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FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITOR,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

TOWN OF SEARSPORT,

FOR THE

MUNICIPAL YEAR 1885.

BELFAST:

GEO. W. BURGESS, PRINTER.

1886.

THE WARRANT.

STATE OF MAINE.

To W. B. SAWYER, a constable of the town of Searsport, in
the County of Waldo, Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Searsport, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town, on Monday, the 15th day of March, instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2nd. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3rd—5th. To see if the town will accept the report of its officers as printed.
- 6th. To choose three or more Selectmen.
- 7th. To choose Assessors of Taxes.
- 8th. To choose Overseers of the Poor.
- 9th. To choose a Town Agent.
- 10th. To choose a Town Treasurer.
- 11th. To choose a Superintending School Committee or Supervisor.
- 12th. To choose School Agents.
- 13th. To choose an Auditor of Town Accounts.
- 14th—25th. To choose other town officers.
- 26th. To see if the town will continue the Free High School during the present year, and how much money it will raise therefor.
- 27th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools.
- 28th. To see what action the town will take in regard to school books.
- 29th. To see how much money the town will raise for the Sears Library.
- 30th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the poor, and other town expenses.
- 31st. To see how much money the town will raise to repair the roads, bridges, &c., and whether in labor or

money, and if in labor how much to allow per hour for men, oxen and horses.

- 32nd. To see how much more the town will vote to give Mark Ward for injuries received on the highways, May 27, 1885.
- 33rd. To see what action the town will take relative to allowing Isaac P. Horr something more than received for building the bank wall on the Mt. Ephraim road in 1885.
- 34th. To hear the report of the Fire Department.
- 35th. To see if the town will vote to pay members of the Engine Co. and Fire Wards \$3 each—not to exceed sixty-three members: said money being payable to the Clerk of the Engine Co. in a gross sum on or before an. 1st, 1887.
- 36th. To see if the town will put up and maintain a street lamp at the corner of Main and Prospect streets.
- 37th. To see if the town will instruct the Assessors to reduce the poll tax from three dollars to two dollars.
- 38th. To see how much discount the town will allow to those who pay their taxes on or before the first day of July next, and how much to those who pay on or before the first day of Jan., 1887.
- 39th. To see what discount the town will allow to those who pay their highway taxes on or before the first day of June next in cash to the surveyor.
- 40th. To see how much money the town will raise to pay discount on taxes.
- 41st. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office on Saturday, the 13th day of March, instant, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, this 5th day of March, A. D. 1886.

MARLBORO PACKARD,	} Selectmen of } Searsport.
A. B. FERGUSON,	
J. A. COLSON,	

REPORT.

Assessors' Doings.

Valuation of Real Estate,	\$426,147
“ “ Personal Estate,	635,384
Total,	<u>\$1,061,531</u>
Number of Polls,	434
Rate of Taxation,	.0163

The following amounts were assessed on the inhabitants of Searsport and the non-residents owning real estate therein :

For support of Common Schools,	\$2,250 00
“ “ “ a free High School,	500 00
“ “ “ the poor, and other town expenses,	3,500 00
“ roads and bridges,	3,000 00
“ road breaking the past winter,	1,000 00
“ discount on taxes,	1,700 00
“ memorial service, May 30,	50 00
	<u>\$12,000 00</u>
For County Tax,	1,863 08
“ State “	3,942 58
“ overlay,	799 54
	<u>\$18,605 20</u>
For supplemental tax,	85 41
	<u>\$18,690 61</u>

ABATEMENTS.

On 1883 taxes,	\$58 05
“ 1884 “	46 40
“ 1885 “	245 02
	<u>\$349 47</u>

Selectmen's Disbursements.

Orders drawn on the Treasurer to pay as follows :

Abatements,	\$349 47	
Borrowed money,	1,000 00	
Interest,	60 27	
Discount on taxes,	1,695 54	
Schools,	3,786 89	
Sears' Library,	61 66	
Roads and bridges,	4,055 30	
Flood road,	27 80	
Street lights,	103 26	
Fire department,	212 95	
Memorial services,	50 00	
Town farm,	883 42	
Town's poor, not on farm,	669 04	
Herman Davis suit,	732 13	
Insanity,	272 83	
Miscellaneous,	573 07	
Town officers,	901 19	
	<hr/>	\$15,434 82

BORROWED MONEY.

George F. Smith,		1,000 00
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INTEREST.

Mary A. Nichols on order No. 286 of 1879-80,	\$25 00	
Joseph Field on various orders of 1884 and 1885,	35 27	
	<hr/>	\$60 27

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

J. H. Kneeland for 10 per cent discount,	\$1,666 09	
“ “ “ 5 “ “ “	29 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,695 54

SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	Underdrawn last year.	Overdrawn last year.	School Fund.	Orders drawn.	Balance underdr'n.	Balance overdr'n.
1	108 11		402 80	405 50	105 41	
2	9 13		534 60	531 66	12 07	
3, 4, 5	153 71		1222 20	1407 58		31 67
6	17 03		110 20	117 15	10 08	
7	83 15		188 20	230 09	41 26	
8	67 17		242 20	309 07	30	
9		3 74	212 80	80 62	128 44	
10	32 16		101 00	109 65	23 51	
11	38 28		112 68	47 65	103 31	
12	15 85		43 20	42 00	17 05	
Individual,	5 92			5 92		
Free high school,			500 00	500 00		
	<u>530 51</u>	<u>3 74</u>	<u>3669 88</u>	<u>3786 89</u>	<u>441 43</u>	<u>31 67</u>
					<u>31 67</u>	

Balance due the districts,

409 76

SEARS' LIBRARY.

M. P. Woodcock & Son for record book,	\$2 17
Phineas Libby, for binding books,	9 49
Phineas Pendleton, for rent of room,	50 00

\$61 66

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

No. of District.	Breaking.	Labor & Material.	Total.
1	\$35 59	\$182 74	\$218 33
2	15 52	41 17	56 69
3	97 53	436 08	533 61
4	20 47	301 94	322 41
5	29 15	165 52	194 67
6	25 42	126 49	151 91
7	18 20	69 01	87 21
8	12 52	36 75	49 27

No. of District.	Breaking.	Labor & Material.	Total.
9	5 15	46 68	51 83
10	65 67	92 36	158 03
11	68 69	76 62	145 31
12	49 90	26 20	76 10
13	52 45	81 36	133 81
14	33 80	90 44	124 24
15	38 12	75 00	113 12
16	59 65	64 09	123 74
17	47 72	28 42	76 14
18	56 42	99 35	155 77
19	43 92	116 73	160 65
20	27 00	44 95	71 95
21	66 11	98 78	164 89
22	60 60	199 15	259 75
23	31 70	50 00	81 70

\$961 30

\$2,549 83

\$3,511 13

Levi Trundy, for plank and boards,	294 84
W. H. Staples, for cedar for sidewalks,	5 00
J. M. Savery, " " " "	8 50
E. W. Seavey, " use of watering trough,	3 00
Alvin West, " " " " "	3 00
H. W. French, " points for road machine,	20 00
Joseph Field, " freight on points for road machine,	1 40
J. B. Ames, " blacksmithing on " "	7 40
Mount Ephraim gully in District No. 4,	201 03

\$4,055 30

FLOOD ROAD.

J. W. Brock, for surveying,	\$1 50
Eliza Ellis, " land damage,	10 00
Daniel Flood, " labor,	5 80
J. E. Marden, " "	6 00
J. A. Partridge, for labor,	4 50

\$27 80

STREET LIGHTS.

G. W. Young, for care of lamps,	\$67 00	
W. A. Wood & Co., for oil,	20 75	
Joseph Field, " "	6 48	
A. H. Ellis, for chimneys, glass and oil,	7 13	
M. Packard, for freight on oil,	1 90	
	<hr/>	\$103 26

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

J. H. Lane, for coal,	\$6 00	
C. O. Sawyer, for coal, repairs, stewards, &c.,	17 95	
" " clerk, as per vote of town,	189 00	
	<hr/>	\$212 95

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

W. B. Sawyer, Q. M. of Freeman McGilvery Post, as per vote of the town,		\$50 00
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TOWN FARM.

Store bills,	\$422 83	
Labor,	42 00	
Pasturing,	12 00	
Fertilizer and seed,	16 40	
T. Nickerson, for pressing hay,	7 60	
L. M. Kneeland, for 3½ tons hay,	35 00	
M. Packard, for use of ox cart three years,	6 00	
J. M. Savery, for hog,	14 00	
L. M. Kneeland, for services as overseer to April 1, 1885,	87 50	
L. M. Kneeland, for services as overseer to January 1, 1886,	240 09	
	<hr/>	883 42
Due from James W. Smart for a yoke of steers,	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$823 42
Balance against the farm,		

L. M. Kneeland's account as Superintendent stands as follows :

Received from sale of pigs,	\$95 00	
“ “ “ “ hog,	25 20	
“ “ “ “ cow,	35 00	
“ “ “ “ calves,	24 50	
“ “ “ “ beef,	7 12	
“ “ “ “ cow's hide,	2 88	
“ “ “ “ chickens,	2 80	
“ “ “ “ butter and milk,	175 31	
“ “ “ “ eggs,	32 95	
“ “ “ “ beans,	1 50	
“ “ “ “ potatoes,	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$404 36
Paid store bills,	\$259 00	
“ for labor on farm,	68 11	
“ “ blacksmithing,	19 52	
“ “ hay,	12 00	
“ “ stakes,	3 00	
“ “ sawing lumber,	15 82	
“ “ sewing,	4 50	
	<hr/>	381 95
Balance allowed by Superintendent in settling for services to Jan. 1, 1886,	22 41	
	<hr/>	\$404 36

Inventory of Stock, Produce, &c., Feb. 24, 1886.

6 cows,	\$210 00
2 two-year-old steers,	40 00
2 yearling heifers,	20 00
3 calves,	10 00
4 hogs,	72 00
1 hog,	14 00

3 shoats,	12 00	
45 hens,	15 00	
17 tons loose hay,	187 00	
6 tons pressed hay,	85 00	
3 tons straw,	18 00	
30 bush. mixed grain,	18 00	
20 " oats,	8 00	
30 " potatoes,	12 00	
50 " turnips and beets,	10 00	
3 " beans,	5 00	
1 " cranberries,	1 00	
220 lbs. pork,	15 00	
75 " ham,	6 00	
75 " beef,	5 00	
30 " lard,	3 00	
$\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. flour,	3 00	
1 " vinegar,	5 00	
5000 feet spruce lumber,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$814 00

TOWN'S POOR, NOT ON FARM.

The Bowen family, supplied in Belfast,	\$51 00	
E. L. Emerson,	17 61	
Leonard Furbush, 1884 bills,	6 00	
Placing Frank Havener's four children in the Children's Home in Bangor,	405 00	
Daniel Lufkin, 1883 bills,	1 00	
Andrew Sawyer,	10 25	
S. S. Smith,	7 20	
Support and funeral expenses of Joshua West,	57 40	
Dr. Hopkins, physician to town's poor,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$575 46

Add for Foreign Paupers.

Frank Berry,	\$9 93	
W. A. Bennett,	83 65	
	<hr/>	93 58
		<hr/>
		\$669 04

Frank Havener's four children having been abandoned in Bangor, the authorities of that city called on us for their support, and we have, therefore, placed them in the Children's Home at Bangor, to be brought up and cared for during their minority, at an expense to this town of four hundred dollars, extreme casualties excepted.

HERMAN DAVIS SUIT.

A. H. Monroe, for travel and fees,	\$10 00	
A. Wadsworth, for execution and fees,	576 71	
C. E. Littlefield, for legal services and expenses.	145 42	
	<hr/>	\$732 13

INSANITY.

Support of Addison Warren at hospital,	\$120 30	
“ “ James C. Hanson at hospital,	122 63	
Expense of taking C. L. Smart to hospital,	29 90	
	<hr/>	\$272 83

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing report of 1884,	\$33 00
Town books and blanks,	7 00
Stationery, registering letters, &c.,	9 32
Wood for office,	5 00
Rent of office,	25 00

B. O. Sargent, Guardian, to buy out the interest of Emery Sawyer heirs in the estate of Charles Sawyer,	50 00	
Grinnell and Shute for horse hire,	4 25	
Joseph Wilson for legal advice,	5 00	
W. T. C. Runnells for legal services,	7 00	
J. H. Kneeland for settlement of taxes of 1883, except the tax of Norman Dunbar, which amounts to \$64.18,	10 00	
Dr. Stephenson for vaccinating 230 citizens,	67 50	
Hannah J. Smith for injuries received by a fall on the sidewalk,	250 00	
Mark Ward for injuries received on the highway near N. Larrabee's old homestead,	100 00	
	————	\$573 07

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. H. Sullivan for services as Moderator,	\$5 00	
Robert Porter for auditing accounts of 1884,	6 00	
W. B. Sawyer for services as Constable,	12 00	
J. Stephenson for services as Supervisor,	110 90	
F. A. Davis and J. A. Colson for services as School Committee in the absence of the Supervisor in April,	14 10	
M. Packard for services as Selectman, &c.,	190 00	
A. B. Ferguson for " " " " "	100 00	
J. A. Colson, " " " " "	100 00	
J. H. Kneeland for balance for collecting taxes of 1883,	3 19	
J. H. Kneeland in part for collecting taxes of 1884,	275 00	
Joseph Field for services as Clerk,	25 00	
" " " " " Treasurer,	60 00	
	————	\$901 19

Collector's and Treasurer's Doings.

On settlement with J. H. Kneeland, Collector for the years 1883-4-5, we find his account to stand as follows :

Balance due the town March 2, 1885,	\$1374 78	
Amount of State tax assessment,	3942 58	
" " County tax "	1863 08	
" " Town " "	12799 54	
" " Supplemental "	85 41	
	\$20065 39	
Paid Joseph Field, Treasurer,		18380 71
		\$1684 68
Balance due the town,		\$1684 68
Uncollected taxes of 1883, consisting of		
Norman Dunbar's, amounting to	\$64 18	
Uncollected taxes of 1884,	294 90	
" " " " 1885,	1325 60	
		\$1684 68

On settlement with Joseph Field, Treasurer, we find his account to stand as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Balance due the town March 2, 1885,	\$331 94	
Mill tax and School Fund for 1884,	919 88	
R. R. and Telegraph Scrip for 1884,	703 99	
" " " " " " " 1885,	248 00	
Free High School Scrip,	250 00	
Money hired of G. F. Smith for town's use,	1000 00	
W. B. Sawyer for skating rink license,	1 00	
Monroe and Hammons for skating rink license,	1 00	
G. F. Smith for school books sold,	71 99	
Town of Montville on acct. W. A. Bennett,	98 09	
" " Stockton " " Frank Berry,	9 93	
" " Monroe " " Jane Curtis,	16 04	

B. O. Sargent, Guardian, amount paid to Sawyer heirs refunded,	50 00
B. O. Sargent, Guardian, on acct. Andrew Sawyer,	62 23
M. Packard for old hearse,	43 00
Taxes of 1883, from J. H. Kneeland,	177 79
“ “ 1884, “ “ “ “	837 91
“ “ 1885, “ “ “ “	17365 01
	<hr/> \$22,187 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Town orders of 1884,	\$822 49
“ “ “ 1885,	14655 20
Bal. of State Tax of 1884,	2204 99
On State Tax of 1885,	2000 00
County Tax of 1885,	1863 08
State pensions,	123 00
	<hr/> \$21,668 76
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Balance due the town Feb. 27, 1886,	\$519 04

Liabilities.

Outstanding orders of 1879,	\$500 00
“ “ “ 1881,	56 71
“ “ “ 1883,	183 60
“ “ “ 1885,	779 62
Due the several school districts,	409 76
Due on State tax,	1942 58
	<hr/> \$3,872 27

Assets.

School Books in the hands of G. F. Smith,	\$122 41
Due from J. W. Smart, for steers,	60 00
Due from J. H. Kneeland as Collector, (less about \$300 commissions for collecting)	1684 68

Due from Joseph Field as Treasurer,	519 04	
“ “ the State for Pensions,	123 00	
“ “ “ “ “ Mill Tax and School Fund,	943 15	
	<u> </u>	\$3,452 28
Balance against the town,		<u>\$419 99</u>

We would respectfully recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year,—for schools, \$2000; for a free high school, \$500; for the poor, and other town expenses, \$3000; for road breaking, \$500; and for roads and bridges, \$2500 in money.

Respectfully submitted.

MARLBORO PACKARD,	} Selectmen of Searsport.
A. B. FERGUSON,	
J. A. COLSON,	

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROBERT PORTER,

AUDITOR OF TOWN ACCOUNTS.

SCHOOL REPORT

— OF THE —

TOWN OF SEARSPORT,

For the Year ending March 1, 1886.

The school-work done during the past year has been successful. Most of our teachers, employed, have had previous experience in the school-room, many having taught for one or more terms, in our own town, and the reputation heretofore established, as a general thing, been sustained.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Teachers for the year : Spring term, Miss Nickerson ; Fall term, Kate C. Towle ; Winter term, Mr. W. F. Runnells.

The number of scholars attending the spring and fall terms was forty-four ; number in winter, thirty-seven.

As may be readily inferred, the large number of scholars in an ungraded school renders it almost impossible for any teacher to do justice to the scholars. Yet with hard work, both by scholars and teachers, very good advancement has been made.

The wages paid Miss Towle, of the fall term, were forty dollars per month. Average number attending said term was forty-four.

Wages paid Mr. Runnells, of the winter term, were sixty dollars per month ; average attendance, thirty-five.

We see no reason why a female teacher, if qualified to teach the spring and fall terms at forty dollars per month, should not be employed to teach in winter, where the same scholars attend, with the exception of a less number. We would therefore suggest that the upper room of the school-house be arranged for school purposes, two schools established, and two teachers employed instead of one.

We trust this suggestion may be favorably considered and receive proper attention at the next annual school meeting. As a private citizen, who is interested in the education of our children, I shall be most happy to meet the citizens of this district in school-meeting and explain the advantage of this course.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Teachers for the year : Miss Kate M. Wade, Grammar School ; Miss Charlotte Carver, Primary Schools.

These schools still maintain their previous reputation of being first-class in all respects which go to make success in school work. The Spring term was taught by Miss Frances Wade.

UNION DISTRICT.

Albert Stephenson, principal, High School ; W. F. Runnells, assistant, Spring and Fall terms ; Miss Mary McClure, assistant, Winter term.

The three terms of this school include the Free High School as well as the Town School. The efforts made to establish a regular course of study, at the completion of which scholars were to receive diplomas, has been, we believe, partially successful in awakening an interest which has not been observed in the past few years.

The work of teachers and scholars has been satisfactory to all interested. Intermediate School, Miss Emma Mortland ; 1st Primary, Spring term, Miss Kate S. Rankin ; Fall and Winter terms, Miss Margaret Sweetser ; 2nd Primary, Mrs. M. R. Perkins. Thorough and efficient work has been accomplished in these schools.

The class of nine scholars which were entitled to examination in order to enter the High School, were without any exception better qualified than any class which has come under our observation.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The two terms were taught by Miss Josephine Nickerson. This school, although very few scholars in the district, has been during the past year, as in years previous, one of the best and most profitable in town. The scholars, without an exception, appeared to understand the value of time spent in the school-room, and the result of the year's work has been all that could be expected.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Spring and Fall terms, Miss Annette Nickerson, teacher ; Winter term, Miss Inez Morse. The work accomplished in this school, in certain branches taught, has not been quite as thorough as last year, yet we believe the school money has been profitably expended, and scholars, parents, and supervisor have been satisfied.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Spring term, Miss Mary E. Stevens, teacher ; Fall term, Miss Nettie S. Adams, teacher ; Winter term, Mr. D. W. Billings.

This school, although not quite as far advanced in studies as some other schools in town, has, nevertheless, been very much interested in doing all they could to make every hour in school pleasant and profitable. I am certain that I am correct in saying that the effort made by the pupils of this school is second to none in town.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Bertha L. Nickerson ; Winter term, Mr. H. E. Greely. The scholars of this school, although having the poorest school-room in town, are more thorough and farther advanced in studies, with the exception of a very few in our High School, than any other scholars in town. I trust that the citizens of this district will attend to the matter of providing a better school-building as soon as possible.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Spring term, Miss Velzora J. West, teacher ; Fall term, Miss Addie M. Marden, teacher.

This school is one of our smallest schools, and as all are very young we do not apprehend advanced scholars, yet the progress made has been very creditable to both pupils and teachers.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Spring term, Miss K. B. Staples, teacher ; Winter term, Miss Amanda Mathews.

This is also very small, the average being about eight pupils during the year. Those attending school this year are all quite young. Yet notwithstanding these facts, which would be considered adverse to great advancement, the school has been profitable ; practical and thorough work

has been accomplished. I found some scholars in this school had a more thorough knowledge of the principles of Arithmetic than in any other school in town.

District No. 12 being under care of Belfast officials, I have not examined and hence have no occasion to report.

My report has, of necessity, been brief. As the statistics of schools are only required in the report to the State Superintendent, I have decided that it would be of no practical benefit in this.

Our teachers, except in a very few instances, have been successful, and their methods of teaching such as would attain the best results.

The few who have been considered incompetent for the schools in which they have taught may meet with success in other schools, hence I have refrained from disparaging, as it might injure the reputation of some whose services may yet be valuable.

J. STEPHENSON,

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.