

1879

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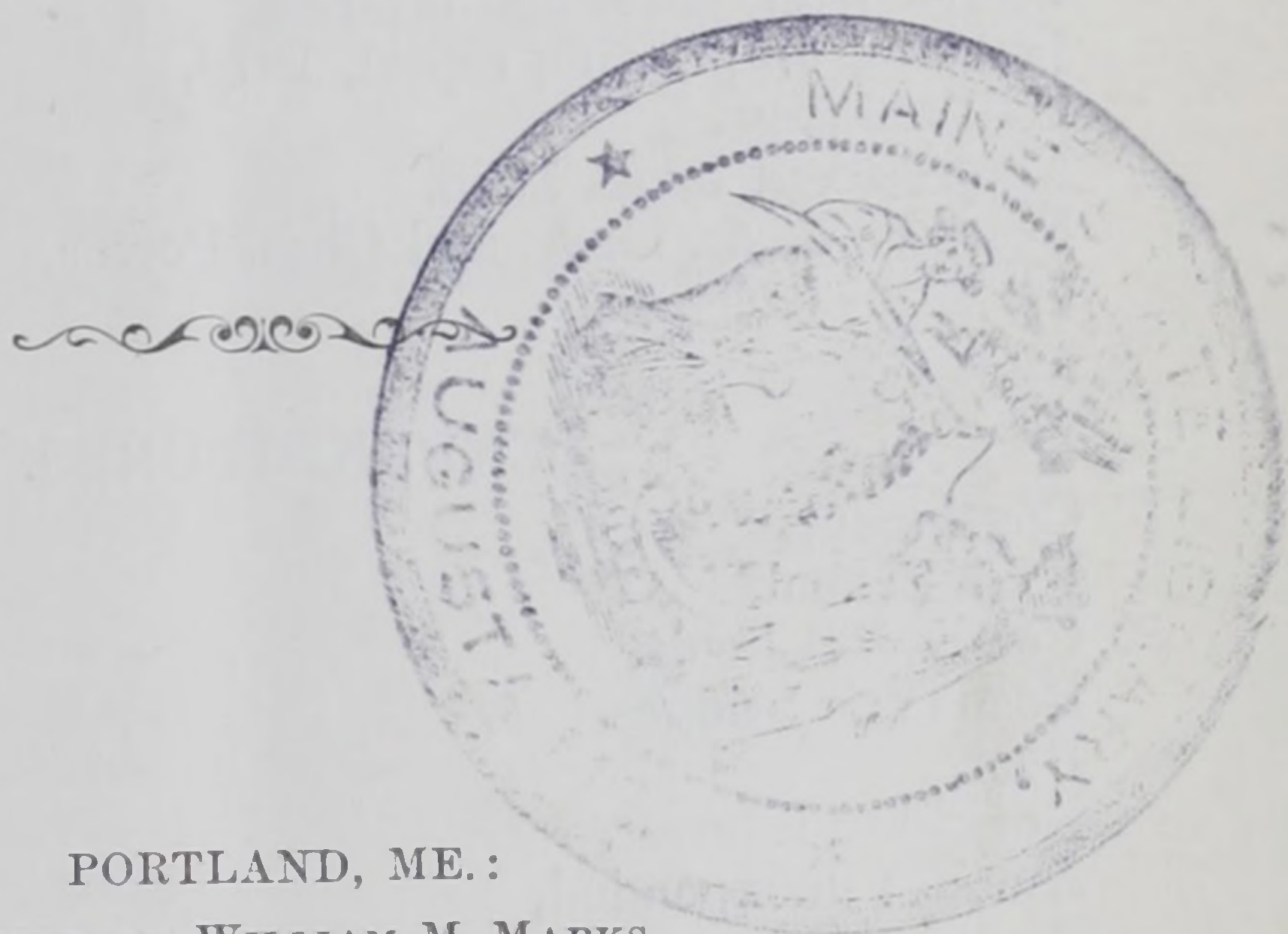
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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE SEVERAL  
TOWN OFFICERS,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF FREEPORT,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.



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1879.



# Selectmen's Report.

Report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, from  
March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879.

## RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Support of poor,	\$1,200 00
Indebtedness,	3,000 00
High School,	1,000 00
“ “ from State,	500 00
“ “ “ J. A. Briggs,	100 00
Common Schools,	2,000 00
School fund and Mill tax, 1877,	1,127 45
Roads and bridges,	1,000 00
Contingent,	500 00
Overlays on taxes,	620 10
Non-resident, “ 1876, '77,	320 73
From Yarmouth,	2 25
Road tax collector, 1878,	433 52
State pensions,	48 00
Railroad tax,	5 91
Edmond Pratt, support of Lydia Day,	130 00
Estate of Eliza Hoyt,	27 30
Due from Brunswick,	43 20
Additional taxes,	45 00
Interest “ 1876,	13 15
Charles Field, balance hall rent,	12 04
Error in teachers' bill,	5 27
John Porter, notes and interest,	168 70
Discount on printing report, 1878,	2 00
Hall rent due,	5 00
Non-resident taxes, 1878,	271 54
Notes of J. A., G. A. and Chas. Porter,	625 00

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## EXPENDITURES.

Contingent,	\$1,267 43
High School,	1,523 01
Common Schools,	3,922 88
Roads and bridges,	1,274 39
Poor,	1,385 35
Notes and interest,	3,339 90
Amount unexpended,	493 20

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## TOWN HALL.

CHARLES FIELD, Janitor.

Dr.

To amount due, 1877,	\$35 89
Rent collected, 1878,	60 50
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By services as Janitor, 1878,	\$ 6 00
care of hall eleven nights,	11 00
other expenses, oil, chimneys, &c.,	2 21
Aug. 1878. By building two privies,	50 00
“ “ “ work on school houses,	10 14
Feb. “ “ cash for rent,	12 04
“ “ “ amount due for rent.	5 00
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	\$96 39

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1878.

Mar.	23.	A. R. Gee, work on dist. 16,	\$4 20
“	30.	Andrew Gould, “ 27,	3 40
April	6.	Eben A. Davis, “ 27,	3 75
		A. S. Rogers, “ 27,	2 00
	13.	John H. Jones, “ 41, 1877,	11 65
		L. J. Blaisdell, “ 23 and 24, and	
		tending draw,	19 00
	20.	Alexander Taylor, work on dist. 23 and 24,	9 90
		Enoch Y. Gould, “ “ 29, 1877-8,	3 83
		John Gould, “ “ “ “	7 85
	27.	Thomas Chase, “ “ 19 “	6 85
		A. S. Rogers, winter work dist. 27, 1876,	4 35
May	5.	John Fogg, “ 26,	8 07
	25.	Colby Welch, “ 26, 1877-8,	18 00
June	1.	William Wade, “ 19,	1 95
		Chas E. Randall, “ 6,	8 10
	15.	Isaac Allen, “ 1877,	2 85
		S. S. Pritham, “ 47,	20 75
	22.	Fred Dillingham, “ 19,	2 00
		Nathaniel Josselyn, dist. 11,	6 00
		John M. Davis, “ 17,	3 50
		Edgar C. Curtis, “ 13,	17 75
		Thomas Voysey, “ 17,	1 50
	29.	F. W. Prince, “ 36,	3 30



July 13,	S. F. Wilson,	District	36,	10 42
	R. O. Jordan,	"	13,	2 40
	D. S. Ward,	"	15,	7 00
20.	Joseph Davis,	"	21,	4 00
27.	Jeremiah Rogers,	"	36,	2 50
July 27.	J. C. Rogers,	"	36,	7 81
	Nathaniel Green,	"	36,	8 20
Aug. 3.	Corydon Walker,	"	35,	17 62
10.	H. C. Orr,	"	40, 1877,	6 15
	W. P. Orr,	"	40, "	6 68
24.	M. V. B. Jordan,	"	38,	6 49
31.	J. C. Dennison,	"	38,	10 30
	John T. Ward,	"	5,	6 00
Sept. 7.	John L. Taylor,	"	24,	4 25
	Charles Pritham,	"	3,	5 00
	David B. Soule,	"	35,	17 88
	Samuel H. Davis,	"	27,	25 28
14.	William Ringrose,	"	5,	4 50
21.	Charles Ward,	"	5,	13 65
28.	J. J. Plummer,	"	15,	10 00
Oct. 5.	J. T. Oxnard,	"	17,	1 50
12.	E. P. Griffin,	"	18,	12 00
	W. B. Curtis,	"	5,	18 75
19.	Lewis P. Soule,	"	18,	8 00
26.	A. K. Soule,	"	18,	4 00
	Orrin A. Curtis,	"	5,	3 00
Nov. 2.	Frank P. Lackey,	"	23,	40 85
	Zeba Ayer,	"	18,	5 00
	D. H. Dennison,	"	11,	7 22
	A. L. Bisbee,	"	22, rebuild-	
	ing culvert, &c.,	.		35 00
9.	C. E. Bangs,	"	16,	11 41
	W. M. Merrill,	"	34,	12 82
	T. R. Lane,	"	5,	8 81
Nov. 9.	F. E. Gould,	"	29,	3 25
16.	Enos Fogg,	"	26,	4 00
	Andrew Gould,	"	27,	1 87
23.	C. A. Soule,	"	18,	27 00
	E. S. Soule,	"	35, 1877,	80 00
	W. H. Litchfield,	"	16,	8 46
30.	H. C. Curtis,	"	5,	4 50
	Uriah Nason,	"	29,	4 95
	S. H. Davis,	"	27,	2 25
Dec. 7.	James E. Frank,	"	12,	2 25
	J. E. Mitchell,	"	23,	21 50



	James Rodick,	District	20,	4 80
14.	E. T. Webber,	"	23,	13 50
	Henry M. Allen,	"	11,	8 15
	Lafayette Soule,	"	18,	3 00
	J. D. Curtis,	"	6,	15 17
Dec. 21.	H. M. Allen,	"	11,	3 00
	B. F. Davis,	"	35,	3 00
	B. L. Dennison,	"	10,	97
	G. W. Coffin,	"	42,	9 00
	William Field,	"	6,	15 35
	Alvan Townsend,	"	12,	6 00
	J. Webber,	"	23,	25 50
	" " blasting, dist. 25, 1877,			10 00
	Samuel Griffin, work on dist.		18,	5 00
	C. M. Chase,	"	19,	12 00
28.	R. H. Mayberry,	"	33,	5 10
1878.	William Merrill,	"	37,	7 04
Dec. 28.	Edward Lambert, work on Dist.	23,		12 00
	E. C. Townsend,	"	6,	3 46
	Samuel Fitts,	"	21,	14 80
	A. H. Pettengill,	"	19,	1 25
	A. L. Bisbee,	"	22,	3 75
1879.				
Jan. 4.	W. C. Ringrose,	"	5,	23 87
	J. E. Gilman,	"	"	9 75
	W. C. Ringrose,	"	"	1 25
11.	John Fogg,	"	26,	13 85
	John M. Noyes,	"	46,	10 00
	Corydon Walker,	"	"	3 25
	James Rodick,	"	20,	1 75
	Levi C. Patterson,	"	"	3 05
18,	Edwin Fogg,	"	23,	3 00
	George Prout,	"	31,	16 31
25.	Fred A. Coffee,	"	16,	5 40
	L. J. Blaisdell,	"	24,	10 30
	" "	"	26,	20 94
Feb. 1.	John Blethen, gully road,			1 50
	Samuel Lunt, Dist. 19, 1877,			1 50
	Simon Holmes,	" 16,		13 84
	Aaron Gee,	" "		15 18
8,	W. B. Davis,	" 14,		11 50
15,	Henry Curtis,	" 33,		20 50
	D. F. Dennison,	" 36,		2 00
	William Porter,	" 42,		4 00
	Elbridge True,	" 1,		3 50
	W. H. Bailey, plank, joist and boards,			96 12



1879.

Feb. 15.	D. B. Soule, winter work, Dist. 35, 1876,	15 00
	Soule Bros. & Co., powder and fuse, Dist. 5,	4 20
	Joseph Bragdon, work on Dist. 18,	5 25
	Nails, " 19,	56
	Gore & Davis, powder and fuse,	10 44
20.	Wm. A. Mitchell, trucking,	1 75
	R. B. Rogers, gravel for roads,	1 00
	W. I. Chase, work on Dist. 19,	3 30
	S. E. Rogers, " " 42,	8 25
22.	E. E. Morton, " " 9,	9 00
	C. M. Chase, " " 19,	7 25
	D. L. Pettengill, " " 19, 1877,	2 25
	Charles Kilby, " " 8,	11 94
	C. D. Byram, " " 5 and 7,	4 65
	Wm. M. Merrill, " " 34,	2 40
	George G. Morse, " " 10,	2 23

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\$1,274 39

Amount unexpended,

159 13

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\$1,433 52

Appropriation,

1,000 00

Road tax collected,

433 52

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\$1,433 52

## POOR.

1878.

March 23.	Insane Hospital, Adams, Hoyt & Litchfield,	\$82 53
	A. S. Rogers, cutting wood,	39 25
	Joshua Whitten, support of G. Gould, 1876,	10 00
30.	S. O. Jordan, funeral expenses of W. O. Jordan,	20 00
	Josiah Merrill, support of G. Gould,	9 05
April 2.	J. G. Pierce, medical attendance, poor, 1877,	19 00
3.	S. E. Rogers, bal. due as overseers Poor Farm,	24 00
	J. A. Hall, keeping tramps Mar. and April,	15 60
	J. A. Hall, " " " "	4 70
6.	Eben A. Davis, support of C. Armstrong, February and March,	10 45
	A. S. Rogers, support of Lydia Day,	2 50
	City of Portland, funeral expenses of Rob't Soule,	30 00
20.	T. J. Custis' expenses out of town,	6 60
27.	Jane G. Coffin, support of G. F. Welch,	22 50



May 18.	City of Biddeford, support of W. H. Todd family,	53 97
June 1.	S. H. Davis, support of Caroline Armstrong,	8 75
10.	A. S. Rogers, support of Lydia Day,	28 00
July 13.	Insane Hospital, support Hoyt and Adams,	61 58
27.	A. S. Rogers, support of Lydia Day,	17 50
	H. B. True, Pownal, medical attendance on Abel Tuttle,	32 70
	S. H. Davis, clothing for C. Armstrong,	1 60
Aug. 3.	A. L. Bisbee, wood for Poor farm, 1877,	25 00
Sept. 14.	J. G. Pierce, medical attendance on Mrs. Cram, 1877,	5 00
28.	S. H. Davis, support of C. Armstrong,	17 00
	Josiah Merrill, support of G. Gould,	41 72
Oct. 5.	Insane Hospital, support of Adams, Hoyt and Litchfield,	124 68
12.	Jane G. Coffin, support of G. F. Welch,	31 50
19.	City of Biddeford, support of Todd family,	50 00
26.	J. A. Hall, keeping tramps,	20 00
Nov. 9.	A. H. Kilby, horse hire, 1877,	1 75
	A. S. Rogers, support of Lydia Day,	32 50
16.	S. H. Davis, making clothes, C. Armstrong,	1 90
Dec. 7.	John M. Davis, support of Susan Hawes,	25 00
21.	J. A. Hall, wood for John Tenney,	5 00
28.	Insane Hospital, Adams, Hoyt, Litchfield,	94 07
Jan. 25.	City of Saco, support of E. E. Todd family,	60 45
Feb. 15.	Soule Bros. & Co., supplies to Lydia Day,	13 45
	" " supplies, Isaac Day,	14 74
	" " " C. Armstrong,	4 52
	" " " Kate Reed,	13 34
	" " " Jas. M. Smythe,	19 25
	" " " Elihu Wilber,	21 04
	" " " A. Tuttle family,	
	Pownal,	21 00
	" " " J. Tenney, wood,	3 00
	Gore & Davis, " Elihu Wilber,	47 35
	" " " C. Armstrong,	15 99
	" " " A. Tuttle family,	14 90
	" " " W. F. Newton,	
	Brunswick,	26 72
	" " " Kate Reed,	1 70
	" " " J. Tenney, wood,	6 25
	E. P. Oxnard, clothing, Isaac Day, 1877,	24 30
	E. P. Oxnard, supplies, Elihu Wilber,	8 00
Feb. 20.	Wm. A. Mitchell, horse, 1877-8,	7 00



	Jane G. Coffin, support of G. F. Welch,	31 50
22.	J. G. Pierce, medical attendance on poor,	30 00
	E. E. Morton, supplies to R. McFarland,	16 00
1879.		
Feb. 22.	Josiah Merrill, support of Augustus Gould,	9 45
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		\$1,385 35
	Appropriation,	\$1,200 00
	Edmond Pratt, support of Lydia Day,	130 00
	Estate of Eliza Hoyt,	27 30
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		1,357 30
	Overdrawn,	28 05
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		\$1,385 35

The poor that were formerly on the farm, have for the past year, been at the following places: Lydia and Isaac Day, at A. S. Rogers, at \$2.50 per week, clothing furnished; Kate Reed, at John Porter's, work for board; clothing furnished by the town; Caroline Armstrong, at S. H. Davis, \$1 per week and clothing; Augustus Gould, at Josiah Merrill's, \$1 per week and clothing.

Adams, Hoyt and Litchfield, are at the Insane Asylum, Augusta, at an expense of about \$400.00 per year.

We think it would be an advantage to the town to either buy or hire a suitable place for a poor house.

It will be noticed that calls for aid have been numerous. In some instances we think the town would be called upon less frequently, if they had a place to send the applicants. Under the present system of caring for the poor, the overseers labor under a great many disadvantages too numerous to mention. Especially would this be the case, if sickness should occur in some of the families now aided.

We lay this subject before the town, hoping that they will give it the serious attention that it actually demands. Sooner or later, in our judgment, the town must own a poor house.

Agreeable to a vote of the town, passed at the last annual meeting, we sold the land belonging to the town farm, by auction, to John, George and Charles Porter, for seven hundred and twenty-five dollars.



## COMMON SCHOOLS,

1878.

Mar.	16.	E. A. Chadsey, teaching, M. Landing,	\$ 84 00
		J. C. Rogers, wood for Rogers,	3 87
		A. M. Libby, teaching Gore,	84 00
		Maurice Hitchcock, Pratt,	121 35
		Emma C. Sargent, Collins,	84 00
		Salome Rogers, F. Point,	84 00
	23.	S. V. Litchfield, Burr,	8 12
		A. R. Gee, wood, Collins,	13 25
		N. M. Jones, So. Freeport,	84 00
	30.	Daniel Talbot, fitting wood, So. Freeport,	2 75
		J. C. Rogers, wood and fitting for Rogers,	13 00
May	11.	G. W. Sweetser, wood for, Dist. No. 1,	1 00
		W. H. Watton, fitting wood for Burr, 1877,	2 25
	25.	Mrs. Haskell, cleaning So. Freeport school,	5 00
		Daniel Talbot, fitting wood, So. Freeport,	7 50
June	15.	Leander Soule, " Swamp,	5 50
	22.	Abbie J. Warren, teaching Collins,	44 00
		N. M. Jones, " Neck,	59 50
		Linda M. Talbot, " Swamp,	58 00
		Winnie K. Curtis, " Gore,	50 00
	29.	Sadie H. Hoyt, " Bailey,	50 00
		Emma Sargent, " Litchfield,	58 00
		A. L. Sargent, " M. Landing,	58 00
		Halie P. Soule, " So. Freeport,	75 00
		Clara Dillingham, " "	75 00
		E. A. Chadsey, " P. Landing,	58 00
		S. A. Hyde, " Village,	83 00
June	29.	M. E. Edwards, teaching Burr,	50 00
		Bertha Dillingham, P. Hill,	58 00
		Abbie S. Fogg, F. Point,	44 00
		Lulie E. Porter, Pratt,	58 00
		Vina L. Loring, Rogers,	44 00
		J. A. Brewer, wood and fitting, Litchfield,	9 75
		Lida F. Orr, Wolfs Neck,	33 00
July	13.	A. E. McLeod, janitor, So. Freeport,	5 00
		D. S. Ward, wood and fitting for Bailey,	9 75
		John W. Grant, repairing fence, Neck,	3 50
	20.	Marian Townsend, Yarmouth,	50 00
Aug.	31.	John T. Ward, wood and fitting P. Hill,	13 00
Sept.	14.	George A. Porter, " " Pratt,	12 06
	28.	William Anderson, painting, So. Freeport,	3 00
Oct.	19.	E. C. Townsend, insurance on school houses,	14 50
	26.	Dana B. Dennison, repairs at M. Landing,	3 52



	Orrin A. Curtis, cleaning P. Hill school house,	4	75
Nov. 2.	L. M. Dillingham, Yarmouth,	25	00
	D. H. Dennison, wood, P. Landing and Gore,	22	60
9.	John L. Kelsey, wood, M. Landing,	6	50
	W. E. Curtis, supplies for M. Landing,	2	60
	E. P. Oxnard, supplies for schools,	12	90
16.	Bertha M. Dillingham, P. Landing,	39	00
	Mary E. Edwards, Burr,	50	00
	Halie P. Soule, So. Freeport,	75	00
	Sadie A. Hoyt, Bailey,	33	60
	Winnie K. Curtis, Gore,	50	00
	S. A. Hyde, Village,	83	00
	N. M. Jones, teaching Neck,	58	80
	Clara Dillingham, P. Hill,	58	00
	A. L. Sargent, M. Landing,	58	00
	Emma C. Sargent, Litchfield,	58	00
	Abbie J. Warren, Collins,	44	00
	Lulie E. Porter, Pratt,	58	00
	Lida F. Orr, Wolf's Neck,	33	00
	Vina L. Loring, Rogers,	44	00
	Linda M. Talbot, Swamp,	58	00
	E. C. Townsend, So. Freeport,	116	00
Nov. 23.	Abbie S. Fogg, F. Point,	44	00
30.	Edwin J. Morse, school money drawn,	17	56
Dec. 7.	Joseph Parker, fitting wood, Village,	3	96
	C. M. Ballard, supplies for schools,	11	47
	Geo. Brewer, repairs on Litchfield,		90
14.	E. A. Chadsey, P. Landing,	19	00
	W. M. Curtis, setting glass,	2	50
	Joseph Anderson, wood, F. Point,	11	25
	R. B. Dunham, repairs on So. Freeport,	3	50
28,	A. L. Bisbee, carting wood to school houses,	26	76
1879.	A. H. Pettengill, fitting wood to P. Landing,	3	75
Jan. 4.	Emery Jones, supplies, So. Freeport,	1	60
11.	J. G. Fitts, supplies, Swamp,	2	18
	A. R. Call, work on Village,	4	30
18.	Geo. L. Mitchell, repairs on Village,	22	50
25.	H. M. Koopman, repairs, Bailey,	1	50
	Horace Rogers, wood, F. Point,	6	50
	D. S. Ward, wood, So. Freeport,	10	00
	D. S. Ward, wood for Bailey,	3	00
Feb. 1.	J. E. Davis, supplies, So. Freeport,	18	52
	H. L. Koopman, teaching Bailey,	60	00
	Geo. Brewer, wood, Litchfield,	2	43



8.	John W. Grant, fitting wood, Neck,	5	12
	“ janitor, “	2	00
	Clara Dillingham, teaching P. Hill,	58	00
	Halie P. Soule, So. Freeport,	75	00
	L. A. Merrill, Swamp,	52	70
	“ janitor,	2	00
	Bertha Dillingham, P. Landing,	52	70
	Winnie K. Curtis, Gore,	45	40
	Abbie J. Warren, Collins,	44	00
	A. L. Sargent, M. Landing,	52	70
	John Curtis, wood and fitting, M. Landing,	6	50
15.	Joseph Porter, janitor, Pratt,	2	00
	George A. Fogg, teaching, Neck,	52	70
	Everett Chase, fitting wood, P. Landing,	2	25
	I. S. Wilson, fitting wood, So. Freeport,	6	00
	S. A. Hyde, teaching Village,	84	00
	Geo. E. Mitchell, teaching, Pratt,	15	00
	“ amount due,	35	00
	Dorance Stevens, janitor, Collins,	2	00
	Emma Sargent, teaching, Litchfield,	52	70
	Aaron Gee, wood and fitting, Collins,	15	75
	Soule Bros. & Co., wood, So. Freeport,	11	71
	Gore & Davis, supplies for schools,	37	25
17.	Marion Townsend, teaching and janitor, Burr,	47	50

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

1879.

Feb. 20.	Wm. A. Mitchell, lumber and trucking,	\$	10	42
	Salome Rogers, teaching F. Point,		50	00
22.	Charles S. Bragdon, janitor Gore,		2	00
	Mabel A. Bangs, teaching Rogers,		40	00
	E. C. Townsend, teaching So. Freeport,		106	00
	Eben Patterson, wood for Wolf Neck,		3	83

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\$3,922 88

Less cost of Winter term, 1878,

569 34

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\$3,353 54

Appropriation,	\$2,000	00
School Fund and Mill Tax, 1877,	1,127	45
Error in teacher's bill,	5	27
Overdrawn,	220	82

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\$3,353 54

Several school houses need repairs and painting, which will require an appropriation.



## HIGH SCHOOL.

1878.

Mar. 16.	S. A. Thurlow, teaching High School,	\$345 33
	E. Russ, " " " "	123 70
June 29.	S. A. Thurlow, " " "	343 28
	E. Russ, " " "	130 00
Oct. 19.	Soule Bros. & Co., coal,	94 48
Nov. 9.	E. P. Oxnard, supplies,	6 45
	23. E. Russ, teaching,	120 00
	S. A. Thurlow, teaching,	344 00
	30. J. W. Merrill, work on High School,	10 46
Feb. 15.	Gore & Davis, supplies, "	5 31
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		\$1,523 01

By Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
From State,	500 00
“ J. A. Briggs,	100 00
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	\$1,600 00
Unexpended balance,	76 99

## CONTINGENT.

1878.

Mar. 23.	J. C. Kendall, valuation book, rec. deeds, &c.,	\$20 29
	Maine Farmer, one year,	3 00
Apr. 20.	J. C. Rogers, balance due on school house,	25 00
Aug. 3.	William Gore, lot in cemetery,	25 00
	10. Portland Press, and Argus, advertising,	10 50
Sept. 7.	W. M. Curtis, setting glass town house,	2 00
	14. Drummond & Winship, legal services, 1877,	16 00
	28. W. A. Hyde, work in cemetery,	4 50
	B. F. Davis, " "	5 25
	John F. Means, " "	4 50
Oct. 12.	C. O. Blake, " "	4 50
Nov. 16.	E. C. Hyde, posts for railing town house,	2 08
Dec. 7.	George Brewer, damage to horse,	20 00
	28. Portland Press, advertising non-resident tax,	12 00
	R. B. Rogers, abatement, 1874,	36 82
Jan. 18.	George L. Mitchell, railing town house.	8 75
Feb. 15.	Gore & Davis, glass and putty, town house,	1 56
	Soule Bros. & Co., nails, &c., for "	93
	17. J. C. Kendall, services, town clerk,	20 40



20. W. A. Mitchell, work in cemetery and horse hire, 1877,	13 73
21. J. H. Banks, services as Collector,	147 90
J. H. Banks, abatements for 1875-6-7-8,	280 62
J. H. Banks, Constable,	20 00
J. C. Kendall, services as Selectman,	130 00
T. J. Curtis, " "	97 00
I. D. Byram, " "	55 00
J. A. Briggs, " Treasurer,	125 00
D. D. Spear, " Supervisor,	175 00
Amount unexpended,	256 75
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Contingent,	\$1,524 18
Ry appropriation,	\$500 00
overlays on taxes,	620 10
non-resident taxes, 1876 and 1877,	320 73
money from Yarmouth,	2 25
interest on taxes, 1876,	13 15
railroad tax,	5 91
hall rent,	12 04
discount on printing report of 1878,	2 00
State pensions,	48 00
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	\$1,524 18

## COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Amount due on State tax,	\$3,654 15
" " County tax,	681 30
" " Town tax,	1,594 84
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	\$5,930 29



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount paid on selectmen's orders,	\$13,632 66
CR.	
By highway tax collected,	\$433 52
non-resident tax collected,	320 73
mill tax and school fund, 1877,	1,127 45
State pensions,	48 00
paid road tax,	5 91
High school from State,	500 00
Yarmouth, tending draw bridge,	2 25
error in teachers' bill,	5 27
John Porter, two notes and interest,	168 70
Charles Field, hall rent balance,	12 04
Edmond Pratt, support of Lydia Day,	130 00
estate of Eliza Hoyt,	27 30
interest on taxes, 1876,	13 15
discount on printing report 1878,	2 00
collector, 1878,	7,770 26
due J. A. Briggs, treasurer,	3,066 08
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	\$13,632 66

## INDEBTEDNESS.

1878.	
June 29. Interest on St. John Smith note,	\$ 30 00
Sept. 21. Amos Field, note and interest,	561 80
Nov. 2. J. B. Blethen, " "	1,073 60
" " interest,	109 50
Dec. 14. St. John Smith note and interest,	1,030 00
1879.	
Jan 25. Mrs. Skillinger note and interest,	535 00
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	\$3,339 90
Appropriation,	\$3,000 00
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Overdrawn,	\$339 90



## PRESENT LIABILITIES.

J. B. Blethen, note due Nov. 4, 1879,	\$1,500 00
Town orders,	785 91
Due town treasurer,	3,066 08
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	\$5,351 99

## RESOURCES.

Non-resident taxes, 1878,	\$ 271 54
Collector,	1,594 84
John, George and Charles Porter, Notes for land,	625 00
Due from Brunswick,	43 20
Hall rent due,	5 00
Indebtedness above resources, March 1, 1879,	2,812 41
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	\$5,351 99

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The following appropriations for the current year are recommended :

Common schools,	\$2,000 00
High School,	1,000 00
Poor,	1,400 00
Contingent,	1,000 00
Roads and Bridges,	1,500 00
Indebtedness,	2,000 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. KENDALL,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
T. J. CURTIS,	
I. D. BYRAM,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Freeport.</i>

TOWN MEETING, March 10, 1879.



## Supervisor's Report

*of the Public Schools of Freeport, Maine, for the year ending March 1, 1879.*

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*To the Citizens of Freeport:*

The School laws of our State require that the Supervisor "Shall make, at the annual town meeting, a report of the condition of the schools for the past year." In compliance with this requirement we present the following as our annual report for the municipal year now drawing to its close.

Having entered upon the discharge of the duties devolved by this appointment, I have been deeply solicitous to improve every opportunity, at whatever personal cost of time or labor, to render my service of greatest possible value to the schools and productive of the best interests of education in our community.

It is a source of gratification that the review of the condition of the public schools for the past year, presents so many facts that cannot fail to afford our citizens satisfaction and encouragement, while those of different import are few and relate only to local incidents, the recurrence of which may easily be avoided. The teachers have been capable and have performed their duties with much fidelity. It is believed in this estimate of their qualifications and usefulness, public sentiment is in harmony with the views entertained by your supervisor. It has been a year of signal prosperity in our schools.

It will be seen by reference to the tables which form a part of this report, that while the number of children attending school bears about the same proportion to the number of children in town as in former years, the average attendance is considerably better, yet it is hardly what it should be. A little care on the part of parents in this direction would be potent for a vast amount of good.

The number of children who do not attend school at all is altogether too large; indeed it will be, so long as there is one of this class in town. Here is a field of labor in which all can engage. Gather the little ones who are growing up in ignorance, into our schools; encourage the children; reason with the parents, deal gently and be patient with both. If the lack of suitable clothing is truthfully advanced as the



cause of non-attendance, an appeal to our citizens will never be fruitless. Who shall do this? We answer, those who can best do it without exciting suspicions or prejudices. It matters not whether old or young, rich or poor, learned or unlearned. Then when these little ones are persuaded to enter the school-room, their school-mates should be enjoined, nay, required to treat them respectfully, and not discourage or disgust them by ridicule and harsh treatment. The combined effort of teachers and parents can carry this point and at the same time almost imperceptibly impress upon the minds of the more fortunate children, the duty of kindness to all, of consideration for the feelings of others, the importance of correct deportment always and everywhere, lessons neither unimportant or unnecessary. We can do missionary work at home. We are enjoined to disseminate light and knowledge among the benighted and neglected afar off, but we are also told that he who neglects his own household is worse than an infidel. The lesson we apprehend is this, attend first to the wants, physical, mental and spiritual, of those with whom you are in daily contact, a work to which it is in the power of every one to contribute something, and then according to your ability and opportunity, extend a helping hand to those other neighbors who are farther removed from you. Do the former—do not neglect the latter.

We record upon the tables the number tardy. It will be seen at a glance that the figures in this column, for some schools are far too large. We trust that this evil habit of being late on too many occasions and with too trivial an excuse will soon cease to be an annoyance in our town.

Per cent. of absentees is a matter which needs to have some care bestowed upon it. If sickness keeps the child away from school, the excuse must be considered good, but it cannot be thus said of all excuses.

Visits by the citizens is another record we make. We would cordially invite the attention of all interested in our schools, to the matter of frequent visitation. Such visits are of incalculable benefit. They necessarily lead the children to realize more sensibly than they otherwise would, the importance of their school-room exercise, and excite in them a wholesome ambition to acquit themselves credibly, both as regards scholarship and demeanor. Such visits must also be a source of encouragement to teachers, stimulating them to increased exertion and inspiring them with hope and courage, feeling that their labors are not unappreciated. Really, then, we wish the schools of every grade could be more frequently



visited by parents and others. Your presence at the examinations is desirable and well, but to properly appreciate the labors of the teachers and the results attending them, the schools should be visited when occupied with their everyday exercises. It is the ordinary recitation that exhibits the toilsome work of the instructor, and the step-by-step advancement of the instructed, it is this that shows how much is accomplished by system, by thoroughness and by fidelity: it is this that impresses the spectator with the unappreciable importance of sound instruction.

But whether we visit the schools or not, the reflection can hardly be avoided that the children will soon become men and women, are now indeed forming characters they are to maintain in after life as members of the community, that they will soon become prominent actors in all our social and political movements, will soon give tone to the manners and morals of society. It is then most assuredly for the personal interests of every individual that these children be well educated, and when we add to this thought the fact that upon our action mainly depends the future, in this particular, of a large majority of them, can there be a doubt as to the requirement of duty?

The pecuniary cost of our school system, may perhaps, be regarded by some as slightly onerous, but when the subject is carefully viewed and comprehensively examined, the inevitable conclusion must be to *support the schools*, their cost compared with their absolute value is truly insignificant. Obeying then the call of duty despite all sacrifices, let us *maintain and cheerfully maintain the schools*.

In school No. 1 is comprised those scholars who in time past have attended their studies in connection with a school in Yarmouth. We have supplied this year one term of eleven weeks taught by Miss Marian Townsend, and a half term of five weeks taught by Miss Lizzie Dillingham.

In school No. 2, there have been three terms. The first two were taught by Miss Linda M. Talbot, the last by Mr. Leslie A. Merrill. Both teachers succeeded well, and the year to this school was a profitable one.

In this connection, perhaps, it would not be deemed out of place to allude to the necessity of a better and more comfortable school room, the present building being really unfit for school purposes and not in keeping in point of comfort with other school rooms in our town. Should the town vote to build for the better accommodation of pupils, a new house, it is sincerely to be hoped that the building itself shall receive



that regard and care usually bestowed upon such buildings by an intelligent and educated people.

SCHOOL No. 3, (*Neck*). Has had three terms of instruction. Two were taught satisfactorily by Miss Nellie M. Jones. The winter term was in charge of Mr. Geo. Fogg. This was his first term at teaching, and as such the effort was highly commendable.

SCHOOL No. 4, (*Pratt*). Two terms were taught by Miss Lula Porter,—who did excellently well, the scholars making marked improvement.

The third term under the care of Mr. Geo. E. Mitchell, was not as still as it ought to have been, yet upon the whole it was a very fair school.

SCHOOL No. 5, (*South Village*). Here there have been two schools of three terms each. The Primary Department for the entire year has been under the faithful and judicious management of Miss Halie P. Soule. Her success was marked—her pupils showing well the effect of patient, thorough teaching.

The first term of the Grammar Department was assigned to Miss Clara Dillingham, a fine scholar and a young lady of real worth. For some reason this term failed to be a profitable one. We remark in this connection, that without a wholesome home influence the hard work of the most judicious teacher is well nigh wasted. A few here seemed to forget that the public school is essentially a public institution and in order that it should produce the best fruits, should be governed upon certain general principles: that scholars should yield a prompt and cheerful obedience to all proper and reasonable rules and regulations instead of attempting to subject the teacher to the dictation of individual caprice.

The second and third term was under the care of Mr. E. C. Townsend, a teacher of a good deal of experience who labored hard to have a good school, and in the main was successful. The lessons were well learned and a good examination was the result. We have seen stiller schools.

SCHOOL No. 6, (*Collins*). This is a small school, but was well instructed for the three terms by Miss Abby Warren, of Pownal.

SCHOOL No. 7, (*Burr*). This is also a small school, but good work was accomplished by Miss Mary Edwards and Miss Marian Townsend.

SCHOOL No. 8, (*Bailey*). The first and second terms were taught by Miss Sarah Hoyt, with fair success. The third term



was under the charge of Mr. Harry L. Koopman, who succeeded in having an excellent school in every particular.

SCHOOL No. 9, (*Gore*). There were three terms in this school, each of which was taught by Miss Winnie K. Curtis. This school made good progress and was quite successful.

SCHOOL No. 10, (*Pleasant Hill*). The first term was taught by Miss Bertha Dillingham. The second and third terms were taught by Miss Clara Dillingham. During the entire year this school maintained good work and may be well classed with our successful schools.

SCHOOL No. 11, (*Mast Landing*). The entire year was under the instruction of Miss Anna L. Sargent. This was a truly model school. The attendance, punctuality and deportment worthy of the best commendation.

SCHOOL No. 12, (*Wolf's Neck*). In this school we found but five scholars. Miss Lida F. Orr was the instructor of the two terms. She attended faithfully her task, and good results were obtained.

SCHOOL No. 13, (*Flying Point*). Two terms taught by Miss Abby Fogg, and one by Miss Rogers. This is a small school in point of numbers, but in point of advancement is of first importance. The scholars of this school mean work, and as a result of their industry made excellent progress.

SCHOOL No. 14, (*Village*). This is the largest of the Primary schools in town, having over fifty scholars under one teacher, Miss Susan A. Hyde. Miss Hyde is an excellent teacher, and has good ground for pride in the amount of work she has accomplished. The school was not marked for its stillness, but it was marked for the prompt and correct answers of the scholars in all the studies pursued. We think she has faithfully proven herself to be the *right* teacher in the *right* place.

SCHOOL No. 15, (*Litchfield*). Miss Emma Sargent has had charge of this school for the three terms, and undoubtedly tried hard to have an excellent school. There was some unpleasantness which marred the usefulness of the school, but those scholars who were regular in their attendance showed the results of good instruction.

SCHOOL No. 16, (*Porter's Landing*). This school for the entire year has been one of our very best. The first term was very successfully managed by Miss Addie Chadsey, who is really a fine teacher. The second and third terms were taught by Miss Bertha Dillingham. We were well pleased with this school the entire year.



SCHOOL No. 17, (*Rogers'*). Three terms have been taught in this school, two by Mrs. Vina Loring, and one by Miss Mabel Bangs of Pownal. We think the terms taught by Mrs. Loring were very satisfactory; If the last term failed to be as useful we think the fault was outside the teacher.

TABLE NO. 1.—SPRING TERM, 11 WEEKS.

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TABLE No. 2.—SECOND TERM, 11 WEEKS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. Tardy.	No. Dismissals.	No. of Pu. not abs't.	Per. cent. Absences.	Visits by Citizens.	Cost per week.	Rate of Tuition.	Days of Absences.	Total Cost of Teach'g
Sch'l in Yar.,	Liz. Dillingham,	15	11	17	3	1	26	0 5 00	33	100		\$ 125 00
Swamp,	L. M. Talbot,	20	15	56	62	0	25	0 5 27	26	275		58 00
Neck,	N. M. Jones,	22	18	55	0	0	18	0 6 27	24	220		58 00
Pratt,	Lulu Porter,	19	16	4	0	0	15	16 5 27	27	165		58 00
So. Freeport,	E. C. Townsend,	37	30	136	131	3	19	0 10 00	27	335		110 00
"	Halie P. Soule,	28	23	52	16	3	28	0 6 81	24	275		75 00
Collins,	Abby Warren,	9	7	9	11	3	22	5 4 00	45	110		44 00
Burr,	Mary Edwards,	14	11	92	20	1	22	20 4 54	32	165		50 00
Bailey,	Sarah Hoyt,	25	21	37	10	9	16	8 4 54	18	148		33 60
Gore,	Win. K. Curtis,	17	12	28	13	0	28	6 4 54	26	275		50 00
Pleasant Hill,	C. Dillingham,	19	17	116	18	1	10	0 5 27	22	110		58 00
M. Landing,	A. L. Sargent,	18	16	36	2	2	11	5 5 27	29	110		58 00
Wolf's Neck,	Lida F. Orr,	6	4	17	1	1	33	7 3 00	50	110		33 00
Flying Point,	Abby Fogg,	8	6	32	13	2	25	0 4 00	50	110		44 00
Village,	Sue A. Hyde,	49	42	17	0	5	14	14 7 54	16	375		83 00
Litchfield,	Emma Sargent,	18	16	13	5	6	11	20 5 27	29	110		58 00
P. Landing,	B. Dillingham,	22	26	71	9	0	18	6 5 27	16	330		58 00
Rogers,	Vina L. Loring,	10	10	20	8	2	9	0 4 00	40	55		44 00
	Totals,	367	301			39						997 60



TABLE NO. 3.—THIRD TERM, 10 WEEKS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	Whole No.	Average No.	No. Tardy.	No. Dismissals.	No. Not Absent.	Per Cent. Absences.	Visits by Citizens.	Cost of Sch'l pr. wk.	Rate of Tuition.	Total Absences.	Total Cost of Teac'g	
Swamp,	L. A. Merrill,	20	18	75	18	5	10	14	5	27	26	100	\$52 70
Neck,	Geo. Fogg,	18	14	103	4	0	22	6	5	27	29	200	52 70
Pratt,	Geo. E. Mitchell,	26	18	78	29	0	30	0	5	00	19	400	50 00
So. Village,	E. C. Townsend,	40	33	97	0	0	17	3	1000	25	250	100	00
“ “	Halie P. Soule,	25	18	39	10	2	24	2	7	50	30	350	75 00
Collins,	Abby Warren,	8	7	17	17	4	12	6	4	40	55	50	44 00
Burr,	M. Townsend,	13	10	55	16	2	23	1	4	50	34	150	45 00
Bailey,	H. L. Koopman,	21	15	71	22	3	28	2	6	00	28	300	60 00
Gore,	W. R. Curtis,	18	10	6	21	1	44	14	4	54	26	400	45 40
Pleasant Hill,	C. Dillingham,	20	16	114	19	4	20	2	5	27	26	200	52 70
M. Landing,	A. L. Sargent.	21	17	43	5	3	14	5	5	27	25	200	52 70
F. Point,	Salome Rogers,	15	13	0	6	2	13	0	5	00	33	100	50 00
Village,	Sue A. Hyde,	42	36	26	0	5	14	5	8	40	20	300	84 00
Litchfield,	Emma Sargent,	17	12	15	1	0	28	2	5	27	31	250	52 70
P. Landing,	B. Dillingham,	21	17	66	7	2	19	16	5	27	25	200	52 70
Rogers,	Mabel A. Bangs,	12	10	7	1	0	16	1	4	00	35	100	40 00
Totals,		337	264										909 60

## REPORT OF FREEPORT FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

The utility of our present system of High School education cannot be controverted. We find in both departments of the school an hundred scholars, representing every quarter of the town, associated together for a noble purpose, pursuing the same studies under the same excellent instruction without the least distinction in regard to the social position of themselves or their parents, whether possessed of much or little of this world's goods. We find all enjoying the privileges of the best education without distinction of any kind. The citizens of Freeport do well to feel an honest pride at what they are seeing accomplished through their liberality and noble generosity for their sons and daughters. We find in Mr. Thurlow, the Principal of our High school, a man thoroughly devoted to his work, bringing to his task a large fund of knowledge from his own well stored and well disciplined mind, enabling him to elucidate the principles of the higher mathematics, natural sciences and languages, with the same familiarity with



which our ordinary teachers approach the most common branches. We find in Mr. Russ, his assistant, a man thoroughly alive to the needs of his pupils, and having superior ability for the position he occupies. Upon visiting the school we were pleased with the excellent order and fine recitations in both rooms. In the opinion of your supervisor this is truly a model school, and as such, is well worthy of the high commendation which we here give.

The cost of educating these hundred pupils is about fifteen dollars *per capita* for the year. By no other system of education could so much be so cheaply accomplished. At this time the question comes with all its force for our earnest consideration: shall these scholars from whom fond parents are expecting so much, continue the course of study here begun? shall our children be well educated or not? Take from them the privileges they now enjoy, close your school room, return "back into Egypt," and who shall be able to estimate the disaster? But continue the school, open wide its doors as now, and go up and "possess the goodly land," and with what words shall we represent the value?

From this school emanates a two-fold influence; the *direct* is to form a noble character and afford opportunities for instruction which cannot otherwise be obtained; the reflex influence, although much more difficult to estimate, extends to the lowest grade of the primary schools, to every family and to every citizen of our town.

Viewed, then, in every light, conceived in every manner, the sacrifice necessary to be made for the support of this school for the education of this hundred pupils, and others yet to recruit their ranks, must sink into insignificance beside the incomparable good which is sure to follow. We believe the conclusion of our citizens will be by a large and intelligent majority to maintain the school.

Finally we commend all our public schools to your fostering care. Never before have they ranked so high as they do now; never before were they so effective as now in promoting the educational welfare of the community. The present condition of these educators of the public mind affords solid ground for encouragement. But from the stand point we have attained, through patient perseverance and by gradual and often toilsome steps, we can easily perceive that the aim must be STILL HIGHER, and that the PRICE OF SUCCESS is continued perseverance and united and earnest effort.

DAVID D. SPEAR,

*Supervisor of Schools.*

Freeport, Me., March 1, 1879.



## STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

Names of those who have attended the High School during the whole, or any part of the year ending March 7, 1879:

## District.

No. 14. Aldrich, A. H.  
Aldrich, Wm. †  
Bailey, A. L. †††  
Belcher, A. R.  
Belcher, E. F. †††  
Belcher, S. H. \* ††† ††  
Durham. Brown, G. F. \*\*\* ††† ††  
Brown, W.  
No. 7. Burr, G. A. †† †  
Burr, P. \* †† ††  
14. Britton, J. W. \*\* ††† †††  
15. Byram, C. A.  
Brewer, S. G. \* †† ††  
5. Brewer, M. A. \*  
Campbell, F. D. † †  
16. Chase, E. C.  
Chase, C. A.  
9. Cushing, A. H. †  
14. Cushing, H. M. \*\*\* ††† †††  
Cushing, K. M. \*\* ††† ††  
11. Curtis, A. R.  
14. Curtis, E. L. \*\*\* ††† †††  
9. Curtis, W. S. \*\* ††† †††  
Curtis, G. T. ††† †  
Curtis, J. B. †† ††  
Pownal. Cross, A.  
No. 14. Dillingham, M. E.  
Dillingham, C. T. \* † †  
5. Dunham, H. N.  
14. Day, M. F. \* †  
Fogg, A. R. †††  
Fogg, W. C. \* †† †  
3. Fogg, A. H.  
2. Fitts, A. \* †  
16. Grant, E. A. †††  
10. Grant, A. G.  
7. Griffin, L. B.  
Griffin, A. R. †† †  
14. Griffin, P. B. †† ††  
Griffin, C. M. \* ††† †††  
Griffin, H. \* †† ††  
4. Gould, E. \* † †  
Gould, L. \* † †  
14. Hyde, E. C.  
Ireson, S.  
5. Illsley, E. H.  
6. Jordan, A. E. \*\* ††† †††  
Jordan, W. E. \*\* ††† †††  
11. Joselyn, E. H. \*\*\* ††† †††

## District.

5. Jones, E. E. † †  
Jones, G. A. \* †  
11. Kelsey, J. P. \*\*\* †† †††  
16. Kendall, W. C. \*\* †† †††  
Kendall, N. N. ††  
14. Kendall, S. A. \*\* †† ††  
9. Kilby, W. J. \* ††† ††  
Kilby, H. M. \* ††† ††  
14. Koopman, C. F. \*\*\* †† †††  
Koopman, S. C. \*\*\* †††  
Maxwell, E. F.  
Pownal. Merrill, J. A.  
No. 14. Merrill, L. A.  
Merrill, F. \* † †  
Pownal. Merrill, F. E.  
No. 4. Merrill, R. E. \* † †  
14. Mitchell, C. L. \*\*\* ††† †††  
Mitchell, L. S. \*\* †† ††  
Mitchell, F. W. \* †  
Mitchell, M. E. \*\* †† ††  
10. Mitchell, H. \* †† †  
4. Mitchell, F. B. \*\* †† ††  
Mitchell, W. \* †  
14. Merryman, J. \* †† †  
11. Marston, L. \* †† ††  
8. Noyes, W. † †  
Noyes, E. \* † †  
7. Nichols, H. E. † †  
14. Oxnard, J. H.  
Oxnard, F. P. \* ††† ††  
6. Oxnard, W. A. †† †  
16. Pettengill, C. H. † †  
14. Prout, C. †  
Pierce, G. †  
4. Porter, A. \* † †  
Porter, B. \* † †  
Porter, J. † †  
11. Rodick, M. \* †† ††  
5. Richards, L.  
14. Sargent, A. C. †††  
Soule, H.  
5. Soule, M. H. \*\* ††† ††  
14. Soule, C. G. †††  
Soule, G. C. †  
Soule, B. S. \*\* ††† †††  
Soule, H. M. †††  
7. Soule, L. A.  
Soule, F.  
16. Soule, S. C. \* ††† ††





District.		District.	
14.	Soule, L. ††† †††	F. P.	True, F. * †
7.	Soule, H. A. **	4.	Tuttle, J. A. ** †† †††
Newry.	Stearns, I.	5.	Varney, H. E. * † ††
14.	Sturdivant, H.		Weston, H. N. †
11.	Shaw, C. L. ** †† †		Weston, A. B.
10.	Small, H. E. † ††		Weston, H. * † †
	Small, F. † †		Waite, C. E.
14.	Sleeper, H. G. †		Walker, W. H. †† †
11.	Townsend, F. M. ** †† ††	9.	Ward, C. H. †† †
	Townsend, E. C. †††	8.	Ward, E.

\*\*\* Not absent during three terms.

\*\* " " two "

\* " " one "

††† Not late during three terms.

†† " " two "

† " " one "

††† Not dismissed during three terms.

†† " " two "

† " " one "

Whole number, 118.

#### UPPER ROOM.

Whole number—	Summer term,	38.	Average,	36.
"	"	Fall	"	52.
"	"	Winter	"	45.

#### LOWER ROOM.

Whole number—	Summer term,	41.	Average,	36.
"	"	Fall	"	44.
"	"	Winter	"	32.

Through the liberality of a few of our citizens, a fine set of Philosophical instruments has been purchased for the use of the school. Valuable additions have been made to the Chemical apparatus and to the collection in Natural history. Four graduates of the school have entered college during the year—no conditions. Three graduates of the school and quite a force of under-graduates have been employed as teachers in our common schools during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. THURLOW.