	14,	17 53
		I. M. Bishop,	16,	35 05
		C. M. Day, new street,		17 25
	10.	J. C. Dennison,	38,	24 33
	15.	Josiah Merrill,	34,	4 05
		Wm. M. Merrill,	34,	6 26
		D. F. Dennison,	11,	48 00
		D. F. Dennison,	"	6 00
	18.	J. C. Kendall, new street,		33 00
		Fred Dillingham, "		6 25
	22.	R. B. Ward,	15,	33 20
	29.	S. A. Holbrook, plank,		27 50
		A. B. Coffin,	39,	5 00
Oct.	13.	R. H. Mayberry,	33,	8 62
		Daniel Todd,	29,	9 00
		G. W. Dennison,	38,	3 52
	50.	Al. Bisbee, new street,		13 75
		Jos. Bragdon, "		8 00
		" " "		18 87
		Andrew Gould,	27,	6 00
		Corydon Walker,	47,	13 87
		John S. Ward,	9,	6 00
	27.	Al. Randall, new street,		17 25
		" "	34,	1 50
		Frank Ghan,	26,	2 00
		Samuel Griffin,	18,	13 50
Nov.	3.	John M. Davis,	18,	55 40
		Wm. Field, Ring bridge,		14 41
		Joseph True,	35,	10 50
	10.	Alvan Townsend,	12,	15 00
		Dana Brewer, new street,		3 00

	I. D. Byram,	7,	14 40
17.	J. T. Curtis,	39,	19 55
24.	Geo. Prout,	31,	16 41
	J. C. Dennison,	38,	5 35
	Thing & Litchfield, new street,		15 00
Dec. 8.	A. L. Oxnard,	17,	32 50
	Isaac Ells,	"	11 75
	Henry Ells,	"	3 00
	Henry Webber,	"	2 25
	Thomas Voysey,	"	3 00
	A. R. Soule,	18,	7 50
	John A. Lane,	5,	8 35
	Geo. W. Soule,	25,	25 00
15.	Benj. L. Dennison,	10,	1 84
	Orrin Curtis,	33,	1 25
	Uriah Nason,	29,	2 47
	George Porter, new street,		13 50
	Samuel Davis,	29,	8 25
15.	James Rodick, roads,		11 95
	Jacob Rogers,	2,	8 97
	Jacob P. Rogers,	2,	9 56
26.	Enoch Brewer,	4,	6 47
	D. F. Dennison,	11,	18 15
	Charles Kilby,	8,	5 52
29.	Andrews Osgood,	37,	20 88
	David Todd,	29,	6 90
	J. Tuttle & Co.,	29,	24 40
	J. D. Wight,	10,	4 74
	Al. Bisbee,		2 25
	George Conant,	8,	7 38
1878.			
Jan. 5.	Wm. M. Merrill,	34,	6 22
	Wm. Field, Townsend bridge,		9 75
	J. M. Davis,	18,	17 50
	J. R. Gould,	23,	3 00
12.	L. C. Patterson,	6 and 20,	3 50
	D. S. Ward,	14,	8 50
	T. J. Mann,	4,	2 00
	J. T. Oxnard, new street,		2 21
19.	O. D. Coffin,	20,	26 55
	Wm. R. Rogers,	2,	22 96
	Samuel Nichols,	18,	9 00
26.	R. M. Brown,	22,	10 25
	Al. Bisbee,	"	10 35

Feb. 2.	I. D. Brewer,	4,	2 40
	Horace Rogers,	1,	2 33
	Ebenezer Brewer,	4,	6 40
	Wm. Porter,	42,	21 40
9.	J. L. Kelsey, poles, etc., Townsend bridge,		4 00
16.	Geo. Aldrich,	47,	2 53
	J. A. Brewer,	20,	3 20
23.	S. Andrews, blacksmith bill,		1 62
25.	Hiram Tuttle, " "		11 86
	John M. Noyes,	46,	10 50
	Elbridge Wilson,	40,	6 32
	Micah Stockbridge,	25,	3 86
	Soule Bros. & Co., powder, fuse, etc.,		16 92
	Gore & Davis, " " "		8 64
	D. A. Fogg,	44,	11 68
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			\$1,643 83
Amount unexpended,			686 25
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			\$2,330 08

We have built the new street as laid out by the County Commissioners, and below we give cost of same.

Aug. 31.	Paid Fred Dillingham.		\$16 25
Sept. 9.	Harry Soule,		14 25
	Chas. O. Blake,		13 50
	C. M. Day,		17 25
18.	J. C. Kendall,		33 00
Oct. 20.	Al. Bisbee,		13 75
	Joseph Bragdon,		26 87
27.	Al. Randall,		17 25
Nov. 10.	Dana Brewer,		3 00
24.	Thing & Litchfield,		15 00
Jan. 12.	John T. Oxnard,		2 21
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			\$172 33
Amount of road tax collected and expended for labor,			89 67
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			\$262 00

POOR FARM.

The loss of the town buildings by fire has put it out of our power to give the amount raised and sold from the farm, which amount was expended by Mr. Rogers, for supplies. There had been quite a quantity of clothing bought for the poor, which adds to Mr. Rogers' bills, and which was lost in the fire. We would say that we sold the stock at the best prices we could, at once, thinking they would eat themselves up (so to speak), if their board was paid for a length of time. The iron from the farm, including the derrick, we have had brought to the town house, to be stored in the cellar. We think the iron work of the derrick is not injured, and can be made as good as before at little expense. The poor are now being boarded in different families (two, however, are earning their own board), at a cost to the town of four and one-half dollars per week, until the first of April. It is our impression that the poor that would belong on a town farm can be boarded, in suitable families, for an amount not exceeding four hundred dollars a year. We are unable to give the origin of the fire, but after investigation, we are convinced it was not through any carelessness of Mr. Rogers.

The best estimate we can give of the loss to the town, not including the buildings, is six hundred and seventy-five dollars. And, we would add that Mr. Rogers' goods were all burned, including furniture and carpets, and cooking utensils, as he was using his stove, crockery and tinware for the town, he finding it necessary to do so, or buy new. He estimates his loss at three hundred dollars, which we think, in justice, should be made up to him by the town.

POOR.

By appropriation,	\$1,200 00
“ amount from Portland, McKacknie,	2 46
“ “ “ J. O. Ward, Carver,	30 00
“ error in Insane Hospital bill,	1 00
“ balance paid on oxen, after deducting Mr. P. C. Soule's bill, from Nov., 1876, to Feb., 1877,	35 00
“ cash of William Noyes, for horse,	45 00
“ note of John Porter (six months), for cows,	65 00
Amount overdrawn,	688 26
	\$2,066 72

POOR FARM.

1877.

June 23.	George N. Demond,	\$ 8 00
30.	George Porter, hay for farm,	41 44
Oct. 20.	Geo. H. True, " " "	10 00
27.	Davis & Cushing, harness,	25 00
Nov. 24.	R. S. Soule, 1876,	9 22
Dec. 15.	George Porter, wood,	16 00
	George N. Demond, tin ware,	4 71
29.	J. Tuttle & Co., bedding,	6 00

1878.

Jan. 12.	Coffin for W. C. Dunham,	12 00
	J. E. Davis, supplies,	100 00
	Coffins for Merrill and Mrs. Grant,	20 00
Feb. 4.	Seth E. Rogers, overseer of poor farm,	250 00
	Henry Green, repairs on harness,	4 20
7.	Coffins for Furbish and Mrs. Fogg,	6 00
	Johnson Williams, on carriages,	5 03
16.	John Porter, balance keeping stock after fire,	1 00
23.	S. Andrews, blacksmith,	16 92
	J. E. Davis, supplies,	31 95
	Thing & Litchfield, supplies,	82 61
	E. P. Oxnard, "	116 85
	H. Tuttle, blacksmith,	16 80
	Medical attendance, J. G. Pierce,	22 50
	Gore & Davis,	168 87
	Soule Bros. & Co.,	165 50

 \$1,140 64

POOR OFF OF FARM.

1877.		
April 14.	S. O. Jordan, 1876,	\$ 14 00
	O. H. Briggs, medicine,	10 13
May 5.	Insane Hospital, Hoyt, Adams & Carver,	114 92
	Coffin for Mrs. Bragdon,	12 75
June 2.	O. W. Norton, medical attendance on S. Prescott, 1876,	17 00
	O. W. Norton, medical attendance on Mrs. Tenney, 1876,	9 50
16.	No. Yarmouth, child of Amanda Haskell,	44 25
July 7.	Insane Hospital, Adams and Hoyt,	68 42
14.	A. Kilby, horse to Abner Tuttle's, 1876,	3 25
21.	Expenses of Wm. C. Dunham,	53 00
	J. G. Pierce, med. atten., S. Bragdon, 1876,	30 00
Aug. 11.	J. T. Bartol, digging grave, Mrs. Bragdon,	3 50
Sept. 1.	J. G. Pierce, med. atten., Jacob Brewer, 1876,	27 00
22.	S. O. Jordan, support Wm. Jordan, 6 mos.,	26 00
	Insane Hospital, Adams and Hoyt,	65 97
	Daniel Talbot, digging grave, E. Merrill,	5 00
Nov. 3.	John M. Davis, support Susan Hawes,	24 63
Dec. 1.	John G. Pierce, medical attendance, J. Bragdon, 1876,	12 65
22.	David Todd, board Prudence Grant,	5 50
	Insane Hospital, Adams and Hoyt,	77 77
	James Tuttle & Co., wood for Mr. Tenny,	23 80
1878.		
Jan. 12.	North Yarmouth, Tuttle family,	36 37
	Saco, Todd family,	19 20
Feb. 7.	R. M. Brown, expenses, B. Litchfield,	11 50
16.	S. O. Jordan, support Wm. Jordan,	20 00
	E. P. Oxnard, supplies to poor off of farm,	5 08
	Soule Bros. & Co., " " " " " "	18 30
	Julia Bragdon,	7 00
	Wilbur family,	45 63
	" " Gore & Davis,	21 74
	Newton family, belongs in Brunswick,	16 48
	J. G. Pierce, medicine,	20 00
	" " medical attendance on poor,	55 74
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		926 08
Poor Farm,		1,140 64
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Total cost of poor for 1877,		\$2,066 72

COMMON SCHOOLS.

By appropriation,	\$3,000 00
“ mill tax and school fund, 1876,	1,125 89
“ “ “ “ 1877,	1,127 45
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	\$5,253 34
1877.	
April 4. C. E. Conant, Bailey school, 1876,	\$105 00
Geo. A. Hoyt, janitor Bailey school, 1876,	3 00
May 12. Thomas Ward, repairs Pleasant Hill,	6 25
June 2. Elizabeth Coffin, cleaning So. Freeport S. House,	6 00
15. L. Cour, receipt for blackboards,	5 00
Seth Rogers, repairs Burr school-house,	2 00
Alvah Tuttle, fitting wood, Pratt's,	4 00
Sam'l Fitts, repairs Swamp,	1 42
Rachael Turner, cleaning house, Swamp,	4 00
Clara Dillingham, Pratt's Landing,	63 00
30. E. C. Sargent, Litchfield,	54 00
A. D. Sargent, Bailey,	54 00
Julia S. Talbot, Pratt,	63 00
E. A. Chadsey, M. Landing,	63 00
Winnie K. Curtis, Collins,	54 00
Bertha Dillingham, Pleasant Hill,	63 00
Alice Gould, Swamp,	54 00
Halie P. Soule, So. Freeport,	63 00
Sadie A. Shaw, Burr,	54 00
A. M. Libby, Gore,	63 00
Lizzie A. True, Wolfs' Neck,	54 00
Sue A. Hyde, Village,	72 00
July 21. Salome Rogers, F. Point,	54 00
Annie Stockbridge, Neck,	63 00
P. C. Pinkham, seats, for So. Freeport in part,	50 00
28. Thomas Ward, wood for Pleasant Hill,	11 00
Aug. 4. N. M. Jones, teaching So. Freeport,	63 00
Wm. B. Davis, wood, Bailey,	2 50
25. Wm. P. Kendall, So. Freeport school-house,	9 36
Geo. R. Stanwood, wood, F. Point,	2 50
Sept. 8. D. S. Ward, wood, Bailey,	12 00
Jas. T. Tuttle, wood, Swamp and Pratt,	32 50
29. B. Carver, fitting wood, P. Landing,	1 50
Oct. 6. E. C. Townsend, insurance,	15 50
20. Joseph Douglass, school money,	12 50
27. Annie Stockbridge, Neck,	63 00
Winnie K. Curtis, Collins,	54 00
Halie P. Soule, South Freeport,	63 00
N. M. Jones, “ “	63 00

	E. A. Chadsey, Mast Landing,	63 00
	Julia S. Talbot, Pratt,	63 00
	Clara Dillingham, P. Landing,	63 00
	Bertha M. Dillingham, P. Hill,	63 00
	Lula E. Porter, Swamp,	54 00
	A. M. Libby, Gore,	63 25
Nov. 3.	Ida E. Sweetsir, No. 1,	72 00
	Geo. W. Sweetsir, "	2 60
	A. L. Sargent, Burr,	54 00
	E. C. Sargent, Litchfield,	54 00
10.	Marion Townsend, Bailey,	54 0
	Salome Rogers, F. Point,	54 00
	Albina N. Doyle, Rogers,	54 00
	Sue A. Hyde, Village,	96 00
24.	J. A. Brewer, wood, Litchfield,	11 50
Dec. 22.	Daniel Dennison, wood, Gore and Rogers,	14 00
	Joseph Anderson, wood, F. Point,	15 00
	Lizzie True, Neck school,	54 00
29.	Howard Mitchell, fitting wood, Village,	3 12
1878.	P. C. Pinkham, seating, So. Freeport house,	17 50
Jan. 12.	Thomas Ward, repairs, Pleasant Hill,	5 77
19.	Wm. B. Davis, wood, Bailey,	6 00
	A. R. Call, repairs, So. Freeport,	4 00
	W. H. Dunham, repairs, So. Freeport,	2 00
	C. T. Dillingham, building fires, Village,	4 50
	John L. Kelsey, wood, Mast Landing,	7 62
	John Curtis, " " "	10 50
Feb. 16.	L. Arthur Lowell, teaching Burr,	114 50
	Sue A. Hyde, " Village,	72 00
	Geo. N. Demond, stove, etc.,	13 44
23.	E. T. Turner, South Freeport,	150 00
	J. E. Davis, crayons, etc.,	9 58
	Geo. E. Loudon, Pleasant Hill,	120 00
	Julia S. Talbot, Rogers,	84 00
	E. C. Townsend, Litchfield,	120 00
	Halie P. Soule, Bailey,	84 00
	Clara Dillingham, P. Landing,	84 25
	" " fires,	3 00
	Geo. Brewer, Litchfield, chairs, etc.,	3 15
	Alvah Tuttle, building fires, Pratt,	3 90
25.	M. Stockbridge, Neck,	121 00
	Wm. R. Merrill, Swamp,	120 00
	Soule Bros. & Co., wood, etc.,	56 22
	Gore & Davis, crayon, etc.,	22 17
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		\$3,629 60
Amount unexpended,		1,623 74
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		\$5,253 34

HIGH SCHOOL.

1877.

By appropriation,		\$1,000 00
“ amount from State,		500 00
“ John A. Briggs,		100 00
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		\$1,600 00
Mar. 24. J. Farwell, janitor, 1876,	\$ 34 00	
June 23. Geo. N. Demond,	8 87	
30. E. Russ, teaching,	131 50	
S. A. Thurlow, principal,	349 58	
July 7. Soule & Burr, coal,	161 62	
Soule Bros. & Co., crayons, etc.,	1 52	
Nov. 24. E. Russ, teaching,	122 00	
S. A. Thurlow, principal,	340 33	
Unexpended balance,	\$450 58	
	<hr/>	\$1,600 00

The winter term of school not having closed, we were unable to pay Mr. Thurlow and Russ, the amount due them will probably amount to the unexpended balance.

BUILDING ROGERS SCHOOL HOUSE.

By appropriation,		\$700 00
Paid J. C. Rogers, building house,	\$675 00	
“ A. L. Oxnard, deed,	1 00	
Amount unexpended,	24 00	
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Mr. Rogers not having built the fence around the lot, agreeable to his contract, we have kept back twenty-five dollars, until it is completed.

BUILDING LITTLEFIELD SCHOOL HOUSE.

By appropriation,		\$800 00
“ house sold,		32 00
“ stove “		1 06
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		\$833 06
Paid A. F. Woodman, lot,	\$ 35 00	
“ George N. Demond, stove, etc.,	18 70	
“ Charles Field, building house,	750 00	
Amount unexpended,	29 37	
	<hr/>	\$833 06

CONTINGENT.

1877.			
April	14.	Chas. Humphrey, E. Wilson road, 1876, E. C. Townsend, surveying E. Mitchell road, 1876,	\$ 7 75 4 00
	21.	Land damage, Geo. Grant, Isaac Allen road, 1876,	25 00
	28.	John Burr, valuation books,	16 85
May	5.	Howard Mitchell, fitting wood,	2 00
June	9.	T. G. Hutchings, E. Wilson road, 1876, F. J. Littlefield, " " " "	7 50 7 70
	16.	Samuel Clark, " " " "	14 89
	23.	J. C. Kendall, selectman, John Burr, selectman, Horace Rogers, selectman,	110 00 106 00 80 90
July	28.	Nath'l Dyer, E. Wilson road, 1876,	5 00
Aug.	28.	H. B. Cobb, " " " "	5 00
Sept.	8.	S. A. Holbrook, shingles, Horatio Ilsley,	25 00 160 00
Oct.	6.	E. C. Townsend, surveying,	3 50
	20.	" " insurance on town house,	61 00
Nov.	10.	Andrew Gould, work on farm buildings,	9 00
Dec.	1.	Wm. M. Curtis, high school building,	3 00
	8.	John Burr, expenses out of town,	7 60
	15.	Josiah Merrill, repairs on H. S. building, Geo N. Demond, " " " "	16 55 9 51
	27.	Rollins, Loring & Adams, insurance, H. S. building, three years,	120 00
Feb.	16.	Stephen Sweet, abatement, 1876,	2 16
	23.	J. C. Kendall, town clerk, Thing & Litchfield, L. T. Coffin, care hearse house, Soule Bros. & Co., books, stamps, paper, etc.,	18 22 2 65 6 00 25 69
	26.	S. A. Holbrook, boards, etc., Wm. M. Marks, printing reports, Chas. Field, care hall, J. H. Banks, abatements, 1876, 1877, " collector, " constable, Amos Field, treasurer, S. B. Holman, damage,	2 76 24 00 6 00 156 28 148 76 20 00 100 00 15 00
Amount unexpended,			697 09
			<hr/> \$2,072 36

By appropriation,	\$1,000 00
“ overlays on taxes,	684 11
“ non-resident taxes, 1876,	155 32
“ money from Yarmouth,	2 25
“ “ for license,	2 00
“ State pensions paid,	132 00
“ railroad tax, 1875 and 1876,	12 79
“ Sam'l Wilson, fine on dog,	10 00
“ Interest collected on tax, 1876, by J. H. Banks,	37 00
“ money of J. Burr,	1 00
“ Chas. Field, hall rent,	35 89
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	\$2,072 36

INDEBTEDNESS.

The town at its last annual meeting omitted raising money to meet the notes and interest becoming due. We have had to pay the sum of twenty-seven hundred and sixty-seven one hundredths dollars on notes and interest that became due; and as there was no appropriation it will make us exceed all appropriations for the year. We would recommend the raising of a sum sufficient to pay all deficiencies of this year, and to meet indebtedness that will become due during the next year.

Mrs. Skillinger, notes due Jan. 25, '78,	\$ 500 00
“ “ “ “ “ '79,	500 00
Interest on same one year,	70 00
John B. Blethen, three notes,	3,500 00
Interest,	267 00
E. C. Soule, amount due as treasurer, orders paid, and interest on same,	1,853 67
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	\$6,700 67

By amount paid Mrs. Skillinger, note & int.,	\$ 570 00
“ interest on Blethen notes,	267 00
By amount paid E. C. Soule,	1,863 67
Indebtedness of town, March 1, 1878,	4,000 00
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	\$6,700 67

Indebtedness, March 1, 1878.	
Mrs. Skillinger, note due Jan. 25, '79,	\$ 500 00
St. John Smith, “ “ Dec. 17, '78,	1,000 00
John B. Blethen, “ “ Nov. 4, '78,	1,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ '79,	1,500 00
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	\$4,000 00

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Amount due on State Tax, March 1, 1878,	\$2,742 10
“ “ County “ “ “ “	1,448 85
“ “ Town “ “ “ “	922 10
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount paid on Selectmen's orders,	\$13,200 80
“ “ “ State pensions,	48 00
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By amount collected, road taxes,	\$ 330 10
“ “ non-resident taxes collected,	155 32
“ Portland,—McKacknie, etc.,	9 46
“ J. O. Ward,—Carver, in part,	30 00
“ Burr school,	1 00
“ Yarmouth, Marsh bridge,	2 25
“ Error, Insane Hospital Bill,	1 00
“ license, circus,	2 00
“ sale of Litchfield school-house,	32 00
“ mill tax and school fund, 1876,	1,125 89
“ State pensions,	132 00
“ railroad tax, 1875, 1876,	12 79
“ high school from State,	500 00
“ horse and bal. on oxen sold,	80 00
“ Samuel Wilson, fine on dog,	10 00
“ collector, 1876,	704 00
“ “ 1877,	9,367 12
“ interest collected by collector, taxes 1876,	37 00
“ amount due Mr. Fields to bal.,	716 87
	<hr/> \$13,248 80



PRESENT LIABILITIES.

Outstanding notes,	\$4,000 00
Town orders,	2,042 66
Due town treasurer,	716 87
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	\$6,759 53

RESOURCES.

Non-resident taxes, 1876, balance,	\$105 67
" " 1877,	268 20
School fund and mill tax, 1877,	1,127 45
J. A. Briggs, High school,	100 00
Collector,	922 10
John Porter, note, stock sold,	65 00
Charles Field, hall rent,	35 89
Due from Brunswick poor,	16 48
Amt. of indebtedness above resources, March 1, 1878,	4,118 74
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	\$6,759 53

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm, 100 acres land,	\$1,000 00
Town house and lot,	5,000 00
High school and lot,	10,000 00
School houses,	13,500 00
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	29,500 00

The following appropriations for the current year are recommended :

Common schools,	\$2,000 00
High School,	1,200 00
Poor,	1,200 00
Contingent,	1,000 00
Roads and Bridges,	1,000 00
Indebtedness,	4,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN BURR,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
HORACE ROGERS,	
J. C. KENDALL,	

of
Freeport.

TOWN MEETING, March 11, 1878.

Report of the Supervisor of Schools,

For the year ending March, 1878.

In rendering a report of the schools for the past year, I congratulate the citizens of the town that the schools generally have met with so much success. Including the school in Yarmouth, which is under our management one term in the year, there have been eighteen common schools taught within our town during the year. Three terms have been held—the spring and the fall terms nine weeks each, and the winter term twelve weeks—thirty weeks in all, a gain of six weeks from last year.

During the year twenty-five teachers—seven males and eighteen females—have been employed. With one or two exceptions they have been successful in their work, meeting my approbation. Had I the space, I might particularize each school and each teacher, but this is not practicable. I am satisfied that, as a general thing, our schools have been a success for the year past.

Two new school houses have been built during the year, one in the Litchfield district, the other in the Rogers district, so called. These houses are all that could be desired as to fitness, durability and beauty. We have in town, exclusive of the high school, seventeen school houses, all, with but two exceptions, good houses. As to the wisdom of sustaining so many schools, I leave for the citizens to judge. But, being called, as I have been, to visit these schools time and again, and understanding pretty well the situation of things, I am decidedly of the opinion that it would be an advantage every way to re-district the town and lessen their number. As it now is many of them are small, from four to ten scholars each. Where we are now obliged to sustain three schools, we could just as well embrace all the scholars, and have only a moderate size school then. The expense of three teachers, and the care and supply of three school houses, might all be

combined in one. It would be well for the town to look into this matter, and decide what it is wisdom to do.

I would again say, what has been said before, that it is to be regretted that so little interest is taken by many parents in our schools. I have reason to know that a large number of children who should be in our schools are not found there, mostly, if not wholly, through the apathy of parents. And so of others, they are very irregular in their attendance. I would respectfully urge parents for their *children's* sake, for their future usefulness and happiness, to give this vital matter their attention.

The question of school agents has been frequently brought to my notice, and I must confess it is worthy of thought. The town having virtually abolished the district system, has, of course, done away with agents, leaving the school houses wholly in the care of the selectmen. While they have done all that could be expected of them, still every one must see that our widely scattered school houses could not receive that care and attention that they would if some one in their immediate vicinity were appointed to look after them, and supply what was needed. It would be well, I think, if some one for each school was appointed for this purpose.

The tabular report of attendance, usually given in connection with this report, I am unable to give, as our schools do not close before this report is called for. This, however, will be less regretted, as it would not differ very materially from the report of last year. As to the number of attendants at each school, I find by my records that it is about the same as reported last year. And, with two or three exceptions, the same female teachers have been employed. It is a wise policy when we have good teachers, if possible, to retain them, rather than change them for those that are new and untried.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.—The high school has been under the charge of the same efficient teachers, Messrs. Thurlow and Russ, as last year. The report of the same from the principal is herewith given. As the question of dispensing with the

lower school has been more or less agitated, I have been induced to give it no little thought and attention, and my firm conviction is that it would be unwise, and a very bad policy for the town to abolish this department of our high school. For several reasons which cannot be given here, this could be shown. As to the question of expense nothing would be gained, for in case this is done away, another school, at least equally expensive, must be sustained in the village. Let any one visit this school in its upper and lower departments, and be present at its closing examination, and I feel very confident that he will decide that no change should be made. A better school of its kind cannot, I think, be found in our State. Our town is fortunate in having such a school, and our children are highly favored in the privilege of attending it. It should be the desire and effort of every citizen and friend of the town to make it more and more efficient and prosperous. Let us all rally around our schools, and give them all a generous and hearty support.

HORATIO ILSLEY,

Supervisor of Schools.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

The number of pupils attending the high school during the year ending March 4, 1878, is as follows:

Whole number in the upper school during the

Summer term of '77,	41.	Average number,	35.
Fall	" " " 32.	" "	30.
Winter	" '77-'78, 49.	" "	45.

Whole number in the lower school during the

Summer term,	36.	Average number,	34.
Fall	" 54.	" "	51.
Winter	" 31.	" "	29.

Names of pupils who have attended during a whole or a part of the year:

One star against a name indicates that that pupil was neither late nor absent during one term. Two stars same for two terms. Three stars same for three terms.

Aldrich, N. H.* *	Jordan, W. E.* *
Anderson, J. L.	Josselyn, E. H.* * *
Belcher, A. R.	Jones, E. E.* *
Belcher, E. F.* *	Jones, G.
Belcher, S. H.	Kendall, W. C.
Bailey, A. F.	Kendall, N. N.
Brown, G. F.*	Kendall, S. A.
Britton, J. W.	Kelsey, J. P.* *
Britton, J. W.	Kilby, H. M.*
Burr, G. A.	Kilby, W. J.*
Byram, C. A.	Kilby, D. H.
Coombs, C.	Kilby, C. E.
Chase, E. C.*	Koopman, S. C.*
Chase, C. B.	Koopman, C. F.* * *
Chandler, J. F.	Litchfield, A. S.*
Curtis, A. R.*	Lambert, K. L.
Curtis, W. W.	Lord, C. H.
Curtis, W. K.	McLeod, A. E.*
Curtis, W. S.* *	Merrill, W. R.
Curtis, E. L.*	Merrill, G. W.
Curtis, G. T.*	Merrill, J. A.
Cushing, H. M.* *	Merrill, E. M.
Cushing, A. H.	Merrill, F. P.
Cushing, K. M.* * *	Merrill, R. E.
Creech, W. H.	Mitchell, C. L.* *
Danielson, J. S.* *	Mitchell, F. B.
Dillingham, M. E.	Mitchell, H. M.
Dillingham, B. M.	Mitchell, L. S.*
Dunham, H. N.	Mitchell, F. W.
Duran, C.	Mitchell, M. E.*
Day, M. F.	Maxwell, E. F.
Fogg, A. H.	Osgood, S.*
Fogg, A. R.	Oxnard, F. P.*
Fogg, G. A.	Oxnard, H. J.*
Fogg, W. C.*	Oxnard, W. A.*
Griffin, L. B.*	Porter, F. B.
Griffin, P. B.	Pettengill, A. H.
Griffin, C. M.	Pettengill, C. A.
Grant, F. H.	Rogers, E. W.
Grant, E. A.	Russell, F. W.
Grant, A. G.	Sargent, F. A.
Hyde, E. C.	Soule, H. H.
Ineson, E. L.	Soule, W. H.
Illsley, E. A.	Soule, L. T.
Jordan, A. E.* *	Soule, L. A.*

Soule, C. G.	Talbot,
Soule, H. M.*	Talbot, L. M.
Soule, F. G.	Townsend, E. C.
Soole, B. S.	Townsend, F. M.**
Soule, G. C.	True, N. D.
Soule, L. H.	Tuttle, J. A.**
Soule, S. C.**	Wilbur, A. T.
Soule, M. H.	Waite, C. E.
Small, W. M.	Weston, N. H.
Small, H. E.	Weston, A. B.
Shaw, C. L.	Wyman, A. C.
Stearns, J.**	Total,—113.

GRADUATES.

At the close of the summer term, the school graduated a class of fourteen,—some from a partial course, others from the regular English and Classical courses.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study pursued in the upper school is: Arithmetic reviewed, Book-keeping, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Surveying and Navigation, also Geography reviewed, Physical Geography, Natural History, Botany, Civil Government, Physiology, Philosophy, Chemistry, Geology and Astronomy, also English Grammar reviewed and continued, English Literature, History, both Ancient and Modern, Cæsar, Sallust, Cicero, Virgil, Ovid, and Mental Philosophy.

Pupils desiring to enter college can study Greek instead of French and the advanced course in mathematics. Pupils who are unable to complete the whole course, are permitted to enter the school and pursue such studies in the regular course as will best meet their wants. The Latin of the course is not designed to give the pupils a smattering of the language, as some have erroneously supposed, but to give them a broader and better knowledge of the English than could otherwise be obtained. Another advantage derived from this study is the discipline it gives. In this respect it is superior to any other study in school.

The lower school is designed to prepare pupils for the upper. It embraces a three years' course. The studies are: Mental

Arithmetic, Wentworth's Problems, Geography, United States History, Swinton's Language Lessons, Reading, Writing and Spelling.

Pupils wishing to enter this branch of the high school must pass a satisfactory examination in Arithmetic as far as percentage, in the Geography of North America, and in the writing, analysis, and parsing of simple sentences. They will also be examined in reading, writing and spelling. The examination will take place on the last Saturday in June, commencing at 9 a. m.

Some have objected to the lower school, on the ground that it is composed principally of scholars from the village school. If the objection were valid, the school would still be needed, as the village school is one of the largest in town, numbering nearly fifty pupils. No teacher can properly care for a larger number; hence, if the lower branch of the high school were discontinued, the town would need to establish another school in the village, for the accommodation of those very pupils excluded from the high school. Could the town establish and maintain another school for these pupils at a less expense than it now costs? Most certainly not. The cost to the town per scholar in the lower school is less than in any other school, with possibly one or two exceptions. The objection made, however, is not valid, as only about one-third of the pupils in the lower school come from the village. Nearly every part of the town is represented. To discontinue this branch would be to deprive the town of a large share of the advantages derived from the high school. It is a grammar school department,—a necessary link between our common schools and the high school, as necessary for the existence of the high school as our fitting schools are for the existence of our colleges.

LIBRARY.

The class of '77, as a token of their interest in the school, left a complete set of the Encyclopædia Britannica. These books we find very valuable; yet they are but the beginning of what we need. It is hoped that the friends of the school will bear this fact in mind, when they see a good book that would be useful to us. We also need philosophical and chemical apparatus very, very much.

CABINET.

We have commenced a collection in natural history and mineralogy. Some valuable specimens have already been donated to this collection by the friends of the school. A fine

specimen of a whale's vertebra, given by Rufus Dill, and valuable fossil specimens, given by Capt. J. J. Rogers, deserve mention.

BELL, MAPS, ETC.

\$146.00 was given during the year by friends of the school, for the purchase of a bell. A fine toned copper bell, weighing 310 lbs., has been secured and put in position at a cost of \$112.59. A beautiful and valuable classical wall map, costing \$11.00 has been put in the school room. The balance of the \$146.00 was paid towards cancelling the debt on the organ.

A word in conclusion in regard to the value, cost, and location of the school may not be out of place. The efforts which you, the citizens of Freeport, have made to establish and are making to continue your high school, are worthy of much praise. You have a fine school building. The school rooms for beauty and convenience are surpassed by none and equalled by few in the State. The pupils are studious and well-disposed. It costs money to sustain such a school, and money is the price of hard labor. We and our fathers did not have such advantages. Ought we to burden ourselves with taxes to furnish them to our children? This question is certainly a fair one. A member of the last legislature said in substance that the schools which we and our fathers had, are good enough for our children. Was he right? Let us see.

Our fathers lived in the time of the old wooden plow, the heavy hoe, and the old lumbering stage coach; in the time of the old smoking, freezing, roasting school houses, with Webster's spelling book and a few others like it for studies; and a man for teacher who understood the use of the ferule and green-hide better than he did the use of books. Our children live in the days of the steel plow, the mowing machine, the railroad, the steamboat and the telegraph. A marked change in other respects, should there not be a corresponding change in our schools? How can any one reasonably deny it. The old school houses and the old methods of teaching would be as out of place to-day, as the old wooden plow and heavy scythe of our fathers.

Again, although the schools in those times were poor, yet they were the best our fathers could furnish. They were as good as the boys and girls of other towns had. They provided for their children schools which were in keeping with the times. Can we do less for our children? They furnished as good schools for their children as boys and girls of other towns had. Can we do less for our children?

Again, there are high schools like our own all over the State, every one of which our town is obliged to help support. Now, shall we pay our money to help educate the boys and girls of other towns, and not educate our own? These are practical school questions of the day; and Freeport, thanks to her enterprising citizens, is answering them in a reasonable manner.

COST OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The valuation of the town is about \$1,000,000. The high school costs the town \$1000 a year. This is a tax of a mill per \$1.00, or 10 cents on the \$100. Therefore, he who is in possession of and is taxed for \$100, pays 10 cents for the support of the high school, not a large sum surely,—the price of a small piece of tobacco. If the man who possesses \$100, can pay 10 cents, surely he who possesses ten times that amount, can better afford to pay \$1.00, and so on. The cost of the school is nothing to the poor man, who pays only a poll tax, as that is regulated by the State. The advantages of the school to the poor man are the same as to the rich. Poor clothing one says. Send your children in rags if necessary and if your teachers do not see to it that they are treated properly, send your teachers out of town at once and get others who have common sense.

LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Some regard the location of the school house as favoring only the children in the village. A little inquiry into the records of the school, will convince any one that scholars who come one, two, or three miles, are as punctual, as studious, as smart, and as healthy as those are who live in the village. A walk or a ride of a few miles per day unless the weather be very stormy, or the roads very bad, is not a disadvantage but an advantage, and if all of our boys and girls were obliged to take such exercise every day, they would be healthier children and better scholars.

Knowledge is power. Wealth is power. If we can give our children wealth, they will need education to enable them to make a right use of the wealth. If we cannot give them wealth, then they will need the education much more, for the boy who goes forth alone in these days to grapple with the rugged problems of life, will need a clear and well diciplined mind, if he would be successful.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. THURLOW, PRINCIPAL.